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**Zamboni
makeover**

North Brothers Ford in Westland is sponsoring refurbishment of Mike Modano Ice Arena's Zamboni.

Every year North Brothers' body shop refurbishes the Zamboni and puts photographs of Ford vehicles on it. This year the 2013 Ford Fusion and 2013 Ford Escape will be featured for the 2012-2013 hockey season.

North Brothers Ford also sponsors a locker room at the Mike Modano Ice Arena and the baseball field at Jaycee Park as part of their city advertising deal. The diamond at Jaycee Park will be worked on this year to further promote youth baseball in Westland.

"North Brothers Ford has been a tremendous supporter of our community for many years," Mayor William Wild said. "The commitment and dedication they have shown to the city and the residents is greatly appreciated."

On the run

The World Harmony Run — an international relay aimed at uniting the world by creating a culture of friendship and oneness — will pass through Westland and Garden City on Friday.

The event began in 1987 and is held biennially in 140 nations, covering more than 35,000 miles. An Olympic-style torch is passed from person to person, community to community, and nation to nation.

The U.S. segment began April 12 in New York City and ends there Aug. 15 after covering a 10,000-mile route through the 48 contiguous states. Separate events are held in Alaska and Hawaii.

An international team of runners average about 100 miles a day. The team will run down Ford Road from I-275 and arrive in Westland at approximately 11:40 a.m. and in Garden City at 12:20 p.m.

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Search on for missing teens

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Virgie Kudla is hoping that her son, Jacob, and his friend, Jourdan Bobbish, are out doing some dumb teenage thing and will return home soon.

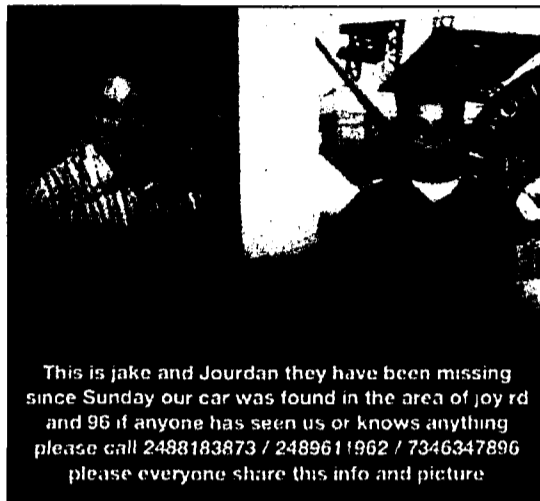
"In my heart, I hope and pray that they went on a binge. We've got to find them, every minute is important," said Kudla who was heading out again Wednesday to search for her 18-year-old son and his friend, who is 17.

The Westland teens haven't been heard from since Sunday night when they left a relative's home in Detroit. Jacob Kudla's 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier, driven by the teens, was recovered in the 8500 block of Beechwood in Detroit on Monday. Two men were arrested for stealing stereo equipment from the car but there was no sign of Kudla or Bobbish.

Family and friends have been searching abandoned properties looking for the teens, distributing fliers and getting the word out through the media.

"I've received a few phone calls from people in the area (where the car was found). Unfortunately, not anyone who had seen them," said Virgie Kudla. "I've received words of

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This is Jake and Jourdan they have been missing since Sunday our car was found in the area of joy rd and 96 if anyone has seen us or knows anything please call 2498183873 / 2489611962 / 7346347896 please everyone share this info and picture

Westland residents Jourdan Bobbish and Jacob Kudla haven't been seen since Sunday after a visit to Detroit. Their families are distributing fliers and searching for them.



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Timothy Holmes gets a helping hand from teen volunteer Mit Patel.

Paper cutouts

Youngsters try hand at being silhouettists

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Sisters Alyssa and Alannah Murphy will tell you emphatically that they love art. Working with tissue and construction paper, stick glue and scissors, they were busy creating silhouettes of cats.

"I was going to make a post for the cat to sit on, but I think

I'm going to do more cats," said Alyssa.

"We have four cats," added Alannah.

The sisters are participating in the summer reading program at the William P. Faust Public Library. According to their mother Carolyn, they've already reached their reading goal for the program.

"We used summer reading

last year, it was wonderful," said Carolyn Murphy. "Alyssa is a big fan of summer reading. She kept saying we've got to get to the library, we've got to sign up. You have to read 100 minutes a week, she's already read 600 minutes."

The girls were taking part in one of the many projects that

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**Fast Track
brings new
business,
jobs to city**

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Redevelopment on the site of the former Cooper Cricket as a new Tim Horton's restaurant is getting some financial help with costs to remove the existing building.

The Westland City Council approved a request for up to \$149,000 in tax increment funding through a Brownfield Redevelopment Plan.

The funding would be used primarily for environmental assessments, a due care plan and measures along with the demolition and asbestos abatement required to address the existing building on the east side of Wayne Road just south of Warren Road.

Part of that tax increment funding would also allow the city to recoup approximately \$15,000 for administrative costs associated with the plan.

Located on an L-shaped parcel, plans for construction of a 1,950-square foot Tim Horton's with access on both Warren and Wayne roads have already been approved. It would be the new style cafe with soft seating, wi-fi, flatscreen televisions, a fireplace and baking operations visible to customers.

Expected to be completed and open this year, the restaurant would bring

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W-W seeks line of credit to control cash flow

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school officials have been given the go-ahead to open a line of credit not to exceed \$6 million.

The Wayne-Westland board voted 7-0 to allow Jim Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services, to begin the process for securing the line of credit. The money, if needed, will be used to cover school operations during

the 2012-13 budget year.

"We didn't have to use the line of credit last year, but with a deficit of \$8 million going forward, we may have to this year," Larson-Shidler told the school board.

The district expects to receive \$99.8 million in revenue for 2012-13 and spend \$108.2 million. It will use a majority of its more than \$10 million fund equity to cover the shortfall, leaving it with just \$2 million in the bank. The line of credit will help

the district handle any cash flow problems it may experience in its general fund.

Part of the problem is the three-month gap between the start of the school district's and state's budget years. Wayne-Westland's starts on July 1 and the state's on Oct. 1. The district doesn't receive its first school aid payment until mid-October.

The line of credit also will be less costly for the district which will be able to use what it needs and pay interest only on that

amount, something that's not possible if Wayne-Westland were to get the funds from the State of Michigan.

"If we borrow from the state we have to take the entire amount for the entire year, with this, we only take what we need," Larson-Shidler said.

Wayne-Westland, however, must have to get prior approval of the line of credit from the State Treasury Department.

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tie in with the program. Several weeks ago they worked with ceramics and "made large pieces." "All of the kids had a great time," said Carolyn Murphy.

Last, they were learning how to make silhouettes from Children's Associate Bernadette Dwyer.

"I don't know if I've ever taught this before, but it's a nice project for working with contrast, lights colors and shadows," said Dwyer. "This gives them a chance to work with different media."

Dwyer connected the project to the work of Eric Carle, a well-known children's author and illustrator who uses hand-painted paper to create the designs for books



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sisters Alyssa and Alannah Murphy start their silhouettes by applying glue to background paper before adding strips of colored tissue.

like the very popular The Very Hungry Caterpillar. "All of his illustrations are done with tissue paper," Dwyer told the children.

For the project, youngsters were given four different pieces of colored tissue paper, white paper for backing and tracings of either dinosaurs or cats to cut out and create a silhouette. Then they were encouraged to use the leftover black paper

to add their own designs. "Remember this about art — no two are alike," Dwyer said. "With art, your talent can come out, you're able to make it come out rich and beautiful."

The youngsters were learning an art that dates back to Europe in the 1700s when royalty hired, silhouettists to make cut-outs for their amusement. The art form got its name after Etienne de Silhou-



Jacob Kiwanuka opted to do silhouettes of dinosaurs.

ette, the French finance minister who in the 1760s was despised by people because of his merciless tax policies in the 1760s and who protested by dressing in black and calling themselves "silhouettes." The six-week summer

reading program wraps up Aug. 1 with a celebration for the kids who have read 600 minutes. Magician Nick Paul will perform shows at 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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MISSING

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encouragement but no valid leads — just phone calls."

On Wednesday, Virgie Kudla said the Detroit 300 volunteer group was awaiting approval from the Detroit Police Department to help search for the teens.

"That's wonderful. We've been searching abandoned properties and knocking on doors," said Kudla. "As long as we don't interfere with the investigation."

Kudla and Bobbish's father Michael both reported their sons missing Monday after they were gone all night — something out of the ordinary. Both parents told police their sons didn't get into trouble.

The teens became friends while attending Livonia Churchill High School. Jacob Kudla had graduated and is attending Schoolcraft College full time while Jourdan Bobbish is set start his senior year at Churchill.

Television reports incorrectly stated the teens were looking for prescription drugs, said Kudla, adding her son was being prescribed painkillers since knee surgery last month.

The families are seeking help locating the teens and providing updates through a Facebook page, Help the Cause: Find Jourdan Bobbish and Jake Kudla.

"These two white boys should stand out like a sore thumb," said Kudla, also noting both are large, standing over 6 feet tall. Anyone with information about Jacob Kudla and Bobbish can call Westland police at (734) 722-9600.

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BUSINESS

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a \$1.8 million investment creating \$700,000 in new taxable value. It's estimated the business will create 15 new full-time jobs and 10 part-time jobs.

"I've received some emails about all the special meetings we've had, I appreciate that," said Mayor William Wild. "We've shown that we have the ability to move quicker. Our Fast Track Team can move things quicker."

Along with the Brown-

field approval for Tim Horton's, Wild noted the council also was acting on an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate tax abatement for Enrinity Supplements, which will be locating on Commerce Drive.

Enrinity Supplements, which had been based in Canada but owned by Canton residents, will make a \$520,000 investment. Subject to approval by the Michigan Department of Economic Development, the compa-

ny would receive a five-year tax abatement of \$1,698. The city would see a \$1,691 increase in taxes, if the abatement is approved.

The company is expected to create seven to 10 jobs paying an average \$16 per hour. Eventually, the business is expected to hire 50-60 people.

"They do supplements for nutritional needs, it's a growing sector. They are moving the business to Westland. Their headquarters will be in the U.S. and Michigan," said

Economic Development Director Lori Fodale.

Wild credited the efforts of Fodale and City Attorney Paul Bohn with getting the projects located in Westland.

"I take my hat off to her. You see how quickly we're able to jump into the Brownfield and get businesses into the city," said Wild. "Other communities are not able to do that."

The Tim Horton's, the second location in Westland, fills a vacancy within the Shopping and Dining District and clears up an eyesore at a major intersection, Wild said.

Enrinity will be the third medical technology business located on Commerce Drive. This will expand the city's life science corridor and continue business diversification, said Wild.

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PHILIP ALLMEN

Frank Cibor and Deb Conner have some fun out of the office while participating in the Michigan Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program last week.

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Staff members from the *Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Weeklies* did their part to keep a stretch of I-275 in Livonia a little more tidy.

The company joined the Michigan Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program last week, where people and groups can volunteer to collect trash alongside the state's highways.

The project was something Mark Warren, circulation manager for the newspaper group, had been thinking about for some time.

"I pass by the roadside signs all the time and thought that could be us," he said. "I thought it was a great way to get involved with the community."

The company adopted the stretch of I-275 between Six Mile Road and I-96 in Livonia.

The debris alongside I-275 was about what one would expect near a busy highway. There were plenty of random car parts, likely from the various fender benders seemingly on a daily basis. An entire car hood and plenty of tire frag-

ments were among the vehicular highlights.

Fast food bags, beer cans and water bottles were other common finds, all scooped up and tossed into trash bags for MDOT to pick up later.

Among the more unusual finds were a cell phone, plastic frogs, golf balls, a credit card and even a \$20 bill.

"That was a big surprise," admitted Warren, who apparently had karma on his side for organizing the endeavor. "There was a lot of trash to pick up. That was a bit of a surprise."

In all, the group collected more than two dozen garbage bags filled of trash.

"I drive that stretch all the time, and the nicer it looks the better I feel about my hometown," said Diane Andreassi, a Livonia resident and *South Lyon Herald* reporter who was among the dozen or so volunteers last week.

Volunteers for the Adopt-A-Highway program clean up litter along more than 7,200 miles of highway. Cleanups take place in April, July and September.

"Volunteers in the Adopt-A-Highway pro-



MICHELLE PALMERI

The *Observer and Eccentric/Hometown Weeklies* cleanup crew included (from left): Linda Rigdon (sales), Tom Carron-Smith (circulation), Deb Conner (administration), Diane Andreassi (editorial), Frank Cibor (sales), Jenna Smith (Tom's daughter), Lisa Walker (sales), Troy Gibson (circulation), Mark Warren (circulation) Gail Smalley (sales) and Philip Allmen (editorial).

gram perform a tremendous public service," stated State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "They take great pride in their communities, and help MDOT concentrate its limited resources on repairing roads and bridges."

In 2011, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers collected more than 75,000 bags of trash, saving taxpayers \$1.5 million in cleanup costs, according to Steudle. The volunteers include members of various civic groups, businesses and families.

Highway sections are still available. Learn more about the program online at www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway.

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You could win \$250, \$125 or \$75 in cash to go on a Christmas in July shopping spree.

The *Westland and Garden City Observer's* Christmas in July contest is back this year inside Hometownlife INSPIRE and online at hometownlife.com.

List the pages where you spot the holiday icon (pictured here) and enter with the form inside the



print edition of INSPIRE or download the form online and mail to: Christmas in July, ATTN:

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Contestants can also enter online through Facebook (see the holiday icon in the Don't Miss module) at hometownlife.com.

All entries must be received by midnight July 31.

Winners will be selected at random from all correct entries.

AROUND WESTLAND

Shredding Day
Worried about identity theft?
The Westland Friendship Center, located at 1119 N. Newburgh, will have an industrial shredder on site 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 27, for residents to have their documents shredded and disposed of safely.
Drive up with your bags or boxes of documents, three bag or box maximum, and watch them be shredded. The service is free of charge.
For more information, call (734) 722-7628. The Friendship Center is at 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

Movie Night
The Westland Free Methodist Church's Bulgaria Mission Team is hosting a Drive-In Movie Night Saturday, July 28, at the church, 1421 Venoy, south of Cherry Hill.
Bring your chairs and blankets to watch *We Bought a Zoo*, which will be shown at dusk. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family and includes one pop and one popcorn per person. Refills and other snacks will be available to purchase.
For more information, call (734) 728-2600 or go online to livesearexchanging.com.

ing businesses include Jus' Shooz, Tried & True Thrift Store, Designer WearHouse, Kickers Tae Kwon Do, Scooters & More, Finishing Touch Hats & Clothing, G.I. Surplus, Leo's Jewelry & Gifts, Northside Hardware and Wayne Exchange.

Mom to Mom sale
Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is holding a Mom 2 Mom sale and an open house 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 28.
Willow Creek Preschool is located at 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. The preschool is currently enrolling for their Tot to Toddler class, 3-year class and 4-year class for the 2012-2013 school year. For more information, call (734) 326-0078 or visit the website at www.willowcreek-preschool.com.

Sidewalk sale
The Wayne Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its 54th annual Sidewalk Sale Thursday-Saturday, July 26-28 in downtown Wayne.
The three-day event that will be during local business hours. Look for great sales and delicious food at businesses along Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road. One of the highlights and traditions of the sale is the 25-cent hot dog days provided by Northside Hardware.
Other participat-

Fun Day
Community Free Will Baptist Church will hold at Community Fun Day 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the church at 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland.
There will be free food, bounce houses, Westland fire truck, face painting, games, silent auction and more. For more information, call (734) 536-1210.

Free stuff
Ekklesia Church is hosting a Totally Free Garage Sale Sunday, Aug. 5, at Westland John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road.
All of the garage sale items are being offered free in limited quantities 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 1-2 p.m., there is no limit to the number items per person.

Drugs, cash taken in robbery at pharmacy

Armed robbery

Three armed and masked men robbed the Good Neighbor Pharmacy, 1956 S. Venoy, just after 3 p.m. July 21.

Two store employees told police that they were behind the counter when the three men entered the store. The men jumped over the counter, guns drawn and forced both employees to the floor. One employee was tied up with zip ties while the other was ordered to begin filling a duffel bag with various narcotics.

A customer who was seated in the waiting area told police that she was forced to the ground and her purse was subsequently stolen by one of the robbers.

Another store employee told police she was standing in the back room when she was grabbed from behind by one of the suspects who pointed a gun in her face. She said the suspect

WESTLAND COP CALLS

removed approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 and narcotics from a cabinet. The employee was then taken to the front of the store and zip tied with her co-workers.

The employees and customer were able to free themselves and call police once the robbers had left.

Along with the cash, a Louis Vuitton purse and a Coach purse were reported stolen along with an assortment of drugs, including codeine, Demerol, methadone and Dilaudid.

Break-in

At about 1:15 p.m. July 20, police were called to a home in the 32000 block of Grandview after a witness spotted four males, all wearing dark clothing and carrying backpacks, getting dropped off at Grand-

view and Gloria near his home. The men got out of an older green minivan and a maroon Ford Contour.

When the witness left his home a few minutes later, he said he saw three of the males walking down a driveway about a block away. He checked and found a rear window open.

The man and a second witness saw the four men get into the vehicles.

The residents of the home arrived a short time later. The home had been ransacked. Reported missing were two rings, a man and woman's white gold and diamond wedding rings, valued at \$12,240. Also reported stolen were a digital camera, a Wii game system and games, a tablet computer and keypad dock, a laptop computer, a digital music player, a wrist watch, assorted other jewelry and prescription medications.

Break-in

Police responded to an alarm call at Physical Rehabilitation Services, 37620 Ford, just before 4:30 a.m. July 21 and found that a glass door had been shattered.

While there, officers noticed the glass door shattered at adjoining business, Elle Nail N Spa, 37612 Ford. No one was inside but the officer noted several personal checks on the floor and an open cash register.

The salon owner later told police that approximately \$200 in cash had been stolen.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of an apartment at 34567 Elmwood told police July 23 that one of her neighbors let her know something was hanging from underneath her car. When her son checked, she said the catalytic converter had been cut off her 1999

Chevrolet Cavalier.

Also on July 23, a resident of an apartment at 250 S. Hubbard Court told police that she saw a man pull up next to her car driving an Cadillac Escalade. She said the man parked very close to her 2003 Pontiac Grand Am, got out, stood by her car and short time later got back into his vehicle.

The man drove away. The woman said she didn't think anything of it until she later discovered the catalytic converter was missing from her car.

Break-in

An Apple MacBook Pro and a bicycle valued at \$1,540 were reported stolen from a home in the 8600 block of Diane July 23.

The homeowner told police she and her husband were sleeping in their bedroom with the door shut. About 1 a.m., the woman said she heard someone enter

through a back door that had been left unlocked for her son, who didn't have a house key.

Assuming it was her son, the woman said she heard foot steps around the kitchen and then the door to her son's room shut. A short time later, she said she heard someone leave her son's room.

The next morning, the Apple MacBook Pro was found missing from the son's bedroom and the bicycle was gone from the detached garage, which was also unlocked.

Due to the lack of searching and limited items that had been stolen, police suggested the thief knows the family.

Break-in

On July 23, a resident in the 32000 block of Fairchild told police that someone had entered his home through an unlocked door and stole assorted prescription medications.

By LeAnne Rogers

Soccer net reported stolen from Maplewood field

Stolen net

The president of the Garden City Soccer Club, arriving at the field near the Maplewood Center on Maplewood, west of Merriam, about noon July 21 to prep for an upcoming tournament, was disappointed with what he found.

Someone stole an aluminum soccer net valued at \$900. He said that the net was there a week prior.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Suspicious men

Alert residents in the 600 block of Belton called the police about 11 p.m. July 18 after they saw four unknown men lurking around a vehicle.

A witness observed one of them looking into the vehicle after he opened a door.

One of the residents chased the group.

The police took a 16-year-old Inkster male into custody for a curfew violation after the others dispersed in a different direction. That youth wasn't cooperative with the police in identifying the other males he was with. He admitted that they were in the neighborhood to try to steal whatever they could.

The teen was released to his stepmother and referred to a youth assistance group.

Break-in

An alert Garden City motorist was able to provide the police with some details about suspects who allegedly broke into the Wear Master about 5 a.m. July 22.

Passing by the business located at 32121 Ford, she noticed a dark colored sports car parked in front which had tinted windows on all but the windshield. A passenger of unknown age and gender sat in the car smoking a cigarette. Right afterwards, the police responded when

they received a business alarm. They found that someone broke into the business and the front door lock cylinder was on the ground. The drawer from the cash drawer was on the ground also. Cash was removed but the register still contained coins.

The witness, who thought something was amiss drove around until she saw a police car at the business. She stopped and informed the police about what she saw earlier that morning.

Theft

A resident in the 6000 block of Lathers discovered that somebody stole several of his posses-

sions July 21 which he temporarily left behind in his yard.

Although he didn't have to be out of his foreclosed home until September, he had started moving out. When he returned, he found that someone stole four lawn mowers, a boy's and a girl's bike, a picnic table and a snowblower.


He also found a note from the city's ordinance inspector on the ground.

Theft

Someone broke out the driver's side window of a 2005 Saturn Vue July 21 which was parked in the driveway. The thief stole the GPS unit from the car.

By Sue Buck

Summer's more fun in Northville



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Inkster police investigate killing of 2 Westland men

Inkster police are continuing to investigate a double homicide of Westland men early Sunday morning.

The bodies of the men were found about 9:45 a.m. Sunday on Hickory Street, a dead end, near Cherry Street, just south of Michigan Avenue and west of Inkster Road in Inkster.

The men had been shot several times each and were pronounced dead at the scene. It is believed they were shot in the early morning hours Sunday, according to a statement issued by Inkster police.

The victims are the fourth and fifth homicides since June in Inkster, which recently implemented severe budgets

for the police department including the layoff of 20 officers effective July 1.

Inkster police didn't respond to calls for additional information about the murders or the names of the victims.

Anyone with information is asked to call Inkster police at (313) 563-9850 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP.

Teens in fatal crash were 'wonderful young ladies'

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Two teens killed early Tuesday in a two-car accident in Canton are being remembered as "wonderful young ladies" and Belleville High School graduates who had attended Van Buren Public Schools since their elementary years.

Canton police identified the two women as Brooke Kennedy, 18, and Danielle Beavers, 19, both of Belleville.

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Michael Van Tassel issued a statement Tuesday saying the district "is deeply saddened to learn of a tragic automobile accident" that killed the teens shortly after 2 a.m. Tuesday in the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

"Both of these wonderful young ladies were members of the Van Buren School family since elementary school," Van Tassel said. "Our hearts and prayers are with their families and friends at this terrible time."

Grief counselors will be available at the district's administration building, 555 W. Columbia, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today (Thursday) on a walk-in basis, Van Tassel announced.

Kennedy and Beavers died at the scene of the accident, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The women were passengers in a yellow Chevrolet Cavalier that was headed south on Canton Center when it was struck broadside on the passenger side by a white Monte Carlo traveling east on Michigan Avenue, Schreiner said.

"The two young ladies appeared to have been killed instantly," he said.

Both cars were driven by male drivers who spoke with police before they were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti for non-life-threatening injuries, police said. The Cavalier was driven by a 24-year-old Whittaker man. The Monte Carlo was driven by a 21-year-old Westland man.

Canton Special Services Sgt. Pat Sullivan said a preliminary investigation indicates that alcohol and speed didn't appear to be factors in the crash.

Sullivan said the three

people in the Cavalier apparently had been to a social gathering in Canton, while the driver of the Monte Carlo is believed to have been on his way home from work.

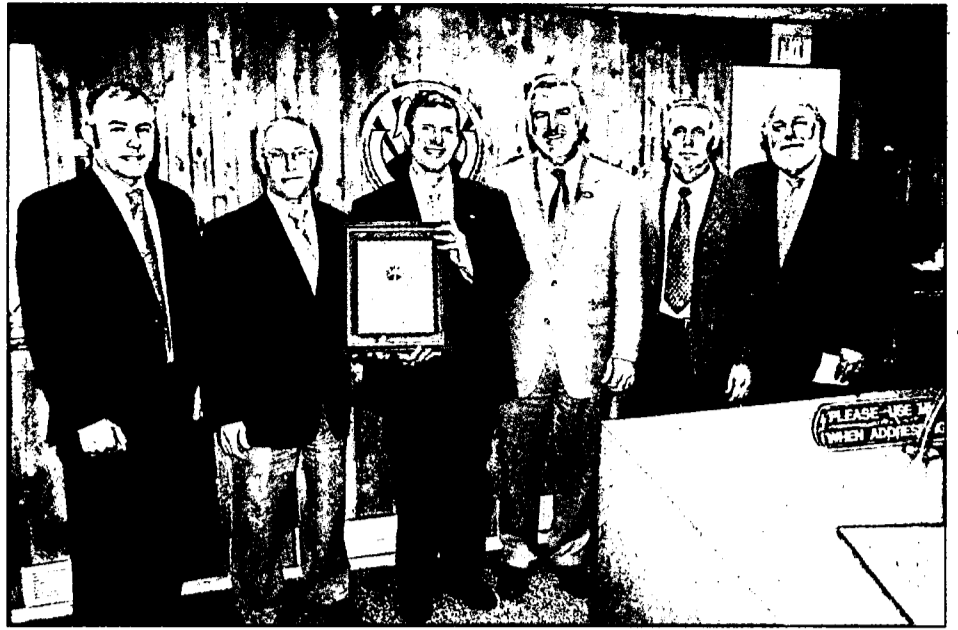
Police were continuing to investigate the accident. Canton Detective Tim Wright said any charges would be decided by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

At the hour when the accident occurred, motorists traveling along Michigan Avenue typically have a flashing yellow light, while traffic on Canton Center has a flashing red light.

"We're going to allow the Accident Investigation Team to do a full investigation before we come to any conclusion," Schreiner said.

After the crash, Sullivan said, authorities routed traffic around the crash scene partly by using area parking lots. He said the roadway was reopened shortly before 8 a.m., nearly six hours after the incident.

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Westland Mayor William Wild (left) and Council President James Godbout (far right) with members of OHM, the city's consulting engineers, Dan Fredendall, Jon Kramer, company president John Hiltz and Wayne Hoppe. The engineers received a special presentation honoring the firm's 50th anniversary.

50 years: City engineers honored for milestone

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Longtime Westland city engineers OHM were recently recognized for their 50th anniversary.

Headquartered in Livonia, OHM — Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment — is a regional engineering, architectural and planning firm working in an area from the Upper Peninsula to Tennessee.

Having just recognized the 25th anniversary of Toarmina's Pizza, Mayor William Wild noted some free pizza had been provided. He joked that maybe OHM would provide some free consulting — OHM didn't take up the suggestion.

Not only has the firm handled sewer and road projects for the city, the firm also worked on the new soccer fields at Central City Park, helped city buildings, includ-

ing the Police Department and Mike Modano Arena, become more energy efficient and has assessed conditions in City Hall and the Bailey Center.

"Everyone at the council level knows all of the work OHM does. They are also behind the scenes working with the Westland Veterans Association (on the memorial garden). They give a lot to charitable groups," said Council President James Godbout. "They

do a great job on behalf of the city."

Dan Fredendall, an OHM vice president, has been the face of OHM for Westland over the last 30 years.

"We have evolved from civil engineers to include IT and urban design. We started with you in the depths of the recession coming out of the '80s. Look at where we are today," said Fredendall.

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Memoir recounts her experience with child abuse

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Jasmine Millwood started writing her memoir when she was 10.

"Writing was a way for me to cope," she said. "It was a healing process for me. I would write and I would feel better."

Millwood, a victim of child abuse, compiled all of the difficult, traumatic moments in her book, *Unbreakable, a Memoir*, which was released in March. Since then, the Plymouth Township resident has been speaking at different Rotary Club about the Lighthouse Family Charity which she started.

"The past does not define you and overcoming (it) is always a possibility," said a statement on the bookmarks she handed out to members of the Garden City Rotary Club at their July



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jasmine Millwood discusses her new book, "Unbreakable: a Memoir," and her Lighthouse Family Charity at the July 19 Garden City Rotary meeting.

19 meeting at Amantea's Restaurant in Garden City.

Millwood wants to help

educate people about abuse and help start support groups. She especially wants children to

learn to say no to abuse, remove themselves from the abusive situation and to tell another adult.

The charity is doing a 5K run Sept. 23 in Plymouth called Paint the Town Blue because royal blue is the signature color of child abuse.

Millwood, 24, continues to speak about her survival of the foster care system and what she believes was the near fatal abuse of herself, a twin and another sister. From 1995-97, she said that she and her sisters were beaten, starved, tortured and tormented.

"We stole food and lied to our teachers," Millwood said. "We took care of each other and bonded."

She wants to continue to help.

"It's important for me to be a voice for children," Millwood said. "Child abuse is still going

on today at an alarming rate. Fifteen hundred kids in the United States died last year through abuse and neglect. Thirty thousand cases of child abuse were reported last year in Wayne County alone. The Department of Human Services only have enough resources to respond to about 10 percent of those claims. It is disheartening and sad."

When one Rotary Club member asked why teachers didn't recognize the abuse sooner, Millwood answered that many teachers looked away from child abuse years ago. For a time they denied it because the circumstances were so terrible, she said.

She and her sisters eventually came forward and told teachers that they were being hurt at home and that it was a struggle to stay alive. It was disheartening when

social workers referred to them as "manipulative," she said.

"Children's behavior is a way for them to express themselves," Millwood said. "When children behave a certain way, there is a reason behind it."

There's a good ending. "We were adopted by our biological uncle at age 12," Millwood said. "He is an amazing person."

Her uncle is Richard Reaume, now the Plymouth Township supervisor. Reaume, a single foster father, had taken on a difficult situation.

To purchase the book, contact Millwood through her website, jasminemillwood.com

The book also is available at Barnes & Noble and amazon.com

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Power of attorney forms good for parents of college-bound kids

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Parents who have children getting ready to go to college need to make sure that they do some important things with regards to personal finance. One area that is extremely important is powers of attorney.

When your child is ready to go to college, they are at least 18 years of age which means they are a legal adult. As a legal adult, they have legal responsibilities, but as the parent, you find that your rights are dramatically diminished.

In that regard, two documents I strongly recommend obtaining are a



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medical durable power of attorney and a general durable power of attorney. From a medical standpoint, if something hap-

pens to your child when they're away at college, as the parents, you have no legal rights.

I've heard many stories where a child has a medical issue and the parents are kept in the dark. I've heard horror stories where children are injured at school and the

parents are forced to go to court to get medical information. The last thing anyone should want to do is to go to court when there is a medical emergency. Therefore, before your child goes away to college, make sure that they sign a medical durable power of attorney.

Do it yourself

You don't have to pay anyone to do a medical durable power of attorney. You can do it on your own. There is a free fill-in-the-blank form available to print on my website. It's a simple and straightforward form and I recommend it for parents with a child going

away to school and also if you have any adult children that are your dependents. Remember, we live in a crazy world and just because you're the parent and you provide the financial support for your adult child, doesn't mean you have any rights.

Another type of document that you may wish to obtain for your college student is a general durable power of attorney. This power of attorney will allow you to handle your child's affairs above and beyond medical. It could be dealing with a financial institution or even with their university. Once again, if there was some sort of accident and your child

could not handle his/her own affairs, having a general durable power of attorney would allow you to step in without getting judges, courts and lawyers involved.

Insurance

When I went to college, the most expensive thing that someone owned was a cheap stereo. Today, that is no longer the case. Kids have computers, cell phones, iPads and all sorts of valuable stuff. The question is whether or not you need insurance on these items. If you do, now is a great time to talk to your homeowner's agent to see if those types of items are covered.

Sending a child to col-

lege is not as easy as it used to be. That is why now is a great time of the year to do the things that are needed so you're not rushing at the last moment. I know with these temperatures it's hard to believe that Labor Day is little over a month away. And before you know it, you'll be packing up your loved one for college. Don't procrastinate; the time to get it done is now. 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.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Readers' Panel: Anderson will represent 13th District

It is with great pleasure that the *Observer* Readers' Endorsement Panel recommends to you Glenn Anderson for the Democratic seat in the 13th Congressional District of Michigan. After all things considered, we believe Glenn Anderson will best represent our district in Washington.

Glenn is a longtime resident of Westland. Before his tenure in public service, Glenn was a Ford Motor Co. employee for 28 years and has been a member of the UAW since 1972. Glenn has served in a few public service positions which include a councilman for the city of Westland, a state representative and presently a state senator who represents the people of Garden City, Livonia, Redford Township and Westland.

Since Glenn was elected to his Michigan State Senate seat, he has been known for his "behind-the-scenes" work and has been committed to getting things done. He serves as the Democratic vice chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and his legislative priorities include improving Michigan's economic vitality, strengthening consumer protection laws, the safety of our children, quality health care and more affordable insurance through reform of present laws.

Some recent accom-



Glenn Anderson

plishments of Glenn's include the anti-bullying bill he championed and his strong efforts to ban legal synthetics K-2 and bath salts.

Glenn has many goals set if elected as U.S. representative for our district. His top priority is to create long-term and sustainable jobs which the panel recognizes is an extreme necessity to our state specifically as it has been missing for far too long. He is firm in his stance

that we must offer incentives that will encourage our companies to create jobs here in Michigan. One such effort is to rid the current incentives our current tax code gives to companies to leave our shores and instead encourage them through incentives to stay here, which the panel agrees is very important to our economic success and job creation.

The panel recognizes that mortgage reform is something that real-

ly needs to be sought for many areas of our district. Glenn would go about this by stressing to Congress to provide incentives for banks that choose to re-negotiate with homeowners rather than foreclose. He also insists that banks and mortgage holders do this all in good faith, including when modifying a homeowners' interest rates. If they don't, Glenn finds it right to end the tax write-offs and close any other loopholes the banks and mortgage holders benefit from. Mortgage reform is also part of Glenn's "Urban Policy." It would restore our neighborhoods in both the urban and suburban communities by first acknowledging those homeowners who have been suffering most. This effort along with collaboration between the suburbs and urban communities in building an efficient public transportation system throughout southeast Michigan as well as maintaining our existing roads, bridges and highways is essential.

The panel believes Glenn has the key to strengthen both Detroit and the suburbs. When it comes to education, Glenn has been present in the schools for a long time. Glenn believes that each and every child deserves the best education possible. He wants to put more money into the schools

while making sure that each student is still the top priority of each administration. Something we, the panel, recognize are the faults of federal government programs, such as No Child Left Behind. We believe our district's children and children everywhere need the right instruction, and Glenn is dedicated to empowering teachers to do what they need to make a difference. He also understands the reality of the world and that we are living in an ever growing competitive place where we must continue to fund programs to make higher education more affordable and accessible for our students.

In our endorsement of Mr. Glenn Anderson, we would also like to acknowledge our "runner-up" who we also believe would do a good job at representing our district in Washington behind Mr. Anderson, and that is Shanelle Jackson. Shanelle is a daughter of Detroit and has shared a longtime love of community.

Currently she serves as a Michigan state representative where she shows leadership in getting laws passed that we, the panel, find essential to Detroit and our communities at large. Those laws include mandating that mortgage loan officers be licensed by the state; empowering the insurance com-

missioner to issue refunds when a customer is overcharged; and one that mandates that mortgage companies must sit down with homeowners before foreclosing.

Shanelle's goals for office include making sure that Michigan becomes an innovative leader in alternative energy, manufacturing, and agriculture; letting parents decide where they think their children would receive the best education; protecting and strengthening Medicare; and working with auto-manufacturers to improve the fuel economy in such a manner that would save us money at the pump.

Shanelle is also very dedicated to women's rights when she speaks of "Girl Power" and one thing she would like to see passed is pay equity.

Our diverse panel hopes to have identified the main issues our 13th district at large faces and more so has identified the candidate that would do the right stuff for us in Washington. We hope you are able to digest the issues presented and hopefully ease your transition to the voting booth on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Caitlin Burns,
Debra Fowlkes,
Bill Mills,
Josh Lowe,
Readers' Endorsement Panel

Taliban decision is blow to Rotary's polio mission

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Rotary International's progress in its long-standing global mission to eradicate polio in the world could be thwarted. Former Garden City Rotary Club President

Jack Pelon discussed the disturbing news at the club's July 19 meeting.

"The Taliban doesn't want children immunized," Pelon said.

Rotary officials estimate that there are only about 200 cases of polio remaining in the world.

According to a July 17 CNN report, the Taliban's action's could mean there will be 280,000 children who won't be vaccinated.

"It's disheartening to see that," Pelon said.

A ban on polio vaccinations imposed by the Taliban could affect chil-

dren living in tribal areas of northwest Pakistan, according to estimates from the World Health Organization. Last month, local Taliban militants prohibited polio vaccines because of the United States' use

of drone strikes in the region.

When a three-day nationwide effort to administer polio vaccines began last week, health workers and volunteers weren't able to immunize children in North and

South Waziristan, according to the report.

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173: Appr.: minutes of regular meeting held 7/2/12.
- Appr. purchase of dump truck for DPS: amt. \$175,355.00.
- Appr. Rev. IGA w/Wayne Co. for Westland Historic Village Pk. improvements increasing amt. to \$50,000.
- Appr. 2 yr. contract w/Varmint Police; amt. \$242.56 per call.
- Intro. Ord. 248-A-73, rezone CB-2 to CB-1, PID 070-01-0031-001.
- Adopted prep. resolution to approve Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for 2013 fiscal yr.
175: Appr. contract w/Asbestos Removal Technologies to mitigate MIOSHA findings; amt. \$46,320.00.
176: Adopted prep. resolution to approve Brownfield Plan for Tim Horton's, 7126 N. Wayne Rd.
177: Appr. Brownfield Redevelopment Plan Reimbursement Agrmt. for Tim Horton's, 7126 N. Wayne Rd.
178: Adopted prep. resolution to grant Tax Abatement application for Enrinity Supplements property.
179: Appr. Tax Abatement Agreement for Enrinity Supplements.
180: Appr. rev. site plan for prop. ext. renovations to existing shopping center bldg., 33652 Ford Rd.
181: Conf appt. of S. Smith as Delegate to MERS Conference to be held 10/3-5.
182: Conf appt. C. King as Alt. Delegate to MERS Conference to be held 10/3-5.
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Community picnic

The Plymouth-Westland Grange is inviting people to bring a dish to pass and join members at Maxwell's Art and Treasures for a community picnic 1-3 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at the business located on Industrial north of Ford Road.

The Grange has called Maxwell's home for four years and is leaving. The picnic is a form of farewell. The classes and programs it offered there are being suspended until the group can find a new location.

As a prelude to the picnic, Maxwell's will hold its Picker's Paradise sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Challenge Grant

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum have received financial commitments again this year from several individuals who will match up to \$10,000 in donations to the organization.

The deadline to submit pledges for the dollar-to-dollar matching grant is Oct. 31. If you donate \$25, the total donation to the Friends is \$50. FGCHM is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and does not receive financial support from the City of Garden City for its operation and maintenance. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

This is the third and final year of a three-year matching grant campaign to help preserve the Garden City Historical Museum. Donations can be made payable to FGCHM and sent to the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

Outdoor Flea Market

An outdoor flea market is being held the 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second and third Saturday of the month through September at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road.

The cost is \$15 for a 10-by-10-foot space, payable the day of the flea market. No advance reservations are accepted. The flea market is held outside at the Straight Farm House and is cancelled during inclement weather. Upcoming market dates are Aug. 11 and 18 and Sept. 8 and 15.

Call Diane, the manager of the Garden City Craftique Mall, at (734) 765-7999 for more information.

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 email to gcfmm@gmail.com.

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.

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 Drive, Canton, MI 48187.

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

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

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.

Pet-a-Pet

Pet-A-Pet, Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month at the Garden City Hospital Rehab. Pets must be up to date with vaccinations, proof required. Visits are at 3:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

Call Mickie Hickey at (734) 522-0036 for more information or to sign up.

Park and Read

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

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

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

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

Community Chat

Join your host Kerry Partin along with co-hosts Kelly, Tom, Derek and Ben every Thursday night at 9 p.m. This is an internet talk show recorded live where the residents and surrounding communities are welcome to participate. Share your events, promotions or comments with your fellow residents and the communities.

Listeners can call in live at (724)444-7444 and enter the call ID 82757, or go to the chat room at <http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757>.

Shop online

Help Garden City Schools support its staff and students whenever you shop at Amazon.com.

Simply follow the link at the bottom of the district's web site — www.gardencityschools.com. A portion of any resulting purchases will be returned to Garden City Public Schools. Products do not cost any more by using the link, and residents don't have to do anything more than click on the link to start shopping.



Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams talks with youths who turned out for the grand opening of Wayne's new skate park. Skating is free for the month of July.

New skate park opens

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne's new skate park is officially open and until the end of the month, the skating is free.

An official grand opening held Saturday featured a disc jockey and drew about 25 youngsters to the skate park, located in Atwood Park next to Wayne Community Center.

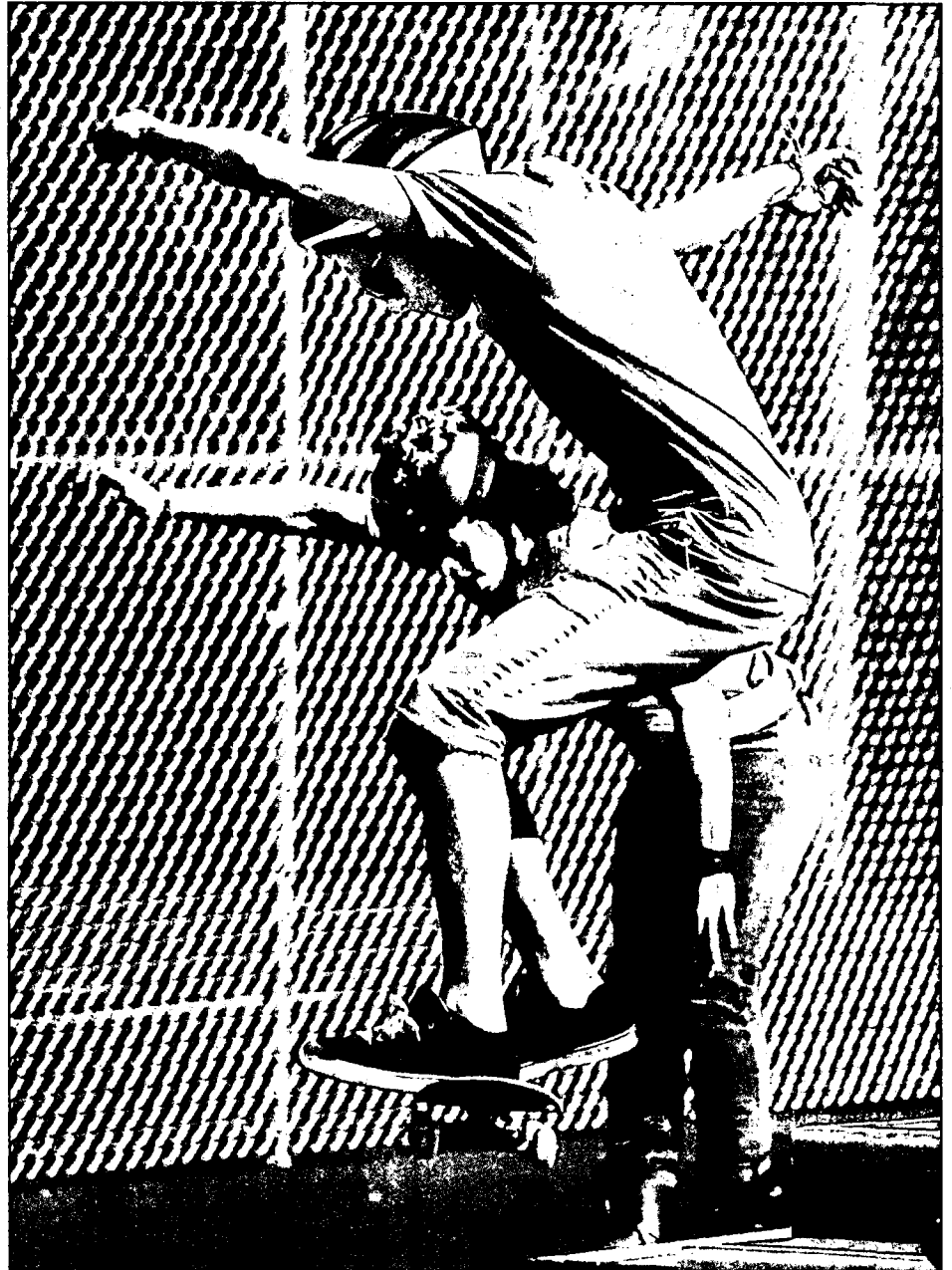
"The grand opening went very well actually. The skate park is a whole new thing for the city," said Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams. "It's open to Rollerblades, skateboard — anything without a motor, we let them in. Some kids use those little scooters."

Developed with \$16,000 in Wayne County Parks millage money, the skate park is located on a former tennis court.

"It's not concrete, so it's more flexible. It's made for those who aren't advanced users — it's for more moderate users. That's what we have here," said Adams.

The ramps and other elements of the skate park are portable though not easily moveable. After this month, the charge to use the skate park will be a \$40 unlimited pass. The skate park will be open noon to 7 p.m. daily during the summer and weekends year around but weekday hours will be reduced to 3-7 p.m. during the school year.

"Westland stopped charging (to use the Concrete Jungle Skate Park) but our city wanted to make sure we had an attendant," said Adams. "If kids can't afford it, we have an assistance program. We are just trying to pay for the staffing costs and break even." Atwood Park is located



Mike Denton of Wayne and Plymouth resident Brett Campbell try out the new park.



Jordan Johnson of Wayne skate boards up a ramp at the Wayne Skate Park.

adjointing the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe in Wayne. Thanks to the merger of the Wayne and Westland Parks and Recreation Departments, the residents' rates apply for residents in both cities.

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Spectators turned out to watch the skaters during the grand opening of the Wayne Skate Park.



Lisa Fawcett, marketing director at Co-op Services Credit Union, helps Jeremy Cybulski, Co-Op's youth and community development coordinator, show off the Young Professional of the Year Award he received from the Michigan Credit Union League and Michigan Credit Union Foundation.

Co-Op CU's Cybulski gets MCUL/MCUF award

The youth and community development coordinator for Co-op Services Credit Union has received this year's Young Professional of the Year Award from the Michigan Credit Union League and Michigan Credit Union Foundation.

The award was presented to Jeremy Cybulski by MCUL President and CEO David Adams during the league's Affiliates Annual Convention and Exposition in Traverse City.

The prestigious award recognizes an outstanding credit union professional under the age of 40 who has proven dedication and enthusiasm for the credit union movement in a variety of ways.

"I'm very passionate about financial education, and it's a true honor to be recognized by my peers," said Cybulski in accepting the award.

Since joining Co-op Services, Cybulski has coordinated the opening of nine student credit union branches in elementary and middle schools within three Detroit area school districts. During the 2011-12 school year, Cybulski conducted 193 financial literacy presentations, exceeding 600 presentations in a four-year period.

Cybulski also serves on the Financial Educa-

tion Council through the MCUL and is a Credit Union Development Educator. In 2011, Cybulski received the Credit Union Youth Advocate of the Year award.

"Our credit union team can always count on Jeremy to bring lots of creativity and energy to any project we undertake," said Lisa Fawcett, marketing director at Co-op Services Credit Union. "He's also very well respected among school staff, students and their parents."

According to Fawcett, other credit unions seek out his expertise for their student branch programs. Currently, Cybulski is involved in the planning and organization for the Michigan Youth Extravaganza Three (YE3), sponsored by the Mid-Michigan Chapter of Credit Unions, to be held on Aug. 14.

He also is involved in Co-op Services Credit Union's fourth annual Backpack Drive which runs through Friday, Aug. 10.

Partnering with Volunteers of America, 96.3 WDIV and Fox 2 Detroit, Co-op Services is collecting new backpacks, folders, notebooks, pens, scissors, pencils and other supplies at donation boxes

in the credit union's eight branch offices located throughout metro Detroit.

The donations will be distributed through Volunteers of America and its Operation Backpack initiative. Last year Volunteers of America Michigan distributed 1,200 new backpacks filled with grade appropriate supplies to low-income children in local communities.

"We want to help them exceed that number this year," said Cybulski. "Working with schools through our student credit unions and financial literacy programs, we recognize the tremendous need that's out there for many children to be able to return to school with the supplies they need to start the year."

The credit union is also participating in the annual "Stuff-A-Bus" event from Aug. 3-5 that will be held in Taylor. Co-op Services staff and the credit union's Rock Star mascot will be on hand during the event to accept school supply donations.

For more information about the Co-op Services backpack drive and collection locations, visit the credit union's web site at www.cscu.org or call Cybulski at (800) 321-8570, ext. 133.

Research your next car online

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

The World Wide Web is often the starting point for many purchases, including cars. Aside from picking where you may live, choosing the right car may be the most important decision you make.

You can eliminate much of the stress associated with sticker shock by beginning your vehicle search online. And it doesn't matter if you are buying new or used. There are a variety of websites that have been helping consumers save time and money for years.

If you are trading in a vehicle, your search starts with a familiar name: Kelley Blue Book. Since 1995, kelleybluebook.com has provided approximated values and resources for those looking to buy, sell or trade vehicles. The site offers reviews, car listings and research tools such as vehicle history reports, which have been made popular by CarFax.com commercials.

Of course, the blue book

isn't the only comprehensive web source for new and used cars. Cars.com offers many of the same features and allows users to build or find their cars by searching specific makes, models — even minimum and maximum price ranges. The site also lets you find dealers, review car dealers and receive approximate price quotes on any vehicle you build or find.

You might already favor a particular brand or model and, in that case, you can always visit your automaker's website directly. Just about every automaker features an interactive website where consumers can build their new rides down to the floor mats and cargo nets. Users can choose their own colors, engine sizes and trim levels, while navigating through incentives and other money-saving rebates.

With automotive websites and even Cars.com, users can even request free quotes on the new or used vehicles in which they are interested. But if you prefer a dealership doesn't get your phone number, email address or both, you can always just compare the prices on Edmunds.com. Edmunds has many of the same features as the other sites discussed above, but also has a fun feature where

you can compare multiple vehicles in which you may be interested.

Whether you've done enough research to start your own online automotive site, or have just gotten started, you can always request a free quote online from a local dealer using an automotive site or third-party resource like Cars.com. If you prefer not having your voicemail and email bombarded, you may want to skip this step and simply visit a local dealer and focus on the fun part: the test drives.

There are even some startups devoted to helping consumers. One such site is New York-based Mojo Motors. Mojo Motors is a car site that tracks inventory and price changes of used cars, so buyers don't have to visit multiple dealers. The service is not available yet in the Detroit area, but is a unique tool that could only be made possible with the power of the Internet. And who knows, the site or a similarly helpful resource may be available to aid you in your next vehicle search.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Plugged in

IKEA this week officially plugged in the solar energy system installed at its Detroit-area store in Canton, the state's largest such photovoltaic array.

The 122,200-square-foot PV array consists of a 977.6-kW system, built with 4,160 panels. IKEA Canton's program will produce approximately 1,114,943 kWh of clean electricity annually, the equivalent of reducing 769 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂), eliminating the emissions of 151 cars or powering 96 homes yearly (calculating clean energy equivalents at www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/calculator.html).

This investment by IKEA reinforces the company's long-term commitment to sustainability and confidence in photovoltaic technology. IKEA owns and operates each of its solar PV energy systems atop its buildings — as opposed to a solar lease or power purchase agreement — and this Canton installation represents the 20th completed solar energy project for IKEA in the United States, with 19 more locations underway, making the eventual U.S. solar presence of IKEA nearly 89 percent with a total generation of 38 MW.

"We are thrilled at how this solar energy system furthers our commitment to sustainability at IKEA Canton," said Anton van Dongen, store manager. "IKEA has a never-ending job where most things remain to be done that encourages us always to ask ourselves how we can improve what we do today for a better tomorrow. We appreciate the support of the Canton Town-



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ship, Detroit Edison and SoCore Energy, our partners in this project."

IKEA, drawing from its Swedish heritage and respect of nature, believes it can be a good business while doing good business and aims for its operations to minimize impacts on the environment. Globally, IKEA evaluates all locations regularly for energy conservation opportunities, integrates innovative materials into product design, works with Global Forest Watch to maintain sustainable resources, and flat-packs goods for efficient distribution.

MMAF help

United Home Health Services, a local home care company, is offering free counseling with a certified MMAF (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor.

The counselor can help people review their Medicare and Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, assist with Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, and explore long

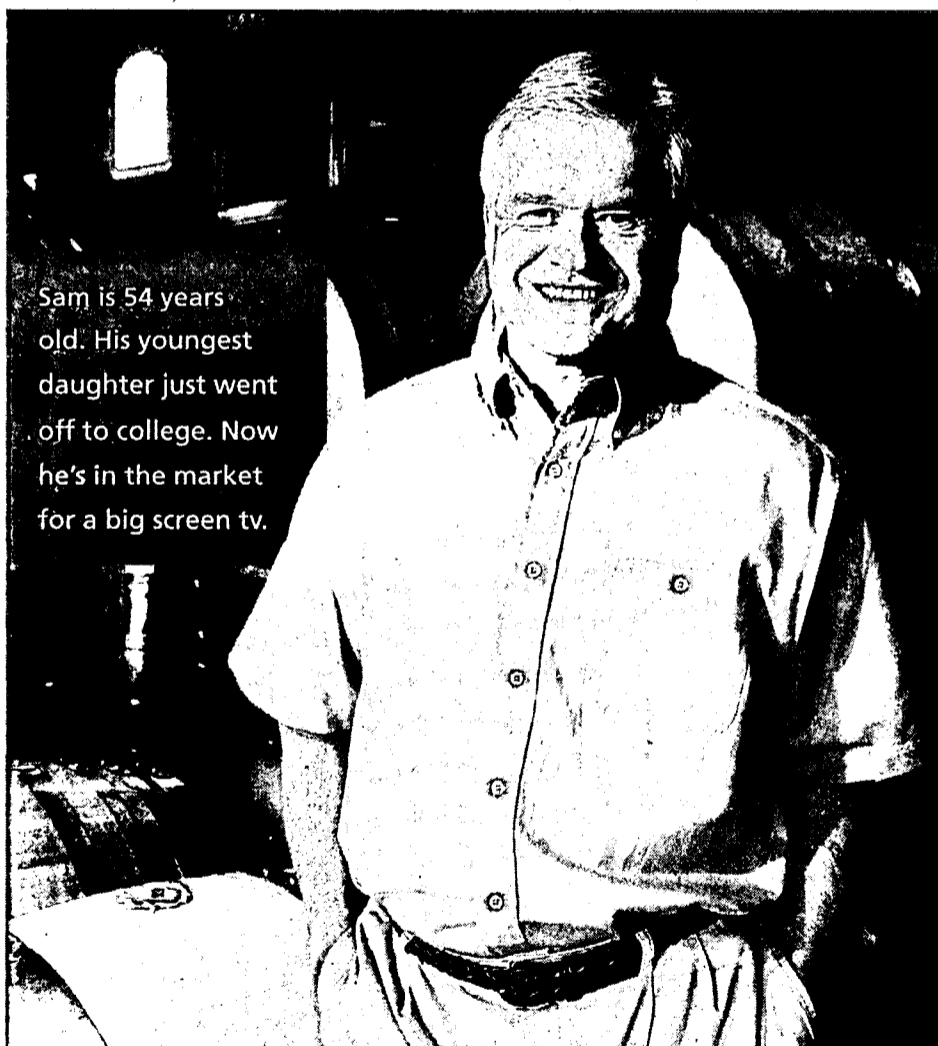
term care insurance options.

The MMAF counselor will be at the United Home Health Services office at 2200 Canton Center Road, Suite 250, 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 1, and 1-3 p.m. Sept. 6, Oct. 3, Nov. 1 and Dec. 4. No reservations necessary.

For more information, call United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820 or access the MMAF website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html.

United Home Health Services is a Medicare-certified, not-for-profit home care agency that has been providing skilled nursing, therapy, home health aide, social work and registered dietitian services to the community for more than 29 years.

It also provides caregiver/companion services, including personal care, laundry, housekeeping, meal preparation, grocery shopping, errands, transportation, medication management and reminders, and Alzheimer's/dementia care in order to assist seniors to live safely and independently in their own homes. For more information, visit the UHH website at www.uhhs.org or call (734) 981-8820.



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OUR VIEWS

11th House District Bailey understands issues, has a plan

Four candidates are hoping voters in the state's redistricted 11th House District will favor them in the August primary election.

In this predominantly Democratic area, the winner most likely will be the next state representative for the district that includes all of Garden City and Inkster and portions of Westland, Livonia and Dearborn Heights.

Republican Kathleen Kopczyk is unopposed in the election. However, Cody Bailey of Garden City, Dorothy Webb Grady of Inkster, Bill Kaledas of Garden City and David Knezek of Dearborn Heights are campaigning for the Democratic nomination on the November ballot. Each of the Democratic candidate brings his/her own views on what the issues are facing the district and the state of Michigan.



Cody Bailey

Business, the economy, education, poverty and state shared revenue are among the issues they discussed in recent interviews.

Kaledas has governmental experience, having served as a Garden City councilman and mayor. He understands the effect decisions in Lansing have had on the city in regard to shared revenue. He wants to introduce legislation that would require the state to put its house in order and work on restoring shared revenue.

Grady, Knezek and Bailey are newcomers to politics.

Grady has a genuine concern for the communities. She believes poverty, a lack of health care, boarded-up houses and police protection are the issues and says a 10-cent tax on water bottles and non-carbonated beverages would raise the revenue needed to address them.

Knezek is a war veteran who says his military experience provides him the leadership experience that's lacking in Lansing. His focus is on education. He believes that by leaving education out of the equation, the state is missing the mark on creating jobs and growing the economy.

Bailey has a background in small business through his experience as founding partner in the Student Venture Board that helped launch seven student businesses and create more than 20 jobs while at Albion College and working in his family business. The youngest of the candidates, he identifies issues and offers concrete plans on what he says needs to be done at the state level to move the Michigan forward.

In listening to them and what they hope to accomplish in Lansing, if elected, we believe Cody Bailey is the best choice.

Bailey says he has several pieces of legislation he would introduce in his first 100 days, one of which is lock down the State School Aid Fund to make sure the money goes for where it's meant - K-12 education. It is a lofty goal that will take a lot of work. Bailey said he is prepared to work all sides of the aisle to accomplish it.

He understands that Michigan's recovery is tied to the growth of the business sector and knows the role small business plays in it. While he supports the elimination of the personal property tax, he offers up a proposal of a 2.5 percent end year profit tax. Business would pay after they make money, those that don't make money wouldn't be penalized.

He wants to see the creation of a Commission on Small Business and Entrepreneurship to help small business create jobs, a Michigan Main Street Bank to provide start-up loans for developing small businesses and bridge loans for existing businesses to remain viable, especially in times of financial strain, tax credits for businesses that invest in the state and create jobs, and a return of the state's film tax incentive that will help diversify Michigan's economy.

Residents will have to declare their party preference in the primary. We recommend those who will register as Democrats vote for Cody Bailey in the August primary election. We believe he is ready and willing to work for changes that will benefit the state and the 11th District and that he is the best choice to carry the Democratic standard for the 11th House District into the November general election.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How important is it to you to have access to a public library?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"Extremely. I don't like buying books, if I don't have to."

Eleanor Locke
Livonia



"It's really important because I don't have a lot of books at home and there's no other place to get them."

Harrison Jarvis
Westland



"It's very important. I own my own business and I can come here and get information that I need for it."

Travis Callaway
Westland



"Very much. It's a learning experience. It's very important to come here and get literature. It's a very enjoyable experience."

Diane Smith
Westland

LETTERS

Yes for library tax

Over the past several years I have watched with amazement and awe your generous donations of used books, movies and CDs to the Westland Library. These donations are constant proof of the depth of loyalty and appreciation the citizens of Westland feel for their library.

Donations are sold by the Friends of the Westland Library to raise money to pay for all the creative and educational programs offered by the library staff.

Now with the staff reduced by almost one-third and library hours reduced from 69 to 40 per week, the library struggles to continue these programs. The decline in property values and other funding sources has made these drastic cuts necessary under existing library funding. A new tax of .99 mill is needed to reverse these cuts and prevent even deeper cuts in the future. For the average homeowner, the cost would be only 48 cents per week.

I call on the pride and loyalty of the Westland citizens who have benefited from the library to vote "yes" on the Aug. 7 primary ballot request for the tax millage needed by our library. Future generations will thank you.

Nan Borders
vice president
Friends of the Westland
Library

Alzheimer's Walk a success

I want to personally thank everyone who participated in and/or supported the Miles For Memories Walk on June 30, which raised money for the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan. Despite the hot weather, nearly 40 people walked with us, and we proudly raised over \$2,300 to help this organization enhance care and support for all those affected by Alzheimer's and related dementias.

We could not have achieved this without help from the community. Thanks to Octavia Marquess-Ewing, Peter Herzberg, Erjon Dino, Donna Stottlemeyer and the Westland Festival Committee for all of their help with this last-minute event. The festival was an overall success and we are proud that this event could, again, be part of it.

The local businesses that generously sponsored the walk are: Mangia Pizza and Catering, Johnson's Westland Music, Curves of Westland, Benito's Pizza, Vizzy's Pizza, T.C. Coleman Insurance Agency, Westland Shopping Center and Benson's Diamond Jewelers. Other donations came from Handy Mart, Planet Fitness, Gamerz USA, Fire Mountain, Pizza Hut, Toarmina's Pizza, Mary Denning Cake Shoppe, Sportway, the Original Dairy Dan, Town N Country Lanes, Judge Sandra A. Cicirelli, Councilwoman Christine Bryant, and several other individuals from Westland and our surrounding communities.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

This gave me another reason to have great pride in Westland and I am grateful to have been a host of this year's walk. Thanks again.

Kevin Coleman
Westland

Anderson, Kosowski good for Westland

With elections coming up very soon - Aug. 7 - it is critical that you vote.

We need to have people that will work for us, and Sen. Glenn Anderson will do that in his bid for Congress. He has worked for all of us for so many years and done a fantastic job for all of us. I have known Glenn for many years, I support Glenn Anderson for Congress.

Robert Kosowski is running for state representative. I have known Bob since he came to Westland and has done a great job. He is another example of someone that will work for us ... all of us.

Most of us know someone serving in the armed forces. Some of you have served, have people serving now. For every service man and woman, you have to vote. This is a right you have been given to be free. If it were not for all of them would we be flying the American flag right now? Quite possibly no.

Please vote on Aug. 7. It is heartbreaking to see such low voter turnouts. I have been voting since I was 18. I have never not voted in an election. I have been involved in the community of Westland for almost 40 years and have met some incredible people. I remember helping when Tom Brown was running for office.

We have had some good people who have served Westland very well, and Glenn Anderson and Robert Kosowski will carry on that legacy.

It is important that all of us vote. Don't sit home on your couch and risk the chance of what we really need in office, and then complain when the wrong people are elected. Your vote counts, so please vote on Aug. 7. Good luck, Glenn and Robert. You will do a great job.

Bud Somerville
Westland

Good riddance, McCotter

Before anyone in the 11th Congressional District can start some kind of fund-raiser for our ex-Representative to Congress, Thaddeus McCotter, because of the pain to his family and the fact he now has to find a job, let's remember a few things.

Mr. McCotter goes home with a pension and full medical coverage for him and his family. This is die in spite of the fact that he ran for president and supposedly wrote a TV pilot during the last few months of his term. Is it any wonder that letters have shown what difficulty citizens in his district had contacting him and obtaining any response? Now he has to start looking for a job, just like hundreds or thousands of his constituents have had to do. In his letter of resignation, he states he is unwilling and unsuited to become a lobbyist.

This all came about after nearly 10 years as a Congressman and additional years in politics - he could not handle the simple job of properly registering for an office he had held and was likely to continue in for as long as he liked.

Good riddance to an unqualified individual who did not deserve to hold office. We are now living in a district with no representative in the House. One thing is for sure: His successor won't have to do much to beat the record of T. McCotter.

Gerald A. Folgmann
Livonia

Rise and fall of McCotter

Thaddeus McCotter's fall from grace certainly is a strange tale to tell — the most recent chapter being his abrupt resignation, which will cost taxpayers over half a million dollars in a special election.

The story began with Thad's meteoric rise from obscurity into public office, fueled mostly by his only claim to fame, namely being related to Joan McCotter. His disgrace was just as sudden and inexplicable, an extreme exercise in tragi-comedy.

What followed next was a bizarre chain of events beginning with an ill-advised Don Quixote envisioned presidential run that lasted the better part of two weeks, then a bonehead snafu in not submitting required ballot signatures, then a decision to be a write-in candidate (which was immediately self-vetoed) and eventually ending in his resignation. Clearly Thad's ship of state had lost its directional rudder and was sailing wildly.

Hopefully this will be the last of the news shockers regarding the poor sod.

As for his future career, perhaps he could tune up his guitar and join some band that befits his "cool factor."

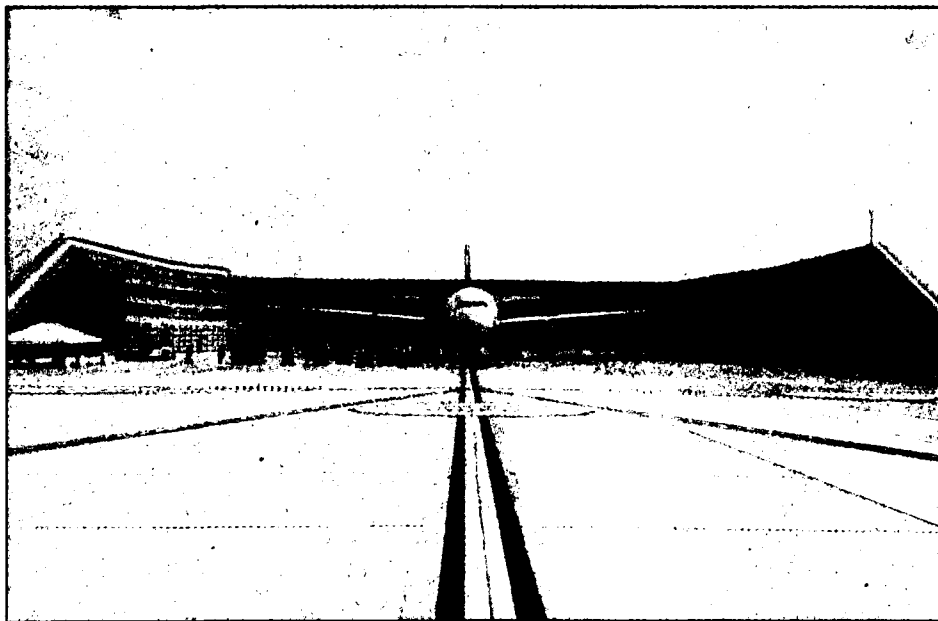
Leo Weber
Livonia

New airport project reduces sounds of engine testing

It's going to be a little quieter in around the Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) with the addition of a steel structure that will reduce engines sounds.

Members of the Wayne County Airport Authority, operator of DTW, joined officials of neighboring communities Tuesday in inaugurating the airport's new, \$11 million Ground Run-Up Enclosure. Engineered by the Livonia office of C&S Companies in of Syracuse, N.Y., and designed and constructed by Blast Deflectors, Inc., in Reno, Nev., the three-sided, steel structure on the airfield is lined with acoustical absorbent paneling to significantly reduce noise when jet engines are tested after maintenance.

"We always talk about the positive impact that the airport has on the surrounding community, but those closest to the airport will tell you there are some less-desirable impacts as well," said WCAA Interim CEO Tom Naughton. "To the degree we can mitigate the noise impact of the airport on



Airport and local officials are dwarfed by the a Delta Air Lines A-330 in the new \$11 million Ground Run-Up Enclosure dedicated Tuesday at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The twin-aisle, wide-body aircraft, which is used on long-haul international flights, fits easily inside the GRE.

our neighbors with initiatives, such as this new GRE, the airport authority is committed to do so."

After making repairs, airlines regularly "run-up" aircraft engines for testing purposes before the aircraft are returned to service. This testing requires airlines to run engines up to full-power for periods of time ranging from a few min-

utes to an hour, generating noise up to the equivalent of an aircraft take-off throughout part or all of that time period.

With the new GRE, airlines will taxi aircraft into the three-sided facility to conduct nearly all run-ups. Engine noise will largely be absorbed by the more than 2,000 acoustical panels lining the structure, while the

remaining noise will be directed upward rather than outward into surrounding communities. Prior to the GRE opening, airlines performed these tests in designated open areas adjacent to the airport's runways. DTW's new GRE occupies nearly 90,000

square feet and rises 42 feet high, allowing it to accommodate aircraft as large as Boeing's 747-8. Most aircraft types that will use the GRE will be able to turn around inside the facility while operating under their own power, reducing the need for diesel-powered aircraft tugs and additional personnel required for tug operations.

The facility also incorporates steel cladding specially-engineered to avoid interference with airfield radar and radio frequencies.

"The Wayne County Airport Authority has laudably engaged in continuing efforts to minimize disturbances to the residents of southeastern Michigan, while at the same time acting as a job provider and economic engine for the entire region," said State Rep. Doug Geiss, D-Taylor. "This new ground run-up enclosure will significantly reduce the level of noise caused by nighttime maintenance, and its construction provides further testament to the

commitment of the airport authority to the citizens of Romulus and surrounding communities."

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) provided 80 percent of the funding for the \$11 million GRE project, which included Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation of 8 percent.

With more than 32 million passengers in 2011, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport is Michigan's busiest airport and one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. Service is provided by 11 scheduled passenger airlines and three scheduled cargo carriers. DTW offers more than 1,200 flights per day to and from nearly 150 destinations on four continents.

DTW is operated by Wayne County Airport Authority, which also operates nearby Willow Run Airport, a corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. For more information about Metro Detroit's airports, visit www.metroairport.com.

**CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland, 36601 Ford Rd., Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before the date of **August 2, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.** for the following (no exceptions will be made for late filings):

Street Sweeping

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185, or at www.cityofwestland.com. Please direct questions pertaining to specifications to Kevin Buford, DPS Director at (734) 467-3241. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

William Gabriel
Controller

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**NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE
ELECTORS OF
THE CITY OF WESTLAND
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2012
SPECIAL FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

Please take Notice that the Special Federal Primary Election in the City of Westland will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the City of Westland Special Federal Primary Election to be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, is Monday, August 6, 2012. Persons registering after 4:00 in the evening on Monday, August 6, 2012 are not eligible to vote at the Special Federal Primary Election.

You may register at the Westland City Clerk's office or at any Secretary of State Office.

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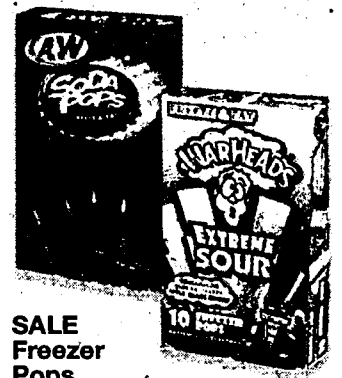
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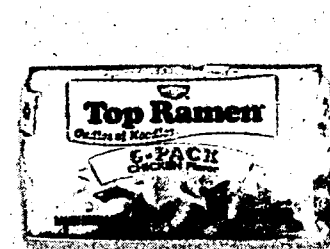
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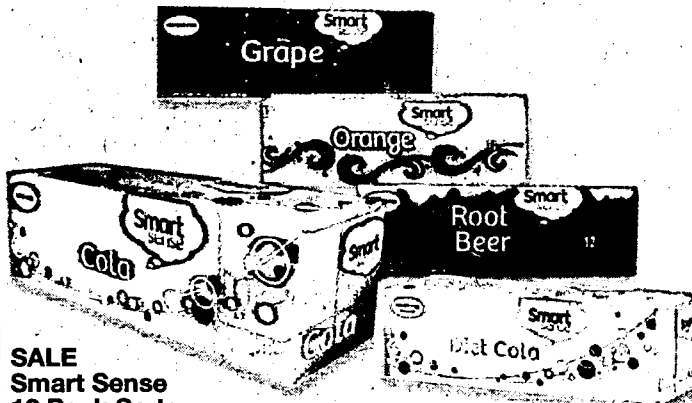
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The fallout



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Livonia Clarenceville alum and Tennessee Titans linebacker Tim Shaw, speaking last month at the 2012 graduation, gave his views on the recent controversy at his alma mater Penn State University.

Former Nittany Lion Shaw responds

In light of the Jerry Sandusky child abuse scandal and the NCAA's severe sanctions that were handed down Monday against the Penn State University football program, Livonia-Westland Observer Sports Editor Brad Emons talked Tuesday with Livonia Clarenceville grad and former Nittany Lion linebacker Tim Shaw.



Brad Emons

State under the late coach Joe Paterno after a storied prep career at Clarenceville where he set MHSAA records — at the time — for career rushing yards (7,611) and touchdowns (131). Shaw, who earned his bachelor's degree in management from Penn State, has done mission and charitable work in his community.

He shared his thoughts and views following the recent findings by the Freeh Report and the unprecedented NCAA penalties.

After a day to reflect, what are your thoughts and emotions? Have they changed at all?

"My emotions have calmed down a little bit, but I'm still angry and frustrated, and I'm still a little bit baffled and confused about the sanctions and just the way everything continues to go.

One former Penn State

player was asked about the death penalty, and he said, 'It was more being like in a coma.' Did the NCAA jump the gun?

"Oh, man. It's a tough thing to comment on because my comments aren't going to do anybody any good. I feel strongly that the decisions that were made (by the NCAA) are not going to accomplish great things or maybe the purpose of what they were trying to do. I don't know what the purpose was. I tell you the truth. I think myself, and many, many people in this world, I would give up every single win that I ever had if it would mean that one child not be abused or hurt, but you know what? That's not the way this world works. And people would give up a lot of things in the world if we could trade for that, but we can't. So taking away those

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Festival 4-miler Founders: Matthews 1st across

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The way things are going, they may have to name a street after Angela Matthews some day in Farmington.

The 28-year-old from Westland captured her fourth straight Founders Festival 4-mile race women's road race title with a time of 22 minutes, 39 seconds.

Meanwhile, 21-year-old Emery Pitcel of Richmond was the men's and overall winner for the third straight year in 20:10 as he edged Highland's Mike Camilleri by eight seconds.

The top finishers in the men's and women's masters (40-and-up) were Steve Menovcik (21:56) of Grand Ledge and Velda Balmer (27:07) of Richmond, Va.

Matthews, an assistant track and country coach at Beverly Hills Detroit County Day, cruised to victory over 18-year-old Katelyn Cliff, who was runner-up in 24:49.

"I like running out there because that's where I mostly train in that Farmington area," said Matthews, a 2002 Lutheran High Westland grad. "So I'm familiar with the race course — all the people in my group basically train out there.

"I train with New Balance — the Paul Aufdemberge and Dave Peterson group — who were all out there. It's great to have a group of fast people to run with. It just makes me feel better as a runner."

Matthews, who ran collegiately at Concordia University (Neb.), was two seconds faster than her 2011 time of 22:40. She averaged 5:40 per mile.

"I didn't feel it was very fast, but I was kind of training through the race and looking further down the road at the Crim (Aug. 25 in Flint)," said Matthews, who works as a technical editor

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Ex-MU golfer eyes U.S. Am

Former Madonna University golfer Brett Quitquit (Highland) added another notch to his impressive golf resume by recently earning a spot in the 112th U.S. Amateur Championship.

Quitquit, the 2009 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference medalist and 2010 NAIA National Championship runner-up, fired rounds of 70-68 for a 36-hole total of 138 and finish second in the qualifier, July 18, at Bay City Country Club.

"I knew coming into the qualifier that you had to play two good rounds and I did," Quitquit said. "It is a grueling qualifier because you have to play two rounds in one day and it tests you both mentally and physically.

"Playing in the U.S. Amateur is a dream come true for me and my biggest golf accomplishment since finishing runner-up at the NAIA National Championship."

The U.S. Golf Association (USGA) sponsored event will be Aug. 13-19 at Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills Village, Colo.

St. Clair gets coaching job

University of Memphis recently named Livonia Stevenson High grad and former University of Michigan catcher Roy St. Clair as an assistant coach in women's softball.

"Roy's addition to our staff was a step in the right direction for Memphis Softball," Poole said. "She brings good knowledge of the game, a competitiveness that comes from playing at the highest level, and an understanding of what it takes to be the best. Roy has great contacts around the nation, which will aid in recruiting for our program."

"It's exciting," St. Clair said. "Being only 23 years old, it's a great opportunity to get into a tough profession. I'm thankful that coach (Natalie) Poole thought enough of me, and I'm excited to get started full time here."

St. Clair, a 2010 U-M grad, was a member of three Big Ten championship teams and was a two-time All-Big Ten selection.

She played the 2011 season with the Akron Racers of the National Pro Fastpitch League and served last as a volunteer assistant at Memphis.

High Velocity camp is 'hoops heaven'

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The minutes ticked down to just a few before another day of a youth basketball camp at High Velocity Sports in Canton came to a close and camp instructor Dominique Washington brought youngsters in for a huddle.

Washington's team was up 45-44 in a scrimmage, and he wanted to make sure players stayed on task down the stretch.

"Make good passes, find open players and no threes," Washington said. "Layups only. They have to foul us. Anytime we get touched it's a 1-and-1."

The Plymouth Christian Academy varsity boys basketball coach said talking Xs and Os and reminding youngsters about the situation on the court will help them when they play middle school and high school

basketball — as virtually all of the 50 campers in the four-week summer training camp will experience.

Co-hosted by the Plymouth Canton Force and Triple Threat Training (the latter company started by former pro cager and Canton resident Troy Coleman), the camp provides those going into grades three-eight in 2012-13 a chance to sharply hone skills.

Plus, they can improve strength, conditioning, agility, pick up important tips and have some fun in the process. About 65 percent of campers are from Plymouth or Canton, but other Observerland communities are well-represented.

Eager to improve

"I wanted to be a better basketball player, like how to make my dribble get better, how to shoot

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JOHN KEMSKI

Summer basketball camp instructor Troy Coleman (left) helps 12-year-old Noah Brown of Plymouth with proper free-throw technique during a camp session last week at High Velocity Sports. Waiting in line for their turn are Ethan Rottell (10, of Plymouth), Leah Tardiff (12, of Plymouth) and (far right) Zhending Hu (14, of Canton). Also pictured is instructor Dominique Washington.

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Payzant, Katta spur pivotal Rams' sweep

Michigan Rams pitcher Josh Payzant came through in the clutch notching both wins and Brandon Katta went 6-for-8 at the plate Saturday in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League double-header sweep of the Michigan Cobras, 4-3 and 6-2, at Bicentennial Park.

The Rams' sweep forced a one-game playoff Monday night at Livonia's Ford Field for the top two 20-and-under teams in the LCBL as they posted identical 18-16-1 records. (See related story).

At stake was a trip to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association regional at stake, July 27-29, at Zanesville, Ohio. The regional champion then advances to the AAAA National Tournament, Aug. 5-11, in Johnstown, Pa.

Payzant, a Livonia native who plays for Jackson Community College, got the victory in relief as the Rams pulled out a 4-3 nine-inning victory to stay alive in the race in the

opener.

Payzant then pitched the first 3.2 innings to pick up the victory in the nightcap and Wayne State University lefty Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson) closed it out with 3.1 innings of scoreless relief in a 6-2 Rams' triumph.

Katta, who went 3-for-5, had a walk-off game-winning RBI single scoring Payzant as the Rams beat a league time limit to defeat the Cobras in Game One. Miles Sorise added two hits and RBI, while Justin Sherman also knocked in a run for the Rams.

Chris Gebara led the Cobras going 3-for-5 with a double and RBI, while Marc Zughuib also knocked in a run.

Payzant recorded the final four outs — all on strikeouts — in relief of Donnie Eaton, who pitched 2.2 innings after taking over for starter Mitchell Patterson.

Cobras starter Ben Singer went eight innings, allowing just three runs on seven hits and three walks. Reliev-

er Dan Saier took the loss.

In Game Two, the Rams scored three runs on five hits and never looked back as Katta and Sherman each went 3-for-3 with an RBI apiece. Eaton also added two hits and an RBI, while Dominic Jamett, Garrett Gordon and Trent Drumheller also knocked in runs.

Eric Glanz led the Cobras' seven-hit attack going 2-for-3, while Gebara knocked in two runs.

Cobras starter Justin Hicks, who took the loss, went five innings, allowing 10 hits and four walks.

KNIGHTS 1, RAMS 0: On Friday, Ty Wilson pitched a complete-game, four-hit shutout to propel the 22-and-under Michigan Knights (21-10) to a victory over the Michigan Rams (16-16-1) at Ford Field.

Wilson struck out nine and walked only one in outdueling Rams starter Evan Piechota (Stevenson/Madonna), who scattered six hits and struck out four over six innings.

Mitch Kozlowski went 2-for-2 and scored the game-winning run in the third inning for the Knights. Justin Sherman went 2-for-2 in a losing cause.

Ram tough

5-4 playoff win yields Zanesville trip

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

COLLEGIATE
BASEBALL

An extremely hot summer sandlot season came to a dramatic conclusion Monday night when the Michigan Rams captured a one-game playoff by holding off the Michigan Cobras, 5-4, at Ford Field.

In what had an October postseason feel to it, the LCBL's top two 20-and-under squads were fighting for the right to advance to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association regional tournament, this Friday through Sunday, in Zanesville, Ohio with the winner moving on to the 16-team AAAA National Tournament, Aug. 5-11, in Johnstown, Pa.

The Rams (19-16-1) overcame a two-game deficit against the Cobras (18-17-1) by sweeping a double-header on Saturday to force a winner-take-all matchup on Monday night.

"To win two games Saturday — the first game and the time limit is up, it's our last at-bat and it's 3-3 — we get base hit to win the first game," Rams manager Rick Berryman said of the 4-

3 nine-inning victory. "Then, we win the second game (6-2) in a thriller, only to get to a playoff and win today."

What gave the Rams a chance going into the weekend was the Bulls and Cobras playing to a tie giving Berryman's team a mathematical chance.

"Up against the wall is an understatement," Berryman said. "Great comeback."

In the one-game playoff, the Rams built a 5-1 lead through five innings as Justin Sherman, Donnie Eaton, Zach Zott and Brand Katta each drove in a run.

The Cobras, however, made things interesting with three hits and three runs in the top of the sixth off Rams reliever Evan Piechota (Madonna University).

A two-out muffed ball in right field led to the Cobras' three-run uprising.

"You drop a fly ball, you drop a fly ball ... sometimes it just happens," said Berryman, who has taken the Rams

to seven AAABA Nationals.

Piechota, who retired the side in the top of the seventh, pitched the final 2.2 innings in relief of starter Keith Paslean to pick up the save. The Livonia Stevenson High grad struck out four and walked only one while allowing two hits.

Paslean, who notched the victory, went the first 4.1 innings allowing one run on two hits and four walks while striking out three.

Meanwhile, Marc Zughuib went 2-for-3 with an RBI to pace the Cobras' offensive attack.

Losing pitcher Jake Paulson went the first five innings, allowing three earned runs on five hits and three walks. He struck out three before giving way to reliever Dan Saier, who pitched a scoreless sixth inning.

After the game, Berryman picked up three Cobra players — Jake Paulson, Matt Priebe and Justin Hicks — for his expanded AAAA playoff roster heading to Zanesville.

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Flames singe Livonia Concealed Security in semifinal

An early 4-0 deficit proved fatal to Livonia Concealed Security, with the squad falling 6-3 to the Cincy Flames in Sunday afternoon's semifinal of the 2012 National Wood Bat 16U World Series at the University of Cincinnati.

"We made a nice run," Livonia Concealed coach Lou Pirronello said. "There were 48 teams and we were probably a

SANDLOT
BASEBALL

base hit or two away from taking us to the championship game, but we fell short. But they're a very good team."

Saturday afternoon's no-hitter by John Slater (Southfield) propelled the team into the Final Four, but the loss to the Flames ended the team's champi-

onship bid with an overall tournament mark of 5-1.

Against Cincy, it was 4-0 after two innings against Livonia Concealed starting pitcher Alex Deyonker (Livonia Franklin), who departed with what Pirronello called a sore arm.

Livonia Concealed rallied to cut the deficit to 4-3 in the top of the third. Anthony Diponio (Dearborn Divine Child) tripled

in two runs and scored on a wild pitch.

But the Flames came back with single runs in the fourth and fifth against Diponio, who came on in relief of Deyonker in the third.

Collecting two hits for Livonia Concealed was Sean Ritchie while the other hits were Diponio's triple and a single by Austin Stevens (Livonia Stevenson).

On Saturday, Slater dominated the Illinois Sparks, throwing a no-hitter, walking two and striking out eight as Livonia Concealed rolled to an 11-0 win and ticket to the semifinal.

Four runs in the first set the tone, with a seven-run fourth turning the game into a five-inning mercy contest.

Diponio and Zack Schmidtke (Divine Child)

each went 2-for-3 while Slater went 1-for-2 with a run and two RBI.

Earlier Saturday, Livonia Concealed defeated Team Cincinnati 9-0, scoring in all five innings of the shortened game.

Alec Padilla went the distance, giving up two hits and four walks while fanning 11 batters.

Stevens drove in two runs with a single while Ritchie doubled in a pair.

CAMP

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more and pass," said 11-year-old Caleb Patterson of Farmington Hills, a middle school point guard next season. "I like passing the ball to each other, making good passes."

According to Garden City's Robbie Moyers, 14, he found out about the summer camp after starting individual training in 2011, mostly with Coleman. Now, Robbie is pumped up about bringing his enhanced skill set to the ninth grade team at Garden City High School.

"I think you need to work on everything more and more to get better," said the 5-8 point guard

for the PC Force 14U team.

For that, he credited both the camp and Triple Threat Training — which includes Washington and Madonna University assistant men's basketball coach Adam Kerfoot among instructors.

"I went to this one (camp) last year, too," Moyers said. "I did training with Troy (Coleman). Mostly, I came here to do a High Velocity league when I was little and then I found out they had trainers and I went to the camp."

When the current camp ends, Robbie plans on signing up for a Sunday league at Madonna, for kids entering grades five-12. But Kerfoot said the summer camp at High

Velocity is a "great start" for those players who want to make a competitive splash.

"We like to show them some new things," Kerfoot said. "This is getting them ready for their school year, whether middle school or high school. We're all experienced players that have played competitively at the college level. So we know what it takes to get to that point and we're trying to give them all the tools they need."

Leah Tardiff of Plymouth said the sessions have been everything she thought they would be. Except for the fact she's the only female in the camp.

"I didn't realize it was an all-boys camp," said the

12-year-old, who will be a point guard this winter for the Pioneer Middle School eighth-grade team. "I thought there'd be some girls here. But it's really fun, I'm learning really good passing drills and dribbling. It's really interesting, I like it."

Leah said the camp's trainers have done a good job of not making the thrice-weekly sessions too heavy with instruction. "They want us all to have fun, and increase our knowledge of the game."

So far, she's enjoyed various stations (ball-handling, free-throw shooting, layups, passing, defense and dribbling). But the latter station is her favorite because she loves to dribble the ball

between her legs and fool whoever is guarding her.

On a mission

Coleman, 41, who played more than nine years professionally, said he started Triple Threat Training in 2006. The product of Detroit St. Alphonsus quickly enlisted Washington and the company and its mission to help kids with a passion for basketball has soared.

"For me, it was a tool to help me get through college, help me play pro ball and it gave me a lifestyle," Coleman said. "So I want to give that back to the kids, give them a chance to become better basketball players to help them become better people."

"I'm finding out that no matter what sport it is, if the kid is intense they give their all. When you give them something to be engaged with they learn easily."

As far as Washington is concerned, the kids are soaking the knowledge up like a sponge.

"A lot of these kids are very skilled," said Washington, who was a prep basketball star at Salem. "You tell them to drop back into a 3-2 zone, eight-year-old kids drop back and know their positions."

"They know what help-side (defense) is. A lot of high school kids don't know how to do that."

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things ... the punishment here doesn't fit the crime. And I'm not saying there's a good punishment or an equal punishment that fits the crime here. But in my opinion, Jerry Sandusky needs to be punished. And in my opinion he is. And Joe Paterno ... if they did cover things up or there were problems of a lack of doing something, those people need to be punished. I believe those people are. Joe Paterno ... but he can't be punished any longer. And, you know, it's not that he can't defend himself for what actually happened, I believe — just knowing Joe as I did — I believe there's no way that he could have known what we think he knew. There's no possible way that he could do that and walk around every day knowing

that. I just know Joe too well for that. I just don't believe it. My personal feelings are just that.

"No. 1, hey, the victims are the most important. But my problem with this is that it's deviated so far, and this does the victims no good whatsoever. So therefore, what purpose is this serving? I'm really struggling with that and struggling with that and what is the agenda of the NCAA? They had to create new sanctions? They had to make up new things? I just don't understand where all that comes from. If it isn't the death penalty (closing the program down), then I don't know what it is. It certainly has done a lot, a lot of damage to program of Penn State football."

The Freeh Report — have you been able to read it, decipher it or have any opinion on it?

"I haven't, but to tell you the truth — from what I

hear — is that there's a lot of holes in it. Do I have all the information? No, I don't. But I don't believe that man (Louis Freeh) does either. I believe there needs to be an investigation on the investigation from what's been going on."

Of the people you know in the Penn State program, how crippling is this to the school, and then the football program?

"I love Penn State. I really do. I love it to the fullest and I always will. That place always has a special spot in my heart. I've talked to a lot of my former Penn State teammates over the last couple of days, and our feelings are sadness, a sadness for what has taken place there. We couldn't think there could have been a worse thing that could have happened at Penn State. And for us to be associated with that

really hurts us, and we don't like that. It's definitely stifled us right now and brought it down, I'd say, to its lowest point. And what that can do is give us an opportunity to stand up as an institution, as alumni, as a brotherhood of Penn Staters, and really bring it back. All we can do is move forward. We don't make decisions. We don't do that stuff anymore, OK? We're all just men and all we can do is live with what these powerful decision makers have said. All we can do is move on. And I believe do that by every day representing ourselves in a way that is of high character, of high morality and making great decisions every day about what's right and wrong, and trying to improve society and improve ourselves. I think the current Penn State players can do that. The current Penn State coach-

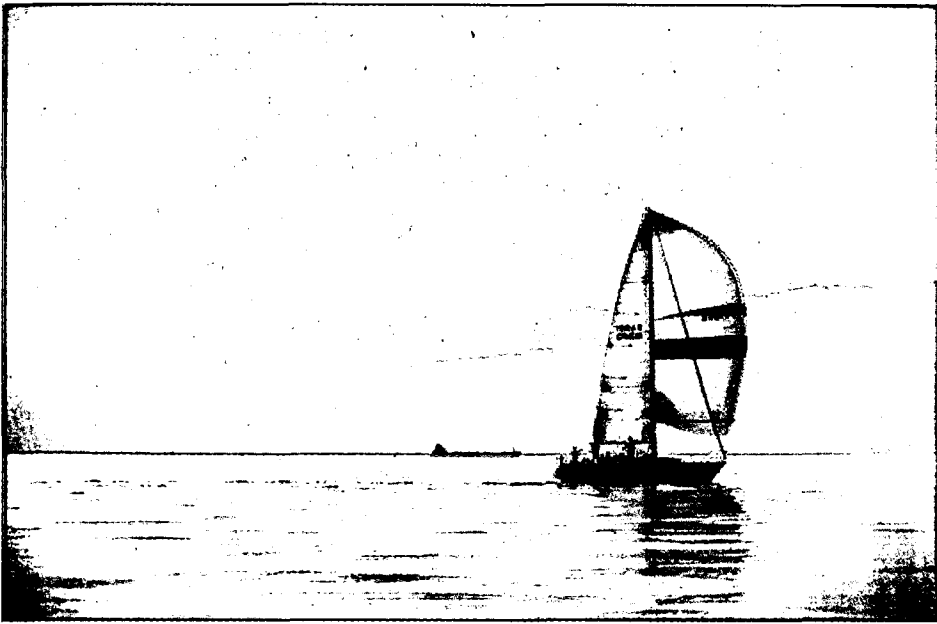
es can do that — because ultimately they've done no wrong and they're really suffering in this. Everybody has kind of come at me about comments I've made as if I'm not sympathetic to the (child abuse) victims. The victims are the No. 1 priority here, but when people ask me other things, then I'll speak on those other things. Now you're making Penn State football players victims in this as well. Obviously it's not equivalent to those abused children, but it's a new side to the story and a new ramifications of people's actions."

Do you think the decision by NCAA was based more on the court of public opinion and a media groundswell?

"Absolutely, no doubt about it. I would love to see due process take its course, and I don't believe that it has."

Even the former president at Penn State (Gra-

ham Spanier) has said there are holes in the Freeh Report and a lot of things are going to come out in the (perjury) trials, and some offer the opinion that NCAA has overstepped its bounds here: (Response) "Absolutely. And this is where it becomes a problem. I can sit here and admit I don't know. I don't know all the information and I don't make the decisions, but why can no one else admit that, and they don't? All the information is not out there and that all the truth is not out there yet. So, I don't understand why people can't admit that. Hey, guess what? We can't make a punishment right now when we don't have the information. But they (the NCAA) don't do that and don't admit that. That's something that's beyond my mind. Hey, I'm just a football player, but that's something I don't understand."



With a lakes freighter in the background, the Genesis sailboat crew harnesses the wind on Lake Huron.

Setting sail

On Genesis, Lee family excels as crew

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

When the Lee family of Farmington Hills goes out on the boat, it's much more than a day of fun on the water.

It's a serious and competitive sailing endeavor, and Paul Lee has taught his three children to be good sailors, too.

Lee has guided his sailboat *Genesis* to consecutive victories in the annual Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island Race with the help of Elliot, 16; Rhys, 14; and Adrianna, 12.

Genesis won in the PHRF D Class last year and, following a switch by many boats from the longer course around Cove Island to the Shore Course, the PHRF F Class this year. PHRF is the acronym for Performance Handicap Rated Fleet.

Paul Lee, who has been sailing since he was 6, has missed only a few Mackinac races since 1985. It was the sixth, fourth and second for his children, respectively.

"They're solid sailors now," Lee said. "It used to be, when they were 10, they were along for the ride. They're no longer along for the ride. They do their full watches."

"They're driving the boat, trimming the sails, whatever needs to be done. They do their fair share. Now some are starting to boss around their uncles."

Elliot, Rhys and Adrianna have been part of the junior sailing program at the Detroit Yacht Club since they were 8. They became such regulars the boat was affectionately termed *The Floating Day-care* by other members.

Paul Lee, 45, recalled son Rhys' (pronounced Reese) first Port Huron-to-Mackinac race four years ago.

"I had a rule of thumb, if it's going to be windy, they shouldn't go to 10 years old," he said. "The weather report was it was going to blow like 25 (mph). At 15 the water starts to get wavy."

"I said: 'Rhys, I don't want you to go, because you'll be throwing up for two days straight.' It was against my better judgment, but he talked me

into it; I let him go. Sure enough, he threw up for two days straight (and spent much of the time asleep below deck).

"By the time we got to Mackinac Island, he woke up and said he was ready to do it again. It was the best thing in the world."

The *Genesis* crew also included Lee's brother, Thom, of New Jersey; Philip Bagley and Ben Clayton, both of Farmington Hills; and David Cockell, William Brusilow and Emily Simon, all from the Grosse Pointes.

Tight race

Genesis was in a pitched battle for much of the race with the *Liberty*, a boat owned by Robert Bent of North Street. *Genesis* finished just past 9 a.m. on July 16 with an elapsed time of 44 hours, 18 minutes, 16 seconds.

Lee's team won based on a corrected time of 44:59:48. The *Liberty* finished one minute ahead of *Genesis* in elapsed time of 44:17:19, but its corrected time with handicap was 45:24:22.

"We were neck-and-neck with them for 36 hours," Lee said. "It was like a knife fight in a phone booth."

"It was a difficult race the whole way. It's constantly racing, constantly paying attention, trimming sails and making the boat go in the right direction all the time."

"When you do it right and the other boat is doing it right, then it's up to the wind."

Lee made a gutsy, tactical move at one point, choosing to sail a narrow strait between the mainland and a small island to save time and reduce the sailing angle. It worked and put *Genesis* in the lead.

"If you ask most people, they'd say it was a stupid thing to do, but it worked," Lee said. "It was rocky and there was less than five feet of water in some spots. With GPS telling us exactly where to sail, it seemed to me a pretty fair risk."

Bigger issue

Lee faced a major dilemma at the end of the race — one that dealt with sportsmanship and

gnawed at his conscience.

The finish line was changed this year, and there were new rules in place. *Genesis* passed the Round Island Lighthouse to the port side instead of the required starboard.

"We didn't take any shortcuts," Lee said, adding the lighthouse was 100 yards from the finish line. "We were right there with the *Liberty*. They owed us about 23 minutes because of our handicap. As soon as we crossed, I knew we had won the race."

Then he learned of the lighthouse issue. It was a small infraction that didn't affect the outcome of the race, but race officials said *Genesis* hadn't sailed the course properly.

"(Bent) said: 'I'm not going to protest you, because I don't want to win that way,'" Lee said. "It was a simple mistake. It was a small technicality."

"At the same time, it left the ball in my court. What was the right thing to do? I was struggling with the idea 'Do we get the flag or keep our integrity and withdraw?' If we accepted the flag, it was going to be tainted. The whole crew was completely demoralized for the better part of the day."

A resolution

Lee went before a jury of race officials that day. It found the instructions were vague and misidentified the lighthouse. The *Genesis* was penalized 10 minutes, which still left Lee's boat with an advantage in corrected time.

In a display of sportsmanship, Lee and Bent agreed to

cut the two flags in half and stitch the opposite pieces together. Thus, each boat will have half a first-place flag and half a second.

While that might mean half a victory in the race, it represents a full victory for Lee as a sailor and sportsman.

"I have garbage bags full of flags, so another flag is really not that important to me," he said. "Earning the respect of your competitor is most important. If you get a flag without getting the respect of your competitors, you've won nothing."

Lion scholarships

The Canton Lions gave \$500 scholarships each to William Askew II and Sydney Liedel Sunday during the Canton Lions Football Picnic at Heritage Park.

Askew recently graduated from Plymouth High School, where he was on the varsity football and boys track and field teams. He is going to Central Michigan University, where he will continue his track career.

Liedel graduated this year from Canton High School, where she was a football cheerleader. She will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

Both Askew and Liedel were with the Canton Lions for five years.

Hole-in-one club

On July 21, Jeff Sternik, of Livonia, used a 7-iron to ace the 155-yard, No. 16 hole at the Reflections Golf Course at Garland Resort.

Sternik, accompanied by his son Tyler, along with Mike and Fred Alonzi, carded a 42 for nine holes.

Meteors hold golf outing

The Westland Meteors youth football and cheer program will stage a golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5 at Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 S. Lotz Road, Canton.

Check-in for the four-

person scramble begins at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$75 (includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner). Prizes include best team score, longest drive, closest-to-the-pin, 50-50 raffle and other raffle items.

For more information, call Meteors unit director Don Gibbs at (734) 740-0069; or e-mail unitdirector@westlandmeteors.com.

You can also call booster president Daniel McNea at (734) 781-5253 or e-mail dmnea@gmail.com.

Hawk golf outing

The Farmington Harrison High School Football Boosters Club will have its annual golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5, at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The event will be a Texas Scramble starting at 2 p.m. The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. A steak dinner will follow the golf outing.

A registration form is available at www.gohawks.org, or people may register by calling Dave Race at (248) 376-1535.

Farmington girls swim tryouts

The Farmington High School girls swim and dive team is looking for interested girls to join the team. There are no tryouts, and everyone will get a chance to compete.

Practice officially begins

Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Farmington High. For more information, contact coach Driska McCullough at (248) 561-2090.

GCHA signups

The Garden City Hockey Association will begin accepting walk-in registrations for the upcoming 2012-13 season from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 26, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 28 at the Garden City Civic Arena.

GCYBSA tryouts

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will be hosting several tryouts for travel and competitive teams in the coming weeks.

All of the tryouts will be held on Saturdays at Canton High School's varsity field and a \$10 fee will be required.

The tryout schedule is as follows: July 28: 12-13U (4-6 p.m.), 14U (6:15-7:35 p.m.); Aug. 4: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11-12U (2:15-4:15 p.m.), 13-14U (4:30-6:30 p.m.); Aug. 11: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11U (2:15-3:35 p.m.); Aug. 25: 9-14U players will take part in a makeup session between 9 a.m. and noon. Times will be assigned.

Pre-registration is strongly suggested and info can be found at www.gcybsa.com. For more information contact dankraft@hotmail.com or cott@canton-mi.org.

RACE

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at Am General in Livonia. "It was a tempo-type effort, but that's what I was figuring I would do. "I really didn't want to blister anything right now because I don't want to peak too early."

Matthews, a former

Detroit Free Press Half-Marathon winner who also represents Elite Feet in Brighton, was coming off a third-place finish in the highly competitive Brian Diemer Amerikam 5K race held in Cutlerville with a time of 17:35.

Matthews hopes to better her time of 59:54 from a year ago in the prestigious Crim, which placed

her 12th overall among females and second in her age group for the 10-miler.

"Obviously a lot depends on the conditions," she said. "I like to be around 59 (minutes) or 58. I could be a minute off, but I feel pretty strong this year."

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Moldovan nets title in Midwest Section

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonian Bianca Moldovan won all eight of her matches in straight sets to capture the Girls' 18 singles title at the USTA/Midwest Section Open Championship held this week at Tipton Lakes Athletic Club in Columbus, Ind.

The 15-year-old, who will be a sophomore during the fall at Livonia Stevenson High, defeated Lauren Golick of Westlake, Ohio, in the finals, 6-2, 6-3, after ousting Elizabeth Zordani of Lake For-

est Ill. in the semifinals, 6-4, 6-2.

On July 15, Moldovan played in her first pro event at the \$10,000 USTA Women's Hospital Classic in Evansville, Ind. where she got into the qualifying draw with no ranking and took two matches before 15-year-old Californian Meridith Xepoleas kept her out of the main draw with a 6-2, 6-4 triumph.

Earlier this month, the unseeded Moldovan reached the quarterfinals of the USONP Sectional Qualifying event in Mason, Ohio where she fell to eventual tourna-

ment runner-up and No. 2 seed Veronica Corning of Beverly, Mass., 6-1, 6-0.

It's been a highly productive summer for Moldovan, who was also coming off a first-place finish in the USTA/Midwest Section Level 1 Closed Junior Outdoor Championship last month in Indianapolis.

Moldovan, now 58-16 in singles during the 2012 calendar year, will get ready for the USTA Girls 16s National Hard Courts, which begin Aug. 16 in San Diego, Calif.

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State medalists at the Michigan Women's Golf Association State Championship at Timber Ridge Golf Club in East Lansing include (from left) Division 1 medalist Darci Stocker, D1 overall low net winner Donna Benford, D2 overall low net winner Pat Shelton of Farmington and D2 medalist Ruth Wilson.

Shelton among MWGA medalists

Farmington's Pat Shelton was Division 2 overall net winner at the Michigan Women's Golf Association State Championship July 21-22 at Timber Ridge Golf Club in East Lansing. Shelton was among 45 women participating. She finished with a two-day net score of 139 and was among four MWGA state medalists.

The field was split into two divisions of two flights each. In D1, two positions were tied and winners were determined by scorecard matching. Division 1 medalist and MWGA state champion with a 153 low gross total (75-78-153) was Darci Stocker of Flint. Linden's Donna Benford captured D1 overall low net honors

with a 145. In D2, the low-gross medalist with a 94-90-184 was Ruth Wilson of Chandler, Arizona. Other Observerland golfers included Canton's Lu Stockton (99-100-199) and Livonia's Kathy Brennan (106-96-202), both in D2. In D1, flight one, Northville's Alicia Weber tallied an 80-78-158 score. The MWGA is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, established to promote amateur golf competitions and educational clinics for Michigan female amateur golfers of all skill levels.

FC London spoils Michigan Bucks' run

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

SOCCER

The old adage "It's tough to beat a team three times" did in the Michigan Bucks Sunday night in the Premier Development League's Central Conference championship. The Bucks, the Great Lakes Division champions, were stopped by Forest City London, 2-1, in the final at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

After beating the fourth-year Ontario club twice during the regular season, the Bucks came out flat and dug themselves a two-goal hole before making a spirited comeback that just fell short in stoppage time after Nate Boyden's 25-yard drive was tipped away by London goalkeeper Reece Richardson (five saves).

The victory moves upstart London into the PDL's coveted Final Four next weekend at a site to be determined.

Forward Martin Lange, a native of Germany, figured in both London goals with the first coming in the 21st minute when he set up English native Jordan Ayris.

Lange then scored what proved to be the game-winner in the 67th minute on a close left-footed drive that Bucks goalkeeper Adam Grinwis (three saves) had no chance on.

"I think I have to give London the credit for that," said Bucks head coach Gary Parsons, whose team finished 17-3-2 overall. "They didn't give us a lot of time to play. We made a couple of adjustments late in the first half, and at halftime, which I think helped. They (London) were dominating the midfield in the first half and they were just playing a little sharper than we were."

London was simply controlling play throughout the first 65 minutes of action.

"Their one-touch passing was on the money and our one-touch passing was a little off," Parsons said. "We talked about

that stuff at halftime and I thought we were able to climb ourselves back into the game in the second half from a standpoint of territory and getting chances. Then we made the blunder on the set piece. I told the guys at halftime that we weren't going to get shut out. I said, 'We just can't give away another one,' and we gave away another one before we had an opportunity to get a goal."

During the regular season, London lost to the Bucks by scores of 2-1 (on June 29) and 1-0 (on June 15).

"It's the first time we've gone to the Final Four, a lot of good omens and we're just looking forward to it," Painter said. "The first two games we played them were very good games - we certainly were not outplayed. Michigan's a great team. We made it a little nervous giving them that goal that got them back in the game."

That Bucks goal came from Tommy Catalano (Oakland University) during the 74th minute off a pass from Anthony Grant, who had subbed in for forward Stefan St. Louis in the 60th minute.

"Until that point we played fantastic, we executed really well," Painter said.

Meanwhile, Gary Parsons subbed in four players during the second half to try and re-energize his team, which was coming off a 1-0 semifinal victory Saturday night over the Real Colorado Foxes.

"We made a replacement in the back where Stewart (Givens) came off and Sebby (Harris) slid over to the right and Justin (Sass) came into the middle and that helped us a lot down that (right) flank," the Bucks coach said. "I thought Zach (Steinberger) did a good job in the middle and Anthony (Grant) gave us good energy up at the point as well. Stefan (St. Louis) had played the full 90 the night and gave us

60 tonight. The bench did a nice job when they came in. They regenerated us and gave us an opportunity to try and get the extra goals. We got one and couldn't quite get the other one."

The Bucks, trying for their four PDL Final Four since 1996, made a furious comeback, but London held on.

"We got that dreaded two-goal lead and sat back a little bit," Painter. "It was a great goal that they scored to get back in the game and once it becomes 2-1 they're sending a lot of guys forward. They have the momentum, they have the energy, so that helps them. It made it a little bit nervous for us, but we're just happy to survive."

London also held dangerous Bucks midfielder Nermin Crnkic - who notched the game-winner the night before versus Colorado - in check.

"We were aware of Nermin and knew the type of player he is," said Painter, whose team ousted defending conference champion Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill, 1-0, on Saturday. "He's a very skillful, fast player. Players like that we just try and take away time and space. We did that very effectively. We had one nice run, but we took away his time and space and I think he got a little frustrated. We knew we had to defend him well and not let him run on us with the ball."

Meanwhile, Parsons knew Sunday's conference final would be the most daunting of all the matches his team would encounter this season.

"We play these guys all the time and I told my guys: 'This is going to be the hardest game we've had all year because it's very difficult to beat a team three times,' he said. "They always play tough and they always play good defense. They always press. They're always a difficult team to beat."

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Blue Angels 1st

The eighth-grade Livonia Blue Angels capped off a successful summer season with a perfect 5-0 record at the American Youth Basketball Tournament held July 7-8 in Rochester. The Blue Angels finished the year at 31-4 including wins at the Pinckney March Madness tournament and the Big Cat Summer League. Members of the Blue Angels include (top row, from left): Tom Smulsky, Konlan Paul, coach Tim McGillivray, John Andoni, Logan Ryan; (front row, from left) Conor Starrs, Matt McGillivray, Michael Grisa, Troy Branton and Austin Petrie. (Not pictured is Jake Fanning and coach Pat Fanning.)

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Couple talks about renewal at church workshop

The Rev. Kevin Harbin and his wife, Ellen, will speak at "God's People Unleashed: A Time of Renewal," 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, in Livonia.

Ellen Harbin, a graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia, met her husband in 1986 at a Clarenceville United Methodist Church men's softball game. Two years later they were married.

Kevin was an account exec-

utive for WMUZ Radio at the time he felt called into the pastoral ministry. Five years later the couple left for seminary.

They'll hold a workshop, 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the church. Cost is \$10 and a free-will offering will be taken to cover the cost of lunch.

Registration is required for the workshop. Call (248) 474-3444 or e-mail the church at clarencevilleumc@att.net. The church is located at 20300 Middlebelt, near Middlebelt and Eight Mile.



Ellen and Kevin Harbin

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

July

ADULT ACADEMY

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Paul Stunkel will lead adult learning. The series is "Theology for the Fearless: Who is God? What do we mean by 'incarnation' and Other Conversations?"

Contact: (734) 422-1470

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 28

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 28

Location: Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Free food, bouncy houses, Westland Fire Truck, face painting, games, silent auction

Contact: (734) 536-1210

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 27 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 28

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

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BLOKER, RAYMOND E.

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Born January 19, 1924 in Fremont OH, the only child of Raymond E. and Helen Bloker (Nee Overmyer). He was married to the former Betty Kerns in June 1947, shortly after they both graduated from the Ohio State University. Employed as a financial analyst and accounting manager by the Ford Motor Company in Cleveland OH and Dearborn MI for 33 years, he retired from Ford in August 1981. The Blokers resided in Birmingham MI for 39 years, enjoying many winters in Naples FL, where they moved fulltime in 2003. In December 2011 they moved to Gainesville FL. Ray was a Veteran of World War II serving as a navigator of an 8th Air Force B-17 bomber and flew 30 bombing missions over Germany and occupied Europe from May to August 1944. Shot down in enemy territory and rescued, Ray was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart for his service in Europe. His favorite recreational pursuits were golf, following all sports activities of the Ohio State Buckeyes, and duplicate bridge where he had attained the ranking of Bronze Life Master. Ray is survived by his loving wife Betty, daughters Sherry Bloker of Chico, CA and Sue Kelman (Mark) of Micanopy, FL, son Raymond E Bloker III (Judy) of Los Gatos CA and grandsons Brett Kelman (Guam), David Friedlander (Chico, CA) and granddaughter Lane Kelman (Micanopy, FL). Graveside Services and Military Honors will be held on Friday, July 27th, 2012 at 11:30am at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Services are under the care of Forest Meadows Funeral Home, 725 NW 23rd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32609. (352) 378-2528. Please sign his guestbook at: www.forestmeadowsfh.com



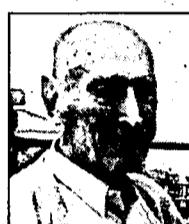
EDDINGTON-CULBERTSON, JANET L.

Of Dexter, formerly of Plymouth, passed away on July 17, 2012 at the age of 71. She was born in Plymouth September 16, 1940 to the late Charles and Icle Woodard. Janet grew up in Plymouth and attended Plymouth High School. She would later marry Jack Culbertson in Hawaii and remain married to him for the next 31 years. In 1988 they would move to Dexter. Janet is the dear mother of Sheila (Lynn) DeCair, Thomas Eddington, Greg Eddington, Cheryl (Jerry) DeVola, Alexander (Michelle) Eddington, Mark (Kathy) Culbertson and Kathleen Culbertson. She was the proud grandmother of 16 and is also survived by 8 brothers and sisters. Janet loved to travel all over the country. However, her favorite destination was Hawaii, which she visited several times. A funeral service was held Saturday, July 21, 2012, from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St, Plymouth. Burial took place at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-8944 or to the family of Janet L. Eddington-Culbertson.

Share memories at: Schrader-Howell.com

GREENE, DONNA M.

Age 62, of Farmington Hills, passed July 22, 2012. Arrangements: THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



KOS, RAYMOND

Age 82, of Howell, MI passed away on July 22, 2012. He was born August 31, 1929 in Cutchogue, Long Island, New York to Mikolaj and Albina (Rusak) Kos. He is survived by his two daughters, Tamara (Ash) Ellassal of Springfield, VA and Carolyn (Jason) Cooper of Oceanside, CA. Loving grandfather of Bethany, Zackary, Alexander, Timothy, Haley, Mariam, Madelyn and siblings Casmir, Jeanette and Chris. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Lynn (Ashby), his siblings; Stella, Chuck, Louise, Adam, Francis, Edmond and loving granddaughter Sophia. The family will gather with friends Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 11-1 PM, with a Healing Farewell Service at 1 PM at Borek Jennings Lamb Chapel in Howell. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Wounded Warriors. Please leave a message of comfort to Raymond's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com

PECKENPAUGH, DONALD HUGH 1928 - 2012

Donald Hugh Peckenpaugh, former Superintendent of the Birmingham, MI public schools, passed away on Monday May 14, 2012 at the age of 83. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Mary Frances "Marifran" Peckenpaugh, and two daughters, Ann Peckenpaugh Becker (David) and Eve Peckenpaugh. He also leaves two grandchildren, Jeremy Martin Becker and Steven Joseph Becker. He was predeceased by his father, George Martin Peckenpaugh, his mother, Thelma Anderson Peckenpaugh, and his brother, The Reverend Howard Dudley Peckenpaugh. He was born in East Chicago, Indiana on August 11, 1928. He received his three degrees from the University of Chicago: Bachelors degree in 1948, Masters in 1954, and Doctorate in 1968. Don was Superintendent of the Birmingham public schools from 1972 to 1978. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 1 at Smith Crossing Senior Living, 10501 Emilie Lane, Orland Park, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made in his memory to the Morton Arboretum (www.mortonarb.org or 630-968-0074).

PENROD, MICHAEL ANTHONY

Age 27, of Westland, July 21, 2012. Beloved son of Lynne. Loving brother of Nicole (Manuel) Ruiz, Kenneth, Valerie and Ronald Penrod and James, Farrah, Steven and Brandon Hjeltness. He is also survived by his girlfriend Jessica Wagg. He was preceded in death by his father James and his sister Breanna Hjeltness. Funeral service is Saturday, 1:00 PM, at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Thursday, 6:00-8:00 PM & Friday, 12:00-8:00PM. www.michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com

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Detroit's Shrine Highlanders entertain at the Highland Games last year in Livonia.

Family-friendly Highland Games bring Scotland to Livonia

The 163rd Highland Games returns Friday-Saturday, Aug. 3-4, to Greenmead in Livonia, bringing with it a few changes in the popular "Wee Bairns" children's area.

"We have a nice 'golf' area this year since Scotland is where golf began," wrote Patty McKinnon, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "We are also going to have some history plaques posted around the area to help educate and inform a wee bit more about our Scottish heritage."

Youngsters will get a chance to learn about St. Andrew's and Rampant Lion flags at this year's Wee Bairns. Favorite activities, such as the sack races, small caber toss, and the Wee Bairns Clan Parade will return, along with live "animals of Scotland."

"Probably our No. 1 attraction would be Nessie the Loch Ness monster paying a visit throughout the day," McKinnon wrote. "Two favorite areas are the catapult and the coloring of the shields. Also the tattoo tent and the storyteller are popular. Every child leaves with some type of goodie including a Nessie pin to remember their fun day with us."

The children's area will be



The Kreeblers are among the bands that will perform at the Highland Games in Livonia.

open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, July 4.

Getting started

Grown-ups will kick off the games on Friday, Aug. 3, with the annual Ceilidh or pre-games party. The event will run from 5-11 p.m. and will feature entertainment by Carl Peterson, Prydein,

under 12 are admitted free.

The activities schedule includes:

- Amateur athletics, starting with weight throw at 9:15 a.m. and continuing throughout the morning with weight stone put and other contests.

- Piping and drumming competition will begin at 9 a.m. Hear massed bands perform during Welcoming Ceremonies at noon. Youngsters compete in the afternoon and a "Pipe Down" closes the Highland Games at 6:45 p.m.

- Highland dance competition starts at 9 a.m., with dancing scheduled throughout the day.

- Pro athletes take to the field at 12:15 for hammer throw. The action continues throughout the afternoon with caber toss, and weight throw.

- Border collies will demonstrate duck and sheep herding at 10 a.m.

- Visitors can sign up to hurl a haggis at 3:15 p.m.

The event also will include living history presentations, a tug-of-war, a genealogy tent and vendors with Scottish items for sale. Scottish food and drink also will be available.

For more on the Highland Games, visit www.highland-games.com.

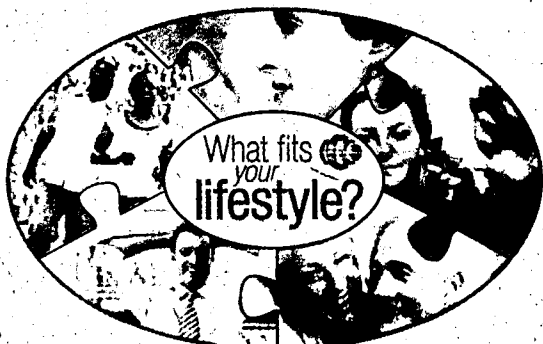
The Kreeblers and Mudmen, as well as food and beverages. Tickets are \$15 in advance only. Children under 5 are admitted free. Tickets are available through Etix.com.

Admission to the games, sponsored by the St. Andrew Society of Detroit, is \$10 in advance and \$15 on Saturday, Aug. 4. Children

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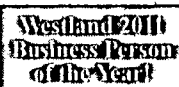


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Art

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Time/Date: Through Aug. 24
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. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 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, through Jan. 6, 2013

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

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY 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. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through July 31

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Photos by Bruce Giffin, former staff photographer at "Detroit Metro Times"

Contact: (734) 394-5300

Comedy

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays,



Jill Jack performs Aug. 8 at the Detroit Zoo's summer concert series.

Local Legends: 8 p.m. shows Wednesday, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Mike Dambra, through July 21; Dwayne Gill, July 25-28

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Andy Woodhull, July 26-28; Shen Wang, Aug. 2-4; James Ervin Berry, Aug. 9-11; Mike Bonner, Aug. 16-18;

KT Tatara, Aug. 23-25

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) 968-5197

Film

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

Details: Listen to the film through a battery-operated FM radio or your car radio. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6

for ages 4-12 and free for age 3 and under. Students with ID pay \$7 Sunday-Thursday

Contact: (734) 453-8300

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 27-28 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 29

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," \$3

Coming up: "The Avengers," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5; "Men in Black 3," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12

Summer Cinema:

All shows screen at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. "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

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The Goodness of Grapes

Grapes have been enjoyed for their taste and beauty for thousands of years. And today's scientific research keeps on showing that grapes are more than just a pretty fruit — they're also very, very good for us.

In fact, over a decade of research suggests that grapes help maintain a healthy heart and may also help defend against a variety of age-related and other illnesses. Studies are ongoing to uncover the links between grapes and heart health, eye health, brain health, joint health, cell health and preventing certain cancers.

Of course, grapes aren't just healthy, they also taste great: crisp, juicy and sweet. Kids love them. And, they're convenient, making them truly a Super Snack. Eat them by the bunch, or toss them into recipes like these.

To learn more about the health benefits of grapes from California, and to get more delicious ways to enjoy them every day, visit www.grapesfromcalifornia.com or www.facebook.com/GrapesFromCalifornia.



Breakfast-To-Go Grape Smoothie

Jump-start your day with this easy all-in-one drink.
Makes 2 1/3 cups

1 1/2 cups frozen California grapes*
1 banana, sliced
1/2 cup vanilla or honey lowfat Greek yogurt
1/2 cup grape juice
1/4 cup wheat flake cereal
Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend for 1 minute. Serve immediately.



Grape and Salmon Power Salad

Fresh grapes are just one of the "super" foods in this hearty and heart-healthy salad.
Makes 6 servings

3/4 cup pearly barley
3 cups firmly packed kale leaves, torn and sliced into ribbons
1 cup halved, red or black seedless California grapes
8 ounces cold, cooked salmon, skin and bones removed
1/2 cup walnuts, lightly toasted, coarsely chopped
Dressing
1/4 cup fresh squeezed lemon juice
1 clove garlic, mashed
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Pinch cayenne pepper
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

Cook barley according to package directions, or in plenty of lightly salted boiling water for about 35 to 45 minutes until it is plump and tender, and still slightly chewy. Drain and cool.

Tenderize kale by blanching it in boiling water for 2 to 3 seconds or cooking in the microwave for 1 minute. Rinse in cold water to stop cooking, and squeeze dry. Fluff and uncrimp dry kale pieces with your fingers.

In a medium bowl, mix together barley, kale, grapes, salmon and walnuts.

To prepare dressing: In small bowl, whisk together lemon juice, garlic, salt, pepper and cayenne. Gradually mix in olive oil.

Pour onto salad and fold gently to combine. Serve immediately or refrigerate.



Frozen Grape and Banana Skewers with Chocolate Drizzle

These delightful frozen treats are healthy, too.
Makes 4 servings

2 firm ripe bananas
2 tablespoons orange juice
1/2 cup red grapes (about 16)
1/2 cup green grapes (about 16)
8 10-inch wooden skewers
1 1/2 ounces dark chocolate (60 to 70 percent cocoa solids), finely chopped

Line a baking sheet with wax paper. Cut the banana into 1/2-inch-thick rounds. Place in small bowl and toss gently with the orange juice.

Skewer fruit, alternating two grapes for each piece of banana, and place fruit skewers onto lined tray.

Place chocolate in small microwave safe bowl. Microwave for 1 minute, then stir well, and microwave another 10 seconds if necessary to melt chocolate.

Using a spoon, drizzle melted chocolate onto fruit skewers.

Place the tray in the freezer for at least 2 hours. Once frozen, skewers may be transferred to a sealable plastic bag where they will keep in the freezer for up to a week. Allow to soften at room temperature for 5 minutes before eating.



SEEING IS BELIEVING

Research from Fordham University, funded by the California Table Grape Commission, suggests that grapes may reduce the risk of blindness related to age-related macular degeneration. In laboratory studies, grapes offered significantly more retinal protection than the much-touted lutein, and prevented blindness.

HEALTHFUL GRAPES

Keeping Cells Healthy

Grapes of all colors — red, green and black — are natural sources of polyphenols, which appear to help protect the health and function of our cells. Grape polyphenols:

- Have antioxidant properties, which can help protect against cell-damaging free radicals.
- Can influence the communication between cells that support key biological processes.

MY HEART BELONGS TO GRAPES

Numerous studies suggest that consuming grapes and grape products may contribute to heart health in a number of ways. Eating a variety of grapes may help:

- Improve blood flow
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce oxidative stress
- Decrease inflammation
- Improve blood lipids

Mediterranean Grilled Chicken and Grape Skewers

These quick-to-fix skewers can also serve as appetizers.
Makes 4 entrée servings

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 cloves garlic, fresh minced
1/2 teaspoon red chili flakes, crushed
1 tablespoon oregano, fresh minced
1 tablespoon rosemary, fresh minced
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1 pound chicken breast, boneless and skinless

1 1/4 cups California green seedless grapes, picked from stem and rinsed
1/2 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon lemon juice, fresh
In small bowl combine olive oil, garlic, chili flakes, oregano, rosemary and lemon zest. Whisk together marinade.

Cut chicken into 3/4-inch cubes. Alternate chicken and grapes and thread onto 12 skewers.

Place skewers into a baking dish or pan large enough to hold them. Pour marinade over skewers, coating each one. Marinate for 4 to 24 hours.

Remove skewers from marinade and let excess oil drip off. Season with salt.

Grill until chicken is cooked through, about 3 to 5 minutes on each side.

Arrange on serving platter and drizzle with additional olive oil and lemon juice.

Tips on buying and financing your first home

For many younger Americans, the dream of owning their first home is alive and well. But for others, it's still an elusive dream.

Only five years ago, it was relatively easy to finance a home, but the Great Recession and the mortgage market's meltdown have made it difficult for many people to qualify for home loans. The shifting state of home values and prices has complicated matters. In some markets, values have plunged by more than 40 percent. While that has created once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for younger people to enter the real estate market, others have taken a more cautious approach, waiting to see if prices continue to fall.

Whether you're ready now or will be down the road, buying your first home takes preparation. Here are some tips from FindLaw.com, the nation's leading website for free legal information, on how to get started.

- Save aggressively for your down payment. Many first-time homebuyers seek a mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Association, which insures loans made by lenders for qualifying homebuyers. The program allows buyers to put down as little as 3.5 percent of a home's cost. However, if the home you want to buy doesn't qualify for the program, you'll need to obtain a conventional loan, which will require you to put down anywhere from 10 to 20 percent of the purchase price as a down payment to qualify for a mortgage.

- Get your finances in order. Lenders are now taking a closer look at debt-to-income ratio (percentage of monthly income that goes toward debt payments) and housing-to-income ratio (percentage of monthly income that goes toward hous-



ing payments). In general, responsible lenders follow the 28/36 percent rule — no more than 28 percent of your monthly income should go to housing costs, and no more than 36 percent of your monthly income should go to debt (including auto loans, credit cards and other loans).

- Clean up your credit report. Your credit score is critical to a mortgage application. The higher your score, the more likely you can qualify for a mortgage and obtain favorable terms (a lower down payment and lower monthly payments). By law, you can request one free credit report per year through one of the three major credit bureaus, Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. You should request your report to review your score and correct any mistakes well before you apply for

a mortgage.

- Don't apply for credit. Keep in mind that a mortgage lender is determining your ability to pay back a mortgage up until the minute you sign the mortgage papers. In general, it's not a good idea to take on more debt such as an auto loan or a new credit card within a year of buying a home.

- First-year expenses. First-time homebuyers can be so focused on trying to put together a down payment that they sometimes forget about the expenses that go into setting up a household. You should consider putting away an additional \$5,000 to \$10,000 for expenses such as a lawnmower, furniture and basic decorating, and for potential repairs involving your furnace, air conditioning, water heater and other appliances.

- Shop around. It's impor-

tant to shop around to get the best home possible for your dollar. And likewise, it's critical to shop around for a mortgage, too. Get at least three to four proposals from different mortgage lenders before deciding on the best offer.

- Don't expect your dream home. Many first-time homebuyers purchase what's called a "starter" home or a "fixer-upper." While these are often relatively small and need some repairs, they're also an opportunity to enter the real estate market and build sweat equity. To spot a starter home, look for one that needs some love and attention in a neighborhood with houses that are well-maintained or being remodeled.

- Hire an attorney. If you purchase a home directly from the seller without the assistance of a real estate agent, an experienced real estate attorney can help you write up a purchase agreement, according to FindLaw.com. Some sellers may be interested in this option, because it can save them thousands of dollars in commission fees. A real estate attorney also can counsel you on dealing with legal problems that can arise during the process of buying a home, such as during the title search.

- Home inspection. Even if you've come across the deal of a lifetime, never buy a house without a home inspection. An inspection will alert you to potential problems that may not be obvious to a person buying his or her first home. It also may be useful if you need to sue the seller for concealing problems with the home.

To learn more about how to buy your first home, visit www.FindLaw.com.

— Courtesy of ARA

Father could be in trouble with lender

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: My father financed the purchase of land with a lender who has had him sign a promissory note, secured by a standard deed of trust and also by a deed in lieu of foreclosure, which granted the lender title to the property on default in order to avoid foreclosure of the deed of trust. My father has defaulted and now the lender has recorded the deed in lieu without commencing foreclosure. Do you think he has an argument?

A: It appears that this is, obviously, in a state

other than Michigan, but in a similar case out of Maryland, it was held that the "centuries-old principle" against

clogging the equity of redemption meant that a deed in lieu of foreclosure given at the time of loan origination that had the effect of denying the mortgagor (your dad) the right to redeem the property was not a valid transfer of property. This principle still has the support of most states, including Michigan, as well as the Restatement of Property: Mortgages. The rule is designed to prevent the loss of property by forfeiture by an impeccable mortgagor. Since the mortgagor's equity of redemption is "inseparably connected with the mortgage," it cannot be waived or abandoned by any stipulation of the parties made at the time of the loan transaction, even if it is embodied in the mortgage.

Q: I hear Singapore is a good place to live in a condominium and/or invest. What do you know?

A: Singapore is clean and rigid. Do not bring tobacco and liquor into the country or you will be fined greater than the cost of the item. Real estate is expensive. Office space near the main shopping area, Orchard Road, goes for \$6,000 (or more) a square foot for purchase. Residential real estate continues to appreciate at pre-2008 U.S. gold coast levels.

The cost of a condominium in the city for a one bedroom might cost between \$400,000 and \$1 million. Cars are discouraged, but there is very little crime and no observable police on the street, but plain-clothes police and cameras are everywhere. Singapore is a beautiful and cosmopolitan melting pot of a country with a shopping mall practically on every corner.

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 April 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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42044 Hunters Rdg	\$268,000
50094 Jackson Ln	\$230,000
1730 Marlowe St	\$110,000
7922 N Lilley Rd	\$53,000
172 Queen Anne Dr	\$255,000
121 Queens Way	\$150,000
45862 S Stonewood Rd	\$125,000
46069 Saltz Rd	\$70,000
42524 Saratoga Rd	\$51,000
39746 Scottsdale Dr	\$75,000
44070 Southampton Dr	\$142,000

2283 Town Center Rd	\$330,000
2928 Wakefield Dr	\$236,000
1729 Wentworth Dr	\$162,000
2500 Woodmont Dr W	\$146,000
6745 Woonsocket St	\$188,000
GARDEN CITY	
1115 Deering St	\$70,000
29047 Elmwood St	\$23,000
30237 Leona St	\$65,000
31334 Sheridan St	\$30,000
33226 Sheridan St	\$92,000
LIVONIA	
35574 Ann Arbor Trl	\$168,000
14254 Berwick St	\$76,000
19089 Boulder Dr	\$309,000
28679 Buckingham St	\$93,000
18450 Fremont St	\$75,000
9043 Gillman St	\$101,000
32711 Hees St	\$116,000
15617 Hidden Ln	\$246,000
18404 Irving St	\$45,000
8904 Linville St	\$145,000

31173 Lyndon St	\$95,000
19177 Meadowridge Dr	\$77,000
19824 Milburn St	\$90,000
20220 Osmus St	\$155,000
19249 Parkville St	\$120,000
36301 St Andrews Dr	\$268,000
15750 Sussex St	\$137,000
14693 Taylor Blvd	\$163,000
28839 W Chicago St	\$103,000
29044 Westfield St	\$90,000
31661 Wyoming St	\$119,000
NORTHVILLE	
47016 Curtis Rd	\$195,000
39660 Dun Rovin Dr	\$242,000
39795 Dun Rovin Dr	\$345,000
255 West St	\$76,000
16883 Yellowstone Dr	\$455,000
PLYMOUTH	
624 Arthur St	\$190,000
265 Blunk St	\$275,000
41415 Crabtree Ln	\$176,000
649 Herald St	\$170,000

12560 Lighthouse Ct	\$379,000
15100 Plymouth Xing	\$253,000
49481 Pointe Xing	\$104,000
973 Ross St	\$169,000
REDFORD	
14095 Breakfast Dr	\$138,000
14186 Breakfast Dr	\$139,000
19149 Kinloch	\$45,000
16825 Norborne	\$35,000
WESTLAND	
2567 Barns Dr	\$168,000
8332 Denne St	\$83,000
2009 Eastport St	\$73,000
2112 Elbridge Ct	\$19,000
31238 Geraldine St	\$60,000
34616 Glenwood Rd	\$13,000
7459 Hartel St	\$84,000
36110 Hazelwood St	\$26,000
5161 Julius Blvd	\$28,000
33177 Lancashire St	\$90,000
35499 Pheasant Ln	\$64,000
7622 Woodview St	\$32,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 26-30, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
20180 Coryell Dr	\$122,000
31133 Downing Pl	\$300,000
16007 Elizabeth St	\$121,000
16180 Elizabeth St	\$110,000
30250 Woodhaven Ln	\$152,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1869 Birmingham Blvd	\$317,000
1656 Humphrey Ave	\$105,000

327 Southfield Rd	\$117,000
505 W Brown St	\$400,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1854 Lone Pine Rd	\$175,000
120 Canterbury Rd	\$610,000
102 Endicott Rd	\$650,000
4228 Wabeek Lake Dr S	\$121,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
7370 Sandy Creek Ln	\$417,000
1680 Standish Ct	\$650,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4840 Greenview Ct	\$214,000
441 Low Bank Ct	\$270,000
5881 Turnberry Dr	\$400,000
FARMINGTON	
21042 Laurelwood St	\$80,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
25501 Branchester Rd	\$185,000

29704 Canterbury Ct	\$192,000
31247 Oak Valley Dr	\$217,000
20801 Randall St	\$62,000
30478 Scotchire Ct	\$147,000
FRANKLIN	
32660 Colony Hill Dr	\$294,000
MILFORD	
964 Abbey Ln	\$164,000
1156 Hillside Dr	\$120,000
3130 Katie Ln	\$30,000
2605 King Ranch Dr	\$207,000
215 Milford Meadows Dr	\$280,000
NOVI	
30740 Ardmore Ct	\$50,000
50616 Billenca Dr	\$544,000
50769 Calvert Isle Dr	\$499,000
50805 Calvert Isle Dr	\$534,000
39458 Country Ln	\$74,000
25972 Island Lake Dr	\$430,000

51224 Luke Ln	\$209,000
27847 Middleton Dr	\$154,000
27880 Middleton Dr	\$149,000
27884 Middleton Dr	\$150,000
27912 Middleton Dr	\$155,000
44660 Midway Dr	\$217,000
SOUTH LYON	
25106 Carriage Ln	\$40,000
22726 Spyglass	\$314,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21422 Avon Ln	\$12,000
21979 Duns Scotus St	\$65,000
29880 Fairfax St	\$19,000
24632 Harden Ave	\$75,000
19071 Jeanette St	\$29,000
24661 Lathrup Blvd	\$36,000
28287 Red Leaf Ln	\$40,000
WHITE LAKE	
9464 Marina Dr	\$50,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Weichert, Realtors-Cass Realty expands to Novi

Broker/Owner Ron LaCasse of Weichert, Realtors-Cass Realty in Dearborn has announced the company's expansion to Novi. LaCasse has named Steven Barnes, "a top-notch manager," to take the reins at the second office, located at 42020 Grand River Avenue, Suite A, Novi. Barnes will direct all activities, beginning with an agent recruiting roll-out to serve the high-end market just 20 miles northwest of Dearborn headquarters. He can be reached at (248) 412-4040.

Barnes is no stranger to management or to Novi. He owned and ran a business

of his own for 25 years; specifically, an investment company that bought, renovated and resold properties in Detroit. He has been licensed in real estate for 38 years, as a broker for 36 of those. A resident of the city since 1974, he has been "cognizant of the growth and quality of the area which boasts a premier school system, among other things," he said. Following the investment company stint and prior to joining LaCasse, Barnes returned to the suburbs and to sales with an independent agency. He and LaCasse worked together previously and have been friends for some 15 years. Barnes called the move to the Novi Weichert post, "a good match and a great opportunity."

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is

6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, ext. 33.

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.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

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LIVONIA GRANNY'S HOUSEHOLD SALE
July 26-28, 9am-6pm. 31509 Pembroke, Merriman, between 7 & 8 Mile.

LIVONIA HUGE GARAGE SALE!!!
Electronics, Clothes, Furniture, Bar Glasses, Baby Items, etc. Everything Must Go! 35124 Leon, Livonia, S of Plymouth & W of Wayne Rd. Thursday, July 26th to Saturday, July 28th, 10-5pm.

LIVONIA MOVING SALE!
Appliances, furniture, household items. 14070 Katie Ln. (E of Levan, off N-96 Service Dr.) Sat. 7/28, 10-4pm.

LIVONIA-ESTATE/MOVING SALE
36733 Six Mile Rd. Just E of Levan, on south side service drive. Thurs., Fri. and Sat., 8am-4pm. Furniture, yard equip, electronics, dishes, holiday decorations. Everything priced to sell!

LIVONIA-GARAGE SALE!
July 27-29th @13956 Sunset St., Livonia, corner of Sunset & Hubbell. From shoes, clothes, home attire & more! \$2 & up!

LIVONIA: Estate/Moving Sale
July 27 & 28, 9-4. Bedroom set, buffet, baby crib, household, misc. 15344 Bainbridge. E. of Merriman, N. of 5.

LIVONIA: Huge Moving Sale!
7/26-7/28, 9-5pm. 37057 Weymouth, S of 7 Mile, E of Newburgh. Furniture, tools, jewelry, collectibles, ping pong table, art, lamps & toys.

MILFORD HUGE GARAGE SALE
Household, Electronics, Toys, Clothes, much more! 3075 Sands Ct, off Commerce and Hickory Ridge. Thurs, Fri, Sat., July 27-29, 9am-6pm.

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NORTHVILLE: July 27-29, 8-4pm. 42995 Ambridge Ct. Btwn. 5 & 6 Mile, off of Bradner. Tools, household, clothes, jewelry, int. items, etc.

PLYMOUTH - Big Sale!
Thurs-Fri, July 26-27, 9-3pm. 49402 Pine Ridge Dr. 1/2 Mile N. of Ridge & Ann Arbor Rd. Home goods, lawn mower, designer clothing, etc.

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Wed., 7/25-Sat., 7/28. Everything must go! 18401 Negaunee, Redford.

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Garage Sale - July 27, 28, 29, 8am-5am. 25700 Milford Rd., South of 11 Mile.

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CANTON: Furniture Sale. Dining set, bedroom set + King mattresses, Entertainment Unit, more! 7/27-28, 8-3. Cash. 412 Country Club Lane.

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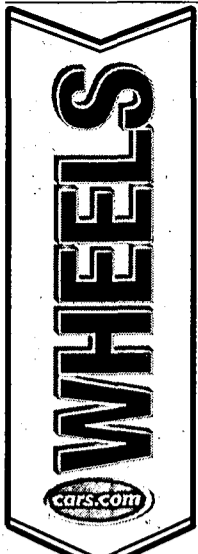
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