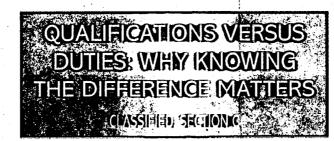


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State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold district coffee hours Monday, June 11, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by email at SenatorAnderson@senate. michigan.gov.

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Proposed budget reflects loss of students, funding

By Sue Mason **Observer Staff Writer**

A loss of state funding and a continuing enrollment decline will force the Wayne-Westland Community Schools to use more than \$8 million of its fund equity to cover expenses in fiscal 2012-13.

That was the message Jim Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent of administrative and business services, delivered to the school board during a budget

study session last week.

According to Larson-Shidler, the district will lose a total of \$4.3 million in funding from the state, taking its foundation allowance from \$7,250 per student this year to \$7,012 in 2012-13. The loss will put the district slightly above the \$6,966 the lowest funded schools will receive next bud-

get year. "We're close to the low, we are one of three districts that lost money this year, every other district gained or stayed the same,"

he said.

Revenue sources

The district can pick up some additional state money -\$635,978 for meeting seven of eight Best Practices, \$489,214 in performance grants and \$295,000 for data collection and reporting. Wayne-Westland also stands to get \$1.565 million to offset retirement costs which have steadily increased from 20.66 percent of payroll in 2010-11 to 27.37 percent for 2012-13

which will cost the district an additional \$1.8 million.

"This is not new funding, this is funding we received last year," Larson-Shidler stressed. "This is a carryover from last year."

Reform legislation is in the works that could cap retirement costs at 24.6 percent. According to school Superintendent Greg Baracy, "significant reforms" are needed sooner than later or "we'll be looking at a system

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STEVE CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

According to Ron Bartsch, mentee Nathaniel Pippin gets to work in "the coolest place" at The Henry Ford - the projection room of the IMAX Theater. Bartsch shows Pippin, a 10th-grader, the difference between the 70mm IMAX film and regular 35mm movie film.

Youth Mentorship helps W-W students get back on track

Students talk about what the mentorship program has done for them. See story and photos on Page A4.

> By Sue Mason **Observer Staff Writer**

While most educators are looking to the end of the school year, Suzie Staley has her sights clearly focused on next year. For the past month, she has been interviewing students who have expressed an inter-

est in being in the Youth Mentorship Program at The Henry Ford.

For 23 years, the nationally recognized program has been pairing at-risk high school students with adult mentors from the staff at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. It offers students the chance to recover high school credit in a nontraditional way and the opportunity to give back to the community through service learning.

And it's Staley's job to select the 12 students who participate in the program.

"It's kind of like being an inch wide and a mile deep with what we want to do with the kids," said Staley, the program director. "We have to keep it small. Rather than work with 200 kids for one hour we work with 12 kids 700-800 hours."

The students come from Wayne Memorial, John Glenn

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Fire department to monitor fireworks use, sale

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

It's less than a month until the July 4 holiday and for many people that means fireworks.

The type of fireworks allowed legally in Michigan has been expanded this year but there are still some devices that are ille-

"There was a big change in the law. There are three things now allowed (that weren't previously) - Roman candles, bottle rockets and mortars that leave the ground," said Westland Assistant Fire Chief John

Adams. Until the recent change in state law, Michigan prohibited fireworks that exploded or left

"There are similar fireworks that are still illegal. Things that explode in your hand like M80s

and cherry bombs," said Adams. "If the packaging is not colorful and only looks like a brown paper bag, those are commercial grade for the 4th of July shows and are illegal."

Along with the potential for injury, Adams said the expanded variety of legal fireworks still carries responsibility and liability for users.

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2 arrested in holdup at Chase Bank

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

Charges are pending against two people arrested following an early afternoon robbery at a Westland Chase Bank branch Thursday.

A Westland man, 48, and a Detroit woman, 28, remain in custody and a warrant request has been submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor.

A man wearing gloves and a mask covering his face entered the bank at 7750 N. Wayne Road near Cowan about 1 p.m.

"Bank patrons recognized it for what it was and began to flee. The man jumped over the counter and demanded monev," said Lt. Michael Harhold. "They (employees) complied, then he jumped over the counter and fled."

The suspect apparently took his time and was methodical about collecting a large sum of money, Harhold said, but was then slowed as he dropped the cash which had been stuffed into his clothing.

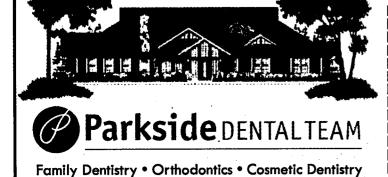
The customers who had fled the bank when the suspect entered had started calling police. Officer Kevin Yudt happened to be patrolling nearby at Warren and Wayne roads when the robbery was reported.

Turning onto Cowan, Harhold said that Yudt saw the suspect running, still wearing a mask and cash falling from his pock-

Taking the suspect into custody at gunpoint, Harhold said Yudt noticed a car, stopped with the engine running, on Wildwood north of Cowan. Suspecting it was a getaway car for the robbery, Yudt ordered the female driver to stop and called for other officers who arrested the woman.

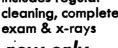
The FBI assisted in the investigation but Westland police will handle the case going forward under state law, said Har-

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and Tinkham Alternative High Schools. They are falling behind on credits needed to graduate, at risk of not graduating on time, are below the poverty line or "all sorts of things."

They attend their high schools in the morning then spend the afternoon four days a week at The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village with a mentor who "is their boss, their teacher and their friend." They also take an online class and get instruction from Staley and assis-

tant director Tim Johnson, and on the fifth day they do service learning in the school district. In return, they earn 1 1/2 credits two elective and one core classes --- per semester.

The program is set up like a part-time job. Students have to attend 70 percent of the time, and don't get credit when not present, said Staley.

For the past 10 years, the students have spent Friday afternoons working with first-graders in the district. They plan projects developed

around the core content area and implement them.

"They get to be mentors, it's nice because they connect with the kids and feel they are giving back," she said. "They love it, even the ones who don't think they will do. It's important to give young people the opportunity to be in charge.'

They also do food drives and make food baskets for Wayne-Westland's Family Center. Many of the students have been in the position of needing help.

"It connects the idea that it doesn't matter who you are, you have to give back to the community," she said. "One of the most important things we can do is connect them back to the community.'

At the museum and village, the students work with mentors in the projection booth of the IMAX Theater, at the Firestone Farm in the village, the inhouse technology department or at the Rouge Factory Tour. The staff gives up about 20 percent of their work week to mentor without any extra pay.

"I spend four hours of my time a day with the Youth Mentorship Program in season," said



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Nikki Opp and the workers at the village's barn have given Martin plenty of hands-on training in an area he might not have had an opportunity to experience - horses.

Johnson. "I also work full been the director of nine time as a program leader assigned to develop educational programs.

The district shares in the financial cost of the program and Staley is employed as a subcontractor She's been with the program 11 years and has

years.

The Youth Mentorship Program started in alternative education and along the way to reaching out to students at Glenn and Wayne Memorial, it earned The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village the fifth annual Institute of Museum and Library Services' National Award for Museum Service in 1998 and a National Leadership Grant in 2000 from the

Staley believes it's a one-of-a-kind program in the United States that has

endured with the support of school officials and the museum

"It's unheard of to hear about a partnership that has lasted this long," said Staley.

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that's bankrupt."

None of us want to see that," he said. "This has been a terrible burden on school districts. It has been underfunded, but it has to be reformed because it is unsustainable."

"There have been changes, but the have been small changes and we haven't reaped the benefits," added board President Carol Middel.

Larson-Shidler is projecting expenditures of \$108.2 million, down \$2 million from this year.

Reflecting the drop in enrollment, the district plans to lay off 20 teachers, a majority at the elementary and upper elementary level, and two special education teachers, saving almost \$900,000. However, the shared time program which is expected to bring in 100 full-time equated students will cost

\$250,000 plus benefits. The district also will see step increases return midyear in 2012-2013 and cost \$1.1 million. Charges for breakfast and lunch service also will be moved to the Food Service Fund, saving some \$300,000, and moving atrisk money — \$1.9 million in salaries and \$800,000 in benefits — into a separate grant fund will provide a partial expenditure offset to the corresponding revenue reduction, Larson-Shidler said.

He added the district will finish the current budget vear "at about break even," with revenues \$24,000 less than expenditures, leaving \$12.4 million in the fund equity. In 2012-2013, revenue will be down \$8.4 million, leaving a fund balance of \$4.02 million.

"With all the information we have, we are looking at an operating deficit of \$11.1 million in 20132014," he said.

Opposed

Using \$8 million to balance the budget didn't sit well with Trustee Andrea Clawson, who asked if that amount could be stripped from the budget by Monday's meeting.

"Is there a chance we can reduce expenditures? We're spending \$2 million less than last year, but \$8.4 million in expenditures over revenues is unacceptable," she said.

"We need to look at the hard facts, I would like to have some idea before Monday, I'd like to see where you think you could look at in reducing

the costs."

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"This budget is based on the information we have now, it will change." said Larson-Shidler. "Wait a week and we may have MPSERS (retirement) reform and we could take \$1.8 million out. We need to set the bar and work with the budget over the year."

Board Vice President John Goci told Clawson that he doesn't "see where we have any fat in this budget.'

"We've cut to the bone, our backs are to the wall," he said.

And school board Secretary Cindy Schofield agreed that she doesn't

like "running a household where expenses exceed revenue.'

"But I don't know if there's \$8 million to find in this budget," she said. "Our community expects the floors to be washed and waxed, toilet paper and hand towels in the bathrooms."

"We're going to make it through the next year," Baracy told the board. "We don't like using that \$8 million. We'll watch the budget and make amendments, and I believe we will get relief on MSPERS."

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"If you use pyrotechnicals that leave the ground and you cause a fire, you're responsible," said Adams. "It must land on your property.'

Under state law, the city does have some ability to regulate fireworks use through local ordinance, including limiting use to July 3-5.

"If it gets carried away and our population density, I can write an ordinance that only those days are acceptable," said Adams. "We're just going to evaluate it. We do look at fireworks sales pretty heavily."

The Michigan State Fire Marshal Bureau requires a certificate for the newly legal fireworks sales and that permit is available only once a year.

"They also have to file to get a permit from the City Clerk's Office. We will make sure they (fireworks sellers) are all certified," said Adams.

"We'll also take another approach for folks who pop up their trunks to sell fireworks illegally.' One of the reasons

the fireworks law was changed, he said, was because the state was losing revenue as Michigan residents loaded up on pyrotechnics in Ohio and Indiana which had more liberal laws.

"From a fire department standpoint, we look at life safety issues. I'm a huge advocate of being safe and responsible while you have a good time," said Adams. "If the fireworks aren't made to a certain standard, they have a tendency to malfunction. You add a little alcohol, it's not as safe."

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Mentoring helps teens succeed

By Sue Mason **Observer Staff Writer**

Ron Bartsch, Rudy Ruzicska and Nikki Pippin have a lot in common. Not only do they work at The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village, they also devote their time to mentoring students like Mark Martin, Amber Munguia and Nathaniel Pippin.

The teens are among a group of Wayne-Westland students who are earning credits and gaining work experience through a nationally recognized Youth Mentorship Program at the museum and village in Dearborn.

"The first thing we work on is communication so we can talk to each other, we use photographic terms,' said Ruzicska, a photographer at the museum. "It's good for them to learn how to talk to adults."

Ruzicska has been a mentor since the program began 23 years ago, and has spent the last three semesters working with Munguia, a junior at Wayne Memorial High School.

"I've learned a lot from him," she said. "I've learned to photograph things and I've learned some things that have made me a better. person."

Munguia had never heard of the program when she tried out, but 1 1/2 years later she's glad she did.

"The first day he said you're going to do this," she said. "Now I help set up the lights and products and take pictures. I like photography, I think it's something I might want to do.'



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Mark Martin, a sophomore at Tinkham Alternative High School, likes doing things outdoors. That's why working in the stables at Greenfield Village was the job for him.

Ruzicska is responsible for photographing every item in the museum for the photo files. He's found working with Munguia has been a learning experience for

"She does a lot of the computer input, she has to show me what she's doing," he said. "It only goes to show you can learn from anyone, anytime, anywhere.'

His niche

Martin, a sophomore at the Tinkham Alternative High School, has found his niche working in the barn in Greenfield Village with Opp and the staff. He describes himself as "outdoorsy"

and he gets that during the time he's there. As part of his job, he loads the truck with hay and grain, sweeps the barn, and gets "to be a farm boy back in the 1920s."

But he also gets to be

with the horses. "I feel like the horses reach out to me emotionally, they're like my buddies," he said. "I care about them. It might look weird when you catch me talking to them. I have conversations with them.'

Opp said Martin isn't one to stand around, "he's always looking for something to do.'

"We teach him how to respect the horses, how they eat and how to take

care of the barn," said Opp. "This has a lot to do with something you can't do elsewhere. He comes in and learns."

Martin said the program has provided him with "some good, invaluable experience." It also has helped him get his highest grade, doing an online class with the mentorship program.

"I fell more grownup with all this work experience," he said. "I've learned about the" past and the present. It's been a fun and new experience."

Bartsch said Tippin gets to work in the coolest place" - the projection room of the IMAX theater at The Henry Ford. The John Glenn High School sophomore has learned what it takes to operate the projector and what goes on behind the scenes and along the way, he's seen Titantica, a documentary about the ill-fated ocean line 47 times.

"I like Ron, he's cool, funny and I've learned a lot," said Tippin who knew about the program, thanks to his sister.

"I knew I'd end up here, my sister was in the program and it was one way to get help in high school," he said. "I plan to do it until I'm out of high school.'

"He knows that he has to respect the equipment," said Bartsch. "He knows it's not all fun and games. He's gotten a sense of the nature of the job behind the scenes in a movie theater. This room is like the cockpit of a plane."

Right decision



Munguia, a junior at Wayne Memorial High School, for three semesters. Munguia has learned a lot about photography, but also "some things about being a better person" from Ruzicska.

ly admits her attendance hasn't been the best, but after two semesters in YMP, she knows for sure she'll be quizzed by Suzie Staley and Tim John-

son if she misses. "The hardest part is being here everyday, my attendance hasn't been the best, but I know if I miss, they're going to ask where I was, why I don't have my clothes," she said. "They hold my feet to the fire."

A senior at Wayne Memorial High School, Williams has been in the program for two semesters, working on recovering credits. She knows she won't graduate on time, but "at some point" she will.

Williams has worked with the kitchen staff at the Michigan Cafe and now works in the office with Staley and Johnson.

"I feel I made the right decision, this is a learning experience," she said. "It's taught me how to behave in professional areas, it's taught me I can help others and feel better about myself. It's helped mature me."

Miranda Linder, a

senior at John Glenn High School, has been with the program for three semesters. She was getting bad grades and was behind on her credits when she decided to try YMP.

"It's really helped me and I've got to meet new people," she said. "I think the people are the best part of it."

Linder has been assign to the Rouge Factory Tour where she files papers, runs errands, helps with scheduling for the next day and with writing information for the staff on a board. The program has helped her not only recover credits but with her regular classes.

"It's made me more responsible and mad me see that I need to do it," she said. "I'm going to be a medical receptionist, I'm going to go to Schoolcraft College. I never thought I'd be able to do that.'

"I'm glad I did this," she added. "I think I'd tell people to do this because it can help," she added.

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Deja Williams, a Wayne Memorial High School senior, has spent two semesters in the Youth Mentorship Program. For her, the program has "I can help others and feel better about myself."

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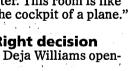
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Ex-teacher ordered to trial on sex charges

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Two male teens testified Friday in explicit detail they had sex with former Wayne Memorial High teacher Brandon Tomblin of Canton during incidents they say occurred in Tomblin's school office, at his sister's Garden City house and in his car while parked off a Romulus road.

A third teen said during a preliminary exam in 34th District Court in Romulus that he and Tomblin, 26, flirted and eventually exchanged nude photos on their cell phones, but never had sex.

The three males, now 16, 17 and 18, testified the encounters occurred last year while they attended Wayne Memorial, where Tomblin taught vocal music before the youngest boy's mother notified Canton police alleging inappropriate contact between Tomblin and her son.

The teens testified they had voluntary contact with Tomblin, but 34th District Judge Tina Brooks Green said sexual contact between a teacher and student cannot be consensual and ordered Tomblin to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on three counts each of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, three counts each of fourthdegree CSC and two counts each of child sexually abusive activity, using a computer to commit a crime and distributing sexually explicit material to children.

"This happened in the high school," Green said of one incident, "in his office, and he's a teacher."

Still jailed

Tomblin remains jailed with bonds total-od of or

ing \$325,000/10 percent, meaning he could be released with \$32,500. If convicted, the charges carrying the strongest penalty could lead to 20 years in prison.

Under questioning by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Brian Surma, the teens said Tomblin never indicated to them whether he had a sexually transmitted disease. Outside the courtroom, Surma declined to elaborate on the issue.

One male, now 18, said he was in Tomblin's choir class during 11th grade when Tomblin gave his phone number to the entire class. The teen, who also appeared in a production of Hairspray directed by Tomblin, said he and Tomblin initially exchanged texts.

"It was more like I never had a gay teacher. I was curious," the teen said.

The teen said he met Tomblin in his office, exposed himself, allowed Tomblin to touch him and then had unprotected sex with the teacher during after-school hours.

"We ended up having sex in his office," the teen said.

On another occasion, the teen said he and another alleged victim rode with Tomblin to a place in Romulus, where they parked. He said he sat in the back seat while Tomblin performed oral sex on the other boy in the front.

On yet another occasion, the 18-year-old teen testified he and the other teen accompanied Tomblin to Tomblin's sister's house in Garden City, where other

sexual acts occurred. His testimony came after the other teen gave similar testimony. This

teen, now 17, said he ran track at school and knew



Brandon Tomblin, with defense attorney Robert Mullen at an earlier court appearance, was arraigned by video in Romulus on Friday on several new sexual conduct charges.

Tomblin as the musical director of Hairspray.

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The 17-year-old said he and Tomblin flirted in May 2011, and he recounted the trips by car to

Romulus and Garden City. During his first outing with Tomblin, the 17-yearold said, "I wanted something to happen that day."

He said Tomblin performed oral sex on him.

The teens said Tomblin never offered them alcohol or drugs. Even though they said Tomblin never coerced them, Surma said, "That does not make it OK. It was still an illegal act."

Meantime, the 16-yearold teen, of Canton, said he was in Tomblin's vocal music class when the two of them began texting each other.

"He wanted pornographic pictures," the teen said of Tomblin.

The 16-year-old said Tomblin sent two nude photos of himself, though it never showed his face. The teen replied with a nude image of himself.

Defense attorney Robert Mullen questioned how the teen could be sure the picture was of Tomblin. The teen said Tomblin's skin tone and body structure seemed to match the images, but when he was

asked if he assumed the pictures were of Tomblin, he replied, "That is true."

Judge Green ordered Tomblin to stand trial on all but one charge of thirddegree CSC, which Surma said he was dropping.

Tomblin has been described as a well-liked teacher who has strong family support. His relatives have repeatedly appeared in court during the proceedings, though some had to leave the courtroom Friday because they may be called to testify later as character witnesses.

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Man pleads guilty to sexual assault

A Westland man will be imprisoned until 2047 following a recent guilty plea to charges of sexually assaulting two girls under 10 years old at his home.

Jerry Baker, 37, entered. a guilty plea in Wayne **County Circuit Court to** one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of seconddegree criminal sexual conduct. He had been charged with 20 counts of " criminal sexual conduct, along with six charges of having sexually abusive material on his computer.

In custody in lieu of \$1 million bond since his arrest in January, Baker was described as a family acquaintance of the victims. The sexual abuse was reported to have occurred throughout 2011 at Baker's Westland home.

Baker received a sentence of 10-15 years in prison for his guilty plea on second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person under 13 years old. On the firstdegree guilty plea, Baker received a 35-60 year prison sentence. That means Baker's earliest . release date would be in



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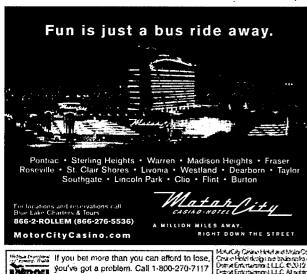
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Businesses see cities' willingness as 'breath of fresh air'

By LeAnne Rogers **Observer Staff Writer**

Westland and Wayne are open for business.

That was the message officials from both cities had for developers and real estate agents who gathered for a joint Eggs and Opportunities breakfast Wednesday.

Held at the Wayne Banquet Center, it was Westland's second economic development breakfast, but the first held jointly with Wayne.

"When I became mayor five years ago, I found the city wasn't business friendly. We drove business out," Westland Mayor William Wild said, adding that he had been a business owner in Wayne for several years. "We were better at saying 'no' than we were saying 'yes.' We have changed that. We've changed the way we talk to people and the way we do things. You're our customers.

Wild and Wayne Mayor Al Haidous both talked about the cooperative efforts between the two cities, including the consolidation of the parks and recreation departments and sharing a fire chief.



Several developers and real estate agents took a bus tour to see the locations available for development in Wayne and Westland.

"In the future, we hope together do more joint ventures to benefit the cities," Haidous said. "We've been working hard to promote our cities. It benefits both communities."

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Presentations by West-

land Economic Development Director Lori Fodale and Wayne Economic Development Specialist Matthew Mulholland focused on similar demographics in the two cities, but also the advantages

each city offers for development.

Westland highlighted some successful projects, including the MJR Theater which was completed within a year thanks to the city's fast-track process that streamlines plan reviews and approvals. Wayne is looking at implementing a similar process.

There was also a review of the many incentive programs available for commercial, industrial and

multiple residential developments.

The developers and real estate agents were provided lists of potential development sites and, after the meeting, those interested were provided with a bus tour to see the loca-

"I found it very beneficial. The biggest benefit is the open communication and the networking," said Rex Rosenhaus, CEO of Southfield-based Uniland Corp. "It is certainly a nice forum to interact and communicate. It puts it on a human level and I enjoyed that."

Like Rosenhaus, this was the second time that Nino DiDomenico of Romulus-based D&G **Builders attended Eggs** and Opportunities.

"It's great to learn about all these new programs and the fast track. It will be very beneficial to potential customers," DiDomenico said. "You know the city is willing to work with us on potential development — it makes the job easier. All of the incentives is a bit of fresh air."

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Bette Wicker, 61, was arraigned Wednesday in 18th District Court on the charge which is a tenyear felony. Not a guilty plea was entered for Wicker, who was freed on \$10,000/ten percent bond. A preliminary examination is scheduled for July

Wicker had been employed as a clerk at the Sunoco gas station on the corner of Cherry Hill and Newburgh for 23 years.

According to police, an audit showed \$40,000 missing over a 19-month period but the embezzling may have been ongoing

for a longer time. Westland police Sgt. Norman Brooks said that Wicker, who was fired from her job, has been paying restitution to the business since November.

Wicker has been very cooperative in the investigation, Brooks said, providing a written statement that indicated she used the stolen money to gamble at casinos.



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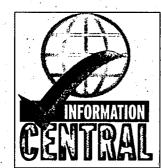
e are calling all dreamers to the 2012 Summer Reading Program.

The Public Library of Westland is where the fun begins. The kick-off event is planned for Saturday, June 16, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Here you can get your reading log, enjoy a simple craft, face painting and light refreshments. Registration is easy and continues throughout the six-week program. Children have until July 28 to meet the 600-minute reading goal

Summer activities couldn't arrive in a more inviting way. Wonderful books, family movies, talented performers, art and crafts create endless learning possibilities. Reading skills increase along the way as children participate in the program dedicated to support literacy.

and earn fun prizes.

Children read material of their choice and record reading minutes in a reading log provided by the library. Incentive prizes are given at every 100-minute accomplishment. Generous community sponsor donations



reward children with free coupons for tasty treats or fun activities. Children who meet their reading goal will also receive a free paperback book and a magic show invitation.

All children are included, even children who are too young to read. Prereaders and independent readers, infants through sixth-graders, are sure to enjoy.the amazing world of books. Wonderful library experiences support kids' needs to experiment, create and learn

through free programs. Tote bags, ceramics creations, Dream Diaries, silhouette art, and sidewalk chalk are just a few of the hands-on craft activities. Family movies, story times, games, Readers' Theatre, guessing jars and weekly raffles are also planned. Children will have great opportunities to learn as they discover StarDogs Astronomy, Basically Bats, and Financial Boot Camp for Kids.

Please take this wonderful opportunity to visit your neighborhood library often and tap into amazing free resources that enrich all dreamers.

The free Summer Reading Program runs from June 16 through July 28. Kick-off day registration times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thereafter, you can register anytime during library hours. Be sure to come in and pick up the Summer Reading Calendar or visit our website for event descriptions at www. westlandlibrary.org. Call the Children' Department at (734) 326-6123 for more information.

The fun doesn't stop with the youngsters. Teens and adults can join in the fun, too. Teens can "Own the Night" and adults are challenged to "Think Again." Stop by the library beginning Saturday, June 16, to find out how you can join in

Highlighted **Activities**

District Coffee Hour: 9 a.m. June 11

Join State Senator Glenn Anderson with State Rep. Richard LeBlanc for a monthly district coffee hour. Ask questions and share your concerns with your local

government officials. Friends of the Library Meeting: 2 p.m. June

The Friends of the Library is an independent group of local residents and library users that helps support and promotes the Library and its mission. New members are always welcome. The Friends plan book sales and other fundraising activities for the library. Meetings are scheduled at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting: 7 p.m. June

The Library Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month in one of the Library's meeting rooms. Board meetings are open to the general public.

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Group: 6 p.m. June 14, Adults

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Register at the library and then read, read, read! Teens and adults can join in, too. Register anytime for the teen and adult summer program.

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Two career-tech students win state honors

Two Wayne-Westland students have been recognized by the State of Michigan for their success in nontraditional career and technical education program areas.

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Maxwell Madison was one of two students in Michigan to earn the Excellence Award, while Alana Doe won a Merit Award.

The honors were among the Breaking Traditions Awards given out by the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Career and Technical Education to 26 students from across the state. The students received the awards at a ceremony at the Library of Michigan in Lansing.

"These outstanding students are preparing themselves to enter a career that will benefit them individually and benefit Michigan by increasing diversity in our state's workforce," State Superintendent Michael Flanagan said. "By their determination and dedication to pursuing careers in an area nontraditional for their gender, they are role models for peers who may be considering such a career path."

The Breaking Traditions Award provides an avenue to recognize and highlight student achievement in nontraditional career training and to provide role models for other students who are considering a nontraditional career. The Breaking Traditions Award pre-



William D. Ford Career Technical Center Principal Steven Kay joins Maxwell Madison (left) and Alana Doe in showing off awards they received from the Michigan Department of Education.

sentation honors the accomplishments of Michigan students who are preparing for careers considered nontraditional for their gender.

Madison, a 2012 John Glenn High School graduate, was enrolled in the Emergency Medical Technician program at the career technical center. He was nominated by Deborah Tracz.

He's described as "one of those peo-

ple who can take stress, emergencies or strenuous situations in stride. He enjoys helping people and fix things." In the EMT program, he studied resuscitation, defibrillation, assessing patients, and how to treat various illness and injuries. He has meet the requirements for a certificate of completion of basic EMT and can take the national accreditation tests that allows him to apply for a Michigan EMT

Madison has served as a tour guide for eighth-grade students visiting the center, has participated in clinical experiences with rapid Response EMS and at Garden City Hospital. He also has served as a camp cabin leader for fifth-grade camp, regularly donates blood, received perfect attendance and academic awards. He is a member of I-Save, a student conservation and recycling organization, and is a participant in Health Occupations Students of America. He is also a member of the National Technical Honor Society and assisted with their homeless shelter fundraiser.

He plans to attend the Michigan Academy of Emergency Services to further his paramedic studies.

'If you want to go for a career, don't let outside opinions sway your judgment." he said.

Also a 2012 John Glenn High School

graduate, Doe was in the Automotive Collision Repair Class at the career tech center. She chose the Auto Body program because her sister was enrolled in it and liked it. She liked the creativity that was possible with the program.

As a second year student, she had a related co-op job, where she performed precision painting on machines for a manufacturing company. She is the only female who has ever worked on the manufacturing floor.

Doe is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. She has been awarded academic letters and outstanding attendance awards. She is a member of I-Save, a student conservation club, and has been a guide for center tours and a mentor for 10th-grade Try It sessions. She plans to continue to work for her current employer while she enrolls in college to continue to improve her painting and metal repair skills.

'In the end, it doesn't matter, if you're a girl or a guy, it just matters that the job is done right," she said.

Other career tech students received **Breaking Traditions Award Certif**icates are Holley Renee Compton, automotive technology; Aubry Renee Gross, culinary arts, and Cheyenne Trujillo, computer aided drafting and design.

Lawsuit charges improper use of Taser caused man's death

By LeAnne Rogers **Observer Staff Writer**

The official cause of Donald Murray's death on July 30, 2011, is excited delirium - a paranoid, violent and aggressive state stemming from drug use that can result in heart or pulmonary arrest.

But a wrongful death lawsuit filed in federal district court by Murray's mother, Mary Brady, charges that it was the improper use of a Taser by Westland police officers that killed the 38-year-

"Police officers are supposed to investigate and make it better, not make it worse," said attorney Daniel Romano. "There is no good explanation for his death. We don't have capital punishment in Michigan. He should have ended up in jail, not the morgue."

The incident began when Murray, who had a criminal record of property crimes dating back to 1996, was visiting friends in Westland. The friends told police that based on his behavior, they suspected Murray had been smoking crack before he left their residence and headed out into the adjoining neigh-

Eventually, Murray showed up at a home on Beechnut. When he banged on the door, the elderly woman who lives in the home answered the door and Murray forced his way inside.

The woman, 80, was assaulted. Murray got into a physical altercation with her adult son, who intervened to get the intruder out of the home. During that struggle, Murray was reported to have struck his head on a landscaping brick. Neighbors responded to the son's calls

for help and were detaining Murray until police arrived. A Garden City officer was first to arrive and was able to handcuff Murray, described as actively resisting arrest, with his hands in the

Two Westland police officers arrived and described continuing to struggle Murray as they attempted to handcuff him behind his back. Murray was described by the officers has having blood on his arms and hands, abrasions to his face and a laceration on the top of his head.

In response to continued resistance, an officer applied a three-second stun to Murray, who was then handcuffed. At some time later, officers reported Murray appeared to have difficulty breathing and then stopped breathing. Officers did CPR until Westland Rescue arrived but Murray was pronounced dead on arrival at Garden City Hospital.

"After a careful review of this inci-

dent I determined the officers actions were lawful and within departmental policy," said Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto. "They raced to the aid of an elderly resident and her son who were being assaulted by Donald Murray. The officers were simply doing a their jobs, and the witnesses confirm

The lawsuit charging excessive force and constitutional rights violation, names the city, four Westland police officers and a Garden City police offi-

"He was already subdued (when officers arrived). The officers show up, he was loud," said Romano. "The officer makes it fatal. A lot of officers have poor training in Tasers. They are very dangerous weapons, just as deadly as a gun, if you already have excited deliri-

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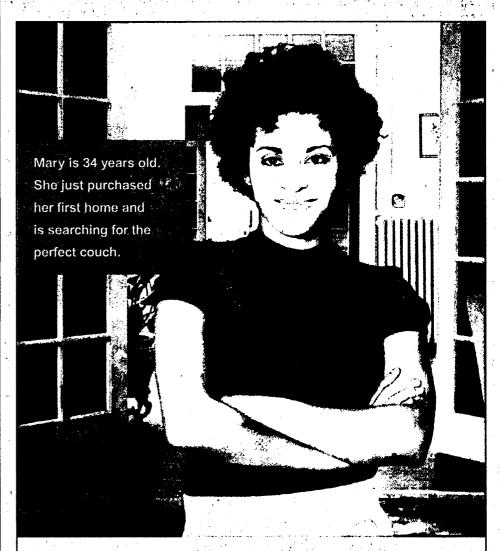
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MDOT widens traffic study beyond Ford Road

By Darrell Clem **Observer Staff Writer**

Pursuing what many motorists consider a long-overdue solution to beyond car-clogged Ford

The study is expected to hatch a set of preliminary proposals as early as August before closing in on a solution by January, Gorette Yung, MDOT project and contract administration

The effort is expected to lead to a phased-in solution to local traffic less of whether Canton and MDOT succeed at securing \$18 million or more through a fourthround federal program portation Investment **Generating Economic**

ysis focuses not just on the Ford Road/I-275 interchange. Rather, it involves a traffic and environmental study of a larger area bounded by Warren to the north, Cherry Hill to the south Sheldon to the west and Lotz to the east.

Voices heard

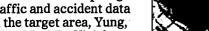
Aside from compiling traffic and accident data in the target area, Yung, other MDOT officials and a consulting firm, Wilbur Smith Associates, came to Canton's Summit on the Park grand ballroom Thursday evening for an informal meeting to hear the opinions of local residents who struggle every day amid

day," Yung said. Much attention has

Canton's traffic woes, the Michigan Department of Transportation has begun a new study that reaches Road.

engineer, said Thursday. woes, Yung said, regarddubbed TIGER, or Trans-

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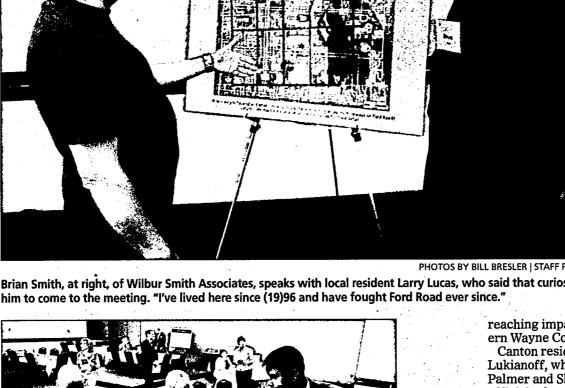
the traffic bottlenecks.

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been given to a yearsold study to reshape the Ford/I-275 interchange. It involves adding new ramps from the southbound I-275 exit to allow motorists to access Haggerty Road in either

direction without getting

onto Ford. It also calls



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Brian Smith, at right, of Wilbur Smith Associates, speaks with local resident Larry Lucas, who said that curiosity drove

Frank Tintinalli and Robert and Terry Rosol speak with Matt Wendling of Wilbur Smith Associates.

bur Smith Associates. "Everything's on the table."

He said the effort involves MDOT, Canton, Westland, Wayne County and the Federal Highway Administration though any traffic solutions could have a farreaching impact on western Wayne County.

Canton resident Wendy Lukianoff, who lives near Palmer and Sheldon, told officials she opposes a northbound service drive from Cherry Hill, saying it will cause traffic congestion and noise along Cherry Hill, even if it is widened.

"It also would hurt the property values," she told the Observer.

Fixing the mess

Lukianoff said MDOT should consider measures such as installing roundabouts on Ford Road and adding double turn lanes from Ford onto Haggerty.

Canton resident Larry Lucas, who lives near Cherry Hill and Lilley, came to Thursday's meeting to hear what

MDOT had to say. He said traffic problems arose as Canton grew faster than its infrastructure did.

"I want to find out when they're going to fix this mess," he said. "We all know we're way behind on what is needed."

Chamber of Commerce President Thomas: Paden attended the informal gathering because any traffic projects will affect the local business community. He supports efforts to ease congestion along Ford Road, Canton's main commercial corridor.

"We want to make it as easy as possible to connect the businesses to the consumers," Paden said.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said efforts to address traffic woes, particularly along Ford Road, have been needed for a decade or longer.

"This thing now is on the radar (for MDOT),' he said. "Work is going to be done. I hope it's sooner than later.'

Wendling indicated other local meetings are expected in August, September and November as MDOT and Wilbur Smith Associates narrow the list of possible solutions before a final report is finished, likely by early next year.

Even though MDOT can't say with certainty when any road improvements would start, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the latest developments, such as the traffic and environmental study, are encouraging.

"This sets the stage, whether we get the (federal) TIGER grant or not," he said.

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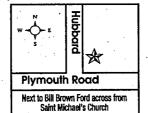
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This is a indoor and outdoor artist, crafter, food, music, unique items, car and bike show and much more. The cost \$15 for an 8-by-8-foot space or 10-by-10-foot tent or \$25 for a double space. Call Sharon at (734) 748-0569 or Diane at (734) 764-7999.

Proceeds will benefit the Plymouth-Westland Grange to help build some needed art spaces and for more equipment at Maxwell's. The group is looking at a photo studio, framing department and more.

Park and Read

Stop by the Garden City Library at the Maplewood Center for popular Park and Read program, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and the Library of Michigan.

The program, now in its fourth year, offers library card-holders the option of checking out a one-day pass that waives the Recreation Passport entry fee into any of Michigan's 101 state parks and recreation areas.

The one-day pass, a \$10 savings, also provides free, one-time access to any of the more than 500 events scheduled to take place within the state parks throughout the summer. Passes are valid for seven days from checkout and are good for day use only. Park & Read runs now through Oct. 1.

The Park & Read pass is also valid at any of the 11 museums or historic sites within the Michigan Historical Museum system.

New state fair finds a home

By Nathan Mueller Novi News Staff Writer

A state fair is coming back to Michigan.

And while the location, name and major players have changed, the core of what made the Michigan State Fair a success in Detroit for more than 100 years remains.

Dubbed the Great
Lakes State Fair and
scheduled for Aug. 31 to
Sept. 3 at the Suburban
Collection Showplace in
Novi, organizers have put
their focus on families,
while also highlighting
the many talents of Michiganders around the state.
There will be large indoor
livestock and agricultural areas, as well as a
pavilion featuring strictly
Michigan-made products.

Kent Roberts, vice chairman of the Great Lakes State Fair board, said members have been working for nearly two years to fill the void left in 2009 when the state fairground on Woodward Avenue and Eight Mile Road was shuttered. And with the help of Suburban Collection Showplace owner Blair Bowman, who donated his facility for free, the board believes it has a place where the fair can not only be revived, but also thrive.

"We are not really trying to duplicate the old
state fair," Roberts said
Wednesday at a press
conference announcing
the new fair. "We are trying to put together a 21st
century version that is in
alignment with the success, and able to promote
what we know is true, and
that builds upon that rich
Michigan heritage of our

Former state fair GM expects new version to 'take off'

By Nathan Mueller Novi News Staff Writer

There is no replacing the rich history of the Michigan State Fair, which entertained millions of people on Woodward Avenue for more than 100 years.

But Bob Porter, the general manager of the last Michigan State Fair in 2009, said the new Great Lakes State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, if run properly, will "really take off."

Porter said there was definitely a need for a state fair, and was concerned that it may never return.

"I think a lot of people thought of the state fair as their Super Bowl," he said. "I think it can definitely be revived. If had gone much longer, though, I don't know how well it would have been received."

Porter, who lives in Ferndale, said he believes the state fair struggled in Detroit because of the city's image and that agriculture is isolated from the area.

"Moving it to a new location that is more oriented in the agricul-

tural world is going to have a positive effect," he said.

Porter said he also sees a great "value" in what a state fair brings to people, especially children.

"Kids growing up in inner cities and highly urban areas think hamburgers are something grown where your drive up and they hand it to you through a window," he said.

Novi resident Bob Cummings, who volunteered at the Michigan State Fair for 12 years, said he was excited to hear the state fair was coming back.

Cummings boasts the largest collection of Michigan State Fair memorabilia known, including more than 60 programs from different years, with the oldest going back to 1879.

He is hoping to be able to display it at the Great Lakes State Fair, while also adding a new program to the collection. "I always love showing that kind of stuff," he said. "It's great hear-

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ing people reminisce."

agricultural community."

Roberts noted that Michigan is the second most diversified agricultural state in the country and said it was a shame those people had few places to showcase their goods and talents.

That sentiment is echoed by Bowman, who admitted to watching from the outside as the fair came to an end in 2009 and as revival efforts came and went over the last two years. Finally, he said, he couldn't wait any longer and wanted to help.

"Michigan deserves a state fair and we have a place to provide that," he said. "We've heard loud and clear that effort needed to be done on a private sector basis and we are here ready to do that."

On top of the agricultural and livestock focus, the

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Great Lakes State Fair also will feature a Shriner's Circus, large midway with carnival games and rides, a beer tent, camping village, merchandise and concessions and live entertainment.

Organizers are still finalizing the entertainment, but Bowman said, "If there were any major Michigan-based, born and bred entertainment acts that would like to help us come launch this thing, we would certainly appreciate that help."

Mayor's plea

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt took it a step further.

"My favorite entertainer in the whole world, even at my age, is a guy from Detroit, a guy from Michigan named Bob Ritchie, also known as Kid Rock," Gatt said.
"And if he is listening, or his folks are listening, for

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this thing to be successful we could certainly use his help. Show up for one day,

show up for one hour, and just be part of this. That is my challenge."

Bowman said he believes the fair will draw between 10,000-15,000 people per day in the inaugural year, but is hopeful that it far exceeds those numbers down the line. The last Michigan State Fair drew 217,000 visitors, with attendance peaking at 1.2 million in 1966.

"I don't want to start it here and go somewhere else," he said. "But if it needs to go to more traditional state fairgrounds, then great. But I think we cannot only start it here, but help it grow here and stabilize it for the long term."

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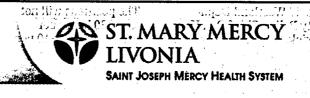
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Trail friends mobilize to spruce it up



Matt Fiems of Canton Township sets out a filled yardwaste bag during Wednesday's cleanup of the pedestrian and bicycling trail along I-275. The group Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail is planning twice-monthly evening trailgrooming events during the warmer months.

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Armed with scythes and shears, loppers and rakes, a battalion of volunteers gathered Wednesday evening in a parking lot in Plymouth Township and marched into the wilderness of the I-275 corridor.

Their mission: An allout assault on the weeds and vines, long grass and trash threatening to take over the improved I-275 pedestrian and bicycling trail.

The effort, organized by Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail, brought out regular trail users as well as those who hadn't been on it in decades — or at

all. "It takes a lot of work to keep a trail nice," said Diane Bancroft of Canton Township, president of the Friends and a regular trail walker and bicyclist.

MORE CLEANING

Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail are organizing another evening trail maintenance event for 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 21, on the section of trail just north of Eight Mile. For details, call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074, or visit the group's page on Facebook.

"I don't think people realize it when they're on it."

Wednesday's spruceup, on the stretch of trail between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail, east of the freeway, was the first of what the Friends plan as twice-monthly summertime evening trail-grooming events. The idea, Bancroft said, is that more frequent trimming over time will



Diane Bancroft of Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail gives instructions to cleanup volunteers Wednesday before they headed out to work on the segment of the trail north of Ann Arbor Road. The group met in the state-owned parking lot behind the Denny's on Ann Arbor Trail.

make upkeep easier.

Bancroft said that if everyone who uses the trail devoted an hour each warm season toward maintaining it, it would be in great shape.

Until now, the Friends' cleanup efforts had been limited to sporadic Michigan Department of Transportation-sponsored events and more intense efforts in March and April to pick up litter accumulated over the winter, Bancroft said. This spring, she said, Friends volunteers collected more than 50 bags

of trash along the trail. Though some trash was picked up Wednesday, the trail was relatively lit-

ter-free, and the focus was on cutting taller weeds and grass that can encroach on the asphalt, which was laid about two years ago, and trimming tree limbs and vines that can pose hazards for trail users.

Organizers were thrilled with Wednesday's turnout, noting there were several newcomers among the dozen or so people working on the trail.

"A lot of times it'll be me and Diana and Dave, the guy with the power edger," said Dave **Duffield of Northville** Township, who organizes Friends' maintenance efforts and bikes the trail to work each morning.

"I really didn't know this was here," volunteer Jan Bates of Westland said as she took a break Wednesday. Now that she knows about the trail, Bates said, she'll make a point of using it.

Bates said she wanted to help clean the trail and do some networking in her search for a job. Unemployed, she has experience in administrative work and customer ' service, she said.

She was asked why it was important to her to volunteer.

"For that reason," she said, indicating a passing cyclist. "So that people can enjoy the trail without getting hurt."

Workers packed the vegetation trimmings into paper yard-waste bags and carted or carried the bags to the ends of that trail segment, at Ann Arbor Road and at Ann Arbor Trail, for pickup by Plymouth Township public works employees.

Volunteer Matt Fiems of Canton, who uses a segment of the trail nearer his home to walk his dogs, joked that the job was easier than doing similar tasks in one's own

"You look at yours, and it's work," Fiems said.

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Westland police to hire civilian service aides

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

Like other city departments, the Westland Police Department has fewer officers due to decreased property values and the resulting lower property tax revenues.

To help get more officers on the road, the department has created new civilian Police Service Aide positions to handle some of the more mundane tasks currently performed by officers. Now the department is working to fill 15 PSA positions.

"These positions are targeted at younger people with an interest in the criminal justice field,' said Westland Deputy Police Chief Dan Karrick. "We are not looking for them to fulfill the job of an officer. An officer will oversee them. This will help us be more efficient."

Working inside the police station, the civilian PSAs will perform duties including preparing reports, processing those taken into custody, processing complaints, fingerprinting, vehicle impoundments, inventories, monitoring broadcasts, answering telephone calls and other assigned duties.

The positions will not exceed 30 hours per week, pay about \$10 per hour and offer no benefits except possibly some holidays or other paid time off. Qualified individuals will have successfully passed the Michigan Commission on Law **Enforcement Standards** pre-enrollment written

and physical agility tests within the preceding 12 months.

While the PSA positions won't likely be long-term iobs. Karrick said it can provide a leg up for people interested in becoming police officers.

"Other departments call them cadets. With the PSAs, it might be an incentive, if we can send them to the (police) academy," said Karrick. "We would get a chance to see

what kind of people they are and if they applied, they could get extra bonus points for being a PSA."

The deadline for applying for a PSA position is 5 p.m. Thursday, June 14. Karrick said the plan is to get the positions filled as

soon as possible. Interested applicants

should submit a letter of interest, resume and five references in person to the attention of Kim Schultz, Westland Police Department, 36701 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185 or by e-mail to psacoord@ wlpd.net.

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The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Darlene Jablonowski, Secretary Board of Education

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Teen, 17, a super sign spinner, store manager says

By Ashley Kennett Correspondent

If you've ever found yourself at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads stopped at a red light, chances are good you have been approached by 17-yearold Patrick Badgero dressed in full costume as Captain America.

For three months now, Badgero has been the face of Fitness 19 as a sign spinner. When Badgero applied, however, he did not anticipate ever having a job where he dressed as a superhero.

'I had no idea what I was getting into, but before I knew it I was trying on the costume, it fit, and I was working until 7 p.m. that same day," Badgero said.

Assistant manager Dustin Austin had the idea of having a mascot to promote Fitness 19, and suggested to club manager Reid Spiegl that they hire Badgero. It didn't take much con-

vincing, as Spiegl took an instant liking to Badgero.

Lots of energy

'We interviewed others, but everyone else had such a quiet personality. We put other people out there who just didn't work out," Spiegl said. "I moved to Michigan from California and I don't often run into people here with his kind of energy," he added.

Badgero is a recent graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and will attend Schoolcraft College in the fall to study pharmacology.

You would think going into pharmacology I'd be aiming a little higher," Badgero joked, "but it's actually a great job with really flexible hours."

Sign spinners make \$9 an hour, and Badgero typically works from 3-7:30 p.m. three or four days per week. Badgero is allowed to take as many breaks as he needs to, which comes in handy on extremely hot days when he says he needs to be sure to take water breaks.

On the job, Badgero has encountered everyone from the mayor to Batman. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey has stopped by on a few occasions to visit with Badgero, and a man with a "Batmobile" who entertains at children's parties also seems to feel a special superhero affinity with Badgero.

Increasing membership

Drivers responses to Badgero range from honking to taking photos, and sometimes even asking for an autograph. Of course, Badgero is an instigator, and tries to elicit such responses any response. While he usually shouts some variation of "Just \$5 a month!" what he shouts to each passing vehicle depends on what he sees.

"If I see what looks to be a husband and wife, I try to bug the husband and tell him to get off the couch and stop playing video games, or say that if he wants to keep his wife around he'd better go work out," Badgero said.

According to Spiegl, who owned Fitness 19 since its opening in March 2008, Badgero's enthusiastic sign spinning has resulted in an increase in memberships.

'Whenever an individual comes in, we ask where they saw us. At least 20 people over the last 30 days or so have said that they saw Captain America," Spiegl

Spiegl is grateful for Badgero's help and within 30-60 days, Badgero will work inside the club at the front desk where he will help to promote memberships, answer the phone, and keep the gym clean. Until then, Badgero will continue to embrace his other identity as a sign-spinning superhero.



Patrick Badgero, dressed as Captain America, is bringing lots of new customers into Fitness 19.

Disabled vets hold Steak Out

Disabled Veterans Chapter 114 will hold its second annual Steak Out noon to 8 p.m. Monday, June 18, and 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at Coach's Corner Sports Bar, 19170 Farmington Road, Livonia. The event is a membership drive and fund-raiser.

A full steak dinner is \$20 including non-alcoholic beverages. A hot

dog dinner is \$8. Meals include choice of potato, corn or salad.

There will be door prizes and a cash bar. Gratuity is not included in the meal prices.

Can't make it? Donations can be sent to Disabled American Veterans - Livonia 114, 30904 Plymouth Road, Livonia 48150. For more information, call (248) 615-1330.



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Foundation sends six students to camp

Six students from Wayne Memorial High School will have the opportunity to attend a leadership camp this summer, thanks to the **SET SEG Educational** Foundation.

The foundation recently awarded Wayne Memorial a \$1,250 scholarship that will provide funding for students to attend the Michigan Association of Student Councils and Honor Societies Summer Leadership Camp at Albion College.

"We believe that educating and fostering emerging leaders is the

key to Michigan's future success," said Foundation Executive Director Chuck Miller. "This year, the foundation is awarding \$22,000 in scholarships to 18 high schools for Summer Leadership Camp - the most we have provided since we began the scholarship program six years ago.

The scholarship will be presented to Wayne-Westland officials at the Monday, June 11, school board meeting

The MASC/MAHS Leadership Camp, which takes place July 22-27, teaches students leadership principles that will

benefit their schools and communities. While at camp, students serve on committees and in councils, gaining hands-on experience and lifelong skills.

Leadership Camp ses-

sions address communication, organizational skills, public speaking, team building, leadership styles and project planning and provide

an environment for students to interact with their peers from school districts throughout Michigan.

Scholarship recipients were selected from a competitive field of

applicants and required | input from a high school principal and a Student Council or Honor Society adviser.

The SET SEG Educational Foundation was established in 2005 and is a tax-exempt philanthropic organization. Its 🗿 mission is to enable students to pursue enrichment opportunities that advance learning, leadership and civic responsibility. The foundation achieves its mission by providing services, scholarships, grants and other forms of financial support directly to Michigan public schools.

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Attorney starts a second recall attempt of Ficano

Bv Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

A Plymouth attorney and candidate for Wayne County office has launched a second drive to recall County Executive Robert Ficano.

Richard Convertino, a Canton Township resident, said his petition to put a recall question to county voters is based on Ficano's role in the \$200,000 payout to former county economic development director Turkia Mullin last year, at a time when workers in the financially strapped county were taking concessions. Mullin returned the money after a public outcry, but the incident launched investigations into administration, and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners last week voted to censure Ficano.

Convertino, a former U.S. attorney now in private practice, said the Mullin incident is an example of the way Ficano operates, and that



Richard Convertino, an attorney and candidate for Wayne County office has launched a second drive to recall County Executive Robert Ficano.

the county executive's administration is "an open drain on taxpayer dollars."

"Not only are they tone deaf to what's going on in this county, but the more

their hearing becomes impaired, the fatter their wallets become," he said Friday.

Ficano spokesman Tom Downey rejected the premise of the recall effort and said Convertino is trying to draw attention to his own bid for the county commission. Convertino is a candidate in the Republican primary for the commission's newly redrawn 10th District, which includes the Plymouth and Canton areas.

"It looks or certainly appears that he's trying to leverage the recall effort to heighten his time with the press," Downey said.

Downey said the recall petition "is exactly the same petition that he filed last fall. It went nowhere."

Convertino said that he relied on grassroots support in his first recall effort and that it was difficult to gather signatures in the colder months. This time, he said, he's planning to raise money to supplement volunteers with professional circulators, and will begin collecting signatures outside county polling places during the Tuesday, Aug. 7, primary.

The language on the latest recall petition was approved by the Wayne County Elections Commission on May 30.

The movement will have 90 days, from the

date the petition is first signed, to gather enough signatures to put a recall question on the ballot. Downey said just over 131,000 signatures of registered county voters are needed, a number that's based on the number of ballots cast in the county in the last gubernatorial election.

Convertino said the recall effort has a goal of 150,000 signatures.

"The goal is to get it on the November ballot, but that's a tall order," he admitted.

Convertino denied his recall effort was an attempt to grab attention for his candidacy. But he said he entered the commission race for the same reasons that he began the recall: to ensure fiscal responsibility and restore confidence in a "rudderless" county government.

"I'm more interested in running him out of office than I am in taking office myself," he said.

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July festival benefits Garden City Rotary, schools

By Sue Buck **Observer Staff Writer**

A first-time festival in Garden City in early July will benefit two groups.

Garden City Rotary President Jack Pelon spent months trying to find the right location for a Wade Shows festival fundraiser. He scouted out possible festival sites, including the Kmart center parking lot at Ford and Middlebelt and the old Lincoln Mercury site on Ford, west of Middlebelt which is now owned by a bank.

Neither idea worked until Garden City Schools Superintendent Michelle Cline offered a workable suggestion use the Garden City High School parking lot.

The deal was struck and now the Garden City Rotary and the Garden City Public Schools will share the proceeds, 60 percent to the Rotary for their service projects and 40 percent to the school system.

This will be big," said Pelon. "We have never done this before."

The festival will be held in the high school parking lot at 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Friday-Sunday, July 6-8. The hours will be 4-11 p.m. July 6, noon to 11 p.m. July 7 and noon to 8 p.m. July 8.

All of the requirements have been met and the festival has been approved by the Garden

City Council. The Police Department has developed a schedule so that two uniformed officers will be on the premises during all peak hours. That should provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for all those attending, according to

"The proceeds from the fundraiser will directly benefit Garden City School children and allow the Garden City Rotary to continue supporting local community

projects," Pelon said. Wade Shows has provided carnivals in other communities. For this event, it will furnish a full carnival midway, consisting of mechanical rides, games and food concessions. Wade Shows will be responsible for, and repair, any 🚕 damage it may cause to the grounds.

Online discounts on the daily wristband rate are available by visiting the Garden City Public Schools website at www.

gardencity schools.com or through Wade Shows at www.wadeshows. com. Single tickets, ticket packages, and pay one price wristbands at \$20 will be available throughout the event.

Rotary Club program chairwoman Wilma Healy complimented Pelon's efforts.

"No one has done more than Jack to help Garden City," she said.

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The center is holding game night 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 14. It also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Health expo

Cardiologist Dr. Vicky Savas will host her 23rd annual Savas Health Expo 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland.

One \$25 Fun Pack admission ticket includes a complimentary breakfast and lunch, free blood pressure, hearing test, BMI test and relaxing massage. Complimentary gifts, door prizes and health lectures and free literature will be provided during the

The day's event includes a auction with autographed Detroit Tigers and Red Wings sports memorabilia, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island golfing package, dinner certificates and gift cards.

The Savas Health Expo is an annual fund-raiser. This year, proceeds are going to Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland.

To become a sponsor and advertise in the Expo booklet or for more information regarding registration, call (248) 356-5033.

Kid's Night Out

Kids can enjoy a night out at the "Summer Beach Bash" 6-10 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

Want to have a night off? Children ages 6-11 are invited for a night of fun. Activities include swimming, games, pizza, pop and going to Attwood Park. The cost is \$13 per child for resident/ member and \$16 per child for non-residents.

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Garage Sale

If you missed the Westland Community Garage Sale, there's another chance to sell unwanted items

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Contact Nathan Adams at (734) 721-7400, ext. 1300, or by email at nadams.@ci.wayne.mi.us for more information or to reserve a spot.

The Wayne Community Center is at 4635 Howe at Annapolis,

Book sale

There's bargains to be had at the summer book sale in the Friends Shop at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Stock up on hardcover fiction books only with the shop's buy two get one free. Hardcover books are \$1 each, so get three hardcover fictions for just \$2.

The sale doesn't include hardcover biographies, nonfiction and large-print books.

Dinner show

Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Ayotte will perform Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Elvis Presley and more at a dinner show Friday, June 22, at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford Road, Westland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$27 per person. Dinner includes a tossed salad, rigatoni, roast beef with gravy, Italian sausage saute, green beans almondine, red skinned mashed potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available.

For tickets, contact Kathy at (734) 216-9451 or at www. agelos1958.com.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army hosts Higher Rock Cafe, an evening of Christian music. fellowship, games and concessions at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month at the corps, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer. There's no cover charge. For more information visit Higher Rock Cafe on Facebook at www. facebook.com/Wayne Westland HRC or call (734) 722-3660.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post 251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit www.hope-4healinghearts.com.

Weatherization help

Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to low-income residents. Families receiving weatherization services can expect heating costs to be reduced 20-25 percent, amounting to about \$300 saving per year.

Eligible projects include such things as floor insulation, storm windows, window repair/replacement, programmable thermostat, furnace and duct repair or replacement and roof repairs.

Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency manages the Weatherization Program for Wayne County, including the city of Westland. Contact Jeff Boyd, weatherization director, at (734) 284-6999.

Author, financial pro excited to be working close to home

By Julie Brown **Staff Writer**

Scott Frush of Northville Township used to commute to work in Southfield. Since late March, he's been working on his own with his Frush Financial Group complete with a 2.7-mile commute each way.

"No. 1, Southfield's very congested," said Frush, who'd been with Lincoln Financial Advisors. He's got a lot of Birmingham-Bloomfield clients and others, and is picking up Northville area clients.

He found commuting took up his time. "Anytime I'm in the car is just a waste of time."

Frush has written a number of books on investing, as well as several trivia books. He's a certified financial planner and chartered financial analyst. "It is a very strong designation, probably the top one in my field," he said of the latter.

Frush earned a bachelor's degree in business with a finance concentration from Eastern Michigan Universitv in 1994. He's an M.B.A. graduate (class of 1999) from Notre Dame University, as well as a St. Agatha High School of Redford graduate.

Frush, 41, is married to Christina and dad to Gabriella, 5, and Ryan, 3. He's thrilled to be leasing office space from Lee Holland & Associates in Northville.

'Terrific decision'

"Everything about it is excellent. Terrific decision," said Frush, noting Holland has an accounting/investment background and others in the office are also help-

"I enjoy the restaurants here," he said, including Rebecca's, Poole's and others. He can meet at coffee shops like the Tuscan Cafe and The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro with clients.

"The kids love it because of the doughnuts," he said of the Tuscan Cafe. "I just get coffee.'

Frush has his 10th book out this year, with McGraw-Hill publishing his first hardcover, "The Strategic ETF Investor.'

He wrote seven investing books, and three on trivia "that I wrote for fun." He self-published his first financial book, with the rest from McGraw-Hill. "It got my foot in the door with McGraw-Hill," he said of the first financial book. "I believe everyone has at least one if not multiple books inside them."

The trivia books are selfpublished and include Catholic and Italian trivia, as well as a forthcoming one on Wall Street trivia.

"I just do it when I have the time," he said of writing. He writes at lunch, when the kids are in bed, waiting for his hair to be cut and on the treadmill.

"I ask my wife to drive a lot of times. It works.

Series of books

In his books and work with clients, Frush demystifies exchange-traded funds. "ETFs are growing by leaps and bounds," he said. "Everyone's trying to get in on the business.

He recommends getting good professional advice on investing, a plan in your best interests and not created just to sell products.

Frush has started a blog, etfmarketwatch.com. He's also excited about "ETF Professor TV" videos he'll start! showing online this summer on etfprofessor.tv.

Frush will also teach a class to undergraduates in business this fall at the University of Michigan-Flint.

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Neighborhood prays for injured bicyclist

By Karen Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

The Sulaks of Livonia are overwhelmed by the number of blue ribbons showing up all over their subdivision, indicating neighbors are praying for their mentally challenged son, Christopher, who was seriously injured in a bicycle-car accident June 2.

"We didn't realize how many families and people he's touched," his father, Jerry, said of the hundreds of blue ribbons tied on trees, light poles, bushes and mailboxes. "It's such a nice gesture.'

Christopher, 35, is the guy in Idyle Hills Estates off Five Mile Road everyone can depend on when they need a hand shoveling snow or cutting down a tree, neighbor Shellie Anagnostou said: "Everybody knows Chris. Wherever there's action, there's Chris.'

After hearing about his accident, Anagnostou put a sign in the Sulaks' front yard telling them that if they see a blue ribbon, it means that neighbor is praying for Chris. Blue stands for "Blessings, love, unlimited encouragement," the sign says.

"I started the ball rolling ... and it snowballed," Anagnostou said.

Chris has been in a medically-induced coma at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, with four skull fractures, his father said. His parents have been at his side daily since the accident.

Sulak said his son, the second oldest of four children, doesn't have a driver's license so his bicycle is his transportation.

Christopher was riding eastbound on the sidewalk of Five Mile Road near Ellen when he drove down a driveway and veered out into the roadway, where he was struck by a 2010 Ford Focus driven by an 84-year-old Livonia woman, Livonia Police said. The driver does not appear to be at fault.

Sulak said his son's disability hindered some of ha cognitive skills — he graduated from the special education program at Churchin High School. But socially, he has no dif-

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Christopher Sulak is wellknown and well-loved by many in Livonia.

ficulties.

"He's just a terrific kid," his dad said, adding he has an upbeat personality and never has anything negative to say about anybody.

Chris is well-liked not only in the neighborhood, but throughout Livonia. He volunteers at Livonia Spree, picking up cans, and plays basketball at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The police and paramedics who responded to the accident scene all knew him, his dad said.

The neighbors' prayers appear to be working. On Thursday, Chris began breathing again on his

Anagnostou said there's no reason to limit the prayers to the residents of Idyle Hills. "Anyone's invited to join the Blue Ribbon Campaign," she

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Protesters seek to protect religious freedom

By Ken Abramczyk Observer Staff Writer

On Friday, hundreds of residents from western Wayne County protested President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act and the Department of Health and Human Services mandate.

Residents participated in a Stand Up for Religious Freedom prayer rally at the corner of Five Mile and Levan, across from St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

They said the mandate forces religious institutions, such as Catholic hospitals and universities, to offer contraceptives, surgical sterilizations and abortion-inducing drugs in employee health insurance plans, which violates teachings of the Catholic church.

Stand Up rallies were scheduled Friday in 13 cities across Michigan, and 143 in the United States.

The Archdiocese of Detroit has scheduled a Mass at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at the Cathedral of Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit as part of Fortnight for Freedom, scheduled June 21 through July 4, by the U.S. Conference of Bishops.

The date for the Stand Up Rally, June 8, was chosen to highlight the HHS mandate's unconstitutional infringement of religious freedom, coming before the anticipated U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Obamacare, expected at the end of June.

Organizers said June 8 was the 223rd anniversary of the day James Madison introduced the Bill of Rights to the first Congress, including what would become the First Amendment. The prayer rally emphasized the First Amendment and that all health care laws respect religious freedom.

Dr. Miguel Lis-Planells, a neurosurgeon at the Michigan Head and Spine Institute in Southfield and vice chair of neurosurgery at Sinai Grace Hospital, said the U.S. is "less tolerant of God" and that marriage and family "are under



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Michelle McGill, of Northville, and Pam Malo, of Livonia, protesting at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

attack."

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Lis-Planells said the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies devised the guidelines for the Affordable Health Care Act and mandates, classifying pregnancy as a disease.

"Since when in human history has pregnancy been a disease?" Lis-Planells asked the crowd.

Contraception in the form of birth control pills adds to health risks down the road for women, Lis-Planells said, including increased breast cancer, heart attacks and blood clot risks.

The mandates intrude on the relationship between the doctor and patient, Lis-Planells said. "You now have Uncle Sam looking over your shoulder," he said.

Lis-Planells advised the audience to write to lawmakers on the issue on their right of conscience and freedom of reli-

"The battle is in courts and in Congress," he said.

The Detroit Religious Freedom Rally was organized by Monica Migliorino Miller, who is also national co-director of the nationwide Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rallies and director of Citizens for a Prolife Society.

"The rally is intended as a clear message to the federal government that it has no business defining the scope of religious ministry and that faithbased institutions and even private businesses affected by the mandate will simply not comply with the government's unjust intrusion into the affairs of religion and freedom of conscience," Miller said.

These rallies are necessary to ensure that freedom of religion will be protected in any possible subsequent health care legislation if Obama's

health care plan is ruled unconstitutional, Miller said.

"This is not about access to contraception. This is a religious liberty issue, plain and simple, and we remain committed to work for the reversal of this mandate," she said.

"The HHS mandate actually seeks to define what constitutes religious ministry in its narrowly crafted so-called exemption. This sort of government intrusion must be opposed. This is not about the issue of contraception, this is about protecting religious liberty as it is enshrined in the United States Constitution. The so-called Obama accommodation has done nothing to settle the controversy.'

Protesters want the mandate stopped. Several protesters stood along both sides of Five Mile Road, holding signs that read "Stand Up for Religious Freedom" and "Stop Obama's

HHS Mandate."

Scott Parcha of Redford held a sign on Five Mile, greeted by honks from supportive motorists. "We're standing up for religious freedom," he said. "Our freedoms are starting to fall away from us, little by little." Parcha said the mandate "declared war on the Catholic church and all people's faiths."

Parcha hoped that the prayer rally will draw more people to the cause. "Maybe those on the fence will wake up and see what's going on," he said.

Lucille Fritz of Livonia believes hospitals should not be forced to provide abortions, nor should contraception be forced under the mandate. "(Contraception) should be an individual decision, not a mandate by the government,"

Nancy Dankert of Plymouth wanted to protect religious 🛴 freedom and freedom of conscience, holding up her sign ! for motorists from a folding chair. "I hope this rally influences the public and I'd like to let them know what's going on," she said. "It also strengthens us, and to see us together, it shows we can make a difference."

Connie Andres of Livonia doesn't like the law. "We need to protect our rights," she said. "Anyone in the medical field will be affected by it."

Her daughter works as a pharmacist, Andres said, She would be mandated to provide birth control at her job, which goes against her Catholic beliefs, she said. "I thought Obama had some possibilities as a president, but I don't like this law. It's too over the top, Andres said. "If you are in the medical field, you will have to participate or be fired.'

Richard Mesner of Livonia said Americans should be allowed to "follow our conscience and our understanding of God" without interference. "It's what the foundation of our country is all about," he said.

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Livonia Ladywood senior pitcher Briana Combs was named ESPN Gatorade Michigan Softball Player of the Year.

Softball queen

Combs Gatorade Player of Year

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

If you were going to compare them, then Livonia Ladywood's Briana Combs might remind some of former Atlanta Braves pitcher Greg Maddox.

The senior may not throw Justin Verlander-like heaters at you, but certainly she'll have you dissected by the time you get to the batters box and return to the dugout.

The 5-foot-8 right-hander, who was recently named the ESPN Gatorade Softball Player of the Year in Michigan, certainly has the credentials worthy of the honor with 132 career wins and over 1,500 strikeouts during her stellar four-year career.

"I didn't think in a million years that I would get it," said Combs, who led the Blazers to the Division 2 state championship final as a freshman and a state semifinal appearance in 2011. "I'm just really honored and really surprised."

The modest Combs, however, shouldn't have been surprised by the award. She's been nothing short of spectacular during her senior season as the 34-3 Blazers moved into the Division 2 regional final Saturday at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

This season, Combs owns a

34-1 record with a 0.09 earned run average with 375 strike-outs in 225 innings. She has recorded eight no-hitters, including three perfect games, and held opponents to a .046 batting average.

At the plate, she batted .536 with 17 doubles, 43 runs scored, 35 RBI and a .818 slugging percentage entering the regional final four.

She's a gamer

"Briana Combs is a fierce competitor," said Newton Barefoot, president emeritus of the Compuware ASA team. "She has taken the game to the next level on so many occasions with her mental toughness. She has the ability to spot the ball over the desired portion of the plate like no other pitcher I've known."

It's taken many hours and countless days for Combs to perfect her craft.

Her father Scott, an attorney, who also serves as Ladywood's head coach, has been there every step of the way.

Scott Combs was a local Class A sandlot pitcher who threw at Kalamazoo College.

"I was a pitcher, and she said she wanted to try it, and when we were in 10- and 12-and-

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Welch signs with Titans

University of Detroit Mercy women's soccer coach Mike Lupenec announced Friday that Schoolcraft College midfielder Ashley Welch (Livonia Stevenson) is among nine recruits who have signed NCAA Division I letters-of-intent to play soccer this fall for the

As a freshman, Welch helped the Lady Ocelots to a fourth-place finish in the National Junior Collegiate Association Tournament.

Welch was Schoolcraft's team captain as a sophomore.

She played four seasons at Stevenson earning All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association honors as a junior and senior, along with

All-District accolades.
"Ashley is a junior college transfer who can step in right away as a defensive midfielder," Lupenec said. "She possesses great tactical knowledge who can control the ball in the backfield and start our attack up the field," said Lupenec.

Bucks tie 0-0

On the heels of their heartbreaking 2-1 overtime loss Tuesday to the Dayton Dutch Lions in

the fourth round of the

US Open Cup, Michigan Bucks returned to

Premier Development

League action Thursday and settled for a 0-0 draw against the host Toronto Lynx at

Goalkeeper Sean

Teepen recorded his

the first-place Bucks

Great Lakes Division

of the PDL's Central

Conference.

first career shutout as

improve to 3-0-1 in the

Centennial Park.

vs. Toronto

Blazers' run halted

Host Okemos wins semifinal

By Brad EmonsObserver Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood's lacrosse team wanted to keep going on I-96 and continue its route all the way to Saturday's MHSAA Division 2 championship final in Rockford.

But the trip once again was cut short for the second straight year Wednesday in Okemos as the host Chieftains rode the six-goal, three-assist performance of sophomore Olivia Sherman in a 13-6 state semifinal victory over the Blazers

A year ago, Ladywood fell to Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 16-12, in same semifinal and same venue (Okemos).

Meanwhile, it's the 16-5-1
Chieftains who will get a crack at undefeated East Kentwood (27-0) for the coveted state title beginning 4:30 p.m. Saturday in Rockford. (East Grand Rapids won the other semifinal with a 16-5 win over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.)

On April 21, Okemos beat Ladywood by a one-goal margin in overtime, but the rematch proved to be a different story.

"We worked hard on our clearing, we worked hard on ground balls and we knew this was a tough team," Okemos coach Bill Prahler said of the 15-6 Blazers. "We knew we had to get better. We got an over-



ALAN HOLBEN

Ladywood senior attacker Emma Ellswood goes flying down the field in Wednesday's MHSAA Division 2 semifinal against Okemos.

time victory, but we were lucky.
But we learned a lot from that game ... a lot."

transfer from soccer, and my gosh, she's an athlete," Prahle said. "She works very hard."

What Prahler learned is that he has an emerging and multifaceted attacker in the 5-foot-11 Sherman, who collected two goals and two assists during the first half as the Chieftains carved out a 6-3 advantage.

arved out a 6-3 advantage. "She's an excellent player, a transfer from soccer, and my gosh, she's an athlete," Prahler said. "She works very hard. She loves to hand out assists, which is exactly what you want to have for an attacking player. When you hand out assists like that, you're a great attacker."

Just 1:03 into the second half, Please see LACROSSE, B2 Stevenson's Cicchelli eyes

state tourney

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's Dante Cicchelli gave himself the ultimate graduation gift by earning an individual qualifying berth in next weekend's MHSAA Division 1 Lower Peninsula Boys Golf Finals at Grand Valley State University's the Meadows.

Cicchelli shot an 18-hole round of 75 and was among four play-



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of 75 and was among four players who tied for fourth place overall in Region 4 tournament held at Timber Trace G.C. in Pinckney. Birmingham

Cicchelli Brother Rice captured the team title with a four-player stroke total of 298, while the host

Pirates and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central garnered the other two team berths with 307 and 312, respectively. Stevenson placed eighth in the

12-school regional field with a

323 as Eric Attard added a 79 to

finish 18th.
Rounding out the Stevenson contingent was Nick Marsh, 32nd (82); Connor Humitz, 56th (87); and Austin Harris, 59th

Cicchelli, the Spartans' MVP, tied for runner-up medalist honors the previous week at the dis-

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MU's Scott adds recruit

Madonna University head men's soccer coach Eric Scott announced Thursday that he has added another piece to his recruiting class with the signing of Andrew Bock (Plymouth Christian Academy) to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

"Andrew brings a lot of versatility to our program," Scott said. "I've seen him play center back, holding mid and forward. He comes from a good environment under Steve Seargeant with the Michigan Jaguars club side. Soccer stuff aside, he comes from a great family and will be a tremendous contributor to our program."

Bock, who resides in Novi, spent the first three years of his high school career at Detroit Catholic Central, earning All-Catholic and All-District honors as a junior. He transferred to Plymouth Christian Academy as a senior, but did not play soccer this past fall.

Bock becomes the fifth recruit for the Crusaders during off-season joining Doug Beason (Schoolcraft College), Phil Strachan (Livonia Clarenceville/Schoolcraft), Aaron Schapman, and Keith Swistock as newcomers in the fall.

Ex-Wayne star Guess back in MSU fold

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

A familiar face has come full circle and returning to the Mich-

igan State University campus.
Sixth-year head football coach
Mark Dantonio announced that
former MSU safety Lorenzo
Guess has been named an assistant strength and conditioning
coach.

Guess, a former standout at Wayne Memorial High, previously worked with Dantonio at Cincinnati as a staff assistant in 2006 and has seven years of experience as a strength and



conditioning coach at the collegiate level. Dantonio

Dantonio also served as Guess's position coach for three seasons in East Lansing (1998-2000).

Guess spent the last two seasons (2010-11) as an assistant director of strength and conditioning at Notre Dame while working under head coach Britalian Marking under head coach Britalian Mark

an Kelly.
"It's awesome to be returning home to Michigan State," Guess

told MSUspartans.com. "I've known coach Dantonio since he began recruiting me in 1996. He was my position coach at Michigan State, and later, I had an opportunity to work for him at Cincinnati. So my relationship with Coach D certainly played a major role in my decision to return to my alma mater.

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"It's an exciting time to be associated with the Spartan football program. Coach D, his coaching staff and the players have done a great job in bringing the program back to a position

of national prominence. I'm real-

ly looking forward to this oppor-

tunity to work with the coaching staff and student-athletes. I couldn't be more excited."

Prior to coaching at Cincinna-

Prior to coaching at Cincinnati, Guess worked on the strength and conditioning staffs at South Florida (2009), Alcorn State (2008), Kentucky State (2007), Cincinnati (2006) and Tiffin (2005).

Guess served as the assistant strength and conditioning coach at South Florida while working with the men's basketball team for one season, and was the head strength and conditioning coach

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COMBS

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under playing for Compuware she was literally the fifth or sixth pitcher on the team and very, very rarely got an inning at any given weekend tournament," Scott Combs recalled. 'She was just so small and so many other kids were bigger and ahead of her. I can remember tournament after tournament everybody would be going home Sunday after the championship game and we would stay there and throw for an hour.'

That was only the beginning for Briana, who began to blossom as a pitcher in middle school.

"I think I always wanted to do it," Briana said. 'My dad was a pitcher, and he really wanted me to be a pitcher, so I just worked hard at it and I really enjoy it."

Off season

Pitching became a labor of love for the Combs' duo, who made daily trips to the Novi High School Field-

"When I was coaching at Novi we were in that fieldhouse six days a week," Scott Combs said. "We would throw and throw. I can remember the athletic director coming in and talking and chatting, pulling up a chair while I caught. We just kept doing it and finally she gained a little size and by seventh- and eighthgrade we started seeing what we had. When I took the Ladywood job in her eighth-grade year I would have her come to practice and throw. We would scrimmage and she'd be shutting out the varsity team.

"I knew we had something going on, I just didn't know to what extent she wanted to keep with it, and fortunately she did."

Briana, who turns 19 in October, matured physically much later than girls her age, but has quickly caught up.

"She was pee wee and everybody else already had growth spurts," Scott Combs said. "She's a very late bloomer as far as gaining size. That's why I taught her how to pitch. I taught her how to work the four quadrants and taught her how to look at batters and know how to get anybody out no matter if she knew the batters or not. That what was really a blessing in disguise. She didn't have the ability to throw the ball by everybody like a lot of the other kids did in Compuware. So, I taught her how to pitch."

Pitching tutor

But Scott Combs also extends much of the credit to local pitching guru Doug Gillis of the Gillis Pitching School and Academy in Wixom. "Doug's has been her



Briana Combs has not only excelled on the softball field, but also in the classroom with a 4.0 grade-point average.

pitching instructor six or seven years," Scott Combs said. "He's just been a blessing to us. He's extraordinarily patient. He's worked with her week after week – to the point where he's even given us a key over there. We've been over there constantly the last five years."

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That meant numerous Friday and Saturday nights of 90-minute throwing sessions instead of going to the movies.

Briana, who was also a starter and threepoint shooting specialist on Ladywood's basketball team, admits she may have had to forego a few social activities from time to time.

"Yes, probably I missed out, but it doesn't bother me," she said.

As much as Combs has been consumed with her craft on the mound, she's also demonstrated to be a wellrounded person.

She recently graduated from Ladywood with a 4.0 grade-point average and has done volunteer work locally at both a homeless shelter and food bank. She has also donated her time fund-raising to benefit the American Cancer Society.

"She's a good kid and extraordinarily hard worker," Scott Combs said. "I can't tell you how many times we've come home from basketball or softball ... and I'll be tired from coaching, and she'll be sitting there in her uniform at the kitchen table for two or three hours right after a game doing homework. It's been very good and she's had a very good high school career academically and athletically."

Calling pitches

But it always hasn't been Camelot for father and daughter. There have been a few flareups on occasion.

Just on Thursday, Scott Combs sat Briana out of a controlled scrimmage in preparation for the regional against Walled Lake Northern.

"We clash all the time," Scott said. "I didn't let her play or pitch tonight and she was trying to tell me how to call pitches. We clash in front of the rest of the team all the time and they laugh at us constantly because

she's at the point where she knows enough to second-guess me all the time, so the team gets a real kick out of it, and they laugh at it.'

Briana says the conflicts - for the most part - good-natured.

"He's my dad, so it's going to happen," the Ladywood ace said. "We're fine, we never get in arguments or anything after."

Deciding what to call is often tricky because Briana comes at opposing hitters with an array of mesmerizing pitches. And it's a news flash when Combs even walks a batter because her control is so pinpoint - a-la Maddox.

"I throw a drop, a curve, a change-up and a little bit of a rise,' she said. "I worked on the curve and rise a lot because I didn't have that as a freshman.'

Combs has signed an NCAA Division I letter-of-intent with Cleveland State University, a member of the Horizon League, where she'll continue her softball career.

"I really like the campus," she said. "It's right in downtown Cleveland. The coaches are really nice. It seems like they have a good team and I'm excited.

"I'm thinking of something sports medicinewise (course of study), but not sure."

Briana and Scott Combs, however, have some unfinished business to attend to, which is going out on top and winning that elusive Division 2 state title.

And Briana has the utmost confidence that her coaches and teammates can get the job done.

"We're definitely the closest we've ever been," she said. "I think we've worked the hardest. No matter what happens, it's been my favorite year and it's been a lot of fun. I know we've put the work in and whatever happens, happens, but we're

ready for it.' When asked about her favorite moment (or moments) in high school sports, Briana doesn't hesitate to answer the question.

"Definitely softball ... my teammates ... we've gotten really close,' she said. "This is probably the most fun I've had is this year. It's been really fun."

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Piechota twirls 1-hitter for Rams

Madonna University redshirt freshman Evan Piechota threw a one-hit gem Wednesday as the Michigan Rams downed the Michigan Steel, 3-1, in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League action at Bicentennial Park.

Piechota, a right-hander from Livonia Stevenson High, allowed his only run and only hit to the

BASEBALL

Steel's Cody Grear in the third inning.

Piechota went all seven innings striking out seven and walking only three as the Rams improved to 3-1 in the LCBL.

The Rams scored both of their runs in the bottom of the first inning

off Steel starter Trevor Hicks thanks to an RBI single by Zach Zott and another RBI by J.P. Maracani scoring Trent Drumheller and Justin Sher-

Hicks went all six innings allowing just two hits, but walking nine and hitting a pair of Rams batters. He struck out two.

LACROSSE

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Ladywood senior attacker Emma Ellswood scored · unassisted for the first of her two goals to cut deficit to 6-4.

But the Chieftains went on a 6-0 run with Sherman scoring three times, teammate Alex King twice and Amanda Davio once during the span of 7:10 to make it a commanding 12-4 lead.

Neither team was able to score during the final 10:17.

"I think we kind of did it to ourselves," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said. "We didn't play the kind of game Ladywood plays. And they knew it. They were struggling and we just couldn't get it going. We couldn't get any attack going. We just weren't together as a team today and that really affected us."

Senior center Kylie Birney, who had all three of Ladywood's first-half goals, was stymied during the second half.

And the Blazers simply had no answers for Sherman, who muscled her way around the Ladywood goal area much of the 50-minute match.

"We had pretty good defense, but we just kept missing that one girl from the one side," Sanders said. "I think that whoever I put in — I don't know if it was working out very well - but we were trying and trying to stick with them the best that we could.

"And when you have



Ladywood senior center Kylie Birney tallied three first-half goals in Wednesday's 13-6 Division 2 semifinal against Okemos.

a tall girl in the center, too, that is really to your advantage. We don't have a lot of tall girls on our Ladywood team ... but we try. Our tallest girl is Rachel (Donabedian), our center, who I think is 5-8 or so."

Ladywood did get a solid performance from junior goalie Stephanie Mackley, who faced a total of 23 shots and made seven saves. "She's a great goalkeep-

er," Sanders said. "She loves the sport. She'd like to keep going and play in college and I think she can definitely do that. And she's very aggressive and we're lucky to have her for one more

year."

The match marked the final games for Ladywood seniors Brittany Galvin, Alyssa Daly, Mary Maslak, Ellswood and Birney, the latter whom returned late in the season after missing the middle portion of the schedule with a injury.

'She's an all-around player," Sanders said of Birney, the team's top returning scorer. "She has the speed, has the field sense, she has the shooting skills. She has the defensive skills, she's is just the total player."

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trict tourney hosted by

Huron Meadows. Brother Rice's Sean Friel took individual regional medalist honors with a 70 followed by teammate Jeremy Glod with a 73. Pinckney's Otto Black was third with a 74, while five players were tied at 75 including Cicchelli.

The Timber Trace course proved to be difficult as defending Division 1 state champion Max Kollin of North Farmington missed the cut in ninth place with a

"It's a pretty big golf course," Cicchelli said. "But basically if you keep it in play off the tee, you'll get good chances and good looks at birdies and pars and won't get in too much trouble there.

"For me what was

working out is that I was keeping it in play. That was the big thing for me. There was a lot of out-of-bounds on the course so keeping it in play off the tee was crucial. And with some of the greens it looked like the putts would break a lot. There were some tricky greens."

Cicchelli has made a dramatic improvement over his junior season where he shot an 84 and finished 45th at the regional.

He credits his putting and short game.

"I have a (golf) teacher named Ben Bockin at Western (Golf & Country Club) where I did a junior membership over the summer where I met him and still fortunate to work with him," Cicchelli said.

This season, Cicchelli led Stevenson this season with an 18-hole average of 75 and a

nine-hole average of 38.5. He was a threetime medalist this season and also added a fifth at the Dearborn Invitational, a 10th at the Brighton Invitational and a 15th in the Kensington Conference.

"Dante is a very dedicated golfer, but also is an excellent student and a helpful teammate," Stevenson coach Brian Gulick said. "He is one of the best golfers I have ever coached. It was an honor to coach him this year."

Cicchelli hopes to make a side trip to Allendale this week to get accustomed to the state finals course at Grand Valley State.

"The game feels pretty good and I'm expecting to do halfway decent at the tournament," Cicchelli said.

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Chargers denied in regional quest

1 place away from 'state'

laden squad placed

three in the top 20 indi-

vidually led by Andrew

both finishing 12th with

a 75, while Nick Proben

Ben Proben added an

80 to place 29th, while

Churchill's non-scorer

was 41st-place finish-

er Dominic DiLisi with

"The guys played

well and I am proud of

the way they competed

today," Churchill coach

Paul Worley said. "But

better than we did, two

from our (KLAA South)

Canton freshman Don-

nie Trosper was individ-

ual medalist with a 67,

while Plymouth's Josh

Evan Bowser, an indi-

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three teams played even

an 83.

division."

Ioanou and Eric Hill,

took 15th with a 76.

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's quest to make the MHSAA Division 1 Lower Peninsula Boys State Golf Finals fell one place short in Thursday's Region 5 tournament hosted by West Shore Golf & Country Club in Grosse Ile.

Plymouth earned the regional title with a four-player total of 296. The Wildcats will be joined Friday and Saturday at the Division 1 finals at Grand Valley State University's the Meadows by runner-up Saline (298) and thirdplace finisher Canton

Churchill was seven shots out of the third and final qualifying spot with a 306.

The Chargers' senior-

er, all tied for runner-up honors with 69 each.

Division 4 boys

Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (327) ran away Thursday with the Division 4-Region 20 tournament title with Ann Arbor Greenhills (359) and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (359) also making the this weekend at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course).

Travis Hindle of Greenhills shot a 76 to take regional individual medalist honors at Westwynd G.C. in Oakland Township.

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran junior Chase Beerbower shot a 97 and took 40th overall after shooting a 92 the previous week to qualify out of the District 39 tournament at Ann Arbor's Leslie Park.

High exposure

Atwood eyes U.S. National team tryout

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Zack Atwood wants to take his soccer career to the next level.

The first step for the Livonia Stevenson High junior, who has been identified as a "U.S.



Atwood

player of interest," is an invitation to participate June 13 at the U.S. Soccer

Soccer

Train-

ing Center at Bowling Green State University (Ohio).

The day will consist of a pair of two-hour training sessions that will be run by members of U.S Soccer's technical staff and will serve as an early identification towards forming the U.S. Youth National Teams in the U-14, U-15, U-17 and U-18 age groups.

Atwood, a forward, was among five Crew Soccer Academy Wolves players invited to vie for spots joining teammates Blake Townes, Salem; Oliver Harris and Sam Brown, Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, and Andre Morris, East Kentwood.

He is among a pool of 50-to-70 invitees from the Great Lakes Region.

"Ever since I started playing soccer at the age of 12 it has been my dream to make it to the professional level and some day play on the U.S. National team," Atwood said. "I feel very honored that I have been given this

opportunity to show the coaches what I've got. I had to go to my teachers to ask if I can take my finals early because I couldn't miss an oppor-

tunity like this. During his 2011 high school season, the Stevenson junior earned All-Observer, All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 All-State honorable mention honors scoring 17 goals and adding 10 assists as a forward.

But he will forego his senior season this fall at Stevenson to play fulltime with his Crew Soccer Academy Wolves club team. Atwood, ironically, will be coached by Lars Richters, his former Stevenson coach who stepped down in February after a highlysuccessful 13-year run with the Spartans.

"I think it's really tough actually," Atwood said. "Playing for three years and then having to miss out the biggest year of my career ... it's hard to give up, but it's for the best with the Academy."

Atwood has committed to play soccer at the University of Detroit Mercy, which is coached by another Stevenson grad and former Spartan player Nick Deren.

Atwood drew interest from Michigan, Notre Dame and Michigan State, but felt it was a better fit both academically and athletically with the Titans' pro-

"I always wanted to go to Michigan and Notre Dame," Atwood said. "But when it came down to the end when I visit-

ed U-D, and compared it to Michigan and Notre Dame, the small school I liked a lot more. I felt more comfortable with the ratio from the student to the teacher, which is 1-to-10, and at Michigan it's 1-to-200. I was attracted to the size of the school mainly.

"Their soccer program is about to get very good the next couple of years, too. Nick Deren has been doing a great job recruiting.

Atwood also excels in the classroom carrying a 4.13 grade-point average. He has eyes on a career in the medical field to be either an anesthesiologist or doc-

But his current priority is to make the grade on soccer field starting Wednesday at the Cochrane Field Soccer Complex at BGSU.

"They're getting players together in our region that are good enough to select you and then call you down to Florida for the national team," Atwood said. "My expectations going in are that it's going to be tough with all these good players, but I feel I'd definitely want to have a shot at this."

Zack's older brother Nick played soccer at Stevenson, but early on his sporting passion was being on the ice instead of playing on the grass.

"I was a big hockey player growing up," Atwood said. "I turned to soccer at age 12, then just fell in love with it since then."

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

MHSAA BOYS GOLF REGIONAL RESULTS DIVISION 1-REGION 5 June 7 at West Shore G&CC

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 advances to state finals): 1. Plymouth, 296 strokes; 2. Saline, 298; 3. Canton, 299; 4. Livonia Churchill, 306; 5. Ann Arbor Skyline, 308; 6. Salem, 314; 7. Brownstown Woodhaven, 316: 8. Temperance Bedford, 328: 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 345; 10. Garden City, 348; 11. Individual medalist: Donnie Trosper (Canton),

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

Plymouth (296): 2. Josh Heinze, 69; 7. Kyle Rodes, 73; 12. Chris Kohler, 75; 24. Ryan Rieckhoff, 79; 43. John Tatti, 84. **Saline (298):** 2. Jackson Lambert, 69; 7. Caleb

Wittig, 73; 18. Ian Martin and Ryan Peruski, 78 each; 43. D.J. Aben, 84. Canton (299): 1. Donnie Trosper, 67; 10. Josh

Maxam, 74; 18. Tyler McMahan, 78; 29. Brent Perry and Alex Champagne, 80 each.

Churchill (306): 12. Eric Hill and Andrew Ioanou, 75 each; 16. Nick Proben, 76; 29. Ben Proben, 80;

Skyline (307): 5. Connor Lang, 71 (SQ); 18. Josh Bourque and Ian Marshall, 78 each; 29. Andrew Wayrynen, 80; 36. Shane Anderson, 81. Salem (314): 10. Brian Patterson, 74; 24. Eric Duprey, 79; 29. Brandon Duprey, 80; 36. Nick Danis, 81; 38. Brady Cole, 82.

Woodhaven (316): 18. Ryan Grant, 78; 24. Tony Mar and Andrew Michel, 79 each; 29. Michael Williams and Nick Thomas, 80 each.

Bedford (328): 15. Joey Dier, 76; 38. Derek Duschi, 82; 43. Tim Combs, 84; 49. Spencer Schuon, 86; 58. Tony Henry, 91. Edsel Ford (345): 7. Tommy Prato, 73; 50. Casey

Wilamowski, 87; 58. Jacob Tratar, 91; 63. Nick Boileau, 94; 68. Hayden Sackey, 97. **Garden City (348):** 38. Mike Maiden, 82; 43. Phil Miskulin, 84; 57. Sean Hackman, 90; 60. Justin

Swisher, 92; 71. Joe Pummill, 101.

Dearborn (349): 2. Evan Bowser, 69 (SQ); 55. John Marcon, 89; 63. James Sheridan, 94; 68. Austin Watson, 97; 72. David Carlson, 103.

Monroe (356): 48. Todd Jones, 85; Tyler Berry, 88; 55. Tyler Kellems, 89; 63. Kyle Cassidy, 94; 66. David Weaver, 95

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS 6. Nick Margolis (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 72 (SQ); 12. Guy Frydenlund (Ann Arbor Huron), 75; 24. Josh Crossman (Taylor Truman), 79; 41. Reid McCallister (Huron), 83; 43. Kris Sharp (Belleville), 84; 50. Brendan Schoonover (Pioneer), 87; 52. Keegan Pape (Pioneer) and Darin Grabowski (Taylor Kennedy), 88 each; Kip Schimmoeller (Ypsilanti Lincoln) and Jeff Burnette (Southgate Anderson), 92 each: 67. Craig Skinner (Southgate), 96; 70. Robert Miller (SQ): Additional individual state qualifier.

CYO volleyball

41. Dominic DiLisi, 83.

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8).

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St.

Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization.

To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart5959@sbcglobal.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford).

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight. restrictions for Junior Freshman (7-8), Freshman (8-10), Junior Varsity (11-12) and Varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as foot-

For more information, call the WYAA

at (734) 421-0640. Women's golf

The 10-week, 18-hole Livonia Women's Golf League will begin at 8 a.m. Thursdays starting June 21 at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Non-residents are encouraged to join. For more information, call Beth Nemes at (248) 473-9068; or e-mail tbw-4boys@aol.com.

Need cheer coach

Livonia Franklin is seeking a freshman girls competitive and sideline cheer coach for the upcoming season.

For more information, e-mail Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye at rhammye@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 744-2655, Ext. 47117.

Girls hoop coach

Livonia Clarenceville is taking applications for its varsity girls basketball coaching position for the 2012-13 sea-

Those interested should send a resume, letter of recommendation and references via mail to: Kevin Murphy, athletic director, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152. You can also e-mail Murphy at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking varsity golf and varsity pom pon coaches for the fall of 2012.

An afternoon and weekend bus driver is also wanted to take teams to

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Divine Child jobs

Dearborn Divine Child High School has head coaching vacancies for girls golf and boys ice hockey.

Resumes and letters of interest should be sent by June 10 to: Tony DeMare, athletic director, 1001 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128; or email demare@divinechildhighschool.

Boys hoop coach

Dearborn Heights Annapolis is seeking a varsity boys basketball

Those interested should send a letter of interest and resume by May 15 to: Scott Wiemer, Annapolis High School, 4650 Clippert, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125; or e-mail wiemersc@d7.k12.mi.us.

Archery range

Registration to obtain a pass for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation archery range is underway at the Parks and Recreation desk, located at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

The range will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays (through October); 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays, May-Oct.; 4 p.m. until dusk, Tuesdays and Thursday, Sept.-0ct.

Resident season pass rates are \$25

(individual); \$35 (two members); \$45 (three members); and \$55 (four or more members). Non-resident season passes are available for \$40 (individual); \$50

(two); \$60 (three) and \$70 (four or Daily resident rates are \$4 (adult) and \$2 (17-and-under). Non-resident daily fees are \$6 (adult) and \$4 (17and-under).

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GUESS

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at Alcorn State.

In 2007, Guess was the secondary coach at Kentucky State and doubled as the assistant strength and conditioning coach. He held the same position in 2005 at Tiffin University (Ohio) where he earned a master's degree in business administration.

Guess earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State in 2002 and was an Academic All-Big Ten selection in 1998.

"We're very excited about Lorenzo Guess coming back to Michigan State," Dantonio said. "A member of our 1997 recruiting class, he was the state's best all-around athlete, coming out of Wayne Memorial. Lorenzo was a two-sport athlete at Michigan State. I had the opportunity to work with him every day as his position coach and later as one of my graduate assistants (at Cincinnati). He also played for Tom Izzo on some outstanding MSU basketball teams. I remember he closed out his college career with a huge game (career-best 12 tackles) against Fresno State in the 2001 Silicon Valley Bowl.

"As a coach, Lorenzo has been associated with winning programs, at Cincinnati, South Florida and Notre Dame He's really a proven commodity. Lorenzo has a tremendous work ethic, and he brings a working knowledge of Ken Mannie's training program, having been through it himself as a player. In addition, he's an ideal role model for our student-athletes because he's already walked in their foot-

"When creating this new position, we immediately targeted Lorenzo as a potential candidate. We're

thrilled to have him along with his wife Bianca and daughter Nadia back on campus. He's an outstanding addition to our program."

At Wayne High, Guess played point-guard and led the Zebras to back-to-back Class A state semifinal basketball appearances in 1996 and 1997. He also excelled as a quarterback.

A four-year letterman from 1998-2001 at MSU, Lorenzo Guess recorded 111 career tackles and five interceptions.

As a safety, Guess helped Michigan State defeat Florida in the 2000 Citrus Bowl and Fresno State in the 2001 Silicon Valley Bowl.

Guess played in 45 career games and recorded 111 tackles to go along with five interceptions and 14 passes defended. He tallied a career-high 47 tackles, six pass break-ups and four interceptions as a senior in 2001.

In 1999, Guess was one of the components on a defense that ranked No. 1 in the Big Ten, and during the 2000 and 2001 seasons, MSU led the Big Ten in pass defense.

He was part of two Big Ten titles and an NCAA Final Four appearance (1999) with the Spartan basketball team where he earned two letters

"Lorenzo has made a rapid ascent in the strength and conditioning field, and getting him back to Michigan State on our staff is a tremendous opportunity for us," MSU head strength and conditioning coach Ken Mannie said. "He was an outstanding two-sport studentathlete with a great work ethic during his years at MSU, and he has a valuable familiarity with our training system. Lorenzo is a Spartan, and we are excited to have him and his family back here with us."

Milican gets call as Patriots' coach

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Jim Milican's task is simple. Make the Livonia Franklin girls basketball program relevant again.

Milican was hired Tuesday to replace Bob Ostrowski, who resigned last month to return to Redford Thurston after going 11-31 in his only two seasons with the Patriots.

Last season, Franklin finished 1-20 overall.

"The biggest thing I could say that I'm going to try to do is really work the summer program that we have available," Milican said. "We want the girls to get to know each other better. I coached AAU this season, and it ended about two weeks ago, and I had eight of the girls from Franklin that played, three from Churchill and one from Stevenson.

"One of the biggest things we were lacking was the two-season basketball season per se. You have the regular season in high school, but then you have the AAU season where they definitely do something with basketball. It will definitely be a two-season basketball program that we're looking for.'

The 50-year-old Milican is

no stranger to the Patriots' program. His oldest daughter Allison played for the Franklin varsity and graduated in 2007.

His second daughter Brittany was a 2010 Franklin grad and member of the Patriots' 2007-08 Class A state runner-up and 2008-09 district championship teams.

His third daughter, Caitlin, will be a senior for the Patriots next season.

"It is an honor to be joining the coaching staff at Franklin high school and I look forward to working with the girls basketball players and coaching staff," Milican said. "We will be a newer staff with a first-year JV head coach and a returning thirdyear freshmen coach. We are excited about all of the players coming back next season. With the loss of only three seniors, we have a good core of returning players.'

Milican, who also served as an assistant at Livonia's Emerson Middle School, spent the past five years coaching in AAU basketball.

"Spending a couple years coaching the players will be a plus in the continuous growth of the basketball program," Milican said. "The coaching staff will be working to develop

the high school players as well as players in the middle schools. It is important to know who the future players are. We will strive for sportsmanship, teamwork and the thinking part of the game."

Milican is not wasting any time setting up his summer schedule.

"I put together all the practices for the month of June and July," he said. "We are going to get into the Plymouth (High) and the Madonna (University) shootouts that are up-and-coming. And I'll probably try to get them into one more – maybe the Allen Park Shootout - I've been making some phone calls to set that up as well.

"I look forward to this upcoming season, I really do."

Milican, employed the past 18 years by Home Depot, was one of two candidates interviewed for the job.

"Coach Millican has been a part of the Patriot family for many years and has expressed an interest in this position on many occasions," Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye said. "We are pleased to offer this opportunity to him."

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Churches gear up for Vacation Bible School

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Members of Livonia Church of Christ will pitch so many tents in their church sanctuary next weekend, they'll have no room for indoor worship services.

"We're going to be setting up folding chairs under our awing for worship service," explained Diane Stephens, office manager at the church.

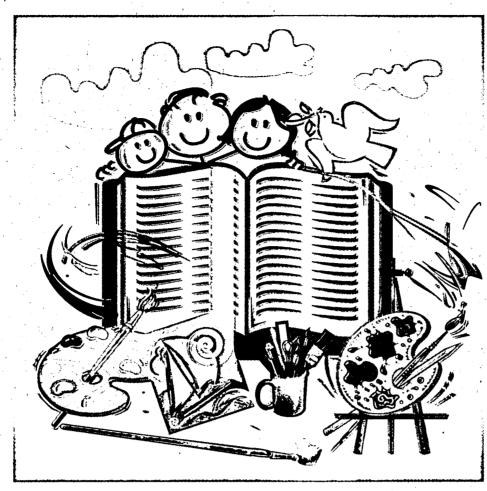
The inconvenience is all for an educational cause. Like many other local congregations, Livonia **Church of Christ starts** Vacation Bible School the following day. Summer JAM (Jesus and Me), couples an outdoor camping adventure theme with a focus on the Lord's Prayer, to keep kids busy with crafts, singing, Bible lessons, games, snacks and pretend tent camping 10 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday, June 18-21 at the church, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. A family picnic will wrap up classes noon to 1 p.m. June 21. Register by calling (734) 427-8743.

Church members wrote the program that is aimed at ages 5-sixth grade.

"There's a lot of excitement right now," Ste-phens said. "I think it will be good. A lot of churches do Vacation Bible School at night. We're having a daytime Summer Jam. It's a nice thing for parents who are looking for something for their children to do."

She said the church hasn't offered Vacation Bible School the last few years.

"Some of the parents said 'these are important memories for our



children and we've got to make this happen.' There are times you take a break from Vacation Bible School and rethink

Faith and arts

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills revamped its summer programming nearly 10 years ago, dropping Vacation Bible School in favor of a faith-oriented arts camp.

"We extended it to include 7th and 8th graders this year," said Denise Schulte, camp coordinator. "The theme is the Armor of God."

The reference to God's armor is from Ephesians, Schulte said. Its purpose in a camp setting is to encourage youngsters to "turn to the equipment that God has given them" when coping with such difficulties as bullying or peer pressure. Schulte said God's protective armor is especially relevant at a time when some teens are using K2 and other synthetic drugs.

Campers will get a taste of visual art, drama, and music each day from 8:30 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, June 25-29 at the church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills. They also can study dance during daily "speciality" time that culminates in a recital on June

29. The program is aimed at youngsters who have completed first-sixth grades. Cost is \$40 per child for the week and \$30 for each additional child. Register at poplcms.org.

A rock concert by the church's praise band will kick off camp week from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, June The event includes a

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A separate Bible study period and snack time will keep the campers focused on the Armor of God theme.

The first day is the Belt of Truth. The person in charge of snacks is making fruit roll-ups look just like a belt," Schul-te said. "For Helmet of Salvation we have cookie cutters that look like a helmet."

Plants and animals

Snack time also will become a part of the learning process at the "Animal Crackers" themed Vacation Bible School program 9:30 a.m.noon, Aug. 13-17 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Youngsters will forego treats the first day as they discuss hunger around the world. They'll learn about "people and their needs," animals, plants, and the environment and will bake their own cookies, make crafts, play games and become involved with a mission

project during the weeklong series. Animals will visit the summer school, youngsters will make Christmas ornaments out of sheep's wool and they will learn to play Circle of Life and It's a Small World After All with bells.

The Rev. Karen Poole said the program is loosely connected with Heifer International, an organization that enables supporters to donate goats, pigs, fish and other animals to individuals around the world.

"At Easter, instead of giving objects to the children, we had \$1 bills they could put in a basket to contribute," she said. "I want the same to happen with Vacation Bible School.'

Participants in Animal **Crackers Vacation Bible** School will get a chance to donate toward an outreach project that deals with plants or animals.

Poole said the church will kick off Vacation Bible School week with a Blessing of the Animals at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 at the church. The blessing is open to all. Youngsters in pre-K -6th grade may register for Animal Crackers at nardinpark. org. The summer session is free.

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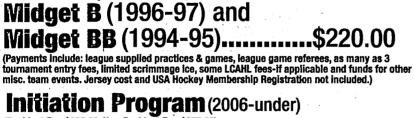
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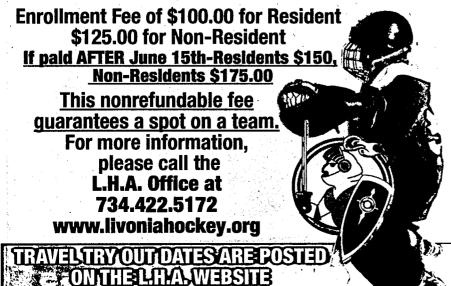


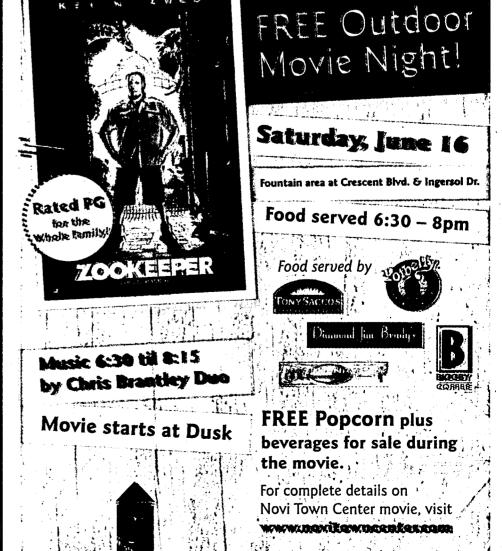
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What goes around: The old becomes new

By Joe Gagnon **Guest Columnist**

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The concept of this range makes me just slightly curious but not enough to purchase one. Even though this range can now be programmed by your cell phone I still can't picture myself explaining to our neighbors why black smoke is coming out of a pipe on the side of our house. Sometimes I think I am such an old-fashioned guy who loves the way things once were. On my recent yearly fishing trip to the wilds of Northern Canada such became the case.

My friends and I left early in the morning knowing full well that the largest forest fire in Canada was burning in close proximity to our fishing cabin. The fire was 100 miles long and three miles wide and was being fueled by 40 mph winds with no rain or calm weather in sight. All main highways were closed

and would be for 10-14 days leaving just a bush road open to those either crazy enough or with plain old courage, to make the journey.

We arrived at the fishing lodge and set up in our cabin which had no electricity because the power lines had been consumed by the forest fire. The portable generators were only big enough to supply the water pumps so we had running water and we used propane gas lanterns and candles just like the old days. We were now set for seven days of fishing and adventure and hopefully would not be evacuated from our warm and heavenly spot.

My responsibility on these fishing trips is to wake up the guys at 5:30 and make a pot of coffee with modern coffee maker - which needs electricity to work properly. That was a problem until I opened a cupboard and spied this old beatup tin pot with a glass bubble on top sitting on the shelf. My memory clicked on and I figured out how to use it. You pull out this long rod which holds a round screen affair which you fill with coffee. You then fill the tin pot with water and place it on the burner of the gas range which is connected to a propane tank outside. You turn the burner on high until the coffee begins to percolate and then to low heat for five minutes.

I poured four cups of coffee and placed them on the kitchen table and my three coffee drinking fishing buddies had nothing but compliments about the taste of their cups of coffee. And so, after three days of living without electricity, the power supply was restored and for the remainder of the trip I was asked to use the tin pot and forget

about the modern coffee maker sitting on the kitchen counter.

On a very personal level, one of the guys had a constipation problem and I used an old Indian method of curing the ailment. I stripped a small section of a Birch tree, removed the bark, cut out a quarter-size chunk of the tree and had this guy chew on it for 15 minutes. It tastes like turpentine, but he said it worked better than the drugstore product. Such is the verbiage that old can become new — and 50 years from now homeowners will seek out old major home appliances because they were made better than today. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@ twmi.rr.com



tion Bible School at Nardin Park United Methodist

GEAR UP

Continued from page B5

• God's Good Green Earth, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, June 25-29, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia: Aimed at ages 3-sixth grade, the sessions will include bible stories, upbeat music, earthfriendly crafts, fun games, yummy snacks, and handson service. No cost to participate. Register at www. newburgumc.org or call (734) 422-0149

 SKY — Imagine kids trusting God forever ... the sky's the limit! runs Monday-Friday, June 18-22, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia: Music, bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and science and mission projects. Call (734) 427-1414 or register online at holycrosslivonia.org/vbspage.

 SonQuest Rainforest, 9:15 a.m. to noon, MonMemorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, east of Levan, Livonia: Based on five parables, SonQuest Rainforest includes Bible lessons, songs, skits, lessons from a Taiwan missionary, crafts, games and snacks. No cost. For reservations

visit www.5milechurch.org · Operation Overboard, 6-8:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, July 15-19 at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth: Aimed at ages 3 years-fourth grade. Optional dinner, 5-6 p.m. Fee is \$10 per child with a maximum \$25 per family. Visit www.pfumc. org to register.

 Babylon - Daniel's Courage in Captivity, 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton: Kids, ages 4fifth grade, meet Daniel and hear what it's like for him to adapt to life in the king's service—surrounded by false gods, strange customs, and life-threatening situations. Register at www. stmichael-church.org.



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Ethan Kain works on a project at a previous Vacation Bible School class at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in **Farmington Hills.**







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Animal rescue staffs booth at Liberty Fest

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Liberty Fest runs Thursday-Saturday, June 14-16 at Heritage Park, located off Canton Center Road, souths of Cherry Hill.

Leave Fido at home. No pets are allowed at the festival.

Better Life Canine Center is a Redford-based rescue that fosters and

before sending them to their "forever" homes.

Save the date

The 7th Annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue Saturday, Aug. 11 will benefit the Dearborn Animal Shelter and Michigan Animal Adoption Network. The event will include bowling, food, music, an auction, raffles, karaoke and more and will run from 7-10 p.m. at Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile, Farmington Hills. Fee is \$30 per bowler; \$35 after Friday, Aug. 10.



For more information, call Aleta Sill's Bowling World at (248) 615-9060 or e-mail to michelle@yourbowlingcoach.com.

Calendar deadline

Entries for the Michigan Humane Society's (MHS) annual pet calendar must be postmarked by June 15. A tax-deductible \$20 entry fee per photo. guarantees inclusion in MHS' 15th annual calendar.

The top photo entries will be selected for special "Pet of the Month" placement.

Check www.michiganhumane.org for entry details and a form you can download.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com.

Bugs and butterflies

Learn which bugs help your garden and which are big trouble at "Good Bug, Bad Bug," 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association presents the program. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly. com. >

Livonia walk

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead present the 23rd Annual Friends of Greenmead Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23. Five gardens at homes located throughout Livonia, as well as the Hill House Gardens at Greenmead,

will be open for viewing. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 the day of the event and are available from committee members. the Livonia Public Library, Alfred Nobel Branch Library, Carl Sandburg Library, Greenmead, and the Community Resources Department at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive. For more information call (248) 477-7375.

Northville walk Tickets are available for The Gardeners of Northville & Novi Garden Walk, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 16. They are \$10 each and may be purchased at Gardenviews, 117 East Main, Northville; Northville vard art, plants, pottery and glass. Refreshments will be available. No strollers or wagons.

Milford walk

The 17th annual Garden Walk and Market Sale is 10 a.m.4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, rain or shine. The event features six garden sites, as well as a collection of vendors and artisans in Central Park offering Michiganhardy plants and gardenrelated items for sale. Tickets are \$10 and available from The Clothing Cove, Village Florists and Acorn Farm, all in downtown Milford; Milford Gardens, 1666 South Milford Road, Milford Township; and Pond Place, 3505 W. Highland Road, (M-59). Milford; online at www.themilfordgardenclub.org and at the event in Central Park.

Trailwood walk

Mark Tuesday, June 26 on your calendar for the annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk, presented by the Trailwood Garden Club, Plymouth. The group is a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. The walk will run noon-8 p.m., rain or shine. Pre-sale tickets are \$8; \$10 the day of the walk. Children, 12 and under pay \$4 pre-sale and \$5 at the walk. Babes in arms are free. Strollers are not permitted. Several gardens will be featured. Complimentary refreshments will be served. A raffle and perennial sale will be included. Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions. Tickets will be available after June 1 at Saxon's Garden Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 453-6250; and at Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main Street, (734) 416-0600. For more information call Darlene Rinke at (734)

REUNIONS

CENTERLINE

CLASS OF 1977 35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E

mail to cihs1977@hotmail.com. **DEARBORN FORDSON**

CLASS OF 1949 The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS

CLASS OF 1982 For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or

John Zadikian at zman6754@ aol.com. **DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBI-**

CHAUD CLASS OF 1962

A 50th class reunion is set for Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Send names, contact info and questions to robichaud62@yahoo. com. Invitations will be sent

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962 Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@

comcast.net. 1950S, 1960S

Annual Cody 50s-60s picnic, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Music, camaraderie, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, sweat shirts, tassels, beads, music CD's are all available. Special parking for classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to Pvarilone@wowway.com; Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobal.

DETROIT MACKENZIE CLASS OF 1952

60th — and possibly last class reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Friday June 29, at the Livonia Marriott Hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Dinner, music, and cash bar included. Reservations required. Price is \$55 per person or \$100 per couple. Call Marilyn (LaBonte) Foley for information at (248) 661-2068 or e-mail: marifol@ aol.com. Deadline for reservations is June 1. Hotel rooms must be reserved by June 8. The hotel phone number is (734) 462-3100.

DETROIT MUMFORD

CLASS OF 1962 50-year reunion, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Make reservations at www.mumford62.

DETROIT WESTERN CLASS OF 1962 Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday,

Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening icebreaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton,

(734) 513-7499. **FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

CLASS OF 1962

The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@ yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more

information. **CLASS OF 1967**

Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelspach) Whittaker at _whittaker@comcast.net or Fred Gregg at fredge1@comcast.net to receive a reunion

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

CLASSES OF 1968-1973

Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on

Or e-mail to Cindy Eads Frens at irish4200@hotmail.com, Debi Cassidy Haller at debi. haller@gmail.com, Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@ wowway.com, Lee A Gilligan at ee.gilligan@att.net, Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter. net, SuzieWright Rogiero at suzierogiero@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackieideson@gmail.com or Jeff Fordell at jeffreyfordell@comcast.net. LINCOLN PARK HIGH

CLASS OF 1962

50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@Marilyn-JSnyder.com, or call (586) 215-9445.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL **CLASSES OF 1971-73**

A "40ish" class reunion hosted by the class of 1972 is

planned for 6-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Holiday Inn Laurel Park, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. Friends from junior high may also attend the gathering. Tickets are \$65 per person. Go to www.churchillalumni.com for a registration form. Contact Susan Burke at susanamyburke@gmail.com if you want

to help organize this party. **NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

CLASS OF 1987

25th reunion, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, July 28, in Livonia. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail rsculbert@ sbcglobal.net.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971-75

The classes are joining together to celebrate with a reunion on Aug. 4. Reunion organizers are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and e-mail to nhs40yearreunion@ gmail.com. The organizers will send more details after receiving your information.

PONTIAC CENTRAL

CLASS OF 1962 Informal social gathering, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday Sept. 22, both at the Radisson Hotel, 30475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. For more in-

formation call Bob or Marilyn (Coffing) Pomeroy at (248) 625-5301.

CLASS OF 1972 40th class reunion Sept. 22 at

The Lafavette Grand of Pontiac. A "Meet & Greet" also will be held Friday, Sept. 21. Location to be determined. Email Tina Johnson tinastribe@ charter.net.

REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more informa-

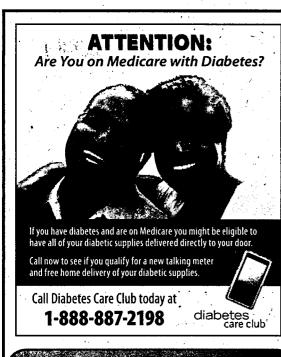
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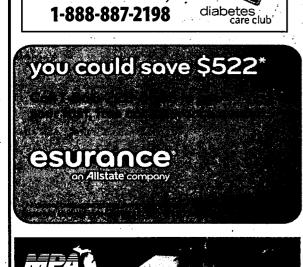
7 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 6, at the Polish Cultural Center in Troy. \$45 per person. For more information contact Rose Ann Filar (Novik) at rjfilar@yahoo. com or (248) 770-1271.

ST. BENEDICT HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1962

The Highland Park school will hold a 50th year reunion Aug. 25. Contact Milt Dugas at (248) 446-6042 or mgdugas@ sbcglobal.net.

Art House, 215 Cady; Dry Cleaning Shoppe, 543 Seven Mile, Northville; Custard 459-7499 or Marilyn Det-Time Plaza, on Seven Mile, mer at (734) 454-4625. west of Main, in Northville; **English Gardens** Wild Birds Unlimited, 47760 • See free in-store pre-Grand River Ave., Novi; and Backyard Birds, 627 S. sentations about grow-Main, Plymouth. The selfe ing perennials at 7 p.m. guided walk will include Wednesday, June 27, at all four gardens in Northstores except Ann Arbor and Brighton locations and ville and four in Novi. Vendors at the Northville Art 10 a.m., Saturday, June 30, House will sell garden and at all stores. (Formerly Millstream Animal Clinic) Medical • Surgical • Dental • Orthopedics



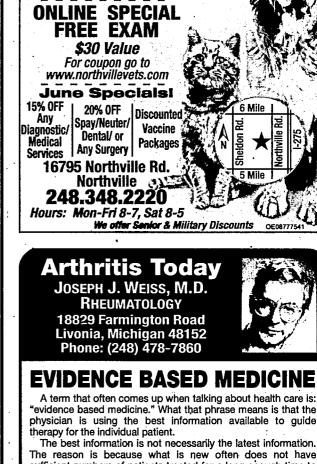








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"evidence based medicine." What that phrase means is that the physician is using the best information available to guide

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come out that ibuprofen is better for pain than is aspirin.

But a physician would need to act carefully before changing from aspirin to ibuprofen in treating pain. Aspirin has been part of the medical formulary for one hundred twenty years. The medical community knows a great deal on how aspirin works, which people are likely to do well with it and which patients because of their illnesses and personal alcoholic drinking habits should stay away from the drug.

A study undertaken with watchful scientists evaluating a carefully selected patient population may obtain results that show that ibuprofen provides a longer period of relief than aspinn. However, a physician may make the judgment that aspirin is a safer medication because of his experience with the medication and the fact that the new report didn't include patients with the type of bleeding problem that the patient being treated has experienced.

Also, with a new drug its cost likely is more than the old drug, and the side effects of the new drug are yet unknown. Certainly a patient wants his or her physician to practice evidence based medicine, but not too much or all the time.

Plymouth couple celebrates 70th anniversary

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Thomas and Mary Waling of Plymouth have had only one argument during their 70 years togeth-

"But it's a never-ending one," joked Waling, 92, on Thursday as he reflected on the couple's milestone anniversary.

"She is out golfing right now. She has been golfing with these ladies every Thursday for 30 years. Right now I'm retired and not doing too much, just helping her around the house. I vacuum and . mop all the floors when she is gone. I get that all done.

Waling said their secret to a long lasting, happy marriage is to resolve differences quickly and "just get along."

"We have our differences. But it's not that serious, it's not bad," he said, adding that "having faith in God" is an important part of married life, too.

"We go to Mass every week. We never miss. She goes to church and is really involved there." The couple included Mass at St. Colette's in Livonia as a part of a lowkey celebration on their anniversary, Wednesday, June 6. Bigger plans are in the works for Sunday,



Thomas A. and Mary E. Waling (seated) of Plymouth mark their 70th anniversary this month. Standing behind them are their children, Dr. Richard Waling, (left) Dr. Joseph Waling, Dennis Waling, Mary Beth (Waling) Palmer, and Dr. Ronald Waling.

June 10, when the family will gather for dinner.

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"Sunday is going to be the celebration at my daughter's in Northville. My wife and my daughter are cooking and planning things. I stay on the sidelines and let them do what they want," he said, adding that homemade pasta is sure to be part of the menu.

Italian wedding

Their reception in 1942, following a wedding at Church of the Madonna in Highland Park, lasted three days.

"We got married on a Saturday and it carried on to Sunday and Monday," Waling said. "It was more of an Italiantype wedding. Her people are Italian and my people are Maltese.'

The couple initially met at church where Mary took catechism classes taught by Waling's sister.

"She was probably 12-13 years old," Waling recalled. "I lived in Highland Park and she lived in Detroit, but Highland park was just a few blocks away. Later we went to a dance at church.'

During World War II, they lived in Santa Fe, N. M. Waling, who served in the Army Corps of Engineers, worked on the atomic bomb at Los Alamos. Mary, now 89, worked in a bank before she married and afterward raised their family as a stay-at-home mom.

The couple moved back to Detroit in 1946. Waling, a tool and die engineer, owned Waling Tool & Die from 1952-1988. He worked as a consultant for the new owners until 1993 and got involved in the RV recreational accessory business with Waling Enterprises in the 1970s-early 80s.

"I would work now if there was something around. I had resumes on the Internet. I got calls," he said, adding that unfortunately the job openings were at out-ofstate companies.

While his wife enjoys golfing and volunteering at church, Waling likes to read and watch Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wing games.

They have six children: the late Tom Jr., Rick, Joe, Dennis, Ron and Mary Beth, along with 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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RONALD S.

Age 82, June 7, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Evelyn M. for 52 years. Loving father of Sharon Altaffer, Steven (Karen Darnell) Altaffer and Amy (Randall) Rhode. Cherished grandfather of Zachary, Brandon and Hannah. Dear brother of Shirley (Edward) Barrick. Funeral Service Wed. 11AM (In-state 10 AM) at Salem United Church of Christ 33424 Oakland, Farmington, MI 48335. Visitation Tuesday 2-8 PM at Thaver-Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. of Farmington Downtown Farmington.

Memorials suggested to the Church. www.thayer-rock.com



GERALDINE "GERRY" MARIE

86 years old, of Birmingham, Michigan, passed away on Friday, June 1st, 2012 of natural causes. Born in 1925 in Detroit, Michigan, to Herbert and Marguerite Bierwirth, Gerry was a devoted wife to George Miley Cleland for over 63 years, as well as a devout churchgoer and tireless volunteer. Mrs. Cleland, an avid interior designer, was also a great lover of animals. A beloved mother and grandmother, Gerry is survived by daughters Lynda (wife of Michael Kritsch) and Kimberly (wife of Michael Graham), as well as four grandchildren (Colby, Jordan, Kendall and Chelsea) and one greatgrandchild (Campbell). Memorial Birmingham Community House. View obituary and

share memories at: ALDESMOND SON

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DONOVAN, PFC JOHN A. Age 22, of Plymouth,

died during World War II on April 23, 1945 in the South Pacific. He was born Nov. 21, 1923 in Ann Arbor to John S. & Nora (Fitzgerald) Donovan and enlisted in the US Marine Corp after School in 1942. He served as a radio operator on a Mitchell bomber when he was killed in an airplane crash on April 22, 1944 (declared dead April 23, 1945). His remains were found last year on Espiritu Santo Island. He is survived by his sister Josephine Demianenko and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister: Patricia and three brothers: Joseph, Phillip and William. Mass of the Christian Burial with full military honors will be 10AM Friday at Old St. Patricks Catholic Church in Ann Arbor. Dillingham-Funeral Home

Liverance Chapel. www.niblackfuneralhome.com For With God All Things Are Possible" Vivat Jesus! Thank you John for giving the ulitimate gift to protect America's Freedom!

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HEORODT, LORETTA Age 87, died peacefully on May 29, 2012. She was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the daughter of Gustave and Frieda Lindemann on December 17, 1924. In 1947, she married Edward Heorodt. Most of her early years were spent in Ann Arbor and Birmingham, Michigan. In 1981, Loretta and Ed moved to Bermuda Dunes, California. She loved the desert and enjoyed golfing and bicycling. She is survived by her husband, Ed; son, Mark Heorodt (Pauline) of South Carolina; and daughter, Lindy Ilitch of Michigan. Grandsons Ryan Ilitch and Michael Ilitch, both of Michigan, Bryan Heorodt of South Carolina, and granddaughter Melissa Lee of South Carolina; and great-grandson Aaron Smith and great-granddaughter Zoey Lee; sister-in-law Ernestine Wark of New Jersey and many nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her sistcr Norma Stadel. Cremation has taken place and services will be

held at a later date at the family

plot at Washtenong Memorial

Park in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Age 91, of Frankfort, Michigan, formerly of Birmingham, Michigan, passed away February 9, 2012, in Melbourne, Florida. Bob was a World War II veteran, who served as a Major in the U.S. Air Force, and, after release from active duty, as a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. He was a member of American Legion Post

221. He worked as an executive at Ford Motor Company for 24 vears and then as a vice-president of Lang Hecnan and Company. For more than 36 years Bob devoted himself to civic affairs in the Birmingham, Michigan area, serving on the Planning Board and then as a City Commissioner for 13 years. He served 3 terms as Mayor of Birmingham and seven terms as an Oakland County Commissioner. Because the dining room table was always covered with stacks of agendas, meeting minutes, reports, and proposals, Bob's children fondly recall years of meals in the kitchen. Bob loved his civic dutics and worked tirelessly in his various positions, his efforts always focused on the betterment of the community. Bob was a good husband, a good father, a good man. Bob is survived by his children: David, Beverly (Ron), and Gregory (Marjorie) Page, and Janice (Charles) Duggan; his grandson Matthew (Lisa) Duggan; his great-grandchildren Audrey and Gavin Duggan; and his brother Jerry (Barbara) Page. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Donna and his parents, Helene and Leon Page. A family memorial service will be held this summer in the Frankfort area. Those wishing to make memorial donations can send them to: The Benzie Conservation District, for: the Herring Lake Watershed,

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June 5, 2012, Age 79 of Westland. Dear wife of Fred. Loving mother of Martha Ann, Myrtle Darlene (Mike) Rorabacher, Shirley Jean Ring-Poling & Russell J. (Sherrie). Dear sister of Mary Ann Beachum & Margaret Pinion. Grandmother of 8 & Great Grandmother of 8. Predeceased by her parents Roy and Sallie McMullen and brothers Dale and Paul McMullen. Long time member of the Wallace Street Full Gospel Church. Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd. Funeral service was held Sat. Church, Westland. Donations to the church appreciated, 35245 Wallace St., Westland, MI 48186. Please view memorial and post

tributes at www.uhtfh.com.



ROBINSON, HUGH L.

Age 88, passed away June 6, 2012. He is preeeded in death by his wife Ruth. Hugh was a loving father to Arline Carreyn (Steve), Jacqueline (Michael) Batke, Terri (Keith) Gault and beloved grandfather of Garrett Hugh Gault. Family will receive friends at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile (btn Merriman and Middlebelt) on Monday 2-9 pm. A funeral service will be held Tuesday 10:00 am at the funeral home. Charitable donations can be made in his name to the Livonia Goodfellows at P.O. Box 51982 Livonia, MJ 48151. Interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. www.necly-turowski.com

In memory of

In Remembrance Of SHERRY J. **SEIGNEURIE**

Who passed away on May 27, 2012 at Henry Ford Hospital. Sherry was 79 years old. She was the wife of the late Donald J. Seigneurie. Sherry is survived by her loving daughter Pamela Trottier and her husband Jon Trottier and her grandson D.J. Draper. Sherry battled severe COPD for eight years. She was cremated and layed to rest on June 1, 2012 at Parkview Cemetary in Livonia. We will miss her dearly.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife. com. Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the

June

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 23

Location: Canton Christian 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing to anyone in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or

(734) 404-2480 CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, June 10

Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: "O, America" patriotic concert features a variety of patriotic music, show tunes, and a stirring tribute to honor veterans who have served in all branches of the military. No ticket is needed and childcare is available through four years of age.

O, America will be Carole Halmekangas' last concert as director of music for the church. She steps down as director after 45 years of music ministry.

Contact: (248) 374-4740 **COURAGEOUS LIFE SERIES**

Time/Date: June 10, 17 and 24

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, . Livonia

Details: A screening of the movie, "Courageous" kicked off the series on June 3. It also will be shown at 6 p.m. on June 10 and 24. Series topics are "Courageous Versus Complacent. June 3; "Warriors Versus Wimps," June 10; "Fighters Versus Flyers," June 17 and "Team Players Versus Lone Rangers," June 24 Contact: (248) 476-8222

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, June 14, 21 and 28 Location: Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville

Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Denis B. Theroux, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement

organization. Registration forms are online at www. goodmourningministry.net or call the parish office. Contact: The church at (248) 349-2621, www. olvnorthville.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June

Location: In the thrift store at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile,

Redford Fellowship Clothing Bank, 114 Details: All items, except 114 those marked firm, priced over \$1 are 50 percent off

the price marked; bake sale Contact: (313) 534-7730

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, June 13

Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, three blocks west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

Details: Cost is \$14 and includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pav exact amount at the door. Cash bar available. After dinner enjoy cards, games, and conversation until 9:30 p.m. No walk-ins. RSVP by June 6

Contact: Carol at (248) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Cookie at (248) 357-2183

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads,

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@ emmanuel-livonia.org Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney

Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberg-

er at (734) 464-9491 **New Life Community** Church design of

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

June

ALZHEIMER'S CAMP

FOR KIDS The Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter offers Camp Connections, a free, three-day education and recreational program for school age children who have a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Kids will learn basic information on dementia and ways to cope with the illness through interactive activities and games. The camp runs 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 19, 21 and 26 at the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield. Lunch is provided and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call the Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL Here's a sampling of offerings. For more, visit gchosp. org:

 Diabetes Self-Management Education is 9 a.m. June 12 and 19 and 6 p.m. June 7, 14 and 21 and teaches self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register. Focus on Living Cancer Sup-

port is at 7 p.m. June 14 and is designed to bring together cancer patients with a nurse facilitator who helps all share their mutual concerns. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

The hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden



Makela

PELVIC HEALTH

Dr. Paul Makela, medical director of avnecological robotic surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will present a seminar, "Women and Pelvic Health," from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 28 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth and from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 12 at Summit on the Park in Canton. Makela will discuss pelvic health, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options. Refreshments and giveaways will be provided. The seminar is free but registration is required. Call (734) 655-1980.

LYMPHEDEMA

SCREENING The Botsford Cancer Center will offer free lymphedema screening 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 for any breast cancer patient. Botsford physical and occupational therapists certified in lymphedema treatment will check participants for signs of arm swelling and how this interferes with a person's function;

they will assess the swollen arm's movement and strength; as well as conduct a detailed interview. All breast cancer patients, including those treated at other hospitals for breast cancer, may attend the event. Register by calling (248) 471-8648. The **Botsford Cancer Center is** located at 27900 Grand River Ave., Farmington.

SPIRITUAL CARE

The Spiritual Care Department at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia seeks volunteers for a new program that assists patients' families with emotional and spiritual needs, such as providing prayer, scripture reading and companionship. An informational meeting about the training is set for 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 in the auditorium at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Training lasts three to six weeks depending on volunteer's experience and patients' needs. For more information, call Mary Mercy Chaplain Margaret Dutka at (734) 655-2977 or e-mail dutkam@trinityhealth.org

WALK WITH A DOC Rhonda Thompson, EMT,

RN, trauma injury and outreach coordinator. will discuss "Pedestrian Safety" at the next "Walk with a Doc" session, noon, Thursday, June 21 at the Farmington Hills Nature Center, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. She'll offer tips for walking at night, choosing a safe route for biking or walking, and how to keep kids safe. The free monthly health and wellness discussion is presented by Botsford Hospital and includes refreshments, a blood pressure screening and casual walk along a trail. Other upcoming

topics are stress management on July 19, healthy feet on Aug. 23 and memory loss and dementia on Sept. 20. Call the Nature Center at (248) 477-1135 or visit www. walkwithadoc.org for more information. Register for Walk with a Doc and other Nature Center Programs at https://recreg.fhgov.com.

Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the **Arthritis Foundation** have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www. ymcadetroit.org.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT 2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Regis-

tration not required. **BREAST CANCER**

SUPPORT GROUP Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer, Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Mott Children's Hospital rated among the best

U.S. News & World Report ranked The University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital fourth in the nation for heart care and heart specialty in its 2012-13 Best Children's Hospitals rankings.

C.S. Mott is nationally ranked in all 10 of the evaluated categories. It's 14th in orthopedics, 17th in endocrinology and is among the country's best in cancer, gastroenterology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, neonatology, pulmonology and urology

The new rankings recognize the top 50 children's hospitals in each of 10 pediatric specialties: cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, gastroenterology, neonatology, nephrology, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology, and urology. Eighty hospitals were ranked in at least one specialty.

Dr. Chris Dickinson, interim executive director of C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, said he's glad that U.S. News and World Report recognized the hospital.

"These top rankings in a variety of specialties illustrate the broad spectrum of strengths and skills among our C. S. Mott faculty and staff. It's that expertise that makes it possible for us to provide exemplary care for patients and families from Michigan and around the world," stated Dickinson, in a press

C.S. Mott's Congenital Heart Center performs more than 850 cardiac operations each year — from the most common to the most complex. As an international referral center for children with complex congenital heart problems, U-M has the second largest congenital heart program in the United States.

'In our congenital heart program and all of our programs, we offer excellent clinical care to the sickest of children," stated Dr. John Park, surgeon-in-chief for Mott Children's Hospital. "It is especially gratifying to be ranked in all clinical categories. We are proud of the breadth of expertise of our physicians, nurses and clinical support staff."

Since the 2007 debut of Best Children's Hospitals, the U.S. News and World Report rankings has put an increasing emphasis on data that directly reflect hospitals' performance over the opinions of physicians.

This year, U.S. News surveyed 178 pediatric centers to obtain hard data such as availability of key resources and ability to prevent complications and infections. The hospital survey made up 75 percent of the rankings. A separate reputational survey in which 1,500 pediatric specialists — 150 in each specialty — were asked where they would send the sickest children in their specialty made up the remaining 25 percent.

The full rankings and methodology are available at www.usnews.com/childrenshospitals.

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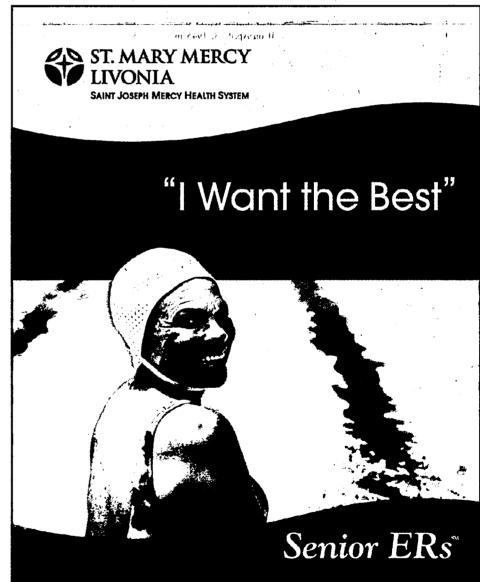
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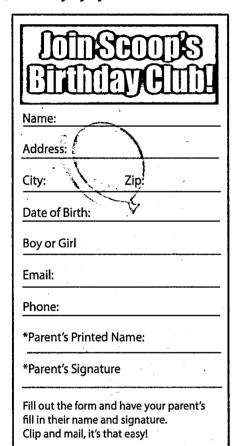
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Deadline for submissions:

All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers by close of the business day on June 28th. Winners to be announced in the July's Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.



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Share your talent! Do you write, draw, make crafts, take

photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about?



Share your talent with us. We may share your extraordinary talent in an upcomina Scoop's **Hound Dog**

Elizabeth Ho is the winner of the Mother's Day contest. She won \$20 Kohl's Gift Certificate for her moms

That Light

The light in the darkness. The end of the tunnel.

The moment of Breaking through the Constraints of the

Night. And waiting for me

At the end Is my mother. Thank you.





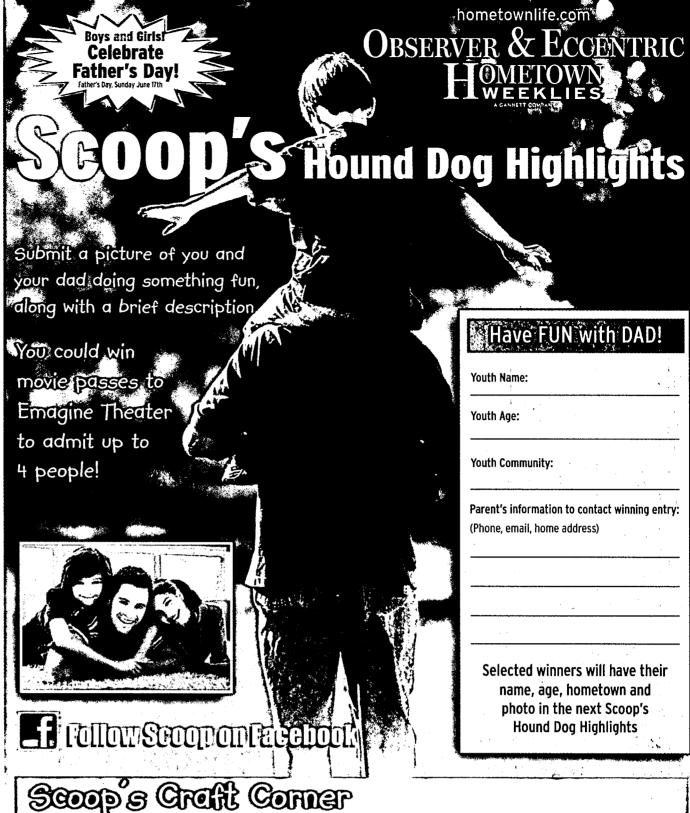
Elizabeth Ho and her Mom.



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Let dad know how much you love and appreciate him by giving him

a one of a kind trophy decorated with love. It's super simple to make and a lot of fun too.

Items needed:

2 paper cups Construction paper or card stock paper Gold paint (or any color of your chose) Scissors

small box(optional) **Directions:**

❸ Tape 2 paper cups together at the bottom with masking tape to create the body of the trophy.

Paint both cups with gold paint (or other color).

• To make handles cut out two D shapes from the construction paper making sure to make the flat part of the D a little thicker so you can fold it against the trophy.

3 Paint the D shapes the same color as the trophy.

Once paint dries, glue the handles to the trophy.

O Decorate your trophy with personalized message, to Dad.

Optional:

cherished

To really make your trophy stand out, paint a small box gold for a base and glue the trophy on top. Add a personal message on box.

Source: easypreschoolcraft.blogspot.com

School is almost out for the summer making it a good time to talk about safety. Scoop wants all of his finiands to be safe at all fines.

TIPS TO REMEMBER

Off you are on the computer, never give out your personal information or send pictures of yourself without your parent's permission. Remember some people on-line may not be who they say that they are.

Make sure that your parents know where you are at all times.

O Stay away from strangers.

Olf you become lost from your parents in a store, ask someone who works there to help you.

Of If you do ever need to defend yourself from a stranger, run for help and yell out "Help, this is not my parent!"

Stay away from weapons like guns and knives in the home. Don't even touch it!

By all means, say NO to all drugs, alcohol, chemicals, or activities that you know your parents would not approve of.

If someone is hurting you or making you do things that make you feel uncomfortable or ashamed, tell someone right away or even call the Police by dialing 911.

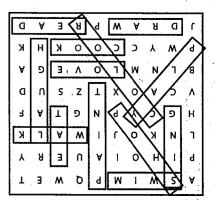
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