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### **ZBA** members

The Westland City Council has reappointed **Hector Lebert and Jack** Underwood as members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alan Marszalek, formerly an alternate, was appointed as a regular voting member.

Lebert was appointed to fill a three-year term that expires on June 21, 2015. He was an alternate from April 2011 to June 2011 when he was appointed to fill an unexpired term.

Underwood has served on the ZBA since 2004 and was reappointed to a fourth term, filling a three-year term that expires on June 21,

Marszalek, appointed as an alternate in February 2012, was appointed to fill the remainder of a that term that expires on Oct. 2, 2012.

### Kohl's winner

Shannon Salisbury, 18, of Westland was among more than 2,200 young people nationwide who have been recognized by the Kohl's Cares® Scholarship Program for making a positive impact in their communities through volunteerism.

Salisbury was among 95 youth from Michigan will each receive a \$50 gift card and recognition certificate from Kohl's to honor their community service efforts. She also has qualified for the chance to receive a \$1,000 regional scholarship for post-secondary education. Of the more than 200 regional winners, 10 national winners will each receive a total of \$10,000 in scholarships and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on each national winner's behalf.

In total this year, Kohl's will recognize more than 2,200 young volunteers with more than \$420,000 in scholarships and prizes.

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# TIFA finance plan includes city hall, recreation center

**By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer** 

A City Hall, recreation center and a fire station are among possible projects listed in an amended Tax Increment Financing Plan adopted by the Westland City Council Monday.

"This extends the life of the plan 30 years and extends the maximum indebtedness to \$40 million over 30 years," said Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale.

What projects will be completed by the TIFA, which recaptures tax dollars for reinvestment in the district, remains to be

"Just because the project is in the plan doesn't mean it will happen, but it could at the will of the TIFA Board," said

Fodale, adding the TIFA currently has no debt.

**Biggest issue** 

Attracting the most attention has been the construction of a new city administration building in the TIFA Plan. That's because TIFA dollars can only be spent in the TIFA district and a TIFA-funded City Hall would likely be located behind the William P.

Faust Library.

Residents of Newberry Estates Subdivision, located just south of the library, were opposed to construction of a new municipal building behind the library and potential removal of trees that back up to their yards.

After consulting with a team of designers and architects provided through a nation-

al program recommended keeping City Hall on Ford Road, Mayor William Wild decided to take a second look at options for a new City Hall. A prime factor in the location behind the library was that the new building — costing in the \$13 million range - could be built without any addi-

tional tax dollars. That Please see TIFA, A2



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bob Catalano of Westland, volunteer and assistant manager for collections at the Yankee Air Museum, is promoting adoption of the museum's aircraft, including the "Huey" helicopter as a way to get the community involved.

# Yankee Air Museum puts planes up for 'adoption'

Yankee Air Force volunteers help rebuild Yankee Air Museum. See story and photos on Page A4-5.

> By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

When Uncle Sam needed recruits in World War II, he pointed to the masses with his finger. Now that iconic finger is pointing again as the Yankee Air Museum looks for groups of people interested in "adopting" one of its airplanes.

It's a no-cost arrangement, and no need to worry about where to park the planes. They're on display at the museum and its air park on D Street at the Willow Run

Airport. Those who like their airplanes on the large size can consider adopting the museum's B-52 Stratofortress. Too big? No problem, the museum also has smaller planes like the Martin



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Canberra, F-4C McDonnell Phantom II and the **UH-1H Bell Iroquois** "Huey" helicopter available for adoption.

The only requirement is a commitment to clean the aircraft twice a year. The Yankee Air Museum will provide the supplies needed to take care of the airplane.

"We want the community to get involved," said Bob Catalano, the assistant manager for collections. "We're look-

ing for families, businesses, scout groups, veterans organizations, Civil Air Patrol. or ROTC groups to help clean the planes one day in the spring and one day in the fall, do painting as needed, and, as capable, do some minor repairs.

Catalano got the idea from the museum at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. The museum

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# Program needs volunteers to mentor youth

**By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer** 

Paul Motz is looking for a few good men and women --- no uniforms required — to serve as mentors for the Westland Youth Assistance Program.

"We need the mentors to support local kids. It takes about an hour a week," said Motz, the program director. "It's a great program for the city in the long run. It impacts the teens and how they intact with the community in the future."

Mentor training is scheduled for 12 hours spread over four sessions - 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

and Thursday, July 10-12 and July 17-19. Would-be mentors must be 21 years old and a background check will be done.

"The training is very interactive, there is a lot of discussion, activities, listening and communication," said Motz. "We also discuss the rules of the program."

For people who may be unsure about serving as a mentor, Motz said the clincher can be the last training session.

'One of the best parts. of the training is when we have kids who have been previously mentored come in. That's the last night," said Motz.

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### Schoof: Absentee ballots on way to voters

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

Westland absentee voters are likely to receive their Aug. 7 primary ballots Friday.

'We hope to get them in the mail on Thursday (today) and the post office usually delivers them the next day." said Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof, who noted today (July 5) is also the last day to register to vote in the primary election.

For the primary, she is estimating just over 3,500 absentee ballots will be sent out.

Since the candidates are running in a partisan primary, Schoof said voters aren't allowed to split their ballot — they have to vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary.

Locally, the main race will be to fill elect a representative for the newly redistricted 13th U.S. House District that includes Westland, Redford, Garden City, part of Detroit and several Downriver communities. In what is likely to be a largely Democratic district, the winner of the primary would be expected to take the seat. Five Democrats are in the race: State Sen.

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"The kids talk about how beneficial it was for them having a mentor — it's a big sell."

Part of the training is getting to know the mentors so that a good match could be made with one of the youngsters in the Youth Assistance Program, said Motz.

The mentors spend time with the youngsters, often meeting over food or an activity, Motz said.

"With some grants we received, we try to take pressure off the class or mentors," said Motz. "There are gift cards to area restaurants, bowling and laser tag. A lot of our kids would not be able to afford this. It's not just sitting and talking. They might take a walk in the park or sit on a bench."

Depending on what is needed by the individual youngsters, mentors may help keep them focused on school work, he said. In all cases, Motz said the mentors serve as interested adults and role models for the teens.

Currently, the program has 25 trained mentors with about 12 currently matched with youths.

Anyone interested in mentor training can call (734) 467-7904 for more information.

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wouldn't be true for the current site since it is not located within the TIFA District.

"You have a recreation center on the wish list. You just closed one (the Bailey Center) and merged (recreation departments) with Wayne," said Stephanie Klefman, a Newberry Estates resident. "The fire station — you've got a perfectly good one. It's a waste of tax dollars."

The fire station and recreation center were added to the TIFA Plan based on input from the citizens advisory panel and comments at public hearings.

"The TIFA is for dilapidated areas, not to build a stupid City Hall behind the library," said Bill Campbell, another Newberry Estates resident, who also attempted to verbally attack TIFA citizens committee member Mary Murphy.

Campbell also complained that the meeting, which was well attended, was being held in the middle of the Westland Summer Festival which made parking difficult. Arrangements were . made to allow parking at the nearby fire station and other areas around City Hall.

"There are certain items that are mandated. The council can't vote at the same meeting as the hearing, so the public hearing is held first," said City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof. "There are certain deadlines for publication to meet. That threshold necessitated the meeting tonight. I apologize for the carni-

val. Before council voted to adopt the TIFA Plan, Councilman Bill Johnson said that a lot of people's minds could be put to rest with an answer on whether plans for the City Hall to be located behind the library had been dropped.

"We went back to the drawing board. We're looking at all the options after the public comments," said Deputy Mayor Jade Smith. "Are we planning to put it behind the library? No."

**But Council Presi**dent James Godbout was quick to add that location behind the library wasn't off the table.

"There are no active plans to put City Hall behind the library at this point in time," he said. "That's not to say that won't change a year or two down the road. It depends on the financing. To categorically say nothing will ever be built there. I don't want anyone to be mislead.'

### **Cost concerns**

During council comments, Councilman Michael Kehrer said he

**BALLOTS** 

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new 13th District.

talks with residents he meets about locating City Hall behind the library. Most oppose taking out trees on the property, he said, but that opposition changes dramatically when people learn the alternative could require approval of additional millage.

Other possible projects in the TIFA Plan include improvements/ résurfacing for Central City Parkway and Newburgh, improvements to the shopping district that includes Westland Shopping Center and a business incubator that would assist start up businesses with rent.

Any projects would be subject to public discussions and require council

Past TIFA projects included the construction of the library and an addition to the building might be a future project. The TIFA also did road improvements including construction of Central City Parkway with the boulevard on the west side of Carlson and infrastructure improvements around Westland Shopping Center.

The council is scheduled to hold a study session for an update on plans for City Hall, which was possibly relocating temporarily to the Bailey Center building, at 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 16.

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ever, five precincts in

Westland will select the

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People can help the Yankee Air Museum preserve aviation history by adopting a plane. The adoption list includes:

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Antonov AN-2 "Colt" To sign up or for more information, contact Bob Catalano in the Yankee Air Museum Collections Department at of the Yankee Air Museum, (734) 483-4030 Ext. 260,

947-8790, or by email at bob.catalano@yankeeairmuseum.org. More information and an application also can be found under the collections tab on the museum's website at www.yankeeairmuseum. org.

The Yankee Air Museum is supported by the Yankee Air Force, a volunteer group "organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items."

The Yankee Air Museum is 4788 D St., off Beck Road, south of Ecorse, Ypsilanti. For more information, call (734) 483-4030 or visit the museum website.

### **PLANES**

by cell phone at (570)

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curator "has a nice program like this in place" and a waiting list for adoptive groups.

"I live in Westland and some of the people on that list are from Westland," he said. "There's people from Ohio on it. We figured if we did it here, it's closer, we can have them come here."

The Yankee Air planes are on static display in the air park outside the museum now located in the former Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology on the north side of the airport.

Volunteers have been rebuilding the museum after its collection of artifacts, memorabilia and several planes were destroyed in a fire in 2004.

Catalano is worried that people don't realize the museum is still in existence. He hopes to introduce more peo-

Volunteers have been rebuilding the museum after its collection of artifacts, memorabilia and several planes were destroyed in a fire in 2004.

ple to the Yankee Air Force through the Adopt a Plane program and he might do just that, considering 100 volunteers showed up earlier this year for Bomber Buffing 2012 - polishing the museum's B-17 would look its best for the flying season.

"I want to try to get this rolling," said Catalano. "I want people to know about this museum. I lived in Pennsylvania, and the only way I knew about the museum was through my wife, she was from Northville."

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An F4-C McDonnell Douglas Phantom II is among the planes up for adoption at the Yankee Air Museum.

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residents Bill Kaledas and Cody Bailey, Dorothy Webb Grady of Inkster and David Knezek of Dearborn Heights. Voters will have three

ballot questions asking for .2-mill funding to support the Detroit Institute of Arts; a nearly one mill increase for the William P. Faust Library; and renewal of .938-mill for the Wayne County Jail and iuvenile justice funding.

At this point, Schoof said she would expect the election to draw the normal primary voter turnout of about 17 percent.

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Dolores Hrlic, Carol Bodenmiller, Jane Carbone, and Boots Kawa carried the Canton banner during opening ceremonies of the 2011 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

# Seniors sign up for annual western Wayne Olympics

Westland and Garden City seniors interested in participating in the 2012 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics have until Friday, July 6, to sign up the Westland Friendship Center and the Maplewood Senior Center.

The eight annual event, hosted by the cities of Inkster, Wayne and Garden City, will be Aug. 13-17. The participating western Wayne County communities include Canton Township, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Wayne and

Westland.
Seniors age 50 by Monday, Aug. 13, and older will compete in a variety of events, including a fun walk, softball throw, frisbee toss, football throw, soccer kick, euchre, basketball shoot,

five- and 10-mile bike races, baking contest, volleyball, photography, art, trivia, bocce ball, party bridge, shuffle-board, pinochle, creative writing, men's and women's golf, swimming, Wii bowling, billiards, pickleball, marksmanship, scrabble, bean bag toss, tennis and bowling.

The will be an opening day exposition and Healthy Breakfast with Bob Ficano (free with the Senior Olympic T-shirt), followed by the opening ceremonies.

The annual competition is open to men and women. There is a \$5 registration fee for western Wayne County residents and \$12 for nonresidents, which must be submitted along with completed registration, waiver and medical Information forms. Participants will also be charged a \$5 fee for

bowling, a \$12 fee for golf and/or a \$2 fee for each of the other events.

The registration fee includes a T-shirt that' serves as admission to the opening day breakfast which is free of and events. Additional T-shirts cost is \$10 each.

Medals will be award-

ed to first-, second- and third-place winners in each age category and gender for most events. A recognition of Olympic participants, medal winners, and sponsors will be Friday, Aug. 17, at the Wayne Community Center. The banquet is open to all Olympic participants and adult guests. Tickets are \$12 per per-

More information is available through the senior centers. Call the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7628 and the Maplewood Senior Center at (734) 793-1870.

# Livonia attorney is newest member of Schoolcraft board

The Board of Trustees of Schoolcraft College welcomed Eric Stempien as its newest member Wednesday when he was sworn in as a trustee by his mother, Wayne County 3rd Circuit Judge Jeanne Stempien.

Eric Stempien was appointed to the board earlier this month to complete the final year of a six-year term, ending Dec. 31, 2012, of board member Patricia Watson who recently retired from the board. He has indicated he will run for a full term in the November general election, which would begin Jan. 1, 2013.

Stempien is general counsel for Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service. Before working at Superior, he was employed at Strategic Public Affairs, a government relations and public policy firm in Novi. Prior to his time at SPA, he was the managing partner in a law firm in Northville, focusing his practice in the areas of employment litigation, real estate, zon-



Wayne County 3rd Circuit Judge Jeanne Stempien administers the oath of office to Eric Stempien. They are mother and son.

ing and land use.

Stempien earned his B.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1994 and a law degree, cum laude, from Wayne State University in 1998. He serves as a case evaluator for U.S. District Court and the Wayne County Circuit Court. He was also selected to serve on the American Arbitration Association's Employment Advisory Panel. He is a former member of the Representative Assembly for the State Bar of Michigan and is a past president of the

Livonia Jaycees. He lives in Livonia with his wife Mary and two daughters.

Board seats have sixyear terms. The sevenmember board of trustees serves as the college's policy-making body. To be considered a candidate for the position, an applicant must be a registered voter and a resident of the Schoolcraft College district, which includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia Northville, and Plymouth-Canton school districts and part of the Novi school district.

### Parks offer nature programs at Nankin Mills

Wayne County Parks
Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is offering daily programs for children
relating to nature, science
and history with themes
such as Dinosaurs, Butterflies, Owls and Astronomy.

The programs will be held the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The fees are \$30 per session, and children must be signed up for each session individually. All sessions are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and include water-

slide fun at lunch time. Youngsters should bring a lunch, bathing suit, water shoes and a towel.

The lineup includes:

• For preschool, ages 3-5 - Mammals and Puppets on Friday, July 13, Insects on Friday, July 20, and Live Reptiles and Amphibians on Friday, July 27.

• For children who have completed kindergarten and first-grade - Dinosaurs on Tuesday, July 10, Butterflies on Tuesday, July 17, and Pioneer History on Tuesday, July 24.

• For children who have completed second- and third-grade - Wetland and Pond Critters on Wednesday, July 11, Craft Day on Wednesday, July 18, and Owls on Wednesday, July

• For children who have completed fourth- and fifth-grade - Astronomy on Thursday, July 12, Science Experiments on Thursday, July 19, and Native American History on Thursday, July 26.

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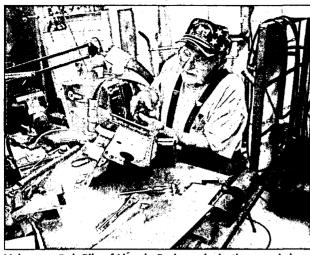
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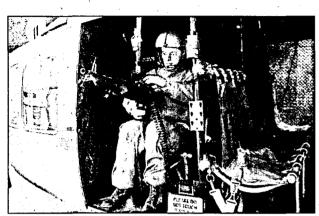
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# Volunteers help rebuild Yankee Air Museum



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Volunteer Bob Pilz of Lincoln Park works in the metal shop making parts for a French SPAD XII World War I fighter from being built from scratch.



A "gunner" sits in the side door of the "Huey" helicopter that's on display in the Yankee Air Museum.

By Sue Mason **Observer Staff Writer** 

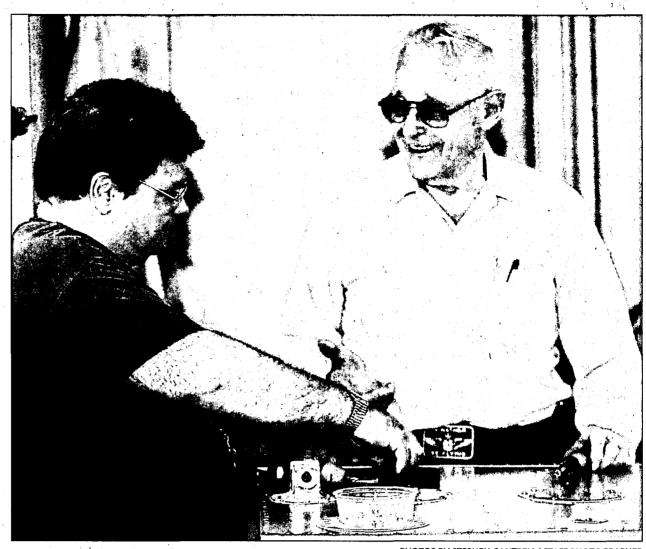
Rebuilding the Yankee Air Museum has been a labor of love for the members of the Yankee Air Force. With only four paid employees, including Executive Director Kevin Walsh, much of the work is done by the volunteers who painstakingly restore aircraft, create a resource library and organize fundraisers

to benefit the museum. Volunteers have been busy rebuilding the museum after its collection of artifacts, memorabilia and several planes were destroyed in a 2004 fire that leveled

the hangar it had called home. The historic wooden building had been used by Henry Ford to build B-24s during World War II.

Luckily, the heart of the museum's collection the B-17, C-47 and B-25 aircraft — were moved out of the building by volunteers before the fire reached them. Those three planes are the only flyable aircraft in the museum collection and are going somewhere every weekend. Museum volunteers serve as their flight crews.

"I don't get paid, but I get to fly, it's one of the perks," said volunteer Bob Catalano, who



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Chris Curran (left) of Allen Park and Joe Kosek from Westland work on a gas tank for the French SPAD XII fighter that's being built by Yankee Air Force members.

serves as the assistant manager of collections.

The fire was a setback for the museum, which didn't re-open until October 2010. Volunteers have been steadily adding displays and restoring aircraft. Many of its planes are leased from the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. However, one industrious group of volunteers is building a French SPAD XII World War I fighter from scratch. The plane will look as it did as part of 103d Aero Squadron in

1918, complete with the

recognizable Hat in the Ring emblem.

"We've been in the process of building it for 5-1/2 years," said Bill Rodgers of Brighton. "We bought the blueprints from a guy in California. We started with a pile of 4-by-8 blue prints, sheet metal and spruce."

The volunteers — Dale Burgess of Ann Arbor, Larry Arnett of Wayne, Joe Kosek of Westland, Chris Curran of Allen Park, Tom Isman of Huron Township, Ray Wall of Plymouth, Bob Pilz of Lincoln Park,

Ken Hauser of Canton and Gene Blanchard of West Bloomfield — work on the plane three days a week and have done everything from scratch.

Tammy Hassan of Livonia is helping out. Rodgers has taught her how to sew the fabric to the wings.

"It's secured with a square knot with a halfhitch, he's the only one who knows the actual stitch," said Hassan, a retired teacher who works in membership and education. Her husband Bob is the curator.

"I always wanted to do something like this. It shows children that things can be done with no power tools," she said. "These men sanded the wood, glued on the fab-

ric. They did it by hand." The museum also includes the turret from a B-24 a flight simulator, a Link trainer and displays recognizing prominent figures in aviation history Charles Lindbergh, Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, a Tuskegee airman, and Women in Aviation.

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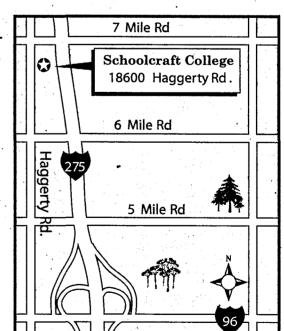
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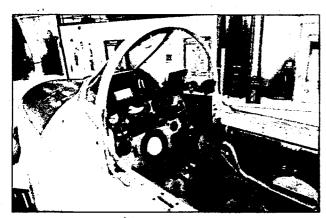


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### **MUSEUM**

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But the pride of the museum is the "Hue," a helicopter that was gained fame during the Viet Nam War. The helicopter is set up in the museum as it looked in service in Viet Nam. The helicopter was added to the collection last year and reflects the museum's shift to covering later armed combat.

"We need a new direction, it's time to pay tribute to the Viet Nam and Gulf War veterans," Catalano said.

The display honors member Jerry Towler of Canton, who flew a Huey in Viet Nam. Washtenaw County Viet Nam veterans painted it to represent Towler's helicopter—a blue square for B Company and the number two position, denot-

ing his flying position.
"We marked it like a
ship in Viet Nam," said
Catalano. "We're trying
to show how it looked in

a landing zone."
The museum also has one room set up as a theater complete with airline seatings to show films like the story of Willow Run and Vina Greer, a Rosie the Riveter during World War II. Another room is the textile room and is filled

with donated uniforms

and military memorabilia that has been organized and cataloged.

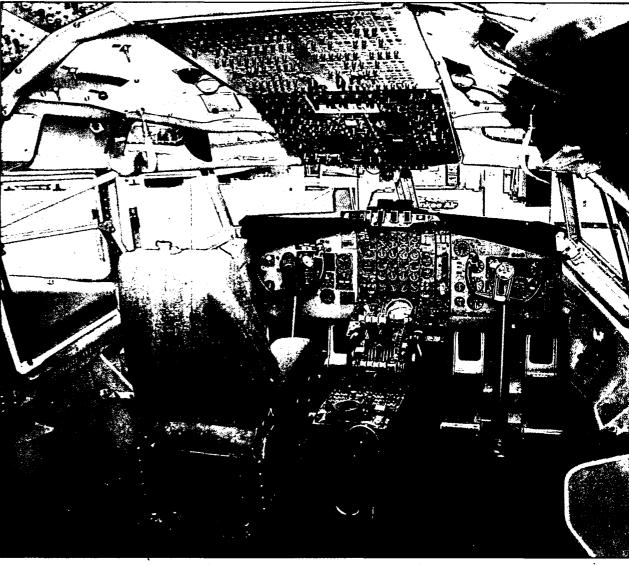
And in yet another,
Darlene Imus of Ann
Arbor, Ron Bendrey of
Northville and Ted Davis
of Canton are in setting
up the reference library
using furniture from a
former Borders bookstore. On the shelves will
be the non-archival publications, with the archival items kept in locked

"We're working like an assembly line," said Imus, a retired teacher. "That's good because we have an end product. We don't want to reinvent the wheel. We're all volunteers of different backgrounds with a common interest in history and aviation."

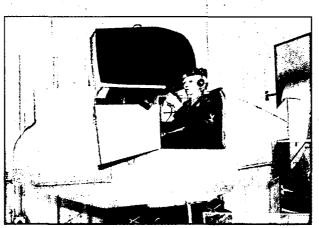
Support for the museum comes through the many fundraisers the YAF stages. At the top of the list is the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5, at Willow Run Airport. This year's event will include Mustang Mania with more than 20 P-51 Mustangs, a Sea Harrier, FiFi the B-26 Superfortress, the world's largest World War II air and ground battle reenactment and modern mili-

tary displays.

Advance tickets purchased by noon Aug. 5 are \$25, and \$30 at the gate. Children age 15 and under are free. Advance



A display is the museum lets visitors see the cockpit of a Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker, that was used for aerial refueling.



The museum includes the Link Trainer, an early flight simulator that uses bellows. It's named after its inventor, Edwin Link.

parking passes are \$5 per vehicle and \$10 event day. Tickets and passes can be ordered online at www.yankeeairmuseum.org. Also on tap is a Motor City Ghost Hunters Kids' Night Saturday, Aug. 17. The event is free and for children ages 7-17. On the list for the paranormal investigation is the schoolhouse which is now the museum's education center, the textile room near a World War I uniform, and by the "Huey."

The register or for more information about the Kids' Night, visit the Motor City Ghost Hunters' website at www. motorcityghosthunters. com or call (313) 516-2001

And to come is an event the weekend of Sept. 4-5 when Michael Donn, who played the Klingon Worf in Star Trek: The Next Generation, will be at the museum to fly paying customers on the museum's B-17.

"He's a huge aviation buff," said Catala-

no. "People will be able to come and go for a ride, then have their picture taken with him."

Details will be posted on the museum's web-

site. The museum is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and closed Sunday and Monday. Admission is \$5 for walk-in visitors age 16 and older, \$8 for families (two adults and their children under age 18), \$3 for students with ID and children under age 18 free when accompanied by an adult. Guided tours, arranged in advance with events director, cost \$3.

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# Local philanthropy Women are key players in raising money for community projects

By Jill Halpin Correspondent

Forget about "mommy wars' and coffee klatches; those are things of the past.

Most women these days are focused on something much more important: building better communities through philanthropy and charitable work.

Moreover, whether it is through their chosen careers or personal volunteer efforts, women are making a big impact in fundraising and community development, as well as teaching others about the importance of giving back along the way.

"The concept of volunteering and providing support is not new to women; they have just taken it to a new level," said Margo Gorchow, vice president for community relations, marketing and development at Botsford Hospital in Farmington

"Women have been in volunteer roles forever, whether it is through their children's PTA or work with the Red Cross," she added.

As executive director of the Botsford Foundation, Gorchow has been responsible for raising funds for a variety of hospital projects including the building of a new cancer center and two significant projects in the emergency room waiting area as well as increasing patient and caregiver education to promote better health within the community.

She has worked in the health care field for over 30 years, first as a nurse and then as a healthcare educator, eventually working her way into the development arena, which she says provides her with the opportunity to improve the overall health of the community through building partnerships both internally and externally.

"It is enormously satisfying and-very motivating to know that you are making a difference for those around you," Gorchow said.

Sara Stauffer, director of development for St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, agrees with that assessment.

She says that the ability to make a difference in her own community and positively impact her family and neighbors is very rewarding and what motivates her to keep going.

Since joining St. Mary Mercy in 2006, Stauffer has been behind several successful fundraising campaigns for a new cancer center, and a new heart and vascular center. She is also involved in the current campaign to build a new South Pavilion which will house a state-of-the-art Emergency



Women from Canton, Plymouth and Northville are part of The Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Canton Community Foundation. This photo was taken at a past meeting of the group which lets area women combine socializing, education and philanthropy.

Center as well as 80 new private patient rooms and the renovation of the existing North Tower that will renovate semiprivate rooms into private rooms.

"I am passionate about my work; it is something I truly believe in. I also give back personally because it feels good to be involved with these programs that are so beneficial to the whole community," she said.

### **Women givers grow**

The trend in women becoming actively involved in philanthropy began in the 1970s as more women entered the work force and began earning their own money, experts say, and it has continued to grow on both national and local levels. A 2010 study released by Indiana University's Women's Philanthropy Institute (WPI) at the Center on Philanthropy found that "women at virtually every income level are more likely to give to charity and to give more money on average than their male

Gorchow also attributes the increased existence of women philanthropists to the rise of women to more powerful career roles.

"As more women become executives, the landscape has changed a bit. The majority of large contributions used to come from men, now we have more women of means looking at making philanthropic gifts at the major level," she said.

In fact, many area women have been a driving force behind a wide variety of local philanthropic projects, raising money for charitable causes and finding ways to give back to their communities in new ways.

Their projects span the gamut from building new hospital wings to starting and sustaining charitable foundations benefitting hundreds throughout the metropolitan Detroit area to building a facility for abused and battered women, their families and pets.

Longtime Canton resident and active community volunteer Loren Wadington agrees that women have become a stronger presence in philanthropic arenas. She believes that women are still generally the primary caregivers of their children, interacting more often with other parents and therefore often the first to become aware of the needs within their own community.

### **Grass roots concerns**

"Historically, women are in tune at a grass roots level; more aware of what is going on at a community level... we tend to be the first ones to hear of a child or a family with a special need and then take action," said

As a founding member of Giving Hope: Women's Giving Circle, a Canton and Plymouth based group of women aimed at providing assistance for a variety of needs within the community and a board member with First Step, which provides immediate assistance for abused women, Wadington has a long history of volunteer work

She said she has seen firsthand the rise of women as philanthropic leaders.

"It is just in our nature. You have heard it said that when women get together, they know everything about each other within an hour, even if they

have never met. When we hear of a problem, we want to take care of it right away."

According to Marion Rozum of Canton, philanthropy used to be viewed as a "boys club."

As the roles of women have

As the roles of women have grown in the workforce, so has their place in the world of fundraising and community service, she said.

"Now that women have taken charge of their lives, they are finding a way to donate and give back," said Rozum, owner of MSA Delivery Service and an active community volunteer and contributor to a variety of local charities, including Chicks for Charity and Giving Hope: Women's Giving Circle among others.

Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks said that women combine passionate hearts with their fundraising efforts, often resulting in a very positive outcome.

"Women also excel at building relationships. Fundraising is not always about the money, it is about finding and matching the right volunteers and donors to the right cause," she

Rozum believes that helping people learn and teaching them how to give back is definitely an area where women excel.

"There are a lot of people out there that want to help out and donate their time and money. You have to teach people how to give. Most of the time if you open the door for them, they will jump through to help out," Rozum said.

Like most of the other women mentioned here, Rozum credits her mother with setting a strong example as an active community volunteer. It

is an example she has tried to set with her own children, now grown and active in the community themselves.

### Setting an example

Debra Madonna of Plymouth agrees that setting a positive example is key to raising another generation of giving women and men.

Madonna has lived in Plymouth most of her life and has been an active volunteer in a wide variety of community projects, including the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Miracle League of Plymouth, a baseball league for children with special physical and emotional needs.

"We all set examples for our families and others as we do these things. Our children are in the car with us as we do the booster clubs, the helping out, and they learn from us and I think they are learning well," Madonna said.

Noricks, the mother of three grown children said, "I always knew that my children were watching me. I would take them along and they would hear me talk about the importance of giving back."

According to Madonna, it is a lesson that has been well-learned.

"I've worked with a lot of teenagers in our community and they are great at fundraising, pitching in and helping out. They hit the ground running and are very generous."

When it comes to giving, it all comes down to a very simple principle, Rozum said.

"Love your neighbor as yourself," said Rozum. "It doesn't take money. Just open your heart and do."

# Area women believe in giving back

Women are increasing their role in community fundraising. Here are examples of local women in the Observer area stepping up to the task.

### **Marion Rozum**

Marion Rozum of Canton Town-, ship has been the owner of MSA Delivery Service in Canton Township for 20 years. For Rozum, the concept of "giving back" came naturally.

"My mother was a very caring person and so was my father. My mom was active with the Goodfellows and my father was always part of the local blood drives. They just firmly believed in the importance of giving back to your community," Rozum said.

Following her parents' example, she first began volunteering as a Girl Scout Leader before her children were even born and passed the "helping gene" along to her own children, now active volunteers in the community.

"It has a lot to do with how you are brought up. It is all about caring about other people," Rozum said.

Rozum is involved with Giving Hope: Women's Giving Circle, an organization of the Canton Community Foundation which is focused on providing grants for immediate assistance within the Plymouth and Canton communities. Rozum is also active in Chicks for Charity, a hands-on group working with



Active volunteer Marion Rozum (center) of Canton with her daughter, Lisa, and son, J. Rozum. Marion Rozum believes in setting a good example of giving back to encourage the next generation of philanthropists.

a variety of organizations in the metropolitan Detroit area; and Angela Hospice, where she has served as a volunteer for the past 12 years. She also helps the Detroit Diaper bank, which provides diapers for families in need and has been active with the local Red Cross blood drive, First Step and Relay for Life. She is also an active donor to Camp Able, which provides camping opportunities for those with special needs.

She is quick to point out that although she is a very active volunteer, there are many others in the community also finding ways to contribute to the com-

munity.

"I am constantly amazed by all of the people that I run into that have spotted a need and found a way to address it," she said. "Philanthropy starts with wanting to help someone else. You don't need money; all it takes is an idea," she

Her advice for women looking to get involved in helping out is simply this, "You just make up your mind that you are going to help and you make a commitment ... it's just that easy. Soon you'll find that you just can't stop giving."

### Joyce Pappas

Like Rozum, Joyce Pappas of Garden City credits her parents with setting a standard for community service as she was growing up in Garden City, where she has lived for the past 60 years.

"When we were very little, my father told us that we needed to choose something — some type of community service. It was our responsibility," Pappas said. "Giving back to the community is something that was stressed in our



Joyce Pappas is an active Garden City volunteer and a member of the Garden City Hospital Board of Trustees.

family.

Clearly, it was a lesson she learned well. A member of the board of trustees at Garden City Hospital for the past 12 years, and sales manager at Orin Jewelers, a business started by her father, Pappas has a long history of community volunteerism and philanthropy. Her

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# Goci: Jobs big issue in 13th District

By LeAnne Rogers **Observer Staff Writer** 

Ever since he visited Washington, D.C., on a seventh-grade class trip, John Goci has wanted to run for Congress.

"I've been focusing on my entrepreneurial stuff, but watching the



partisanship and bickering — the Republicans have not worked with (President Barack) Obama," said Goci.

"The West Coast liberal Democrats are so far left. I want to lead by example and put partisan politics aside to focus on the people."

Frustration with elected officials is also a common sentiment among people he talks with while campaigning, Goci said.

"I've been in every community (in the district) so far talking to people. They are very frustrated and have lost faith in elected officials," he said.

Although his home and business are in the suburbs, Goci said that he has roots in Detroit. where he once had a start-up company.

There is a big problem getting to a job and school when the buses don't run — the bus system is unreliable," he said. "Flight is a problem. People leave Detroit — it's the heart of the region. It's very diverse but not diverse on the economy. Then, we're all in the same boat."

The metropolitan area needs to play up the diversity of the area to attract talented people to develop businesses,

### JOHN GOCI

Home: Westland **Age:** 42 Family: Married 17 years, four children **Education:** Attended **Henry Ford Community** College and Schoolcraft Community College **Profession:** Local business owner Other: Member of Wayne-Westland Board of Education since 2009,

currently vice president;

served as translator for

U.S. Army in Kosovo.

Goci said. "I met a gentleman in southwest Detroit. He has two trucks and could get more but he is worried about his (immigration) status," said Goci. "Fifty percent of new businesses are started by Latinos. We could make Detroit a test case for repatriating illegals on a case-by-case basis when their kids are Americans. We need federal policies to attract immigrants.'

### **Trade pacts**

Not surprisingly, employment is the No. 1 issue cited by Goci, who said he would fight trade agreements that are unfair to American companies.

"We need to encourage manufacturing back to Michigan. Our future is biosciences," he said. "I was appalled when the feds questioned whether to support the auto industry. It's unforgiveable."

For those who are unemployed, Goci said he would like to have case workers assigned to each laid-off person to help them get trained

for another job. 'We can't keep them



on aid forever. We should partner with community colleges so they could work half the day and attend college to give them the skills that they lack," said Goci. "A lot of companies suffer from a lack of trained

workers." Education is another priority as Americans need to compete in a global market. College costs need to be more affordable, Goci said.

An idea that Goci supports is repatriation of tax dollars from corporations that currently keep their money out of the country to avoid tax-

"It's not popular. There is a lot of money banked outside the U.S. — it's in the trillions of dollars,' said Goci. "It's money that is trying to come into the country. We need to get a temporary tax rate to get that money back in the country.'

Having come to the U.S. from Kosovo as a youngster, Goci said he liked how the Obama administration handled problems in Libya by building a coalition with other countries.

"We have two unfunded wars. There is human suffering and mass murders. If the America doesn't do it, who will?" he said. "The U.S. saved Kosovo twice — after World War I and then under Bush and Clinton.'

While there technically isn't an incumbent in the redistricted 13th Congressional District, longtime U.S. Rep. John Conyers moved into the district to run for the seat. Goci agreed that seniority in Congress is important but not the only thing needed.

### 'So far left'

"Conyers is so far left that he can't get the Republicans to work with him. I'll look for bills to help my area," said Goci. "If a bill isn't there, I'll propose it. I'll reach across the aisle for support. I'll be a loùd voice."

Unlike some legislators, Goci said he will be readily available to residents of the district who can deal directly with him.

"I've been my own man my whole life. I don't have to join any club to get it done," he said. "You don't go in and tell them how it will be done. You look for a path of least resistance. I need the people in the district to be totally involved. To be engaged."

One of this strongest attributes, Goci said, is his attitude of never giving up.

"I have a sense of urgency on issues and the ability to make things happen," he said. "I want to serve and do a good job to make positive differences."

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### AROUND WESTLAND

### **Christian Concert**

St. Michael Lutheran Church and School are hosting a Christian music concert, featuring the Spoke Folk, at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at the church at 3003 Hannan Road Wayne. The concert is free of charge, however, a free will donation will be accepted.

The church also will hold a free vacation Bible school 5-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Aug.

### Pension seminar

Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are co-sponsoring a free educational seminar on the lump-sum buyouts offered to salaried retirees of General Motors and Ford Motor Co. at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 12, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

A continental breakfast will be served. Participants must pre-register. For more information

or to register, call (248) 932-5200 or email seminars@bloomassetmanagement.com.w

### **Rocket Camp**

The Glenn Wresting 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 Tshirt. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. Monday, July

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

### **Support groups**

Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency has formed a new support Caregiving Support Group for those people who care for someone with dementia, Alzheimer's Disease or other chronic conditions.

The group meets 6-7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill, west of Merriman.

Wayne Metro also facilitates a Caregiver Support Group on 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday each month at the Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave., in Westland.

Call Nancy Coman at (734) 955-6752 for more information.

### **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 saute, 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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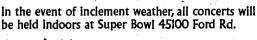
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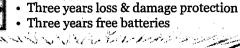


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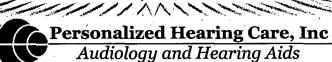
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# Bailey: Understands how to create jobs

By Sue Buck Observer Staff Writer

Cody Bailey isn't wasting any time getting on

with the rest of his life. Bailey, 21, a Garden City resident, who just graduated from Albion College with a bachelor of arts degree in political science with an emphasis on pre-law is also running for office.

He is a Democratic candidate for



state representative in the new 11th District, which includes northern Dearborn

Heights. Garden City, three precincts in Livonia and five precincts in Westland and the city of

Part owner of Sparks Auto and Collision in Garden City and part owner of a home in Garden City, Bailey continues to do bookkeeping for the Bailey family who has owned a small business in Inkster, Romulus and Garden City for more than 50 years, giving Cody first-hand knowledge and experience in operating successful business ventures.

"As a lifelong resident of southeast Michigan, I understand the pressure to succeed with exceedingly scarce resources." Bailey said. "My work ethic reflects the drive and innovation of my parents, neighbors and the community leaders I

hold in esteem. He points to his achievements while attending Albion as a precursor to what he can do for his constituents in the 11th District, if elected. He wrote the propos-

### **CODY BAILEY**

Hometown: Garden City

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Employment: Part · owner and employee of Sparks Towing in Garden City

Family: Single Education: May graduate of Albion College with a degree in political sciences and a concentration in the Gerald Ford Institute for Public Policy. He has a minor in economics.

Community Involvement: He is a member of Rotary International since 2007, Michigan Democratic Party, Western Wayne NAACP and Detroit Economic Club. / In 2008, he was the winner of the Regional Best Teen Chef Competition and competed in the National Best Teen Chef Competition in Las Vegas, both sponsored by The Food Network.

al for, and is a founding partner of, the first Albion College Student Venture Board, which has helped several students since 2010 launch their own business and create dozens of jobs

"We helped 10 young people launch three businesses," Bailey said. "It resulted in 30 jobs.'

They included a coffee house, a midnight cookie delivery service and a crepe business.

He also credits helping to create 13 jobs at Sparks Auto.

'I think that we need to have someone who understands how jobs are created," he said. "I know that we can do it without putting our seniors at risk and without hurting working families at the same - 11th State 🗥 Representative District



The 11th District includes Garden City, Inkster and portions of Livonia, Westland and Dearborn Heights.

time." He said that it costs more than \$1,000 a month on top of the employee's salary just to hire someone, which includes health care costs, worker's compensation and Social Secu-

He supports repealing the personal property tax as long as it is replaced with something

"It is an anti-growth tax," he said. "We can replace the funding by other methods, like a 2 1/2-percent end of the year profits tax. You are not facing any penalty, if you are not making a profit."

He said that he can see the patterns which will allow the economy to come back.

He also doesn't believe that the state should have eliminated the film tax incentives because "they were bringing in thousands of jobs, bringing in younger people and keeping younger people.

He calls his a lunch

box-issues campaign which includes good, middle class jobs and education and assessment which measures student growth and doesn't teach to the test. He advocates a twotrack educational system which focuses on both college and vocational training. He thinks that would go a long way to reduce high unemployment. He supports dual enrollment of high school students in community college classes.

"You have options," he said. "You don't have to go to college.'

He also supports public safety, police and

"They (jobs, education and public safety) are all tied together as one full package," he said.

Bailey is the first of his parents' children to graduate college. He believes that the American Dream is still within reach and he encourages young people to open their own businesses.

He believes that people should vote for him because of what he plans for day one after becoming the state representative. In part, he would introduce legislation to urge the United States to get serious about unfair trade practices that destroy working families; advocate for reforms to public education that meet moral responsibility to provide education to every child; and insist on a more fair tax system that pro-

motes job growth. Bailey supports tax credits for first-time home buyers, and research and development credits for entrepreneurs.

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### GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### **Farmers Market**

Come out and support the new Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday through Oct. 31 at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Town Center Plaza. Also visit its new Facebook page at http://gardencityfarmersmarketmichigan.

Interested vendors can call (775) 303-1169 or (734) 422-4448 or send and email to gcfmm@ gmail.com.

### Car wash

The Garden City Elite Cheer teams will be workin' at the car wash in the parking lot at Barbee and Bean Hair Design on Middlebelt between Warren Road and Ford 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 8, as a fundraiser to pay for a trip to national competition and cheer camp fees.

The suggested donations is \$5 per car, and 100 percent of the money will be divided between the participating girls, to help offset the cost of competition.

### **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 a 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. Graduates from 1969 and 1970 can save a spot through Debi Cassidy Haller, 2108 Copley Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

### **Outdoor Flea** Market

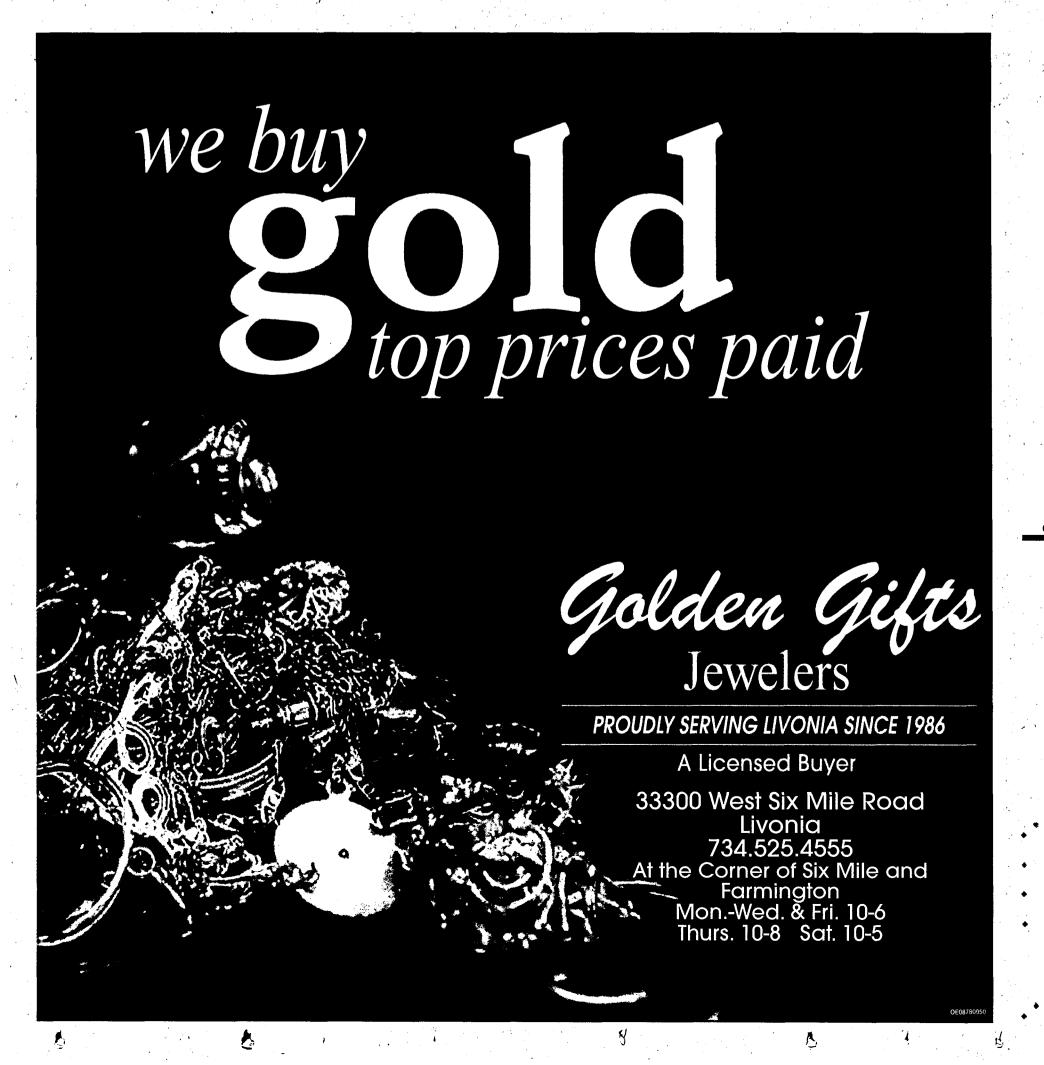
An outdoor flea market will be held the second and third Saturday of the month now through September in the field across Elmwood Street side of the Garden City Historical Museum on Merriman Road. Reserve a spot by calling Diane, the manager of the Garden City Craftique Mall, at (734) 765-7999.

### **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.



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# Transportation funding paves way for business success

By Glenn S. Anderson **Guest columnist** 

usinesses and consumers alike rely on quality roads. When our roads are in disrepair - which far too many in Michigan are - it costs us all time and money. It takes us longer to get to work or home and costs money for car repairs.

Businesses rely on our roads to connect them to the community and their customers, and cannot afford traffic jams, increased transportation costs or shipping delays. Our roads literally get us where we need to go,



Sen. Glenn Anderson

be valued as such. That is

and should

why I was pleased to support the Department of Transportation bud-

get recently passed by the Senate. It was one of the few bright spots in this year's budget, as it was one of only a handful of departments to receive an increase in these lean times. Overall, the budget received a \$137.9 million increase over last year, allocating more money to pay for vital road projects and improve our state's infrastructure.

This increase also enabled the Department of Transportation to provide matching funds to leverage vital federal transportation dollars. The Legislature must be responsible with every taxpayer dollar we are entrusted with. Anyone who has driven on Michigan roads knows that their repair is an essential need, but by securing federal money, we are able to get a significant return on our investment and direct even more money toward fixing our

By increasing funding for the Department of Transportation, we are going to be able to make the repairs and improvements to our roads that they so desperately need. This will help our businesses thrive by improving accessibility and reducing company transportation costs. It will also enable customers to spend less at the repair shop and more at our local businesses.

The Transportation budget also included a \$10 million increase for the State Aeronautics Fund that provides funding for investments and

improvements at airports around the state. This fund is also extremely efficient and fiscally sound, using a 5 percent match each from state and local governments to leverage 90 percent in federal dollars.

Also, the funding approved in this budget along with House Bill 4025 that would allocate a portion of sales tax revenue from aviation fuel and specifically direct it to the State Aeronautics Fund, will increase the State Aeronautics Fund enough to accommodate our state's larger airports. This will enable

**Detroit Metro Airport to** now apply for funding for improvement projects, bettering our region.

Transportation funding in Michigan is not only used to repair our roads and bridges, but update our airports and promote mass transit. These projects help improve travel and commerce alike, and I will continue to support efforts like these that effectively leverage federal dollars to improve our local infrastructure.

**Glenn Anderson** is a state senator whose district includes Redford Township.



This is the Lake Huron pizza.

# Buddy's launches pizza collection to help Great Lakes

When you think summer in Michigan, you can't help but envision its natural beauty the Great Lakes. The state that's also home to Detroit original, Buddy's Pizza, claims the world's largest collection of freshwater among its most treasured resource

Now, 66 years since Buddy's Pizza originated the Detroit deep dish pie on Six Mile and Conant, the local family-owned restaurants will lend a hand to the Mitten's greatest resource. Buddy's Pizza is joining forces with the Alliance for the Great Lakes to help further its mission to conserve and restore the five freshwater lakes through education, policy and citizen involvement.

For more than 40 years, the independent citizen's organization has been fully devoted to protecting the Great Lakes against threats like pollution, invasive species - such as Asian Carp - and wasteful water use.

"Since 1970 the Alliance for the Great Lakes has worked 100 percent to protect and restore the Great Lakes, but cannot do it alone," said Jonah Smith, sustainable business director at the Alliance for the Great Lakes.

"Everyone from families and schools to policy makers and businesses play a role, and Buddy's Pizza is a shining example of how a long-standing and successful business with a great product can in turn use their success to promote progress tor all, through stewardship of our most valuable resource in the region the Great Lakes."

### **Great Lakes Pizza** Collection

A business made famous in the Great Lakes State and known as "one of the best pizzas" according to Pure Michigan, Buddy's Pizza is set to unveil its first Made in Michigan Great Lakes Pizza Collection. These brand new pizzas, inspired by the lakes themselves, each feature Buddy's original crust and the Motor City Cheese Blend. The blend consists of Fontinella, Asiago and brick cheeses and made its debut in 2011 with the Motor City Pizza Collection and Kid Rock's Badass Detroiter Pizza.

For each pizza from the Great Lakes Pizza Collection sold, Buddy's will donate \$1 to the Alliance for the Great Lakes to aid in efforts that support the health of a Pure Michigan environment.

The pizzas are: • Lake Huron - Spinach and artichoke blend, roasted tomatoes, fresh

spinach Lake Ontario - Fresh cilantro, Canadian bacon,

grilled pineapple, Buddy's BBU sauce Lake Michigan –

Ground beef, carmelized onions, blue cheese, tomato basil sauce

• Lake Erie - Red onion. roasted red peppers, salami, pepperoncini, tomato basil sauce

• Lake Superior - Fresh basil, pine nuts, pepperoni, tomato basil sauce, Buddy's spice blend.

"Buddy's Pizza is proud to be not only a Detroit original but a Michigan made business," said Robert Jacobs, president. "The health and welfare of our environment is and has always been important to us. Pizza is our business. There is no better way to help contribute to the future of our state - and support the protection of our Great Lakes - than to dedicate a collection of pizzas and portion of profits to an organization fully dedicated to those lakes. We are proud to partner with the Alliance for the Great Lakes and assist with their mis-

### **BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS**

### **Premier service**

As a business leader and an involved citizen in the Westland area, Allstate exclusive agency owners Sara Tyranski and Bill Jones have been designated an Allstate **Premier Service Agents** for 2012.

Bestowed upon less than one-third of Allstate's agency force, this designation is presented to agents who demonstrate a commitment to putting the customer at the center of their agencies' work.

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Tyranski's agency is at 2012 S. Wayne Road in Westland. She can be reached by calling (734) 326-6660. Jones owns The Jones Insurance Agency at 32667 Ford Road in Garden City. He can be reached at (734) 427-

New job

of Michigan has appointed Lynn Alexander to serve as vice president of public affairs.

Alexander is responsibility for system-wide communications, media



PVM, Alexander served as President and CEO of Your Aging Well Advisor, an educational, advocacy, technical assistance and professional consulting firm focused on a comprehensive array of aging related matters.

Among other previous positions, Alexander has served as the director of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging and as Director of Senior Citizens Services for Oakland County. She is a frequent speaker and writer, and authored the book Caregiver Tsunami. Alexander has also served on various statewide. regional and local governing boards associated with aging issues.

Headquartered in Southfield, PVM is a raith-based, non-prof-

it, multi-system that has served seniors of all faiths since 1945. PVM has 25 senior living communities, including the Village of Westland. For more information, call (248) 281-2020 or go online to www.pvm.org.

### **Golf fitness**

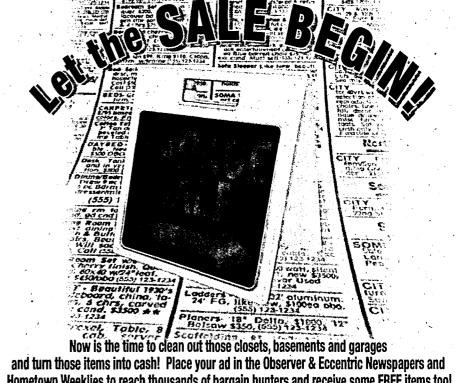
Henry Ford Hospital's Division of Sports Medicine is hosting a class for golf-related injury prevention.

Poor flexibility and the repetitive nature of golfing can increase likeli-hood of golf-related injuries. Sports medicine professionals from Henry Ford will conduct a brief assessment of participant's golf swing and provide a customized program for strength and flexibility.

The class will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the Henry Ford Medical Center-Ford Road, 5500 Auto Club Dr., in Dearborn. Cost is \$40 per person.

Participants will also receive a booklet that contains information regarding stretches taught in the class.

To register, call (313) 972-4167 or email Christina Eyers at ceyers1@



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# Balance your life in work and play

**By Clarity Patton** Newhouse

**Guest Columnist** 

oving the work I do doesn't diminish the fact that I also love

Fridays and this one feels like the conclusion of a particularly long week. Achiev-

Clarity Patton Newhouse

ing some balance in life is important and one way to do that is ... Work hard. Play hard.

### **A SUNNY NOTE**

Somehow we all need to find time to recharge our batteries. For me, getting outside is a big part of doing that. It's amazing how refreshing a simple change of scenery can be! Whether it's a golf course, a mini road trip or a walk in the park, going someplace on the weekend that I never go during the week helps give me a

fresh start. What helps you refresh? I hope you get to enjoy it this weekend - and have a sunny day!

P.S. "If you neglect to

recharge a battery, it dies. And if you run full-speed ahead without stopping for water, you lose momentum to finish the race." **Oprah Winfrey** 

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### **GIVING**

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other past involvements include serving as chair for the local United Way Foundation drives as well as chairing the American Heart Association of Western Wayne County for two years.

"I think giving back is an important part of everyone's life. It is so important that if you live in a community, you need to be involved in helping to make it better. That is what helps build a strong community," Pappas said.

She said that supporting the community through Orin Jewelers has also been a priority, and the business offers many scholarships to local students as well as regularly donating to churches and other local charitable organizations.

However, it is her work with Garden City Hospital that strikes a chord in her heart, citing first-hand knowledge of the high level of care provided for local citizens.

"I really believe that the hospital is such an important entity within this community," Pappas said. "I have experienced the way they have taken care of my family members...the doctors, the whole staff. They really care about their patients," Pappas said.

She believes that supporting the hospital provides her with the opportunity to help her fellow citizens by ensuring that they have access to good health care.

"This hospital serves a great need in the community. So many people do not have the funds for health care in this economy. This is my way of giving back: making sure that the hospital stays open so that everyone can have good care,' she said.

### **Debra Madonna**

Plymouth resident Debra Madonna says she first started her life as a volunteer in the "traditional way," helping out in her children's school.

'When you are helping out in schools, you really see the needs up front; it's kind of a unique thing. It makes you want to be ready to deliver right to the source," said Madonna, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School, now Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.



Debra Madonna of Plymouth addresses the recognized figcrowd during Opening Day of the Miracle League of Plymouth last fundraising. August.

An occupational therapist, Madonna said, "I was fortunate that my job allowed me the flexibility to help out in my children's schools and I always considered it a privilege. I'm smarter because of Madonna, the

mother of three grown sons and narried to Marcel, is a wellure in the world of Plymouth She has been

a driving force behind a variety of unique local projects, including the Sandra Sagear Wall of Courage and scholarship, honoring one of Madonna's former Plymouth High School classmates who was stricken with polio as a child. The scholarship recognizes Plymouth-Canton graduates who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding and achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier when they were a student.

Madonna well remembers her former classmate's challenges, something she calls "inspiring."

'There is nothing that changes you like seeing the struggles of people firsthand," she said.

Madonna is also one of the dynamos behind another large undertaking: the Miracle League of Plymouth, which offers children with special needs throughout the area the opportunity to participate in a baseball league complete with their own baseball diamond in downtown Plymouth.

She has been involved with numerous other charitable organizations and nonprofits and currently serves as president of the Plymouth Community Arts Council as well as the Plymouth AM Rotary Club.

It is very important to Madonna that the goal is clear when fundraising and acting as a good steward is of equal importance.

'You have to be smart, be frugal when you are fundraising. I don't need surplus, just enough to get the job done," she said.

### **Sara Stauffer**

Sara Stauffer, the director of development at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, started out her career in fundraising just 12 years ago after catching a first-hand glimpse of the impact of helping others.

Stauffer was managing a long-term patient care facility in Dearborn and building meaningful relationships with residents when she was struck by the impact that major gifts and donations can have on individuals in need.

"I saw that they can really make a difference, especially in the field of



development director at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

4 and 8, said. Sara Stauffer is the "When you look at the community programs, the amount of outreach and the difference you can make by helping people as a result of fund-

raising and development, it is really rewarding," she said.
As director of development, Stauffer

has been a key part of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's most successful fundraisers, including signature events such as the annual Tee It Up Golf Classic and the annual gala held at Laurel Manor which together raise almost a half million dollars annually. She was recently elected president of the Michigan Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (MAHP.)

Other projects she has been involved with include the building and completion of the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, the heart and vascular center at the hospital and the new south pavilion scheduled to open in the fall.

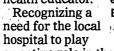
She credits her family with setting a strong example in community service and instilling the spirit of giving for her as she was growing up.

"Giving back to the community was always stressed in our home. Working in fundraising has allowed me to see what is really important," she said.

### Margo Gorchow

With a background in nursing and public health, Margo Gorchow's career path to her current position of vice president for Community Relations, Marketing and Development for Botsford Hospital in Farmington was more than a natural fit.

Her time spent working directly with patients and their families promoting healthy living helped illustrate for her the strong need for community outreach, something she made her mission when she joined Botsford in 1983 as a health educator.



an active role in the health of the surrounding community, Gorchow worked with the hospital administration to partner with the local community was well as create a formal fundraising arm, The Botsford Foundation, of which she currently serves as executive director.

Margo Gorchow, ex-

ecutive director of the

**Botsford Foundation.** 

The creation of the foundation and its fundraising efforts have helped Botsford become a leader in local health care, as well as increasing its presence as a health care provider within the community through the opening of smaller patient care facilities in the area, Gorchow said.

The foundation serves as the facilitator of grants, which makes these things possible, she added.

"Philanthropy has become an essential role in any hospital's strategic plan," Gorchow said.

"Successful fundraising helps do the important things that a regular budget cannot."

Gorchow said that although the recent economic downturn has had an impact across the state, there has been an increase in gifts as individuals recognize the importance of giving back.

"It is enormously satisfying to volunteer and help out in the community and I think people realize that," she said.

Since joining Botsford, Gorchow has played a large role in several major projects. The mother of two children and grandmother of two "amazing" granddaughters, Gorchow also regularly volunteers in her free time. She is involved with Orchard Children's Services, a family preservation service that offers foster care, adoption and family counseling.

She acknowledges that her volunteer work is particularly gratifying because it allows her to use her professional background,

To be able to give back to my community using my professional knowledge is so rewarding," she said.

### **Loren Wadington**

Making a difference has always been important to Loren Wadington of Canton. In fact, she has made it a priority in her life; surrounding herself with friends and family that have the similar goal of helping those in need.

A graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in marketing and public relations, she has been actively involved in fundraising and philanthropy both in her professional and private life for many years.

The mother of three grown children, she said she first became aware of the needs within her own community when



Loren Wadington, a founding member of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle, and her husband, David Treadwell, are also very involved in raising money for First Step, which provides assistance for women and families experiencing domestic violence.

her children entered school.

"As mothers, we hear our children talking and learn to pay attention to it; what the needs are in the classroom and the school and right away we want to do something about it," she said.

"We hear all about the little issues within the community that need addressing," she added.

That was the impetus behind the founding of Giving Hope: Women's Giving Circle, a local fund of the Canton Community Foundation aimed at addressing immediate needs within the Plymouth Canton community.

Wadington, who helped start the group in 2006, said that not only was the group looking to help others but also draw attention to the needs within the Plymouth-Canton area in hopes of getting others involved.

"As we learned about the needs of the community, we were looking at a new form of giving: what can we do to help women right here?" she said, "We wanted to create a new vehicle for giving while offering a sense of camaraderie."

Since its inception, the group has been responsible for making donations to a variety of local organizations including the Plymouth Canton Community Schools GEMS Conference (Girls Excel in Math and Science), the Salvation Army Food Bank, the Eldercare and Advocacy Center and New Hope Bereavement Counseling among many

Wadington and her husband, David Treadwell, are also actively involved with First Step, chairing the capital campaign for a new facility to serve abused women and their families.

She is proud of this accomplishment, she said, because the money for the project was raised during "...some of the worst economic times in history," she said, something that strongly illustrates the determination of the local community to help others in need.

"Everyone gives from the goodness of their heart but there is also the satisfaction in knowing that you are able to help out someone right in your own community," Wadington said.

### **Joan Noricks**

A Canton resident for 32 years, Joan Noricks celebrates her 18th anniversary with the Canton Community Foundation, a charitable organization that helps donors cre-

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Joan Noricks, president of the Canton Community Foundation, is involved in many local fund-raising efforts. She is a also a member of Canton Rotary Club and pictured here volunteering at Canton

through the creation of 40 funds and more than \$500,000 in scholarships provided to local college students. Liberty Fest. For Noricks,

fundraising is not always about the money, it's about the people.

"A lot of times it is about putting the right people together with the right cause to help solve a problem or address a need," Noricks said.

Helping people build relationships that benefit the community is very rewarding, she added.

The mother of three grown children, she began her career volunteering when her children were in school, always mindful of the example she was providing for them.

"It was always very important to be a role model for them and for the children to know about the importance of giving back," she said.

Now that her children are grown and "making a difference in the world," Noricks said that this is her proudest accomplishment.

"For them to have learned the benefits of contributing to the world in a positive way is very rewarding," she said.

### **Sue Methner**

If you have any questions about the importance of volunteering, just ask Sue Methner, director of hospitality, volunteer services and special events at Garden City Hospital.

Last year, her service volunteers logged more than 56,000 hours of volunteer work at the hospital, assisting hospital workers in areas ranging from emergency rooms, various nursing units and the information desk to the Xray and clerical departments.

We always say that they are not supplements to the departments, they are

complements to the department, Methner said. "They can offer the extra little touches, the extra things that make it special for the patients.'

A Livonia resident, Methner grew up in Garden City and joined the hospital 37 years ago. She started supervis-



Sue Methner of Livonia escorts the Easter Bunny (volunteer/college student Kristen Strasser) through Garden City Hospital hospital to visit with all patients.

ing service volunteers at the hospital in 1989. She said she has seen firsthand the benefits they bring to the hospital and its patients.

"They are key," she said of the volunteers, "they are part of the community and they represent the community. They see things that we don't always see."

Overseeing a cadre of volunteers ranging in age from 14 to 86 has its own rewards, she said.

"We have former volunteers come back that have become, doctors, nurses, physical therapists as a result of the volunteer experiences they had here," she said.

Voluntéering at her local community library and the chamber of commerce has only driven home what she considers the most important part of volunteering, "We bring the community together by working with each other," she said.

### **Mary Denning**

Mary Denning is a firm believer in

"My mom taught us that what you give to others is what you get back,"



Mary Denning, of Mary **Denning's Cake Shoppe** in Westland, donned a hat with gingerbread figures, at a local fundraising event.

said Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland for 20 years. "If people have been good to you, you need to give back." It is a les-

son she has tried to remember throughout her life, both in running her business and serving as president of WOW (Women of Westland), a group that she and her friends started in 2000 in an effort to support area

women and their families.

"I always wanted to help other people," Denning said of the impetus for starting the group. "I have been blessed to have been in business here for 20 years and I want to give back. I think it is really important.

WOW was originally modeled after other local women's business and professional organizations and focuses on helping women both personally and professionally, Denning said. The group has been active in supporting women returning to school, helping local Girl Scout troops and even built a playscape for Starfish Family Services, a local charity offering support for area families and children among oth-

"Anything to help women and their families," Denning said of the group. She said she has noticed that as more women enter the business arena, the group has expanded with women want-

ing to give back to the community. 'Now we are finally able to help others financially," Denning said.

Both a mother and grandmother, she has instilled the importance of giving back within her own family. When the WOW group participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser recently, Denning's grandchildren were alongside her.

A pastry instructor at Henry Ford Community College, she also works to pass the importance of giving along to her students.

"Part of their class includes learning how to decorate a wedding cake, and they are always sure to donate their cakes to Lighthouse in Westland," a homeless shelter.

"It is so important for everyone to learn how to give back," she said.

# Bridge Camp works to inspire youngsters to go to college

Three years ago at Madonna University's Bridge Camp, 10-year-old Manuel Sahagun had a chance to talk with camp counselor Cassie Yarnall about her studies in sign language at the Livonia university.

That encounter, he says, altered his life in a very positive and big way.

"Cassie taught me a few basic things and since then I have known that sign language is something I want to learn and do for a living," Sahagun said during his most recent stint in Bridge Camp, which started Monday and concluded Friday.

Now, in his third visit to the Pre-College Bridge Camp, Sahagun is eager to show off how well he can fingerspell the alpha-

The camp, by design, is intended to do exactly what it did for Sahagun - to inspire youngsters to seek out a college education. Those working at the camp, all of whom are Madonna University staff or student volunteers, do this by provid-



Tyler Davis, 13, of Detroit raises his hand to answer a question during a class on writing a college entrance essay at Madonna University's Bridge Camp. Tyler says he would like to go to college to become an archeologist.

ing the middle school students a glimpse of what college life is about. The camp counselors share their own college experiences and engage the students in activities that expose them to a wide range of careers so that they might find something they are interested in pursuing.

"I've learned you have to do a lot of stuff to get into college," Luis Hernandez, 12, of Detroit said. "There are college entrance essays, scholarship essays, they consider grades, you have to fill out forms ... this is good to know because my mom wants me to get scholarships because she has three of us to put through college," Hernandez said.

Olga Martinez, director of the Office of Service-Learning at Madonna,

**During Bridge Camp at Madonna University, Jonathan** Vazquez of Detroit works on a group painting that represents the path into and out of college.

said they try to expose them to a lot of what college has to offer while helping them to understand that going to college is a goal well within their reach. "We give them some tips on what they can start doing, even at a young age, to make sure they are on track to attain the goal of a college education and we

make sure they have fun while they are here," she

Throughout the week at Bridge Camp, the 20 students participated in more than 25 interactive learning sessions designed to introduce them to the social, academic, spiritual and wellness components of college life, Martinez said.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the August 7, 2012 State and Federal Primary Election on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

> Eileen DeHart, CMC Westland City Clerk

### WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TAX ABATEMENT FOR ENRINITY SUPPLEMENTS INC. LOCATED AT 6480 COMMERCE DRIVE, CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

The Westland City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 2nd Floor, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan to consider the adoption of a resolution approving Tax Abatement for the property located at 6480 Commerce Drive, Westland, Michigan, PID #027-02-0011-000 (the "Property"), pursuant and in accordance with P.A.198, as amended.

All maps, plats and a copy of the proposed Tax Abatement Plan are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City of Westland Clerk's Office, Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

All aspects of the Tax Abatement Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Tax Abatement Plan.

This communication serves as notice of the City's intent to consider approval of the Tax Abatement Plan for the Property.

### WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR TIM HORTON'S LOCATED AT 7126 N. WAYNE ROAD, CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

The Westland City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 2nd Floor, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for the property located at 7126 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Michigan, PID #034-99-0012-001 (the "Property"), pursuant and in accordance with P.A. 381 of 1996, as amended.

A copy of the proposed Brownfield Redevelopment Plan is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City of Westland Clerk's Office, Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

All aspects of the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan.

This communication serves as notice of the City's intent to consider approval of the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for the Property.

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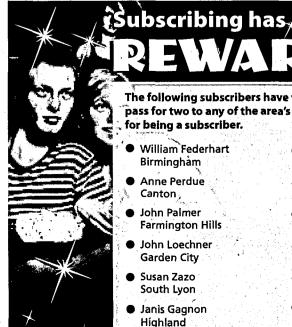


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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Steering clear

### Celebrate summer safe, sober, smart

This weeklong Fourth of July holiday has already brought plenty of fun for all backyard barbecues, swimming, boating, camping and maybe even that crossstate trek to one of Michigan's best tourism towns. And because July 4 fell in the middle of the week — the fun continues through this weekend.

Unfortunately, it's also a time when, each year, we see tragedies happen on our local roadways and state highways because drivers have taken the fun too far by getting behind the wheel while under the influence.

Just last year, during the Fourth of July holiday, eight people were killed in traffic crashes in our state — three of those deaths were alcohol-related.

Law enforcement agencies in 26 counties across the state, including those in Wayne and Oakland counties, are stepping up their drunk driving patrols during this holiday period.

The campaign, called, "Drunk Driving. Over The Limit. Under Arrest," is funded with federal money that's earmarked for traffic safety enforcement and is administered by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. It's a great local, state and federal partnership, but don't forget, it also involves every motorist who chooses to celebrate and socialize with alcohol.

or out on that boat this week - and every week - pay extra attention to who will be driving home at the end of that funfilled summer day. Designate a driver in advance or make arrangements for a safe ride home if you've been drinking.

So, when you're at that backyard party

Motorists, this week, will see increased patrols throughout the metro Detroit area. They're on the lookout for impaired driv-

Like Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper said this week, it's not worth the risk.

"State law penalties range from 93-day misdemeanors to five-year felonies, and drunk drivers who kill face 15 years in prison, or even, when called for, up to life," said Cooper.

In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunk driving with .08 blood alcohol content or higher. Motorists arrested with a .17 blood alcohol content face increased penalties, including the possible installation of an ignition interlock device preventing the car from starting if the driver has been drinking.

It truly is a matter of life and death. According to the Criminal Justice Information Center, 319 Michiganders died in alcohol- and/or drug-related traf-

fic crashes in 2011. Drunk driving, unfortunately, is preva-

lent. In 2011, there were 37,540 arrests for drunk and impaired driving throughout the state — that's nearly 103 arrests And, that's not truly reflective of the

actual number of drunk drivers there are on the roads - especially considering there are fewer road patrols on the streets these days, due to budget cutbacks.

It's one of the most often committed crimes in the United States, with more than 1.4 million people arrested nationwide in 2010.

Experts say the percentage of fatalities in alcohol-related crashes is eight times higher than in all crashes, and the percentage of the most serious injury level in alcohol-related crashes is almost four times higher.

But, those are just numbers, right?

Those are lives that are taken or completely ruined because someone was too intoxicated to drive. It's a reminder that's worth repeating — don't drink and drive; plan for a safe ride home if you've been

drinking. Let's make sure the holiday week ends on a positive note. Make it a fun and a memorable summer by staying safe, sober and responsible. We owe it to ourselves and to everyone else on the road.



Sue Mason, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

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### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

### Do you think the new law that allows residents to carry stun guns is a good idea?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



'Yes, because if you feel threatened you can have something to defend yourself that's not a deadly weapon."

**Chris Miller** Belleville



"Yes, because it's better than everyone carrying a gun. I don't see much wrong with the law."

Travis Pagareski



"Yeah, it's a safer non-threatening alternative to a firearm. In Michigan, you can carry a concealed weapon, but things could go too far. With a stun gun, the person can get up and walk off after a few minutes."

**David Lipps** Highland, Ind.



"No, I wouldn't think so. If you want to defend yourself, you can take martial arts classes. Stun guns seem dangerous, especially with the crazy people in this world."

**Alyssa Hanley** Garden City

### **LETTERS**

### The middle class

Every day is labor day. A teacher in our schools. A construction working building a new road or school. A nurse at our community hospital.

Across America, working men and women contribute to our nation's productivity and overall wealth creation. Unfortunately, we aren't sharing in these gains, as in decades past. As unionization has slipped, so have real wages and living standards and our middle class way of life.

In the four decades from 1967 to 2007, the union membership share of workers has slipped more than half, from about 26 percent to about 11 percent. During the same time frame, the middle class share of national income has dropped from 53 percent to 47 percent. Since 2007, we know that middle class fortunes have eroded even more steeply. The top 1 percent of Americans now own 42 percent of the nation's wealth, as well as half of the country's

stocks, bonds and mutual funds. It should be clear that unionization impacts everyone's wages, benefits and job protections for the better. From earlier last century to now, unions have fought for and earned — for all Americans — achievements like the end of child labor, a safer workplace, a defined work week, employee-sponsored health care and support of families. For example, unions spearheaded the Family Leave

and Medical Act. Unions continue to benchmark wage and benefits for all workers. But our share of this nation's prosperity will continue to slip unless we defend the 🕠 right of workers to collectively

bargain with employers. Businesses negotiate with other businesses. Similarly, so should workers be able to form unions and negotiate on a level playing field with businesses. This process of collective bargaining confers advantages and guarantees to each party.

Those who might wish that unions "just go away" are falling prey to anti-democratic special interests. In recent times, these special interests have orchestrated the outsourcing of entire industries, while doing all they can to create an insecure, threatened work force.

We have and can do better. Organized labor pledges to defend the right to collectively bargain, as we strive for the betterment of workers — union and non-union. Please join us is setting America right.

> Mike Jackson executive secretary-treasurer Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters

### Hold school boards accountable

The idea and purpose of char-

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ter schools was to provide the opportunity for every student in Michigan to attend the school of their choice and to take with them their state education allotment monies.

The idea was innovative and appeared to be fair and equal to all. However, it was not the cure all for some of the ailing school systems that prompted this innovation. Not only has it drained the public school systems of much-needed capital, the monies are going to charter schools geared to avoiding deficits and making a profit.

I'm familiar with some that are hiring state-certified teachers on a part-time basis at \$15 per hour, 15 to 20 hours per week, to avoid giving these young professionals any benefits. Of course, this would result in a profit-making scenario. I am sure our legislators did not have this in mind when they instituted this brilliant voucher/school of choice system.

I thought the state control of public school funds was supposed to help the public school systems throughout the state. The state should direct their attention to mismanagement of funds by local school boards and top-heavy redundancy of administration.

I feel Lansing should not allow money designated for education to be cut to help balance the budget, which seems to be happening by cutting benefits and salaries of dedicated classroom teachers who are trying very hard to do their job. Local school boards should be held accountable for the academic performance of their district and should be held accountable for a balanced budget.

Local school districts should be given the authority to strongly enforce safety, discipline and behavioral conduct issues. (These are all being accomplished in the private schools,

therefore making them desirable to parents looking for these qualities.)

If all else fails, the state should step in and appoint a manager to do the job of the elected school boards and help "right the ship."

**Violet Gavoor** Livonia

### Respect office of presidency

I'm not a person who often picks up a pen and writes to our local paper. I'm a grandmother and former teacher of U.S. history. I was appalled the other day when driving down Six Mile Road at Newburgh to see a large poster of President Barack Obama with a Hitler moustache. I almost lost control of the car!

Politics aside, Democrat or Republican or Independent, Mr. Obama is our president and while no one is perfect, the loss of respect for the office is deplorable.

My husband and I approached the two voung men who were camped out behind card tables displaying their literature, and I proceeded to give them my opinion of this type of display.

They told me I was old, outdated and appeared ridiculous and that their man, Lyndon LaRouche, had all the answers to America's diverse problems. Mind you, I don't disagree with their right of free speech, but the poster boiled my blood! Where has the sense of propriety gone to when the president is heckled at a news conference or in the House of Representatives? I have lived under the leadership of Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush one and two, and Clinton.

I might not have agreed with all of their policies, but I respected them as an elected official and respected their office.

Shame on Lyndon LaRouche and his extremism. America is a country of diversity. Let's get back to civility and work for a better future.

> **Sherry Klisz** Livonia

### Taking a stand

It is difficult to grasp at this moment in time that a large segment of our population is prevented from marrying their significant other.

President Obama's support for marriage equality might not correct this injustice. However, he should be commended for leading on one of the most significant, as well as contentious civil rights issues of our time.

Thank you, Mr. President, for taking such a historic and courageous stand.

> Jill Farber-Bramson West Bloomfield

# Annuities favor salespeople, but usually not investors

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

gave a talk regarding the Ford and General Motors buyout options and one of the questions concerned annuities. It's a good time to discuss them.

It is important to recognize that not all annuities are the same. There are different kinds and some are more favorable to investors than others. In addition, just like mutual funds — where not all funds issued by a company are good the same applies to annuities. Some companies offer multiple, different types of annuities, some are investor friendly and the others are only meant to generate fees. Because of that, it is important to take your time and understand what you're getting involved in before you decide to buy an annuity.

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Rick Bloom

with a band of insurance wrapped around them. On the whole, I believe investors should avoid these annuities. The great majority of them have high fees and limited investment options. In addition, despite what salespeople tell you, they have adverse tax conse-

Yes, the money does grow tax-deferred, however, when the money is withdrawn it's taxed at vour ordinary income bracket, not the favorable capital gain rate.

If the money was

invested outside the annuity, you would be taxed at a much lower rate on your gains. In addition, variable annuities tend to have very high penalties.

### **Duration**

Many of these annuities require you to lock up for seven to 10 years and some for even longer. Other than annuities issued by companies such as Fidelity and Vanguard, which have no penalties and have very low fees, I tell investors to avoid variable annuities.

The other type of annuity is known as a fixed annuity. There are two main types of a fixed annuity — a traditional and an equity-indexed.

The traditional fixed annuity is similar to a CD in that the investor is given a guaranteed rate of return for a set period of time. The rate of return depends on the annuity.

At the present time, I'm not a fan of these annuities because the rate of return is so low. Like the variable annuity, a fixed annuity does require you to lock you money up for a period of time. Generally, you're committing your money for at least a five- to seven-year period. In today's low interest rate environment, I'm generally not interested in locking my money up for that length of time.

In an equity-indexed annuity, you get a guaranteed rate of return and then if the stock market does well, your return can increase. The theory behind these annuities is that you can't lose money because you can participate in the stock market if it does well.

Unfortunately, the theory doesn't always work in the real world. The reason for that is some of these equity-indexed annuities have very high fees and some of their provisions make it difficult to make money.

### **Equity-index**

The only type of annuity I recommend these days, is an equityindexed annuity, however, in this economic environment, I typically don't want to commit for more than five years. Too many things are changing and I don't want to be in a position where I'm locked into an investment that I cannot get out of without paying substantial penalties.

Annuities are one of

the most oversold investment products around. The reason is quite simple — commissions. In many of these annuities, not only does the salesperson receive commission when you buy the product, but they also receive compensation every year that you're in the annuity.

My advice is if you are thinking about buying an annuity, take your time, deal with someone you can trust and, lastly, keep it short term. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@ hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanage-

### Library offers summer films, storytimes

Dreamcatchers were the focus of a recent craft program at Westland's William P. Faust

Public Library. The free program provided supplies and instruction on how to make the dreamcatch-

Despite staff lavoff. reduced hours and program cutbacks that took effect July 1, the library will continue to offer programs for youngsters including a Sum-

The library is also offering a weekly G-rated family movie, along with light refreshments, 1-2:30 p.m. Fridays.

mer Reading Program.



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rida Ghazali, librarian Liz Waun, Malak Al-Regie, Noor Ghazali and Katie Jacobi all from Westland, work their dreamcatchers at the William P. Faust Library.

Family storytimes are scheduled for 10:30-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays.

To register or get more information about library programs, visit www.westland.lib.mi.us/.



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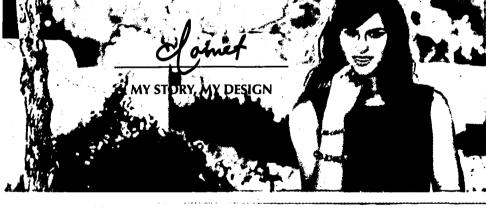
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George Washington: Commander-in-Chief in the American Revolution; Signer of the Constitution; First President of the United States

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." - John Adams: Signer of the Declaration of Independence; One of Two Signers of the Bill of Rights; Second President of the United States

"Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe." -James Madison: Signer of the Constitution; Fourth President of the United States

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever." -

Thomas Jefferson: Signer and the Principal Author of the Declaration of Independence; Third President of the **United States** 

"Is it not that in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? that it forms a leading event in the *Gospel* 

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progress of the dispensation? Is it not that Declaration first Independence organized the social the compact on foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? - That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?"

- John Quincy Adams: Statesman; Diplomat:

Sixth President of the **United States** 

### CONGRESS

"We are a Christian people...not because the law demands it, not to gain exclusive benefits or to avoid legal disabilities, but from choice and education; and in a land thus universally Christian, what is to be expected, what desired, but that we shall pay due regard to Christianity?"

Senate Judiciary Committee Report, January 19, 1853

"At the time of the adoption of the Constitution and the amendments, the universal sentiment was that Christianity should be encouraged...In this age there can be no substitute for Christianity...That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants." House Judiciary Committee Report, March 27, 1854

### **EDUCATION**

"Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let every one seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Proverbs 2, 3). Every one shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein."

Harvard 1636 Student Guidelines

"All the scholars are required to live a religious and blameless life according to the rules of God's Word, diligently reading the Holy Scriptures, that fountain of Divine light and truth, and constantly attending all the duties of religion."

Yale 1787 Student Guidelines

### SUPREME COURT RULINGS

"There dissonance in these [legal] declarations...These are not individual sayings, declarations of private persons: they are organic [legal, governmental] utterances; they

speak the voice of the entire people...These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation.' Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S.,

> **Unanimous Decision Declaring America** Christian Nation

> > Significantly, the U.S. Supreme Court cited dozens of court rulings and legal documents as precedents to arrive at this ruling; but in 1962, when 1 the Supreme Court struck down voluntary prayer in schools, it did without using any such precedent.

"Why may not the Bible, and especially the New Testament, without note or comment, be read and taught as a divine revelation in [schools] - its general precepts expounded, its evidences explained and its glorious principles of morality inculcated?...Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the New Testament?"

Vidal v. Girard's Executors, 1844 Unanimous Decision Commending and Encouraging the Use of the Bible in Government-Run Schools

### FOUNDING FATHERS

"An appeal to arms and to the God of hosts is all that is left us!... Sir, we are not weak if we make a

proper use of those means which the God of nature hath in . placed our Besides, power... sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a 📡 just God who presides over the destinies of nations and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us... Is life so dear, or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I

know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

- Patrick Henry: Patriot and Statesman

"To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness, which mankind now enjoys... Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government - and all blessings which flow from them - must fall with them."

- Jedediah Morse: Patriot and Educator, called "The Father of American Geography"

"I've lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: That God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We've been assured in the sacred writings that unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel." - Benjamin Franklin: Signer of the **Declaration of Independence and the Constitution** 

### SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

"The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts." "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation,

to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." John Jay: Co-Author of the Federalist Papers; First Chief-Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

"Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine... Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants. Indeed, these two sciences run into each other."

James Wilson: Signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; Original Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court

"One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law... There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundations ... I verily believe Christianity necessary to the support of civil society."

Joseph Story: U. S. Supreme Court Justice; "Father of American Jurisprudence," Placed on the Court by President James Madison

### **FOREIGNERS**

"The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other."

"Upon my arrival in the United States, the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention; and the longer I stayed there, the more did I perceive the great political consequences resulting from this state of things, to which I was unaccustomed. In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom pursuing courses diametrically opposed to each other; but in America I found that they were intimately united, and that they reigned in common over the same country."

Alexis de Tocqueville French observer of America in 1831, author of Democracy in **America** 

There is no country in which the people are so religious as in the United States... The great number of religious societies existing in the United States is truly surprising: there are some of them for everything; for instance, societies to distribute the Bible; to distribute tracts; to encourage religious journals; to convert, civilize, educate... to take care of their widows and orphans; to preach, extend, purify, preserve, reform the faith; to build chapels, endow congregations, support seminaries... to establish Sunday schools... to prevent drunkenness,

**Achille Murat** 

French observer of America in 1832

### SCRIPTURE

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD Psalm 33:12a

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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# SPORTS

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# Heptathlete Wade eyes 2016 return

# Farmington graduate places fourth in Trials

By Dan O'Meara **Observer Staff Writer** 

All things considered, Bettie Wade competed well in the women's heptathlon and finished well at the U.S. Olympic Trials last week in Eugene, Ore.

But the final outcome was a big disappointment for the former Farmington High School all-stater and Big Ten champion from the University of Michigan.

Wade, attempting to make the U.S. Olympic team for the second time, had to settle for the best-of-the-rest title.

She finished fourth in the field of 20 competitors, but only the top three earn a place on the U.S. team.

It also would have been necessary for Wade, who scored 6,018 points in the seven-event competition, to achieve the Olympic standard of 6,150 to qualify for the Olympic Games later this month in London, England.

Hyleas Fountain, the silver medalist at the Beijing Games in 2008, won the heptathlon at the U.S. Trials with 6,419

The next two finishers also met the Olympic standard. Sharon Day and Chante McMillan scored 6,343 and 6,188, respectively.

Two of Wade's best events are the high jump and long jump, and she did well in both.

She was second in the long jump (20-4.5) and fourth in the high jump (5-11.25). Wade had made recent gains in the shot put, and she scored well in that event, too, with a second-place effort of 44-8.25.

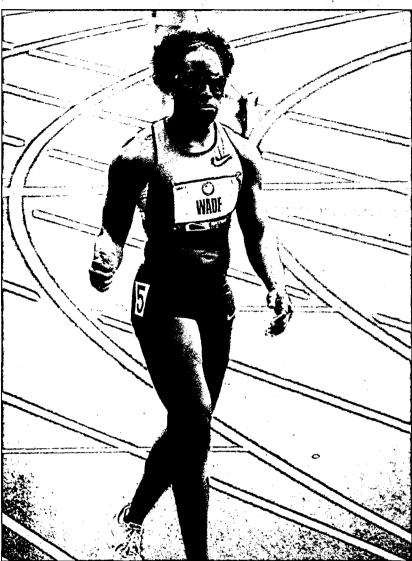
None of her performances in any of the events matched her personal records, however, as she wrestled with the task of scoring a sufficient number of points.

Wade also was 10th in the 100-meter hurdles (13.72), 14th in the javelin throw (117-5), 17th in the 200 dash (24.84) and 18th in the 800 run (2:19.06).

Prior to the Olympic Trials, the 25-year-old Wade told the Observer she was entering her prime and just getting started in the sport.

Based on that statement, it's

Please see WADE, B4



Bettie Wade walks her lane prior to competing at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

# Moss takes flight to Phoenix

**By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer** 

It didn't take long for Livonian Dave Moss to close one chapter of his National Hockey League career and start another.

The 30-year-old right winger, who spent the last six seasons with the Calgary Flames, wasted little time after the free agen-cy period opened at noon Sunday by signing a two-year deal with the Phoenix Coyotes.

"Phoenix is the first team we lked to, we were able to work out a deal and it was somewhere I was comfortable going," said Moss, the former Detroit Catholic Central High and University of Michigan standout. "I knew Jimmy Playfair, the assistant coach there, who was the head coach in Calgary my first year (2006-07). I know him really well. I think lot of the guys who I played with in Calgary that had gone there had really liked it,

and had good things to say.".
Financial terms of the deal for the unrestricted free agent were not disclosed.

"It's somewhere where I'm comfortable going," said Moss, d by South field agent Howard Gourwitz. "It's one of those things, when you get to free agency - guys

like me --- you don't want to wait too long before you go somewhere. Other guys are maybe in different situations, but I was happy to sign with Phoenix."

The 6-foot-3, 205-pound Moss was coming off a frustrating season with the Flames where he appeared in only 32 games registering just two goals and seven assists after undergoing ankle surgery.

"It was pretty much you just wait for teams to call," Moss said, "and Phoenix was one first ones. I liked the team they have and the coach-

Please see MOSS, B3

# Wayne spiker Horton AAU All-American

**By Brad Emons** Observer Staff Writer

with the Phoenix Coyotes.

Livonia native David Moss left the

Calgary Flames for a new contract

With only three years of volleyball experience, Wayne Memorial High's Katie Horton continues to make a meteoric rise.



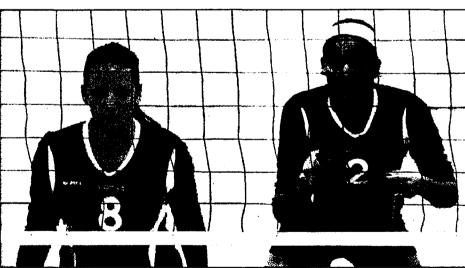
Katie Horton

The 6foot middle hitter helped the Premier Volleyball Club of Maumee,

Ohio earn a fifth-

place finish among 138 teams in the 18-and-under Club Division at the AAU Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships held last week in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

And in the process, Horton was only one of 14 players to earn All-



DAVID HORTON

Wayne Memorial's Katie Horton (right), along older sister Keri Horton (left), was named a Club Division All-American following the 18-and-under AAU Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships held last week in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

American accolades as Premier Onitsuka captured its first 10 matches in tournament play before falling to eventual runner-up Mizuno Northern Lights in the quarterfinals.

"It was good experience, our team really

worked hard and it was a good tournament to be in," Horton said. "I feel like my back row has improved a lot as far as

being able to read the other hitters on the other side and seeing where I should be."

Premier Onitsuka's squad also featured Horton's sister Keri, who is bound for NCAA Division III Marietta College (Ohio), along with Livonia Ladywood's Alex Hines (Toledo) and Canton's

Alaina Turner (Dayton). Last fall, Horton helped Wayne reach the Class A regional semifinals. She finished her junior year with a team-best 537 total kills, 247 digs and 181 blocks as the Zebras captured a district title.

Horton, who has already committed to Ohio University and is a two-time first-team All-Observer selection, should be a strong candi-

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# Schmitt 3rd in 100 free

Canton's Allison Schmitt wrapped up her successful 2012 U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials with a third-place finish Saturday night in the 100-meter freestyle at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Neb.

Jessica Hardy and Missy Franklin finished one-two in the event with times of 53.96 and 54.15, respectively. Schmitt, representing the North Baltimore Aquatic Club, took third in 54.30.

The 2008 Canton High grad, who took a year off to train from the University of Georgia, won both the 200- and 400 freestyle events earlier in the week and will represent the U.S. in both events later this month in the London Summer Olympics along with the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 freestyle relays.

She was a bronze medalist in the women's 800 freestyle relay and took ninth in the 200 free at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Meanwhile, Livonian Caroline Arakelian, a recent Stevenson High grad, was 175th overall (2:22.88) in the Saturday's 200 backstroke.

The 17-year-old from the Kingfish Aquatic Club in Waterford was seeded 55th overall with en entry time of 2:15.73.

She will be heading to Queens University (N.C.) in the fall.

### **Knoph earns** softball invite

Livonia Stevenson infielder Molly Knoph, who hit .511 this season, has been invited to play in the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-Star Senior Softball Game for Division 1 seniors beginning at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 at Michigan State University's Secchia Stadium.

### Witherspoon steps down

Livonia Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman announced recently that varsity girls softball coach Rob Witherspoon has stepped down to take an assistant elementary school principal position in the district.

Witherspoon finished with an overall record of 187-116-1, including a Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 district championship in 2008.

Hyman also said that Brian Gulick will be unable to continue as varsity boys and girls golf coach due to increased work commitments in the South Redford Schools.

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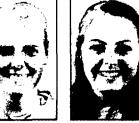
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**Ashley Avery** Stevenson



Jessica Webster Canton



Jackie Murphy Mercy



**Becky Giacobbi** Franklin



**Scott Combs** Ladywood



**Barry Patterson** 

# All-Observer team features all-state talent

**FIRST TEAM** 

Briana Combs, P, Ladywood: The senior righthander, headed to Cleveland State, became the first player ever in state history to earn Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year, Miss Softball and a state title laurels.

Combs, who rarely issued a walk, boasted a career record of 149-11 with 1,400 strikeouts and an 0.21 earned run average. As a senior, Combs went 38-

1 with 374 strikeouts and an 0.21 ERA while hitting .528. "Briana allowed us to compete with any teams, anywhere we played," coach Scott Combs said. "She shut out in one day three of the four top ten teams in Wis-

consin." Kelsey Susalla, P/3B, Garden City: The Division

1 all-state performer was a force on the mound and at the plate this spring for the Cougars, who advanced all the way to the Division 1 semifinals in Battle Creek. Pitching-wise, she went 18-4 with 134 strikeouts in 126 innings. Susalla notched 10 shutouts and chiseled out a miniscule 1.44 earned run average. Offensively, she hit a team-high .611 with 20 doubles, seven triples and seven home runs. She also knocked in a team-high 40 runs. Susalla will continue her softball career at the University of Michigan, where she has been welcomed as a

preferred walk-on. "Kelsey is an incredible talent," coach Barry Patterson said. "She has matured as a player from her freshman year to her senior year from a good hitter, to a great From what I witnessed, I'd put her among the top 10 hitters in the state; and it's evident that the University of Michigan agreed. Her swing is effortless; she's one of the best hitters I've ever coach. She pitched for us out of necessity, knowing it's not what she was going to do in college, but she was outstanding thanks to her strong

drive and motivation." Kayce Nieto, P, Mercy: The senior pitcher and four-year starter capped a brilliant career with the Marlins in 2012. She was 20-7 with a 0.66 ERA in 161 innings. A three-time, all-area selection, Nieto also had 279 strikeouts and just 19 walks (two intentional). The University of Utah signee was a force at the plate, too. Nieto, who led Mercy (26-9) to runnerup finishes in the Catholic League and a Division 1 regional, batted .455 with a dozen doubles, four home runs and 28 RBI. She had a

slugging percentage of .697. "She's just been phenomenal for Mercy in her four years," coach Nancy Malinowski said. "She pitched very well; she's really been great. With her knowledge of the game, her work ethic, her hitting, she's the allaround player that you don't always get and will surely be

missed. Katy Severson, P, North Farmington: The three-time. all-area selection did nearly all the pitching for the Raiders, posting a 31-7 record with a 1.53 ERA. Severson is North's all-time winningest pitcher with 90 wins. She had 174 strikeouts and issued just 21 walks in 233 innings this year. She pitched seven shutouts and one perfect game, and she had a combined

no-hitter. Severson, who will play at the University of Detroit Mercy, also batted .396 with 13 doubles, one triple, four home runs and 43 RBI. The all-state honorable mention was perfect in the field for the second time in her prep

career. "Katie was the blood and guts of our team," Brubaker said. "She was out there playing even when she had nagging injuries. She was quite an asset for four years, and she set all kinds of records at North. Being able to field your position, especially at the mound, is very beneficial to your defense. That was always a plus with Katy.

"She's not an overpowering pitcher, but she had command of all her pitches. She could throw it past you if she needed, but she learned how to pitch and had good control. I think she had one of the best bats (with a .400plus career average) in the area for four years, too."
Mikayela Marciniak, P,

Plymouth: It wouldn't be a stretch to say the freshman left-hander saved the season for the Wildcats, taking over after No. 1 pitcher Elaine Gerou injured her arm and sparking Plymouth to division and conference titles in

the process. Marciniak logged 205 innings, going 25-6 along with a 1.94 ERA. She fanned 159 and walked only 21. And she chipped in on offense, with a .287 average, three homers and 20 RBI.

She collected some hard-

ware, too, with All-KLAA and all-district honors. "What I was most proud of was her ability to adjust the mental side of the game to the competitive level I needed her to be at," coach Canfield said. "She set the bar high for herself, therefore I'm expecting nothing but the best from her next year seeing the adjustments made and improvements needed as she grows with

her ability as a player.'
Kim D'Arcangelo, C, Redford Union: The senior catcher completed a stellar high school career by two home runs and leading the Panthers in runs batted in. Her on-base percentage was a sterling .585 as she led her team in every offensive category. A four-year varsity player and multiple all-league selection, D'Arcangelo earned **RU's "Senior Female Athlete** of the Year" award at the school's post-season banquet. A top-notch athlete (her grade-point average was 4.27), D'Arcangelo has committed to play at the

next level for Adrian College. "Kim was our lone senior and our captain — she really held the team together, said first-year RU coach Rob Reese. "Along with being a great offensive player, she was an outstanding catcher. She kept the other teams'

running games in check." Allyssa Kashat, C, Ladywood: The senior catcher and co-captain, bound for the University of Findlay (Ohio), hit .342 for the Division 2 state champions while scoring 42 runs.

Kashat also excels in the classroom with a 3.92 grade-

point average. 'Allyssa willed herself, with hard work, into what I believe was the best defensive catcher in the state - bar none" Combs said of the all-Catholic League, all-district, all-region and all-state selection. "She was the heart-and soul of our team, an amaz-

ing leader every day." Alexis Powell, C, Salem: The Rocks will say so long to one of the top players in school history, who slugged six homers to break Salem's previous career record held by 1999 graduate Stefanie

Volpe. Also an excellent defensive catcher, Powell batted .379 and drove in 34 runs while being named to the All-KLAA, all-district and all-

region squads. "I've coached Alexis for four years and she's had one of the best bats in the league, all four years straight," coach Bonnie Southerland said, about the 2012 team offensive MVP. "It never gets old watching her hit."

Powell earned a spot on the all-state academic team with a 3.8 GPA and will go to Davenport University on a 2012 ALL-OBSERVER SOFTBALL TEAM FIRST TEAM

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full-ride scholarship to con-

tinue her softball career. "She will be hard to replace and I know she'll do great things at Davenport just like she did at Salem," Souther-

land said. Casey Bias, C, Churchill: The junior catcher earned first-team all-Observer honors for the second straight year hitting .403 with eight homers, 38 RBI and 34 runs

Bias also threw out six-ofeight base stealers. "You don't find many catchers as good as Casey," coach Steve Gentilia said of the

all-KLAA selection. " She really takes away the running game and is also a major threat at the plate.

"Some of Casey's best achievements though come in the classroom she is a two-vear scholar-athlete and is also a member of the National Honor Society. Casey is being highly recruited right now and will be a major help to any college program that signs her."

Carli SanMillan, 2B, Ladywood: The four-year senior starter, headed to Davenport University, helped the Blazers to three Final Fours and collected hits in all five games she played in Battle

Considered one of the top hitters in Ladywood history, SanMillan hit .438 as a senior with 48 RBI.

"Carli is one of the best clutch hitters I've ever coached - softball or baseball," Scott Combs said of the two-time, first-team all-stater.

Brianna Giordano, 2B, Plymouth: The junior second baseman was instrumental to the Wildcats going 29-8 overall and winning the KLAA South Division (14-2) and their first Kensington Conference crown. In Plymouth's conferenceclinching, 5-1 win over Northville, Giordano clubbed a three-run home run to salt away the victory.

That kind of offense was ongoing during 2012, as she batted .396 with extra-base power (13 doubles, five homers) and knocked in 29 for coach Val Canfield. Giordano garnered Plymouth's award for top offensive player and earned conference, district and

region honors. 'She is a gamer and is determined to be the best she can be," Canfield said. "She will be our captain next year as she enters her senior year. She will take the team to a higher level because she has that ability to lead with authority.

"I know she will outpace her play next year as she sets her sights on continuing her career playing softball in college.

Katie Creighton, 2B, North Farmington: The senior second baseman made the Division 1 all-state first team after another solid season in which she batted .462 from the leadoff position. Creighton, who has a scholarship to Davenport University in Grand Rapids, had 56 hits, including three doubles and three triples. She also had 20 stolen bases, scored 34 runs and notched 11 RBI. An academic all-stater and repeat all-area pick, Creighton had just five strikeouts in 121 atbats. She will play in the high school all-star game July 18 in East Lansing.

"She's one of the slickest second basemen I've had the pleasure to coach over the years," coach Dave Brubaker said. "Defensively, she gets to balls other second basemen don't, and she has a great arm on her. She covers the bunt flawlessly. She was rock solid at second base for four years.

"Katie is one of the best leadoff hitters around. She gets the ball on the ground and has a little pop in her bat. When she needed to drive the ball, she could hit with some power.'

Ashley Lynn, SS, Garden City: The senior did everything but drive the team bus to away games for the Cougars. Along with being the team's emotional leader, she provided golden glovecaliber defense from the shortstop position, flashing a magnetic glove to go along with an accurate, laser arm. At the dish, she reached base at a .624 clip while hitting .479. Lynn knocked in 24 runs while scoring a teamhigh 36 times. A four-year varsity performer, Lynn has committed to play collegiate softball for Northwood

University. "Ashley, in my opinion, has been our team leader the past few years," said Patterson. "Along with being an outstanding player, she's the one who keeps the team together, motivating the girls. She made so many outstanding plays at shortstop this season; plays you don't see in the statistics. She was our gold glove award winner all four years. I'd say there are only two to three shortstops in the state who can play with Ashley defensively. She played her best when she

was on the biggest stage. Sarah Gutknecht, SS, Farmington: The junior shortstop and three-year starter had another big year? for the Falcons. She made the all-area first team a second time after batting .589 with 63 hits, which included three home runs. Gutknecht had just one strikeout in 107 official chances, scored 31 runs and had 29 RBI. Her on-

base percentage was .646. "She carried the weight of the team offensively," coach Stefanie Volpe said. "She was able to come up big in clutch situations. She hit the ball hard; she never cheated herself out of any at-bat.

"Being a junior, her name was out there. Opponents knew about her and tried to pitch around her. She worked hard at hitting anything and everything that was close. Being the caliber of player she is, you walk her. But she was a good swinger,

Ashley Avery, SS, Steven**son:** The senior shortstop earned team MVP and all-KLAA honors with a .545 batting average with 54 hits including nine doubles, two triples and hone homer.

The all-region and all-district pick also knocked in 27 runs to go along with 10 stolen bases. Avery only struck out three times and boasted a fielding average of .945.

"Ashley is a very hard working player who made herself into the one of the top players in the area at that position," coach Rob Witherspoon said of the all-KLAA scholar-athlete. 'She has excellent range, a strong arm and an outstanding knowledge of the game defensively.

'Offensively she has a great feel for the strike zone and forces pitchers to bring the ball into her zone. She has the ability to play and be very successful at the next level."

Jessica Webster, 3B, Canton: The junior third baseman cleaned up from the cleanup position for the Chiefs. She set three Canton school records with a .505 average along with 10 homers and 42 RBI. On top of that were seven doubles and seven triples.

And she only committed two errors at the hot corner, providing solid defense at a key position. For her efforts, Webster earned selection to the All-KLAA and all-district teams and also was named as an academic all-state member.

"Jessica's as solid a player as they come both on offense and defense," coach Jim Arnold said. "She's an allaround player who can play anywhere.

Jackie Murphy, OF, Mercy: The junior center fielder helped the Marlins with her bat, glove and arm. Murphy hit .417 and had 21 RBI. Her 42 hits included seven doubles, three triples and three home runs. She also stole 14 bases and scored 27 runs. Her slugging percentage was .634, and she fielded her position at .971. Murphy was Mercy's No. 2 pitcher, posting a 6-2 record and 2.38 ERA. She recorded 55 strikeouts and 24 walks in 60 innings.

"We moved her to center field (from second base), she just anchored our outfield," Malinowski said. "She's another all-around player with her hitting and fielding. She's fast; she's a threat on the basepaths and she gets to the ball. She also pitches and has done very well for us. As of right now, she'll be our top pitcher next year." Becky Giacobbi, OF, Franklin: The freshman center fielder earned all-KLAA and all-district honors after hitting team-best .438 with 49 hits and 25 runs scored. Giacobbi also excelled in the field with 52 putouts, three assists and only one

was .982. "She was fantastic in the outfield due to her outstand-ing speed," coach Linda Jimenez said. "She was able to get to many balls that probably would have been hits. Becky was loved by her teammates since the first day determination is contagious and admired by all. She is an awesome role model on and

error. Her fielding average

off the field." **CO-COACHES OF YEAR** Scott Combs, Ladywood: The fifth-year coach, an attorney and native of Battle Creek, guided the Blazers to the 2012 Division 2 state title in his hometown with a 4-0 victory over Saginaw Swan Valley in the finals to cap a 39-3 season.

The Kalamazoo College grad posted a combined four-year record of 151-19. including a 39-3 record this season to go along with Catholic League A-B Division, district and regional crowns.

"This senior class – (Carli) SanMillan, (Allyssa) Kashat, (Briana) Combs, (Nicole) Payne, (Michelle) Nelson, (Kristen) Eisterhold and (Brittany) DeCamillo – is definitely one of the most accomplished ever in the state over a four-year stretch," Scott Combs said. "Even more important, they are all great young ladies, a true pleasure to be around seven days a week. They worked four full years to be the best -- and they are.'

**Barry Patterson, Garden** 

City: Since 2008, the Cougars have reached the Division 1 semifinals three times under the guidance of Patterson. who recently registered his 600th career victory. This season's senior-led contingent marched through the Western Wayne Athletic **Conference Red Division** with an unbeaten record — the Cougars have yet to lose a WWAC divisional game in three years — before winning a talent-loaded regional at Grosse Pointe North and a pressure-packed quarterfinal contest against a solid Monroe club.

The group of girls we had this year has a lot to be proud of," said Patterson. 'Their No. 1 goal all season was to get to Battle Creek, and they accomplished that. I know they were disappointed they didn't get to the championship game, but they should feel proud about what they were able to achieve this season. We're really going to miss our strong class of seniors."



**MOSS** 

Moss has accumulated

61 goals and 63 assists for

124 career points in 317

NHL games, but has suf-

fered number of nagging

injuries during his career.

"I feel like I'm back to

100 percent," said Moss, who was the 220th pick

overall in the 2001 NHL

Entry Draft coming out

of Michigan. "I've been

just getting back on the

going full tilt all summer.

Right now I feel 100 per-

Moss has played less

but one season with the

when he appeared in 81

games (his only injury-

free season to date when

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"Getting older in my

career, obviously I want

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# Friedrichs bolts Chargers to take DeLaSalle position

**By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer** 

The soccer coaching carousel continue to revolve over the weekend when Livonia Churchill boys coach Reid Friedrichs announced he was stepping down to take the varsity job at Warren DeLaSalle.

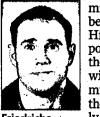
Ironically, Friedrichs was hired just last month to replace Dave Hebestreit as the Churchill girls varsity soccer coach where he will start in the spring of 2013.

Friedrichs' departure comes on the heels of Churchill losing hockey coach Pete Mazzoni, who resigned just recently to take the assistant principal position at Livonia Stevenson High.

In 12 boys seasons with the Chargers, Friedrichs compiled an overall record of 151-85-29, including one KLAA, two conference, four division and two district titles.

"It's a big loss for us," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. 'We'll recover from it and look immediately to replace him because the season is coming up and the kids want to know what exactly is going on.

"He was a very good tactician of the game. He knows soccer better than anybody I can think of given our league. His



**Friedrichs** 

mind will be missed. His rapport with the kids will be missedthey really liked

him. He was a players' coach and it will be hard to duplicate. He was a student of the game. I wish him well, but I'm very happy to work with him during the girls season."

Friedrichs is replacing Thaier Mukhtar, who guided DeLaSalle to five state championships, 499 victories and 18 Catholic League titles in 30 years.

In a resignation letter in late May, the 53-yearold Mukhtar cited "a disagreement over the present and future direction of the De La Salle Soccer Program with the administration.

"It's some tough shoes to fill, it would be tough shoes to fill for anyone, but I'd like to reach out to him soon and do my best to keep going in the direction that he built," Friedrichs said. "The first thing I said to the athletic director at DeLaSalle (Brian Kelly) is that 'this is probably the only job that would have gotten me away from Churchill.' I value their program and this challenge.'

The move, however,

didn't come without some reservation for Friedrichs, who teaches science and chemistry at Churchill.

"It was a very difficult decision," he said. "I really never wanted to leave. I like Churchill, I like coaching there. The support from the parents is unparalleled. They are some of the greatest parents I've ever been around in high school soccer. And the boys, too, have been great. I really enjoyed my time there and made some unbelievable connections and relationships with the boys."

Friedrichs, who has relatives on the east side, played high school soccer at Ann Arbor Pioneer and was an All-Big Ten goalkeeper at Michigan State (1992-96).

"The school (DeLaSalle) is out by where I live (Birmingham), which makes it more easier," Friedrichs said. "I've always had aspirations to coach in college and this is that type of atmosphere as far as getting to hire your own staff, you have a soccer budget and it's a good challenge

"I always like to challenge myself and this is a nice step in that direction and for that direction."

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go there and help them build on that."

Continued from page B1 Moss could be a complementary fit for the es, found out what thev Coyotes' checking line alongside Lauri Korpikosthought, and were able to get a deal done." ki and Boyd Gordon.

"I think they see me playing a role as some-one in their top nine forwards and probably getting some special teams time and just being solid," Moss said. "I think their whole team is built on playing that good system, playing well defensively and doing all the little things right. I think that's what I think they'll expect out of me.'

And it was also be quite a climate change for Moss, who is moving from Alberta to Arizona.

'I've never played in a warm weather state like this," Moss said. "It will be different for me. It looks like a nice city. Scottsdale — I know there's lots to do. I really haven't been around too much, but from what I've seen it looks pretty nice. It's certainly different than Calgary, but I think it's good."

Moss, however, cherished his time in Calgary. "I think the thing I'm going to miss the most

is probably just the peo-

ple," he said. "The people in the organization, the staff, my friends at the rink, my friends away from the rink. I think that's what I'm going to miss the most about the

Moss' parents also gave a thumbs-up to the sign-

ing.
"I'll head out there a little bit early to see where I'll live and maybe if some other guys are out there meet some other guys and skate, maybe get myself established in the Phoenix area a little earlier than I normally , would," he said. "I know my parents are really excited because they can make a trip out of it and hang out in the warm weather during the winter, which will be nice.

The only request they have is that place I get down there has a pool. I think they would have been happy wherever I went, but through this whole process and talking with them, I think they're just happy that I can get to a place where I have a good opportunity to play and somewhere where I'll be happy."

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### **HORTON**

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date for Michigan's Miss Volleyball honors next season.

But she's is no longer a hidden gem or a wellkept secret. And there's a reason why she has made it a priority to be known more than just for her ability as front row

"Hopefully I'll play all the way around (at Ohio University)," she said. "That's what I'm hoping

On Tuesday night, Horton was traveling back from Michigan City, Ind. following a club sand volleyball match.

"I like both," she said. "They both help out in different ways to make you better at both. I just started sand this year and I'd like to play it some day."

Horton has one more high school season and one more club volleyball season on the horizon.

The trips back-andforth to Maumee, while gaining national tournament exposure, has definitely paid dividends.

"You have to work really hard because everybody is equal in position and you have to fight for your spot on the team and everything," Horton said of Premier Onitsuka.

But there will be one void once the fall prep season starts. Big sister (Keri) won't be around and will be sorely missed.

"She's always like there for me and everything, so it will be way different," Katie said.

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### **Future Bronco**



Plymouth High senior Reagan Engstrom recently signed an NCAA Division I letterof-intent to compete in track and field at Western Michigan University. Engstrom, a first-team All-Observer selection as a pole vaulter, plans to pursue a degree in nursing and will join her older sister Kirsten, who attends WMU in the pre-occupational therapy program. Reagan was a three-time state qualifier in the pole vault with a P-CEP school record 11 feet, 9 inches. She is a three-year captain and two-time MVP in track, as well as a four-year team MVP, three-year captain and three-year state qualifier in gymnastics. She also has two other sisters including her twin Caitrin, along with Marin.

# Life of Riley: Bulls hurler one-hits Rams

Riley Smith flirted with a no-hitter Monday as the first-place Michigan Bulls downed the Michigan Rams, 2-0, in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played at

Bicentennial Park. Zach Zott's single in the fifth inning broke up Smith's no-hit bid.

Smith, who had to settle for a one-hitter, struck out eight and did not allow a walk in going all seven innings for the 22-. and-under Bulls.

Madonna University's Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) was the difference offensively as he belted a 2-run homer off MU teammate Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) in the top of the fourth inning.

Piechota went all six innings and deserved a better fate. He allowed just four hits, walked one and struck out four as the 20-and-under Rams slipped to 11-12-1 in the

**RAMS 3-6, OUTLAWS 2-7:** The Michigan Rams (11-11-1) continue to hover at the .500 mark after splitting a LCBL

double-header Saturday with the Michigan Outlaws (4-17-1) at Ford Field.

The 20-and-under Rams took the opener, 3-2, as Justin Sherman drove home Garrett Gordon with the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning. Miles Sorise went 2-for-3, while Gordon and Zach Zott also drove in runs for the Rams.

Keith Paslean, who pitched the final 1.2 innings in relief, picked up the victory. Donnie Eaton came on to get the final out and the save.

Rams starter Mitch Patterson worked the first five innings allowing both runs on four hits and seven walks. He struck out four.

Losing pitcher Taylor Eddy went all six innings for the Outlaws, allowing three runs on five hits and two walks. Travis Cohoon and Kyle

Johnson each collected an RBI for the Outlaws, who bounced back to win the nightcap, 7-6, in six innings (due to the 2-hour and 30minute time limit. Cohoon went 3-for-4 and scored three runt for the Outlaws. Mike tollo added two hits and two RBI, while Tyler Baker also knocked in a

run for the Outlaws.

Sorise paced the Rams'

seven-hit attack going 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI. Sherman also knocked in two runs, while Mark Wag-ner and Patterson also added an RBI each. Cory Vander was the win-

ning pitcher in relief, while Rams starter Jeff Sorenson, who went the first 4.2 innings allowing four runs on five hits, took the loss.

**BULLS 2, RAMS 1: Winning** pitcher Mark Heard struck out 10 in 6.2 innings Friday as the Michigan Bulls (16-3) edged the Michigan Rams (10-10-1) in LCBL action at Ford Field.

Heard allowed seven hits and walked three before giving way to reliever Ryan Koph, who got the final out in the bottom of the seventh to pick up the save. Losing pitcher Josh Payzant

allowed both Bulls runs in the top of the fifth. He allowed four hits, walked one and struck out five. Reliever Donnie Eaton pitched the final 1.2 innings and gave up one hit and one walk. Offensively, Nick Regnier Kevin Conway went 2-for-2 and Nick Regnier went 2-for-4 to lead the Bulls' six-hit attack. Josh Deeg also had an RBI. Miles Sorise drove in the lone run in the sixth for the



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# Gators topple Breakers in city meet

# Glen Aquatic wins first all-Farmington swim championship

By Dan O'Meara Observer Staff Writer

It was another close competition between the Farmington Glen Aquatic and Beechview Swim clubs in the fifth annual all-Farmington city meet Saturday.

But there was a new winner this year as the Glen Gators won for the first time and dethroned the three-time defending champion Breakers.

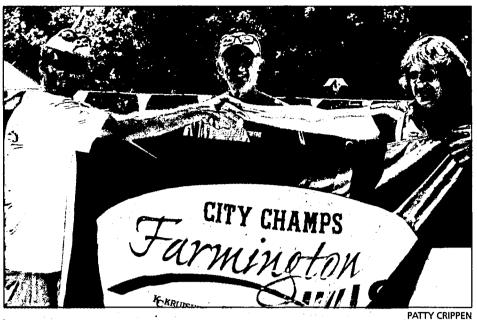
**Farmington Aquatic** outscored Beechview at Kendallwood Swim Club, 561-526. Beechview won last year over Glen, 585-533. Woodbrooke Hills Swim & Tennis had 499 points last week and Kendallwood 403.

"It was another close one," Beechview coach Driska McCullough said. "Glen swam really well. They had some great swimmers. All the (Beechview) kids swam well; we had a lot of improvements.

"It was sad to see the (championship) flag leave, but we've had it three years and it's time to share. (The Gators are) getting better. They have the little kids who are pretty good, and that's where we're lacking.

The Gators, who edged Beechview by seven points in a June 25 dual meet, 291-284, had the individual winners in 15 of the 46 events. The Glen boys recorded eight firstplace finishes, the girls

**Farmington Aquat**ic, which is particularly strong in the younger age groups, especially the girls lineup, also won both 40-and-under mixed relays.



Farmington Glen coach Drew Hansz, sporting a Gators hat, accepts the championship flag from Beechview Breakers coach Driska McCullough. Meet director Mike McNeece oversees the transfer.

Glen double winners included Jared Visser (8U), 25 free and fly; Trevor Jones (9-10), 50 fly and free; Trevor Franklin (13-14), 50 back and free; Madeline Greaves (8U), 25 free and fly; and Emma Inch (9-10), 50 fly

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Single winners for the Gators were Julia Kowaleski (8U), 25 breast; Connor Halberg (9-10), 50 back; Julianna Petrak (9-10), 50 breast; Bella Feenstra (9-10), 50 back; McKenna Greaves (11-12), 100 IM; Bev Kowaleski (13-14), 50 breast; and Eric Gensheimer (15-18), 50

Inch and Madeline Greaves also teamed up with Lia Munson and Tanner Neill to win the 40U freestyle relay, and Halberg, McKenna Greaves, Inch and Feenstra won the medley relay.

Most of the Beechview winners were in the upper age brack-

ets. The Breakers had three double winners in Marina Borri (15-18), 50 breast and 100 IM; Emily Brunett (13-14), 50 fly and free; and Grant Borregard (15-18), 50 back and 100 IM.

Beechview also had three single winners -Olivia Rath (15-18), 50 back; Miranda Shelly (15-18), 50 fly; and Charlie Zink (13-14), 50 breast.

In the girls relays, Beechview's Madison Ruffin, Julia Borri, Brunett and Dayna Borregard won the 52U medley, and Marina Borri. Mikayla Doepker, Shelly and Rath earned first place in the 66U freestyle.

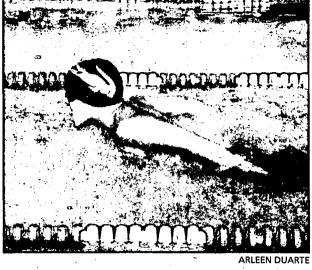
The Breakers also won the boys 66U freestyle with the all-Phoenix team of Matthew Peters, David Olson, Peter Romero and Tyler Roshak.

'It was a fun meet; it's been a fun season," McCullough said. "We've had a lot of close meets; we're working on it. As long as the kids keep trying and improving, that's what is important."

The idea for the city meet originated with former Kendallwood coach Eric Newton since the Farmington clubs didn't always swim against each other in the large Northwest Suburban Swim League.

"He grew up at the Glen and was coaching at Kendallwood," Mike McNeece, the meet director for the fifth straight year, said. "He always thought it would be great to have a city meet. I kindá ran with it, and a lot of folks helped out tremendously.

"It's been a real hit with all the kids. It was a good idea to swim against just the Farmington kids who went to high school together and swam for different clubs during the



Trevor Jones won the 9-10 boys 50-meter butterfly and freestyle events to help the Farmington Glen Gators win the championship.

summer. All the kids and parents look forward to it every year."

Kendallwood won the first city meet and Beechview the next three. McNeece had predicted Glenn was a team of the future last year with so many good, young swimmers in its program.

"They have a terrific team over there and a terrific coach (Drew Hansz)," he said. "They're growing quickly. I think they'll be a team to be reckoned with the next couple years.

"Going into the meet, I figured it would be very close between Beechview and the Glen. I kinda thought Glen would pull it out, because sheer numbers (the Gators had the most swimmers entered in the meet — 122) help a lot.

"They just have a good mindset there at the club of fun, friendly competition. You can tell they really enjoy what they

A portion of the proceeds from the meet, which included the sale of special wristbands commemorating the fifth annual event, will go to the Cipriano Children's Trust Fund.

**ADDITIONAL WINNERS:** The Woodbrooke winners were Hannah Chao (13-14), 100 IM and 50 back; Madeline Surowiec (8U), 25 back; Summer Edwards (11-12), 50 free and fly; Caroline Strauss (11-12), 50 breast; Christopher Barron (11-12), 50 back and 100 IM; Keith Erichsen (13-14), 100 IM; Colin Caverly (11-12), 50 free and fly; Alden Kane (13-14), 50 fly; Michael Barron (8U), 25 breast. Christopher Barron, Erichsen, Kane and Sam Boyes won the 52U boys medley relay.

Kendallwood's winners were Nick Leshok (15-18), 50 breast and 100 free; Daniel Haus (8U), 25 back; Isaiah Erb (9-10), 50 breast; David Schmall (11-12), 50 breast; Katy Fedurek (11-12), 50 back; and Lauren Folkert (15-18), 100 free.



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# **Bucks take Windy City by storm**

Windy City by storm.

The Premier Development League's Michigan Bucks completed successful three-game road swing Sunday at Chicago's Toyota Park by extinguishing the host Fire,

The first-place Bucks. who are unbeaten in their last 12 matches, improved to 10-0-2 (32 points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

The loss drops the Fire, who slipped to fifth place and currently looking on the outside of a playoff spot, to 3-5-3 (12 points).

The Bucks took the season series from the Fire PDL side with a record of 2-0-1 and won both games against the expansion Chicago Inferno. For good measure, the Bucks also beat the Chicago Fire of Major League Soccer in the US Open Cup to make the season record 6-0-1 against their Illinois neighbors.

After a scoreless first half, Anthony Grant notched his sixth goal of the year of the year in the 51st minute off a feed from Nermin Crnkic, who then scored just two minutes later off an assist from Nate Boyden.

Bucks goalkeeper Sean Teepen, who made seven saves, improved his

Talking about taking the record to 5-0-1 while recording his fourth shut-

"We played some very

nice soccer the past two games and I really like the way this team is coming together," Bucks coach Gary Parsons said. "We knew with our US Open Cup run that we had a special group this year, but the more I have the pleasure of working with these guys, the more excited I get. We thought at the start of the season it would take twelve wins to defend our Great Lakes Division title and

we are right now." The Bucks return to PDL action at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 7 when they face the visiting Cincinnati Kings at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

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Tickets for the game are \$10 (adults) and \$7 (youth), but can be purchased for the special pre-sale price of only \$6 by visiting the Bucks web site at www,buckssoccer. com (click on the tickets

### **Grinwis excels**

On Friday, the Bucks earned a 2-1 victory over host Forest City London (4-3-4, 16 points) as goalkeeper Adam Grinwis turned in a stellar performance with 10 saves.

Kenny Uzoigwe scored in the first half on a header off a corner kick in the 13th minute from striker Tommy Catalano followed by captain Stew Givens' successful penalty kick in the 57th minute after Catalano was taken down near the top of the penalty area.

"We played well in the first half and let them back into it in the second half," Parsons said. "They are a feisty team so we knew even a two goal lead wasn't going to slow them down. We do need to brush up on our closing out of games, as I never like to see last minute goals conceded as we have the past couple of games. But taking four of six points against these two playoff caliber teams on the road is not a bad result for us."

Grinwis, who made several highlight reel saves, had his shutout bid spoiled during extra time in the 95th minute when FC London's Carl Haworth slotted home a

"Adam Grinwis showed tonight why I believe he is destined for MLS when he finishes college," Parsons said. "This kid is not only a terrific athlete, but he reads the game extremely well back there. He was fun to watch tonight."

### **WADE**

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believed Wade will likely regroup and make another attempt to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team in 2016.

Her coach at Farmington High School, Charles Bridges, who attended the U.S. Trials and spoke with Wade afterward, indicated she planned to return to training and competition in the near future. "As her high school

coach, it was great to see her out there, competing at that level; that was a treat," Bridges said. "She had a lot of support. Her whole family and her coaches from the U-M were out there, and all were solidly in her corner."

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Bishop Francis Reiss and the Rev. Howard Vogan prepare to unlock the door and open the church to the members of the new parish.

# Parishes merge to form new church

St. Maurice and St. Genevieve, two Catholic churches in Livonia, held their final Masses as separate parishes, Saturday, June 30.

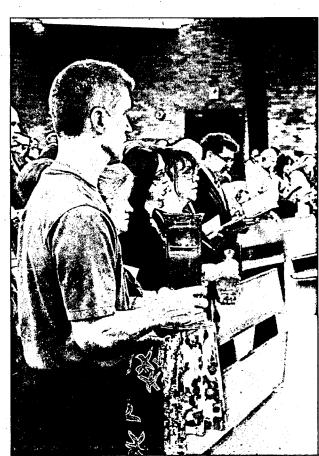
They were among four Catholic communities that merged congregations last weekend.

St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish - the church's new name - celebrated a Mass of Unity to mark the occasion on Sunday, July 1. Detroit **Auxiliary Bishop Francis** Reiss presided.

A Mass of Unity includes special elements, such as the renaming of the parish, a blessing for the new parish community and rites to combine sacred items and sacramental records from the former parish-

The combined congregations will use the St. Genevieve campus at 29015 Jamison. The Rev. Howard Vogan will continue as pastor of the new

Other mergers last weekend were St. Clement Parish in Center Line and St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Warren, which was renamed St. Mary, Our Queen of Families Parish;



Parish members prepare to present sacramentals and parish records to the new, unified church.

ish in River Rouge and St. Francis Xavier Parish in Ecorse, which became St. André Bessette Par-

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; and St. Joseph and St. Elizabeth parishes, both in Wyandotte, which took the name St. Joseph Par-

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RELIGION

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Age 62, July 1, 2012 of Waterford. Beloved husband of Tania. Loving father of Lewis Jr. and Jacob.Cherished son of June and the late John. Dear brother of Deborah (Patrick) Kenny, John (Mary Ann), Barbara (Charles) Darnell and Christopher (Sheila). Also leaves many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service Friday 12 Noon at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd (between Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or American Association. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneral-

### LEFLER, ROBERT "BOBBY", II

Age 37, of Westland, died suddenly 06/30/12. Visitation Sat. 7/7/12 from Noon-5pm with the service beginning at 5pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 59255 10 Mile Rd., South Lyon.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

### MARTIN, RANDALL A.

Age 58. June 24, 2012. Beloved husband of Holly, Dear father of Mark and Julie. Dearest son of Patricia and the late Albert Martin. Brother of Mark and Scott. Funeral Service Sunday, July 8, 2012, 2:00p.m. at Crosspointe Meadow Church. 29000 Meadowbrook Rd., between 12 Mile and 13 Mile Road in Novi.

### MEFFER, DONNA 'J. "YaYa"

Willis, MI. Age 82. Died Friday, June 29, 2012 at her daughter's home with her loving family around her. She was born February 20, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of John and Madeline Smith. On April 26, 1947, she married Angelo Meffer and he preceded her in death in May of 1987. Survivors include four children: William "Bill" (Bev) Meffer, Patricia Taylor, Catherine "Cathy" (Mark) Martin and Barb (Brad) Davidson; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren, Funeral service was celebrated on Monday, July 2, 2012

at 11:00 a.m. at Janowiak Funeral Home with her son-law-law, Brad Davidson officiating. Burial will follow in Cadillac West Memorial Westland, Cemetery, Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home where the family will receive friends on Sunday from 2-8 p.m.



### MICHELIS, **JUDY ANN**

Age 69, June 30, 2012. Beloved wife of Richard. Dear mother of Matthew (Mary), Leah, Anne (Stacey) and Valerie (Scott). Loving Nannie of Karlee, Kamryn and Evan. Special friend of Danielle and Melanie. Memorial service to be held at a later date. Arrangments by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



### POLICE, FRANK L.

Age 83 of Livonia, passed away on June 30, 2012. Loving husband of the late Louise B. Beloved father of Frank Police, the late Daniel Police, Eva T. Police, Maria (Anthony) Kraska and David Police. Proud grandfather of Shannon Police, Steven and Angela Kraska. Funeral service Tuesday, July 10, 2012 from St. Michael's Catholic Church 11441 Hubbard Rd, Livonia, Mr. Police will lie in state beginning at 10:00am until time of mass at 10:30am. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth on Monday, July 9, 2012 from 1-9pm with a Rosary service at 7:00pm. Frank will be buried next to his beloved Louise at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth. Children's Research Hospital -Tribute Program P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142 Memphis, TN 38148-0421. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

# Popular gown exhibit returns to Plymouth Museum



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Emily Kirk is dressed as Abigail Adams. The shawl — called a fichu — cap, earrings and necklace are period pieces.

**First Ladies** are everywhere at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The dress on the left is a reproduction of Lady Bird Johnson's sabletrimmed coat. The one on the right represents the gown worn by Pat



By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Lady Bird Johnson wore a yellow satin gown and sable-trimmed coat to her husband's inaugural balls.

Pat Nixon dressed in silk satin, embroidered in gold and silver and encrusted with Austrian crystals for her spouse's big day.

And Grace Coolidge celebrated in a flapperstyle dress with velvettrimmed gold metallic lace.

"It's red and red is my favorite color. It has a long waist. It's really pretty, and then it has some bling around the low waist," said Elizabeth Kerstens, describing the Coolidge gown—her favorite piece in current exhibit, "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies" at the Plymouth Historical Museum, where she serves as executive director.

The exhibit, like hemline lengths and presidential elections, is cyclical. The museum borrows the 14 reproduction inaugural gowns from the Frankenmuth Historical Association every four years for a display that coincides with the race for the White House.

The current exhibit runs through Nov. 7 at the museum, located at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday-Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children, age 6-17; (734) 455-8940.

The Republican National Committee commis-



Debbie Eleson, as Mary Todd Lincoln, with Honest Abe, himself.

sioned 22 inaugural dresses in the 1970s. A team of designers, directed by Don Nagel and David Zeese of Frankenmuth, created the gowns from sketches they made while visiting the Smithsonian.

Research and design for each garment took approximately eight months.

"When the Republican Committee was done with them they sold them. The woman who came up with the original idea for them bought them and donated 14 of the dresses to Frankenmuth."

### Martha to Rosalyn

The collection, which has been shown nationwide, represents the inaugural gowns of Martha Washington (1789-1797),

Dolley (1809-1817), Louisa Adams (1825), Sarah Polk (1845-1849), Abigail Fillmore (1850-1853), Julia Grant (1869-1877), Helen Taft (1909-1913), Florence Harding (1921-1923), Grace Coolidge (1923-1929), Lou Hoover (1929-1933), Anna Eleanor Roosevelt (1933-1945), Lady Bird Johnson (1963-1968), Patricia Nixon (1969-1974) and Rosalyn Carter (1977-1980).

"They were worn by models, so the dresses are not built to the shape of the first ladies, they are built to the shape of the models," Kerstens noted.

She said the designers tried to match the fabric of the replica gowns as closely as they could to

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John Spence (center) of Livonia holds the photo, "The Man" that inspired him to write a winning entry for the Short on Words poetry and short story contest.

### Local residents win prizes for writing, art

Local writers and artists took home honors in two inaugural events last month.

John Spence of Livonia won first place in the "Short on Words" short story and poetry competition at Arts and Acts in North-

Joe and Jennifer Rutherford won second place in the "People's Choice" award for their glass and metal carousel at Detroit River ArtScape competition, held along the Detroit River during the annual Detroit River Days festival.

Short on Words challenged participates to draw inspiration from one of several pieces of art and write a story or poem. Spence chose a photograph of a man in a plaid suit for his

Other Short on Words winners were Gene Brade of Northville, second place; Susan Glover of Westland, third place; and Joan Rayford of Livonia, special

Arts and Acts ran June 22-24 in downtown Northville and included a visual arts exhibit in addition to a theater festival. That same weekend Detroit River Days festival celebrated the Detroit Riverwalk with family activities, live music and a first-time art exhibit.

The Rutherfords were among 10 artists invited to show their works and vie for part of \$15,000 in prize money. The couple won \$1,500 for their life-sized fused glass and metal carousel. They're working on a larger version that will be shown at ArtPrize this fall in Grand Rapids.

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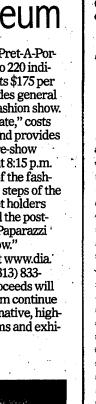
Tickets are available for Fash Bash, the annual fashion show presented by the Founders Junior Council

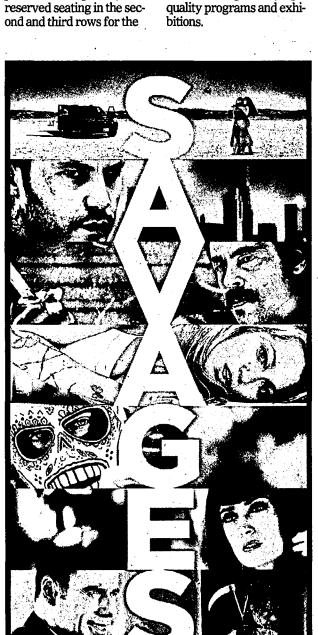
(FJC) and Neiman Marcus. The event starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. (DIA) 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The Founders Junior Council is a young professional auxiliary of the DIA.

Tickets are available at four levels. "Haute Cou-. ture," is sold out. "Couture Crowd," which is nearly sold out, is limited to 100 couples at \$500 per couple. It includes priority ond and third rows for the

fashion show. "Pret-A-Porter," is limited to 220 individuals and costs \$175 per tickets. It includes general seating at the fashion show. "Fashionably Late," costs \$75 per ticket and provides access to the pre-show cocktail party at 8:15 p.m. for a live feed of the fashion show on the steps of the museum. Ticket holders also may attend the postfashion show "Paparazzi Party After Glow."

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### **GOWNS**

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the originals.

'There are some discrepancies if you were looking strictly historically," Kerstens said.

### **Dolls and dresses**

Museum patrons, especially women, enjoy the popular display. Kerstens said patrons call in nonelection years inquiring about the exhibit.

Four years ago the museum staff added first lady dolls to the exhibit. The mix of Madame Alexander and Brinn collectibles are back on exhibit with the full-sized mannequins.

'Yesterday, we just received a Michelle Obama doll in her inaugural gown," Kerstens noted. "The dolls add a lot. There are only 14 mannequins and a lot of first ladies. This helps us round out a lot of the his-

The current exhibit also includes furniture and other artifacts from the museum collection. Items highlight the time period of each gown or are directly connected to a president or first lady.

'We actually have Millard Fillmore's guitar. I don't know how we ended up with that, but we did," Kerstens said. "We also have a silver coffee server from his White House service. So, those are out there. And we've got inaugural invitations for several presidents that people have donated to us."









"Glacier," by Royal Severs is part of the "Fire and Ice" exhibit at City Gallery in the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

### Art

### CITY GALLERY

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Time/Date: July 10-Aug. 24; artist reception is 5-8 p.m. Friday, July 13

Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "Fire and Ice" exhibit features photos by Royal (Roy) Severs. Severs was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001. His now-limited mobility, however, has not put a damper on his love for photography. He often uses a vehicle to get him to his subjects, whether on land or water

Contact: (248) 473-1800 **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS** 

Time/Dates: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Patti Smith: Camera Solo, shows performer Patti Smith's photographs, through Sept. 2; Five Spanish Masterpieces features works by Picasso, Goya, Velazquez, El Greco and Dali, through Aug. 19; Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, July 11-Jan. 6, 2013

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

### PLYMOUTH COMMU-**NITY ARTS COUNCIL**

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, / Plymouth

Details: "Behind the Lens 6" includes more than 100 photos taken by Pioneer Middle School 8th graders during a trip to New York City

### Contact: (734) 416-4267

**VILLAGE THEATER** Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monday-Friday, through July 31 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill,

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### Comedy

### **JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth

Road, Livonia **Details:** Matt McLowerv. July 5-7; Nate Fridson, July 11-14; Mike Dambra, July 18-21; Dwayne Gill, July 25-28

Contact: (734) 261-0555,

### www.kickerscomplex.com **MARK RIDLEY'S**

**COMEDY CASTLE** 

Time/Date: Michael McDaniel, July 5-7; Kevin McCaffrey, July 12-14; Mike Baldwin, July 19-21; Andy Woodhull, July 26-28; Shen

Wang, Aug. 2-4; James Ervin Berry, Aug. 9-11 Location: 269 E. Fourth,

Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

### Dance

### **FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB**

Time/Date: 7:30-10:30 p.m. every Thursday .

Location: Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Singles an couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

### **MOON DUSTERS**

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for **Moon Dusters members** 

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968

### Film

### **ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday, July 5 Location: Michigan Theater, located on E. Liberty, just west of S. State, in downtown Ann Arbor

**Details:** "Cinematic Titanic" features the original cast and creators of "Mystery

### Wild summer nights

Grievous Angel performs July 11 at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. Concerts take place 6:30-8 p.m. in the main picnic grove and are free with zoo admission.

Science Theater 3000" riffing on some of the cheesiest movies ever made; \$25 general admission

Contact: (734) 764-2538 or A2SF.org

### **COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN**

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 and movies start at dusk; open nightly through Sept. 2

Location: 14900 Beck. Plymouth

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Contact: (734) 453-8300

### **PENN THEATRE**

Thursday

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 6-7 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 8

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Lucky One,"

Coming up: "Bernie," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 13-14 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday,

July 15 Summer Cinema: All shows screen at 1 p.m. 5; "Shrek," Thursday, July

and 7 p.m. "Harry & The Hendersons," Thursday, July 12; "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," Thursday, July 19; "The Rookie," Thursday, July 26; "Raiders of the Lost

Ark," Thursday, Aug. 2; "Batteries Not Included," Thursday, Aug. 16; "Wallace & Gromit The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," Thursday, Aug. 23; and "Muppets from Space," Thursday, Aug. 30. Tickets cost \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870: www.penntheatre.com

### REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 13 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "The Wizard of

Oz," tickets \$4

Coming up: "Cool Hand Luke," 8 p.m. July 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 21, \$4; Abbott & Costello double feature, "Buck Privates," and 'Abbott & Costello meet the Killer," 8 p.m. Aug. 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 11, \$5; 'North by Northwest," 8 p.m. Aug. 24 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 25

Contact: (313) 537-2560

### Museums

### **CHARLES H. WRIGHT**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

**Details:** Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.

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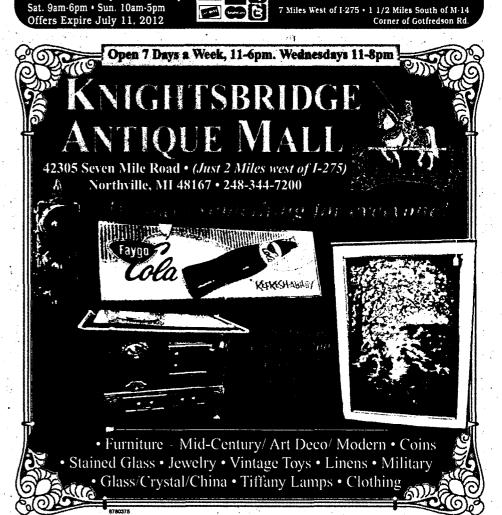
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# The madefield and the quest for a great coffee-shop My Thursday Macchiato, courtesy of Astro Coffee.

love to brew my own coffee at home, if you have read any of my previous columns — you know this by now. However, brewing espresso at home is problematic in that it requires expensive equipment — so there is one day a week when I go out and treat myself. I

call it Macchiato Thursday. Just a couple hours ago I had one of the best ever at Astro Coffee located in Detroit.

A macchiato is two shots of espresso served

in a small, 2-3 ounce cup with just an ounce or so of silky smooth steamed milk. When crafted like it was this morning, it is a flavor sensation. It is sweet, creamy and intense.

A true macchiato is a coffee drink that separates the pretenders from the pros. If you want to know if your neighborhood shop should be on your "A" list for quality and commitment, ordering a macchiato is the best way to find out.

Finding a place that can prepare this illusive delight, does take some work. But once you have found that place — know you have found a true gem.

The word espresso, a macchiato's main ingredient, conjured up many different images and responses from a macho-like grunt of toughness to a sourface grimace when I offered a complimentary taste to customers. Those that took me up on the offer were almost always pleasantly surprised by the natural sweetness.

I have visited many shops over the years and even when I have vetted the shop for all the telltale signs that a great macchiato may be had, few produce what I consider a great drink. The good news is that the list in metro Detroit is growing and the search is well worth the effort.

### Ask questions

To begin your quest for the illusive, but well-worth it search for a great macchiato, start at your favorite neighborhood coffee shop. Leave the smart phone holstered while standing in line and take notice of what goes on behind the counter.

My best advice is to talk to the barista. Ask about the shop's macchiato and please know that a macchiato does not involve the use of caramel at any point during its preparation. A well-trained barista will more than likely be excited about an inquiry. It was always my favorite drink to make as it was received with great appreciation from customers. If the person behind the counter responds with a puzzled look, or lets on that she has never tasted a macchiato or that she does not like espresso - you can trust she cannot prepare it. Your search will need to continue elsewhere.

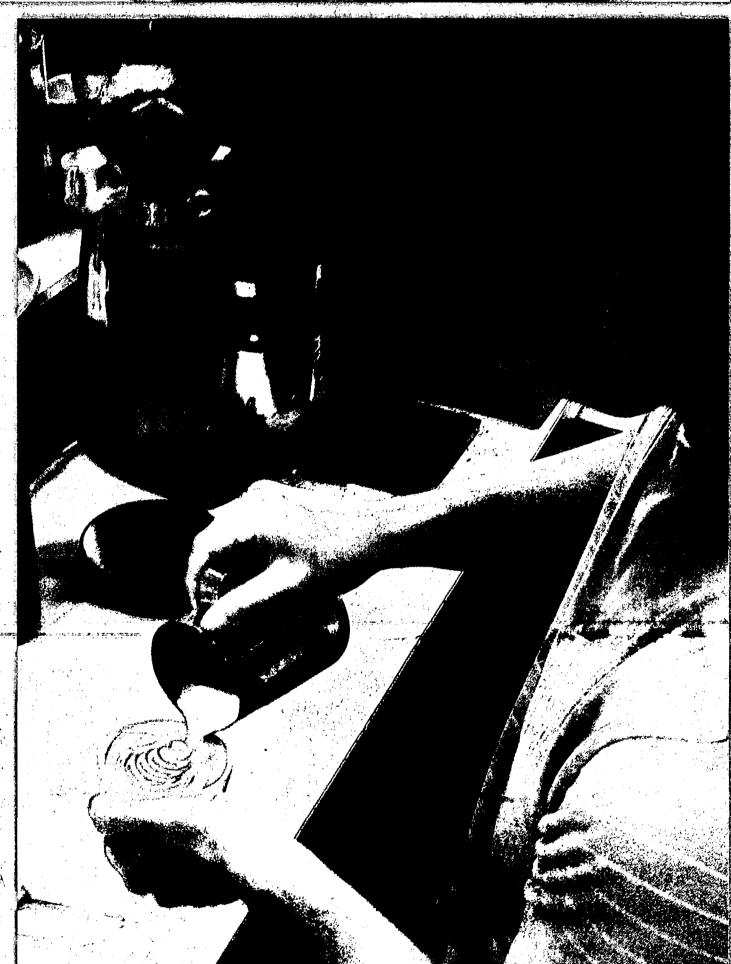
There are some clues to look for behind the counter that can give you an idea as whether or not you should drop \$3 for a chance at a great macchiato. But know that even those that look like they know what they are doing, in many instances do not, when it comes to espresso, milk and the macchiato. So conversing with baristas and of course

tasting are the only true indicators.

• It should be obvious by now, but a well-trained barista will only grind coffee beans when the drink is ordered. There should be a separate grinder that is used to grind the beans and it should be done every time a new drink is prepared. Stay away from ordering a machiato from a place where the barista pushes one button to grind and produce the espresso.

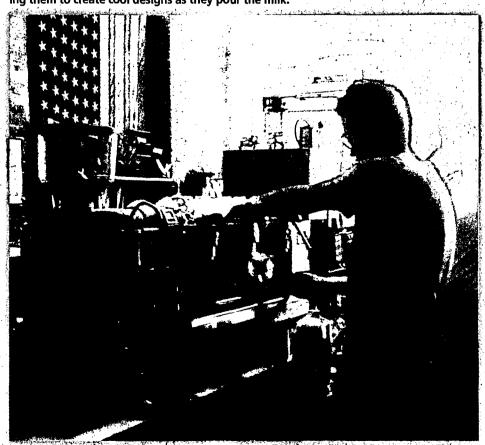
• If it looks like only fresh ground beans are being used — take a mental note of how long it takes the espresso to brew. It should drip out, thick and reddish brown in color. There should be a pause from the time the button is pushed on the machine and the time the coffee starts to drip. And the total time should be anywhere from 18 seconds to about 25 seconds. It should never be a real quick — push on — push off.

• While shops may differ on how the milk is added to a macchiato, the best I have found will steam the milk into silky-smooth microfoam and pour just a small amount into the cup containing the espresso. Some shops prepare a macchiato with a small spoonful of foam on top of the espresso. While this may



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Talented baristas like Daisuke Hughes, owner of Astro Coffee in Detroit, know how to steam milk to a silky smooth consistency allowing them to create cool designs as they pour the milk.



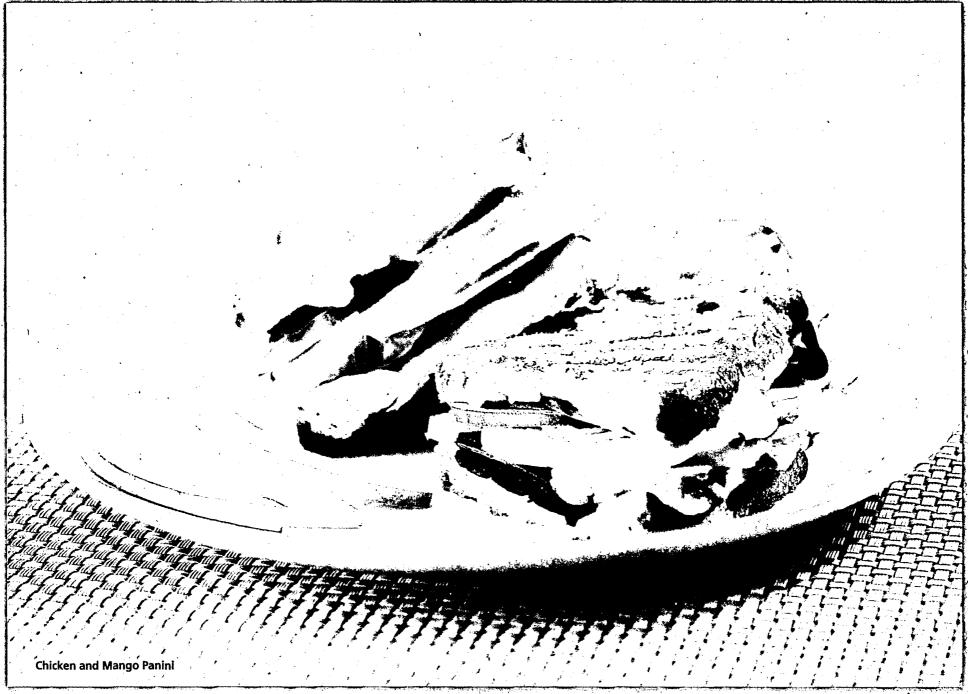
Behind the bar at Astro Coffee. Watching how espresso is prepared and milk is steamed can give you clues as to whether or not you should consider ordering a macchiato at your favorite coffee shop.

be a more traditional approach, and is enjoyable when the espresso is spot on, I have found that more times than not — the best baristas will prepare it with microfoam, even pouring the milk with a little design of a flower or heart.

• Do not discount the milk — it is just as difficult, if not harder to learn, than pulling great shots of espresso. The manner in which the milk is prepared is a great indicator of the talent and training of the person behind the counter. The stainless steel container of milk will be held an angle under the steamwand as the milk is worked into a spinning motion to create a velvety smooth texture. There should not be loud noises and the container should not be set on the shelf of the machine with the steamwand in the milk as the barista tends to other duties. And lastly, watch the barista pour the steamed milk into the cup — it should be done in a slow continu-

os pour, no spoon needed. So you have watched what is going on behind the counter and talked with the barista and you're confident this is the place. By all means give the macchiato a try. It should be a sweet, creamy and intense albeit very small cup of yummy goodness. If you agree, please tip your barista and let folks know of your discovery, and send me an email as I would love to hear about your experience as well. If it was a disappointment, it could simply be that it is not the drink for you or you may need to try another shop. Half the fun is the search. Chalk it up as a fun time to talk coffee and meet new people and continue the quest.

**Dan Dean** is assistant managing editor for the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Weekly Newspapers and a former independent coffee shop owner. He can be reached at ddean@hometownlife.com.



Is your family tired of eating the same thing for breakfast, lunch or dinner? Not sure if trying a new recipe fits into your busy schedule? It's easier than you think to break out of the usual routine, especially when you have these quick, kidfriendly recipes that bring a taste of the tropics

Mangos make the difference in these recipes - adding a splash of color and vibrant flavor to a savory breakfast burrito, hot panini or a tasty salmon and veggie dinner. And adding mango to the menu provides plenty of good nutrition. Mangos are an excellent source of vitamins C and A. Vitamin C promotes healthy immune function, while vitamin A is important for vision and bone

For more quick and easy recipes for your busy weeknights, visit www.mango.org.

When choosing a mango, don't rely on color alone. Instead, gently squeeze the mango. A ripe mango will be firm with just a little give, like a ripe peach or avocado. If your mango isn't ripe,

keep it out on the counter; it will continue to ripen at room temperature, becoming sweeter and softer over several days. Once ripe, move it to the refrigerator, where whole, ripe mangos will keep for up to five days.

### Chicken and Mango Panini

Serves 4

1/2 loaf Italian bread, (8, 1/2-inch slices)

8 slices deli-sliced mozzarella cheese 1/2 cup whole basil leaves

½ red onion, sliced thin

1 large mango, peeled, pitted and sliced thin 2 cooked chicken breasts (about 1 pound total), sliced thin Layer half of the cheese on 4 slices of bread; divide basil, red onion, mango, chick-

en and remaining cheese among bread slices. Top with second slice of bread.

Heat grill pan, panini press or large

non-stick skillet over medium-high heat; spray with non-stick cooking spray. Place 2 sandwiches in pan (close lid or weigh down sandwiches in skillet with heavy pot). Cook sandwiches until bread is golden brown and cheese is melted, about 4 minutes per side. Repeat with remaining sandwiches.

Nutrition Information: Each serving (1 sandwich) contains 438 calories, 40g carbohydrate (13% Daily Value), 3g fiber (11% Daily Value), 40g protein (81% Daily Value), 12g fat (19% Daily Value), 6g saturated fat (28% Daily Value), 100mg cholesterol (33% Daily Value), 746mg sodium (31% Daily Value), and 644mg potassium (18% Daily Value).

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### **Making Panini Without a Press**

Don't have a panini press? No worries you just need a non-stick pan and one of these everyday items:

- Cast iron skillet

- Tea kettle weighted down with water

- Brick wrapped in aluminum foil - Pot, weighted down with canned goods All you need to do is: Preheat the non-stick pan. Spray the bottom skillet with non-stick cooking spray. Add sandwich. Spray bottom of weighted object with non-stick cooking spray, place on top of sandwich.



Mango, Sausage and Potato Breakfast Burritos



Salmon in Foil Packets with Mangos, Carrots and

### Mango, Sausage and Potato Breakfast Burritos 10 1011

9 ounces (about 5) small red potatoes, washed and diced

2 teaspoons olive oil 8 ounces spicy sausage, casings removed

1 large mango, peeled, pitted and diced

6 tablespoons shredded Monterey Jack cheese

1 tablespoon chopped cilantro

4 small whole wheat tortillas

In medium microwave-safe bowl, toss diced potatoes with oil and cover tightly with plastic wrap. Microwave until cooked through, about 5 minutes. Drain potatoes, set aside.

In medium non-stick skillet, cook sausage until no longer pink and internal temperature reaches 170°F, about 10 minutes. Remove from pan with slotted spoon; drain and cool on paper towel-lined plate.

Heat same skillet over medium heat and add potatoes. Cook until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Transfer hot potatoes to large bowl and mix with cooked sausage, mango, cheese, and cilantro. Divide sausage and potato mixture among tortillas.

Nutrition Information: Each serving (1 burrito) contains 455 calories, 40g carbohydrate (13% Daily Value), 5g fiber (20% Daily Value), 19g protein (37% Daily Value), 26g fat (40% Daily Value), 3g saturated fat (15% Daily Value), 13mg cholesterol (4% Daily Value), 218mg sodium (9% Daily Value), and 390mg potassium (11% Daily Value).

### Salmon in Foil Packets with Mangos, **Carrots and Sugar Snap Peas**

Serves 4

4 salmon fillets (about 6 ounces each), skin removed

Salt and pepper 1 large mango, peeled, pitted and diced

1 cup matchstick cut carrots

1 cup sugar snap peas, stems snapped off and strings removed 4 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce

1 tablespoon butter, cut into 4 pieces

Preheat oven to 450°F. Cut 8, 12-inch squares of heavy-duty foil. Pat salmon dry and season with salt and pepper.

Place 1 piece of salmon on 1 piece of cut foil. Top each with diced mango, carrots and sugar snap peas. Pour 1 tablespoon soy sauce on top of salmon and veggies, top with 1 piece of butter. Place second piece of foil over salmon and veggies. Fold foil pieces together, sealing around all 4 sides, creating approximately a 7-inch square. Repeat with remaining ingredients and foil. Place on rimmed baking sheet and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, depending on

desired doneness of salmon. Note: Your favorite firm white fish such as tilapia can be substituted for salmon. Just purchase same size fillets and follow recipe.

Nutrition Information: Each serving (¼ recipe) contains 439 calories, 13g carbohydrate (4% Daily Value), 2.3g fiber (9% Daily Value), 37g protein (74% Daily Value), 26g fat (40% Daily Value), 7g saturated fat (35% Daily Value), 101mg cholesterol (34% Daily Value), 868mg sodium (53% Daily Value), and 875mg potassium (25% Daily Value).

# Report: Realtor incomes beginning to climb

By Julie Brown O&E Staff Writer

Making a living in real estate got challenging in metro Detroit these past few years. The 2012 National Association of Realtors Member Profile showed, however, that Realtor income/business is growing after years of decline.

The median income reported was \$34,900, a 2.3 percent gain, the first overall gain in nine years. Realtors with experience who have lived through the cyclical nature of the real estate market tend to earn more, according to the NAR. Those who've been in the business 16 years or more reported a median income of \$50,200. Realtors working 60 hours a week or more earned \$80,900, and 17 percent of NAR members earned a six-figure

Repeat business accounted for a median 19 percent of real estate activity in 2011 and is higher for those

with more experience — for NAR members with 16 years or more in the business, the number rises to 38 percent.

Phyllis Pulty is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Northville. "I think especially this year there have been some changes. Houses have been selling faster," she

"The good houses go fast. The last three I had sold within two to five days." That's true in all price ranges. "I think this year is going to be really good for listing agents. They're going over the list price."

One buyer of hers has been challenged to find a house. "I'm very busy with buyers. I think this year there's a lot of potential for making a lot more money," Pulty said.

She has over 20 years in the real estate field. "It's very, very important to keep in touch with past clients. I have gotten a lot of referrals to clients' children."



"The prices will take a little

while," she said of the current

ing the neighborhood." People

are putting in extra money to

make the appraised price.

appraised at \$550,000, she

finds sellers can put in the

they wanted the house. The

agents starting their carers.

"Being thorough, keeping

in touch with your clients and

having a positive attitude at all

times," she said. "You have to

know what you're doing, you

"Yes, income is fine," she

said. "I would say learn and

talk to experienced agents.

We have several new people

in our office. They're doing

open houses for experienced

have to have experience.'

appraisals are still low and it's

going to take awhile for prices

Pulty has advice for younger

If a \$600,000 house is

extra \$50,000 "because

to come back up."

market. "It's certainly help-

Some newer people at her office are doing well, Pulty said. "You have to learn from the experienced agents and always talk to your manager." Her firm has a lot of resources

and training for new agents. "Do what they do. If we have too many listings, we always ask a new person. Hit the experienced agents," Pulty

advised. Tony Schippa is a Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth Realtor and president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors. He's been in the field since 2001.

"I'm hearing from our membership the market is starting to improve. When they (homes) sell, agents get paid," Schippa said.

Well-established agents "have definitely weathered the storm. You're just starting to see that activity increase." He finds word of mouth combined with newer avenues like Facebook help to reach customers.

"Your sphere of influence and past clients definitely help you get through this," Schippa said. "It is the referrals from your past clients that keep you afloat."

"You need to write a business plan. You are an independent business," he said. "Try to get your name out," including using social media, he said.

"Do nice communications with your sphere of influence. You should be on your way to being successful. Keep a positive attitude. Try to stay away from negative people.'

Schippa remained upbeat through the challenges of recent years in the housing market. "It's just a matter of how you look at it. We can make things happen, and they do happen," he said. "Just work on good communication

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### **'Sunshine** law' not for condos

**By Robert Meisner** Guest Columnist

Q: We have a board that has stayed in power for seven years since we can't get a quorum at the meetings. They do not answer our questions, are not properly maintaining the community, keep hiring their favorite contractors, and do not allow us to go to the meetings of the board. Is there a sunshine law in Michigan? Do we have a right to go to the meetings of the board?

A: I have abbreviated your questions concerning the operation of your association, but what you need is a good association lawyer to pursue the board for what appears to be a breach of their fiduciary duties. There is no "sunshine law" in



Robert Meisner

and the Open Meetings Act does not apply to condominium associations. So, you have no absolute right to attend board

Michigan,

meetings. Nevertheless, the board's fiduciary duties include keeping the co-owners reasonably informed of the administration and operation of the Association. In addition, the Michigan Condominium Act does give coowners an absolute right to inspect the association's books, records and contracts, and requires the books and records to be audited by independent accountants once a year. What your board is doing or not doing sounds to be improper and you should seek to remove the board in accordance with the bylaws or Michigan

Q: I am a tenant in a condominium. I understand that the association has insurance with me as a coinsured and therefore, I cannot be sued by the insurer that pays a claim. Is that correct?

Non-Profit Corporation

Act.

A: Yes. In a recent case out of Washington State, a condominium's declaration required the board to obtain and maintain fire insurance in an amount equal to the full insurable replacement value of the building for the benefit of the board and the owners. But after the insurer paid the claim, it sued the tenants, claiming they negligently caused the fire. In that case, the court found for the tenants on the basis that they were co-insureds under the insurance contract and thus were not liable to the insurer on the basis of subrogation. The appellate court in that case held that the law presumes that a tenant is a coinsured on a landlord's insurance policy unless there is an express agreement to the contrary.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/ handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@ meisner-law.com.

This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 26-30, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON 7817 Charrington Dr 171 Cherry Stone Dr 39539 Dorchester Cir 7016 Foxthorn Dr 6089 Meadowview Dr 42311 Metaline Dr 2098 Preserve Cir W 43443 Proctor Rd 7245 Provincial Ct
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755 Stonehenge Dr GARDEN CITY	\$155,000
32911 Florence St	\$74,000
442 Henry Ruff Rd	\$65,000
32624 James St	\$30,000
IVONIA	450,000
27706 Buckingham St	\$90,000
8823 Crown St	\$140,000
14055 Denne St	\$140,000
18367 Foch St	\$76,000
31554 Gable St	\$35,000
18636 Gillman St	\$45,000
9031 Harrison St	\$65,000
9860 Harrison St	\$115,000
15055 Hubbard St	\$29,000
37516 Kingsburn Dr	\$263,000
27616 Lyndon St	\$113,000
37764 N Laurel Park Dr	\$166,000
14175 Newburgh Rd	\$175,000
14193 Park St	\$118,000
31733 Penn St	\$127,000
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36284 Pickford St NORTHVILLE	\$144,000
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17848 Briar Ridge Ln	\$737,000
44951 Broadmoor Cir S	\$368,000
16237 Brook Trout Ln	\$135,000
19250 Northridge Dr	\$68,000
15489 Prestwick Cir N	\$490,000
39658 Rockcrest Ln	\$111,000
17637 Rolling Woods Cir	\$485,000
2056C Village Dum Da	
39566 Village Run Dr	\$196,000
PLYMOUTH	
12749 Andover Dr	\$280,000
13406 Andover Dr	\$240,000
13540 Canterbury Ct	\$402,000
40905 Greystone Blvd	\$275,000
157 Hamilton Ave	\$169,000
13047 Hollywood Dr	\$440,000
8821 Northampton Dr	\$265,000
41678 Riveroaks Dr	\$185,000
REDFORD	
18261 Centralia	\$13,000

19916 Fox	\$58,000
26511 Glendale	\$71,000
19423 Glenmore	\$15,000
20476 Kinloch	\$24,000
9084 Riverdale	\$75,000
WESTLAND	
35724 Castlewood Ct	\$45,000
7412 Central St	\$16,000
31738 Conway Dr	\$73,000
1135 Craig Dr	\$129,000
32553 Fernwood St	\$28,000
39185 Hayward Dr	\$175,000
1917 Mel Ct	\$13,000
5862 N Carlson St	\$80,000
29652 Shacket St	\$93,000
34226 Sheridan St	\$65,000
7341 Sorrell St	\$130,000
36105 Traditions Dr	\$120,000
: 6014 Wilmer St	\$31,000
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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 12-16, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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31410 Evergreen Rd BIRMINGHAM	\$300,000
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222 Arlington St	\$1,308,000
1790 Birmingham Blvd	\$220,000
1602 Cole St	\$127,000
1340 Fairfax St	\$1,255,000
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\$112,000 1795 Stanley Blvd BLOOMFIELD HILLS	\$573,000
1965 N Hammond Lake \$255,000	e Dr
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSH</b>	IP .
450 Billingsgate Ct	\$65,000
4811 S Chipping Gln	\$530,000
2780 S Telegraph Rd	\$450,000
6458 Thorncrest Dr	\$319,000
631 Windsor Run	\$340,000
6530 Wing Lake Rd COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	\$256,000

234/ Brigantine	-
3581 E Commerce Rd	\$
FARMINGTON	
21132 Robinwood St	1
35591 Tall Pine Rd	1
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29939 Club House Ln	•
33722 Heritage Hills Dr	1
23004 Montclair St	
30750 Springland St	•
32273 Tall Timber Dr	1
NOVI	
45667 Addington Ln	1
22425 Alton Ct	1
44474 Gwinnett Loop	1
27869 Hopkins Dr	
23190 Inverness Ct	1

\$225.000	24775 Reeds Pointe Dr	<b>\$</b> 435.000
\$225,000	22822 Vasilios Ct	\$258,000
	22697 Waycroft Dr	\$259,000
\$145,000	28243 Wolcott Dr	\$84,000
\$230,000	SOUTH LYON	
	54495 Brentwood Dr	\$286,000
\$235,000	22542 Lazy K	\$345,000
\$200,000	24035 Prescott Ct	\$61,000
\$80,000	23660 Spy Glass HI N	\$405,000
\$135,000	SOUTHFIELD	
\$257,000	26939 Fairfield Rd	\$115,000
	18220 Mount Vernon St	\$78,000
\$325,000	30220 Rock Creek Dr	\$39,000
\$308,000	WHITE LAKE	,,
\$154,000	9565 Garforth St	\$42,000
\$117,000	9108 Glasgow Dr	\$74,000
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### **Investors**

Michael Jeffreys will speak Thursday, July 12. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland 5:30 p.m./ 9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, John R just north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to mem-

bers; \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742 (www.REIAofOakland.com)

### **Career Seminar**

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee Thursday, July 19, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Mike Workman at (734) 459-4700 or mworkman@ kw.com.

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

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Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler, (313) 277-

### Free Foreclosure Tours

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**Brittle** Candy Caramel

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Gum drops Licorice

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