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The program also provides grants or loans for barrier-free home access, such as installation of ramps, handrails and modifications of bathroom fixtures.

Homeowners must meet federal income guidelines, adjusted by family size. For example, the maximum income for a family of two is \$42,500 and for a family of four is \$53,100. The loan will be placed as a lien on the property, payable at the time the house is sold. The interest on the lien is dependent on family income.

If approved for the program, city staff will work with the homeowner to hire contractors and inspect the quality of the work.

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Bodies of Westland teens found in field in Detroit



By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The morning after a prayer vigil was held for two Westland teens, their bodies were found in a field near Detroit City Airport — roughly five miles from the family member's home where they were last seen.

Police said the bodies were found around 9:30 a.m. Friday in a partially mowed field near Lyford Avenue, adjacent to Detroit City Airport on city's east side. The teens had been shot in the head, apparently execution style, according to Detroit police.

Detroit police officers broke the news to family members who had gathered near Joy and I-96 to resume searching for the teens near where their car had been recovered on Monday.

At the prayer vigil

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An emotional Joshua Bobbish, his sister Jillian Bobbish and Tim Duncan are joined by other family members and friends in the candlelight vigil for Jourdan Bobbish and Jacob Kudla.

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Dining district adds Char House

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

On a trip to Westland Shopping Center, Cindy and John Dakis noticed the vacant former Johnny Carino's restaurant on the south side of Warren Road.

"We saw the building was sitting there for lease. It was a beautiful stone building and we got a deal on the lease," said Cindy Dakis. "I don't know why the other place closed. We liked the loca-

tion - there are chain restaurants around it and the mall."

So, the former Italian restaurant has received new life as the Westland Char House, the second restaurant for the Cindy and John Dakis, whose Belleville Char House is located in their hometown.

"It was our dream to own restaurants. We were in Chicago and had gone to a restaurant called

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General Manager Chelsea Karolak stands outside the newly opened Westland Char House.

W-W fills 3 administrative positions

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has begun filling vacancies created by the departure of several administrators.

The school board recently approved the appointment of Aaron Baughman as executive director of the curriculum department, Kelly Kaminiski as co-principal at Marshall Upper Elementary School in Westland and Jennifer Keats as principal of Roosevelt-

McGrath Elementary School in Wayne.

Baughman has been with the district since 2001. He started as a teacher at Hoover Elementary before moving to Marshall Middle School where he taught seventh-grade English and language arts, served as an assistant principal and principal and briefly as a co-principal when the school became an upper elementary in 2010.

He move over to the district's administrative offices in September

2010, serving as director of professional development.

Baughman has a bachelor of arts degree in English and elementary curriculum from William Tyndale College and a master of science degree in administration with a major in educational leadership from Madonna University.

"He's been with the district quite some time and has done an outstanding job," said Superintendent Greg Baracy in recom-

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Plymouth man charged in fatal motorcycle accident

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A Plymouth man is facing two felony charges stemming from an accident that killed a motorcyclist and critically injured his wife.

Robert John Montgomery, 79, was arraigned Thursday on charges of operating while impaired causing death and operating while impaired causing serious injury. Police said he had a .10 blood

alcohol level at the hospital following the accident. The legal limit for drunken driving in Michigan is .08.

Gary West, 56, of Garden City was killed in the July 24 accident at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Park Drive. His wife Susan, 54, remains hospitalized in critical condition after being transported by helicopter to the University of Michi-

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mending him for the position. "He has a boatload of experience."

"Thank you for the opportunity," said Baughman. "Curriculum is where my heart is. I'm excited to have the opportunity to improve our programs."

"We're glad to have you as part of a team with a little different focus," said school board President Carol Middel. "We know you will work hard for our students."

Kaminski also joined the district in 2001 as an eighth-grade teacher at Franklin Middle School. She spent five years teaching at Taft-Galloway Elementary before returning to Franklin to be an intervention specialist. The Elementary Teacher of the Year for Wayne-Westland in 2007, she has a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Western Michigan University and a master of arts degree in education from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"I'm so very proud of her, she has been an outstanding leader of our Galileo Leadership Con-

sortium," said Baracy. "I want to thank the board and my new teammates" said Kaminski. "I look forward to working hard and I appreciate the faith you have in my ability."

Baracy pointed out Keats "came up through the ranks" since joining the school district in 2002. She has been a second-grade teacher at Hicks Elementary, a first-grade teacher and Reading First literacy coach at Taft-Galloway and an intervention specialist at Stevenson Middle School.

She has a bachelor of science degree in elementary and early childhood education from Temple University, a master of arts degree in education from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a master of science degree in educational leadership from Madonna University.

"This position is important to me," Keats told the school board.

"I'm pleased to see the names presented tonight," said school board Secretary Cindy Schofield. "I look for great things at Marshall, Roosevelt-McGrath and in curriculum."

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The new Westland Char House dining room and open kitchen.

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Jimmy's Char House. It was very classy," said Dakis. "When John and I walked out, we looked at each other. I said it would be nice to open restaurants called Char House with the name of the city."

John Dakis, born in Greece, had worked his entire life in restaurants. When he was laid off from his most recent job, Cindy Dakis said her husband was tired of working for someone else.

So on Memorial Day 2011, the couple took a leap of faith and opened the Belleville restaurant. A year later, they have already had a soft opening for the Westland restaurant, a building that is stand alone and larger than their Belleville restaurant which is located in a unit of downtown building.

"It's scary in this economy - we're both 55. I've always worked with people and John's good with the restaurant part," said



The bar at the Westland Char House which recently opened in the former home of Johnny Carino's.

Dakis. "We complement each other. I pick up the things he misses and he picks up what I miss."

The couple has been together 10 years and married for four years. It's the second marriage for both and they each have grown children.

"We've had a lot of support and we buckled down. We've got to do this. We can make it work," Dakis said. "For a married couple, running

a restaurant is more personal."

Those personal touches include the dishes on the menu - entrees also have a suggested wine pairing - and the decor. At the end of the booths, Dakis has framed historical photographs like one of Merriam Road being paved during the 1930s.

Like the Belleville restaurant, the Westland Char House features paintings done by local artists. The paintings are for sale. Dakis said she doesn't charge the artists

for displaying their paintings or selling them - she has wall space to decorate and the artists need a place to show their work.

"I like doing that. I was raised in Dexter - very small town. I like talking with people," said Dakis. "We like people and we like good food."

The Westland Char House is located at 35613 Warren Road between Wayne Road and Central City Parkway.

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gan Hospital.

A not guilty plea was entered for Montgomery at his arraignment in Westland's 18th District Court. Held in lieu of \$200,000 cash bond, Montgomery is scheduled for a preliminary examination Aug. 2.

The accident happened just before 9:30 p.m., Police said the motorcycle ridden by the Garden City couple was southbound on Hines Drive.

As the motorcycle approached Ann Arbor Trail, police said a four-door sedan traveling northbound attempted to make a left turn onto Ann

Arbor Trail.

The motorcycle dropped to the pavement and began sliding. Police said the motorcycle struck the turning vehicle causing both rider and passenger to be ejected.

"I don't have the autopsy results but I would say he (Gary West) died as a result of multiple trauma," said Westland Police Officer Kevin Yudt of the Traffic Bureau.

Unlike his wife, Yudt said that Gary West was not wearing a helmet. Susan West sustained multiple injuries in the accident, Yudt said.

Montgomery has no prior alcohol-related offenses, according to police.

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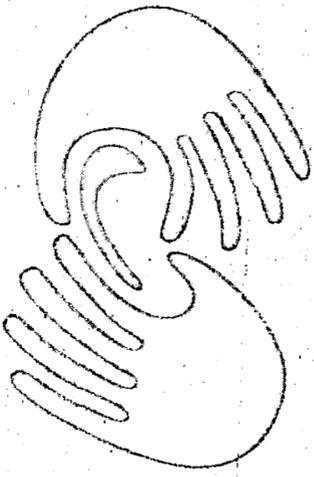
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Nancy Meyers, Jourdan Bobbish's great aunt, and her daughter Amya join in a candlelight vigil for the teen and his friend Jacob Kudla who have been missing since July 22.



Family members have been circulating these posters in Detroit in the area where Jacob Kudla's 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier was recovered on Monday.

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Thursday evening, lighted lanterns floated off into the night sky as a crowd of family, friends and well-wishers held candles and offered prayers for the safe return of two teens.

The candlelight prayer vigil was held Thursday in the parking lot of Livonia Churchill High School where Jacob Kudla, 18, and Jourdan Bobbish, 17, met and became friends.

Redford residents Dan and Erin Sisty came to the vigil with four-year old son Aidan. Erin Sisty has an older son who is a close friend of Bobbish.

"Jourdan went on a lot of family vacations with us," said Erin Sisty, whose son became friends with Bobbish when he was living in Redford.

Since learning of the teens' disappearance, Dan Sisty said his stepson has been calling Bobbish without response.

"We want to support the family," said Dan Sisty.

Erin Sisty wasn't surprised by the large crowd that gathered for the pray vigil.

"He used to live in Redford, so some teachers came. There are also teachers and friends from here," she said.

Morgan Barr, Rachel Core and Amber Wyman came to the vigil from Dearborn - they are friends with Jourdan Bobbish's older brother Josh.



Friends and family members held lighted candles at a Thursday evening vigil for the two Westland teens who disappeared in Detroit last Sunday evening. The boys' bodies were found earlier today in a field in Detroit. It is believed both boys were shot in the head.

"I've been close to Josh for a long time, so it was important for me to show support," said Barr.

"I'm here to show support for the family and let them know they aren't alone," said Core.

Bobbish was about to start his senior year at Churchill while Kudla had graduated and was now attending Schoolcraft College.

During the vigil, Richard Baxter - Kudla's

uncle and the last family member the teens visited - tearfully asked for help to locate Kudla and Bobbish.

"I'm really sorry for what happened. I was the last to see the boys. This is killing me," Baxter said.

When the bodies were found, family and friends were gathered expecting to resume search efforts Friday morning in the area of Joy and I-96 in Detroit near where Kudla's 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier had been recovered Monday afternoon.

The teens had gone to the east side of Detroit to visit Kudla's uncle. They left Sunday night and hadn't been seen or heard from since.

Two men were arrested for stealing the stereo equipment from the Cavalier but charges have not yet been filed. Kudla's cane, used after recent knee surgery, was found behind the apartment building where the car was located.

Where the teens went, who killed them and how they ended up across the city from their vehicle are questions that remain to be answered.

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Polish dinner benefits veterans

American Legion Post 32 in Livonia will hosts its Annual Polish Dinner benefitting the VA Ann Arbor Hospital from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9.

Specifically, the money will go toward veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorders and those who are homeless.

Cost is \$11 for adults, \$5 for children under 12.

The menu includes stuffed cabbage, sauerkraut and kielbasa, meatballs, fresh and smoked kielbasa, potato and cheese pierogi, sauerkraut pierogi, potato pancakes, mashed potatoes, beets, cucumbers and sour cream, rye bread and butter, angel wings and chesecake and coffee.

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Ministry expects to reach million mark



Pastor Steve Darr speaks with a client waiting for food.

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Amid an effort to raise money to buy the warehouse where it helps hundreds of area families, Canton-based Open Door Ministry is expected next Thursday to surpass the one-million-pound mark for food it has distributed this year.

That signals the earliest in any given year that the food pantry has reached the one-million-pound threshold since it began helping hungry families in 2003 from a sprawling warehouse on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue.

Open Door Ministry last year didn't distribute its millionth pound of food until Aug. 24 — a sign Director Steve Darr said indicates many families across metro Detroit continue to struggle against tough economic times.

"We are ahead of last



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As people line up outside to pick up food, volunteers bow their heads for a brief prayer.

year's pace," he said. "We are up from 410 families each week to 460. (We have) more food but more people to serve."

The latest figures put Open Door Ministry on target to distribute 1.8 million pounds of food this year, compared to 1.5 million last year.

An offshoot of Canton's Connection Church, Open

Door Ministry has drawn widespread support from other churches and a small army of volunteers who help the food pantry distribute food Thursday evenings to families in need.

One of those helpers has been the Canton Community Foundation, through which donors have been instrumen-

tal in providing financial support and amenities such as a walk-in cooler.

"Through this tough economy, we have so many hungry residents in Canton (and elsewhere) that are really invisible to us," CCF President Joan Noricks said. "Our neighbors are hungry, and Open Door Ministry has stepped up to the plate to be there and make sure there is fresh food for our friends and neighbors."

As it fulfills its mission, Open Door Ministry had a scare this year when the owner of the 48,600-

square-foot warehouse decided to sell the building.

However, the owner, Greif Inc., dropped its selling price from \$1.1 million to just \$290,000 for Open Door Ministry, which could have been forced to dramatically scale back its services if it had to move to a smaller and more costly home.

Open Door organizers have raised over \$60,000 toward the \$290,000 goal, closing a deal to buy the building amid confidence they can generate the income they need to pay

it off.

To donate to the effort, go to www.opendoorfoodministry.org or send a check payable to Open Door Ministry, 4301 S. Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48188.

Also, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 46615 Michigan Ave., is sponsoring a free-admission Family Fun Fest 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 28, that includes numerous activities, a silent auction and raffle prizes.

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Paragon company helps tenant care for seriously ill son

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Everyone has someone who inspires them. For Robin Joyce, it's her son Tyler Ruffin. He smiles and never once has questioned why he isn't like other children his age. For Stacy Berninger, it's Robin Joyce because she always smiles.

Tyler is a wheelchair bound, legally blind and speech impaired 7-year-old, suffering from what doctors believe is a rare form of a neurological dystrophy. But Joyce can't be sure, since she can't afford to pay for the genetic test that would confirm their diagnosis. Medicaid won't pay for it, and the single mom doesn't have the \$3,000 to \$10,000 that it costs.

But she does have her faith and she believes in miracles like the one that happened last week when she received a check for \$3,212 from Paragon Properties, the property management company for Westwood Village Apartments where she lives.

"I'm so thankful," said the Westland resident. "When I need help and people see it and help, it helps my heart. I reached out to a lot of people for help and Paragon was the first to answer."

The money matched the amount raised by Team Paragon as part of the Make-A-Wish-Foundation's Walk for Wishes event at the Detroit Zoo in May. Tyler, his mother and 12-year-old sister participated in the event as a way of saying thank you to Make A Wish for sending the family to Walt Disney World.

"Robin is a single mom and the care she provides for her son is amazing," said Berninger, Paragon regional manager. "The Make-A-Wish charity is something dear to my heart due to family circumstances. I do the walk every year and decided to see if we could do something with Paragon."

Berninger talked with Paragon Vice President Justin Dunkel and the decision was made to match dollar for dollar the amount the team raised. Berninger sent out a proposal for donations to other Paragon properties. She was thinking they would collect \$1,500 to \$2,000 and was pleased to see it top \$3,000.

The money is going in the Tyler Ruffin Charity Hope Fund. It might not be enough for the genetic test, but it's more than enough to cover the cost of the \$300 vest Tyler needs to help with his posture.

Tyler was once a

healthy, playful and vibrant little boy, but at about age 3 1/2, his mother began to notice that he seemed clumsy and fell down frequently. She mentioned to the pediatrician that she thought his equilibrium was off. The doctor noticed he walked with a wide gait and referred her to a neurologist who found the youngster had low muscle tone.

An MRI showed that his cerebellum had shrunk, and the doctor at Children's Hospital determined that he had a degenerative condition, but wasn't able to give a specific diagnosis. Joyce took Tyler to doctor after doctor and even four neurologists. Last November, the doctors began testing him for a specific chronic degenerative condition known as juvenile neuroaxonal dystrophy, but they can't say for sure that's what he has without the genetic test.

"My son went from stumbling when he walked to crawling, he went from not being able to crawl to being wheelchair bound," said Joyce. "He had no balance, no coordination, and he couldn't feed himself. As it went on, it affected his vision. The doctors said he had macular degeneration due to atrophy of his brain."

Tyler's speech also became garbled and he drooled because of weak muscles in his mouth. He had difficulty eating and swallowing and it was determined he was at a high risk for choking, so he was given a feeding tube. He came home from the hospital with five cans of milk.

"It was very emotional to see him deteriorate. He was so small, he was only 39 pounds," said Joyce. "I couldn't sit at the table and eat and see him being fed by a tube, so I prayed and now he's eating some soft foods and no aspirating. His speech is more clear and he isn't choking as much. I see progress."

Joyce has done a lot of research. She now knows the condition is irreversible and that currently there is no treatment plan. The life expectancy for a child with the condition is 10 years.

"Every day I tell Tyler I love him more than yesterday, and I tell him we're in this together and we're going to win," Joyce said. "As long as I have the support of others, I can keep going."

The goal of the Tyler Ruffin Charity Hope Fund is to raise money to cover the cost of genetic testing that is not covered by Medicaid and provide funding for his



Paragon Properties presented Robin Joyce (center) and her son, Tyler Ruffin (seated), both residents of Westwood Village Apartments, with a check for \$3,212 to help cover costs for Tyler's ongoing treatment and care. Making the presentation was Stacy Berninger (from left), regional manager for Paragon Properties; Christina Mohler, community manager at Westwood Village Apartments, and Tracy Urcheck, leasing consultant at Westwood Village Apartments.

medical needs and adaptive equipment. Because of his illness, Joyce hasn't been able to work, so gifts like what she

received from Paragon are greatly appreciated. "Words can't ever express how much I appreciate Paragon

HELPING TYLER

People interested in helping Tyler Ruffin can send checks, made payable to the Tyler Ruffin Charity Hope Fund, to P.O. Box 851408, Westland, MI 48185.

For more information, contact fund coordinator Elizabeth Johnson at (313) 862-7554 or fund administrator Robin Joyce at (313) 330-6609.

for stepping up to the plate for me," she said. "They're my family."

Admittedly, the past four years have been a journey of faith and believing. Joyce has faith God will help Tyler and direct her to people and agencies that will help her. She also believes in miracles. After all, she is

"fighting for Tyler's life." "I wrap his pinkie around mine and ask him what he promises and he tells me he'll never give up," said Joyce. "I tell him this is a fight, and he says we're in it to win. I don't focus on what could have been. I believe Tyler's life is in God's hands and every day I trust in God."

Berninger said Paragon is now looking to do other things like something for the Michigan Humane Society in August or September and do the Make-A-Wish walk again next year.

"Robin and her family are so positive," said Berninger. "Robin takes it day by day and always smiles. She's inspired me to do something for others."

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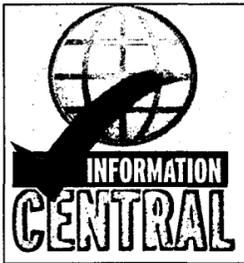
For a few short weeks the world can try to put the monetary crisis on the back burner and focus on the greatest international competition known to humans – the Summer Olympics.

This year the Olympics are held in London – the first city ever to host them three times. Beginning Friday July 27, and ending with the closing of the Paralympics on Sept. 9, Olympic fever can be felt around the world. And even as eyes were glued to the memorable opening ceremony Friday, the real excitement has been saved for the actual competition.

With 26 sports showcased, including 36 disciplines, and 300 events, the Olympics have something that is sure to grab your attention whether you are a go-to-the gym athlete or a go-to-the arm chair athlete. So no matter whether archery is your game or wrestling peeks your interest, your favorites will be covered.

As with all Olympics, celebrating “firsts” is a must-do. This year is no exception. So a few “firsts” of note include the fact that, there are more women on the U.S. team than men, 269 to 261, and Russia’s team is also majority female.

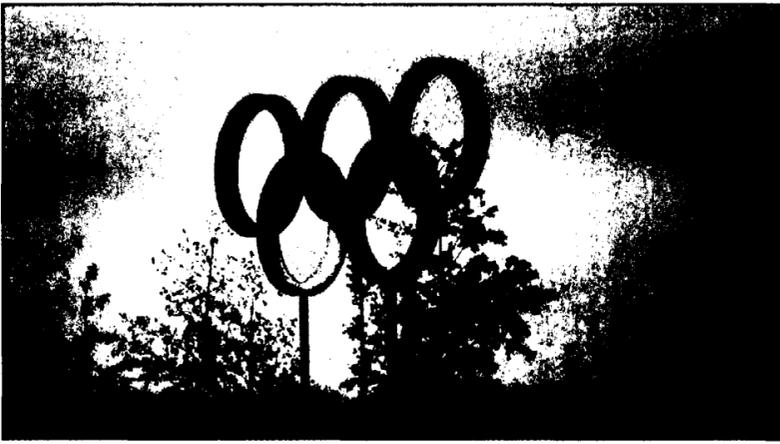
Malaysia can boast of the most pregnant athlete ever to participate in the Olympics in the form of Nur Suryani Mohamed Taibi, who will compete in the 10 meter air rifle shooting event. Nur Suryani is eight months pregnant. While for the first time ever, Saudi Arabia has sent its first two women to compete; one in distance running and the other in judo.



Closer to home, Michigan is sending 11 participants to London, including Allison Schmitt of Canton. According to the official Olympic roster, Michigan’s youngest athlete is gymnast Jordyn Wieber, who just turned 17 and its eldest athlete is Daryl Szarenski who is 44. And in keeping with the overall trend of the Olympics, females outnumber males 7 to 4. Who will be bringing home the gold can only be imagined at this time.

With 204 nations expected to take part in this Olympics and 147 nations participating in the Paralympics, this year we can look to this record breaking number and celebrate how these games bring out the best athletes around the world.

Almost as exciting as the athletes and their competitive spirit are the amazing structures designed for the Olympic Village. According to the NBC website, “The bottom of the London Pool has a movable floor. During the games, it will sit about 10 feet deep to negate the waves that swimmers will create while moving through the pool. The sides and ends to the pool are lined with a special trough to “swallow waves,” preventing them and their energy from rebounding



Millions of people have gone through the gates of the Olympic Park in London where there is a set of giant Olympic Rings.

back into a swimmer’s lane.”

If all this talk about the Olympics has got you thinking about the how’s, the where’s and the why’s of this memorable, competitive event, why not pick up Bud Greenspan’s *100 Greatest Moment in Olympic History*, or *Olympism: a Basic Guide to the History, Ideals and Sports of the Olympic Movement*, written by the Olympic Committee and learn more.

Prefer to view a video? Check out the library’s video selection of highlights (and lowlights) of the Olympics. If you are looking for just the right music to get yourself in Olympic shape, check out the library’s CD collection including, *Summon the Heroes*, which includes the official centennial Olympic theme.

So stop by the Library to get more information about all thing Olympics. If you have any questions about these or any other resources, please give us a call (734) 326-6123, stop by the Reference Desk,

or check us out online at www.westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Activities

Noontime Book Club: noon July 31, *Noon in The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

Journalist Rebecca Skloot unearths the story of a woman who is indirectly responsible for some of modern medicine’s most stunning achievements. Henrietta Lacks was an impoverished tobacco farmer who died in the mid-20th century, but her cells, which were harvested without her knowledge or consent, became an integral part of many 20th century medical breakthroughs. Henrietta’s cells were reproduced thousands and thousands of times and used in medical research. Although her cells helped find cures for diseases and generated fortunes, Henrietta’s own family never profited from her contribution. This volume

explores Henrietta’s contributions to medical science and the tragic price she and her family have had to pay. Copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

Writers Workshop: 7 p.m. Aug. 8

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

Learn about the Hoarding Disorder: 7 p.m. Aug. 9

Join Janet Kester, psychotherapist and professional organizer specializing in chronic disorganizing and hoarding who will address the topic of Hoarding Disorder. Learn what it is,

how to talk to a hoarder and treatment and assistance options for hoarders. Anyone interested in learning more about this disorder and the deleterious effects it may have for a hoarder and family members are encouraged to attend. Sign up online or call the library at (734) 326-6123 to reserve your seat.

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Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

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Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. The library offers One-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

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FAST helps parents and teens communicate

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Gloria Allen didn't think she had a problem communicating, but after FAST, she realizes she wasn't communicating with her son.

"I had lost power with my child, he was out of control and over the top," said Allen. "What was I going to do with him? With FAST, I found it was good to know I wasn't in this party on my own. I learned how to listen to my child and how to spend quality time with him."

Allen was among a group of families who accepted the invitation to participate in the inaugural Families and Schools Together program offered to Garden City Middle School students and their families through the Garden City Resource Center.

The FAST program is funded through a grant from the Michigan Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and targets preteens and teens in sixth-eighth-grades.

"We were required to select from four programs and we chose FAST because it was one we could do with schools," said Resource Center Director Monica Fulton. "All data indicates that middle school is where we need to target our prevention work."

Work started last November with the training of the FAST team which recruited youth for the program during lunch hours at the middle school. Seventeen students took permission slips home, but only 10 committed to the program.

The program includes a



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Paige Walker (from left), her mother Terry Lukacs, William Listopad and his father Tony Listopad say that communication is better, thanks to FAST.



Marty Allen said his mother Gloria wants to spend time with him and his sister now that they've completed FAST.

youth and parent groups as well as family sessions. According to Fulton, the youth group is "peer driven."

"It was what the kids wanted it to be," she said. "It was a safe environment to talk about what they wanted to talk about."

The 1 1/2-hour family session included dinner that was prepared by a different family each week. The youth group

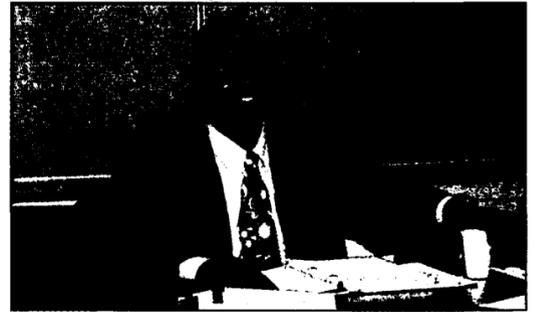
met, there was buddy time for parents and then a one-on-one with the children on a topic they selected.

"We had a dinner lottery and a family name was drawn," said Fulton. "They got a gift basket with gift cards for Kroger and Target and a crock pot on loan. There were also things for the family and kids like games, iTunes cards and planners."

Allen's son Marty admits that he and his mother weren't really talking to each other.

"By going through the program it got better," he said. "Now my mom likes to spend time with us and get to know us better."

"I didn't want to go because I have more things happening in my life that I didn't need another program, but I looked forward to Wednesday evenings,



Chris Daniel, director of training projects for FAST Inc., praised the Garden City Resource Center's program, saying the FAST team was instrumental in its success.

I enjoyed the one-on-one," Gloria Allen said. "I thought it was going to be nice and friendly. It didn't deal with nice and friendly situations, but he needed to get it off his chest."

Terry Lukacs found the FAST group "amazing." She was in the program with her daughter Paige Walker.

"I meet a whole bunch of families with the same problem," she said. "I went in feeling like I was the only one with a problem and I wasn't. Through their different experiences, I learned how to communicate with my child. She understands me more and I understand her more."

"I liked one-on-one because I could talk and not have rules," said Paige. "I think we've change some because we communicate more."

Melissa LaBean swore she wasn't going to cry, but was in tears her first FAST meeting. Her son Tyler wasn't sure he wanted to go, but as the meetings went on, he got to like it.

"Tyler talked to other friends and they told him the first few weeks are going to suck, but after a few weeks, Tyler saw how we were communicating and not fighting at

home," she said. "It was a good experience. We had a lot of issues and as we went through the program they got better and better."

Chris Daniel, director of training projects for FAST Inc., was impressed with the resource center's program. Daniel, who was at the Maplewood Center for the FAST certification dinner, said one of the things that made it a success was getting of the FAST team.

"You heard it in this room tonight," he said. "Three months ago they wouldn't have felt comfortable expressing personal things. They felt confident sharing their experiences and weaknesses. This was a good group, a very good group."

The program is nearing the end of the first year of the grant and Fulton said the resource center will be able to offer another program in the fall. The team will start recruiting students during schedule pickup next month. The youth group will start meeting on Sept. 13.

"It's really awesome," said Fulton. "It's a great opportunity."

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Slavens calls for election reform, speaker step-down

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

State Rep. Dian Slavens is urging reforms to election and campaign laws and calling on GOP House Speaker Jase Bolger to resign in the aftermath of an alleged effort to rig a state legislative race by paying a fake Democrat to enter the contest.

Slavens, D-Canton, also is suggesting a probe by the House Committee on Ethics and Elections into accusations Bolger and state Rep. Roy Schmidt orchestrated Schmidt's 11th-hour defection to the Republican Party to seize victory in the Grand Rapids race.

"House Speaker Bolger broke the public's trust," Slavens said, as a crowd of 25 supporters joined her Thursday afternoon during a press conference inside the Canton Administration Building.

Lashing out

Slavens and other Democrats lashed out at Bolger and Schmidt amid mounting criticism over allegations Schmidt offered \$1,000 to a fake opponent whose ultimate decision to withdraw unraveled the effort.

Kent County Prosecutor Bill Forsyth criticized the scheme but said it didn't violate any laws.

Ari Adler, Bolger's press secretary, said by telephone from Lansing that Bolger "has no intention of resigning his position" after authorities ruled no laws had



State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, called for election reform and the resignation of House Speaker Jase Bolger at a Thursday press conference.



A small, but supportive, crowd listened and asked questions at Dian Slavens' Thursday press conference, where she called for election reform.

been broken.

However, Bolger and Schmidt have apologized for efforts to fool voters, and Adler said Bolger is willing to look at proposed election-reform bills regardless of which political party proposes them.

That's not enough for voters like Shirley Poling of Westland, who came to Slavens' press conference.

"There is a pattern of abusive power developing," Poling said, adding she was angry for Bolger's earlier role in muzzling two female legislators for statements they made in a debate on abortion and reproductive rights. "This situation speaks of such a lack of character and ethics."

Broken trust

She said Bolger and Schmidt should pull out of politics for "creating distrust in their constituency. I find that reprehensible."

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, said legislators on both sides of the aisle in Lansing have suggested new legislation following the scandal involving Bolger and Schmidt.

"I'm always ready to take a look at any legislation that helps to clarify the process," he said. "I want to make sure that, whatever we do, it does not decrease access to candidates to run for office."

"I think everybody would be interested in making sure the process is tightened up for every-

one," Heise said. "I think both parties are looking at ways to clarify this situation in the future."

Slavens, who faces Democratic challenger Kiz Ahamiojie in the Aug. 7 primary election, touted a series of bills she said could deter actions such as those by Bolger and Schmidt. The laws, if enacted, would:

- Increase fines for committing election fraud from \$1,000 to \$10,000.
- Provide a later filing deadline if a political party loses a candidate within seven days prior to the cutoff. The party would have 14 additional days to pick a candidate of its choosing.
- Bolster residency rules by requiring state legislative candidates to live in their district for at least 60 days prior to running for office.
- Require candidates

who switch political parties to return all campaign contributions they received during the last year.

Force party-switching candidates to disclose the change during any fundraising effort.

Require legislative and other candidates to file their affidavits for candidacy in person, rather than sending someone else.

Force incumbents to file one week earlier for re-election, giving challengers an additional week.

Denied fairness

"This is not just a Grand Rapids issue," Slavens said of the Bolger-Schmidt scandal. "This is a matter of every citizen of Michigan having the right to an open and accountable democracy."

Slavens said an estimated 90,000 people in the 76th District have been denied a fair election because of what happened.

Slavens said the latest set of bills follows earlier efforts by Demo-

crats to adopt reforms, but she said Republicans have "stonewalled" changes.

"People like House Speaker Bolger just don't get it," she said.

Some Republicans have drafted legislation, however. One bill by state Rep. Tom Hooker, R-Byron Center, would extend the candidate filing deadline by five days if a candidate switches parties or withdraws during the last two days before the cutoff.

Slavens called on voters of all political parties to demand change to avoid another scandal.

"We need everybody in this great state to stand up and say enough is enough," she said.

What Bolger and Schmidt did may not have been ruled illegal, Slavens said, "but what was done was unethical, and we want to change that" through new legislation.

Canton resident Leonard Zabawski, who attended Slavens' press conference, agreed.

"Democracy is important," he said. "We need to keep democracy, transparency and ethics so there is no fraud or rigging of elections."

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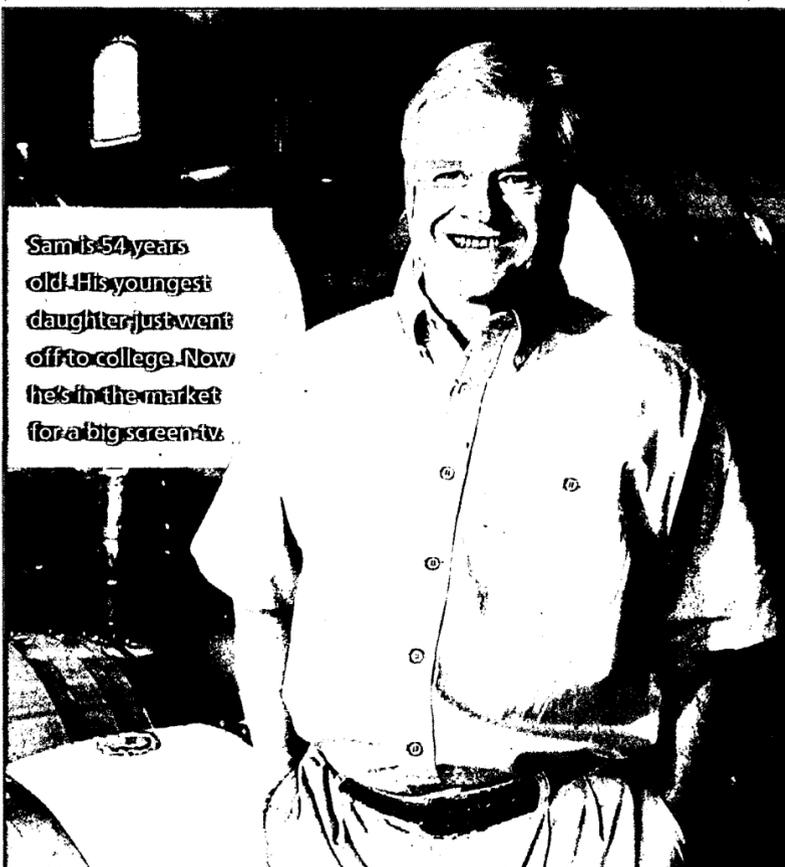
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Hospital honors caring canine with L.O.V.E. Award

A pet therapy dog and her Livonia owner are among the St. Mary Mercy Hospital associates who have been honored with the hospital's monthly L.O.V.E. (Living Our Values Everyday) Award for their commitment to the core values of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

Maya Belle, a therapy dog who is a German Shepard lab mix, and her handler Ray Rauen volunteer at the hospital about six times a week, spending at least three hours each visit. The pair has spent more than 650 volunteer hours since they started July 19, 2011, as volunteers.

"Maya is a valued colleague and team member," said Donna Gray, vice president of nursing, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "She represents all of St. Mary Mercy Livonia therapy dogs."

The pet therapy program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital has 18 dogs that have been trained through Dr. Paws, a pet-assisted therapy program based in Farmington Hills. The pet therapy volunteer program started at the hospital in April 2004.

Keith Miller, lead biomedical equipment tech, Clinical Engineering, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, was also nominated for the award for consistently demonstrating pride in his work through prepping numerous machines for the surgical department. He recently contributed to the success of a charting project that directly enters a patient's surgery data into the patient's record.

"It's exactly that attitude that makes Keith such a valued employee to



Dave Spivey (far left), CEO and president, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, and Donna Gray (far right), chief nurse officer, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, presented the L.O.V.E. Award to Keith Miller (second from left), lead biomedical equipment tech, Clinical Engineering, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, and Ray Rauen (second from right) of Livonia and his pet therapy dog, Maya.

our department and institution," said Tom Parnin, director, Clinical Engineering, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "I am proud to work with Keith and know he is very deserving of this award."

This year, St. Mary Mercy Hospital has recognized 13 associates, physicians and volunteers with the L.O.V.E. Award. The hospital's core values are respect, social justice, compassion, care for the poor and underserved, and excellence to the patients, visitors, volunteers and staff.

After Rauen adopted Maya from the Detroit Humane Society, he took her to a dog training school in Livonia. The trainer recommended Maya as a therapy dog because of her

calm temperament.

Maya has been a licensed pet therapy dog since she was 14 months old. The pair tour most of the hospital service areas, including the emergency center and hospice.

Rauen, who owns a machine business in Redford, said he is always impressed with the difference Maya makes in someone's day. Maya's visits break up a patient's day from being overwhelmed with medical problems they are experiencing. Whether it is a wagging her tail or offering her paw, Maya is able to give them a refresher, Rauen said.

"It gives them a breath of fresh air, that I can carry on a little bit more," he said. "I can see the positive

things she brings about."

Around the hospital, Maya is also known for her fashion taste. She has worn



Maya Belle, a therapy dog in St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Pet Therapy program, was awarded the hospital's monthly "Living Our Values Every Day" recognition and also rewarded with a few extra treats ... a bone and biscuits. Here, her owner, Ray Rauen, tosses a biscuit to her after her award presentation. Donna Gray, left, chief nurse officer, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, presented the award.

costumes for holidays and hospital events, such as dressing up as a bee for Halloween or as a doctor for National Doctor's Day.

Maya and Rauen have represented the hospital in community events, such as the Fourth of July Northville Parade, and helped

promote a culture of safety at the hospital.

"I enjoy it because it's nice to see that it helps people," Rauen said. "When I see that people have a smile on their face, it makes me feel better to know that I have given back through the dog."

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 9, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.** for the following (no exceptions will be made for late filings):

Transmission and Driveline Repair Services

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 Sergeant Norm Brooks, Police Department at (734) 467-7914. 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
City Controller

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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 9, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.** for the following (no exceptions will be made for late filings):

Demolition of Condemned Residential and Commercial Buildings

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 the on-duty Rick Gowan at (734) 595-0288 x 2635. 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
City Controller

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs, which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the Primary Election, to be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.

Location: Civic Center (City Hall)
6000 Middlebelt
Garden City, Michigan 48135

Date: August 1, 2012
Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk
734-793-1620

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City of Garden City Close of Registration Notice Special Primary Election, Wednesday, September 5, 2012

Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the Special Primary Election is Monday, August 6, 2012.

Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties for the following office are to be voted on:

Representative in Congress 11th District Partial Term Vacancy

Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk
Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2767-K. Teschke-351 Shotka

Req. for a 1'6" side yd. fence height variance from Art. X of the City Code to install a 6' high privacy fence in the south street side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

Petition #2768-Muffler Man-7210 N. Merriman

Req. for a 30 sq. ft. sign area variance, a 15' sign setback variance, a 6' sign hgt. variance, and a prohibited sign variance from Ord. 248 in order to replace a free-standing sign that was located at the site with a new sign that would comprise 82 sq. ft. whereas Sec. 16:6.3(b)(1) allows the site a maximum of 52 sq. ft., would be located at the front lot line whereas Sec. 15:6.3(b)(2) requires a minimum setback of 15', would be 20' high whereas Sec. 16:6.3(b)(2) allows a maximum hgt. of 14', and would include a manual reader copy sign whereas Sec. 15:3.2(r) prohibits reader copy signs on commercial property.

Petition #2769-National Storage-1638 S. Newburgh

Req. for a 15' front setback variance from Ord. 248 to install a new free-standing sign at the front lot line of the site whereas Sec. 15:6.3(b)(2) requires a minimum setback of 15' for free-standing signs.

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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 3-8 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. 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.

Meet the Candidates

Garden City residents can hear from the candidates in the Aug. 7 primary election through GCTV's Meet the Candidates program.

The program features Republican and Democratic candidates for the 13th District U.S. Congressional seat, the 11th District State House seat and the Wayne County Sheriff's office. Each candidate was invited to present their platform during a five-minute presentation.

The program can be

seen at 10 a.m. and 2, 7 and 11 p.m. today (July 27) through Sunday, Aug. 5. GCTV is channel 12 on Comcast, channel 18 on WOW and channel 99 on U-verse. The program can also be seen streaming live and on-demand through the city's website at www.gardencitymi.org/gctv.

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 Septem-

ber 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.

Open House

Party Animal Travel is holding an open house 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at its new location at 6543 Middlebelt, Garden City.

Just stop by and spin the Party Animal Slot Machine to try to win a free trip, then check out new trips in the newsletter. Frequent trippers can bring in their card and get one stamp just for stopping by. Grab a raffle ticket and enter to win one of many prizes or even a trip.

Come out and meet the GC Community Chat Crew - Kerry, Kelly, Tom, Derek and Ben - who will be doing their show live at Party Animal.

Call (734) 525-9777 to save a spot.

quin 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 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.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY Notice of Election

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that the General Primary Election will be held in the City of Garden City on,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the regular polling places. Candidates for the following offices are to be voted upon:

U.S. Senator
Representative in Congress
Representative in State Legislature
Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
Register of Deeds
County Commissioner
Delegate to County Convention
Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit Non-Incumbent Position

The following proposals will also be voted on:

Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage

The Wayne County Art Institute Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 296 of 2010 and formed to allow for continuing support of art institute services for the students, residents and visitors of Wayne County. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on real and personal property to provide revenue to an art institute services provider for this purpose. Accordingly, to continue providing art institute services to benefit the residents of the County, shall a 0.2 mill on all of the taxable property located within the County be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2012 through 2021? It is estimated that if approved and levied, this new millage would generate approximately \$8,284,722 in 2012.

YES

NO

Proposition J Jails Millage Renewal

To renew the millage authorized in 2002, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the 2011 rollback rate of .9381 mill (about 94 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2012 through 2021) for any of the following previously authorized uses: To acquire, construct, and/or operate jail, misdemeanor or juvenile incarceration or detention facilities and for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution, with at least one-tenth of the millage used to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work training institution? This renewal is estimated to generate at least \$38,859,493 in property tax revenue in 2012.

YES

NO

Garden City School District Operating Millage Renewal Proposal SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW 19.8320 MILLS FOR 6 YEARS.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of School District of the City of Garden City, 1333 Radcliff Street, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1126, telephone: (734) 762-8300. I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 27, 2012 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Local Unit	Date of Election	WAYNE COUNTY	
		Yoted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	11/02/2010	1 mill	2015
Wayne County Jail	08/06/2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015
OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES			
Schoolcraft Comm College	10/07/1985	.05 mills	Unlimited
GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS			
Garden City Schools	06/11/2001	3.1 mills	2005 thru (not to exceed 30 years)
	06/10/2002	18 mills	2012 non-homestead
	06/10/2002	2 mills	2005 thru 2012
	08/2011	2 mills	2015
CITY OF GARDEN CITY			
City of Garden City	05/08/2012	3.5	2015

The places of voting for the Primary Election to be held on August 7, 2012 will be as follows:

Precinct 1	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precinct 2	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 3	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precinct 6	Garden City Middle School 1851 Radcliff
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicapper accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, August 6, 2012 to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

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Wayne County Circuit Court located in Detroit, Michigan

KRIKOR HOLDING, LLC (Plaintiff) vs. CRAIG WHITE, SHEILA UNDERWOOD and WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. (Defendants)

This proceeding is in regard to a "quiet title complaint" relating to the property at 35814 Canyon Drive, Westland, MI 48186 filed by KRIKOR HOLDING, LLC against Defendants.

An answer is required by one or both of the Defendants by August 27, 2012.

If Defendants do not file an answer on their behalf in this action a judgment may be entered in favor of Plaintiff, KRIKOR HOLDING, LLC.

Contact Plaintiff's attorney if you have any interest in this matter at 313-846-6300.

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

Upcoming Events

MOM TO MOM SALE

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

GOLF OUTING

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12
Location: Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township
Details: The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro chapter will have two golf courses - the Strategic Fox or the Golden Fox - open for its annual skins and pins golf outing. It includes 18 holes with a cart, a gift bag for all golfers, closest to the pin on every hole, a hole in one contest to win a two-year lease on a new car, brunch in the Golden Fox Clubhouse immediately after golf, \$25 Skins on every hole and special contest holes. For those that are not golfers, but want to join in on the fun and have chances for the prizes, sign up for the brunch.
Contact: For more information, call Tony Mitchell at (313) 550-2117, Vince Toia at (734) 455-2630, NAMI Metro at (248) 348-7197 or go online to www.skinsandpins.org.

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12
Location: St. Sabina Church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights
Details: St. Sabina is holding rummage sale, craft sale and Right to Life bake sale. Donated items can be dropped off at Gym Door #10. Craft tables are \$20 for parishioners and \$25 for non-parishioners. Business sponsor tables are \$50.
Contact: maryloujaniga@yahoo.com

CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13
Location: St. Theodore's Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland
Details: St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors please.
Contact: Mary at (734) 425-4421 (VM #10)

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29
Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights
Details: St. Mel's Women's Club is looking for crafters for its craft fair. More than 50 eight-foot tables available. They cost \$25 each. A table with electricity is \$30. Helpers provided.
Contact: Call St. Mel's Church at (313) 274-0684 or send an e-mail to stmelscraftfair@yahoo.com for applications.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13
Location: Perrinville Early Childhood Center, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia
Details: Crafters and vendors are wanted for the Perrinville Early Childhood Center fall craft show.
Contact: Tami at holidaycraftfair@yahoo.com or Brenda at wjob2010@yahoo.com.

Organizations

FRIENDS OF ELOISE
Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November
Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.
Contact: Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

WESTLAND ROTARY
Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays
Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland
Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.
Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

FAMILY CAREGIVERS
Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Monday of the month
Location: Plymouth District

Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.
Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES
Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.
Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND
Time/Date: 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month
Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland
Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.
Contact: Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

AMERICAN LEGION
Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month
Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: American Legion

Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.
Contact: Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at www.post251.com or www.post251.org.

LIONS CLUB
Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month
Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.
Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.
Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

WRITING GROUP
Time/date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month
Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne
Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.
Contact: www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to sheptry@yahoo.com

TOASTMASTERS
Location: Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

Details: Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.
Contact: For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE
Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.
Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

EARTH ANGELS
Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.
Contact: www.earthangelsonline.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

TOPS 869
Time/date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at

6:15 p.m.
Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.
Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.
Contact: The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

TOPS M128
Time/date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland
Contact: Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

CITIZENS FOR PEACE
Time/date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month
Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.
Contact: Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

IN HARMONY
Time/date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays
Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: For men interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting
Contact: Call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal

VETERAN'S HAVEN
Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.
Contact: (734) 728-0527

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Paying off mortgage with lump-sum withdraw may have tax consequences

Q: Dear Rick: My wife and I have a dilemma that we hope you can help us with. We are in our early 60s and are both retired. At this point we are not taking Social Security and plan to delay that a couple of years. Currently, my pension and my wife's severance more than cover our living expenses. We have a \$150,000 mortgage on our home. The interest rate is 4.5 percent and we have approximately 15 years left. For many reasons we cannot refinance. My wife is more



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

conservative than me and she would like to take the money out of our IRA and pay off the mortgage. I think with interest rates so low it doesn't make sense to pay the mortgage off. What do you recommend?

A: I don't want to come between you and your wife, however, I think it would be a mistake to withdraw the money in one lump sum from your retirement account. My reasoning is based on when you withdraw the money, it is subject to ordinary income tax; which means you will lose a significant amount of money toward taxes. Withdrawing the money in one lump sum would also throw you into a higher tax bracket. I believe that money

should be used to increase the quality of your life. If having the mortgage paid off would do that, I would recommend to do it over a five-year period. Based upon the number you provided and upon current tax laws, you could make a lump-sum payment of approximately \$25,000 per year for the next five years. Coupled with your current payment, you would have the house paid off in five years. Doing it this way would not throw you into a higher tax bracket. One question I'm frequently asked is whether it makes sense to pay off mortgages.

As far as I'm concerned, there are two ways to think about this issue. The first is purely from a financial standpoint. Look at what the mortgage is costing after tax, versus money earned after taxes, if invested. If, for example, the mortgage, after taxes is costing 2 percent and after taxes that money was earning you 4 percent, from a financial standpoint, it would make sense to keep the mortgage. On the other hand, if the after tax cost of the mortgage was 4 percent and you were earning only 2 percent on your money, paying off the mortgage would make

sense. Some people sleep better at night when their homes are paid off. In that regard, it's not a financial decision, but a peace of mind decision. In those cases where people will feel more comfortable by having their house paid off, it does make sense to work on a program to accelerate the mortgage payments. Never forget that money is a tool that is used to increase the quality of your life. The goal is not to accumulate as much money as you can but to live a fulfilled life. Money is a tool that can assist you. That doesn't mean we don't have to

watch our money and be vigilant with it; but rather, it should never be the end withal. One of the challenges in life is to balance quality of life versus the reality of our finances. If you let the scales tip too far in either direction that is where problems will develop. I wish I had an easy answer, but I don't; what I do know is that it is possible to have that balance. 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.

AROUND WESTLAND

Fund-raiser

AmVets Post 171 is holding a Vendor Sale/ Garage Sale/Swap Meet/ Mom 2 Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the post, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

In addition to the vendors, there will be food available, hourly raffles and entertainment. Indoor spaces (hall) are \$25, with \$10 for table rentals, outdoor (parking spaces) are \$20. Proceeds will be kept by individual vendors.

For more information, contact Kelly Taylor at (734) 890-1055 or by email at taylorsskkt@gmail.com or Jennifer Basco at (636) 221-9573 or by email at j_basco08@yahoo.com.

Golf outing

The Westland Lions Club will hold its annual golf outing Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Polo Fields

Golf and Country Club, 5200 Polo Fields Dr., Ann Arbor.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. for the four-person scramble. There will be a hole-in-one contest and closest to the pin and longest drive contests for both men and women, lunch and beverages at the turn, dinner, featuring filet mignon and chicken marsala, and dessert and door prizes. The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$450 for a foursome. Dinner only is \$30. Sponsorships ranging from \$100 to \$1,200 also are available.

For more information, call Ken Sharp at (734) 595-8305 or George Marvaso at (313) 801-5321. Registration and checks, made payable to the Westland Lions Club, can be sent to 6581 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48185, or faxed registration to (734) 467-7157,

Attn: George.

Cheer Tryouts

Tryouts for the fall cheer teams at John Glenn High School will be held 1-3 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 1-2, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 3 in Gym 4 (enter in back of building)

Students must have a current physical on file or in your possession to tryout. Bring or wear shorts, T-shirt and gym shoes. Be ready to participate and be active.

For more information, contact Ashli at (586) 876-9035.

Free testing

The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services will offer free blood pressure testing 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, in the East Court (near Forever 21 and the Coffee Beanery) of Westland Shopping

Center. The free checks are available the first and third Tuesday and on the second and fourth Thursday of the month 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 458-4330.

Volunteers needed

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers to help with office tasks or to serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate one-two hours of their time per week.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hos-

pice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Volunteers receive training and on-going coaching, and social opportunities are available as well.

The next new volunteer orientation will take place at the Compassionate Care office at 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A, Canton. Contact Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, to apply for a brief interview at jgalat@cch-net.net or call (888) 983-9050.

Farmers Market

Maxwell's Art and Treasures and the Plymouth Westland Grange Maxwell's will be doing crafting at the Westland Farmers Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays. There will be a different craft each week and it will take 30 minutes to a hour to make. This week it will making a dream catcher and rug.

The Westland Farmer's Market takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. very Tuesday through Oct. 23 in the Westland City Hall parking lot at 36601 Ford Road.

Support groups

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

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

Wayne Metro also facilitates a Caregiver Support Group on 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday each month at the Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave., in Westland. Call Nancy Coman at (734) 955-6752 for more information.

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BUSINESS NEWS GOLD DOWNTURN

Is Gold on the Edge of a Violent Downturn?

Gold is on the brink of a "violent downturn" and could even fall as low as \$700 an ounce as the risk of deflation in developed economies grows and technical pointers turn bearish, one expert tells CNBC.

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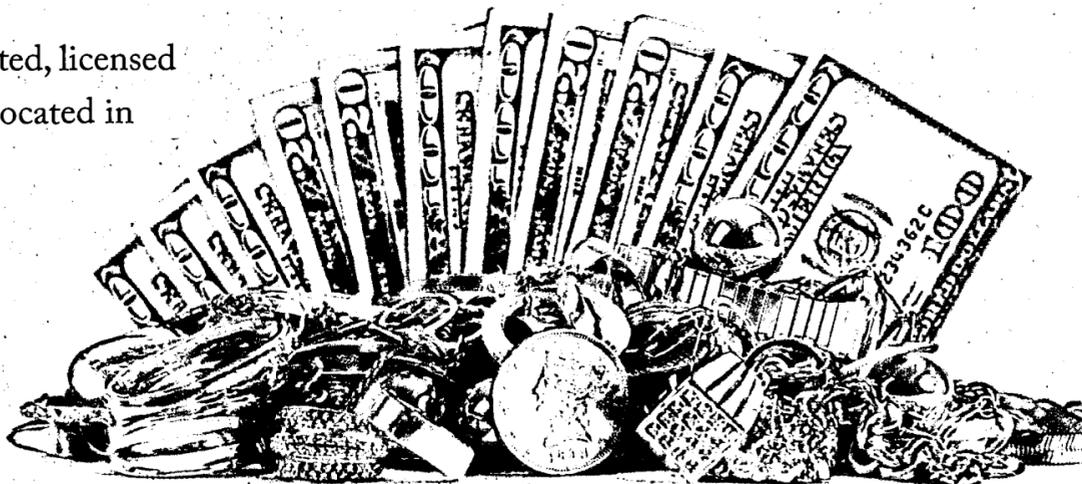
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Now hear this: Avoiding swimmer's ear

If your kids love to splash-splash summer away playing in the water, chances are they're at greater risk for a condition called "swimmer's ear" or otitis externa.

Garden City Hospital's Dr. Gregory Stephens, who specializes in otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose and throat), oro-facial plastic surgery and allergies, can help parents recognize and treat this all too common infection.

Q: What causes swimmer's ear?

A: First, it's important to understand that two types of ear infections mainly affect children - otitis media (middle ear infections) and otitis externa (external ear infections like swimmer's ear).

Swimmer's ear is actually a skin infection caused by bacteria commonly found in soil and water that has invaded the thin skin of the ear canal. It's closely associated with swimming because that's when patients most often get water in

their ears.

People can also get swimmer's ear because they used a cotton swab too harshly in the ear canal, scraping the skin, and thereby exposing the ear canal to harmful bacteria. (Save cotton swabs for cleaning the outer ear only.) Don't use cotton swabs or other objects in the ear canal; they compress the wax and create a groove where water can accumulate. Unfortunately, some people are predisposed to getting chronic swimmer's ear.

Q: What are the symptoms?

A: Symptoms may not appear for several hours or even for a couple of days after exposure. There may be mild to moderate pain, low-grade fever, throbbing, swelling in the ear canal, even partial hearing loss (hearing will improve after the infection has been eliminated). Other symptoms include itching, drainage from the ear and impacted

wax.

Q: Why are kids at increased risk?

A: Children spend more time in the water and have smaller ear canals, which can trap wax and water more easily. Unfortunately, Mom or Dad may try to help by cleaning out their youngster's ears with cotton swabs, which can lead to swimmer's ear.

Q: What is the recommended treatment?

A: We use the basics of chemistry to treat the problem. An acidic drop (containing vinegar) is used typically four times a day. Other antibiotic-containing drops may be used as well. Oral antibiotics are not usually indicated to treat otitis externa. And if the ear canal is swollen closed, a wick (sterile, compressed sponge that gently expands within the ear canal, dispersing medication) may be required to get medicine into the ear

canal.

Q: Is this a serious infection?

A: Usually, no. Swimmer's ear is a very simple problem if treated early and appropriately. If left untreated, it can turn from a bacterial infection to a fungal infection, which is especially bad for diabetics. If the ear canal infection goes beyond the eardrum into the middle ear, then it could potentially cause middle ear problems. This would be extremely rare.

Q: Left untreated, can swimmer's ear become dangerous?

A: Normal, healthy patients shouldn't have an issue. Typically, the pain is enough to get patients to the doctor well before it becomes dangerous. Diabetics and people with weakened immune systems are at greatest risk of developing malignant otitis externa. In this condition the infection spreads to the

surrounding bone and can get into the blood.

Q: Is wax in your ears a good thing?

A: Yes. Wax, which is an acidic substance, is nature's defensive weapon against infection. If your ears are exposed to a lot of moisture, the wax gets thinner, less acidic, and the ear canal turns into an even more hospitable home for bad bacteria.

Q: What is a safe way to clean your ears?

A: If you're certain that you don't have a hole in your eardrum, it's OK to use a mixture of white vinegar and hydrogen peroxide (50-50) to rinse inside the ears. I would avoid using water because if it becomes trapped behind some wax that you failed to remove, the chances are high for developing an infection.

Q: Does chlorine in swimming pools help protect against swimmer's ear?

A: Chlorine is a disinfectant that prevents the growth

of bacteria and algae. The acid base balance of the pool will determine if chlorine can actually do its job effectively. Chlorine works best in a neutral environment, and if the pH is neutral, chlorine destroys bacteria on contact. However, I haven't read anything that specifically says chlorine prevents swimmer's ear.

Q: Is there a good way to prevent swimmer's ear?

A: First, it's essential to keep wax from building up. During routine visits, your doctor should inspect and remove any wax that might cause a problem. If the ear canals are clean, then they should drain without too much of a problem. Anyone who has had problems in the past might benefit from earplugs while swimming.

For Garden City Hospital's Find a Physician Information, call 877-717-WELL, or visit www.gchosp.org.

MorningStar Church holds summer children's event

MorningStar Church in Garden City is holding a five-day summer children's event called Sky 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, through Thursday, Aug. 9.

At Sky, youngsters will participate in Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into treats, experience Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind

them to trust God, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long.

They also will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day will conclude with Fly Away Finale, a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are

encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8 p.m.

Kids at Sky will join an international missions effort to squash malaria in the African country of Mali, sending more than a million mosquito nets to protect Malian children.

Sky is for elementary school kids from kindergarten to fifth-grade. For more information, call (734) 367-3029.

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Pride and joy

Canton will have collective eye on Schmitt at London Olympics

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

All of Canton will be crowding their television sets or computer screens in the coming days to keep up with Allison Schmitt at the Summer Olympic Games in London.

One of her former coaches with the Canton girls swim team certainly will.

"We're very proud that Canton High School has an Olympian," said Ed Weber Thursday, who along with Molly Raines coached Schmitt in the mid-2000s when she began to show all-world skills. "... We are very excited. We followed her since Allison took the year off from Georgia to train for the Olympics."

Schmitt, a 22-year-old who graduated from Canton in 2008, is with the U.S. Olympic Swimming Team where she will go for the gold in the 200- and 400-meter freestyles and as part of the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200-meter freestyle relays. At the U.S. Olympic Trials late



Canton's Allison Schmitt pumps her fist to celebrate her win in the 200-meter freestyle at last month's U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb. She broke her own American record in the event with a time of 1:54.40.

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Ilitch hockey scholarships

Vaughn Birchler of Plymouth and Joseph Kristofik of Farmington Hills were among eight players from the Little Caesars AAA Hockey Club and Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League to receive a portion of \$20,000 in scholarships from Ilitch Charities.

On the air

The new 88.1 FM WSDP will air the Plymouth Whalers Hunger Free Summer Alumni Game beginning 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, from Compuware Arena.

Whalers play-by-play voice Pete Krupsky and analyst Sean Baligian will have the call of the game. Long-distance listeners can hear the game online at www.881theescape.com.

The Whalers are asking fans for a donation of 10 canned goods for admission. Tickets for \$10 can be also purchased by calling the Compuware Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or by going online to www.plymouthwhalers.com.

Holes-in-one

Several golfers scored aces recently at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center near Plymouth.

On Wednesday, 13-year-old Jackson Sartain of Canton used an 8-iron to ace the 141-yard No. 3 hole of the Woodlands course. He carded a 9-hole round of 39.

Canton's Steve Matera, 53, sank a hole-in-one on July 22. He used a 9-iron to ace the 102-yard No. 6 hole of the Hills course and finished with a score of 37 for nine holes.

And on July 21, 63-year-old Dave Young of Monroe aced the No. 6 hole of the Hills course. He used a 5-iron to sink his 126-yard shot and scored a 9-hole round of 33.

MU athletic teams lauded

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced Thursday its 2011-12 NAIA Scholar Teams with school record nine Madonna University squads (out of 11 sports) being honored.

Led by women's golf with a 3.50 grade-point average and women's basketball at 3.48, MU breaks its own previous mark of eight set in 2009-10.

"The importance of academics that our coaches have stressed to the student-athletes speaks volumes to the sustained success we have had," MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo said.

Stevenson alum heads Class of 2012 for Schoolcraft men

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Randy Henry wants to build upon last year's 19-12 season record and Friday he took a step in the right direction by signing Livonia Stevenson guard Jonathon Campbell.

The 6-foot Campbell earned first-team All-Observer honors as a junior on the Spartans' 19-4 Class A district and KLA Central Division championship teams where he averaged 14.5 points and 4.5 assists per game.

"I like the idea of having a local kid on the team, and at the same time he's going to make contribution for you because we only have one guy return-

ing," Henry said. "There's a great chance that he'll be able to fit into a starting role. And he's going to be a little more mature because he's 19. It's not like a young guy coming in as an 18-year-old and wide-eyed excited about coming to college."

During his senior year, Campbell was eligible for only nine games after the Michigan High School Athletic Association declared he could only play first semester. The MHSAA declared that he had used up eight semesters after being home schooled prior to enrolling at Stevenson.

During his abbreviated eight-game stint his senior year, the three-point

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PHOTO BY MAT SCHWEDT

Schoolcraft College coach Randy Henry (left) signed Livonia Stevenson guard Jonathon Campbell to an NJCAA basketball letter-of-intent on Friday.

Clack is ageless wonder on the links

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

If age is a handicap, then Dil Clack is an exception to the rule.

The 88-year-old, who resides in Canton, appears to be getting better despite his advanced years after carding a 70 during his Red Fox Saturday League at the Links of Whitmore Lake.

For Clack, who has been the league director for 35 years, it is believed to be the lowest 18-hole round in a Fox Hills League by any senior player over 65.

His front nine score was 32 and back nine 38 with five birdies in total.

Clack played from the senior (gold) tees, which

were 4,185 yards.

There was an ironic twist to his round because Clack and his Red Fox Saturday League members had to play at Links of Whitmore Lake due to a golf outing at Fox Hills that day.

"It's the best I've ever shot," said Clack, who is currently in first place in his Saturday Red Fox League and is gunning for his 15th league title. "I have shot a 71 at Fox Hills, but that was over 20 years ago."

Clack has been a starter at Fox Hills for 23 years ever since retiring from the Garden City Schools in 1989 where he worked for the building and grounds department.

Clack normally works

Sunday through Tuesday at Fox Hills, and then plays golf Wednesday through Saturday.

He also plays in a Friday league at the Fox Classic Course.

"I really don't keep a handicap," he said. "But we have a secretary and we keep all the score sheets in the Saturday league and mine is 17."

Going long

Clack, who has been a league director for 35 years, credits his recent success to a newly purchased Taylor Made driver and 3-wood. He plays with a senior-flexed set of Wilson fat shafts.

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Dil Clack, 88, is still going strong after firing a 70 at the Links of Whitmore Lake in the Fox Hills Red Fox 65-and-over Saturday league for seniors 65-and-over. He is originally from Garden City and now resides in Canton.



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In the same boat

Outboard racers eager to compete at Grass Lake

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

There's no huge pile of cash and ESPN coverage for Plymouth's Sam Pilato and other hydroplane racers who will be competing Tuesday through Saturday at Grass Lake, Michigan.

But Pilato said that's no deterrent from taking part in the 2012 Stock/Junior Outboard Nationals, hosted by the Michigan Hydroplane Racing Association. About 100 racers from across the United States and Canada will make the trek to the Jackson-area event.

"These are all amateur racers, and as competitive as it is we're all pretty much friends," said Pilato, 56, in his fifth year racing his 87-M boat in the C-Stock runabout class. "So it's really more kind of

bragging rights. "There's no money to be made or anything like that. But it's just a bunch of us guys and gals who enjoy the sport and this is kind of the best of the best."

Others who are ready for the race include Andrew Tate of Canton (B Stock Hydro, C Stock Hydro) and Livonia's Josh Toccalino (AX Hydroplane, AX Runabout).

Recently, Tate won a divisional championship in BSH in Akron, Ohio and could be a contender at Grass Lake.

Toccalino will go for the gusto in two very competitive junior racing classes, looking to reach speeds of 50 miles-per-hour. He also is a fifth-year racer.

According to Pilato, anybody can sign up for the Grass Lake race, from 10-year-olds to those in their

70s. But to have a chance at winning, which he does, entails surviving elimination heats.

"Let's say there are 15 entries in a particular class," he explained. "They'll run an elimination and eliminate certain people by the way they place and wind up with a final group of racers."

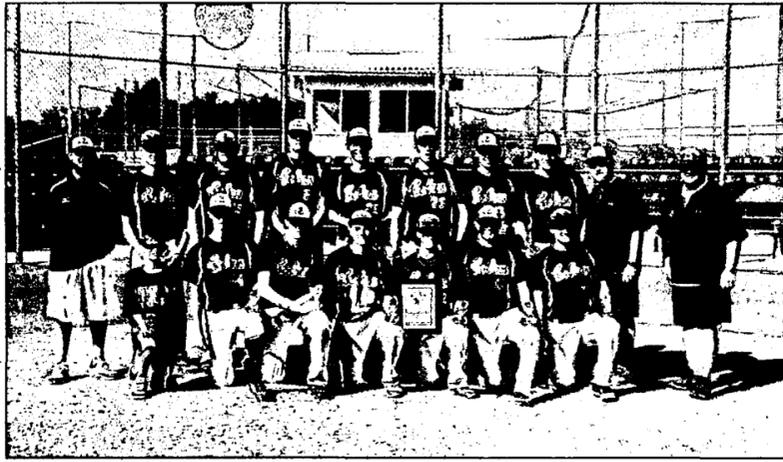
"Out of those racers you will have a winner."

Everybody will race the same course, albeit in different classes.

"Each class represents a specific set of criteria," Pilato said. "It's based on weight, your age, and the type of power and boat that you use."

For more information on the Grass Lake Outboard Nationals, go to www.michiganhydroplane.com.

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Members of the North Farmington-West Bloomfield 16-and-under Cobras include (front row, from left) bat boy John Wierimaa, Patrick Wierimaa, Bobby Williams, Connor Jeffries, Eric Stanis, Patrick Williams, Ian Gillis; (back row, from left) coach Mike Bjerke, Austin Krus, Corey Williams, Brennan Williams, Danny Sanders, Mitch Sykes, Tyler Davis, Alex Shimmons, coaches Andrew Stanis and Bill Davis.

Cobras win Triple Crown tourney

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield 16-and-under Cobras put the pedal to the metal by winning seven straight games and the Great Lakes Spectacular Triple Crown baseball tournament, July 12-15, in Mount Pleasant.

Despite falling behind 2-0 after the top of the second inning, the Cobras answered with six runs of their own and never looked back in a 10-6 championship final victory over the Oakland Whitecaps of Waterford.

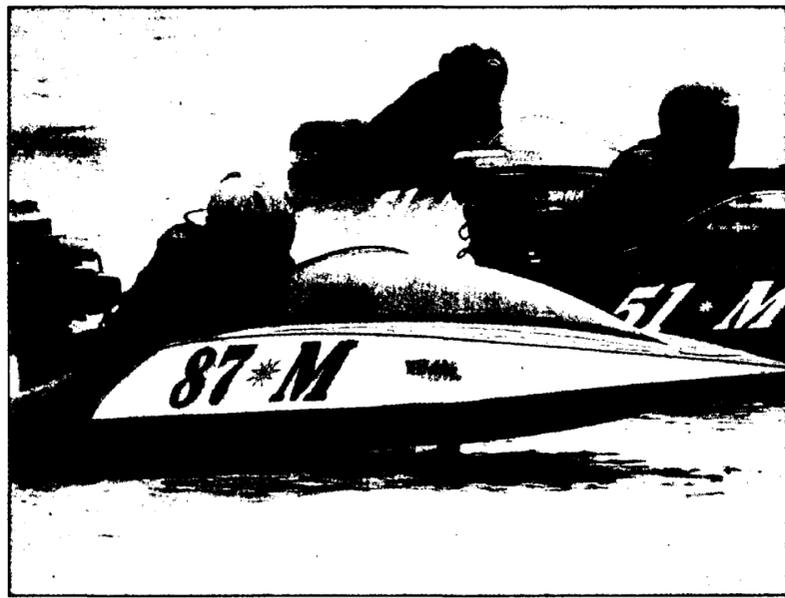
"This was an entire team effort with contributions from all team members," Cobras coach Bill Davis said. "Everyone stepped up at different times over the seven games to seal the victories. Pitching and defense was solid and the

offense came up with some key hits. I am very proud of the boys."

The Cobras reached the finals with a come-from-behind 6-5 semifinal victory over the Central Michigan Stars.

Trailing by three runs with one out heading into the bottom of the seventh, the Cobras strung together four hits to tie the score. With runners at second and third, the Stars issued an intentional walk to load the bases followed by a Cobras walk-off sacrifice fly to complete the rally.

The Cobras' run started with a 3-0 record in pool play to earn the top seed in the 24-team bracket followed by elimination round victories over Slezak Baseball of Davison, 11-2, and the Northville Broncos, 1-0.



Sam Pilato of Plymouth races in his 87-M hydroplane during a recent event. He is competing at this week's outboard nationals near Jackson.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Wayne football

Wayne Memorial High will be staging summer football camps. For more information, call new varsity football coach Lee Grizzell at (313) 408-8765.

MU boys hoops

Madonna University will stage a series of summer boys basketball camps including: All-Star - 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3, (cost \$200); Post/Perimeter, 4:30-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3 (cost \$150). For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Plymouth High hockey camp

Plymouth High School hockey players interested in trying out for the varsity team this fall are encouraged to participate in a summer mini-camp that begins Tuesday, Aug. 7, with a 90-minute skate at the Canton Arctic Edge Arena starting at 7:30 p.m. A second skating session will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9.

The Plymouth varsity hockey mini-camp is a series of on-ice sessions and off-ice workouts for three weeks. For more information, call Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento at (313) 215-3394, or visit the team's website: www.hockey.plymouthwildcats.com.

Triple Threat hoop program

Triple Threat Training is hosting a developmental club for young basketball players at High Velocity Sports in Canton, running from Sept. 9 through Oct. 22. The six-week club is for boys and girls of all ages. The club (\$250) is designed for those entering grades 3-8 who are interested in taking their game to the next level. Training will focus on improving individual skills, basketball IQ, strength, conditioning, speed and agility.

In addition to age-appropriate workouts will be instructional scrimmages with referees on Sundays from 3-6 p.m. A jersey will be included. High Velocity is located south of Michigan Ave. west of Canton Center/Belleville Road in Canton. Call (734) 341-1336 or e-mail Troy Coleman at tcoleman@tttsports.net for more details.

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Perfect Mets!



With their June 26 victory, the 12-Under Mets Little League baseball team of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association won the championship and finished undefeated with a 15-0 record. Coached by Jerry Dorman, the Mets knocked off the pesky Red Sox — who reached the title tilt thanks to defeating the league's No. 2 and No. 3 teams (Blue Jays, Cubs, respectively). Pictured are the victorious Mets. In the front row (from left) are head coach Dorman, Jared Dorman, Andrew Beaudoin, Nick Arbanas, Gary Calhoun and Josh Kline. In the back row (from left) are assistant coach Kevin Swopé Sr., Kevin Swopé, Gage Bitzer, Marcus McNutt, Mathieu Mondro, Brad Byars, Carter Kahl and assistant coach Josh Utley. Not pictured is Jacob Kalinowski, described by coach Dorman as an "awesome catcher and fine young man."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Need cheer coach

Livonia Clarenceville High School is currently accepting applications for its varsity girls cheerleading coach position. To apply, send a resume, letter of recommendation and references to Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

Golf classes

Late summer youth and adult golf

classes are available during the month of August at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Also, the next Golf Enhancement Session, "How to Dial in Your Irons," is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, July 30 at the Hickory Creek practice range. The \$20 cost includes range balls and swing tips. (Golf after 6:30 p.m. is an additional \$10 with cart).

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Winning return to Willows for Shepler, Ioanou

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Both Jordyn Shepler and Andrew Ioanou know Whispering Willows Golf Course like the back of their hands.

It was their home course for four years for the two graduating seniors from Livonia Churchill High, who won their respective 16-17 age divisions Wednesday in the 2012 Motor City Junior Championship at Willows.

Ioanou, who will attend Schoolcraft College and try out for the Ocelot



Jordyn Shepler

men's team, captured the Boys 16-17 title for the third straight year with 79 to beat Churchill teammate Brian Sexton, who will be a senior this fall, by two strokes.

Ironically, it wasn't the best of days for Ioanou.

"It was pretty bad actually," the second-team All-Observer selection said. "I just wasn't feeling it yesterday I guess. I really couldn't get around on the ball and just kind of made it tough on myself."

"Surprisingly my putter was working pretty good. It felt good. I had one three-putt, but it was from 80 feet."

Ioanou admitted he hasn't played much summer tournament golf since the high school season ended in early June.

"The long game is kind of hurting me right now, but hopefully it will get a little better," he said. "I've been working (a job) and playing beach volleyball. I just got started with my friends (in volleyball) and it's been a lot of fun. We go around a lot of different places and play pick-up."

Shepler, meanwhile, has been a first-team All-Observer player for the Chargers and will play this fall on a scholarship to Madonna University.

She gave herself mixed reviews after shooting a 79.

"It was a pretty good round for me," said Shepler, who turns 18 on Sunday. "I played well and just tried to have fun. It's a decent score, but I think I can do better."

"I started with a birdie on the first hole, and then I had two eagle putts on



PAUL WORLEY

Canton's Jack Boczar captured the 13-and-under division at the Motor City Junior Golf Championship Wednesday at Whispering Willows with a 73.

number eight and 16, but both lipped out."

Shepler said she plans on playing Tuesday in Livonia's Tournament of Champions event - also at Whispering Willows.

"I'm trying to get ready for Madonna golf (Aug. 1)," Shepler said. "I'm trying to keep more consistency. I've been working and practicing."

The most impressive score was turned in by Boys 13-and-under division winner Jack Boczar, who shot an impressive 73 from the 5,200-yard forward tees to beat fellow Canton native Justin Kapke by five strokes.

Both will be eighth-graders and are eventually headed to Plymouth High. Boczar, who attends Discovery Middle School, posted two birdies with only one bogey and one double-bogey.

Despite standing only 5-foot-1 and weighing 87 pounds, Boczar hits 220 yards regularly off the tee. He takes lessons from Jeff Goble at a driving range and dome in Auburn Hills. Boczar also competes during the summer for Colony Swim Club, but prefers golf.

"My long game was working, but my putting wasn't the best," said Boczar, who has played 15 Meijer Junior Tour events this year including a third-place finish recently at Edgewood Country Club.

Meanwhile, Edgar Lewis IV, of Livonia, took the Boys 14-15 crown with an 83, two strokes better than Justice Graves of Canton.

The Girls 15-and-under victor was Northville's Julia Shaw with a 118.

JUNIOR GOLF RESULTS

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BOYS RESULTS

Ages 16-17: 1. Andrew Ioanou (Livonia), 79; 2. Brian Sexton (Livonia), 81; 3. Austin Harris, 82; 4. (tie) Chad Macorkindale and Hayden Sackey, 89 each; 5. Herbie Taylor, 96; 7. Ryan Gliwa, 99; 8. Jason Wysocki, 113; 9. Justin Legel (withdrew). **Long drive:** Ioanou; **closest-to-pin:** Sackey.

14-15: 1. Edgar Lewis IV (Livonia), 83; 2. Justice Graves (Canton), 85; 3. Alex Cleaver, 89; 4. T.J. Kulfan, 95; 5. Alex Westphal, 102; 6. Nicklas Beers, 103; 7. Ryan Bohr, 106; 8. Alec Moore, 113; 9. Matthew Flood, 118; 10. Colin Burford, 125; 11. Brent Wilkerson (withdrew). **Long drive:** Moore; **closest-to-pin:** Kulfan.

13-and-under: 1. Jack Boczar (Canton), 73; 2. Justin Kapke (Canton), 78; 3. Dominic Marsalese, 86; 4. Saahith Mummadi, 90; 5. Carson Graves, 96; 6. Logan Welch, 102; 7. Jacob Karwowski, 119; 8. Rob Gulick, 120. **Long drive:** Kapke; **closest-to-pin:** Boczar.

GIRLS RESULTS

16-17: 1. Jordyn Shepler (Livonia), 79; 2. Kayla Whatley (Canton), 82; 3. Christina Briden, 93; 4. Maggie McGowan, 95; 5. Kristin Swad, 97. **Long drive:** Whatley; **closest-to-pin:** Shepler.

15-and-under: 1. Julia Shaw (Northville), 118; 2. Kendall Payne (Livonia), 127; 3. Marin McGowan, 128. **Long drive:** Shaw.



PAUL WORLEY

Edgar Lewis IV, of Livonia, shot an 83 to capture the Boys 14-15 age division Wednesday at the Motor City Junior Golf Championship held at Whispering Willows.

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Mercy to host Mary Angela Run

The 10th annual Mary Angela Run is slated to take place 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

For the fourth year, the event will benefit Angels' Place, a non-profit which provides housing and services for people with developmental disabilities.

This will be the first year the run takes place at Mercy, the school that Mary Angela DiGiovanni graduated from.

The Mary Angela Run is dedicated to the memory of DiGiovanni, who was involved in a fatal car accident in January of 2003.

She was a University of Michigan Public Health student with a desire to improve health care and

help people in need, and her family has pledged that her life will continue to reach out and help others.

"Mary Angela was a caring and dedicated person who wanted to help many different people and we believe that Angels Place has the same ideals," said race coordinator Sue Vincent who is also Mary Angela's aunt. "We have had a great turn out every year with nearly 500 people attending, and we're hoping to have another great event this year."

The event has raised approximately \$40,000 each year for the past nine years.

"Whenever I think of the Mary Angela Run, I see in my mind's eye

the image of Mary Angela with blue angel wings embracing and protecting the people we serve," said Cheryl Loveday, Angels' Place executive director.

Registration is now open with a standard entry fee of \$25 or \$50 for a Mary's Angel sponsorship, which includes a special Mary's Angel T-shirt and recognition on event signage.

Participants may register in advance or on the day of the event beginning at 7:30 a.m.

There will be chip timed 5K and 10K runs, plus a 1-mile fitness walk and childrens run.

For more information on the Mary Angela Run, or to register, please visit www.angelsplace.com.

CLACK

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"I'm getting more distance," Clack said. "About 15-20 years, more than I've been hitting. Normally I'll hit the ball out there maybe about 185-190 off the tee. I get it mostly down the middle all the time because the shorter you hit the ball. The better control you have on it."

He managed baseball in Garden City for 28 years, including six years of little league before moving up to Babe Ruth (with his son Rick, who is currently the Livonia Franklin girls tennis coach).

He also coached Connie Mack baseball (ages 16-18) and he organized the Garden City Class A Invitational league where he directed that league for 15 years.

"Anybody could play in that league," Clack said. "I myself started playing in that particular league when I was 49 years-old and played until I was 63."

At the age of 62, Clack proved he was the Satchel Paige of the Garden City Class A circuit once pitching all nine innings and winning against an all-star team from

Detroit that featured five ex-Major Leaguers.

On Thursday, Clack proved his round of 70 was no fluke as he carded a 76 on the same Links of Whitmore Lake.

Clack said he has never taken a golf lesson and basically learned the game on his own. He's had five hole-in-ones in the "last six or seven years," but only two came when he had witnesses.

"I've playing since World War II," he said. "I'm playing pretty good golf right now. I'm in excellent health. I weigh about 165 pounds and I go about 5-foot-9. I don't smoke and do a lot of exercise working outside of Fox Hills. I go to the Summit (Parkway) and walk in that indoor track. I walk every day and walk a mile, so I keep myself in pretty good shape."

He's taken a page from Paige's book when it comes to golf and living when he was quoted saying: "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."

Dil Clack apparently isn't looking back.

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CAMPBELL

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sharpshooter switched to the point-guard position where he averaged 15.5 points and 5.5 assists per game as Stevenson went 6-2. Ironically in his final game against Novi, Campbell went down with a season-ending ankle injury in the first minute of play.

"What I also liked about him when he came and worked out for me was that he has great quickness," Henry said. "He can get up and down the floor quickly, so he's going to add a dimension where he can handle it and put the ball in the hole. He's a good push man. He can dish it, handle it and shoot the 'three.'"

Henry also announced he has signed nine other players including area products Grant Bettner, a 6-foot guard from Salem's KLAA championship team; Terrell Sewell, a 6-6 forward from Canton; Kyle Bambach, a 6-0 guard from Stevenson who played for the Ocelots two years ago; and Redford's Joniero Bry-

ant, a 6-4 forward via Grayson H.S. in Loganville, Ga.

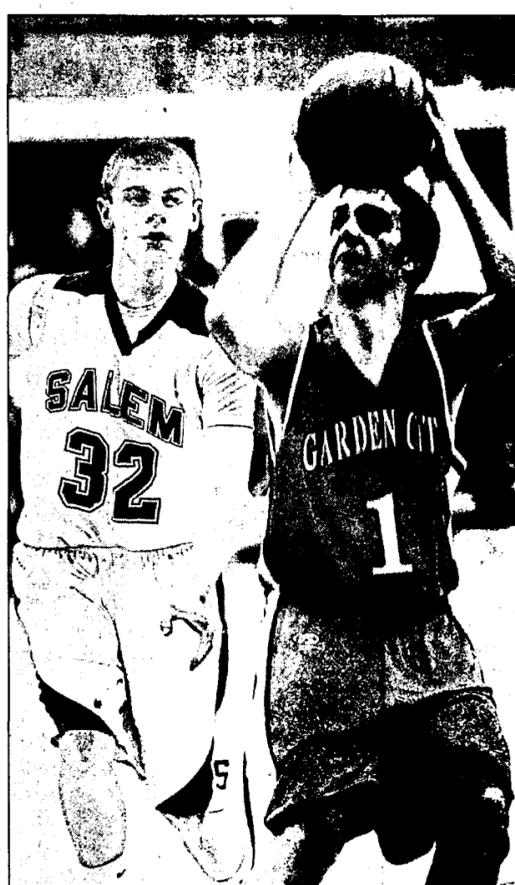
Also in the fold are 6-4 small forward Nicholas Redmond and 5-11 guard Keith Sykes, both from Detroit Plymouth Educational Center Prep; Salah Alawgari, a 6-3 guard from Hamtramck Frontier International; Marcus Williams, a 6-4 forward who played two years ago at Henry Ford CC; and Chris Brown, a 6-1 guard and 2010 grad from Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Henry also said 6-4 forward Adonis Bryant (Lahser) will join the Ocelots' 2012-13 squad as a walk-on.

Meanwhile, Richmond Jackson, a 6-5 forward from Detroit, is the only returning player off last year's squad for Henry.

"He's a kid that went to (Detroit) Cass Tech, dropped out of (Detroit) Mumford and then came back and got his G.E.D.," Henry said. "He's been a real success story for us and pulled a 3.8 (grade-point average) his last semester."

Henry added that he hopes to sign two more players by Tuesday.



Schoolcraft also signed Salem's Grant Bettner (No. 32), shown in this 2010-11 photo with Garden City's Brandon Kennedy.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

U-9 baseball

Tryouts for the Livonia Bats, an under-9 baseball team, will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 at Livonia Franklin H.S.

For more information, call coach Bill Schaffer at (734) 891-3896.

Salem Rockettes set golf outing

The 12th annual Salem Rockettes Golf Outing is slated for Sunday, Aug. 5 at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

Cost is \$100 per golfer for 18 holes of golf (scramble format) on the Premium Classic Fox course, followed by a buffet dinner and silent auction.

Also on tap will be contests with prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and much more.

Register on-line at www.golfoutingpro.com/event/salemrockettes.



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Carving her way through the water en route to a record-breaking finish in the 200-meter freestyle at the recent U.S. Olympic Trials is Allison Schmitt of Canton.

SCHMITT

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last month in Omaha, Neb., she broke her own American record in the 200 free with a mark of 1:54.40.

Still the same

Weber said Schmitt seems to still be the same fun-loving girl who enjoyed joking with her teammates almost as much as coming from behind in a relay to drench the competition.

"The respect factor that we hear other coaches and other athletes talk about Allison really go right in line from our experiences," Weber noted. "So she hasn't changed a bit. When you hear the interviews with other athletes, you hear how Allison is fun to have at practice.

"She's always in with the jokes, excited to be there. We had that day in and day out for four years."

Looking back on when Schmitt started her Canton career as a high school freshman, the veteran coach recalled how much potential she had.

"She came in as a freshman very excited about swimming," Weber said. "She still hadn't had the big breakthrough."

Others saw it, too.

"Chuck Olson, the Salem coach, he came up to me as she was a freshman," Weber continued. "And he said after one of the first times he got to see her swim was 'She can do things in the water that I have never seen before.'



After completing her heat in the 200-meter freestyle at the recent U.S. Olympic Trials, Allison Schmitt glances at the scoreboard to see how she finished.

"And what he meant by that is the way she can grab the water, (get) her elbow up underwater and pull herself up and over."

While Schmitt was a sophomore, Weber and Raines kept working with her on breakouts and turns.

"You could see her finding that niche after her sophomore year," Weber said.

"She started to make her Junior Olympic team and it proceeded on to winning state meet her junior year, winning state meet her senior year.

"She was second place in the 50 and 100 (free) her sophomore year and right after that some magical switch happened. She went from being an excellent swimmer to being the swimmer we know now."

Gold's the goal

As great as she swam for the Chiefs, Schmitt really took off after she graduated. She nabbed a bronze medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games in the women's 4 x 200 relay.

From there she went to the University of Georgia, where she became a four-time NCAA champion.

But in the next two weeks at the London Olympics, Schmitt will be focused on bettering 2008 by winning a gold medal or two.

That could be next for a supreme athlete who Weber recalled having an absolute disdain of defeat.

"There are just tons of stories about how she would come back on a relay," from a length or more, Weber said. "We often put her fourth, because Allison hated to lose."

With Schmitt's talent and fierce mindset, it's no surprise she's on the world stage once again — and that those in her hometown who had a part in her career also feel like a winner.

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ALL ABOUT SCHMITTY



Schmitt

Who: Allison Schmitt, nicknamed "Schmitty," member of the U.S. Olympic Swimming Team who will compete in four events at the London Olympics (200 freestyle, 400 freestyle, 4 x 100 freestyle relay, 4 x 200 freestyle relay).

When: Check local

TV listings and USA Swimming's Web site, www.usaswimming.org for more details.

Olympics: The opening ceremonies were Friday and the games continue until Aug. 12.

Local ties: Schmitt, 22, is a 2008 graduate of Canton-High School, where she was a state champion. She went on to earn the bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and followed up with NCAA championships at the University of Georgia. She trained for the Olympics under the watch of coach Bob Bowman at the North Baltimore Aquatic Club.

Family: Her parents are Ralph and Gail Schmitt of Canton. Allison is one of the family's five successful student-athletes, all who swam at Canton. Those include Kirsten, Derek and twin sisters Kari and Sara (currently playing Division 1 women's hockey at Ohio State University).

Suburban Ice ready to give thanks

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

While the weather on Saturday, Aug. 4 figures to be sizzling, a day-long celebration of hockey is just around the corner at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

The arena's seventh annual "Open House" is slated from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and should draw plenty of Livonia left-wingers, Garden City goalies and Pee Wees from Plymouth.

Everything that is on the agenda won't cost participants a dime. Inside the arena will be men's drop-in hockey (10-11 a.m.), women's drop-in (11 a.m. to 12 noon), back-to-back sticks and pucks sessions (12 noon-1 p.m., 1-2 p.m.) and open skating from 2-3 p.m.

All hockey and skating sessions will take place at the arena's Pepsi Rink.

But there will be plenty of fun outside, too. There will be street hockey, face painting, slide boards and plenty more — not to mention free popcorn,



Youngsters battle it out in a game of street hockey during last year's Open House at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills. A bevy of free activities will be on tap at the arena on Saturday, Aug. 4.

soft drinks and hot dogs.

"We're always looking for ways to give back to old customers and generate new customers," said Geoff Bennetts, general manager of Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

Bennetts estimated that anywhere from 300-400 hockey-loving people will come out for the event. Those who do want to come out should pre-reg-

ister by calling (248) 888-1400 as soon as possible.

Bringing in newbies to the SIFH fold is always part of the plan, he continued. But the open house is a "thank you" to the regulars more than anything else.

"This is really an opportunity to give back to our customers who spend money with us all year," Bennett said.

To gear up for the event, Bennetts said more than 1,000 index-card-sized orange fliers were handed out during the Farmington Founders Parade on July 21.

For more on SIFH programs, go to www.suburbanicefarmingtonhills.com. Suburban Ice Farmington Hills is located at 23996 Freeway Park Drive.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

13-U baseball

• The Michigan Bulldogs will be holding tryouts for their 13-and-under baseball team from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, August 5 at Bicentennial Park's (Field No. 8), located off Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia.

Players are asked to show up by 1:45 p.m. to get warmed up and fill out a tryout form.

Email Scott Coughlin at scott.coughlin@yahoo.com for more information.

• Tryouts for the 2013 Northville Cubs, a 13-and-under baseball team in the KVBSA travel league, will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, July 29; and 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 30 and Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Maybury State Park, located off Eight Mile Road (one mile west of Beck Road).

For more information, e-mail Jim Marshall at jim@northvillebaseball.com.

12-U baseball

• Open travel baseball tryouts for the 12-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Canfield Arena/Central Park, located south of Ford between Beech Daly and Inkster

Roads.

Interested players must be 12-years-old prior to May 1, 2013 and only need to attend one of the two tryout sessions.

For more registration information, call head coach Brad Ebben at (248) 924-0489; or e-mail bebber1.att.net.

• Tryouts for the Livonia Longhorns, an under-12 baseball team, will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4 at Livonia Franklin High School.

For more information, call coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499.

U-11 baseball

Tryouts for the 2013 Motor City Chiefs under-11 travel baseball team will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 at Massey Field, 790 Plymouth Road, Plymouth; and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8 at Castle Gardens, 14501 Hix Road, Livonia.

Players are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to tryout time to register and warm up. (If unable to attend, a player evaluation can be scheduled upon request.)

For more information, call Dan Sheahan at (734) 377-3123; or Ken Gaffney at (734) 395-4058.

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Twenty years later, Livonia band continues to entertain

By Joanne Maliszewski
 Correspondent

Five hometown boys and Bentley High School pals are proof you don't have to be Hollywood or New York City to be successful musicians with a considerable following.

"We don't have any grand illusions. We are just having fun," said Greg Panaretos, one of five original members of the popular The Major Woody Band.

Graduation, marriages, children and jobs kept the friends busy over the years; some staying in touch and playing music together. But in 1992, Glen Dickson decided it was time to make their continuing love of music official and organize a new band.

One element, however, was missing for the five friends who gathered now as adults to venture into a professional world of music. The new band needed a name.

The name

Founding member Carl Gerhard one day just said it: "The Major Woody Band."

The name has stuck. "Back in the day, we were just throwing names around. It really doesn't mean anything. It's just a silly phrase," Dickson said.

Still, the name is interesting enough to draw the requisite attention from fans in the region. Of course, good music is what keeps the fans coming back for more.

The Bentley High School grads just took down the house at the Livonia Spree Festival and continue to be



The Major Woody includes Mark Lutzo, (back, left) Tim McPherson, Carl Gerhard, Duran Grisa, Glenn Dickson, (front, left) Carrie Firth, and Greg Panaretos.



The band rocks out.

booked throughout the year at the region's favorite clubs.

Now in their late 40s and early 50s, band members are celebrating The Major Woody Band's 20th anniversary. A milestone to be sure, but members

also recognize the length and depth of friendships and a commitment to playing good music.

Right out of the gate, original Major Woody members Michael Wigand, Dickson, Carl Gerhard, Chris McCro-

ry and Panaretos agreed they wanted to be known for being different.

"We like all music but we wanted to play alternative music," Panaretos said.

When the decision was made to include the Motown landmark, *I Heard It Through The Grapevine*, it wasn't the popular Marvin Gaye version, but a more soulful rendition by Gladys Knight & the Pips.

Heavy rock-and-roll and some punk also captured the band's interest. But as Dickson said, "we knew that if we wanted to be successful and make money we would have to play dance music and some of the classics."

When band members

say classics, however, they aren't necessarily talking about imitating music on mainstream radio. It's not exactly "oldies but goodies." They sing classic artists, but not necessarily the songs that made them famous.

"We really do off-the-wall classic. We don't do the usual," Dickson said. "We really try to stay new."

Staying true

The band does their homework, searching for new music that will be a hit with their fans. "We try to stay true to the recordings and the artists because we also want the music to be recognizable," said Tim McPherson.

son who joined the band six years ago.

If the musicians' wives like dancing to their selections, the songs stay in the repertoire. "Our wives have good taste in music," Panaretos added.

Twenty years later, Major Woody has remained true to its roots: Friendship, family and a love of good music continue to sustain the band and the relationships forged long ago as teenagers. It is also a part-time gig for the band. Each member has a day job and each works on their own for practice and for searching new music.

Along the way new members have joined the band, bringing what Panaretos calls a new kind of professionalism.

Joining the original five members is Tim McPherson, Mark Lutzo, Duran Grisa and Carrie Firth, the lead vocal and a special education teacher for the Livonia Public Schools. McCrory of the original group has left as has Susan Harwell, who sang with the group for a while.

Each of the members gives credit for their musical success to their alma mater. "Dr. (Jerry) Smith (music teacher) and Bentley High School — there's a lot of talent in that school," Dickson said.

Sell it

It was Smith who not only taught them music, but an important fact about the business. You have to sell it. "Now it's Glen who tells us that," Panaretos said.

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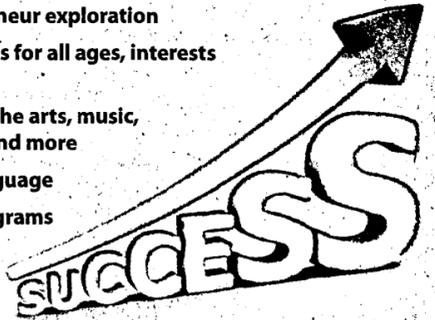


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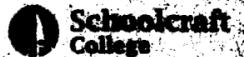
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It's one thing to make good music, it's another to play and present it in a way that keeps people coming back for more. The show has to be entertaining.

"You can get sucked into the vortex," said McPherson, who followed the band before he joined it. "The crowds have a good time because they watch and see us having a good time."

That means constant change and searching for music that can be universally appealing to the 25 to 65 age group. It is the reason The Major Woody Band plays a wide variety that includes David Bowie, some Motown and even Lady Gaga.

"We try to stay on the edge," Panaretos said. "But maybe not exactly the way people have heard it before. We will have people say to us, 'who did that music or I haven't heard that in so long,'"

The music is an art, but so is finding the right venues. McPherson tends to handle that task. But it's more than just scheduling a gig. He prefers to create partnerships with clubs and owners. It creates longevity and trust.

Weddings and other functions remain a part of the band's venues. Members try to personalize the music program for the guests of honor. At one wedding, band members invited the groom to bring along his trumpet and play with them.

Despite its success, the band was floored with the reception it received at the latest Spree in Livonia. "Between sets, I couldn't say hello fast enough to all the people I knew who were coming in," Panaretos said.

It's been 20 years and nothing has dampened band members' spirits. "We are very loyal to Livonia. We will still be doing this when we are all 97," McPherson said.

For more information about The Major Woody Band, visit the band on Facebook.



Budget-friendly road trip tips

With warm weather season in full swing, now is the time to start planning your fun family getaways. If you are concerned about affording it all, author and financial expert Farnoosh Torabi offers the following tips to help you have fun and save money on your next vacation.

Bank on gas-saving apps
Look to budget-friendly websites, such as www.GasBuddy.com, which also offers an app that helps you find the closest gas station with the best prices near you. Another gas-saving app is Gas Hog. It costs 99 cents and calculates your car's fuel economy, then provides tips on ways to make your car more fuel-efficient.

Rent a car
It turns out that, contrary to popular belief, it can actually be cheaper to rent a car for weekend getaways than it is to drive your own. According to a study by Brett Smith, co-director, manufacturing, engineering and technology for the Center for Automotive Research, when renting a compact car from Enterprise Rent-A-Car, for example, at its weekend rate, the savings can come to 12 cents per mile. If your getaway is a 300-mile round trip, the fuel savings could be more than \$20.
"By renting a car, you reduce the stress and mileage placed on your own vehicle, and you can upgrade or

downgrade depending on the size of your family and fuel economy needs," explains Torabi.
Pack and save
On road trips, most people grab a few snacks every time they stop for gas. Over time, those candy bars and sodas can really add up. A family of four can easily spend \$15 for drinks and snacks at just one stop. "One easy way to lower the cost of your trip is to pack your own food. Pack a cooler full of bread, peanut butter, string cheese, water, juice and plenty of fruit. You'll be less likely to splurge while filling up the tank, make healthier choices, and save a bundle over all," says Torabi.

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Aviation artist's work selected for Air Zoo

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Aikins was one of 51 artists from around the world whose work was selected for the show, which runs through Sept. 8.

His works, titled *Showtime* and *Target Toyama* depict both the beauty and horror of aviation history.

Aikins retired from Ford Motor Company as chief designer, Ford Trucks, in 2000.

"I wanted to return to my love of aviation and try something new, which turned out to be oil painting," he said. "Since then, I have completed over 100 paintings and my work covers all phases of aviation history."

Last year, he was accepted as an Artist Member of the American Society of Aviation Artists with work exhibited at the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Fla.

Showtime, one of the two paintings chosen for exhibit at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, shows a WACO — a 1930s type biplane now manufactured in Battle Creek — as it appeared in September 2007 at the Gathering of Mustangs and Legends Air Show in Columbus, Ohio.

The painting won Second Place in the General Aviation Category of the Aviation Week-sponsored American Society of Aviation Artists Exhibit 2012.

Target Toyama shows the devastation of a 1945 B-29 attack on the chemical and textile manufacturing center of Toyama, Japan in which 95



Robert Aikins of Farmington Hills is an aviation artist.



"Showtime" by Robert Aikins.

percent of the city was destroyed.

The piece won the Four Feathers Enterprises award for the most creative approach to telling an aviation story or depicting an aviation event.

The American Society of Aviation Artist was formed in 1986 to bring together, in one professional body, artists who are leaders in the field, for the purpose of recognizing and promoting interest in aviation art as a fine art form.

Artist members are selected by a group of their peers on the basis of their demonstrated abilities and experience. Membership currently numbers more than 250 artists and associate

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A similar situation can occur with the body, particularly with the joints, muscles and their attachments. If you suddenly have a new pain that persists, in the area of your knee or hip, you have a reason to question if the problem is a strain or even possibly a cancer? Making a doctor's appointment is an exercise in good sense.

Your physician then has the responsibility to evaluate the pain. By a combination of examination, laboratory and imaging findings such as x-ray, CT and MRI scanning, the physician usually can provide answers to your concerns.

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BAIN, ELAINE R.

July 24, 2012, Age 67 of Plymouth. Loving wife of Donald. Dear mother of Elizabeth Bain of Alameda, CA, Bruce (Thais Fortes) Bain III of Plymouth, and Alexander M. (Meg) Bain of Des Plaines, IL. Sister of Michael (Barbara) Rugienius of Ovedio, FL. Beloved daughter of Helen Rugienius of Minersville, PA. Niece of Beatrice Thomas of Haddon Heights, NJ. Survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Long term teacher at East Middle School in Plymouth, MI. Visitation Saturday, August 4, 2012, 1-3 PM with a memorial service at 3 PM Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Humane Society, or The Bain Family Scholarship Fund, The Pennsylvania State University Office of Annual Giving, 7 Old Main, University Park, PA 16802. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



BUMSTEAD, RICHARD CHARLES

August 1, 1934-June 15, 2012 Richard Charles Bumstead's life ended on June 15, 2012, in an unfortunate accident on his ranch in Huffman, Texas, where he and his wife Sylvia (Bjork) Bumstead made their home for the last 21 years. He was born on August 1, 1934, in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan and was predeceased by his parents Merton Merrill Bumstead and Marguerite (Allinotte) Bumstead, stepmother Charlotte Emma Bumstead and his brother Leroy Bumstead. He was wealthy beyond description in family and friends. Richard (Dick) as he was known to his many friends) was a devoted husband, father and loving grandfather. He never missing an opportunity to be with the family he loved so dearly. The family will hold a celebration in honor of Richard's life on Saturday, August 4, 2012 at the Helen Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland, MI 48185 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Please join us for dinner and sharing stories, laughter and memories. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Richard's memory are invited to contribute to the Wounded Warrior Project-Advanced Guard P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or the American Diabetes Association, 2400 Augusta Dr., Suite 175 Houston, TX 77057. He is survived by Sylvia - his high school sweetheart and wife of 56 years, and three daughters, Debbie and husband Dr. Dave Holzworth, Kathy and Jim Marcotte and Carol Bumstead. He is also survived by his sisters Delores Hart of Wayne, MI, Patricia Jackson of St. George, SC, Judy Bjork of Dewey, AZ and Charlotte Cosagolos of Canton, MI. He is also survived by brothers John G. Bumstead of Columbia, SC; Merrill M. Bumstead of Chelsea, MI and his brothers-in-law Larry Bjork and Jack Jackson. He also left behind six grandchildren: Abbey, Elliott, Shane, Cody, Taylor and Lindsey. As young man, he moved to the Wayne, Michigan area, where he attended Wayne High School and graduated in the class of 1952. After high school he entered the Navy and trained as a meteorologist. Following active duty Richard attended Schoolcraft College, and then began his professional and entrepreneurial career in Wayne, Michigan. As a young man one of his early jobs was running the printing press at The Wayne Dispatch newspaper. In addition, he learned the asphalt paving business, working for his father's company, Ypsilanti Asphalt Paving. Richard was an active sportsman, and through the years he enjoyed playing tennis, golf, bowling, ice hockey, fishing, scuba diving, snow and water skiing. His first business venture was RC Bumstead Asphalt Paving. For over 30 years he built and operated this successful business. He had a "can do spirit", and no job was too big and there was nothing he couldn't accomplish once he set his mind to it. In 1981, Sylvia and Richard relocated to Houston and established Houston Crushed Concrete and Houston Crushed Concrete Demolition companies. They were pioneers and a force to be reckoned with in bringing the crushed concrete industry to Houston. As a result, the crushed concrete industry flourishes today in the Houston area. After selling Houston Crushed Concrete in the early 1990's, Richard and Sylvia purchased acreage in Huffman, Texas where he became a benefactor to the local 4-H. His love for farming came at an early age, helping his grandfather on his farm in Ontario, Canada. Richards' entrepreneurial skills and drive once again proved successful as he built three strong agricultural based businesses. Richard raised beef cattle, had a thriving hay business and harvested and sold honey. He also served on the local agricultural board. He loved tinkering and working on his equipment and making improvements to his home and the property. While Richard excelled in business, he was to those who knew him intelligent, gregarious and possessed a great sense of humor; always sharing a never ending smile. (However, when sometimes talking to Dick you had to remember to wear your boots!) He was loyal, supportive, an incredibly strong and a wonderful father figure to not only his own children, but his six grandchildren and many close friends whom he mentored.



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 Iole 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

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 Jessia 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



GLOVER, CYNTHIA H.

July 22, 2012 age 54 of Canton. Beloved wife of Jake Glover. Loving mother of Ashton E. Faron A., and Jacob M. Sister of the late Richard Machnak. Aunt of Lois Weathers. Loving daughter of Steve and the late Louise Machnak. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Entombment Knollwood Memorial Park. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



UNRUH, KAREN J.

Age 70, of Brighton, MI passed away Friday, July 27, 2012 at the University of Michigan Hospital. She was born July 21, 1942 in Sioux Falls, SD a daughter of Orville and Audrey Olson. On September 5, 1964 she was married to Gary Unruh. Surviving are her husband, Gary; children: Jon (Bonnie) Unruh and Jeff (Lisa) Unruh; grandchildren: Megan, Brendan, and Sydney; brother Tom (Deb) Olson; and nephew Taylor. Karen was preceded in death by her parents: Orville and Audrey Olson and sister Marcia Horst. Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 31, 2012 from 2:00-8:00PM at the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton 810-229-9871. Funeral Service Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church with the Pastor Mark Milatz officiating. Final visitation will begin at 10:00 AM at the church. Please visit Karen's Book of Memories at www.keehnfuneralhome.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



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REUNIONS

BELLEVILLE

Class of 1957
55-year reunion, Sept. 21-22, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, I-94 and Belleville Road. Informal gathering starts at 6 p.m., Friday. Social time starts at 5 p.m., Saturday, followed by dinner. For more information call Donna (Watkins) Gotts at (734) 331-9180 or e-mail to donna-gotts@aol.com for more details. Centerline Class of 1977 35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to dhs1977@hotmail.com.

DEARBORN FORDSON

Class of 1948
The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS

Class of 1982
For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

Class of 1962
50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Send names, contact info and questions to the reunion committee website, robichaud62@yahoo.com. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

DETROIT CODY

Class of 1962
Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

1950s, 1960s

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

DETROIT MUMFORD

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

DETROIT WESTERN

All Classes
Friday, Sept. 14 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriam, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Family-style luncheon plus prizes and plenty of school spirit. \$25 per person. Phone Mildred (Lois) Carpenter at (248) 427-0673 for tickets. Deadline is Aug. 25.

Class of 1962
Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening icebreaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1962
The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an

evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

Classes of 1968-1973
Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on Facebook. Or e-mail to Cindy Eads Frensch at irish4200@hotmail.com, Debi Cassidy Haller at debi.haller@gmail.com, Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@wowway.com, Lee A Gilligan at ee.gilligan@att.net, Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter.net, Suzie Wright Rogiero at suzierogiero@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackieideson@gmail.com or Jeff Fordell at jffordell@jeffrexfordell.comcast.net.

GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1972
6:30 p.m. Oct. 27. For more information e-mail to Janine (Alioto) Brown at jbrown@psm.inc.net.

LIVONIA PARK HIGH

Class of 1962
50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@MarilynJSnyder.com, or call (586) 215-9445.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Classes of 1971-73
A "40ish" class reunion hosted by the class of 1972 is planned for 6-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Holiday Inn Laurel Park, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. Friends from junior high may also attend the gathering. Tickets are \$65 per person. Go to www.churchillalumni.com for a registration form. Contact Susan Burke at susanamyburke@gmail.com if you want to help organize this party.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1971-75
The classes are joining together to celebrate with a reunion on Aug. 4. Reunion organizers are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and e-mail to nhs40ye-arreunion@gmail.com. The organizers will send more details after receiving your information.

PONTIAC CENTRAL

Class of 1962
Informal social gathering, 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21 and reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at the Radisson Hotel, 30475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. For more information call Bob or Marilyn (Coffing) Pomeroy at (248) 625-5301.

Class of 1972

40th class reunion Sept. 22 at The Lafayette Grand of Pontiac. A "Meet & Greet" also will be held Friday, Sept. 21. Location to be determined. E-mail Tina Johnson tinastribe@charter.net.

REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1962
Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

ST. BENEDICT HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1962
The Highland Park school will hold a 50th year reunion Aug. 25. Contact Milt Dugas at (248) 446-6042 or [mgdugas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:migdugas@sbcglobal.net).

STERLING HEIGHTS HENRY FORD II

Class of 1982
30-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 at the American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Heights. The cost is \$45 per person. For tickets, contact Dana Anthony Sullivan at (586) 246-4679 or henryford30th@yahoo.com.

BLOKER, RAYMOND E.

1/19/192 - 7/14/2012
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



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Since January 2011, nearly 10,000 Americans turn 65 every day, joining the fastest growing age group in the nation. According to a recent American Automobile Association (AAA) survey of that booming population, nearly half of seniors worry about losing their freedom and mobility when the time comes for them to transition from driver to passenger.

From understanding how vision changes can affect one's ability to drive at night, to researching the effects certain medications can have on one's driving ability, it's important to get the facts about driving for seniors. Use these tips from AAA to help ensure you and your family members are driving safely.

Evaluate your driving.

While most seniors are experienced drivers, it's important to take time to consider one's driving "health" and habits. For instance, how frequently do you wear a seatbelt? Do you use your signal and check for nearby traffic before changing lanes? Does traffic cause you to feel anxious? When was the last time you had an eye exam? You can take a Driver 65 Plus self-assessment at www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com to get a clear picture of just how good your driving skills really are, and you'll also get suggestions for improving your driving.

Be aware of how aging affects driving habits.

From hearing and vision loss, to mental fitness and



reaction time, seniors may not notice the gradual differences that can impact their driving ability. For instance, by age 60, your eyes need three times the amount of light to see properly as they do for people 20 years old, which means it's more difficult to see at night. Likewise, one-third of Americans suffer from hearing loss by age 65. This can pose a problem, as senior drivers may be unable to hear high-pitched noises such as emergency response vehicles while on the road.

Reaction times can be slower for seniors as well. But preventative measures can go a long way. — When following other vehicles, seniors should increase the distance between their car and the car in front of them, to allow more time to react to sudden braking.

— Eliminating distractions in the vehicle and avoiding heavy traffic can also help seniors identify emergency sirens, and avoiding driving at night is another safer option for seniors.

Find the right fit.

With the wide array of vehicles offering all sorts of convenience features, seniors may not realize that their car may not be optimally adjusted to fit them. For example, sitting too close to the steering wheel can interfere with steering and cause fatigue, as well as injury, should the airbag deploy during a collision.

— Make sure you have at least 10 to 12 inches between your chest and the steering wheel.

— When seated properly, you should be able to see the ground in front of

your car within 12 to 15 feet and 1 1/2 car widths left and right.

— Visit www.car-fit.org to assess the safety of your vehicle, find the proper seat and mirror adjustments and more.

Take a refresher course.

No matter how many years a driver has been on the road, a refresher course can help reinforce the basics such as identifying road signs, as well as provide information on updated driving rules and new vehicle technologies.

Talk with your doctor and pharmacist.

Ensure that the medications you take — both prescription and over-the-counter — will not impair your ability to drive safely.

In addition, make sure all your medications go through one pharmacy, so the pharmacists on staff can better assess any potential drug interactions.

Top 5 driving tips for seniors

1. Prepare for a drive by adjusting your mirrors and seat to ensure you can see properly. Always wear a seatbelt.
2. Eliminate distractions, such as the car radio, which can interfere with your ability to hear emergency response vehicle sirens and other important sounds.
3. Avoid driving in bad weather, heavy traffic or at night.
4. Making left-hand turns can be difficult for people with limited vision. Avoid left-hand turns at

intersections with signals by making three right hand turns around the block when possible.

5. Manage slower reaction times by increasing the amount of space between your vehicle and the car in front of you, allowing for more time to react to sudden braking.

Tips for family members

If you're concerned about the safety of a senior family member, look to resources such as their doctor or your local DMV, that can help identify their capacity to drive, and find transportation resources to help them manage daily needs:

— If your family member has received two traffic citations, warnings or been involved in two collisions or "near misses" within a two year period, it may be time to look for other forms of transportation.

— Make sure your family member speaks with their doctor and pharmacist about prescription and over-the-counter medications that may impair their ability to drive safely.

— Talk with family members, friends and neighbors about organizing a car pool to help seniors who need rides find transportation. Look to local public and supplemental transportation options as well.

Read more about assessing your family member's ability to drive, as well as where to find alternative transportation, at www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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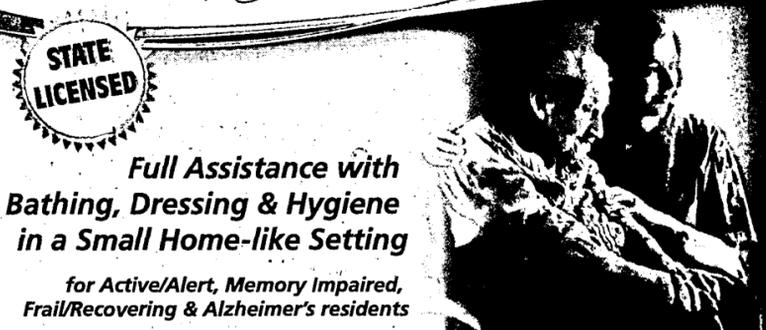
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Michael Bassirpour has opened Advanced Recycling, located on Merriman road between Plymouth Road and Schoolcraft. Michael and crew will take your scrap metal and turn it into cash.

Advanced Recycling, which specializes in metal and plastic recycling, opened in May, 2012. President Michael Bassirpour answered the following questions about his business.

Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature:
We are a full-service metal and plastic recycling company. We purchase scrap metal from industrial, commercial, and local residents. We provide roll-off services and trucking. We are open six days a week and pay the best prices for excess metals.

What makes your business unique:
Our exceptional customer service and best prices in town separate us from our competition. We do what we can to maximize supplemental income for anyone who brings us metal. We work with industrial businesses and local home owners. When they clean out their basement/garage and find old tools, barbecue grills or anything metal, they can bring it to us for cash. Trash for Cash. They can also bring us old their old

computers. Electronic material poses a hazard to the environment, we will recycle this material, including shredding hard drives, and make sure it does not end up in a landfill.

How did you first decide to open your own business in Livonia?
I have been in this industry for years. I believe with the local industrial business and the good people, Livonia is the perfect place for our business. We wanted to reach out to this area because there is no other metal recycler in the city of Livonia.

Do you have a story to share with our readers?
Yes, August 2nd, Advanced Recycling will be having our first Customer Appreciation Day. Not only will our industrial, commercial and residential customers receive the best prices for the metal, plastic and old computers, they'll get a free lunch. We'll be serving hot dogs, chips and soft drinks all day. We welcome Livonia residents to visit, see our facility, learn what they can bring in for cash instead of leaving at the curb, and enjoy a hot dog on us!

Advanced Recycling is at 12240 Merriman, Livonia. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. For more information, call (734) 266-2700 or visit www.advrecycling.com.

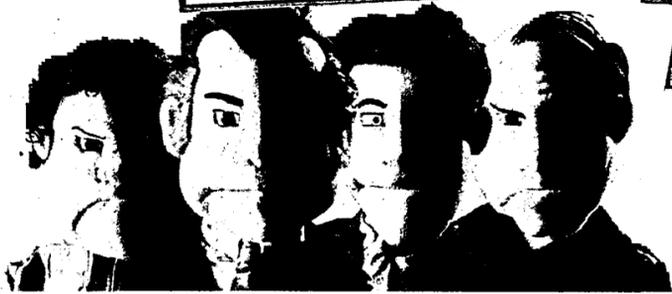
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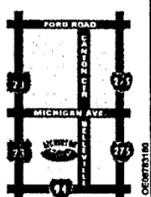
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