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Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted. For a list of what will be accepted, visit the City of Garden City home page a www.gardencitymi.org and click on hazardous waste. For more information, call (734) 326-3936.

Theater workshop

Children ages 7 and up who are good readers can learn about the theater at a Readers' Theatre Workshop and Performance from 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 25, at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Participants will read a short play and have fun acting out the story with simple props and costumes. They should arrive at 6 p.m. sharp. The public is invited to watch at 7:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

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Elliott student Sincere Kemokai gets one last bit of help with her presentation to retiring Principal Johnnye Summerville.

'A lot of nice things'

Elliott students say good-bye to Dr. Summerville

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Johnnye Summerville thought she had it worked out with God that she wouldn't cry Thursday. But standing in front of her "babies" at Elliott Elementary, she did that, tearfully telling them how much she cared about them and how touched she was by their outpouring of love.

"I've been working since 1969 and I've always wanted to make a difference," she said. "When I left Alabama, they said a lot of nice things about me, and when I left the Detroit Public Schools, they said a lot of nice things about me, but the things you've said to me today, I will never forget and I will carry them with me

"The things you've said to me today, I will never forget and I will carry them with me through the years."

JOHNNYE SUMMERVILLE,
retiring principal of Elliott Elementary

through the years." Summerville, who is retiring as principal of the Westland school, was the guest of honor at a retirement assembly organized by the staff. Admitting she's "nosy" and usually has an inkling, Summerville was completely surprised by the assembly. She admitted she should have known something was up by the actions of her daughter Lisa, who was in the audience.

"Every morning for 30 years, I say, 'Lisa time to get up,' but she was up and dressed when my

feet hit the floor," Summerville told the students. "And it never dawned on me when she left for work early."

Summerville became principal of Elliott in 1998. During her 13 years at the helm, the school has received two Golden Apple Awards for academic achievement. She's proud of her students, but even more so of her teachers who have grown as instructors.

"Without them, my students couldn't grow," she

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Westland waits on synthetic drug law

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

As the state bans K2 synthetic marijuana and similar substances, Westland is taking a wait-and-see attitude on developing a local ordinance.

"We'll wait for the state to see if we still need a local ordinance. What the state does could be a blueprint," Mayor William Wild said. "We had an update at the Conference of Western Wayne and it seems like there will be another wave (of similar substances)."

When concerns about K2, bath salts and other misused substances were recently discussed, residents were asked to call police about businesses selling them. Westland police were

sent to ask the businesses to voluntarily remove the items from their shelves ahead of a ban by the Wayne County Health Department.

"We had several calls when we first asked people to call and e-mails. We're down to zero," Wild said. "We'll keep a presence so it doesn't creep back in."

Westland police officers visited all the retailers — primarily party stores and gas stations — that were likely to be selling synthetic marijuana and bath salts, Deputy Chief Michael Matich said.

"We asked them to take it off the shelves. No one is selling it in the city that we know of after the health department ban," Matich

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Autopsy found baby suffered bruises, internal injuries

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

After tiny Kayden Brandon died in the early hours of Dec. 5, he had bruises and fingernail abrasions on his face that would be consistent with an adult hand being placed over his mouth and nose, suffocating him.

That was the testimony of Wayne County Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Leigh Hlavaty Friday in 18th District Court. Hlavaty was the only witness at the preliminary examination for the 2 1/2-month-old baby's parents Antonio Brandon and Nicole Roberts, who are charged with killing the infant.

The death of Kayden, who weighed 10 pounds, was ruled a homicide with asphyxiation and blunt force trauma as the causes. Much of Hlavaty's testimony centered on a range of fresh and healing injuries suffered by the baby including deep tissue bleeding in his arms and neck muscles, broken ribs and bleeding in his chest cavity.

"I'll need to refer to my report since the injuries were rather extensive," said Hlavaty, who described Kayden, a twin, as a small child but proportionately so.

As Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Andrea Hutting questioned Hlavaty, she showed autopsy photographs to defense attorneys. Seated between the defense attorneys, Roberts began crying after seeing the pictures of her dead son.

Some bruising on the baby's limbs were consistent with being grabbed by adult hands but other bruises were in

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Library has back issues of Observer available online

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Issues of the Westland Observer dating back to 2005 are now accessible online, thanks to the William Faust Library.

"We sent the hard copies out to be copied. We'd already had 2005 to 2008 scanned on disc," said Kristy Cooper, technology librarian. "You could access those on our public computers in the library. Once we got the last three years done, we put it all on the website."

The Westland Observer website (www.hometownlife.com) has limited public access to archives.

"We get people asking for stories and questions about obituaries all the



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Technology Librarian Kristy Cooper shows off the William P. Faust Library's digital archive of the Westland Observer.

time. We can point them to this now," Cooper said. "Obituaries is one of the most common questions. Not all of them run — some are only in the Detroit newspapers." The archived newspapers are on searchable PDFs, but the search is

limited to that particular edition.

"You can do a key word search in the PDF document that is scanned, it's individually searchable," Cooper said. "You're in a much better position,

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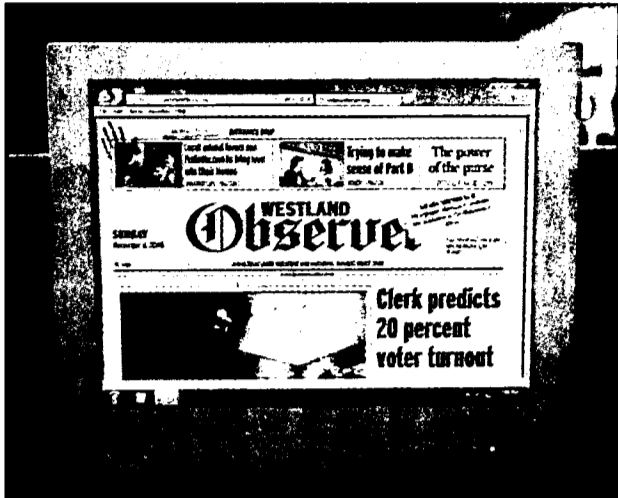
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if the time frame is narrowed." Cooper credited library volunteer Carol Ripper with getting the newspapers organized for scanning. The library also still has a microfilm reader to access older editions of the *Westland Observer*, dating back to 1982-83, prior to the library opening in 1996. Some people are reluctant to use the older technology or don't know how to use the machine.

"People can do this (online) on their own. With microfilm, maybe they don't want to look it up so bad," Cooper said. "This will make more people willing to do research." Like many other programs, the newspaper archive is accessible on the library website without having to be a library cardholder or signing in. "You just go to the website, it's integrated. Someone from across the state or the country can use it," Cooper said. The library website is www.westland.lib.mi.us/.

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Westland's William P. Faust Library has digital archives of the *Westland Observer* that can be accessed through the library website.

PRINCIPAL

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said. "I know I have good instructors." Summerville told her staff June 4 that she had decided to retire. The short notice had them scrambling to organize an appropriate send-off. Summerville will get a nice set of luggage, because she plans to travel, but only received a picture of it at the assembly. And a bench will be placed at the school in her honor. "We were blessed to have you as our principal," said Roopa Annand, Summerville's community liaison. "You brought us together and the things you have done for the parents and children makes you so very special." The students presented her with handmade books filled with their messages. "Dr. Summerville is beautiful. She likes high heels and is good to us,"



Elliott Principal Johnnye Summerville reacts as first-graders sing "You Are My Sunshine" to her at a surprise retirement assembly Thursday morning.

one student said. "Dr. Summerville is very smart. She likes boys and girls. She can help us," another said. "You're one of the best principals I know," said yet another student. "I'm the only principal you know," Summerville countered. The first-grade classes brought tears to her eyes, when they sang *You Are My Sunshine*, a song they rehearsed "on the playground and in the back field."

They also provided her with a "prescription for the blues" when she misses the school. Among their recommendations were "visit Elliott" and "buy more high heels and matching jewelry." Second-grader Dozziare Messenger admits he's going to miss Summerville, especially her jokes. "She tells us to always try our best and work hard," he said. "She gives us smiles in the hallway and she gives us compli-

ments." "She's really a nice principal," third-grader Jalen Armstrong added. "She makes everything fair and tries her best to give us everything we need." "I like her accent, she sounds so funny," Paige Justice said. "She's a really nice principal. When we were rehearsing for a concert, she was dancing." For her part, Summerville sang the *Name Game* song to Dana Nichols one last time. "I've been singing her that song for three years," Summerville said. In the end, Summerville had a message of love for her students that are all her "babies." "Oh, you know how much I care about you," she said. "I believe in you, I believe in each and every one of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I'm going to be all right because I know you love me."

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a curved pattern that was the result of being bitten, Hlavaty testified. The injuries were consistent with what Brandon, 22, and Roberts, 18, initially told Westland police — that when Kayden and brother Cameron cried, Brandon would place his hand over their mouth and nose until they stopped breathing. Brandon would then bite the infant to startle them into breathing. Statements to police also indicated that Brandon would also squeeze the child to his chest and also had struck the infant, resulting in injuries to the

ribs and neck. Hlavaty also testified that Kayden had a bruised lung and kidney. Brandon is charged with first-degree murder and child abuse. Roberts is charged with involuntary manslaughter and child abuse — that she was aware of the abuse and allowed it to continue. Roberts' defense attorney David Cripps questioned Hlavaty about whether the injuries could have been caused by one person and which was the more likely cause of death — asphyxia or blunt force trauma. "Either one could have killed him. I can't say which one would have killed him first," said Hlavaty, who agreed that

the baby died when he stopped breathing, followed by his heart no longer beating. Brandon's attorney Kim Michon focused on health problems Kaydon may have suffered prior to his death and injuries that could result from attempts to resuscitate him. Kaydon had a history of stopping breathing and choking on food caused by underdevelopment of his swallowing reflex, said Michon. None of those issues would cause the type of injuries found in the baby, Hlavaty said, also rejecting a scenario that Kayden choked on milk and stopped breathing. "Yes (that could happen) but milk would still

be in his airway. It was not there," Hlavaty said. "There was no evidence of disease or a cause for him not breathing. There was an adult hand over his mouth and nose." The preliminary examination for Brandon and Roberts, both being held in lieu of \$1 million cash bond, is scheduled to continue June 21 before Judge Mark McConnell. Not guilty pleas have been entered for both defendants. Cameron Brandon, who was found to have also suffered injuries including a broken femur, has been placed with family members.

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Worthy wants expanded DNA database

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

A few people are committing most of the crimes.

That's what Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy told Garden City Rotary Club members June 14 at Amantea Restaurant in Garden City.

That's why Worthy wants an expanded use of a national DNA database.

"We are not utilizing our resources well at all," Worthy said. "Our state has so few offender profiles."

Her office does 60,000-70,000 cases a year. She has 187 prosecutors.

When people commit violent crimes like homicide and child molestation, they leave their DNA.

Many police departments aren't putting the information into a national database called CODIS (Combined DNA Index System), an electronic database of DNA profiles that can identify suspects and is similar to the AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) database.

By entering the information into CODIS, information can be compiled to use in later investigations, preventing other people from becoming victims.

When new crimes are committed, the prosecutor's office has to backtrack to crimes that may have been committed months ago.

She wants to present to Gov. Rick Snyder the idea of a comprehensive crime grant that would help to bring down the number of breaking and entering and homicide cases, for example.



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Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy chats with Garden City Rotary Club President Jack Pelon before her speech to club members June 14. Club member Wilma Healy handled the arrangements for the event at Amantea Restaurant in Garden City.

Crimes are connected

"That's why you have an explosion in shooting cases because if a person gets away with it once, they have ease in doing it again," Worthy said.

Criminals are emboldened when they aren't caught and go out to commit more crimes, she said.

Her plan would involve specialized officers in the Michigan State Police to be trained to go out to crime areas.

"Right now the plan is in my head," she said. She is willing to try out a pilot area to see if it will work.

Every state in the nation is in the process of implementing a DNA index of individuals convicted of certain crimes, such as rape, murder, and child abuse.

Michigan is below other states in the nation in usage, she said, acknowl-

edging that all cities have resource issues.

With CODIS, upon conviction and sample analysis, perpetrators' DNA profiles are entered into the DNA database. Just as fingerprints found at a crime scene can be run through AFIS in search of a suspect or link to another crime scene, DNA profiles from a crime scene can be entered into CODIS. Therefore, law enforcement officers have the ability to identify possible suspects when no prior suspect existed.

K2/Spice

Many times people don't take notice of a problem until a crime is widely publicized. Worthy said that happened with synthetic marijuana which her office has been concerned with for two years.

"We were having various principals call us from across the county,"

Worthy said.

She said that the problem was that it wasn't illegal and the chemical formula complement changed. "The chemists were five steps ahead of law enforcement," she said.

It's expected that Gov. Rich Snyder will sign a bill next week to outlaw synthetic marijuana.

Elder issues and child abuse

She wants elder deaths in nursing homes reported to the medical examiners. "We hear about death in nursing homes only if the family complains, like 'She was fine yesterday, today she is dead,'" she said.

With child abuse, couples often cover for each other.

"We have about 12 cases where people have killed babies by very vicious, violent means," Worthy said. "Quite frankly, I am about ready to charge everybody," she said. "I have been pushed to the brink when you see how these babies have been killed as these babies have. It is heartbreaking."

Rotary

Worthy said she was happy to speak to the club and speaking engagements, time wise, are always a challenge.

She urged their support. "Pray for us and cheer us along silently," she said.

Worthy is the daughter of retired United States Army Col. Clifford Worthy. Clifford was the first African-American male from Michigan to graduate from West Point.

Worthy said her father limited her college choices.

"My father told me

that I could go to the University of Michigan or Michigan State University," she said.

She wanted to go to college in Virginia. The family had moved a lot. When she was in high school, he was placed at the Pentagon so she was able to finish high school by attending one school whereas her sister went to four different schools. Worthy had kept his Michigan residency. Kym chose to attend the U of M.

"I learned my work ethic from my father," she said.

She has three adopted daughters.

Daughter, Anastasia Worthy, is 14, adopted when she was four months old, after Worthy lost a child.

She later adopted 18-month old twin girls who are now 3 1/2.

Kym Worthy, 54, is the second African-American to serve as a county prosecutor in Michigan, the first one being Stuart Dunning III in Ingham County which includes Lansing.

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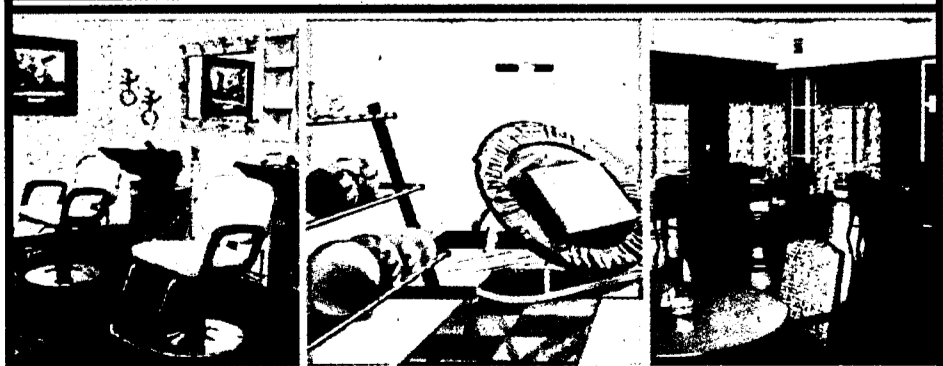
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Students, staff plant trees to honor retiring principal

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Richard Steele is retiring as principal of Johnson Upper Elementary at the end of this school year, but students and teachers returning next fall will be reminded of how he helped them all grow.

On June 6, students and teachers planted four Cleveland pear trees at the school in his honor.

"Mr. Steele has made a huge impact on students who have walked through the doors of Johnson, and we thought this would be something that would be a lasting memory," sixth-grade teacher Melissa Bennett said.

Steele, who was at the helm of the Westland school for nine years, is a "very jovial type of person, with a very calm personality. He is very caring, and he has a kind heart," Bennett said.

He helped teachers and students grow by encouraging everyone to work hard and be the best they can be. He was always understanding and positive and trusted and believed in his staff to do what is best for kids, Bennett said.

"Having that encouragement from Mr. Steele has made difficult times



Johnson Upper Elementary staffers John Santi, Patrick Dougherty, Glenn Wright and Rob Witherspoon wrestle a tree into the hole.

seem not so tough," she said. "He is dedicated to the students, parents and staff at Johnson Upper Elementary School."

Sophia Rich, a sixth-grader, said Steele is "very nice and generous. He was always helping all the kids out and the staff."

One of the ways he helped was by intervening in incidents of bullying, sixth-grader Devin Richardson said. "Mr. Steele makes the bully stop what he or she is doing."

Steele, 60, of Livonia, said he was surprised by the tree planting and a

farewell party that followed. He was told not to look out the windows for two days, which is "kind of hard when you go out for bus duty," he said. But the staff did a good job of concealing the trees behind the Dumpster until they were ready for planting. The trees, a boulder and a plaque were all paid for by donations from students and parents, Bennett said.

"I'm going to miss the kids and the community," Steele said. "This is a nice community, the Johnson community. They've been

very supportive; it's a special place."

Steele has worked for Livonia Public Schools for 24 years. He has been in the education profession for 36 years, starting out as a teacher and then assistant principal at Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

He started with LPS as a sixth-grade teacher at Hayes Elementary and then was promoted to principal at Taylor Elementary before coming to Johnson.

The achievement he is most proud of is work-



Ally Wickens hugs Principal Richard Steele.

ing with his colleagues to build a program from the ground up when LPS reconfigured grades and created the upper elementary schools for fifth- and sixth-graders.

"Putting that together was fun," he said. "I learned a lot about curriculum; it was something the district hadn't done before."

What will he miss the least about being a principal? "The paperwork," he said.

Taking his place will be DeAnn Urso, current principal at Kennedy Elementary.

Steele has no plans for retirement other than

fishing, camping, gardening, golfing and spending time with his two grandchildren, the youngest of whom will be born in August.

Of retiring at 60, he said, "I'm old enough to do it and young enough to enjoy it."

Steele, whose wife Pat is also retired, said he isn't going to waste any time getting started enjoying retirement. His last day of work is June 26, and he's going fishing June 27. Where?

"Any lake I can get to," he said.

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said. "We went out and requested compliance. No one put up any resis-

tance."

Westland police hadn't really seen an issue locally with K2 or similar drugs, Match said.

Sold in small amounts, the synthetic marijuana provides a buzz through

the legal chemicals used to treat herbs or potpourri.

The state law is aimed at addressing issues identified by City Attorney James Fausone such as legal substances being

used improperly and the manufacturers simply changing their concoctions if their current formulas are banned.

"This legislation, combined with the efforts of local communities governments, will not only take these dangerous products of Michigan shelves permanently, but will make it harder for manufacturers of

these synthetic drugs to circumvent the law and keep churning out the same types of dangerous products," State Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) said.

K2 and bath salts are legal in other states but two recent high-profile homicides involving young people know to have been synthetic marijuana users have

brought the ill-effects of the drugs to forefront.

"It's like a phenomena. When is the last time the legislature came together to solve something with a couple of weeks," said Wild regarding the rapid adoption of laws banning the synthetic drugs.

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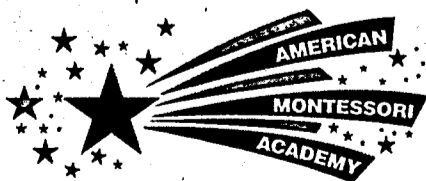
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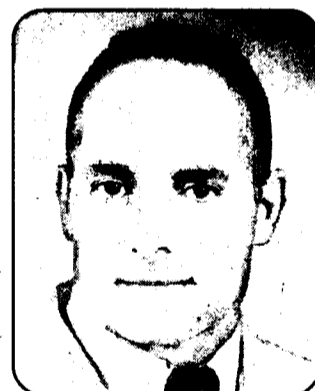


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DIA millage will be on August ballot

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Tri-county voters will be asked Aug. 7 to approve a new property tax to help fund the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The proposal — 0.2 mills for 10 years — would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home about \$15 annually over the next decade.

The tax is needed to cover the shortfall for museum operating expenses caused by the loss of funding from the state and city of Detroit, said Annmarie Erickson, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the DIA.

Residents in the counties that approve the proposal would have free general admission to the museum. In addition, community outreach and programs for seniors would be expanded and field trips for schools would be free, she said.

Preliminary polling showed 63 percent of voters favor the proposal.

'Direct benefits'

"The most compelling reason for most people is that there will be direct benefits," Erickson said of the reasons voters say they will approve it. "I think people hear that for a relatively small amount annually, the benefits are very significant."

Erickson is unaware of any organized opposition,



Visitors tour the European gallery at the DIA, one of the top six comprehensive fine-arts museums in the United States.

but she said the proposal has been the topic of conversation at some grassroots Tea Party gatherings where the mantra is "no new taxes."

Voters in at least two of the three counties — Oakland, Wayne and Macomb — must approve it or museum services and programs will have to be severely cut during the next two to three years, she said. That may mean selected galleries would be closed on weekdays, and school tours and community outreach would be eliminated.

The tax would generate approximately \$23 million per year — \$10 million in Oakland, \$8 million in Wayne and \$5 million in Macomb. The DIA's operating budget is \$25 million.

Currently, the DIA receives no state, county or city funding. From 1893 to the early 1990s, it received support from the city of Detroit's general fund. In the 1970s, it began receiving money from the state budget. But beginning in the 1990s, as a series of economic downturns hit the state,

state funding was steadily reduced and then eliminated. The same thing happened with city funding,

The museum has been relying on the private sector for operations, a model that is not sustainable, Erickson said.

Raising admission prices won't make up the shortfall since admissions make up just 3 percent of the DIA's revenue, she said. To raise prices high enough to cover the annual operating gap would make the cost to visit the museum prohibitive,

Erickson said. Currently, admission is \$24 for two adults and two children.

Previous cuts

The DIA cut staffing by 20 percent in 2009, more than 60 full- and part-time positions, and reduced its operating budget by \$9 million. Further reductions would severely impair its ability to operate, Erickson said. It currently has no debt.

Each county that approves the tax would have an art authority to oversee how the money is spent. The art author-

ity members would be appointed by the commissioners and executives in each county, which would also have contracts with the DIA.

The DIA would continue to be governed by its board of directors under an operating agreement with the city of Detroit.

Detroit Mayor Dave Bing encouraged each of the county boards to place the proposal on their ballots.

"The DIA attracts visitors and potential future residents from around the world to our region," he said. "It is recognized as one of the top six comprehensive fine arts museums in the United States." The others include The Metropolitan Museum, New York; Chicago Institute of Arts; and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

The Wayne County board approved the ballot proposal in a 13-2 vote, Oakland a 15-9 vote and Macomb 8-5.

Thirty-eight percent of all museum ticket buyers live in Wayne County; 28 percent live in Oakland; and 12 percent live in Macomb.

Livonia, Farmington, Royal Oak, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield and Ferndale are among the top 15 cities in resident admissions to the DIA.

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W-W says yes to RESA millage request

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland is joining a growing list of school districts saying yes to a resolution asking Wayne County RESA to place a county-wide 2-mill enhancement millage before voters later this year.

The school board Monday evening voted 6-0 with Treasurer Shawna Walker absent to approve the resolution supporting the placement of the tax request on the ballot for the November general election.

According to Superintendent Greg Baracy, RESA is considering the millage at the request of the school districts it serves, all of which are facing difficulties in trying to make ends meet.

"Many districts have approved this and many more will in the future," said Baracy. "Many districts are desperately trying to make budget. They can't cut or privatize their way out of it anymore."

Placing the request on the ballot is contingent it on getting support from boards of education representing at least 51 percent of the students in the county.

If it goes on the ballot, and if Wayne County voters approve it, the millage would be spread between RESA's 34 districts on a per-student basis. Wayne-Westland stands to get some more than \$4 million per year over the millage's five-year lifespan.

"We're prohibited from seeking new mill-

age," said Baracy. "I don't believe Proposal A will be tweaked anytime in the future. The problems weren't addressed in 1994 and I don't believe they will be addressed going forward. This is the only source for added revenue for us."

Getting enough districts to represent 51 percent of its students is a challenge for RESA. The largest school district in the state, Detroit, isn't expected to even take up the issue until after the August primary. The district is asking voters to approve the renewal of its non-homestead property tax in the primary election.

That means RESA would need support from some combination of Dearborn (the state's third-largest dis-

trict), Plymouth-Canton (fourth-largest) and Livonia.

Plymouth-Canton's board recently passed the resolution RESA officials were looking by a 4-3 vote, but trustees pointed out that is only meant to encourage RESA to put the question on the ballot, and not as support of the millage increase itself.

Plymouth-Canton and Livonia are donor districts. The millage would raise \$10.5 million in Plymouth-Canton which would get \$7.1 million back. Livonia would shell out \$8.7 million and get \$6.1 million back.

Dearborn, on the other hand, is a receiver district like Wayne-Westland. The tax would generate a little over \$7 million and Dearborn would get back \$7.3 million.

Wayne RESA had pitched a similar proposal in 2010, but it failed after those three districts, as well as the Detroit Public Schools, said no.

"As Dr. Baracy said, this probably the only way left for us to come up with revenue," said board President Carol Middel. "The big concerns the last time were that we were in a depression and people were losing their homes. There was concern that this would be another expense and also how the money would be distributed."

"I don't know how we can't move forward on this," said Trustee Thomas Buckalew. "All of our employees have given up so much. This would be of benefit to the students

in this district.

Baracy estimated that the owner of an average home in the school district would pay \$50-\$68 in new tax, which approved would be levied on the winter tax bill and help replace some of the \$8 million in equity the district plans to use to balance the 2012-13 budget.

"It's the only hope we have for a revenue increase," said Baracy. School boards have until Aug. 14 to adopt the resolution. If there's enough support, the RESA school board would certify a resolution containing the ballot language on Aug. 15. The deadline for placing an initiative on the Nov. 6 ballot is Aug. 28.

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Residents: Join our election reader panel

In August, Westland and Garden City voters will nominate candidates for each party for U.S. Congress, state House and Wayne County Commission, plus consider several millage requests.

As part of our mission to inform the community about candidates and ballot proposals, the *Observer* will conduct interviews, and attend public meetings and forums. Based on our coverage, interviews and knowledge of each race, we will offer our opinion in the form of a recommendation to readers.

This election, we will continue that practice, but we also want readers to join in the experience.

The *Observer* is seeking a reader panel for the Democratic election in the

13th Congressional District. Five candidates are seeking the nod in the Aug. 7 primary to represent the Democrats in the November general election.

The U.S. Census-driven redistricting has created a district that stretches from the City of Detroit to Westland and includes several communities Downriver. Incumbent U.S. Rep. John Conyers is being challenged by two state representatives, Bert Johnson and Shanelle Jackson, both of Detroit, a state senator, Glenn Anderson of Westland and a Wayne-Westland school board trustee, John Goci of Westland.

We are looking for readers who want to find out more about the candidates — not residents who have an ax to grind or those who have already made up their minds. We want

readers who have the interest and the community concern about election issues.

We are looking for voters who represent a wide range of ages and experiences in the community, but are not serving in an elected or appointed position or committed to a specific candidate.

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Our reader panel will research the candidates and make its endorsement prior to the Aug. 7 election. We will publish our reader panel recommendation alongside our recommendation.

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receiving a short application, e-mail your name, address and a daytime phone number to Editor Sue Mason at smason@hometownlife.com by Monday, June 25.

To be eligible for the panel, you must be registered to vote, available to attend one group orientation meeting and be available to meet with other reader panel members in July to conduct interviews and research the candidates.

Reader panel members will be photographed and profiled in the *Observer* and receive a \$25 gift card to Speedway, Meijer, Kohl's or Target.

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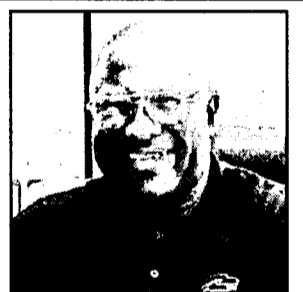
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GM pension buyout: Better safe than sorry

Q: Dear Rick: My husband worked for General Motors for more than 30 years and just received the buyout information regarding his pension. Unfortunately, we have different opinions as to what option best suits our needs. At the present time my husband's pension, which is a joint and survivor pension, along with his Social Security covers our living expenses, but that's about it. In addition to that we have a small savings account that we occasionally have to dip into. I'm not eligible for Social Security for about another 10 years. My husband wants to take the lump-sum option so he can use the money for some extras. I'm concerned that if we do this there may not be enough money for me. I like the idea of having some extra money, but I'm worried about the future. What do you recommend?

A: I agree that the lump-sum option is tempting in that addition to your income needs you would have access to some extra money to help supplement your lifestyle.



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However, I am concerned about your future. There are three facts to take into consideration in making your decision. The first is that you are considerably younger than your husband, and the second is that, generally, women live longer than men. The last fact is that as time goes on, your costs will increase, not decrease. When you factor these into the equation, as well as the fact that you have minimal savings, I believe it is best to be safe rather than sorry. I would not recommend the lump sum in your case.

My fear in this example is that they will use more of the principal than they should. The result of this will be that down the

road, they can run into severe financial difficulties. In addition, I'm also fearful that Jane would not have sufficient assets in her later years.

We live in the greatest country in the history of the world, but there's nothing worse than being old and poor. If Jane continues to receive the pension along with her husband's Social Security, it will at least be able to provide her with something.

I imagine a lot of couples are sitting down and analyzing the buyout options. Many will find themselves in a somewhat uncomfortable position in the fact that they have competing interests. Of course, it would be easy if we knew when we were all going to check out. Then we would know how to plan. Unfortunately, we don't. Because of that, when making such an important decision such as this, it pays to be safe rather than sorry. One aspect to fac-

tor into the equation is the need to have a rising income. It used to be that when you retired, you could live on less money over time. That is no longer the case. In today's world, you will need more, not less. That is something that all couples must take into consideration when deciding which direction they go. Particularly for pensioners with younger spouses, the need to provide them with a rising income has to be a major concern.

One last note as couples look at potential options available, remember it's also a great time to take a look at your expenses and look for ways to reduce them. Reducing expenses is a win-win for everyone involved. Good luck!

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Cops nab woman for driving on drugs

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton police arrested a Westland woman suspected of driving while using drugs and plowing into numerous orange construction barrels along southbound I-275 early on the morning of June 11.

"Thank God she didn't hurt anybody," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. Police stopped the 54-year-old woman and arrested her after she exited the I-275 construction zone onto Ford Road around 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Schreiner said the incident serves as a reminder that motorists should be on guard at all hours because it's not uncommon for drivers who may be abusing prescription drugs to get behind the wheel "at any time during the

day." Police arrested the woman, who was alone, after another motorist contacted authorities after noticing the woman driving erratically along southbound I-275 near Joy Road.

"We got a report from a motorist that she was driving recklessly," Schreiner said. "She had struck several construction barrels on I-275 near Koppernick while she was on the freeway, and thankfully the other motorist called it in, reported it and led us to the (suspect's) car, where officers were able to stop her and take her into custody."

Police arrested the woman on suspicion of operating under the influence of drugs, a misdemeanor charge. Schreiner said alcohol didn't appear to be a factor.

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Finances, public safety still big issues, Bing says

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Detroit's financial problems have been well-documented in the local news media the last several weeks, or even over the past several years.

As a financial advisory board prepared to discuss Detroit's financial future, Mayor Dave Bing spoke to 250 members of the Livonia and Westland chambers of commerce Thursday at Burton Manor in Livonia about solutions and what must be done for Detroit.

Bing noted that when he took office, the culture had to change in city government. Bing was the first one in his office on his first day, and had to let everyone know that the workday began at 8 a.m.

"The biggest challenge was to change the culture," Bing said. "The reasons we are where we are is we continue to do things the same way every day."

No one thought that they were accountable to anyone, Bing said, but that has changed with a schedule that continues to 6 p.m. and not 4 p.m.

Detroit's governmental structure needs to change, too, Bing said. "There are so many procedures and processes that are broken and don't work," he said. "We have to change it, we have to adapt and it takes time."

Public safety No. 1

Bing highlighted the major issues for the city of Detroit, excluding the obvious financial problem. "Public safety is the No. 1 thing we are facing in the city of Detroit," he said. "Without people feeling safe in our city, you're going to have a problem."

Bing called Detroit Police Chief Ralph God-



Detroit Mayor Dave Bing and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, perhaps comparing notes on how to deal with City Council members.

bee "exceptional," but Bing added that Godbee cannot fix the problem himself.

Bing cited communities like Livonia, Westland and others combining resources to solve problems. "We are the epicenter of Michigan, but we have an impact on the communities near us," he said.

Bing said he didn't believe that Detroit needed to ask for what he called "a handout all of the time because we have to take care of the problems ourselves. As a city, we don't have a bully pulpit. We have to accept who we are, not what we've been. We have to take what our warts are and listen."

Bing said Detroit's lighting system was 50 years old. "We have things that nobody replaces anymore, and we don't have replacement parts anymore," he said.

Bing fought to keep recreation centers open because those facilities were important to him growing up in Washington, D.C. He wants to keep them open for the seniors, who use them more than the younger children.

Detroit has 70,000 vacant homes. About 3,000 a year are being demolished, Bing said.

Declining population

Detroit's population has fallen from 2 million to 700,000. "People are leaving because they don't feel safe," Bing said. "They feel they have an inadequate school system. My job, our job, is to give people a reason to stay here. It is a tough, tough job."

Maintaining services requires grouping the 700,000 Detroiters closer together rather than leaving them scattered

throughout the city in neighborhoods with high rates of vacant homes and high rates of crime. "I find people tell me, that they have lived in their homes 40 or 50 years and 'I'm not leaving,'" Bing said. "I don't lie to them. I tell them they won't get the same level of service."

Bing pointed to the cooperation between Detroit, Wayne and Oakland counties on Cobo Center's expansion and said there is more cooperation on the Detroit Water and Sewerage Board. Transportation needs must be fulfilled so that Detroiters can get to their jobs in the suburbs.

Bing acknowledged that he won't solve all the problems, but said that the city can work on them and people will begin to pay attention to what is happening in Detroit.

"You've got to give people hope and belief that things are going to get

better," he said. As neighbors of Livonia and Westland, Detroit's leaders have a responsibility to fix the city so it doesn't have a negative impact on its neighbors, Bing said.

"This week has been pretty tough," he said. "The challenge is behind us and we're now coming together. We can't expect someone to come forward and take care of our problems, but we can't be too proud not to ask for help."

Bing took questions from the audience.

Many agendas

An audience member asked what it would take to bring the Detroit City Council on the same team as the mayor's. Some council members have their own agendas, Bing said, stating that at times they are nine "mini-mayors."

"More work needs to be done between the executive office and the city council," he said. "We have to do a better job."

Bing told another questioner he was encouraged by the number of young people attending and active at local churches.

One audience member, Joseph Mifsud of Farmington Hills, asked why it was taking him two years to buy a couple of pieces of property in Detroit. Bing responded that he would take his name and number. "I'll take care of the rest," he said.

Mifsud owns Michigan Industrial Forklifts in Detroit and a small real estate development company. Mifsud said he had sent in his application and has waited two years to buy two properties, only to get referred to different offices. "They are the ones who own the property," Mifsud said. "After two years, they were sending my checks back;

then I would go to someone else and write another one."

Mifsud would like to see riverfront property developed and believes there is a demand from buyers for it.

Heather Gatewood, marketing specialist with Parkside Credit Union, said Bing is doing positive things in Detroit.

"I don't think any of these problems will be solved overnight," Gatewood said. "He has a great positive message. He's working on changing the culture there."

Haitham Fakhouri, owner of boldmedia, a Livonia web design and marketing company, said he appreciated the mayor's positive attitude and the need for changes in the city despite the difficult challenges facing him.

"He needs to bump up safety in Detroit, get better jobs in Detroit and cut out any corruption or fraud in the budget," Fakhouri said.

Leo Neville, a Livonia attorney, said he empathized with Bing for what he is dealing with in attempting to tackle Detroit's problems. "As hard as he seems to be trying, it's hard because it just seems to be all this fighting that is going on there," Neville said. "He has a tough job."

Neville hoped the consent judgement will help fix the city's finances. "He's got to get the support from the city council, and be able to work out financial issues with the labor unions and other parties, but nobody wants to make concessions. People have to realize that it can't be business as usual."

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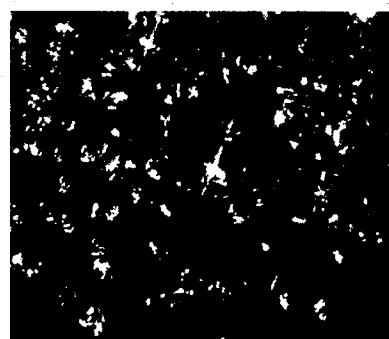
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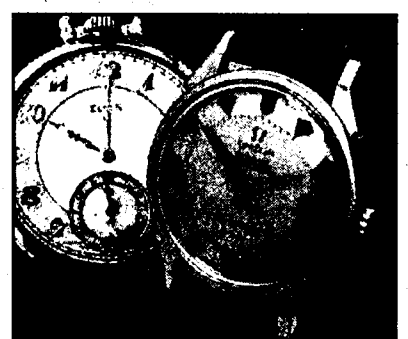
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Retired Westland firefighter Chris Szpara (left), Paul Rothert and Steve Lhiva watch as Tim Pennington of Canton missed a putt.

Teeing off for charity

The annual golf outing to benefit the Westland Firefighters Public Safety Committee was a hit at its new location.

This was the first year the golf outing was held at Redford's Western Golf Club. "It went very well and a good time was had by all," said Assistant Fire Chief John Adams.

The outing drew 29 foursomes for golf, dinner and auctions. The firefighters committee provides support to a variety of local charities along with their own fire safety education activities.

"Western was great. It was big improvement from our previous location," said Adams. "We've already booked our date for next year. The outing went smashingly."



Chris Szpara, a retired Westland firefighter, chips his ball during the annual firefighters golf outing to benefit their charity fund.

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Museum fund-raising

The Friends of the Museum are continuing their fund-raising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlour for

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The tutoring will be done at the Lathers Early Childhood Center at 28351 Marquette. For more information about registering, call Suzanne March at (734) 762-8490.

Pickers Paradise

A Picker Paradise Festival and Show is planned for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at Maxwell's Art and Treasures, 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City.

And vendors can still sign up. This is an 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) 765-7999.

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.

Fall Kick-Off

Save the date - Saturday, Aug. 25.

That's when Garden City High School will host a Community Fall Kick-off, showcasing its activities, clubs and sports in a spirited fun family atmosphere. Aspiring athletes will have a chance to meet the high school athletic teams and coaches and find out about the Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, DECA, PTSA, band and JROTC.

The kick-off will be held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the high school parking lot at 6400 Middlebelt, north of Ford Road.

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.

East reunion

The Garden City East High School reunion of the classes of 1968 through 1973 will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 22, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

Tickets cost \$60 per person and include appetizers, dinner buffet, open bar, DJ and dancing, pizza and coffee bar at 11 p.m. and memory book. Only 450 tickets will be sold. The deadline to purchase tickets is Aug. 25. People who reserve tickets will

receive a confirmation of payment within 10 days, which will serve as entry to the reunion.

The link to the reunion information and reservation sheet can be found on the Garden City (East) High School reunion page on Facebook. Checks should be made payable to Class Reunion 68-73 GC East.

Graduates from 1968 and 1971 can send their reservations to Pat Lyon Kubert, 6907 Kings Mill Dr., Canton, MI 48187.

Graduates from 1972 and 1973 can send their checks to Sue Cook Tasselmyer, 11901 Algonquin Dr., Pinckney, MI 48169.

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Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-District 9, has set her office hours, beginning this month, in the communities of Garden City, Dearborn Heights and Redford Township.

Webb's office hours will be:

- At 10 a.m. the second

Monday of each month in Garden City at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood.

• At 10 a.m. the third Monday of each month in Dearborn Heights at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson.

• At 10 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month in Redford Township at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

There will be no office hours held on May 28 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

The spring office hours are scheduled to provide constituents the opportunity to discuss issues and concerns with Webb. She also will hold evening hours by appointment only for residents unable to attend daytime gatherings. Call (313) 224-0930 to reserve a time. Her summer hours also will be by appointment.

Glass Slipper

Operation Glass Slipper is looking for donations to help girls in need attend the prom.

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For more information, contact Dee Lilla at dee-lilla@yahoo.com or at (313) 999-7769 or Michele Bosen at kmmbozen@aol.com or at (734) 578-7563.

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The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Aman-tea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

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Spree 62 kicks off Tuesday at Ford Field

See our special Spree section inside today's Observer

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

A sure sign of summer in Livonia isn't just that children are home from school or that the temperatures have warmed. It's the hubbub of activity of carnival rides, entertainment and food at Ford Field, site of Spree 62, the city's annual birthday party, set to begin Tuesday and conclude Sunday with fireworks.

Thousands of residents, families and visitors come to the site at Farmington and Lyndon roads for the event each year. Weather.com has forecasted sunny skies for most of the week, with clouds but no rain Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Spree organizers are expecting the usual big turnout of thousands of people. "Everybody likes something a little different," Spree chairman Dan Spurling said. "Some people come for just the entertainment, some just for the rides and others just like coming to the Spree."

Admission and parking are free.

Visitors should park at city hall and take the



Spree fills the grounds at Ford Field.

shuttle during Spree's peak hours later in the day and in the evenings and to avoid traffic tie-ups in and out of the parking lot adjacent to Ford Field. Shuttles run approximately one hour before Spree opens each day and until the city hall parking lot is empty of shuttle users' vehicles, Spurling said.

Spurling estimated that the fireworks next Sunday night will draw upward of 125,000 people, with thousands on the Spree grounds alone. "When you look out at the

ball diamonds, and see the throngs of people sitting side by side, it's just amazing," he said.

Sgt. John Gibbs of the Livonia Police Department traffic bureau urges Spree visitors to exercise patience and avoid using Plymouth Road, which is under construction between Farmington Road and Market Street, west of Levan. Traffic is also narrowed this week through Thursday on Farmington Road at Plymouth. Farmington Road will be closed next Sunday evening for the

fireworks display.

Gibbs advises visitors to seek alternate routes to arrive at the fireworks. "Be mindful of the traffic and take your time getting there," he said. "Be patient."

Police will be on hand helping direct traffic for the fireworks and supervising the Farmington Road closure.

Some Spree highlights: • The Mega '80s, Killer Flamingoes, Jill Jack, Annabelle Road and Steve King and the Ditties are among some of the bands perform-

ing through the week and weekend.

• About 20 food vendors representing charitable organizations will be in this year's Food Midway. Groups ranging from American Legion Post 32 and Grandview Elementary School to the Livonia Elks and Kiwanis will have vendors there selling food, according to Ron Reinke, food aisle chairman.

• A mobile zoo features exotic animals.

• The Roller Coaster and Mega Drop return as two of the many popular carnival rides, Spurling said.

• Guests at the Spree's beer and wine tasting Tuesday night can listen to Empty Canvas, which is the duo of twin brothers Mike and Scott McMath, who play music. Mike also fills an empty canvas with colorful brush strokes. The brothers McMath perform original songs as a background for an original painting that can be purchased after the show. The Livonia Spree will be partnering once again this year with Thomas S. Hughes Masonic Lodge No. 574 for the Free Child Identification Programs. The ID tent, located across from the Labatt Entertainment Tent, will

be open 4-8 p.m. Friday and from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Masonic Child Identification Programs, a charitable initiative program set up by North American Masonic lodges to aid in the identification and recovery of missing children, allow parents the opportunity to create a kit of identifying materials of their child, free of charge. The kit contains a fingerprint card, a physical description, a video, computer disc, or DVD of the child, a dental imprint and a DNA sample.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, located adjacent to Ford Field, also will make its parking lot available to Spreegoers for a second consecutive year. People interested in using Christ Our Savior's lot are asked to make a suggested donation of \$3 per vehicle. Christ Our Savior will donate proceeds to the Meals on Wheels program, which delivers hot, home-delivered meals to senior citizens throughout Livonia and Wayne County.

Parking will be available at the church for the Spree starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, noon Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Eater bites the dust in burger challenge

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Only one of the first six people to try the "Four Pound" challenge at Four Friends restaurant had successfully conquered it, so it's not like the odds were in Travus Brummette's favor.

But there the Westland man was anyway Wednesday, with four pounds of hamburger, condiments and french fries, with 40 minutes to eat it all.

He didn't make it.

Brummette, an employee at Yazaki North America in Canton, left enough on the plate to be disappointed.

"I'm generally a pig (of an eater)," he said. "This is an epic fail."

But not unexpected, according to Deana Brotherton, Four Friends' manager who started running the challenge back in September. She said some kids at that time made claims they could eat four of the restaurant's burgers. Brotherton developed it into the "Four Friends" challenge.

Diners wishing to attack the challenge must eat the over-sized burger (with condiments) — "It's definitely not a burger that's offered on our menu," Brotherton said — and french fries. The food, taken together, weighs four pounds. Diners who consume it in 40 minutes get the meal for free, get their name on a certificate on the eatery's wall, and they get a T-shirt.

Diners who don't do it get the \$24.99 bill. Only one of the seven challengers so far has avoided that bill.

"It's very difficult,"



Travus Brummette was starting to slow down 30 minutes into the challenge.

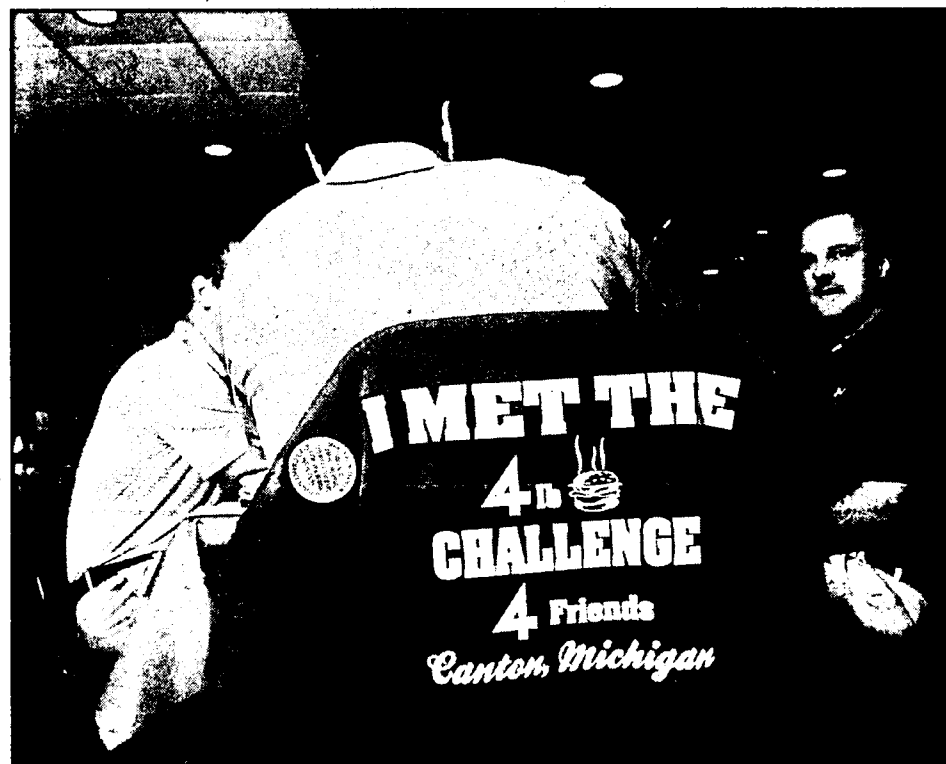
said Brotherton, who has been with Four Friends since it opened 13 years ago. "Almost everyone gets three-quarters of it down, but after that it's pretty much over for them. That last quarter makes or breaks you." Brotherton said potential challengers have to arrange it in advance — "We like to stage it so there's an audience," she said — by contacting her at the restaurant.

She said the challenge she'd love to set up involves the dads/coaches of various youth sports teams. Such an inter-team challenge, she said, could be a big fundraiser for youth sports.

"I haven't gotten any of them to bite on it yet," Brotherton said. "I'd love to see that happen."

Anyone wishing to take on the Four Friends challenge can call the restaurant, located at 44282 Warren (just east of Sheldon), by calling (734) 416-0880.

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Travus Brummette, supported by co-workers from Yazaki, accepted the four-pound hamburger challenge at 4 Friends.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING June 25, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 6:58 p.m. regarding the proposed ordinance amending §38.03(I) of the Code of Ordinances.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 38.03(I) OF CHAPTER 38 OF TITLE III OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY TO PERMIT THE MONITORING OF CITY EMPLOYEE DRIVING RECORDS.

The City of Garden City hereby ordains:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE

Section 38.03(I) of Chapter 38 of Title III of the Code of the City of Garden City is hereby amended to add a new Section 38.03(I)(5) to read as follows:

§ 38.03 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

(I) Operation of motor vehicles.

(5) Any employee or private person or entity who is acting on behalf of the city in carrying out the city's functions and is required as a condition of employment to operate city vehicles shall have his or her Michigan Department of State driving record monitored by the city. The city may take appropriate disciplinary action against an employee up to and including dismissal if the employee has accumulated four (4) or more points on his or her driving record within a two-year period or his or her driving privileges have been suspended or revoked. Personal information obtained by the city in monitoring driving records will be used in compliance with the federal Driver Privacy Protection Act of 1994, as amended (18 USC §2721-2725 et seq.) and related Michigan driver privacy protection laws. Personal information shall not be disclosed to anyone unless the recipient is legally entitled to receive the information. Employees may not access or release information contained in the records and files of the Michigan Department of State, except in connection with their duties and only to authorized third parties in accordance with work area procedures. If an employee is approached to provide information inappropriately, the employee must refuse to release the requested information and immediately advise his or her supervisor. A violation of this policy shall be cause for disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Publish: June 17, 2012

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School board to hold public hearing on budget

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Students will see no cuts in programs or services under a proposed \$143 million general fund budget the Livonia school board is expected to adopt Monday for the 2012-13 school year.

The board will hold a public hearing on the budget and proposed tax rates at 6:30 p.m. in the board's meeting room at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia.

No increase is expected in the tax rates.

"This maintains the integrity of our program and services," Superintendent Randy Liepa said of the proposed budget, which calls for using \$6.6 million in fund equity in order to balance it.

This is the second year in a row that the district has not had to consider cutting transportation, athletics, specials classes like music and classroom support services or

increasing class sizes.

That was administrators' goal, Liepa said.

There still will be cuts and revenue enhancements totaling about \$2.7 million, but not the big-ticket items of the past, he said at this week's school board meeting.

"I'm not saying they're all easy," he said, but the cuts are non-program and non-service related.

Those cuts and revenue enhancements include implementing an across-

the-board 5-percent supply reduction, not replacing four custodial positions, reorganizing central office duties in the wake of retirements and reducing the infant program and expanding 3- and 4-year-old classes at Jackson Early Childhood Center.

They are necessary, in part, because of decreases in incentive funding from the state. Liepa said he hasn't seen the details yet, but an initial report he looked at did not include

Livonia as qualifying for additional incentive money for student achievement next school year, even though its MEAP scores were up.

Last year, the district received an additional \$175 per student — \$100 for following best practices and \$75 for student achievement, approximately \$2.9 million. This year the combined amount for all districts has been reduced to \$100 per student. Liepa said he expects

Livonia to qualify for \$50 per student for best practices.

"To see 2.9 million in state aid go away is a tough pill to swallow," he said.

The proposed general fund budget calls for \$144.9 million in revenues and \$143.2 million in expenditures, with an anticipated fund balance of \$1.7 million for 2013-14.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. A12-0xx

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2012, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2013.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: MILLAGE LEVIES AUTHORIZED.

In order to defray expenditures and meet the liabilities for the City of Garden City for Fiscal Year 2011/2012, the following millage levies are hereby adopted: 13.8403 mills for general operating purposes; 0.8200 mills for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal; 2.7040 mills for judgment debt; 1.0000 mills for Library; and 3.5000 mills for Police and Fire. The total millage levy shall be 21.8643 mills per \$1,000 of taxable valuation within the city.

SECTION 2: BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS ADOPTED.

The following appropriations, representing the various budgetary centers of the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget as defined by Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, are hereby adopted for the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 as shown below in the estimated revenue and expenditures summaries of the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 budget document:

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
General Property Taxes	7,509,486	Mayor & Council	42,530
Business Licenses/Permits	21,000	21 st District Court	856,303
Non-Business Licenses/Permits	14,000	City	
State Shared Revenues	3,356,092	Administration/Personnel	342,873
Grants - Local Units	1,234,818	Clerk-Treasurer	848,526
Charges for Services	729,935	General Services	1,945,930
Fines and Forfeits	736,802	Transfers to Other Funds	6,434,339
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,128,852	Dept. of Public Services	1,693,549
Contributions/Public			
Enterprises	273,000	Parks and Recreation	1,886,426
Contributions/Other Funds	110,467	Boards & Commissions	44,822
		Debt Service	1,019,154
TOTAL REVENUES:	15,114,452	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	15,114,452

MAJOR STREETS FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Gas & Weight Tax	1,135,420	Expenditures	2,109,750
Interest on Investments	12,742		
Federal Grants			
State Grants			
Use of Fund Balance	961,588		
TOTAL REVENUES:	2,109,750	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	2,109,750

LOCAL STREETS FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Gas & Weight Tax	455,058	Expenditures	1,382,000
Transfer in from Major Streets	280,000		
METRO Act Revenue	75,000		
Interest on Investments	4,140		
Use of Fund Balance	567,802		
TOTAL REVENUES:	1,382,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	1,382,000

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Trf from Gen'l Fund	6,314,560	Police	5,759,689
Trf from 911 Fund	130,000	Fire	2,780,983
PS Millage - Real	1,612,702		
PS Millage - Personal	75,384		
Retiree Health Care Share	9,756		
Police Revenues	44,970		
Fire Revenues	353,300		
TOTAL REVENUES:	8,540,672	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	8,540,672

REVENUES			
Revenues	416,807	Expenditures	499,500
Gen'l Fund Contribution	82,693		
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	499,500	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	499,500

911 FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	162,000	Expenditures	32,100
Interest on Investments	100	Transfer to General Fund	130,000
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	162,100	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	162,100

CABLE FRANCHISE P.E.G. FEE FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Cable Company PEG Fees	75,000	Expenditures	75,050
Interest	50		
TOTAL REVENUES:	75,050	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	75,050

REVENUES			
County Grant Transfers	159,000	Salaries	150,001
Housing Rehabilitation Funding		Housing Rehabilitation	54,000
		ADA Compliance	59,000
		Public Service Activities	25,000
		Administration	10,500
		Planning/Facility Improvements	10,500
TOTAL REVENUES:	159,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	159,000

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
County Grant Transfers	159,000	Salaries	
Housing Rehabilitation Funding		Housing Rehabilitation	54,000
		ADA Compliance	59,000
		Public Service Activities	25,000
		Administration	10,500
		Planning/Facility Improvements	10,500
TOTAL REVENUES:	159,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	159,000
Building	372,150	Building	361,279
Planning	8,674	Planning	59,324
Trf from Other Funds	39,779		
TOTAL REVENUES:	420,603	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	420,603

POLICE DRUG FORFEITURE FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Confiscations	9,300	Expenditures	9,500
Interest on Investments	200		
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	9,500	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	9,500

HOUSING REHABILITATION REVOLVING FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Repayments of Loans	9,500	Housing Rehabilitation	9,500
TOTAL REVENUES:	9,500	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	9,500

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Trf in from General Fund	30,000	Expenditures	385,000
Grant Revenue	315,000		
Use of Fund Balance	39,800		
Interest on Investments	200		
TOTAL REVENUES:	385,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	385,000

WATER/SEWER FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Water/Sewer Revenue	8,516,073	Water Distribution	2,155,500
Other Revenue	2,005,635	Sewage Disposal	7,013,331
Decrease Retained Earnings	1,989,470	Personnel/Administration	3,342,347
TOTAL REVENUES:	12,511,178	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	12,511,178

RUBBISH COLLECTION FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	1,544,700	Expenditures	1,545,700
Interest on Investments	1,000		
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	1,545,700	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	1,545,700

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Incremental Property Tax Revenue	537,344	Development Projects	104,347
Use of Fund Balance	256,188	Administration	469,484
Interest on Investments	1,200	Debt Service	223,901
Misc Revenue	3,000		
TOTAL REVENUES:	797,732	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	797,732

LIBRARY FUND SUMMARY			
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Millage	482,310	Personnel	150,001
Other Revenues	26,000	Operating/Services	9,500
		Professional/Technical Services	315,309
		Capital Outlay	33,500
TOTAL REVENUES:	508,310	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	508,310

ALL FUNDS SUMMARY			
REVENUES - ALL FUNDS:	\$44,230,047.00	EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS:	\$44,230,047.00

Spaghetti dinner

The final monthly spaghetti dinner of 2011-2012 at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, June 22. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

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

Garage Sale

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

Get a 10-foot by 10-foot spot at the inside the Wayne Community Center Ice Arena to sell everything 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23. For \$20, you can reserve your spot but hurry space is limited.

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, Wayne.

Book sale

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

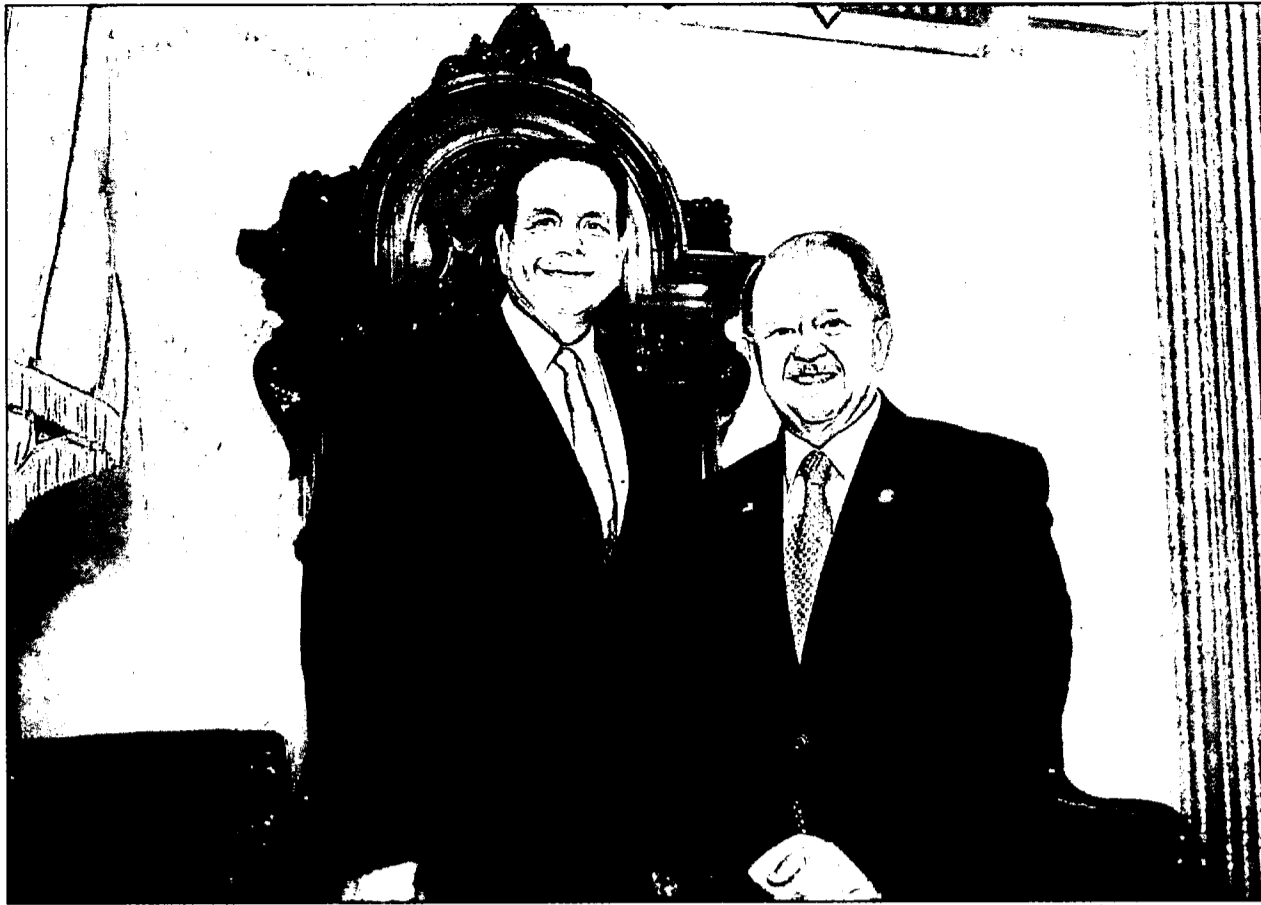
Stock up on hardcover fiction books only with the shop's buy two get one free. Hardcover books are \$1 each, so get three hardcover fictions for just \$2.

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

Dinner show

Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Aoyte 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.



Special guest

State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, invited David Powless, senior pastor at Warren Road Light and Life Methodist Church in Westland, to offer the invocation for the opening of State Senate Session on June 13. It is tradition in the State Senate for legislators to invite local religious leaders from their respective districts to lead the Senate in prayer and begin the day's session. Pastor Powless has been the senior pastor for 17 years. He earned his master of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. He and his wife Kara have three children, Justin, D.J. and Hannah.

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 sauce, 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.

Guest Speaker

State Sen. Glenn Anderson will discuss how a bills goes through the Michigan Senate at a community get-together at 7 p.m. Friday, June 22, at Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

The get-together is hosted by the Ladies.

For more information, call (734) 722-9375.

Rocket Camp

The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its annual Rocket Camp 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27 in the Wrestling Room of John Glenn High School, on Marquette, west of Wayne Road.

The camp is open to high school students and costs \$100, including a T-shirt. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 23.

There will also be a Youth Camp 4:30-6 p.m. July 25-27 for kindergarten through eighth-grade students in the Wrestling Room. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is at 4 p.m. Monday, July 25.

Registration forms are available at glennwrestling.com. For more information, contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 15th annual golf outing fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner after golf.

Contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at 74 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. Further information also is available at glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations also are being accepted.

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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/WayneWestlandHRC 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.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@nationalfaith.org.

Doo Wop Show

The WhatAbouts will do a Doo Wop Dinner Show Friday, July 13, at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford, 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 sauce, green beans almondine, red skinned mashed potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available. Only 100 tickets will be sold. No tickets will be available at the door.

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



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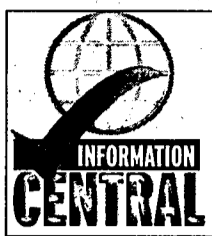
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Tornadoes: What you need to know

Summer in Michigan brings with it the frequent threat of tornadoes. A tornado is a column of air which connects a cloud to the ground, often with fast-moving winds and swirling debris. They are most commonly produced by the spring and summer storms that result when warm air from the ground collides with cold air from the atmosphere. A rotating mass of air is formed, which is spun by shifting winds.



Most tornados measure a few hundred meters wide and travel a mile or two before dissipating, but extreme weather conditions have produced funnels miles in diameter that ravaged entire towns.

Tornado Watch vs. Tornado Warning: The National Weather Service's SKYWARN program trains "spotters" - anyone from public safety workers to ordinary citizens - to spot the signs of a tornado and alert local weather offices immediately. A "tornado watch" occurs when conditions are favorable for the formation of a tornado, and SKYWARN spotters turn their eyes to the sky. If a tornado is spotted, a "tornado warning" is issued, urging those nearby to seek shelter immediately.

Interested in becoming a storm spotter? Contact your local Warning Coordination Meteorologist at stormready.noaa.gov/contact.htm for information on upcoming training sessions.

Tornado Safety
To stay safe in tornado season, keep aware of extreme weather alerts as they occur. Have a tornado safety plan in place in your home. Identify safe places to seek shelter, including a basement, under a staircase or in an interior room on the first floor of a sturdy building (avoiding windows).

If you are caught outside during a tornado, seek shelter in a nearby hole or ditch, avoiding tunnels (due to increased wind speeds and flying debris).

Storm Chasers
While most of us are seeking shelter, "storm chasers" often drive into the midst of turbulent winds and pouring rain in hopes of gathering visual and meteorological information, and many have crazy stories to tell!

If you yearn for the thrill of dangerous climate conditions, but without the threat of personal harm, check out *Tornado Hunter: Getting inside the Most Violent Storms on Earth* by Stefan Bechtel or *Storm Chaser: In Pursuit of Untamed Skies* by Warren Faidley.

If you have any questions about these or any other resources, please give us a call at (734) 326-6123, stop by the Reference Desk, or check us out online at www.westlandlibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES
Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. June 19
Join us as we discuss Jenna Blum's *Those Who Save Us*. For 50 years, Anna Schlemmer has refused to talk about her life in Germany during World War II. Her daughter, Trudy, was only three when she and her mother were liberated by an American soldier and went to live with him in Minnesota. Trudy's sole evidence of the past is an old photograph: a family portrait showing Anna, Trudy and a Nazi officer. Driven by the guilt of her heritage, Trudy, now a professor of German history, begins investigating the past and finally unearths the heartbreaking truth of her mother's life. Limited

number of copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk.

Writers Workshop: 7 p.m. June 19, Adults and Teens
The Writers Workshop critiques individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). We will tell you what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. The goal of our group is to help get writers published. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit the Reference Desk or contact: andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org.

Documentary Movie Night: *The Art of the Steal*, 7 p.m. June 20, Adults
Dr. Albert Barnes amassed one of the most impressive collections of art in the world, with an estimated value of \$25 million, and it was his last wish that the collection remain at the Barnes Foundation, far from the administrators of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. *The Art of the Steal* follows the "theft" of this collection, not by black-masked villains, but by those (including Barnes Foundation trustees) who worked to sidestep Barnes' will and arrange for the relocation of his collection to the very establishment he despised most. Everyone welcome. No sign-up.

Veterans Writing Group: 7 p.m. June 20
For anyone who has been in American combat forces and is interested in writing about their experiences. All styles of writing are encouraged. This group is led by veteran and poet, Mark Durfee. Drop in and see if this is for you.

Information Central was compiled by Marilyn Kwik, head of adult services. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at sma-son@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

Upcoming Events

NF WALK
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 23

Location: West Bloomfield High School track, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. for the "Great Steps for NF, Walk for Neurofibromatosis," a genetic disorder of the nervous system that causes tumors to form on the nerves anywhere in the body at any time. The registration fee is \$15 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for children age 2 and under. Walkers registered by June 8 are guaranteed a commemorative T-shirt. Walk-up registration is available for an additional \$5 fee the morning of the walk. All money collected goes to NF Inc. Michigan and will be used for research. There will be a silent auction as well as vendors, who will donate their proceeds to NF research, at the walk. Bids will be accepted before and during the actual walk. Items will be distributed by the close of the event. Cash and checks will be accepted, although cash is preferred for processing purposes. Donations are welcome and appreciated. Donations are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to NF Inc. Michigan and mail to the Saikalis Family at 4253 Somerville Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48323.

Contact: Walkers can register online by going to www.nfsupport.org and then clicking on "Events" or by calling the Saikalis family at (248) 681-3703.

INDOOR MARKET

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, June 27-28

Location: Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights

Details: Eton Senior Center is currently in search of people to take part in their indoor flea market. The cost to rent is \$15 for an eight-foot table. Table position will be based on first come basis. Vendors are welcome. Deadline for table rentals is Thursday, June 7. Proceeds will go towards the Eton Senior Center Building Fund. Contact: Call (313) 277-7765 for more information.

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DOO WOP SHOW

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Friday, July 13

Location: Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford Road, Westland

Details: The WhatAbouts will present a Doo Wop Dinner Show at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall. 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.

Contact: For tickets, contact Kathy at (734) 216-9451 or at www.angelos1958.com.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29

Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: St. Mel's Women's Club is looking for crafters for its craft fair. More than 50 eight-foot tables available. They cost \$25 each. A table with electricity is \$30. Helpers provided.

Contact: Call St. Mel's Church at (313) 274-0684 or send an e-mail to stmelcraftfair@yahoo.com for applications.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

Location: Perrinville Early Childhood Center, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia

Details: Crafters and vendors are wanted for the Perrinville Early Childhood Center fall craft show.

Contact: Tami at holidaycraftfair@yahoo.com or Brenda at wjob2010@yahoo.com.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: - Westland
Details: A support & education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people who are caring for family members 60 and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

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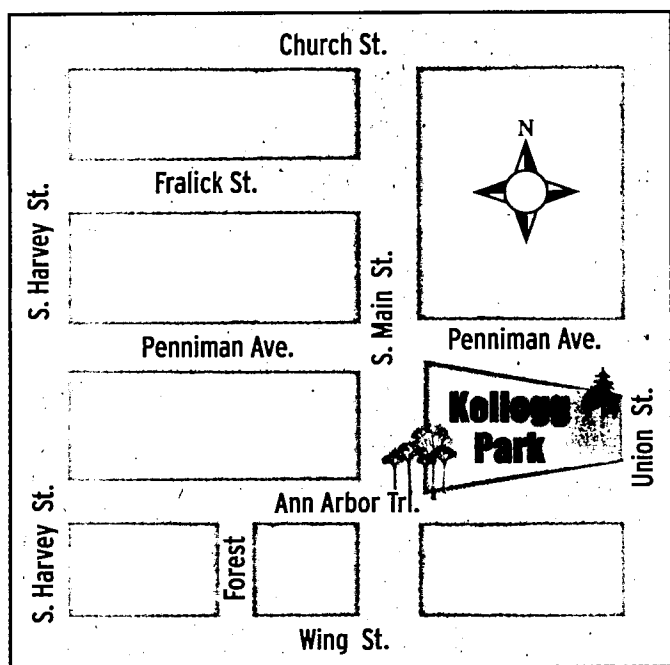
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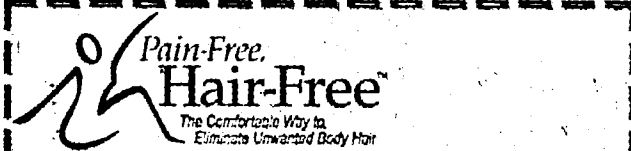
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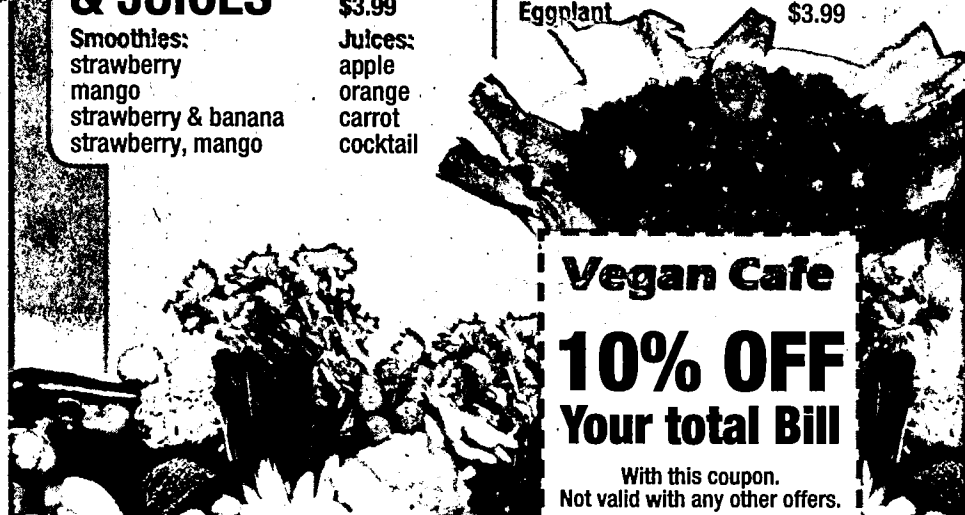
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Blazers put eyes on prize

Midwest Meet track placers

For a recap of Saturday's Division 2 girls softball championship in Battle Creek, visit www.hometownlife.com

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

With ace pitcher Briana Combs suffering from a wounded knee, Livonia Ladywood managed to bandage itself and earn its second MHSAA Division 2 state championship appearance in four years with a 4-2 semifinal victory Friday over Wayland Union.

The Blazers, who improved to 38-3 overall, needed a clutch relief performance from Lauren Hayes in the bottom of the seventh to earn a spot in Saturday's coveted state final at Battle Creek's Bailey Park, where they will face 37-3 Saginaw Swan Valley. Game time was scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

Combs, a senior right-hander and Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year, had to take herself out on a 3-0 count with one out in the bottom of the seventh while holding a two-run advantage because of a sore and troublesome left knee.

In from right field came Hayes, a lefty who had thrown only a total of eight innings all season.

After walking Nina DiCesare with her first pitch, Hayes was able to bear down and strike out ninth batter Mallory Teunis and leadoff hitter Autumn



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Ladywood's Briana Combs, firing a pitch in last Tuesday's quarterfinal, went 6.1 innings in Friday's Division 2 state semifinal before leaving with a knee injury in the Blazers' 4-2 win over Wayland Union.

Anderson to end the game. "We're fighting through that injury and we've got to find a way to get everybody to contribute," said Ladywood coach Scott

Combs, who guided the Blazers to a state runner-up finish in 2009. "It's big for Lauren. She had a couple of rough outings early in the season. We've had

her do a lot more work and do a lot more bullpens, so I couldn't be happier for her.

Please see **BLAZERS, B3**

Livonia Clarenceville senior Kassius Kelly posted a time of 10.89 to finish third in the boys 100-meter dash in Saturday's Midwest Meet of Champions track and field meet held at Fort Wayne (Ind.) Northop High School's Spuller Stadium.

Kelly, the MHSAA Division 2 record holder in the 200 dash (21.36), also helped Michigan to wins in the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 relays with times of 40.89 and 1:26.99, respectively.

Livonia Churchill senior Senclair McDonnell placed third in the girls high jump with a leap of 5-4. She placed third in the MHSAA Division 1 high jump (school record 5-7).

MU hoops signs pair

Madonna University men's basketball coach Noel Emehiser announced Thursday the signings of two players including Zak Lewis, a 6-foot-3 guard from Petoskey, and 6-2 guard Jack Ocobock of Kingsley.

Lewis led Petoskey to three straight Big North Conference and district titles, while earning honorable mention all-state honors.

Ocobock lettered in four sports and was a three-time All-Northwest Conference selection and team MVP and also earned Detroit Free Press All-State honors.

Lewis and Ocobock are the second and third signees for Emehiser, joining Tyler Stewart (Salem) who signed earlier this spring.

Friedrichs takes over at Churchill

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The Livonia Churchill girls soccer program will be under new management for the 2013 season with an all too familiar face at the helm.

Athletic director Marc Hage announced Thursday that boys varsity coach Reid Friedrichs will be taking over for outgoing girls coach Dave Hebestreit, who resigned earlier this month after 11 seasons.

The 38-year-old Friedrichs, who has coached the Churchill boys the past 12 seasons, will be doing double duty during the 2012-13 fall and spring seasons.

"I coached the girls probably about seven or eight years ago for a couple of years and I enjoyed it," Friedrichs said. "I've done a lot of girls soccer camps at Michigan and Michigan State, and always enjoyed it. So when the job was open I thought it would be a good

challenge and I thought it would be a real good experience to get into."

Hebestreit posted an overall record of 102-85-27 with the Chargers, including a 4-10-5 record during his final season. He resigned after the Chargers' 4-0 first-round Division 1 district tournament setback to No. 1-ranked Northville.

"It came pretty suddenly, so I'm not aware really of the personnel and who's coming back," Friedrichs said. "So I'll really take a look, get to know the girls first and know what kind of personalities I have, the kind of players I have and the new talent we have ... but once I get a good assessment and a good feel for them, then I'll go forward with a style and formation and how we want to play."

"I'm really, really excited for this position and to meet all the girls and get started."

Friedrichs, an Ann Arbor native, played four seasons at Michigan State (1992-96) where he was an All-Big Ten goalkeeper. He currently teaches science and chemis-

Please see **NEW COACH, B3**



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Words of wisdom

On June 8, Tennessee Titan linebacker Tim Shaw gave the commencement address at his alma mater to the 2012 graduating class of Clarenceville High School. Shaw, a 2002 Trojan grad, played collegiality at Penn State and is a special teams standout now with the Titans.

Nielsen on All-City team

Livonia's Christopher Nielsen was recently named captain of the Metro Detroit US Bowling Congress men's All-City team.

He earned 94 points by placing 10th in the MDUSBC Masters, while winning the MDUSBC Doubles (with Nathan Adams).

He also added a third in All-Events, a fifth in the Michigan State All-Events and a sixth from in the Michigan State Doubles (with Ken Kosick).

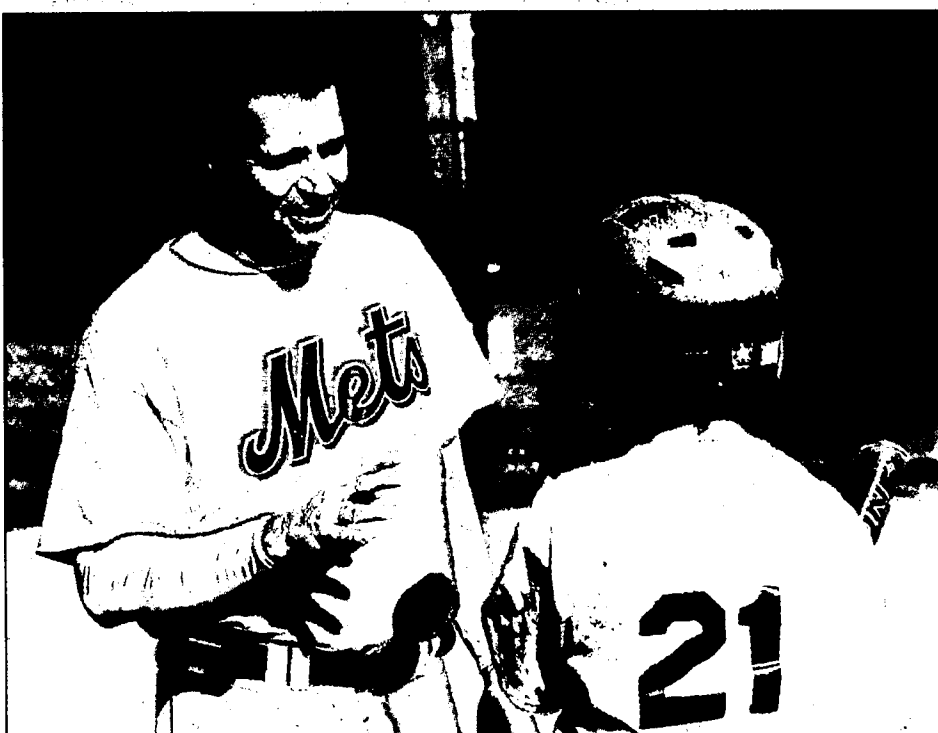
Nielsen also posted four 300 games, one 299 game, three 800 series (with a 849 high) and a high average of 240.

This is his first appearance on the team.

MU recruits JUCO golfers

Madonna University men's golf coach Steve Mato announced the signing of two junior college transfers from Oakland Community College, Ben Gawronski (Hartland) and Joe Parker (Walled Lake Northern).

Gawronski and Parker join Billy Teer (Grand Blanc) who signed earlier this spring for the 2012 WHAC champs and NAIA National Championships qualifier.



Coach Jerry Dorman has his usual positive message for Gage Bitzer (No. 21) before the Mets took on the Indians on June 7. After the game, Mets players mobbed Gage and showered him with Silly String — to celebrate his 13th birthday.

Upbeat coach Pastor connects with kids

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

As a pastor and counselor at Berean Baptist Church in Livonia, Jerry Dorman basks in the spirit and spreads the good word to others.

"I've learned a lot of lessons over the years about how to talk to people, especially with the counseling profession, dealing with people that way," Dorman said. "Ministry is all about knowing how to talk to people."

To anybody watching him coach the 12-Under Mets Little League team of the Greater Canton

Youth Baseball Softball Association, it's evident he doesn't need pews and stained glass to do that.

From the minutes leading up to the first pitch all the way to handshakes with opposing players, the Canton resident is dialed in and doling out instruction in such a way that even parents can't help but smile.

"Remember that," Dorman said, helping one of the players work on his swing. Then with a pat on top of the helmet, he added "you're awesome."

Please see **PASTOR, B4**



Chelsea Savage Harrison



Emily Norscia Churchill



Senclair McDonnell Churchill



Aaron Howell Farmington



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Pat Daugherty Coach of Year

All-Area team takes fast track

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Chelsea Savage, Fr., Farm. Harrison (shot put): Just a freshman, Savage had a big year, finishing fourth in the Division 1 state meet in the shot put. She had her best throw of 40-8 at that competition. Savage also was first in the OAA White Division, second in the regional and third in Oakland County. She is the city champion in both throwing events.

"Chelsea is a great talent and had a tremendous first year," coach Mark Babcock said. "She loves to compete and has a great attitude. She seems to take everything in stride and doesn't let things get to her. She is looking forward to her next three years."

Emily Norscia, Jr., Liv. Churchill (discus): The junior placed third in the Division 1 state meet, was runner-up at the regional and captured the KLAA Kensington Conference meet with a personal best throw of 123-8.

"Emily had a great junior season," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said Public Schools of Livonia Meet champ. "She improved by 20-plus feet from her sophomore season. Emily had a very good sophomore season but something switched on this year and she became a great thrower for us. Has a great work ethic and is very determined to be the best discus thrower she can be."

"Emily has really benefited with working with our outstanding throws coaches John Filiatraut and Al Smith."

Senclair McDonnell, Sr., Liv. Churchill (high jump): The senior set a school record with a third-place finish at the Division 1 state finals (5-7).

She was also regional, KLAA Association and LPS Invitational champion, along with runner-up in the Kensington Conference. McDonnell also competed in the long jump (15-10.5) and was a member of Churchill's 1,600 relay team.

"Senclair had an outstanding career at Churchill," Daugherty said. "She qualified for the state meet all four years in the high jump, as well as her sophomore and senior season in the 1,600 relay. Senclair did everything during the season and outside the season to be the most successful high jumper in school history. She set the school record three times and also holds our freshman high jump record."

Aaron Howell, Jr., Farmington (long jump): The junior standout has competed in track and field for two years, and she has been all-state each time. Howell qualified for state in four events — the long jump, high jump and the hurdles. She was second in the long jump at 18-8.5. At the regional, Howell won the 300 hurdles and long jump (19 feet), finished second in the 100 hurdles and was third in the high jump. She was invited to compete this weekend in the New Balance national outdoor meet in Greensboro, N.C.

"She's a terrifically hard-working young lady," coach Charles Bridges said. "To see her garner any honor is well-deserved. Coach (Kim) Sturm and I have talked with some college coaches who are very eager to have her take a look at their school next year. She's a great athlete and anybody that has the opportunity to see her is impressed. And she's a young lady of great character, too. Aaron is a pleasure to coach."

Reagan Engstrom, Sr., Plymouth (pole vault): Consistent excellence was Engstrom's

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Discus: 1. Emily Norscia, Jr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Chyna Williams, Sr., Plymouth; 3. Chanelle Wright, Jr., Westland John Glenn.

High jump: 1. Senclair McDonnell, Sr., Churchill; 2. Ashley Cochran, Jr., Churchill; 3. Joslyn Massey, Sr., John Glenn.

Long jump: 1. Aaron Howell, Jr., Farmington; 2. Brianna Jed, Soph., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Becka Knox, Sr., Plymouth.

Pole vault: 1. (tie) Reagan Engstrom, Sr., Plymouth; Alex Kitz, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Jane McCurry, Jr., Plymouth; 3. (tie) Taylor Rieckhoff, Jr., Plymouth; Emily Lang, Jr., Canton.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Laticia Sims, Sr., Harrison; 2. Karrington Seals, Soph., North Farmington; 3. Kelly O'Brien, Jr., Livonia Franklin.

300 hurdles: 1. Kirsten Smith, Jr., John Glenn; 2. Molly Jarvis, Jr., Churchill; 3. Natalie Puckett, Jr., Plymouth.

100 dash: 1. Tiera Parker, Sr., Harrison; Kayla Jones, Jr., John Glenn; 3. Delisha Williams, Sr., Redford Union.

200: 1. Dmonique Smith, Sr., Redford Thurston; 2. Sandra Johnson, Sr., Harrison; 3. Ayanna Buckley, Soph., Livonia Clarenceville.

400: 1. Sydney Anderson, Jr., Churchill; 2. (tie) Rachael Hille, Sr., Plymouth; Sydney Sterling, Sr., Farmington; 3. Julia Szuba, Jr., Churchill.

800: 1. Adrianna Beltran, Sr., Salem; 2. Karlie Gallagher, Jr., Stevenson; 3. Olivia Salinas, Sr., Farmington.

1,600: 1. Kayla Kavulich, Soph., Salem; 2. Kristen Muir, Sr., Canton; 3. Kerigan Riley, Jr., Churchill.

3,200: 1. Bethany Pilat, Sr., Churchill; 2. Emily Brunett, Fr., Harrison; 3. Heather Smith, Sr., Farmington Hills Mercy.

400 relay: 1. North Farmington (Karrington Seals, Soph.; Asha McKinney, Jr.; Ashley Phillips, Soph.; Asha Freeman, Jr.); 2. Churchill (Demi Crossman, Jr.; Leah Heinzelman, Jr.; Elyssa Hofmann, Soph.; Molly Jarvis, Jr.); 3. Harrison (Laticia Sims, Sr.; Deja Hunter, Fr.; Sandra Johnson, Sr.; Tiera Parker, Sr.).

800 relay: 1. North Farmington (Morgan Gilliam, Jr.; Asha McKinney, Jr.; Asha Freeman, Jr.; Ashley Phillips, Soph.); 2. Farmington (Raven Major, Fr.; Kara Gurney, Jr.; Aria Moore, Fr.; Sydney Sterling, Sr.); 3. John Glenn (Kirsten Smith, Jr.; Shekinah Johnson, Fr.; Joslyn Massey, Sr.; Kayla Jones, Jr.).

1,600 relay: 1. Farmington (Kara Gurney, Jr.; Olivia Salinas, Sr.; Aaron Howell, Jr.; Sydney Sterling, Sr.); 2. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Elizabeth Tripp, Fr.; Kathryn Binsfield, Soph.; Kayla Kavulich, Soph.); 3. Churchill (Leah Heinzelman, Jr.; Sydney Anderson, Jr.; Julia Szuba, Jr.; Senclair McDonnell, Sr.).

3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Sydney Anderson, Jr.; Kerigan Riley, Jr.; Michelle Azar, Jr.; Bethany Pilat, Sr.); 2. Salem (Adrianna Beltran, Sr.; Rebecca Lopez, Fr.; Elizabeth Tripp, Fr.; Kayla Kavulich, Soph.); 3. Plymouth (Marina DeBiasi, Soph.; Jada Woody, Soph.; Nicole Traitses, Sr.; Rachael Hille).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Pat Daugherty, Liv. Churchill

M.O. during her senior season for the Wildcats.

The third-year captain qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the pole vault for the third consecutive year and set school and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park records with a mark of 11-9.

Also a standout gymnast at Plymouth, she set meet records at the Stafford Relays, Golden Triangle Meet, KLAA conference and association meets and placed first in all but one dual meet all season.

"Reagan has been one of the best athletes that has walked through the halls of Plymouth High School," coach Ricky Styes said. "It has been exciting to watch her grow within her event, becoming one of the best vaulters in the state this year."

"As a coach, it has been very comforting to have an athlete like Reagan in the pole vault because we knew we could count on her scoring first place points. ... She is the type of athlete that we are not likely to see for a long time."

Alex Kitz, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (pole vault): The senior captain and two-time team MVP was a two-time state qualifier in the pole vault.

Kitz, headed to Grand Valley State, broke her own school record this season in the pole vault (11-9) and has been both regional and Kensington Conference champion in the pole vault and long jump (16-8 season best) during her career.

"Watching her compete was always exciting," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said of the three-time Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-State selection. "She is one of those types of kids you know will always compete. She will always do her best despite any barriers and has always been a competitor. I always had complete confidence in knowing she would be

successful as an individual, as well as help her team. Alex is such a hard worker and strives to be the best she can possibly be."

Laticia Sims, Sr., Harrison (100 hurdles): Sims was a regional champion and the state runner-up in this event. She is the Oakland County, OAA White and city champion in the 100 and 300 hurdles. Sims, who was the Division 1 state champion in the 100 hurdles last year, was an important member of the sprint relay teams, too.

"Laticia had a great senior season," coach Babcock said. "She's the best hurdler we've ever had here, and she works really hard to maintain her high level of performance."

"She's going to run at South Florida next year, and I'm sure she will excel there, also. She is very dedicated and easy to coach — a great young lady with a bright future. It has been a thrill to be her coach."

Kirsten Smith, Jr., Westland Glenn (300 hurdles): The junior set the school record in the 300 hurdles (46.3) and was a regional champion and state qualifier in the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles and 800 relay.

Smith also was Kensington Conference champion in three events — 100 and 300 hurdles, along with the 800 relay (conference record 1:46.14 and season best 1:45.0).

She ran a personal best 14.9 in the 100 hurdles and was 10th overall in the Division 1 state meet in the 300 hurdles.

"Kirsten is an outstanding student athlete and leader at John Glenn," coach James Fitzgerald said. "She maintains a 4.0 grade-point average and has dedicated herself to track and field over the past year. She is one of the hardest workers and toughest competitors I have ever coached. Kirsten does things the right way and strives for perfection. Her love

for track and field has grown and she has passed that along to her younger teammates. Her dedication and improvement from last year has made her one of the best hurdlers in the area."

Tiera Parker, Sr., Farm. Harrison (100): Parker earned all-state honors her first three years, but an injury prevented her from competing in the regional and going to state this year. The same was true of the Oakland County meet. Parker is the OAA White champion in the 100, and she anchored a Harrison victory in the 400 relay. She has the area's top times in the 100 and 200, and she's also the city champion in both.

"Tiera was not able to finish her senior season because of a hamstring injury, but she has excelled over the last four seasons," coach Babcock said. "She is easily one of the finest track athletes I have coached in my 32 years here."

"She is humble and hard working and very dedicated, a rare combination these days. She has won many races in her career and has carried her team to victory many times. She is going to Bowling Green to run next year, and I am sure she will continue her success there."

Dmonique Smith, Sr., Red. Thurston (200): Smith put together a spectacular senior season for the Eagles, placing third in the Division 2 state meet in the 200-meter dash and eighth in the 100.

She set two individual school records (12.4 in the 100 and 25.4 in the 200) and was a part of two record-setting relays (the 400 and 800). Smith was a four-time state-qualifier and four-time all-conference honoree.

"Dmonique is an extremely hard worker who is never satisfied with her last performance," Thurston coach Al Chambo said. "She is a fierce competitor. She has an excellent work ethic and is always trying to perfect her performance, whether it is her starts or stride technique. Dmonique will be sorely missed, but she does leave a legacy of accomplishments."

Sydney Anderson, Jr., Liv. Churchill (400): The junior qualified for four events at the state meet while excelling in the 400 where she ran 1:00.24 and captured the regional.

Anderson also won the LPS Invitational title, took third in the conference and ran a 2:24.2 in the 800 at the KLAA Association meet. She also ran legs in the 1,600 and 3,200 relays.

"Sydney is a very dedicated student-athlete," Daugherty said of the co-team MVP. "She is one of the hardest working track performers not only on our team, but in the state. Very few athletes can do what Sydney does on a week to week, meet to meet basis. Her meet schedule is very demanding and she excels in each of her events. Even though track and field is large in part an individual sport Sydney does everything to help the team succeed. One of our driving individuals that lead us to a lot of team success this season."

Adrianna Beltran, Sr., Salem (800): The senior distance runner was outstanding for Salem, earning co-MVP honors with Kayla Kavulich.

Both athletes often pushed each other to spark the Rocks, who finished 3-2 in the tough KLAA Central Division.

Beltran posted the area's best time in the 800 run with a time of 2:18 at the Meet of Champions. She also ran the first leg of

two Salem relays that qualified for the Division 1 state meet. Those relays were the 1,600 (4:07) and 3,200 (9:35).

Salem assistant coach Dave DeSilvio praised Beltran's versatility, noted that she occasionally competed in the long jump in addition to her usual spate of individual running events and relays.

"Adrianna is a senior planning to run in college," DeSilvio added.

Kayla Kavulich, Soph., Salem (1,600): The sophomore came back from knee surgery without missing a beat, capping off the season with a seventh-place finish at the Division 1 state meet in the mile — good for all-state honors and a new Salem record to boot. Her time of 5:04.41 broke her own mark set in 2011 of 5:07.

Kavulich, co-MVP for the Rocks, also anchored the 1,600- and 3,200-meter relay teams that qualified for the state meet.

Other notable accomplishments included racking up times in the 400 (59.25), mile (5:04.41) and two-mile runs (11:24.32) that were best among Observerland participants. Teammate Beltran kept Kavulich from also topping the field in the 800 run.

And at the D1 regionals, Kavulich was victorious in the mile and two-mile runs, as she hit her stride at the most important time of the season.

"She's highly motivated and works incredibly hard in practice," DeSilvio said. "She also overcame a torn ACL, rebounding extremely well."

Bethany Pilat, Sr., Liv. Churchill (3,200): The four-year varsity performer and two-year team captain qualified for the Division 1 state meet in both the 3,200 and 3,200 relay.

Pilat was the team's second-leading point producer after helping the Chargers to the Kensington Conference and LPS Invitational 4 x 800 relay titles, along with a 3,200 individual title in the Livonia Public Schools meet.

"Bethany had a great career at Churchill," Daugherty said. "She is one of the most consistent distance runners in Churchill's history. Bethany has earned eight varsity letters over the past four years and has truly earned each one of them with an overwhelming dedication toward improving as an individual runner, and doing all she can to make sure our team is successful. She ran her fastest 3,200 of the season at the state meet (11:27.73) and earned her All-Area award."

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS
North Farmington, 400 (Karrington Seals, Soph.; Asha McKinney, Jr.; Ashley Phillips, Soph.; Asha Freeman, Jr.): The Raiders set the school record (49.61) when they finished ninth at the Division 1 state meet. They were .04 seconds from scoring. They also were first at the Lady Rocket and Raider relays, second in the OAA White Division and second at the regional.

"These young ladies (including Morgan Gilliam and Ariel Graham) are my core sprint group," coach Bill Pinnell said. "They're conscientious and hard working. They committed themselves to being the best they can be, and it was a goal all season to get to the state meet. They all return next year, and we're looking to score in both (relays) and qualify in individual events."

"This is a versatile group, running the 100 to 400. Free-

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The members of Farmington's 1,600-meter relay team are (from left) Aaron Howell, Kara Gurney, Sydney Sterling and Olivia Salinas.

BLAZERS

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"Lauren has probably thrown only eight innings all year. We've worked her hard because of the injury. And so we wanted to make sure she was ready, and God love her. She walked in there with no fear and I said, 'Throw strikes,' and she looked like she had the determination to do it. I'm very happy for her."

Hayes, meanwhile, seized the moment on the big stage in Battle Creek.

"I was prepared," the 10th-grader said. "I always have my teammates backing me up in the field. When it was my chance to come in, I said, 'You know what? It's time to focus.' I knew my team had my back from the very beginning, and they told me, 'Lauren, stay up,' and I believed that and believed in them and that's what carried me through those two outs right there. I was fully confident I could do it."

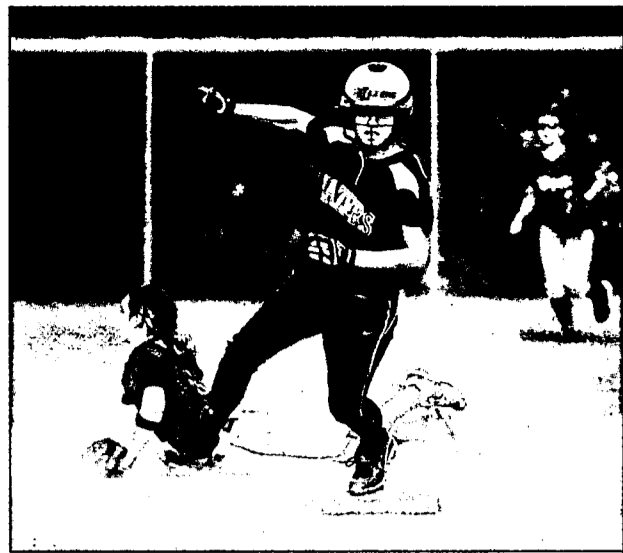
Combs, who is now 36-1 this season, was able to wiggle out of a first-inning jam when the Wildcats (38-3-1) put the first two runners aboard thanks to singles by Anderson and Kayla Merice. The runners moved up on a double steal, but Combs got out of the inning unscathed with a pair of popouts and a strikeout.

Ladywood then responded with three runs in the top of the second.

Cleanup hitter Carli SanMillan doubled and Andria Gietl reached base on an infield error. Allyssa Kashat then laid down a bunt in front of the plate that Wayland Union freshman pitcher Mallory Teunissen threw away past her twin sister Morgan at first base, scoring two runs. Kashat, who went all the way to third on the play, then scored on a safety squeeze bunt by Brittany DeCamillo to make it 3-0.

"That was really important to shift the momentum and make sure they weren't having the momentum in the first inning," said Briana Combs, who got out of the first-inning jam. "It gave us the momentum to score first."

The Blazers then went up 4-0 with another run in the top of the fifth on an infield single by Nicole Payne followed by a triple off the bat of Hayes. Wayland Union made things interesting, scoring twice in the bottom of the sixth on a bloop single by Merice, a sacrifice bunt by Sierra Mutschler, a walk to Sam Merren and a two-run double by



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Ladywood's Christina Meyer rounds the base and looks for a signal during Tuesday's Division 2 quarterfinal game. The Blazers advanced to the state finals with a 4-2 win over Wayland Union in Friday's semifinal game.

Haley Obetts (after outfielders Nicole Payne and Michelle Nelson collided while converging on the ball in left center). But Nelson was able to pick up the ball and gun down Obetts at third to end the inning.

But by that time, Combs seemed to be laboring on the mound.

"It's pretty bad," the Ladywood ace said. "I will (pitch tomorrow), it's just pretty sore right now. It's been pretty sore for a couple of weeks, but I've been trying to throw through it, and I think it's just making it even more sore. But there's nothing I can do about it. In the beginning it was OK."

It was the same knee Combs injured during basketball season.

"I knew 14 days ago we'd have to piece this together," Scott Combs said. "I thought maybe we could get through quarters, and today, I knew it would be pretty tough. I think one of the things is that we're not timing it very well. There's so much pomp and circumstance, we should have timed it a little later. She (Briana) was ready to go way too early. We can see if that will help at all — I don't know if she can go or not."

"We've been here three times and all you can I ask for is a chance to win the championship, and we get that chance."

In 6½ innings, Combs allowed just five hits, walked two and struck out three.

"She (Combs) did a nice job," Wayland Union coach Cheri Ritz said. "We haven't been shut down like that all year. She's legit, she throws well. I didn't catch it (the injury) until the last inning. I just thought she was throwing good. She threw well, considering she was injured."

Mallory Teunissen, meanwhile, gave up five hits, struck out four and did not allow a

walk. Three of the four Ladywood runs were unearned.

"Our pitcher pitched a great game," Ritz said. "For a freshman, she threw very well against what I think is a pretty veteran team with seven starters back from last year's Final Four team."

While icing her knee and laying on the field following the emotional win, Briana Combs gave kudos to her relief pitcher Hayes, who earned a rare save.

"I'm really proud of her," Briana said. "She stepped up. I know she was nervous. I didn't want to have to put that on her, but she stepped up. She's been throwing bullpens all week and she did a really good job. I said, 'Thank you for picking me up.'"

Combs was a freshman pitcher when the Blazers lost 4-0 in the state final to Niles.

"It's really important," the right-hander said. "We have seven seniors and we were all here our freshman year. It's taken us four years to get back to the championship, so we've worked really hard. I've been trying everything I can. I don't know what else I can do with it. We'll see."

Scott Combs will take a similar approach with his pitchers for Saturday's final.

"We've got to be a bullpen tomorrow, we've got to be a staff," he said. "We can't expect somebody to go seven innings. We'll do what we can do tomorrow. It's one of those things, we'll try and piece it back together."

And Hayes is ready once again if called upon. "Win it, that's my mindset right there," she said. "My teammates have the bats — offense, defense, we have it. I believe we can do it."

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ALL-AREA

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man and Seals are long jumpers; Karrington also runs both hurdles, and the other girls run on the 1,600 relay."

North Farmington, 800 (Morgan Gilliam, Jr.; Asha McKinney, Jr.; Asha Freeman, Jr.; Ashley Phillips, Soph.): The Raiders set the school record with an area-best time of 1:43.46. "This particular group has only run together a few times, but it was first at the Lady Rocket Relays and second at the regional," Pinnell said.

Farmington, 1,600 (Kara Gurney, Jr.; Olivia Salinas, Sr.; Aaron Howell, Jr.; Sydney Sterling, Jr.): The Falcons ran an area-best time of 4:06.5. They were fourth in their region at 4:12.3 and missed going to state.

"That relay has been a real source of competition on our team all year," coach Bridges said.

"While it didn't make it to the state meet, that was our best, most consistent relay all year. At the regional that one day, we just didn't quite have it, but those girls won a lot

of events. We had a lot of girls who ran it and ran fast.

"We had terrific leadership by Sydney Sterling. She enjoyed running that relay and was responsible for getting the girls fired up meet after meet."

Churchill, 3,200 (Sydney Anderson, Jr.; Kerigan Riley, Jr.; Michelle Azar, Jr.; Bethany Pilat, Sr.): This quartet captured the regional with a season-best time of 9:30.4 to earn a trip to the Division 1 state finals.

They also won the Kensington Conference and Public Schools of Livonia meet titles as well as going 5-0 in KLAAs South Division dual meets. Churchill also took second in the KLAAs Association meet.

"These four girls had great relay and individual seasons for our track team," Daugherty said. "They ran the fourth fastest time in school history. It's a very dedicated group of individuals that did great things this season as a team."

COACH OF THE YEAR Pat Daugherty, Liv. Churchill: It was another successful season for

the fifth-year coach, who has guided the Chargers to five straight Division 1 regional titles.

The 2012 Chargers also placed third at the Kensington Conference meet and was runner-up at the KLAAs Association meet. Churchill also captured the KLAAs South Division crown and its eighth straight Public Schools of Livonia Invitational championship.

The Chargers qualified a total of 12 girls for the Division 1 state meet, including all four relay teams. Senclair McDonnell (high jump) and Emily Norscia (discus) both placed third in their respective events.

"We had a very deep team, with five girls scoring 100-plus points this year," said Daugherty, who has coached at Churchill for a total of 12 years. "With all our team success, we as coaches are even more proud of how hard our girls worked throughout the season and how well they competed as a team and individuals. The bigger the meet the better we competed. That says a lot about our girls, our coaches and the program at Churchill."

OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK BESTS

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SHOT PUT

Chelsea Savage (Harrison) 40-8
Hailey Hurt (Farmington) 37-5
Kaylon Brown (Harrison) 35-6
Kyla Roland (Harrison) 35-3
Oly Nwanko (Stevenson) 35-1.5
Amy Lewandowski (Ladywood) 34-11
Amber Warren (Canton) 34-11
Bailey Hart (Wayne) 34-5.5
Chyna Williams (Ply) 33-7.25
Quay Nichols (Wayne) 33-7.25

DISCUS

Emily Norscia (Churchill) 123-8
Hailey Hurt (Farmington) 116-6
Chelsea Savage (Harrison) 110-7
Chanelle Wright (Glenn) 109-1
Amy Lewandowski (Ladywood) 107-3
Dana Blankenship (Salem) 106-1
Tionne Johnson (Ply) 105-8
Kayla Branton (Stevenson) 102-11
Sarah Muzzin (Stevenson) 101-8

HIGH JUMP

Senclair McDonnell (Churchill) 5-7
Aaron Howell (Farmington) 5-4
Ashley Cochran (Churchill) 5-2
Joslyn Massey (Glenn) 5-2
Taylor Rieckhoff (Ply) 5-2
Jamaya Dixon (RU) 5-2
Jada Woody (Ply) 5-0
Kelly O'Brien (Franklin) 5-0
Emily Freiburger (Ply) 4-11
Taelour Phillips (Glenn) 4-10
Jamie Rowland (Churchill) 4-10
Rebecca Spencer (RU) 4-10
Sheila McKinley (Franklin) 4-10
Raven Major (Farmington) 4-10

LONG JUMP

Aaron Howell (Farmington) 19-0
Briana Jed (Stevenson) 16-10.75
Kayla Jones (Glenn) 16-9
Alex Kitz (Stevenson) 16-8
Becka Knox (Ply) 16-7
Asha Freeman (N. Farmington) 16-6.5
Karrington Seals (N. Farm.) 16-2.75
Joslyn Massey (Glenn) 16-6
Ashley Cochran (Churchill) 16-4.5
Micah Willingham (Cville) 16-3

POLE VAULT

Reagan Engstrom (Ply) 11-9
Alex Kitz (Stevenson) 11-9
Jane McCurry (Ply) 11-2
Taylor Rieckhoff (Ply) 10-8
Emily Lang (Canton) 10-8
Nancy Krutty (Salem) 10-4

Sarah Uhlian (Ply) 9-6
Pia Simon (Canton) 9-6
Molly Miller (Harrison) 9-3
Brenna Connelly (Ply) 9-2
Amanda Fox (Churchill) 9-2

100-METER HURDLES

Laticia Sims (Harrison) 14.0
Aaron Howell (Farm.) 14.8
Kirsten Smith (Glenn) 14.9
Karrington Seals (N. Farm.) 15.15
Kelly O'Brien (Franklin) 15.5
Molly Jarvis (Churchill) 15.7
Maya Roberts (Mercy) 16.3
Natalie Puckett (Ply) 16.5
Leah Robinson (Harrison) 16.5
Taelour Phillips (Glenn) 16.7

300 HURDLES

Laticia Sims (Harrison) 44.3
Aaron Howell (Farm.) 45.2
Kirsten Smith (Glenn) 46.3
Natalie Puckett (Ply) 47.9
Molly Jarvis (Churchill) 46.96
Karrington Seals (N. Farm.) 47.93
Ariel Graham (N. Farmington) 48.8
Kelly O'Brien (Franklin) 49.1
Marina Milad (Canton) 49.61
Holly Stark (Ply) 49.86

100 DASH

Tiera Parker (Harrison) 12.1
Kayla Jones (Glenn) 12.3
Domonique Smith (Thurston) 12.4
Deisha Williams (RU) 12.4
Bryah White (Franklin) 12.5
Shekinah Johnson (Glenn) 12.6
Ce'Andria Moing (GC) 12.6
Asha Freeman (N. Farmington) 12.6
Elyssa Hofmann (Churchill) 12.7
Jessica Thomas (Franklin) 12.8
Madison Agnew (Franklin) 12.8

200

Tiera Parker (Harrison) 25.2
Domonique Smith (Thurston) 25.7
Sandra Johnson (Harrison) 26.1
Kayla Jones (Glenn) 26.3
Ayanna Buckley (Cville) 26.3
Asha Freeman (N. Farm.) 26.4
Sydney Sterling (Farm.) 26.6
Becka Knox (Ply) 26.6
Joslyn Massey (Glenn) 26.64
Elyssa Hofmann (Churchill) 26.7

400

Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 59.25
Sydney Anderson (Churchill) 59.9
Rachael Hille (Ply) 1:00.6
Sydney Sterling (Farmington) 1:00.6
Julia Szuba (Churchill) 1:01.0
Adrianna Beltran (Salem) 1:02.11
Krystal Whitlow (GC) 1:02.36
Allison Timberlake (Stevenson) 1:02.54

Danielle Robbins (Wayne) 1:03.1
Kourtney Strong (Churchill) 1:03.27
800

Adrianna Beltran (Salem) 2:18.1
Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 2:20.33
Karlie Gallagher (Stevenson) 2:21.1
Olivia Salinas (Farmington) 2:24.6
Michelle Azar (Churchill) 2:26.7
Nicole Traiteses (Ply) 2:27.0
Karen Windle (PCA) 2:28.6
Katie Grimes (Canton) 2:30.0
Mariana DeBiasi (Ply) 2:30.36
Julia Capeneka (Stevenson) 2:32.08

1,600

Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 5:04.41
Kristen Muir (Canton) 5:10.1
Kerigan Riley (Churchill) 5:15.7
Heather Smith (Mercy) 5:16.88
Emily Brunett (Harrison) 5:18.8
Bethany Pilat (Churchill) 5:24.5
Marina DeBiasi (Ply) 5:28.6
Karlie Gallagher (Stevenson) 5:28.6
Michelle Azar (Churchill) 5:29.2
Teagan Dillon (Mercy) 5:31.3

3,200

Kayla Kavulich (Salem) 11:24.32
Bethany Pilat (Churchill) 11:27.73
Emily Brunett (Harrison) 11:33.97
Heather Smith (Mercy) 11:40.51
Kerigan Riley (Churchill) 11:45.3
Brooke Kuchka (Stevenson) 12:00.0
Erin Hardin (Luth. W'sk) 12:02.4
Vivien Okechukwu (Churchill) 12:13.2
Alysen Eads (Mercy) 12:14.1
Teagan Dillon (Mercy) 12:14.7

400 RELAY

Churchill 49.6
North Farmington 49.61
Farmington Harrison 49.7
Franklin 49.8
Farmington 50.2

800 RELAY

North Farmington 1:43.5
Farmington 1:44.5
Churchill 1:45.0
John Glenn 1:45.0
Farmington Harrison 1:47.0

1,600 RELAY

Farmington 4:06.5
Salem 4:07.5
Churchill 4:09.2
John Glenn 4:10.4
Canton 4:13.6
3,200 RELAY
Churchill 9:29.7
Salem 9:34.8
Plymouth 9:37.9
Farm. Hills Mercy 9:51.94
Canton 10:06.91

Cards advance



The 14-and-under Great Lakes Cardinals have earned a berth in the 2012 USSSA Elite Major World Series, June 15-21, at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. following their performance in the Memorial Day Super NIT in Sterling Heights. Members of the Cardinals, who played their home baseball games at Livonia Franklin High School, include (bottom row, from left) Cameron Stella, Plymouth; Zachary Prystash, Northville; Nik Campbell, Farmington; Frank Bellino, Canton; Andrew Hejka, Canton; Frank Lucska, Garden City; Luke Hargis, White Lake; (top row, from left) assistant coach Emile Mahanti, Grant Hartwig, Plymouth; Tyler Thorington, Woodhaven; head coach Dan Hejka, Jimmy Howell, Allen Park; Ravi Mahanti, Farmington; Seth Hubbard, Canton; and assistant coach Mark Thorington.

NEW COACH

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try at Churchill. With the Churchill boys, Friedrichs has posted an overall record of 151-89-25, including one KLAAs, two conference, four division and

two district titles.

"I am pleased to have Reid running the girls program as he is both a known and valuable commodity in the boys program and throughout the state of Michigan," Hage said. "He is a knowledgeable, respected and skilled coach who will develop the talent

we have which will allow us to compete with the top teams in the KLAAs. We are excited to have him coaching this program and I have confidence our girls and families will feel the same way."

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PASTOR

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• Another Met fouls off a pitch, but the coach responds with a friendly, "C'mon buddy!" The boy smiles and immediately has the look of confidence.

• "Angry eyes, angry eyes," said the coach to another batter, reminding him of the need to maintain sharp focus at the plate.

• Even when something goes awry, Dorman keeps the mood on the upswing with "No problem."

His way with words and people are undeniable.

"If they don't do something exactly the way he wanted, he finds something positive to tell them," said Holly Byars, one of the parents enthralled with Dorman's positive impact. "It's just the confidence level. It's amazing what he's done for these kids as a team."

According to another Mets parent, Krisan Arbanas, the coach clicks with the kids because there are "no negative comments. Even if there's something they did wrong, he finds something on the bright side for them to focus on, to improve."

Doesn't want credit

Of course, Dorman wants none of the praise coming his way from Mets parents — who credit him for how their kids have learned to win under his wing since taking the team over in 2011.

Following the Mets' 15-2 win over the Indians last week at Plymouth Township Park Field No. 3, their record improved to 10-0. But one gets the feeling the atmosphere around Dorman and his squad wouldn't be much different if it had a losing record.

"I can't separate who I am from what I do, no matter what it is, no matter what I'm doing," Dorman said. "I have to think of it in terms of what does it mean to live in light of what Christ has done for me."

"What does the gospel look like in everyday life, even on the baseball field. And that's why I don't even want to take credit for the positive approach, or the upbeat spirit, or the way I love coaching these boys."

One of the boys on the team is his 12-year-old son, Jared — the reason Jerry is coaching the



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Coach Jerry Dorman (right) talks to his Mets U12 Little League baseball team prior to a recent contest at Plymouth Township Park. Dorman is an expert communicator and motivator who also keeps things fun for the boys.

Mets in the first place.

And first place is exactly where the Mets have been ever since the Dormans joined the fold, drafted to helm a team of East Middle School boys hailing from the same neighborhood near Cherry Hill and Lotz roads in Canton.

In 2011, the team went undefeated before losing in disappointing fashion in the playoffs.

Sweet sequel

Virtually all of those players returned in 2012, requesting Dorman to be their coach. And the wins have continued.

"Last year was just by accident," Dorman said. "I said my son was playing ball again and I wanted to coach him and I put my name out there in the league. I begged them to let me coach."

"And then I said just give me a team. They gave me guys I'd never met before. And we put 12 guys together that we're just outstanding. Just guys that really wanted to learn the game. They were eager."

Among those players were Brad Byars and Nicholas Arbanas.

Last year was so much fun, they couldn't wait to get back out on the field this spring.

"This year we did all request him again. Last year we just sort of happened upon him," Holly Byars said. "We were undefeated, and a couple of the kids had never played ball before. By the end of the season, my son was considering trying to move up to a travel team this year, but he just loved the coach so much he wanted to stay with

this team."

Bringing it

Just a couple of weeks ago, Brad — the smallest kid on the team, weighing in at 90 pounds — enjoyed a big moment to win a game.

"We were losing 10-2," Dorman said. "We picked up five runs in the next to the last inning, we did it right within the time limit (1:45) so we could play one more inning and then the dramatics in the last inning were incredible."

"And Brad polished it off with a two-run homer to tie the game."

Nicholas Arbanas also is swinging a hot bat. Against the Indians, he drove a three-run homer over the left-field fence to set the tone. He also blanked the Indians until the fourth and collected three other hits along the way.

"Nick loves baseball, absolutely adores baseball," Krisan Arbanas said. "His skills have improved dramatically the last couple years. His goal is to be a professional baseball player."

If he does, he might someday point back to the years spent playing for Dorman as a turning point in his development.

Dorman wouldn't accept credit for that. But he (and Mets assistant coaches Kevin Swope and Josh Utley) would love to see any of his players keep climbing the baseball ladder.

And continue growing as young men, too.

It's all good

"I really believe in a positive approach," Dorman said. "I love coaching kids this age because they just

soak it up like sponges, it's really kind of encouraging to see.

"I don't believe in yelling and screaming, I don't believe in calling out mistakes. I believe in improving and encouraging the positive aspects of what's going on, and telling them where they can make differences and where they can make changes."

Many coaches do the fist bump and helmet thump to encourage their players. But Dorman also spreads good will with opponents such as Paul Fphister of the Indians. After Paul singled, Dorman congratulated him.

"That was a really good hit Paul, with authority," Dorman said to the youngster, perched at first base.

A few moments later, with a chuckle, he added to nobody in particular, "I want to pick Paul off."

Following the game, he talked about kibitzing with players on the other team.

Well, don't forget it's Little League.

"I feel we're out here to encourage baseball," he said. "I'm not out here saying my team's great and your team isn't. I applaud good play all over the field. I like that."

"And it's rubbed off on my parents, because I hear them doing the same thing. Congratulating other team's players."

Looks as though the Golden Rule is part of Jerry Dorman's teaching vernacular, whether it's Sunday or not.

At least in the GCYB-SA, maybe it's helping to launch a new kind of golden age.

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Rams out-slug Bulls in Collegiate League

Mark Wagner went 2-for-3 with four RBI and J.P. Maracani also homered as the Michigan Rams upended the first-place Michigan Bulls, 11-6, in a showdown of the top two teams in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League Wednesday at Bicentennial Park.

Maracani, who plays at Spring Arbor University, went 2-for-3 with two RBI and scored three runs, while Gordon Garrett and Brandon Katta each added an RBI and scored two runs apiece.

Justin Sherman collected the other RBI as the 20-and-under Rams improved to 7-1-1 (15 points) in the LCBL.

Donnie Eaton, in relief of starter Josh Payzant, picked up the victory. Eaton worked the final four innings allowing one earned run on three hits and three walks while striking out four.

Madonna University's Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) led the Bulls going 2-for-3 with a double and one RBI. Theo Piccirilli and Jacob Rhodes also knocked in runs for the 22-and-under Bulls, who slipped to 8-2 (16 points).

Davie Frederick, the Bulls starter, gave up seven runs on five hits and seven walks over three innings. He struck out five.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Junior golf classes

PGA golf professional Tami Bealert will stage a series of junior golf classes for ages 5-8 and 9-12 and 13-17 this summer at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The starting dates for the five-week morning classes (sessions I and II) are Wednesday, June 20; Tuesday, June 26; or Thursday, June 28.

The cost is \$75 per session.

For more information, visit www.TrainWithTami.com; or e-mail TrainwithTami@yahoo.com.

You can also call (734) 731-0238.

Cards an ace

Dee Farsetti, 73, of Livonia used a driver to ace the 126-yard, No. 17 hole, June 8, at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Farsetti, who has been playing for eight year, shot 56 for nine holes.

Golf swing tips

Hitting it Long and Straight will be the focus of the game enhancement session from PGA golf professional Tami Bealert from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, June 18 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is \$20 (cash or check only) with optional golf (with cart) for an additional \$10 following the enhancement session.

For more information, visit www.TrainWithTami.com; or e-mail TrainwithTami@yahoo.com. You can also call (734) 731-0238.

Glenn mat outing

The Westland John Glenn wrestling program will stage its 15th annual golf outing fund-raiser on Saturday, Sept. 15 at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Included in the \$85 cost is golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

For more information, e-mail Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk at rockettwrestling@gmail.com; or call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

CYO volleyball

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 football). 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 tbw4boys@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 season.

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 coaches for the fall of 2012.

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

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 e-mail demare@divinechildhighschool.org.

Boys hoop coach

Dearborn Heights Annapolis is seeking a varsity boys basketball coach.

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.

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Trailwood tour

Walk slowly to see all in gardens

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

Grass. That's all that grew in Carol and Joe Carli's backyard when the couple moved into their Plymouth Township home 20 years ago.

There was so much grass, they cut it with a rider mower.

Over the years a large wooden deck, a dozen seating areas including a gazebo, a pond, fountains, bird baths, statues, brick walkways and beds of yellow daylilies, delicate "Moonbeam" coreopsis, climbing clematis and other perennials have gradually supplanted the lawn.

The couple dispensed with the rider mower long ago.

"It all just kind of grew," said Carol, looking around at the perfectly-weeded flower beds. "I don't know how it did, but it did. You enjoy the prettiness — and keep buying more and more."

The Carli's backyard, which is one of several on the upcoming Trailwood Garden Club garden walk, might have remained all green grass if the couple weren't pet owners.

"What started it all was when one of our pets died. She was bur-



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Carol Carli sits in the gazebo in her backyard garden in Plymouth Township.



Clematis blooms on an arbor in Carol Carli's garden in Plymouth Township.

ied in here. We planted a tree and some flowers and it grew from there." All of our pets are buried here. And all of their headstones are here. You can see one there, and there and over there," Carol said, moving aside sprawling daylilies to expose the worn marble markers identifying the resting places of several cats and a German shepherd.

"That was my son's cat," she added, referring to one of the grave sites. "He lived in an apartment at the time she died and he had nowhere for her to go, so she joined the crowd."

A fountain, pond, statuary, perennials and a tree make up the memorial pet garden. Other beds contain foun-

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A fairy-themed fountain is next to the patio in Judy Miller's garden.

Livona garden shows off big blooms, tiny village

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

Judy Miller's family tree grows among the tall evergreens, sprawling perennial flowers and among bird baths and garden art in her Livonia backyard.

"I have this thing about plant names. The first time I went to Franks with my mom, there was a daylily plant and its name (variety) was Judith. I said, when am I ever going to find a plant with my name again? So I bought it."

"Well, that started me on a hunt. I have names of a lot of family and friends. I have my mom and dad, my husband, my grandma — anybody I can find," Miller said, explaining her passion for plant varieties named after people.

"That's kind of nice, because I can tell them, I've got a flower and it makes me think of you. It has your name. Or, it's

in people's memory. I do that, too. The plants here are more than plants."

Visitors to Miller's backyard, which is on the upcoming Friends of Greenmead Garden Walk, may not recognize the significance of dahlias named after Miller's grandchildren, Lauren and Sean, but will admire their blooms as they walk along the central planting bed that also contains fuzzy yellow foxtail lilies, red-tipped torch lilies, butter-colored daylilies and yarrow, monkshood, bear's britches, violet spiderwort, an assortment of sculptures, stepping stones, a gazing ball, birdbath and trellis covered in a clematis named after Pope John Paul II.

Miller gardened at her previous home in Dearborn where shade restricted the variety of plants that grew. When she and her husband, Greg, decided to move 10

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FLOWERS ARE FOREVER

What: Trailwood Garden Club garden walk

When: Noon-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 26

Where: Throughout Plymouth and Plymouth Township

Details: Seven gardens, enjoy complimentary refreshments, a raffle and a perennial sale. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the walk. Tickets for children, 12 and under, are half-price; there is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers not permitted. Tickets at Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, in Plymouth, (734) 416-0600; and Saxton's Garden Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 453-6250
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Judy and Greg Miller's grandchildren, Lauren Ryan, 8, and Sean Ryan, 5, helped set up the fairy village.



The central garden is the highlight of the Miller backyard in Livonia.

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years ago, they liked the sunny backyard they saw in Livonia.

"That was one of the reasons we bought the house. When I saw it had a southern exposure, I thought I could really have fun trying new things. I pour over catalogues in the winter looking for something new. Here I can have just about anything."

Acquiring plants

As a member of the Livonia Garden Club, she participates in the organization's perennial sharing every May, unearthing plants from her own garden and giving them away at the event. In return, Miller takes home unusual and interesting plants donated by other club members.

Miller also has grown dahlias since 2003. She digs up dozens of bulbs in the fall, keeps them indoors during the winter and re-plants each spring.

The Miller's backyard wasn't always lush with trees and flowers.

"When we first moved in there was nothing green back here during the winter," Miller recalled.

The following spring, they planted arborvitae along the backyard fence, added a few pine trees and extended adjacent flower beds. A decade later, the grown evergreens have formed a natural privacy fence and the adjacent planting area sports a mix of flowering perennials and annuals.

From big to small

The couple planted a redbud tree in the middle of the yard and created a flower bed around it.

"The tree looked so lonely, I realized I needed a bigger planting bed," Miller said.

While the main garden grew, the contents of a raised bed near the patio shrank. Miller replaced the tall, spiky yucca plants, where ducks often nested, with a tiny "fairy" village and low-growing sedums.



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Judy Miller welcomes you to her backyard in Livonia.

FRIENDS OF GREENMEAD GARDEN WALK

When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, June 23

Where: Throughout Livonia

Details: Tour five gardens and the Hill House gardens at Historic Greenmead. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 the day of the event and are available from committee members, the Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile; Alfred Noble Branch Library, 32901 Plymouth Road; Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile; Greenmead, Newburgh and Eight Mile, and the Community Resources Department at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

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A bed-shaped planter on the other side of the patio repeats some of the diminutive plants. A fairy figurine perches in the middle of the adja-



Asiatic lilies grow in Judy Miller's garden.

cent fountain that Miller bought when she retired in 2004 from her work in the office at Divine Child High School.

Now she spends her time tending to her backyard, keeping beds free from weeds, mulching and watering.

"I tell everyone I'm going out to play. I love to pull weeds. I find it relaxing," she said. "It's therapeutic. And when you are done, it looks so much better."

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tains and birdbaths, garden art, ground cover and flowers. Families of sparrows take up residence every year in a birdhouse stationed in the back of the yard. The couple's cat, Snowball, can watch the birds and butterflies from his climbing trees inside the house at a door-wall to the deck.

Favorite view

Carol enjoys taking it all in from the gazebo, where she can see the entire yard. Nearly a dozen other seating areas are placed throughout the garden and on the deck built by Joe.

"You get different views of the garden that way. It gives you a chance to see different things," she said. "I love summer, so it feels good for me to be outside."

Their son, who also is named Joe, put in the brick path and stone work. He also installed solar lights and a watering system that utilizes garden hoses.

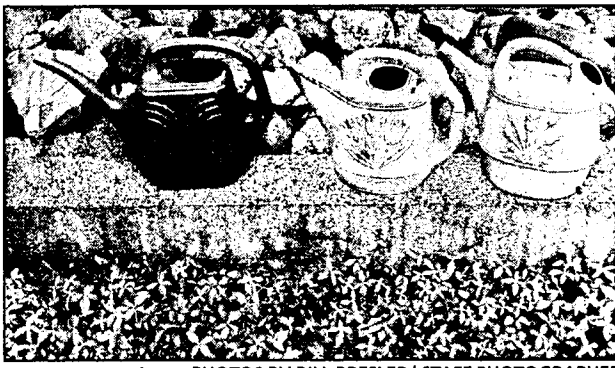
"It's been a family project," Carol said.

Second career

The family works together in business, too. When Joe retired from General Motors after 32 years, he got involved in the auction business.

"We used to like to go to the antique shows and we kind of just got into it. It just snowballed. We thought, we can do this," Carol said, adding that both her husband

and son attended an auctioneer school in Missouri. "I help them set



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Watering cans line a bed of rocks in the Carli garden in Plymouth Township.



Angels, gazing globes and other garden art decorate planting beds filled with perennials in the Carli garden.

up. We hold them at the Plymouth (Community) Cultural Center almost every Saturday. We did the Mayflower (Hotel) in

town. We did a soda shop in town. We've done for the post office. You never know what the next phone call will bring."

More garden walks showcase green thumbs

Save the date for these upcoming walks:

• Country Garden Club of Northville, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 11: The 19th annual Blossoms, Bees & Butterflies will include complementary refreshments at the Cady Inn and a garden market at Mill Race Village in addition to tours of several gardens in the Northville area. Tickets are \$10 and available at Gardenviews, 117 East Main, Northville. Tickets also will be sold the day at the event at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold. www.cgcnv.org or call (248) 348-3263.

• The Farmington Garden Club, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11: Tickets for the 2012 Biennial Garden Walk are \$10 and are available at Steinkopf Nurs-

ery, 20815 Farmington Road, north of Eight Mile, in Farmington. They also will be sold the day of the event at Warner Mansion Museum, 33805 Grand River Ave., west of Farmington Road, Farmington.

Southfield Parks and Garden Club, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 24: The 6th Annual Southfield Garden Walk will feature the gardens of Roseland Woods, located south of Nine Mile, between Evergreen and Southfield Road. The walk will begin at Brace-Lederle K-8 School, 18575 W. Nine Mile. Tickets are \$10 and are available in advance or on the day of the walk. For more information call Jon Adams at (248) 356-2281 or e-mail to sfldparks@hotmail.com.

One time, their son uncovered \$100,000 stashed in a basement room at the Westland home where they were inventorying estate items for auction.

"We called the family and said, you'd better come here because we

have a surprise for you."

Carol sometimes bids on garden art at her husband's auctions. That's how she acquired a red pump that stands in the side yard at her home.

Other items were gifts or purchases.

She suggests that beginning gardeners "start small," when starting to revamp their own backyards.

"If you like it, go on from there. When you sit back and look at what you've done, you can say wow, I did that myself. It's kind of neat."

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Joint pain needs treatment, but only rarely should a person go for help to an emergency room rather than a doctor's office.

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GERMAN, ROBERT

We lost an honest man on June 9, 2012 — just two weeks shy of his 75th birthday. Bob was surrounded by his loving kids Jerilyn German Petersmark (Frank), Dr. Beth German (Dr. Martin Garber), Amy German (Matthew Draving), Mary Ansbro (Peter), and Jonathan German (fiancée Carolina Floegel). Grappa to Caitlin, Christopher, Joseph, Samuel, Benjamin, Sarah, Nathan Robert, Evan and Ella. Also Tom Coyne, Joseph's dad, Kay (Kohler), the love of Bob's life for over 56 years, passed in November 2010. Bob's wish was to be cremated. Funeral Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI on Friday, June 15 at 9:30 am (visitation at 9:00 am and luncheon at 11:00 am. Please honor Bob's life by offering a kindness to a stranger.

JAMIESON, ELIZABETH

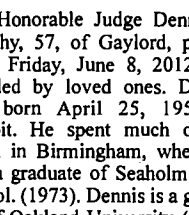
Age 99, of Farmington, MI, passed away June 14, 2012. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

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MURPHY, DENNIS F.

The Honorable Judge Dennis F. Murphy, 57, of Gaylord, passed away Friday, June 8, 2012 surrounded by loved ones. Dennis was born April 25, 1955 in Detroit. He spent much of his youth in Birmingham, where he was a graduate of Seaholm High School. (1973). Dennis is a graduate of Oakland University (1977) and Detroit College of Law (1980, now MSU). Following law school, Dennis enjoyed a successful legal career as an assistant prosecutor (Lapeer, MI), drug unit chief (Flint, MI), county prosecutor (Gaylord, MI), and as the chief legal counsel to the State Dept. of Corrections. Gov. John Engler appointed Dennis to his seat on the 46th Circuit Court in 1996. Dennis proudly served the people of Northern Michigan on the bench. Although Dennis was known to many as "Judge," he never allowed his work to interfere with his personal life. Very industrious and quick witted, Dennis enjoyed snowboarding, riding his motorcycle, camping, traveling, and playing poker. Dennis loved spending time with friends and family at his cottage in Elk Rapids. Dennis is survived by his wife of 27 years, Terry (Rickfelder), sons Tim (26) and Dan (25), and daughter Kate (21). Dennis has a large family, and is survived by mother Joan (Marion), and siblings Pete, Diane, Bob, Dave, Kathy and Jan. "Uncle Denny" has over 30 nieces and nephews. Dennis joins his father, Jim, in heaven. A memorial gathering was held at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 from 4-8pm, with a "time for sharing" at 7:30PM. A memorial mass was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 11:00 AM from St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord, Rev. Patrick Casey, officiating. The family received friends at the cathedral on Wednesday beginning at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, a contribution to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America is suggested, C/O Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734. Friends may offer their condolences online at www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com



OZOG, KATHRYN SUE

Ann Arbor, MI. Age 69, passed away at her home on June 15, 2012, surrounded by her loving family. She was born November 20, 1942 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Charles and Esther (Frederick) Jordan. On December 29, 1962 in Wayne, MI, Kathryn married her loving husband of 49 years, John A. Ozog. Kathryn was employed as a Clinical Psychiatric Nurse before her retirement in 1988. She was a member of Christ The King Catholic Church in Ann Arbor, the Carmelites and the American Nurses Assoc. In addition to her husband John, survivors include her children; John (Cindy) Ozog, David (Dawn Marie) Ozog, Joseph (Emily) Ozog, Cassandra (Patrick) McCarthy and Christa (Greg) Breen, 21 grandchildren, and sisters Carol Schneiderman, Gail Ferguson, Jean Birley and Nancy Allen. Her mother Esther Jordan and granddaughter Mary Therese preceded her in death. The family will gather with friends on Sunday, June 17, 2012 from 5-9 PM at Christ The King Catholic Church with the Rosary being prayed at 7:30 PM. A Mass of Catholic Burial will be held at Noon on Monday, June 18, 2012 at Christ The King beginning with visitation at 10:30 AM until the time of Mass at 12:00 Noon. Burial in Holy Sepulchre in Southfield. Memorial contributions are suggested to Trinity Academy P.O. Box 2758; Park City, Utah 84060 www.trinityacademy.org. Arrangements by Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel

STADER, ORIN

Age 69, passed away May 15th, after several months of declining health. Orin graduated from Northville HS and Northwood College. He was a Plymouth Fire Department volunteer, retired from Ford. Living in Tucson for 12 years, where he served as Potentate for the Sabber Shrine. Leaving to cherish his memory, mother Lorene, wife Arla, daughters Dawn Stader and Tracy (Michael) Houser, grandchildren Mikayla and Hunter and brother Bairon. Memorial June 23, Tucson Shrine. Donations to: Sabber Shrine, Tucson to benefit Children's Hospital.



THEODORE, CHRIS

Age 81, of Fairfield Glade, TN. Born in Boston and raised in Detroit, MI. He also resided in Garden City, Westland and Canton, MI. He passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 13. Born June 25, 1930, Chris was married to and survived by his high school sweetheart, Lu Theodore, for 61 wonderful years. A loving father and grandfather, he is also survived by children: Karen Carpenter (John), Toby Theodore (Kim) and Jeff Theodore (Karen); Grandchildren: Lee Dreps (Katie) and Erin Dreps (Ali); Kelsey; Eric; Cody; Luke and Shane Theodore. Brothers: Terry Theodore (Anita); Bob Theodore (Joann). Chris was a high school teacher and coach for over 36 years in Wayne County. His love was basketball. In college he played for Wayne State University. Chris was a man of integrity who foremost loved his family. He lived a wonderful life and had an impact on many lives. He will be sorely missed. There will be a Funeral Mass on Monday, June 18, at 10:00 a.m. CST at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 7503 Peavine Rd., Fairfield Glade, (Crossville) TN. Family will receive friends at the church from 9:00 - 10:00 CST.



HENSLEY, PASTOR JOHN MICHAEL "MIKE"

Age 60, of Columbus, Ohio, died Friday morning, May 11, 2012 at his residence following an extended illness. Michael was predeceased by his dad, John, in 2009. He also grew up in Garden City, Michigan. While serving in the Navy, he met his wife of 38 years, Sharon, they had a daughter Rebecca (David), who presented them with four grandchildren David, Daniel, Savannah and Briannah. Michael was a pastor in Ohio where he counseled troubled youths. Mike enjoyed doing Missionary work and building homes for the homeless. His mom Joan, as well as his sisters Sandy (Mike) Olsen of Westland and Renee Nowaczek of South Carolina, will miss him greatly. Mike also had many nieces and nephews that will miss his presence.

KATZMAN, SIDNEY H.

Age 80, Doctor of Optometry, died at Stoughton Nursing Home in Stoughton, MA on Wednesday, June 13. One of the founders of the Optometric Institute and Clinic of Detroit, Inc. which, over the past 45 years, provided vision and special needs services to the indigent and low vision population of the citizens of Detroit. Dr. Katzman served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force prior to entering civilian practice. He spent the majority of his professional career on the medical staff of Metro Medical Group, Detroit. He is deeply missed by his fellow professionals, the many patients he cared for so much, and his family. Dr. Katzman is survived by his children, Cynthia M. Katzman and her husband John Bowlby of MA, Michael S. Katzman and his wife Judith of OK and Patricia D. Katzman of MA; three grandchildren, David and Sarah Bowlby and Jesamine Katzman and a brother, Paul Katzman of MI. As an eye doctor, he helped thousands to see — as our father, he shared his vision. Funeral Services were held in Stoughton, MA on Thursday, June 14. Donations in Sidney's memory may be sent to Katzman Professional Eyecare Group, www.kpeg.org. Guestbook and obituary at www.farleyfh.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 Trotter and her husband Jon Trotter 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 Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. We will miss her dearly.

Milestones

60th anniversary

Patrick and Rose (Mooradian) Torossian marked their 60th wedding anniversary June 15. They were married in 1952 at St. John's Armenian Church.

The world travelers enjoy the small town atmosphere of Plymouth, where they have lived for more than 30 years.

Patrick is a U.S. Navy veteran and was stationed in Greenland. He was corporate director of materials for a manufacturing facility that produced electrical resistant alloys. Patrick is a certified range officer at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association. He has always been an avid hunter and enjoys hunting with his family.

Rose retired from Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth as a purchasing agent. She enjoys gardening and spending time with the family.

They both enjoy the senior citizen gatherings at St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield where they are long-time members.

The couple has three children: Jaclyn, Patrick, and Nancy. They also have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

They celebrated their milestone anniversary with family and friends.



Rose and Patrick Torossian of Plymouth.



Patrick and Rose Torossian in 1952.



Lucas Robert Deacon

Lucas Robert Deacon was born at 8:56 a.m. May 11, 2012 at Valley Medical Center in Renton, Wash. He weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Christine and Andy Deacon of Covington, Wash, formerly of Northville. Lucas' siblings are Daniel, 4, Nicholas, 2, and Alexander, 2.

Grandparents are Mary and Jim Mattis of Maple Valley, Wash., formerly of Northville, and Bill and Chris Deacon of Northville.

Great-grandparents are Frank and Florence Mattis of Dearborn Heights and Marjorie Deacon of Livonia.



Hubers-Lavery

Jennifer Anne Hubers and Dr. Todd Thorlton Lavery announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Lynne Hubers of Orange City, Iowa, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and a masters degree from the University of Sussex in England. She is a teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Joe and Audrey Lavery of Livonia, earned a bachelor's degree from Calvin College and a graduate degree from Wayne State School of Medicine. He is a surgeon at Detroit Medical Center.

A July 2012 wedding is planned at Indian Springs Metropark.

55th anniversary

Thomas Kenning and Carol (Fliedner) Brichford of Farmington Hills will mark their 55th wedding anniversary June 22. They were married in 1957 in Willoughby, Ohio.

Their children are Mark (Debra) Brichford of Livonia, Bill Brichford of Howell, and Nancy (Dave) Myers of Plainfield, Ind. Daughter-in-law Karen Brichford lives in Farmington.

The couple also has nine grandchildren.

Thomas worked for Ford Motor Company and Carol was a teacher and worked for State Farm Insurance.

They're involved in the Warner chapter of the Questers, help with the Redford Township Unicycle Club and are members of Franklin Community Church.

They plan to celebrate their anniversary with a family trip to Franckenmuth.



Tom and Carol Brichford of Farmington Hills



Hollandsworth-Olari

Rob and Lorraine Hollandsworth of Saint Charles, Ill., formerly of Livonia and Farmington Hills, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Lorraine, to Nicholas Anthony Olari, son of Jim Olari of Milford, Kim Olari of Grand Blanc and Rich Pellerito of Irwin, Pa.

Hollandsworth is a graduate of Wheaton North in Wheaton, Ill., and

Western Michigan University. She works for Village Green Management Corp as a property manager of Maple Village of Southgate.

Olari is a graduate of Milford High School and ITT Tech. He works for Black and Veatch Energy Corp as an engineering technician in Ann Arbor.

The couple plans a Sept. 8, 2012, wedding in Plymouth.

Patients mentor students in U-M medical school course

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

For the past six years, Erika Laszlo has helped teach medical students what it's like to be on the other end of the stethoscope.

The Garden City mom doesn't have a medical degree, but she was born with a congenital heart condition — and living with a chronic health problem is one of the prerequisites to volunteering in the Family Centered Experience. The course is required for all of U-M's first- and second-year students. Its goal is to help medical students explore the "human side" of medicine, see the patient as a "whole person" and help them understand how illness affects daily life.

"I think the biggest thing for me is that it reminds me how fortunate I am to be here. Everything I've been through is so worth it and now I'm giving back by helping these med students," said Laszlo, who also works as a physician liaison for U-M Health System. "I always say to myself, if what I've been through can help someone else, I'm willing to do it."

Volunteers must have a chronic medical condition that requires them to make regular doctor visits. Adults and teens and children with parental consent, can participate in the program, but must live within 30 miles of Ann Arbor because the medical students travel to their homes. They make five home visits and accompany the volunteer to a doctor's appointment.

"You're with your medical student for two years. They come to your house and each visit has a theme. One theme might be 'breaking bad news.' We're given a handbook that tells us what kind of information they are looking for."

Themes help guide the discussion and students must complete assignments



Erika Laszlo with her children, Ethan and Sophie. Laszlo has participated in the Family Centered Experience, helping medical students at the University of Michigan Medical School understand the patient's point of view.

and class discussion based on what they learned.

Dr. Arno Kumagai, professor of internal medicine and medical education and director of the program, said students develop their communication and listening skills through Family Centered Experience.

According to Heather Wagenshutz, program coordinator, the program helps aspiring doctors "realize what it means to be a patient."

"They are required to come out on medical visits," Laszlo said. "They'll sit in the waiting room with me. If I have to wait an hour to be seen, they have to wait an hour. It gives them some reality about what a patient goes through."

The students don't view the volunteer's medical records, give medical advice or get involved in their care. They do discuss details of the patient's condition and its impact on them and their loved ones. Home



visits are scheduled at a convenient time for the patient.

"What is so cool is at the end of the first year they a reception and they have the medical students there," Laszlo said, adding that the students must produce an art project, poem, or song to express what they've learned.

"I see it as a way of reflecting back and saying what went wrong and what went well and it's an opportunity to tell the medical students what needs improvement, so that when they get

out in the real world, they will think before they act."

The application process begins with a phone interview. Volunteers will be matched with a pair of students in time for the start of the new school year in August.

To apply for the program, e-mail to fce@umich.edu and indicate an interest in the program. For more information about the program, visit www.med.umich.edu/lrc/fce.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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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 Associa-

tion, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield. Lunch is provided and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

DIABETIC FRIENDLY SHOPPING

Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Food Market team up to present a nutrition workshop, 6 p.m. Thursday, June 21 at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. A registered dietician will lead the session. Register at (734) 779-6100.

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2012 FUSION SEL FWD
Great Lakes Value Package
MSRP: \$28,985³

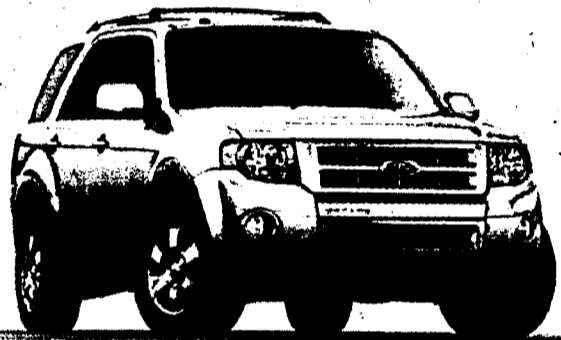


23 city / 33 highway MPG²

\$169 For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
PER MONTH LEASE
\$510 Cash Due at Signing
Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

- 2.5L Duratec I-4 Engine
- Heated Leather Driver/Passenger Seats
- Moonroof, Blind Spot Information System
- Reverse Sensing System • Rear View Camera
- Sync® Voice-Activated Communications and Entertainment System • MyKey™

2012 ESCAPE LIMITED FWD
MSRP: \$29,445³



20 city / 27 highway MPG²

\$169 For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
PER MONTH LEASE
\$1,180 Cash Due at Signing
Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

- 2.5L Duratec I-4 Engine
- Heated, Premium Leather Trimmed Front Seats
- 6-speed Automatic Transmission
- Power Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System
- AdvanceTrac® with Roll Stability Control™

2012 FLEX SEL FWD
MSRP: \$34,025³

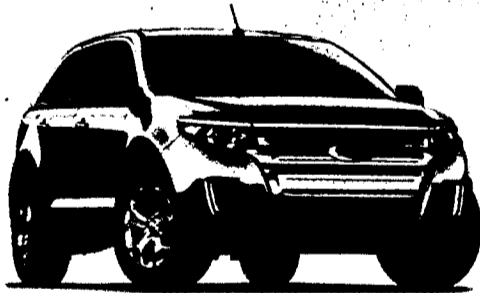


18 city / 28 highway MPG²

\$209 For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
PER MONTH LEASE
\$3,366 Cash Due at Signing
Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

OR **0%** PLUS: **\$1,750**
FINANCING FOR 60 MONTHS⁴ CUSTOMER CASH!

2012 EDGE SE FWD
MSRP: \$29,395³

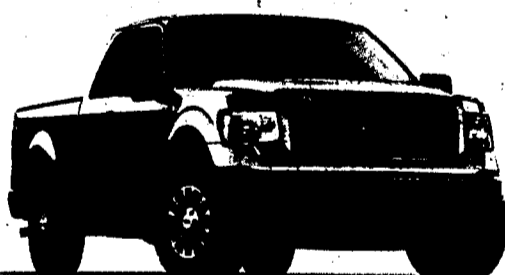


19 city / 27 highway MPG²

\$179 For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
PER MONTH LEASE
\$2,036 Cash Due at Signing
Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

- 3.5 Ti-VCT V6 Engine
- 6-Speed Automatic Transmission
- AdvanceTrac® with Roll Stability Control™
- AM/FM Stereo/Single CD-Player with MP3 Capability • Personal Safety System
- 17" Painted Aluminum Wheels

2012 F-150 SUPERCAB XLT 4X4
MSRP: \$38,660³



14 city / 19 highway MPG²

\$189 For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
PER MONTH LEASE
\$3,810 Cash Due at Signing
Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

- 5.0L V-8 Engine
- Sync, Tow & Chrome package
- 18" Chrome-Clad Aluminum Wheels
- AdvanceTrac® with Roll Stability Control™
- Trailer Sway Control

2013 EXPLORER XLT FWD
MSRP: \$36,140³



17 city / 24 highway MPG²

\$269 For 24 months for current A/Z plan lessees!
PER MONTH LEASE
\$2,485 Cash Due at Signing
Security Deposit Waived. Taxes, title and license fees extra.

- 3.5L Ti-VCT V-6 Engine
- Sync with My Ford Touch
- Reverse Sensing System
- Rear View Camera • Trailer Sway Control
- AdvanceTrac® with Roll Stability Control™



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