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Dinner benefit
The Westland Jaycees will sponsor a benefit to help the Spencer family with the medical and funeral costs for Crystal Spencer, the Farmington Hills woman who died July 29 as the result of a flesh-eating disease known as necrotizing fasciitis.
The fundraiser will be held 4-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland. The cost will be \$20 per person for ages 13 and up, \$10 for ages 4-12 and free for children under 3 for a full dinner, cash bar, 50/50 drawings, doors prizes and auction. Music will be provided by DJ Jeffery Paul Smith.
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Filing deadline
Candidates for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education have until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, to file to appear on the Nov. 6 general election ballot.
Candidates must file an affidavit of identity and nominating petitions with a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 100 signatures of registered voters or a \$100 non-refundable filing fee in lieu of petitions with the clerk's offices in Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, or Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.
Two six-year terms, held by Trustee Frederick Weaver of Westland and board Secretary Cindy Schofield of Wayne, will be filled in the election. Weaver was appointed to the board in 2011. He plans to seek election to a full term. Schofield, who has served on the board for more than 12 years, has decided not to seek a fifth term.

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Panel OKs recall petitions for five council members

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Recall petitions against five Westland City Council members were approved Thursday, while petitions against Mayor William Wild were rejected as being unclear. Duplicate petitions had been filed by residents William Campbell and

Burke Rock against Wild, City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof and council members James Godbout, Adam Hammons, Meriam Kadi, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves.
At issue is a vote to approve a 40-year amendment to the city's Tax Increment Finance Authority plan with possible projects includ-

ing construction of a new city hall. Campbell lives in the Newberry Estates Subdivision adjoining a possible site for a municipal building behind the William P. Faust Public Library.
Prior to the start of the Wayne County Elections Commission meeting, petitions filed against DeHart Schoof were

withdrawn. Schoof's brother Bill Johnson and Christine Bryant are the only council members not included in the recall petitions, although the TIFA plan amendment was adopted by a unanimous council vote.
"The purpose of the meeting is for the Election Commission to determine the clarity of the

language of the petitions," said Kevin Kavanaugh, a county corporation counsel principal attorney. "The commission does not take into account merit or truth, just if it meets the requirements for clarity."
Filling in as chairman,
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'I figured I was going to die'



At age 90, Albert Gladish of Westland has plenty to be thankful for - the skill of military surgeons who saved his life after he was severely wounded during World War II.

90th birthday is something to celebrate for World War II veteran

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Albert Gladish turned 90 on Aug. 7. It's not a milestone in the sense of turning 100, but considering there was a time 70 or so years ago that the Westland resident wasn't expected to live, 90 is something to celebrate.
Gladish is a card-carrying member of The Greatest Generation, a World War II veteran who saw action in the European Theater where he was critically wounded by mortar fire in

Belgium near the border with Germany in February 1945.
The explosion that day shattered both of his legs. He sustained compound fractures of his femurs, fibulas, tibias and ankle. A medic, he knew he was seriously injured and immediately gave himself two shots of morphine.
Prepared to die
"I figured I was going to die," he
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Study session to look at how to replace city hall

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

How to replace Westland City Hall, including a possible millage to fund the project, will be the topic of a council study session scheduled for Monday, Aug. 27.
There isn't any dispute among city officials about the need for a new building. The question is where it will be located and that affects how the construction can be funded.
The current city hall, on Ford just west of Carlson, is located within the Downtown Development Authority district, but it has insufficient revenue to fund what would likely be a \$13 million building.
Other sites that have been discussed — on city-owned land behind the William P. Faust Public Library and vacant commercial buildings around Westland Shopping Center — are located in the Tax Increment Finance Authority district. Unlike the DDA, the TIFA generates enough funding to pay for a new city hall without asking taxpayers for more money.
"I hope to break it down — the TIFA option and

the DDA option. We'll have information from a banking authority on what the dollars can be used for," Mayor William Wild said.
There will also be information from city auditors Plante Moran, Wild said, regarding a possible millage and potential election dates.
"Any information that we have, we'll share," Wild said.
After the study session, Wild said he planned to schedule a series of town hall meetings in different neighborhoods to answer questions and get feedback.
"We'll get input on the feelings about this. It will impact the future of the city," he said. "We'll also get input on that Tattan Park master plan."
In particular, Wild said he wanted to meet with residents on Carlson, who he described as on the front lines of Tattan Park and also the Central City Park remediation.
Central City Park will officially reopen at a ceremony at 4 p.m. Monday after having been closed since 2007.
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City gets more Neighborhood Stabilization funds

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

More blighted homes are going to be acquired and rehabilitated in Norwayne, thanks to an additional \$500,000 allocation of federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds.

"We should be able to acquire and renovate approximately eight homes in Norwayne," Community Development Director Joanne Campbell said.
The city previously had received more than \$2 million in NSP funding, with much of the atten-

tion focusing on Norwayne. There have been 22 Westland homes sold through NSP, including four lease/purchases, and 37 demolitions of blighted properties.
Wayne County has selected Westland to receive an \$500,000 as part of the county's NSP3

funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The city will use the NSP funds to acquire and renovate single-family houses that can be sold to qualifying families.
This phase of the program will focus on some new partnerships. The

city will partner with the Wayne County Family Center, First Step and similar organizations to provide homes for families at risk of homelessness. Westland will also partner with the Westland Housing Commis-
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PETITIONS

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Wayne County Chief Probate Judge Freddie Burton was joined by Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz at the meeting. The third member of the commission, Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett, was absent.

Burton agreed with Wojtowicz that the petition language regarding Wild was unclear. The language cited his appointment of two married couples, James and Mary Murphy and Bud and Pola O'Leary, to the TIFA Citizens Council.

"If I'm an elector and asked to sign a recall petition, why am I being asked to sign?" Burton said.

Campbell responded by recounting his complaint that the couples were appointed to the citizens council despite applications from himself and other residents seeking to serve. The plan amendment recommended by the citizens council included a municipal building, although no location was specified.

"They approved a municipal building

behind the library, the people oppose it," Campbell said. "We as citizens didn't get a change to be appointed. They put two married couples on the committee. It's not representative."

When it came to the council recall petitions, Wojtowicz offered a motion finding they lacked sufficient clarity, but Burton disagreed and didn't offer to support the motion.

Much of Godbout's objection to the petition language was more on a factual basis than clarity. He noted the references to construction of a city hall/municipal building behind the library aren't correct — council hasn't approved the project or specified a location.

With the two commission members split on the petitions and no action taken, Kavanagh said the recall petitions would effectively be allowed to proceed.

To break the tie, Wojtowicz agreed to find the petitions sufficiently clear and noted that council members had other options for appeal, including filing in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Since Campbell's petitions to recall council members were approved,

Burton asked Rock to consider withdrawing his petitions, noting that legally only one recall petition can be circulated against an elected official at a time.

Rock refused, so the commission voted to dismiss the petitions.

"I guess I'd have to be appreciative that the Election Commission tossed them (the recall petitions)," said Wild, who didn't attend the commission meeting. "The city attorney demonstrated there was nothing improper in appointing two husbands and their wives."

Regarding the council recall petitions, Wild said, "It's sad and unfortunate. We're trying to tackle big issues and they are trying to recall council members."

The county clerk makes the determination on the number of signatures required to put a recall on the ballot. The formula is based on 25 percent of the total Westland votes cast for governor in the last election.

Based on the 22,548 votes cast, that number would likely be approximately 5,637 signatures.

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BIRTHDAY

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said. "That day we were being attacked, so a sergeant, me and two other guys decided to go up and try to get rid of the enemy. We were going into southern Germany and across the river was Germany. I never made it to Germany."

Gladish "doesn't know to this day" how he got to a Swedish medical ship in the North Sea. He spent two weeks on it. When it docked in South Hampton, England, he was taken off the ship by a crane and sent to a field hospital where he stayed for four-six months. It was one of many hospitals he would find himself in over the next three years as doctors worked to repair his mangled legs.

"I always wanted my legs cut off, but the surgeons wouldn't do that," said Gladish. "I'd see guys who had lost a leg be up and walking in six weeks, while I was bed bound. I never could get out of bed."

Gladish grew up in Arcadia, Pa., a coal mining town near Pittsburgh. He was drafted into the service on Jan. 1, 1943, at the age of 19. He did his basic training at Fort Pickett and was selected to be trained as a medic.

Medic training

Gladish thinks the military just randomly selected him for the job, although he may have unknowingly been following in his father's footsteps. A coal miner, Gladish's father also was certified to administer first aid to the injured. His sister, Bernice Angell, believes her brother took an aptitude test. High school was the equivalent of a college education, and her brother took a lot science classes, she said.

He shipped over to England in June 1943 and went into France in July 1945 where he worked in a field hospital, training to be a field medic. He went into combat with the



Albert Gladish

88th Infantry just before the Battle of the Bulge.

"I was in a rifle company, you don't get out," said Gladish. "Guys would die, but you'd stay there, if you weren't hurt. They'd just bring up new people."

Gladish received the Purple Heart for his battlefield injuries, but the medal he is most proud of is the Bronze Star.

"They give a Bronze Star for courage," he said. "I got it and got a five-day pass as a reward."

He met Ike - twice

He eventually returned to the United States and was in a field hospital set up in a hotel on 41st Street in Chicago where he met General Dwight D. Eisenhower. He was there a year as doctors worked to clear up an infection in his legs. He was sent to Texas where he again met Eisenhower, then to Mayo General Hospital in Minnesota where doctors did skin grafts to cover up his smashed bones.

"I had 30-40 operations," said Gladish. "They did some bone grafts by taking bone from my hips and they did skin grafts. I had 27 pints of blood during my recovery. I wrote letters of thank you to everyone who took care of me. I remember one of them was George Washington, he was a man of color."

From Minnesota, he was sent to a hospital in Valley Forge, Pa., where he stayed "for awhile" before heading to Fort Dix, N.J. There he was discharged with a 100 percent disability.

His sister remembers a friend coming to their

house to tell her parents that her brother "wasn't going to make." She was 12 years old, when her parents left to go to Chicago to see their son.

"I remember mom crying," said Angell. "We just thought it was a miracle that he was alive."

The family had left Pennsylvania to come to Detroit where their father worked in the factory doing war work. He didn't want any of his sons working in the mines. They all ended up as engineers and all got good jobs, Angell said.

He worked a lifetime

And even though the military determined he was completely disabled, Gladish worked his entire life, including in the Wayne County Clerk's office where he was a clerk. The county gave him credit for his five years in the military and he retired in 1987 after 25 years.

Gladish left Detroit and moved to Westland 21 years ago and has been here ever since, except for a two-year stay in Athens, Tenn., where his youngest brother lives. Described as a very proud and very independent man by his nephew Ron Angell, he's happy to celebrate his 90th birthday. Sideline by an illness, he hasn't been able to use his car. His birthday wish is "to drive my own car."

"He's pretty social and likes to go to fine restaurants," said Angell who has been staying with him. "He's not fond of my cooking."

To this day, Gladish is experiencing the effects of his injuries. One leg is 3 1/2 inches shorter than the other and one is straight as a board. He's still prone to infections and pieces of shrapnel still work their way out. But getting a pacemaker two years ago has helped and he now feels younger than his 90 years.

"Right now, I'm doing pretty good," he said.

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sion to provide supportive services under the Family Self Sufficiency program.

"This NSP grant is another step to creating a Community of Choice for the Norway subdivision," Mayor William Wild said. "Providing lease-purchase opportunities for families, in completely renovated homes, helps strengthen the neighborhood."

The Westland City Council approved the NSP grant agreement with Wayne County earlier this month.

Council also approved the acquisition of blight-

ed duplexes that are slated for demolition, using Community Development Block Grant funds. Those units are located at 32013-15 Ottawa, 32213-15 Oscoda and 33516-18 Berville and sold for just over \$25,000.

In addition, two single-family homes in the south end of the city were acquired for rehabilitation and sale. The homes, located at 30125 Matthew and 5044 Middlebelt, were purchased for \$15,200 and \$25,410, respectively.

Through these activities, the city is eliminating vacant, blighted structures and reducing the density in the neighborhood, Wild said.

Westland is one of only

seven projects selected by Wayne County to further NSP effort. The activities solidify the city's commitment to rehabilitation of the Norway community, Wild said.

"This is a good example of federal dollars supporting local neighborhoods and the local economy, not only by creating new homeownership opportunities, but also by providing job opportunities for small businesses in the area," Wild said. "And we are seeing some improvement, through increased neighborhood involvement and decreased vacancy rates."

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CORRECTION

An article in the Aug. 9 edition of the Westland Observer should have

said that State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, was the top vote-getter in the

13th Congressional Democratic primary election held within the City of Westland. Anderson received 63

percent of the votes within Westland but was defeated district-wide by U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit.

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For Grace: Family helps daughter stage diabetes walk

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

When Grace Herzberg told her father Rick she wanted to do a fund-raiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, he said OK.

Three months later, he admits it's been a lot of work organizing the inaugural Walk with Christ to Cure Diabetes that will be held Sunday, Sept. 16, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School in Westland.

"There's no telling Grace no," said her father. "This was her idea and I've spent a lot trying to get it lined up and get people to help. Now I've got a lot people on board and it's coming together."

Grace, 6, will be a second-grader at St. Matthew's in the fall. She is the only student at St. Matthew with the disease and gladly talks to anyone and everyone about it. She was diagnosed with Type-1 diabetes when she was four years old. She is insulin dependent and has to test her blood sugar frequently. She receives six to nine insulin injections every day, about average for a child her age, her father said.

"She handles it very well, we're really blessed," Herzberg said. "She likes sharing her story about how diabetes has affected her life. I think she's going to be an advocate for Type-1 diabetes."

Grace knows the JDRF well. Every time she sees her doctor, she comes home with gifts from the organization, a diabetes school bag, teddy bear. Now she wants to pay it forward "and help other kids like me."

"If almost 1,000 people



Six-year-old Grace Herzberg is a big advocate for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and so is her sister, Gabriella, age 4.

showed up for the walk, I'd be thrilled," she said. "We're having it at the school and the school will get 10 percent of what we raise."

Grace and her family have done a few walks in the past and she thought it would be good to have one at the school. She talked with her doctors who agreed and Herzberg was off and organizing the event.

St. Matthew Pastor Kurt Lambert will conduct a contemporary outdoor worship service at 11 a.m. as part of the walk. Registration and check-in will be at noon, when food stations, games, inflatables, a

moon walk, face painting and music will open up.

The walk will start at 12:30 p.m., and the route will go through the neighborhood around the church and school, located on Venoy north of Ford Road.

There also will be a

silent auction, with bidding starting at 1:15 p.m. and an awards ceremony at 2 p.m.

Grace would like to raise \$2,500 for JDRF and people who want to help her reach that goal can register in advance online at jdrfkidswalk.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.eventDetails&eventID=1053. There's also an invitation posted on the Walk with Christ to Cure Diabetes Facebook page.

Herzberg would like people to register in advance so that organizers can get a head count for the food, but people can still stop by the day of the event.

"We've had quite a few sign up, a handful online and quite a few through the school," Herzberg said. "Even if they just want to come by and enjoy the games, it's open to everybody."

Grace wants to make the walk an annual event, and her father is OK with that. No matter how many show up this year, there will be a second annual walk. He's already talking with Pastor Lambert about it.

"Regardless of how many show up, this will be a success," he said.

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Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto (left) and Mayor William R. Wild congratulate Stephanie Pelow, the city's newest police officer.

Police department gets new officer

The Westland Police Department has a new member with the addition of Officer Stephanie Pelow.

A Westland native, Pelow graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 2004 and in 2009 earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University where she was on the dean's list and graduated with a 4.0 grade point average.

She also graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy in 2012 and is currently a member of the U.S. Army Reserves.

"It is always a pleasure to welcome a new police officer to the force, especially when they are a Westland native and are familiar with the residents and neighborhoods," said Westland Mayor William Wild.

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For the physician, the best data comes from laboratory test results or reports of x-rays, MRI's or CT scans done within the last year. It may seem easy for the doctor to call other offices or hospital radiology departments and ask for a fax of the information. But often, gathering that information is difficult because the lab slips are lost, the person sent to get the information can't find it, the office is closed, or the person at the other end of the line is annoyed over honoring the request. The result is delay that leaves the appointment incomplete or the patient waiting possibly for hours for the fax with the information to arrive.

The alternative is for the patient to obtain a copy of test results and imaging reports, and when seeing a new physician take a folder with that information to the appointment.

The point of a large part of the health technology is to bring all patient information to one site and to allow physicians access to that information whether the appointment takes place in Michigan, California, New York or Washington. The process to bring this access into being proceeds slowly. In the meantime, patients should continue to ask for a copy of results, save the papers, and bring them to the next doctor's appointment.

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Many of the Garden City High School AFJROTC cadets who participated in the Leadership Challenge pose for a photo with their luggage.

Leadership Challenge is experience of lifetime

By Cadet Alexander Zalgout
Correspondent

Every year, Phelps Air National Guard Base in Alpena hosts the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge.

This year, 17 Garden City High School Air Force JROTC cadets attended JCLC. The week-long camp takes in JROTC cadets from different high schools all over Michigan and at the base, they participate in different activities that most normal high school students would never get the chance to experience.

Over the week, the cadets meet new people, learn how an enlisted soldier lives and eats, and gets memories that last a lifetime.

The cadets were divided into one of six companies usually containing 75-80 other students. Upon arriving, the cadets are hurried off the busses and into formation, where their belongings are dumped and checked.

After that is cleaned up,

the cadets are marched to their barracks and get to settle in to their rooms. At 5 a.m. every morning, they were awoken and told to get dressed and get outside for morning physical training exercises.

After the morning breakfast, each company moved on to its daily activities. The breakfast was a three time a day "event" many cadets looked forward to. Cadets waited in single file lines quietly in order to receive their meal. They would get their food and eat quickly and quietly. After breakfast and lunch, cadets would return to their company and head to the daily event. After dinner, cadets would go back to their barracks for the night.

Cadets also participated in various fun activities, including repelling, rock wall climb, river rafting, marksmanship, academic challenge, sports, science, camping and an obstacle course. At repelling, cadets repelled down a four-story build-

ing, repelled without a wall down three-stories, and climbed a rock wall. River rafting taught cadets how to row in unison and how to control a rubber boat. At the overnight camp site, cadets learned how to pitch a tent and work as a team.

All of the other activities were a lot of fun, too.

The camp ended with the graduation of the cadets who attended JCLC. Many of the Garden City High School AFJROTC cadets served in various leadership positions and remained active in the camp. Cadet Senior Airman Jeffrey Ball was awarded the Top Male in Company Award, and Cadet Col. Anthony Gonzalez was awarded the Top JCLC Male Cadet Leadership Award.

JCLC was an event that none of these cadets will ever forget. The cadets at JCLC learned how to be leaders, how to work together and put others before themselves, and that if you set your mind to something, any obstacle can be overcome.

Coco Jones headlines annual Back 2 School celebration

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Two years ago, Coco Jones thought being on Disney's *N.B.T.* was a "big thing to do," but she discovered that it was the first step on her way to stardom.

The 14-year-old Jones, who is criss-crossing the country this summer doing concerts and making appearances, will be in Westland Saturday, Aug. 18, for Radio Disney AM-910 Detroit's Back 2 School celebration at Westland Shopping Center.

"The funny thing is I didn't win *N.B.T.* (*Next Big Thing*), I was only a finalist," Jones said. "Everyone thinks I won. I thought being on it was a big thing, but it's gotten better as it's progressed."

Jones will be performing a free concert at the shopping center. This is the fourth year that Radio Disney has joined with the Westland Shopping Center and Wayne-Westland Community Schools to stage the family friendly event.

From noon to 3 p.m., parents and their children will be treated to Jones's concert and a Q & A and interactive entertainment featuring the JROTC program, cheerleaders and marching band. Representatives from transportation services, preschool program and schools of choice will be on hand, and the culinary arts program from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center will be giving out dessert samples as part of the event. There also will be face painting and a mall gift baskets and gift cards will be given away.

Derrig estimates that 500 to 1,000 people will attend.

"It's a celebration of the Wayne-Westland Schools," said mall marketing director Patrick Derrig. "This will be one-stop shopping to learn about Wayne-Westland. This school district is amazing. We proud to have them in the mall to showcase their programs. The purpose behind this event is to bring brand awareness of Wayne-Westland and let people have a first, second and third look."



Singing sensation Coco Jones will headline the Back 2 School celebration, hosted by Radio Disney, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and Westland Shopping Center at the mall on Saturday, Aug. 18.

Jones, 14, plans to "do a couple of covers and a couple of my songs that nobody has heard" for her appearance at the mall. Described as a singer and rapper, she has become popular with tweens and teens since she first appeared on *N.B.T.* in 2010. While she didn't win the show, it helped launch her music career. She has guest starred on the Disney Channel's *So Random!* as herself, and as player Roxie, a teenage singing sensation, in the film *Let It Shine*. She also released a self-titled debut CD, *Coco Jones*, which led to her concert series, *UBU-Stop the Bullying*.

She has gotten support from her parents, professional football player Mike Jones and session vocalist Javonda Jones, and found inspiration in another Disney star, Raven-Symoné, in pursuing her "dream job."

"The great thing about my parents is they let me choose my career and are standing behind me," she said. "When I told them I wanted to do this as a career, they said OK, but if you do this, you do it 100 percent, and I've been doing

it 100 percent ever since.

"And Raven-Symoné inspired me to go after my dream and to be myself," she added.

Jones compares her style to Beyoncé and is developing a following among kids ages 8-16. Her goal is to grow with her music like Justin Bieber has.

"He got his little girl fans and then he grew up and his music matured," she said. "I do have fans, but I'd like more."

While Jones is doing back to school events, she won't be headed back to school when the concert tour ends. Instead, she will be heading to the recording studio to finish her first album and then focus on promoting it.

"I do get home, but rarely," she said. "My family has sacrificed a lot for this life. My mom travels with me."

Westland Shopping Center is at 35000 W. Warren Road, at Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call the mall at (734) 421-0291.

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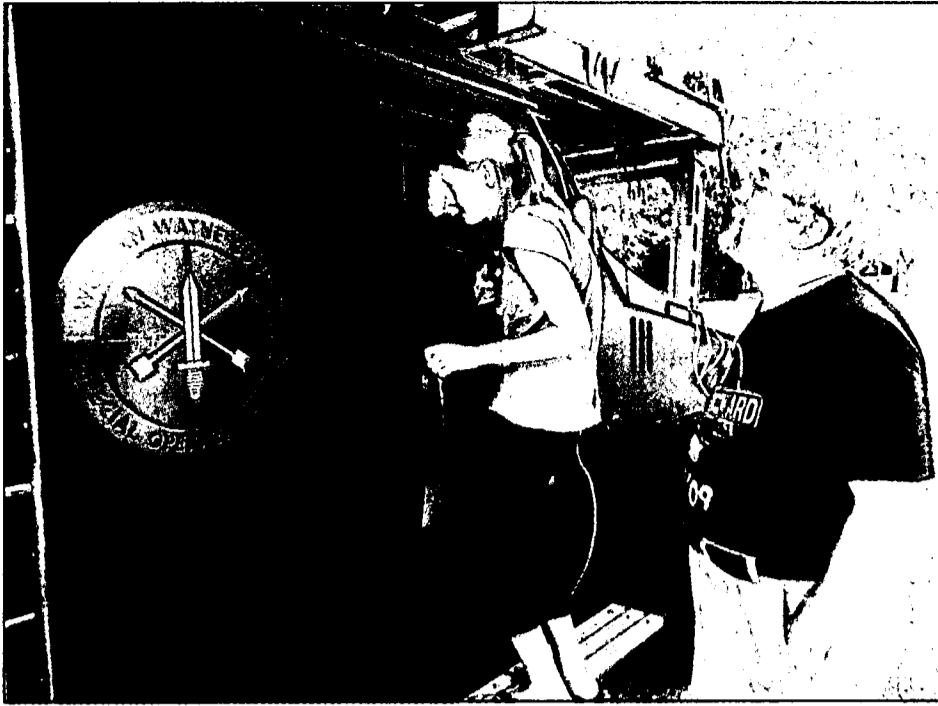
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Alexandria Milewsky, with dad Walter, gets a look at the Special Operations Team vehicle. The Milewskys are from Westland.

Fight against crime

'Night Out' event brings watch groups, residents together

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

John and Amy Sullivan took their children, Hannah and Max, to Canton Township's annual Night Out event Tuesday because they thought it would be fun, and an excellent chance to meet some neighbors they might not otherwise meet. "We went a couple of years ago and the kids had a lot of fun," Amy Sullivan said. "It's a good chance to maybe meet some other neighbors in the area."

And that's exactly why Canton Police Special Services Lt. Pat Sullivan (no relation) wanted people there. Canton's sixth annual event, held Tuesday in Heritage Park, is part of the 29-year-old National Night Out effort staged in hopes of strengthening ties between vigilant neighborhood groups, police officers and firefighters. He said the event, which annually draws hundreds of people, is a kind of reward for neighborhood watch programs (he estimates there are a couple hundred such groups in Canton), and a way for people in those programs to network. "We want to unite the



Leah Barringer dumps the water over her head as brother Eric tries to catch it in his cup during one of the games at Canton's Night Out event in Heritage Park. The kids are from Westland.

community and their them involved in crime prevention," Lt. Sullivan said. "We want them to be our eyes and ears in the community. We can't be everywhere. "It's a good opportunity for people to meet their neighbors, and expand their friend base outside their own groups," he added. "They can talk to each other and get some ideas from each other." This year's event featured a hotdog picnic, inflatable bouncers, a disc jockey, several displays such as police cars and fire trucks, crime-prevention handouts, child identification kits

and other activities. Target is the national corporate sponsor of this year's event. It's run in partnership with the Canton police and fire departments and the township's Leisure Services Department. Ginger and Eric Barringer brought their children, Leah and Eric, for the second straight year. "The kids are super excited to come to this," said Ginger Barringer, formerly of Canton and now living in Westland. "They like the interaction of the games."

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

No coffee hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will not be hosting his monthly coffee hours in the month of August. Coffee hours will resume in September. Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866) 262-7306, or email at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

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.

Open House

The Garden City Co-op Preschool is holding its annual open house 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25. Housed in Garden City Presbyterian Church at 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road, the preschool offers a toddler program, 3-year-old class, and a 4-year-old class.

Parents can stop by the open house with their child for a chance to meet the teacher and discover what the preschool has to offer. More information is available by calling (734) 261-2838 or online at www.gardencitycoopreschool.org.

Challenge Grant

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

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

maintenance. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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

Outdoor Flea Market

An outdoor flea market is being held the 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second and third Saturday of the month through September at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road. The cost is \$15 for a 10-by-10-foot space, payable the day of the flea market. No advance reservations are accepted. The flea market is held outside at the Straight Farm House and is cancelled during inclement weather. Upcoming market dates are Aug. 11 and 18 and Sept. 8 and 15.

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Free event

The Westland Free Methodist Church is hold a free Wacky Water Wednesday 6-8 p.m. Aug. 15, at the church, 1421 S. Venoy, south of Cherry Hill, Westland. The event is for children age three through fifth-grade. It includes a picnic, snow cones, giant water slide, bounce house, water games and prizes. For more information, call (734) 728-2600.

Information Night

American House Westland-Joy is holding a Family Information Night on the "third Thursdays." This month's program will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16. The guest speaker will be Carol Waarala of Odyssey Hospice who will share her insight with her presentation, "A Caregiver's Travel Guide: The Alzheimer's Journey." The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. American House-Joy is at 39201 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 468-1113. Crop for a Cause A 12-hour Cropping for a Cause fundraiser to benefit the IBC (Inflammatory Breast Cancer)

Foundation and Angels of Hope, a family cancer foundation, will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Scrappy Chic, 33509 W. Eight Mile, Livonia. The cost is \$30 and includes three meals, goodie bags, snacks throughout the day, make and take projects, electric cords at every table, 50/50 raffle and Chinese auction.

Pre-register by calling (248) 426-9020. For more information, visit the Scrappy Chic website at www.scrappychiclivonia.com.

Preschool signup

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool is currently enrolling for classes which begin in September. Enroll during the month of August and get half off the enrollment fee, a \$25 value!

Dinner show

Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Aoyte will perform Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Elvis Presley and more at a dinner show Friday, Sept. 21, at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford Road, Westland. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 per person and include dinner and the show. Dinner includes a tossed salad, pasta, main course, potato, vegetable, cannolis, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available. For tickets, contact Kathy at (734) 216-9451 or at www.angelos1958.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.

Craft show

Applications are being accepted for St. Damian's annual Fall Arts and Craft Show planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the parish, 30055 Joy Road, Westland. Table space is \$25 to \$40, depending on size. For more information, call the parish at (734) 421-6130 or download an application at www.stdamian.com.

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.

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Three staffers arraigned in suspected signature fraud

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer



Yowchuang Turnbull Seewald O'Brady

Three members of former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's staff were arraigned Friday morning in connection with alleged fraud surrounding nominating petitions filed in May on McCotter's behalf.

Don Yowchuang, 33, deputy district director in McCotter's office, of Farmington Hills and Paul Seewald, 47, district director, of Livonia stood mute in 16th District Court in Livonia. Magistrate Dennis Epler entered not-guilty pleas on their behalf. They were released on \$50,000 personal bond each, meaning they will have to pay that amount if they do not show up for scheduled court appearances.

Yowchuang was required to give up his passport as a condition of the bond, and both were told to contact the court if they leave the state. Yowchuang and Seewald are scheduled for a pre-exam Sept. 18 and a preliminary exam Sept. 20 in 16th District Court.

Mary Melissa Turnbull, 58, of Howell turned herself in to officials Friday morning and was arraigned in Troy's 52-4 District Court. Turnbull was given a \$5,000 personal bond. Her pre-exam was set for Aug. 16.

Yowchuang faces 17 charges, including 10 counts of election law forgery, a five-year felony; one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93

days in jail.

Seewald faces 10 charges: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Turnbull, a district representative in McCotter's office, faces two charges: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and, one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia is expected to be arraigned on charges early this week in Livonia's 16th District, according to Attorney General Bill Schuette's office, who brought the charges against the suspects.

O'Brady, a former scheduler employed by McCotter at the time of the alleged crimes, faces five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

At Friday's court hearing, both Seewald and Yowchuang sat at the rear of the courtroom before their arraignment. Then as they were arraigned by Epler, they responded yes when asked if they understood the charges and their rights.

Defense attorney Timothy Dinan, who repre-

sented both Seewald and Yowchuang, requested a court waiver of the usual 14-day period between the arraignment and preliminary examination to review evidence.

William Rollstin, first assistant attorney with Schuette's office, said the attorney general's office had no problem with the waiver. Rollstin appeared in court with Special Agent John Buck, who assisted in the investigation.

Neither Buck nor Rollstin would comment further on the case, referring all questions to the attorney general's communications office.

Rollstin requested that Yowchuang turn in his passport to the court because he believed that Yowchuang had traveled overseas recently. Yowchuang agreed to do so.

Both Seewald and Yowchuang left the court without talking to reporters.

Dinan said after the arraignment that his clients had no prior criminal history and provided details early in the attorney general's investigation. "My clients are presumed innocent; they deserve that," Dinan said. "They cooperated fully with the investigation."

Dinan said Schuette's press conference Thursday "went beyond what was necessary" in outlining the accusations against his clients.

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AG: McCotter not charged, but he was 'asleep at the switch'

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter was admonished Thursday by state Attorney General Bill Schuette for McCotter's lack of control over his staff, but Schuette added that his office did not have evidence of his involvement in the alleged signature fraud.

"McCotter was asleep at the switch," Schuette said. "He did not mind the store. There was no guidance or supervision whatsoever."

Three members of McCotter's staff were arraigned Friday in two separate district courts in connection with alleged fraud surrounding nominating petitions filed in May required to declare McCotter's candidacy to run for re-election.

On Thursday, Schuette announced the following charges:

- Don Yowchuang, 33, deputy district director, of Farmington Hills faces 17 charges filed in Livonia's 16th District Court: 10 counts of election law forgery, a five-year felony; one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor or punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

- Paul Seewald, 47, district director, of Livonia faces 10 charges filed in Livonia's 16th District Court: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.



Attorney General Bill Schuette announced the charges against McCotter's staff members at a press conference Thursday morning.

- Mary Melissa Turnbull, 58, district representative, of Howell faces two charges filed in Troy's 52-4 District Court: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor or punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

- Lorianne O'Brady, 52, former scheduler employed by McCotter at the time of the alleged crimes, of Livonia faces five charges filed in Livonia's 16th District Court: five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor or punishable by up to 93 days in jail. She is expected to be arraigned next week.

No evidence McCotter involved

McCotter was not charged. Schuette said his office "did not have specific, direct evidence" of his involvement.

Schuette alleges that these four members of McCotter's Michigan staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 primary ballot. Schuette revealed examples of petitions that were allegedly manufactured electronically by transposing signatures collected in previous election years on to 2012 nominating petitions. In several cases, the fraudulent petitions were also copied and

submitted to the Secretary of State as originals. Schuette indicated that everything on the petition forms appears to be exactly the same except for the dates, which appear altered. Schuette's investigation also revealed evidence that duplicate petitions were knowingly submitted to pad signature numbers and that multiple petitions were falsely certified by defendants who did not actually circulate them.

The charges came about as the result of an investigation by the Attorney General's Public Integrity Unit. The investigation lasted 10 weeks; it included interviewing 75 witnesses, procuring sworn statements from nine people and reviewing thousands of records, includ-

ing 136 nominating petitions filed with the Secretary of State.

Constituents 'got stiffed'

Schuette called it a "cut-and-paste job that would make an elementary school art teacher cringe."

"This was not simply keystone cops run amok ... it was a blatant attempt to commit fraud," Schuette said.

Schuette said the "McCotter crew" acted above the law like the law "didn't apply to them."

"They were sadly mistaken," he said. Schuette added that McCotter has "resigned in disgrace." People in the 11th District McCotter represented "got stiffed," Schuette said. "He is

responsible for the conduct and misconduct of his employees. In this case, Thad was asleep at the switch."

McCotter could not be reached for comment as there was no answer at his home. He issued a statement via email through spokesman Randall Thompson.

"I thank the Attorney General and his office for their earnest, thorough work on this investigation, which I requested, and their subsequent report," McCotter said. "For my family and I, this closure commences our embrace of the enduring blessings of private life."

The alleged election fraud investigation began an ignominious exit for the five-term congressman. The nominating signatures were turned into the Secretary of State Bureau of Elections office, and the petitions were checked.

Bureau employees determined that the filing contained numerous duplicate and triplicate copies of petitions and that the filing was padded to obscure the fact that the petitions did not contain the necessary 1,000 signatures.

The Secretary of State's office contacted McCotter on May 25, saying there were not enough valid signatures to qualify him for the ballot. McCotter announced May 29 that he was conducting a write-in candidacy, but then dropped his candidacy June 2. He later resigned from office.

Read the attorney general's investigative report here: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/08.09.12_AG_Investigators_Report_and_Chart_394714_7.pdf

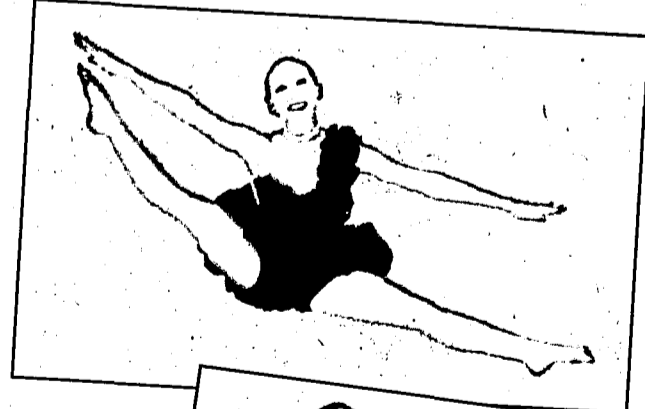


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Hundreds chip in to build home, spruce up local neighborhood

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

It's a mix between *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* and Habitat for Humanity — and, the volunteers couldn't be more excited to see the dream of home ownership come true for a Farmington Hills family.

At the crack of dawn Monday began the Life Remodeled six-day home building project at 21337 Rensselaer in the area of Shiawassee and Inkster Road in Farmington Hills.

By noon, the crawl space was completed and the walls were going up. By Monday night, the roof was on. By today, the home is to be finished and the keys turned over to its owners, the Goodwin family.

"I think it's incredible," said volunteer Gloria Irwin. "It has the excitement and the buzz — and people really want to participate."

A slew of volunteer contractors and others who are helping in a variety of ways, are building a 1,200-square-foot, two-bedroom home for the Goodwin family, who was selected from numerous applicants to receive the home from Life Remodeled.

"Unlike Habitat for Humanity or ABC TV's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, we don't just build a structure, we take a more holistic approach, providing the family with financial, and spiritual counseling so that the families' lives can, indeed, be remod-



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Bruckner Construction led the crews at the start of the build Monday morning. By Sunday, the home will be completed and the keys will be turned over to the Goodwin family.

eled," said volunteer Tom Beaman.

The Goodwin family will live in the home, while receiving support from Life Remodeled, including counseling, financial counseling, home ownership courses and spiritual counseling. The family will show that they can maintain the home and pay taxes, utilities and insurance for the first three years.

"After that three-year mark, the deed is transferred to them for \$1," said Chris Lambert, president of the Westland-based Life Remodeled nonprofit that works with local churches on each project. "It's hope giving. There's a really strong recipe for success there."

For the Farmington Hills project, they're working with four local churches: Faith Covenant in Farmington Hills; The Crossing Church in Farmington; Oak Point in Novi and Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills.

Divine intervention

Life Remodeled did its first home build last year in Westland. Lambert said it's more than a coincidence that the Goodwin family is connected to that project. They lived on the same street and they had a family member who lived in the home that was demolished to make way for the Life Remodeled home.

There have been "coincidences" like that, all the

way through the process, said Lambert.

It was decided several months ago, for example, that the Farmington Hills home would be a single-story ranch. Lambert said that was also an example of God's intervention and guidance in the project. Brad Goodwin is physically disabled, following a construction accident, and a single-story, fully accessible home is the best option for him and his wife and daughter. They currently live in the neighborhood, in an apartment.

"That's the kind of stuff that's been happening," said Lambert. "It's just, wow!"

The project is the fourth home that's been

built so far by Life Remodeled. A fifth is planned to start Aug. 20 in Redford Township, in the area of Seven Mile and Inkster Road.

All of the materials are donated and the professional contractors and volunteers are all giving their time and talent to the six-day build that goes around the clock.

Getting donations from the already struggling construction industry hasn't been easy, said Irwin, but no needs are going unmet.

"Everything comes just in time," she said. "We've seen it throughout this project."

Army of volunteers
There are about 100

volunteers working on the house structure and another 200 who have been working for the past few weeks beautifying the Old Towne neighborhood. They've done projects such as painting, yard work, rebuilding porches and power washing at 34 homes and at the Salvation Army in the Old Towne area.

Colleen Allen, who lives directly behind the building site, is a volunteer and also a recipient of the Life Remodeled project. Her garage was in need in such a TLC. The wood was blackened with mold and the cinder block frame was bare. Volunteers power washed and scraped the wood to restore its natural beauty and they power washed and painted the entire garage.

"I'm so grateful," said Allen. "I never would have been able to do it myself. Look how pretty it is — now, you can actually see the wood."

There are many other happy neighbors, too, including an elderly woman who is disabled and living in the trailer park across the street from the site. Volunteers removed the rotted porch at her home and built a new one.

The home building project will conclude with a 2 p.m. "reveal" today, when the Goodwin family will be presented with the keys.

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Family touched by Westland's Life Remodeled

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

You can see it in their eyes and hear it in their voices. The Goodwins are overwhelmed and overjoyed that their lives are about to take a turn for the better.

On Sunday afternoon, Brad, Ann and their 6-year-old daughter Mae-li will be whisked off in a limo, which will arrive at their brand new home.

Although the ride will only be around the block, the journey has been much longer to get to this point.

The Goodwins were selected as the recipient family for the Farmington Hills six-day house-building project led by the Westland-based Life Remodeled nonprofit.

Hundreds of volunteers have been working around the clock since Monday to build the 1,200-square-foot ranch, located at 21337 Rensselaer, right around the block from the Goodwins' apartment in the area of Shiawassee and Inkster.

Everything from blueprints to materials and contractor labor to home furnishings, appliances and even landscaping has been donated by a slew of local businesses to make the dream of home ownership a reality for the Goodwins.

"When I think about what this means for Mae-li to feel and know that people genuinely love and care, it gives her an experience that she'll carry with her — it's priceless," said Ann. "It's priceless for a child to feel that love."

Brad said it's a very emo-



Ann, Brad and Mae-li Goodwin are scheduled to receive their new house today.

tional time for their family — feeling everything from extreme gratitude to a sense of guilt when they consider how much so many people have given to them.

"It's incredible," he said. "To have a home is a precious gift."

Their journey

The Goodwins were living in Texas, where Brad was working as a construction site superintendent when he severely injured his back. He was on a job site in Kansas when he was lifting a heavy object — like he'd done a million times before — and twisted the wrong way before hearing a "crunch and a pop."

He ruptured a disc and it became progressively worse, despite surgeries. He had permanent damage. The 41-year-old now needs a motorized scooter

to help him get around and he's unable to do the physical things he used to do before the injury.

"I deal with constant, horrible pain, all day and all night," he said.

They lost their business and their home in Texas and moved back to Michigan last year.

"It's been so hard, for so long," said Ann.

Unable to work or play with his daughter, Brad is feeling the overwhelming sense of loss from the injury.

"I can't do all the things I liked to do," he said. "You see what it does to your family."

Meant to be

A series of coincidences led to the Goodwins being connected to Life Remodeled, which is a nonprofit that works with local churches to build a home, *Extreme Makeover: Home*

Edition style — 24 hours a day for six days. The family receives the home, along with home ownership, financial, spiritual and psychological counseling. After three years, if the family has paid the taxes, insurance and has maintained the property, the deed is turned over to the family for \$1.

The Goodwins had already heard of Life Remodeled, because they lived with Ann's mother, across the street from the group's first build in Westland last spring. The home that was demolished due to black mold, was that of Ann's brother, who died last year from cancer.

They watched that build take place; chatted with the Life Remodeled volunteers and even donated some shovels for the crew.

Little did they know, they'd be selected to receive a home built by Life Remodeled a year later. They received a flier at their current apartment and decided to give it a shot.

"It was meant to be, for our lives to be touched when we were having such a hard time," said Ann. "I

just kept praying and taking one day at a time."

Ann works full time at a dental office in Redford. They didn't know what their next move would be from the apartment.

"I said I'd leave my heart open, and let what was meant to be happen," said Ann. "You never know until you try."

They were soon contacted that their application made the top 18 out of some 87 that were turned in. They were contacted by Life Remodeled for more information and before they knew it, they were in the final three.

"So many people, when they found out (that they had applied), started praying," said Ann. "Even people who don't pray, started praying."

The news

They were reluctant to get too excited, but when they looked out their living room window one day and saw a group of people approaching their apartment with roses and balloons, they knew their dream had come true.

"It was surreal," said Brad.

"We were pretty much in shock," said Ann. "Then, it all became a blur."

They started packing. They attended a neighborhood picnic hosted at the site, and were overwhelmed by the kindness shown by everyone involved.

"We met so many awesome people," said Ann. "It's overwhelming that so many people are so happy for us and genuinely care for us."

Brad said the whole whirlwind has been good for him.

"It's really helped me out," he said. "At least I have something to look forward to."

He's thrilled that something good is happening to his family.

"I'm real happy this is happening, especially for my wife," he said. "She deserves it. She's been there for me."

Holding hands on the couch, Brad and Ann had tearful smiles in anticipation of when they'll be given the keys to their new home.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
PROGRAM STATUS AND SUBMISSION OF THE CAPER
(July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

The City of Westland will hold a public hearing on the status of CDBG and HOME programs, year ended June 30, 2012, Westland Housing Commission, August 21, 2012, 5:30 p.m., 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Draft CAPER available for comment August 16 - 30, 2011. Submit written comments to: Dept Housing & Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI.

Project	Status	Amount
C.D.B.G. Administration	Annual, Complete	\$164,721
Rehabilitation Administration	Annual, Complete	\$ 34,180
Housing Rehabilitation	Annual, Ongoing	\$ 46,889
Senior Programs	Annual, Complete	\$157,692
First Step	Annual, Complete	\$ 4,505
Youth Assistance Program	Annual, Complete	\$ 27,000
City Projects (Norway Infrastructure, Friendship Center improvements, Dorsey Center Improvements)	Dorsey Center, Complete Norway Infra, Ongoing Friendship Ctr, Complete	\$ 13,245
Community Resource Officer	Annual, Complete	\$116,000
Outreach Ordinance/Code Compliance Officer	Annual, Complete	\$105,000
Samuel B. Ware Community Center	Annual, Ongoing	\$ 19,000
NSP - Acquisition/Demolition	Annual, Ongoing	\$140,031
Rental Rehabilitation	Complete	\$ 9,885
TOTAL CDBG EXPENDITURES		\$838,148
HOME Administration	Annual Complete	\$ 31,013
Comm. Housing Devt. Organization (CHDO)	Ongoing	\$ 34,024
Rental Rehabilitation Program	Ongoing	\$ 14,999
Homebuyer Program	Ongoing	\$ 39,930
NSP - Acquisition/Renovation	Ongoing	\$200,602
HOME Housing Rehabilitation (Limited)	Ongoing	\$ 47,015
TOTAL HOME EXPENDITURES		\$367,582

CDBG program income is \$33,000. HOME program income is \$16,785. Financial data is subject to reconciliation and audit adjustments. The City of Westland will submit the CAPER to the Detroit HUD Office on September 25, 2012.

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First Time Homebuyer Program

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Department of Housing and Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI, or at www.cityofwestland.com. Please direct questions pertaining to specifications to Joanne Campbell, Director @ (734) 713.3711 or jcampbell@cityofwestland.com. 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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Livonia Public Schools, located in Livonia, Michigan is accepting sealed bids for fresh made pizza.

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Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 A.M. on the 20th day of August, 2012 at the Livonia Public Schools Food Service Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Kristen Hennessey. A written recommendation will be provided to the Board of Education on September 10, 2012. No bids will be accepted after August 20, 2012, and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board, Wayne RESA Board or the Superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

All bids shall be firm for the entire school year. Prices quoted are to include any delivery charges. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, with rationale to support such a decision.

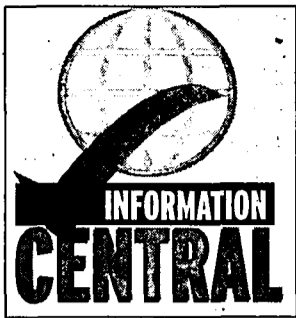
All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Kristen Hennessey, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services, (734) 744-2820.

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Graphic nonfiction: Words and imagery tell story

Sure, you can call them "comics," but nonfiction graphic novels are so, so much more. By blending visually intriguing hand-drawn imagery with writing of substance, graphic nonfiction books add multiple layers of depth to traditional storytelling. Many weighty events and biographies are unable to be adequately brought to life by words alone.

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powerful reading experience. As a bonus, it's much more fun reading about history when there are pictures accompanying the words. Graph-

ic nonfiction has been around for quite a while so you may be curious as to where to begin.

Here are some suggestions of titles that can be found at the Westland Public Library:

- *Maus I & II* by Art Spiegelman - The Pulitzer Prize winning account of the father of the author's Holocaust survival.
- *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi - The depiction of Satrapi's childhood growing up in Iran

before and after the Islamic Revolution.

- *Safe Area Gorazde* by Joe Sacco - A journalistic account of Sacco's experiences during four months spent in Bosnia during the Bosnian War.
- *Fun Home* by Alison Bechdel - A graphic memoir of Bechdel's life growing up in rural Pennsylvania, mainly focusing on her complex relationship with her father.
- *A.D.: New Orleans After the Deluge* by Josh Neufeld - Represents

the stories of real New Orleans residents during and after Hurricane Katrina.

- *The Influencing Machine* by Brooke Gladstone - An NPR host's graphic novel about the media, its history and what's wrong with it.
- *Jerusalem: Chronicles from the Holy City* by Guy Delisle - A travelogue/memoir of Delisle's trip to Jerusalem with his children when his girlfriend is sent there with Doctors Without Borders.
- *My Friend Dahmer* by Derf - The author's telling of what it was like being friends with serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer as teenagers.
- *Stitches* by David Small - Small's graphic memoir of having a vocal cord removed, leaving him nearly mute as a teenager.

Aug. 16

All teens who have volunteered at the library this summer or during the 2011-12 school year are invited to a party in their honor. We'll have a craft for you to make, pizza, drinks, and a guessing jar. If you're coming, email claire.mueller@westlandlibrary.org.

Family Scavenger Hunt: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Aug. 18, Ages 5 and up with an adult

Come be part of this summer's family competition. Each family will get a sheet of items to find around the city. Figure out where you can find the items, drive there and then take a picture (on a digital or phone camera) with your family in it. Once you have taken a picture with all the items on the list, come back to the library to get a prize. There is no time limit but the sooner you make it back, the better choices you have of prizes! You will need a car, a camera, and your family. It will take between 45 and 90 minutes. You may not want to bring children younger than five since it involves getting in and out of a car multiple times. Also, you may want to show some team spirit and pick a family color to wear!

Pop-up History Movie: 6 p.m. Aug. 22

Join us for a trip to one of the more scandalous events in professional baseball's history, as we view *Eight Men Out* about the 1919 White Sox players who took bribes to throw that year's World Series. Hear about the implications on the game and view some pop-up history (courtesy of historian, Jeff Koslowski) while watching the movie. A questions and answer session will follow. Everyone welcome.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Writers BBQ: 6-8 p.m. Aug. 16

The Writers groups at the Westland Public Library invite all group members and interested writers to join us for a BBQ at Merriman's Hollow on Hines Drive (Hawthorn Park Drive and Merriman). The library will provide BBQ chicken, chips, and soft drinks. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to pass. To RSVP a spot, email Andy at andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org.

Teen Volunteer "Thank You" Party: 6:30 p.m.

Information Central was compiled by Andrea Perez, homebound delivery coordinator. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

This list serves is only a start. There are many more titles of graphic nonfiction waiting to be checked out by you next time you're in the library. Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or you can remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www.westlandlibrary.org.

- Highlighted Activities

Friends of the Westland Library Monthly Meeting: 2 p.m. Aug. 14

The Friends of the Library is an independent group of local residents and library users that helps support and promote the Library and its mission. They plan book sales and other fundraising activities for the library. They meet at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

eReader Support Group: 2-4 p.m. Aug. 15

Do you have an eReader? Want to learn more about it? Stop in to meet with other eReader users, share your eReader expertise, or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. An eReader expert will be on hand to answer the difficult questions.

Teen Volunteer "Thank You" Party: 6:30 p.m.

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Canton Leisure Services, the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail, and the Michigan Department of Transportation joined forces with over 120 General Electric (GE) employees from GE's Advanced Manufacturing and Software Technology Center — a state-of-the-art IT and research facility in Van Buren Township — for a special volunteer trail clean-up project along the I-275 Metro Trail.

The Metro Trail clean-up project was one of the five GE Community Day projects with a total of 320 GE volunteers helping organizations across the metro-Detroit region.

As part of GE's commitment to giving back to the communities where its employees live and work, GE volunteers cleaned up hundreds of bags of litter and debris, removed non-native plants, and provided general habitat management along a stretch of the I-275 Metro Trail from Joy Road to Van

Born Road in Canton.

This marks the third year GE volunteers have contributed community service to a trail clean-up project in Canton. Additional support for this project was provided by the Canton Home Depot, located on Ford Road, which donated several tools, including four loppers for tree trimming.

"These dedicated individuals enjoyed the outdoors and giving back to the community," said Brad Sharp, Parks Manager. "Time after time our volunteers tell us how much fun they experience while meeting new people, working on a project together as teammates, and accomplishing the task of improving our wonderful trail system."

For more information on this special clean up project or to find out about additional volunteer opportunities available in Canton, contact the Canton Parks Division at 734/394-5310 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

In the wake of a tragedy

Vigil at Sikh temple calls for understanding after shootings

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

People from an array of faiths reached out to the Sikh community Wednesday to call for healing in the wake of the Aug. 5 mass shooting at a Sikh temple in a Milwaukee suburb.

And local Sikhs reached back, opening the doors at Gurdwara Sahib, a temple in Plymouth Township, to those who don't share their religion but do share a belief in a common humanity. Gurdwara Sahib, nicknamed Hidden Falls, hosted a traditional Sikh evening meal and worship service, which were followed by a candlelight vigil.

"We want people to come and see what we practice," said temple member Amrit Gill.

The event was organized by the temple and the Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit in response to last Sunday's killing of six worshippers at a temple in Oak Creek, Wis. The gunman, Wade Page, opened fire in the temple as a meal was being prepared and, wounded by a responding police officer, also killed himself, police said. Three people were wounded, including Oak Creek Lt. Brian Murphy, who was shot multiple times while tending to a victim.



Tajmann Kaur, who is 6 years old, was at Wednesday's service.

"It doesn't matter who you are, rich or poor. God created everybody equally," he said. Chairs are available for the elderly or those with physical problems, however.

Later, in the worship hall, Sikhs lined up to pay respect to the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh holy book.

Singh said the book is the compiled writings of the 10 Sikh gurus, or holy men, and that it offers Sikhs guidance for their lives. Sikhs are encouraged to visit the temple daily to worship the book

and read the passage for the day, he said.

500,000 U.S. Sikhs

Sikhism is a monotheistic religion that originated in the Punjab region of India in the 15th Century; the faith has an estimated 30 million followers around the world, an estimated 500,000 in the U.S. Sikh men and women cover their hair, the men often wearing turbans, and men are instructed not to cut their hair or shave their beards. Shoes are not worn in most parts of Sikh temples.

During worship, Sikhs and their guests sat on the floor, men on the right, women on the left, as musicians performed Shabad Kirtan, or singing of the scripture, in the Punjabi language.

"I don't see enemies in others and I don't see anyone as a stranger," read one verse, projected in English on a screen above the musicians.

Bhai sahib, or priest, Raja Singh then offered prayers for the souls of the Oak Creek victims, and for those recovering from the attack, mention-



Prabhdeep Singh is 13 years old.

ing Lt. Murphy by name.

Shared prayers

Around 8:30 p.m., hundreds of people, many holding lighted candles, stood outside Gurdwara Sahib as sunset approached to again pray for the Oak Creek victims and call for healing and understanding.

"We're here to let you know that we stand with you," Steve Spreitzer, of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, told the crowd.

"We pray especially at this time for peace in the world and in our neighborhoods," said Victor Begg, chairman emeritus of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan.

Begg remembered the six who died in the shoot-

ing. "To God they belong and to heaven they'll return," he said.

Begg blamed the killings on what he called "a growing culture of intolerance." Page, the gunman, had reportedly been active in the white supremacist movement.

Also speaking Wednesday were representatives of Christian, Baha'i, Hindu and Jain faiths.

Sense of identity

Temple members said the event was an important part of the healing process.

"It gives us a sense of assertion of our identity. It helps us come together," said Parvinder Mehta of the gathering.

Mehta, a professor of English, read a poem she wrote after the shooting that touched on a range of emotional responses to it: anguish, mourning, seeking and giving comfort, forgiveness, and gratefulness for the gifts of life.

Mehta said she also looked toward the commonalities between religions rather than emphasizing differences.

"Sometimes we get carried away by our differences but I think it's the similarities we need to focus on," she said.

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Breaking bread

At Gurdwara Sahib on Wednesday, Sikhs and about a dozen non-Sikhs gathered in the dining room and sat on the floor, many cross-legged, to be served dal, or bean stew, lentil soup, and flat bread. Sikhs normally eat before worship, and Gurdwara Sahib's member families rotate the cooking duties, said member Mandeep Singh.

"It's a community meal. It's just a normal, everyday meal we eat at home," Singh said.

Sitting on the floor, he said, is meant to symbolize equality among people.

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Reward offered in case of stolen urn containing soldier's ashes

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Livonia police and Crime Stoppers are asking for the public's help in locating a stolen urn containing the ashes of a soldier killed in Afghanistan last year.

The urn was stolen from a 2012 white Ford Mustang parked in a driveway at 14977 Arcola at Howell Road between 3-7 a.m. Sunday, July 8. The urn contained the ashes of Brian Backus, a private in the U.S. Army from Harbor Beach, Mich., who was killed June 18, 2011.

The urn is described as teal green and black in color. The urn, which was inside the glove compartment of the car, was stolen along with a GPS, iPod and an Army uniform.

"We don't have any leads. That's why we're here today," Officer Dan McCulley of the Livonia Police Department said at Friday's press confer-



Brian Backus was killed in Afghanistan on June 18, 2011.

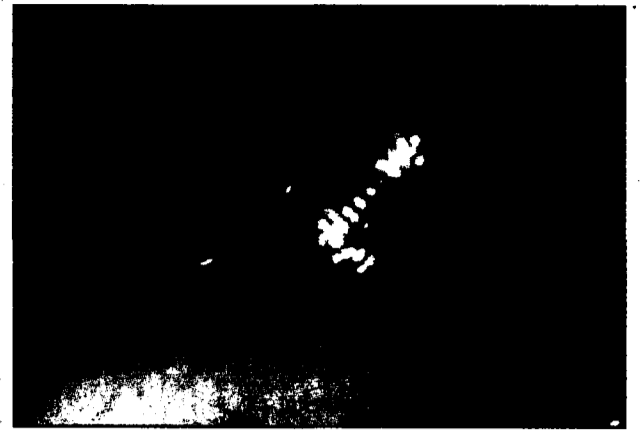
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"Maybe it was taken by mistake," said John Broad, president of Crime Stoppers. "It means a great deal to many peo-

ple."

The car belonged to Mike Oliver, a close friend of Backus, who was staying at his father's home in Livonia. Mike Oliver said

his son Mike and Backus were best friends as the boys grew up in Harbor Beach, located in Michigan's thumb area along Lake Huron. The elder



The stolen urn is described as teal green and black in color.

Mike Oliver moved to Livonia about a year ago.

Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.

Backus, the 22-year-old father of a 3-year-old son, had also attended the University of Michigan and planned to become a doctor.

Oliver said his son and Backus were best friends throughout childhood and their teen years, serving in the Boy Scouts together. Both were in the Army in the spring of 2010 in Fort Campbell, Ky., and both had tattoos put on their chests that read "Burn wood" which is what Backus used to yell at Oliver when the two camped. "My son was in charge of building the fire and Brian would yell, 'Burn wood, Michael, burn wood!'"

Today, Oliver is a mortician, and soon to become a sergeant Sept. 1. He is stationed in Fort Campbell.

Oliver was also serving in Afghanistan when Backus was killed. Oliver could not attend the funeral. "Brian's father was gracious enough to

let me carry his son's casket because my son was in Afghanistan," the elder Oliver said.

Oliver is part of the Backus family, visiting them when he is on leave and during holidays, Mike Oliver said of his son. On one of his trips home on military leave, the younger Oliver received a surprise from the Backus family when they offered him an urn with some of Brian's ashes, the elder Oliver said. Oliver also kept a memorial table dedicated to Backus.

Oliver had just visited Brian's relatives and friends in Harbor Beach during the July 4th holiday, then returned to his father's home in Livonia when the theft occurred.

"My son is just totally devastated," Oliver said. "Whoever has it or knows who has it, call Crime Stoppers. My son is totally devastated by not having this."

Anyone with information can call Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK UP. All calls and cash rewards are anonymous. The Livonia Police Department also can be contacted at (734) 466-2470.

Professional help always a good idea when facing audit

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I just received a notice from the Internal Revenue Service that it is going to audit my return for two years. I think it's auditing me because I had some large deductions in those years. I have all the backup documentation, so I'm not overly concerned. Do you think I need to bring someone to help me or can I do it on my own? I should mention that I used someone to prepare my return, but I think I know more about taxes than they do. What should I do?

A: I love your attitude that you have nothing to fear. When we get notices from the IRS, we shouldn't shake in our boots; even the IRS has rules it have to follow. However, that being said, we should all take notices of an audit seriously.

I believe it makes sense to bring a professional with you. If nothing more, a competent qualified professional knows the rules which the IRS has to follow and won't be intimidated.

It's sort of like going to a court of law. Whenever you go to court, in order to make sure you are fairly treated, it pays to have an attorney on your side to represent your interest. The same can be said about an audit. Having the proper documentation is only half the battle. The IRS can also claim that even though you have the documentation, you're not entitled to the deductions.

A professional can help craft your argument in such a way that you have

a better chance of resolving the issue favorably. Even if it turns out that you owe money for one reason or the other, a professional can better deal in negotiating with the IRS.

If nothing more, a professional won't be emotional in the same way you will be. When it's your own tax return, you tend to take it a little more personally.


Many consumers think that the only people who handle audits are tax attorneys. Although tax attorneys are certainly qualified, they're not the only ones that can assist you with an audit. Many certified public accountants specialize in audits and can be helpful. In addition, there are enrolled agents who also are very qualified to deal with IRS audits.

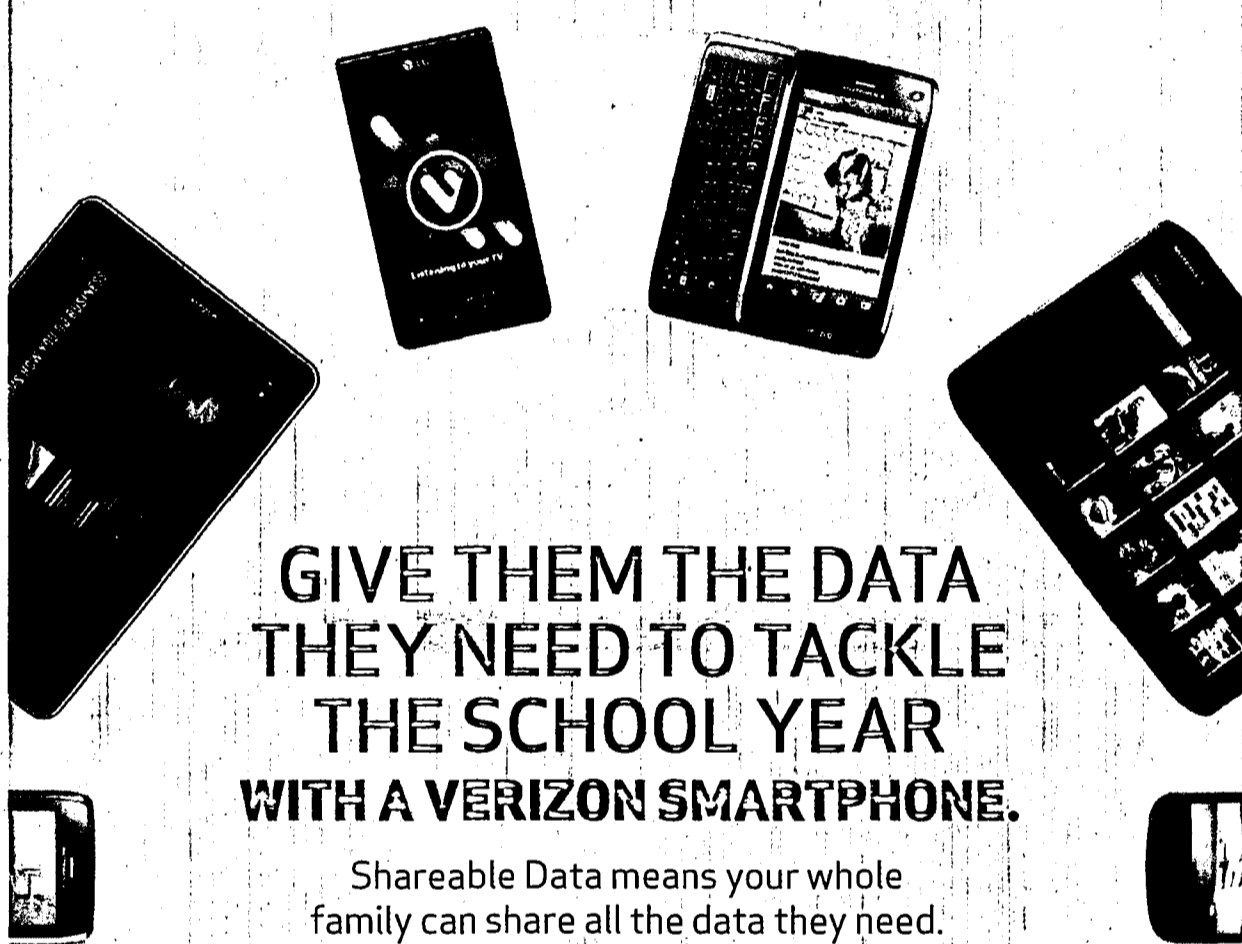
One bit of advice — whenever you hire a professional, make sure you have an understanding of fees. Any qualified and competent professional in any profession should have no problem discussing fees. Understanding how you are going to be billed up front is essential in developing a good relationship with your professional.

Most of us will never be audited and, certainly, that's a good thing. If, however, you do get a notice from the IRS or the state of Michigan, take it seriously and don't procrastinate.

One thing I can assure is that the IRS does not like to be ignored and it won't go away. Good luck!

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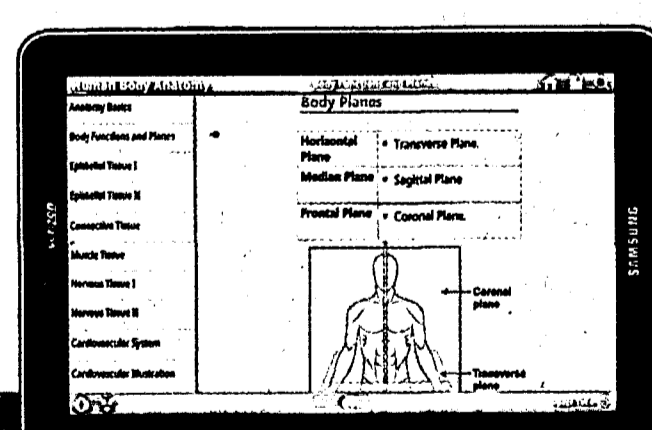
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'64 Olympic champ gains Hall of Fame

Farmington's Cawley honored in Michigan

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

As a former teammate of Rex Cawley at Farmington High School, Dave Catherman is pleased to know the 1964 Olympic champion is finally going to receive due recognition in his home state.



Rex Cawley

Cawley, who won the 400-meter hurdles at the Tokyo Games, will be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame Thursday evening at the Gem Theater in Detroit.

He is one of 24 former athletes and sports figures to be honored at the 56th Induction Event,

which is planned as a homecoming for many Michigan-bred stars who achieved success elsewhere.

Cawley, 72, starred for the University of Southern California after an outstanding prep career at Farmington and became an NCAA champion for the Trojans.

He still resides in California but is expected to be in attendance Thursday. Catherman, who also was a star athlete for the Farmington Falcons, and Jerry Young, the school's former boys cross country and track coach, plan to attend the event.

"I ran with Rex, when I was a senior and he was a junior, on two (all-state) relay teams," Catherman said. "I was a hurdler with him in high school. We both were tall and could run the same step patterns. We had a wonderful team; we were undefeated and league champs."

"Rex was really versatile. He probably tried seven or eight events. Toward the end of the (1958) season, he wanted to try the long jump, and he had to get one jump in to qualify for the regional, which he did. He won the league meet and the regional, and he was all-state in the long jump as well as the hurdles and the (sprint) relays. He did the high jump pretty well, too."

Catherman, who was an all-state foot-

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Hauling in a sideline pass during the Polish AFL is Josh LeDuc (No. 5), who then takes it in for an important touchdown for the Gdynia Seahawks.

European play-cation

LeDuc goes long — to Poland — for pro football success

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Josh LeDuc just wants to play professional football, and he's proven he'll go to great lengths — and distances — to do just that.

The Baltic Sea anyone? Yes, the 22-year-old Canton resident and 2006 grad of Plymouth High School recently finished playing with the Gdynia Seahawks, helping that team win the title game of the Polish League of American Football.

"I was happy to go there and do what I did," said LeDuc, during a phone interview from his family's home last week. "I haven't been on a winning team since I was in high school, so it was something different."

"It was like you played freer, more carefree, and it was just a fun time." Winning a championship certainly was the caper to a season where he grabbed 55 passes for 1,200 yards and tallied 20 touchdown receptions.

In front of a raucous crowd of 25,000 in Warsaw, Poland on July 15, the 6-4, 240-pound receiver scored a key touchdown as the Seahawks



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Canton's Josh LeDuc is ecstatic after helping the Gdynia Seahawks to a 52-37 win in the championship game of the Polish American Football League last month in Warsaw.

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Whalers hire two scouts

The Plymouth Whalers have added Jim Debenham and Norm Robert to the Ontario Hockey League team's scouting staff.

Debenham, in a sense, is coming home to Plymouth. He worked as the Whalers scouting director from 2002-09 before moving to Sarnia in the same position for the past three seasons.

Robert worked in Peterborough as a scout from 1996-2010 before going to Sudbury as the Wolves' scouting director for the past two seasons.

"We welcome Jim back," said Mike Velucci, coach/GM of the Whalers. "He brings a lot of experience and he already knows what kind of player we want to play Whaler hockey. Norm has a ton of experience in the Toronto area. I look forward to getting to know him and working with him."

Debenham and Robert worked for the Central Scouting Bureau before moving on to the OHL.

The Whalers finished 47-18-2-1 last season, winning their 10th West Division title in 22 years while making the OHL playoffs for the 21st consecutive season.

Plymouth opens training camp the last week of August. Tickets for Whalers games can be purchased by calling Compuware at (734) 453-8400.

Mary Angela Run No. 10

The 10th annual Mary Angela Run starts at 9 a.m. Sunday at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

The race is conducted in memory of the late Mary Angela DiGiovanni, a 23-year-old Mercy alumna and University of Michigan student.

Proceeds will benefit Angels' Place, a nonprofit which provides housing and services for people with developmental disabilities.

The event offers chip-timed 5K and 10K runs, a one-mile fitness walk and a children's run.

"Mary Angela was a caring and dedicated person who wanted to help many different people, and we believe that Angel's Place has the same ideals," race coordinator and Mary Angela's aunt Sue Vincent said.

"We have had a great turnout every year with nearly 500 people attending, and we're hoping to have another great event this year."

Late registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Sunday. The entry fee is \$25. For more information, visit www.angelsplace.com.

Paul Soucy of Livonia won his fourth title belt in the Ringside World Championships Aug. 4 in Kansas City.



CHAD JAQUILLARD

Livonia senior boxer wins fourth title belt

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Paul Soucy still packs a potent punch for a man his age.

Not only does he remain active in the boxing ring, the 73-year-old Livonia resident continues to win title belts.

Soucy became a four-time winner in the Ringside World Championships Aug. 4 at the KCI Center in Kansas City, Mo.

That's a pretty fair achievement for a guy who, as Soucy himself states, had heart bypass surgery eight years ago, has metal plates in his ankle and neck and is diabetic.

"Outside of that, I'm in good health," he said.

The RWC is billed as the largest boxing tournament in the world with six rings in use simultaneously and fighters from 16 countries participating.

Since there aren't many pugilists in his age group, Soucy had just one bout

in the 165-pound weight class.

He defeated Bill Cruze, also 73, with a standing-8 count in the third round of a scheduled three-round fight.

"They took the two oldest guys in the tournament and matched us up," Soucy said. "He's from Missouri. If anything he was the hometown favorite, so I could not let it be close."

"When you get in my age bracket, it's not as highly competitive, because there's not too many people still boxing. We wear headgear and they make us wear 16-ounce gloves (as opposed to the regular eight)."

Soucy also defeated Cruze in 2005 to win his first RWC title. He won his next two in 2006 and 2008.

"This was a last-minute decision," Soucy said. "I was going down there to be the coach. Two or three days before we left, I decided I was going to give it

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defeated the Warsaw Eagles 52-37 to clinch Superfinal VII. Throwing the touchdown pass was Gdynia quarterback Kyle McMahon — LeDuc's former teammate at Eastern Michigan University.

"There was a play where I was wide open, but he threw it somewhere else," LeDuc said. "I told him 'Let's go back to that later because there's nobody covering me.'

"We ran it again and he hit me (with the pass). There was someone probably at the 10-yard line that was in my way so I went around him and just jumped from like the five and dove in."

With a successful pro season in Europe on his resume, the former Plymouth Wildcats prep star is hopeful that he'll soon get an opportunity to play closer to home. Maybe in the United Football League or Canadian Football League.

But if a North American-based team doesn't call the rest of this year he wouldn't mind returning to Poland in 2013 — to play American-rules football in front of enthusiastic fans who pretty much treat players like royalty.

Enthusiastic fans

"People are excited when they watch it, they stick around after our games," LeDuc said. "They want to take our pictures on the field. 'Sometimes we're on the field for a half an hour or hour after games having our pictures taken."

THE LEDUC FILE

Who: Josh LeDuc, 22, member of the 2012 Polish League of American Football champion Gdynia Seahawks.

Grid background: The 6-4, 240-pounder is a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, where he starred in football and made the All-Observer team. LeDuc then played four seasons as a tight end at Eastern Michigan University. He first started playing football at age 10 with the Canton Lions.

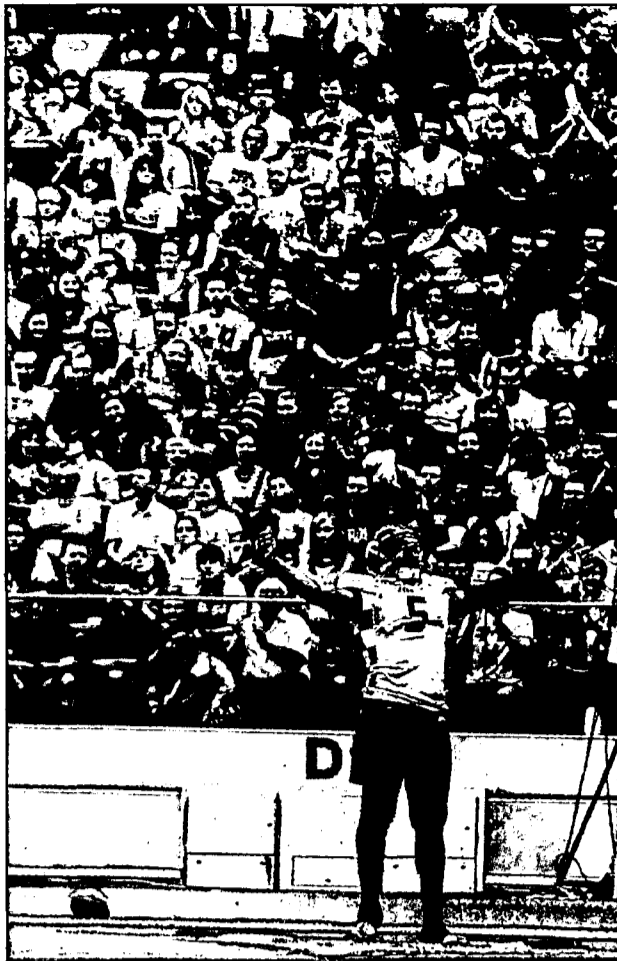
Whirlwind: After being out of football last winter, he hooked up with a semipro team in California before moving on to another squad in Tacoma, Wash. A month later, he was recruited by ex-EMU teammate Kyle McMahon to join the Seahawks.

Family: He lives in Canton with mom Carol Hennells and stepdad Jeff Hennells and sister Samantha.

LeDuc added that he was thrilled with the experience, which included sharing an apartment with McMahon, eating kabobs and traveling all over Poland.

"They have these things they call kabobs," he continued. "When I thought of it I thought of like shish kabobs, but they're not, they're just pita wraps and stuff like that."

"It's basically like how coney islands are in Michigan, that's how they are in Poland. They are right next to each other, that's one of the things, they have everywhere, these little kabob stands and shops and stuff like



Soaking in the cheers after scoring a touchdown in the Polish AFL title game is Josh LeDuc.

that. The Polish food is phenomenal."

Of course, lifestyle and cuisine weren't reasons LeDuc hopped on a plane last March to go from a semipro team in Tacoma, Wash. to Poland after being recruited by McMahon.

"I just moved out to Washington, working a couple days a week in a casino and getting ready to play the season there," LeDuc said. "My friend Kyle got a spot in Poland, playing quarterback. And one of their receivers left and went to another team."

"So he called me up and said 'Is there any way

you can get here?'"

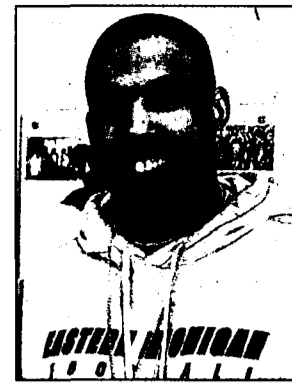
Actually, several things had to happen in the weeks before that for LeDuc to show up on the Seahawks' radar.

Last December, he worked in Novi at a pizza restaurant, thinking his career finally was over.

"I didn't know if I'd be playing football," LeDuc recalled. "I was trying to find an actual real job, to grow up. 'All right, football is done now. I'm going to have to go and be an adult now and not play a sport anymore.'"

A second chance

Then in January, a California semipro team



'Obviously, the NFL is always the primary goal and the top goal everyone's trying to get to. But I just want to be able to move up the ranks.'

JOSH LEDUC, pro receiver

gave him a tryout but that didn't work out.

"When I went out there it wasn't as competitive as I thought it was going to be," LeDuc went on. "A couple coaches from a different team were watching me."

By February, he was playing for that team (Tacoma Cobras), albeit briefly thanks to McMahon's invitation to join Gdynia.

Since football is in LeDuc's blood, and it has been ever since he suited up as a 10-year-old player for the Canton Lions, it didn't surprise anybody when he accepted the invite.

He'd do it all over again if he had to.

"Over there it's a little different because football is new to them," LeDuc noted. "They just started playing American-style football six or seven years ago."

"But the people who come watch the games, they understand the rules for the most part, and outside of the game, they all are real, real nice to us. ... it's like they're the nicest people in the world. They'll do anything for you and they don't want anything (in return), they just accepted us as soon as

we got there."

Staying the course

Make no mistake though, LeDuc's ultimate career objective isn't about the Polish AFL, even though some players there do have big-league ability.

"Obviously, the NFL is always the primary goal and the top goal everyone's trying to get to," he stressed. "But I just want to be able to move up the ranks. Hopefully I can get into the UFL or the CFL or something around here so I'm not in Europe and so far away from my family."

"But next year, I just don't want to stop playing. So wherever I can play, I'll play."

That objective's always been on Page 1 of his to-do list.

"Josh has worked since he was 10 years old to get where he is," Carol Hennells said. "... His dream is to get to the NFL and he is a very determined young man. I'm sure he will get there."

If LeDuc does, he's already guaranteed it will come at the end of a long, winding and wonderful football journey.

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Thunderbirds soar



The 10-and-under Plymouth-Canton Thunderbirds softball team captured the Gold Division in the Western Wayne County league this summer by posting a perfect 13-0 record. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Allison Hale, Haley Gagnon, (middle row from left) Kara Zink, Ariel Anderson, Cassidy Brendtke, Angela Schmidt, Bethany Ross, (back row from left) Stephanie Schmunk, Kiersten Metz, Jordan Hazel, Avery Kilgore and Hailey DeChalk. Not pictured are manager Rick Schmidt and assistant coaches Paul Ross and Andy Gagnon.

First ace

Livonia resident Ron Siefman, 76, registered his first career hole-in-one on July 25 in South Lyon. Playing the second hole at Tanglewood Golf Course, Siefman knocked his tee shot in the cup using a hybrid six iron. He was playing with longtime friends Bill Patterson, Paul Orsick and Rich Lustig.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

Draft skate

The Canton Victory Hockey Association will be having its 2013-14 house league draft skate on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

There will be conditioning skates prior to the draft skate on Tuesday, Aug. 14 and Thursday, Aug. 16. For more times and information, please call the Arctic Edge at (734) 487-7777.

Franklin cheers

The Livonia Franklin varsity cheerleaders will host a pair of skills clinics 6-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, and Wednesday, Aug. 29, in the school's cheer room.

The camp is for ages 4-13. The fee is \$30 and includes a T-shirt, pizza party and game performance. Participants will cheer at the home football game 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30.

Registration will be 5:30-6 p.m. Aug. 27. For more information, send an email to bizybizy@yahoo.com.

Glenn golf outing

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

Included in the \$85 cost is golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner.

Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

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

Hilltop glow golf

Hilltop Golf Course, located on Beck Road just north of Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth, is hosting Glow Ball each Friday night through Sept. 1 for just \$25 per player.

The fee includes nine holes of golf, glow ball, neon necklace. Plus there are food and drink specials available.

For more information, call (734) 453-9800 or go to www.hilltopgc.com.

Reds need players

The Farmington Hills-based Oakland Reds Baseball Club is seeking players to fill remaining 8-and-under through 18U spots on its 2013 rosters. Go to www.oaklandreds.com for additional information and to request a tryout.

WYAA football

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

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

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

CYO volleyball

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

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization.

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

Thirst for Life Run

The Thirst For Life 5K Walk/Run will take place Saturday, Sept. 8, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia to benefit Team World Vision.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m., the race at 9. Bicentennial Park is on the north side of 7 Mile Road, between Gill and Newburgh roads.

All of the money raised will be used to fund water and sanitation projects in the villages of Mayo and Hamandu in Zambia, Africa.

For more information and to acquire a registration form, go to www.ThirstForLife5k.org. World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children, families and communities worldwide.

GC boys tennis

Tryouts for the Garden City High School boys tennis team will be 9-11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the school's tennis courts.

For more information, contact head coach Ron Pummil at pummilr@gardencityschools.com.

RU boys soccer

Open practices for the 2012 Redford Union boys soccer teams will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 13-15 at McGowan Elementary School in Redford.

Any RU student interested in playing varsity or junior varsity soccer should attend. Players are encouraged to bring water bottles.

For more information, contact head coach Jim Gibbs at onemancamino@yahoo.com.

Bulldogs tryouts

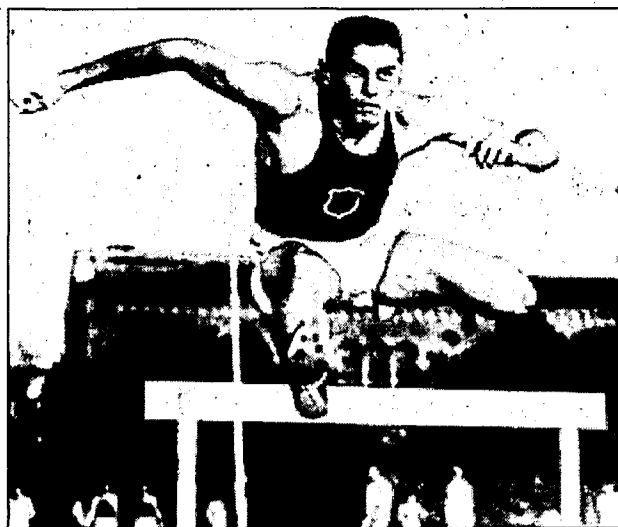
The Michigan Bulldogs will have tryouts for their 9U, 10U and 11U travel baseball teams 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at Bicentennial Park, Field No. 2. For more information, contact Mike Heard at (734) 834-6950 or mikeheard34@yahoo.com.

Meet the teams

Livonia Stevenson High School will have a Meet the Team Night for athletes, parents and coaches involved in a fall sport 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the school auditorium.

Freshman and sophomore athletes and their parents should attend an introductory meeting 7-7:45 p.m. Junior and senior athletes and parents should attend 7:45-9 p.m.

The introductory meeting at 7 p.m. in the auditorium is optional for junior and senior athletes and parents, but their attendance is encouraged.



Farmington's Rex Cawley won the 400-meter hurdles at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

CAWLEY

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ball player and trackman, also was the teammate of Hayes Jones, another U.S. Olympic hurdler and gold medalist, at Eastern Michigan University.

"It was very unique to train with both," he said. "Both were wonderful hurdlers. I felt blessed to be able to follow them across the finish line."

"I used to tell my son (Steve), who became a hurdler at Harrison High School, I still had little imprints of cinder on my chest, because I was beaten by two Olympians."

As a college freshman, Catherman recalled going to the Class A championship track meet to see Cawley compete.

"I watched him make that glorious final leg when he anchored Farmington's winning team in the 880 relay," he said. "He got the baton and was in fourth place. He caught everybody coming around the curve."

"It was remarkable. Don Canham (the former U-M coach and later athletic director) started recruiting him right at the meet."

Late AD's effort

Catherman added the late John "Jack" Cotton would be thrilled to know Cawley is going into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

Cotton was Farmington's longtime district athletic director, and he lobbied for years to have Cawley considered for inclusion in the Hall of Fame.

"Jack was also very involved with the Michi-

gan High School Hall of Fame," Catherman said.

"He was very diligent about making sure due justice was served. We all felt Rex was deserving, and Jack took the lead on that."

When Farmington High started its hall of fame in 2001, Cotton was co-chairman of the selection committee, which included Catherman, also a former football and track coach for the Falcons, and Young. Cawley was the No. 1 nominee.

"His induction was a big moment for Jack," Catherman said. "Rex made such a wonderful impression and had an inspiring speech for the athletes in attendance, about being proud of their heritage and Farmington. He was very graceful and presented a very strong and credible voice for being a student-athlete."

Claim to fame

Cawley, who was named the 1960's Hurdler of the Decade by Track & Field News, set a world record of 49.1 seconds in the 400 hurdles at the 1964 Olympic Trials. He subsequently won the gold medal with a time of 49.6.

Cawley was the NCAA and USA outdoor champion in 1963, and he won the USA title again in 1965. Track & Field News twice ranked him the world's No. 1 hurdler, and he also received rankings in the 400 dash and 110 high hurdles.

He will join Farmington Hills resident Rick Leach and Mercy High School grad Meg Mallon in the Hall of Fame. Leach is a former U-M quarterback and Major League baseball player, Mallon a star on the LPGA Tour.

For ticket and other information about the 56th Induction Event and the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, visit the web site at www.michigansportshof.org.



Catherman

Roller skaters earn national awards

Twelve roller skaters from the Riverside Arena in Livonia received top placements at the recent USARS National Roller Skating Championships in Lincoln, Neb.

Livonia residents Ryan Heersink and partner Sofia Cueva earned gold medals in Juvenile/Elementary Team Dance, and Ryan Heersink was a silver medalist in Elementary C Boys Figures.

Taking home bronze medals were Ian Heersink of Livonia and Amanda Smyser of Westland in Freshman/Sophomore B Team Dance, Pirro Marko and Emma Chappell, both of Livonia, in Juvenile/Elementary B Team Dance and the Riverside RASCals Junior Precision Team.

The members of the Junior Precision Team are Chloe LaMay of Plymouth, Hanna Denes of Garden City, Andrew Esser and Tina Stadnik of Northville, Smyser and Jade Ross, Ian and Ryan Heersink, Stephanie Cueva and Sofia Cueva, all from Livonia.

The Riverside RASCals are coached by Lawaun Modrich and Jillian Heersink, who is a national competitor in Sophomore A Ladies figures and loops.

This is the first year in the skating club's history that every skater who entered the national championships either medaled or coached a medalist, according to Modrich, who has been with the club for five years.

"Six members of the club — Stephanie and Sofia Cueva, Hanna Denes, Andrew Esser, Jade Ross and Amanda Smyser — are first-time national competitors, which bodes well for the upcoming season," Modrich said.

"Every skater, from the newest to the most experienced, performed to the best of his or her ability, which is all any coach can ask. I couldn't be happier with our results, and I fully expect to double our medal count next season."

The Riverside RASCals practice at Riverside Arena, 36635 Plymouth Rd. in Livonia. For more



Members of the Riverside Arena precision skating team are (front row, from left) Hanna Denes, Andrew Esser, Amanda Smyser, (middle row) Jade Ross, Chloe LaMay, Ryan Heersink, Sofia Cueva, (back row) coach Jillian Heersink, Stephanie Cueva, Ian Heersink, Tina Stadnik and coach Lawaun Modrich.



Members of the Riverside Arena dance team are (front row, from left) Ian Heersink, Pirro Marko, Ryan Heersink, (back row) Amanda Smyser, Emma Chappell, coach Lawaun Modrich and Sofia Cueva.

information on the team, go to riversidearena.com.

Tax-deductible sponsorships are available to businesses and individuals who would like to assist

the club with its travel expenses to the 2013 championships in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information, contact Modrich at lawaunm@gmail.com.

BOXER

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one more shot."

After winning a fourth belt, he's already planning to enter next year's tournament.

"I've got five children," Soucy said. "I want to leave each one of them a belt, (although) it might be easier to buy one."

Soucy stays in fighting shape by training and developing young boxers as the owner and operator of the Dynamic Boxing Club on Warren Avenue in Westland, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads.

"I've been doing this 53 years," he said. "I'm in

the gym every day with these kids. I'm on my bike; I watch what I eat."

An average of 80 people visit Soucy's gym in the course of a week. There might be two dozen or more training there on any one day.

"It's a very busy gym," he said. "I do a lot of work with the kids on the mitts — some days 20 to 30 people. It's an awesome workout. That's why I think I was ready for this fight."

The Dynamic Boxing Club is a nonprofit, 501C3 organization. Donations or a major sponsor to support the club would be welcome.

Soucy can be reached at (734) 341-6086.



Paul Soucy of Livonia displays the fighting form he used to win another boxing title.

CHAD JAQUILLARD

Cruise Woodward before the cars

By Marty Budner
Eccentric Staff Writer

Before cruising Woodward in cars, cruise it on your feet. That's the footnote to the 2012 Woodward Dream Cruise.

The highly-popular and internationally recognized classic car bash is officially scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 18. The 18th annual Woodward Dream Cruise will be preceded by the inaugural Cruise in Shoes 5K Fun Run/Walk which begins 7 a.m. near

Royal Oak Shrine High School. "It's exciting and it's really taking off," said Woodward Dream Cruise Executive Director Tony Michaels. "I mean, how often do you get to run down the middle of Woodward."

"It starts early and we'll be long gone by the time the cruisers come along," he said. "We think we're adding something really exciting to the Woodward Dream Cruise."

According to Michaels, the WDC executive committee had

been "toying around" with the idea for the past couple of years. With the help of the Royal Oak City Council and police department, and the financial backing of primary sponsor Fifth Third Bank, the event became a reality this year.

"The Woodward Dream Cruise is a family event and it's all about enjoying yourself," said Michaels. "The idea was to add another family event that would not get in the way. People can come dressed up in their 50's

costumes and we thought a run of this kind would be a lot of fun."

The Cruise in Shoes activities are based in the 13 Mile and Woodward area.

The Fun Run/Walk begins on Yorba Linda Blvd. and ends at Shrine High School. Besides Woodward, the 5K-certified course snakes through surrounding Royal Oak neighborhoods.

The costume contest kicks off the festivities at 7 a.m. and prizes will be awarded.

CRUISE RUN

WHAT: Cruise in Shoes 5K Run/Walk

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 18

WHERE: Royal Oak Shrine High School

TIME: 7 a.m.

MAIN EVENT: Fun run and walk through streets of Royal Oak, including historic Woodward Avenue.

RACE DAY AGENDA: 5K Run; 5K Walk; Kid's Fun Run (8 years and younger).

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WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS

The Michigan Women's Golf Association sponsored a two-woman, four-ball tournament Aug. 4 at Dunham Hills Golf Club in Hartland.

The field of 56 players was divided into two flights, and prizes were awarded to the top three gross and net scoring teams in each flight. The winners were:

FLIGHT 1

First low gross: Sue Macinkowicz (Chesterfield) and Lori Rogers (Washington Township), 70.

First low net: Ellen Howell (Livonia) and Arlene Shields (Livonia), 62.

Second low gross: Shelly Weiss (Southfield) and Susan Bach (Keego Harbor), 75.

Second low net: Debra Horning (Bloomfield Hills) and Yvette Gagnon (Bloomfield Hills), 64.

Third low gross: Cindy Hill (Ypsilanti) and Ruth Wilson (Chandler, Arizona), 78.

Third low net: Tina Callewaert (Chesterfield) and Ann Mikek (Royal Oak), 64.

FLIGHT 2

First low gross: Shirley Estabrooks (Commerce) and Nancy Serra (Clarkston), 82.

First low net: Belinda Friis (West Bloomfield) and Donna Zick (Riverview), 60.

Second low gross: Myra Janabet (Macomb) and Sue Cherry (Roseville), 86.

Second low net: Lois Heikkinen (Plymouth) and Pat Shelton (Farmington), 61.

Third low gross: Peggy Steffan (Farmington Hills) and Joan Cleland (Bloomfield Hills), 87.

Third low net: Harriett Forniss (Lathrup Village) and Monica Oliver (Farmington Hills), 61.

Other contest winners included:

Closest to the flagstick, Flight 1: Jane Kersjes (Plymouth), Macinkowicz, Wilson and Steffan.

Closest to the flagstick, Flight 2: Barb Coury (Plymouth), Zick, Forniss and Peggy Mahoney (Chesterfield).

Chip-ins: Carol Durkin (Dearborn), Wilson, Macinkowicz, Oliver and Estabrooks.

Skins, Flight 1: 1 Weiss and Bach, 2 Hill and Wilson, 5 Macinkowicz and Rogers.

Skins, Flight 2: 2 Kathy Brennan (Livonia) and Lori Moore (Dearborn Heights), 2 Jody Chapa (South Lyon) and Barb Coury (Plymouth), 2 Estabrooks and Serra.

The next MWGA event is the match play quarter-finals Sunday, Aug. 12, at Springfield Oaks Golf Club in Davisburg. All female golfers are welcome. For information about this event and the league, contact Pat Witek at witek@mwgolf.org or 248-417-1190.

The MWGA will have another event Aug. 21 at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township. The format will be a four-woman Cha, Cha, Cha.

The competition is open to all women golfers with a USGA index; without an index, they will play at scratch. To enter go to www.mwgolf.org.



The Flight 1 winners in the Michigan Women's Golf Association tournament Aug. 4 at Dunham Hills Golf Club are (seated, from left) Ellen Howell, Livonia; Deb Horning and Yvette Gagnon, Bloomfield Hills; (standing, from left) Arlene Shields, Livonia; Ruth Wilson, Chandler, Ariz.; Cindy Hill, Ypsilanti; Ann Mikek, Royal Oak; Tina Callewaert, Chesterfield; Shelly Weiss, Southfield; Susan Bach, Keego Harbor; and Lori Rodgers, Washington Township.



The Flight 2 winners in the Michigan Women's Golf Association tournament Aug. 4 at Dunham Hills Golf Club are (front) Nancy Serra, Clarkston; (kneeling, from left) Pat Shelton, Farmington; Lois Heikkinen, Plymouth; Harriett Forniss, Lathrup Village; Belinda Friis, West Bloomfield, (standing, from left) Monica Oliver, Farmington Hills; Sue Cherry, Roseville; Myra Janabet, Macomb; Donna Zick, Riverview; Shirley Estabrooks, Commerce; Joan Cleland, Bloomfield Hills; and Peggy Steffan, Farmington Hills.

2nd loss ends Rams' AAABA tourney run

The Michigan Rams were eliminated from the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament Friday morning when they lost to the New Brunswick (N.J.) Matrix, 4-3.

The Rams, representing the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, finished with a 3-2 record in Johnstown, Pa.

New Brunswick (4-1) advanced to play the undefeated Chardon (Ohio) Blizard from the Cleveland area in the final round Friday night.

The Matrix took a 3-0 lead over the Rams after scoring twice in the second inning. The Rams got a run in the third when a batter was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Michigan failed to fully capitalize on the opportunity, and the half inning ended with the bases still full.

The Rams made it 4-2 with an RBI double in the seventh. They could've had another run, but the trail runner missed third base and was ruled out on appeal.

The Rams stayed alive in the tournament Thursday with a 16-5 victory over the Columbus (Ohio) Hawks. The Michiganers pounded 20 hits, including four home runs.

Matt Priebe accounted for two of the dingers and six RBI. Garrett Gordon and Logan Curtis hit the other home runs.

Relief pitcher Jake Paulson shut down Columbus over the final five innings, holding the Hawks to one hit and one unearned run.

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Plymouth artist pens colorful children's book

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Keith Mazur hopes his latest art project appeals to preschoolers.

And that's quite a stretch for the Plymouth artist, who studied special effects at The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, in Pittsburgh, Pa.



Mazur

"Anybody who knows me would tell you this is the last thing you'd expect to see out of me. I

grew up with monster movies and sci-fi movies and all that stuff," he said.

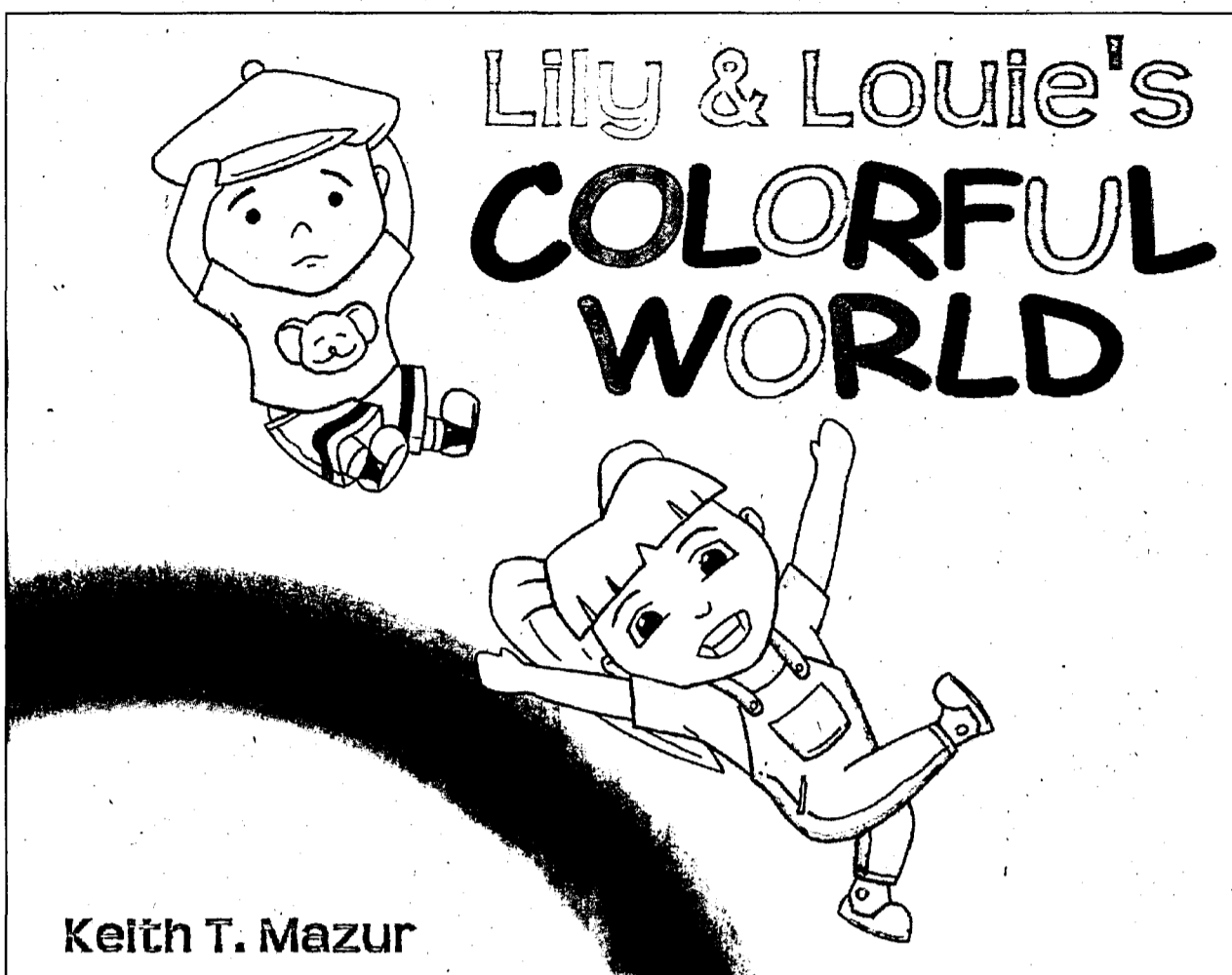
"It was a struggle for me not to want to throw a werewolf or something in there," he said, with a laugh.

Youngsters and their parents will find birds and butterflies, monkeys and clowns, a girl and a boy — but no werewolves — within the pages of Mazur's first book, *Lily & Louie's Colorful World*.

2 Moon Press, a small publishing company in Marshall, published the book, which is available for \$9.99 from the company online at 800publishing.com and from Amazon.com. Mazur expects Barnes & Noble to sell it online.

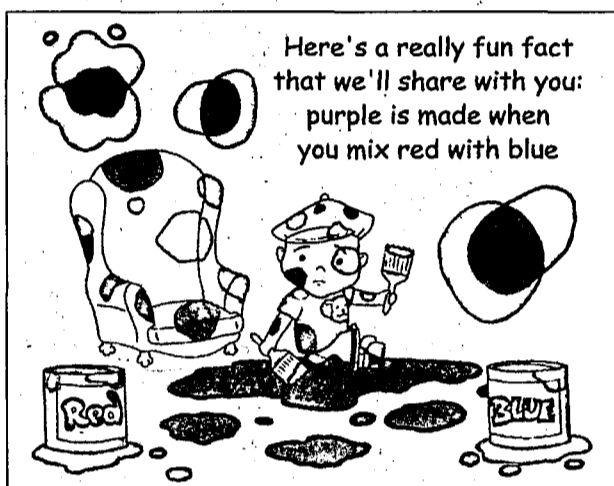
Mazur, who is also a musician, wrote the verse and drew the illustrations for the book that takes readers on a trip through the world of color.

"I've always thought of doing a children's book but I always figured it was one of those things I would do when I retired," said Mazur, who works



Keith T. Mazur

The cover of Keith Mazur's book



A page from Keith Mazur's book

for a company that leases laundry machines to apartment complexes. He spends most of

his "day job" on the road inspecting the machines, and devotes time to art on weekends.

rhymes to fit the pictures. "I like to write like I'm writing music. I like for everything to fit a certain rhythm pattern."

Mazur said he first became interested in art as a child while growing up in Plymouth. Whenever a cousin babysat him and his siblings, she would draw for them. Mazur said he was fascinated by her pictures and tried to mimic them.

At Plymouth Salem High School, he took art classes, and at age 21, headed to Pittsburgh in 1993. He studied special effects, which at that time consisted mostly of make-up, masks and props for the movies.

Doing what he loves

"Nowadays everything is so geared to computer imaging. A lot of what I know — it's not that it's outdated — it's just not as much in demand," he said.

"I still do a lot of props and things like that, especially around Halloween. I get people asking me to make them masks or props. Every now and again I get a call from someone who wants me to build something."

He also does custom work on guitars.

"You've got to do what you love to do, so I still keep up with it," he said, referring to his special effects work.

Mazur is toying with another book idea that would use the Lily and Louie characters.

"There are always a million projects in my head that I want to get started on. If the book does well I'll look at doing another one. I'll have to wait and see how it goes."

"A couple of years ago I just started sketching out some pictures and I thought, well, I will give this a shot," he said.

"I sketched out the little girl and little boy one day and started thinking, how can I apply a little story to this? I was in between projects ... so I figured it was a good time to sit down and try something different."

"It took me a lot longer than I expected. It took a year from start to finish. It's a 34-page book and the publisher added a few pages."

Pictures and rhyme

Mazur drew his ideas on a tablet of paper with colored markers, later editing and "cleaning up" some of the illustrations on computer.

He considers himself primarily a sculptor, producing mostly three-dimensional work in clay or resin cast pieces.

"When it comes to two-dimensional drawing, it's usually pencil, ink or marker. I don't really do a lot with paint," he said.

Mazur said he developed the images first and then came up with

GARDEN & NATURE

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Butterflies

"Backstage Pass: Brenda's Butterfly Habitat," is the theme of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association's next meeting, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15. Meet in the Habitat, located at Barson's Greenhouse, to see dozens of beautiful butterflies fluttering about the host plants that support them, and learn about the life cycle of many of Michigan's native butterflies. The greenhouse will be open for purchases. Barson's greenhouse is located at 6414 N. Merriman, Westland, between Ford and Warren roads. Park in the church lot across the street. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com

Master Gardener

Become a Master Gardener volunteer by taking a 13-week series of classes, 4:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Aug. 14 at the Venoy Annex building, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. The application fee is \$25 and reg-

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"Sales at Sunset," runs 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the store, 9900 Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth and will include sales, vendors, refreshments and door prizes.

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Plymouth potters offer classes, raku workshop

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Spend a few hours — or several weeks — learning about pottery next month at the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth

The Guild is registering now for 15-week pottery classes and for a series of two-hour raku workshop that will celebrate the organization's new raku kiln.

"The Plymouth Community Foundation gave us a grant for a new raku kiln. Part of the grant request was to do a workshop for the public," said Carolyn Hook, Guild president.

The workshop will run 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21. It will repeat from 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 and from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., and 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Guild, 340 N. Main, Plymouth. The 2 1/2-hour session costs \$10. Unglazed pottery will be available at the workshop for \$10-\$35.

"We're making a lot of pots ahead of time. They'll be at the bisque stage," Hook said, adding that participants will choose a glaze and apply it. "We will do the actual firing. When you pull the pots out of the kiln you have an open flame and a lot of smoke. They come out of the kiln red hot. It's real dramatic."

Potters will place the fired pieces into garbage cans filled with combustible material, such as sawdust or newspapers, where they cool.

"You get a lot of interesting results."



Workshop participants can glaze a take-home raku pot next month at the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth.

The process can produce copper, green or white crackle finishes, depending on the glaze, "You can't use raku pieces for food because they don't get to a high enough temperature (in the kiln) and they're still porous," Hook said.

Participants will get a chance to produce two pieces. Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Students in the Guild's fall pottery classes will not only fire ceramic pieces, but get a chance to work with clay and firing.

Classes run 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 5. A class for

advanced students runs 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday. Cost is \$350 for 15 weeks of instruction and eight hours of additional lab time.

Hook said night classes will fill soon.

The Village Potters Guild has 30 members and accepts new member applications in January and August. New members often are former students who have completed a year-long guest membership and are competent in pottery design and production.

To register for the raku workshop or for pottery classes, call (734) 207-8807 or visit www.villagepottersguild.org.

Spread the word on dehumidifier recall

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

In June a lady wrote me that her dryer was acting up and from her description I thought it might be a very serious fire hazard.

I replied to her and asked her to call me on my cell phone but to no avail, which meant I went into worry mode.

My next effort caused me to include her letter in my column which did the trick. She reads this column and the end result was my son Mark going to her house and fixing this fire hazard of a clothes dryer. Now she is safe and I am relaxed again.

Recently, Ellen Roseman wrote her column for the *Toronto Star* about a kitchen range she owns which had the inner door glass shatter when she wasn't even using the range. The range being three years old was well out of warranty range but the manufacturer fixed it at no charge. Her experience caused her to receive several letters from homeowners who had the same thing happen to them. These people were generally not well

treated by the manufacturers in trying to get this problem resolved.

There seemed to be no logical explanation as to why the glass on an oven door would break on its own. On this subject I have written before and so I will say it once again. It is the four-letter word that I use to describe the quality of many products today: JUNK!

My good friend Diane Armstrong who writes a column for the *Timmins Times Newspaper* will many times write about a thing that is missing in the world today. It's called good, old-fashioned service and customer satisfaction the way it used to be. She has a heart of gold which makes it hard for her to understand why this modern world seems to have lost the "golden rule." Take the quality out of products, eliminate the happy customer and what do you have left? I will let you answer this comment.

Now, let me give you an example of how this newspaper has helped so many readers. In these past 25 years of writing I have met so many people who say to me in person, "I have cut out every article you've written and saved each one of them. I send copies to my kids and family. I refer to them many times when a question comes up." Everyone has scissors nearby and I know that

coupon clipping is a big thing these days and what I would like you to do is clip this article and put it in a safe place. In recent days there was a recall on some 800,000 dehumidifiers sold by Sears. You may have seen it on television or heard about it on a radio show but you couldn't clip it. It may have been a one-time thing as these recalls usually are or maybe you have not heard a thing about it.

Now, how about helping me inform members of your family and friends about this massive recall on dehumidifiers which might be running in their very basement. All you have to do is write "recent dehumidifier recall" in the search engine of your computer and you will have all the facts. By the way, while you are researching, pay attention to how many dehumidifiers have been recalled in the past five years alone. Here is another alarming fact: There are 195 million recalled appliances in circulation today and the question is, do you have one in your home? Go to Safeproducts.gov and find out for yourself. Stay tuned.

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



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Zeus needs your financial help.

Check out fundraiser, shot clinics for pets

Zeus Crowley of Westland needs your financial help.

The 6-year-old rottweiler was diagnosed in May with a rare genetic disease called Immune Mediated Polyarthritis, an allergic reaction to antibiotics that has caused his immune system to attack his joints. Prednisone helps to keep him comfortable, but isn't a long-term solution. Veterinarians at Michigan Veterinary Specialists in Southfield want to do digital x-rays and joint taps to figure out what else may be hurting his joints. The tests and treatment are estimated at a total \$5,000.

Melissa Crowley says that she and her husband have spent some \$20,000 on Zeus — who has allergies — since they brought him into their family as a 7-week-old pup. She decided to reach out to the community through social media and the press because she says they can't afford of medical testing, which costs \$2,000.



She plans a fundraiser — Putt for a Cause ... and Save These Paws — from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Putting Edge, 44225 W. 12 Mile, Novi. The event will include 18 holes of miniature golf, arcade games, pizza and pop, prizes for the most holes in one and best game score, in addition to a 50/50 raffle. Advance tickets are \$20 and \$25 the day of the event. Tickets are available by calling Crowley at (248) 755-0550 or at melissacrowley66@att.net.

Visit Crowley's fundraising page at www.giveforward.com/SavingZeus. Read her blog at www.savingzeus.wordpress.com. And visit her Facebook page at www.facebook.com/#!/SavingZeus.

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Low-cost vaccinations

Tail Waggers 1990 continues its low-cost vaccination clinics 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 at Sheehy Animal Hospital, 18790 Middlebelt, Livonia. Rabies, bordetella and distemper vaccines cost \$12 each, or three for \$30. Microchipping will be offered and heartworm testing will be available for \$18. Wags to Wiskers, 44707 Five Mile, Plymouth will wrap up its schedule of Tail Waggers' 1990 clinics, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25.

No appointments are necessary for the clinics, although the organization welcomes RSVPs to help organizers plan for vaccine supplies.

To RSVP or for more information, call Tail Waggers' 1990 at (734) 560-4660 or e-mail to vaccinationclinic@yahoo.com. Visit its website at www.tailwaggers1990.org.

— Sharon Dargay

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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 donnagotts@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 ch1977@hotmail.com.

DEARBORN FORDSON

CLASS OF 1946

66th reunion luncheon is planned for 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 at Park Place, 23400 Park, Dearborn. Reserve a place by sending a \$20 check to Sadie Zehra Bondy, 1515 Mason #403, Dearborn, MI 48124. For more information call her at (313) 274-3929.

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.

CLASS OF 1952

60-year reunion planned for Sept. 15 at Park Place in Dearborn. For more information e-mail Al Orloff at orloff@att.net or phone him at (734) 432-9308 or e-mail Marvin M. Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or call him at (313) 562-4378.

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 godefouzo@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.

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 MACKENZIE

CLASSES FROM 1950-69

A second annual picnic is planned, noon-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines park, located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Westland. Music, memorabilia, great camaraderie. Bring your own picnic or purchase Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream at the event. T-shirts and sweatshirts also will be available. A raffle will be held. Seating will be available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. No need to pre-register. Questions? Call Janet Cable at (734) 377-4009 or email mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com.

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 Merriman, 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 Aleggani 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.

MILESTONES

Rembacki-Mach

Elizabeth Rembacki and Joseph Mach announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Colleen Connolly and Jim Rembacki of Livonia, is a 2004 graduate of Mercy High School. She graduated from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and teaches kindergarten at Our Lady of Victory in Northville. Her fiancé, son of Lynn and Tom Mach of Redford, graduated in 2003 from Detroit Catholic Central High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in physical



education and health education from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and teaches at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi. The couple plans to wed in June 2013.



Serrico-Slatina

Jillian Serrico and Scott Slatina announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Richard and Stephanie Serrico of Livonia, graduated in 2000 from Stevenson High School in Livonia. She is a nurse at Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Her fiancé, son of Tim and Janet Slatina of Fenton, graduated in 1999 from Harrison High School in Farmington. He manages a Ruby Tuesday restaurant. The couple plans to wed in May 2013 at Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester.

Weaver-Xu

Kimberly Ann Weaver and Kunning Gabriel Xu announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Kirk and Ginny Weaver of Canton, is a 2001 Canton High School graduate. She earned a bachelor of science degree in 2005 from Michigan State University and a master of science degree in 2007 from Iowa State University. She expects to receive a PhD in December 2012 from Georgia Institute of Technology. Her fiancé, son of Frank Xu and Rebecca Wang of Lake Saint Louis, Mo., received a bachelor of science degree in 2006, a master's degree in 2009 and a PhD in 2012, all from Georgia Institute of Technology. He is an assistant professor in mechanical and aerospace engineering at University of Alabama in Huntsville.



A December 2012 wedding is planned at Academy of Medicine, in Atlanta, Ga.



Vroman-Pohl

Ashley Elizabeth Vroman and Benjamin Andrew Pohl announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Deborah and Daniel Vroman of Westland, is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, with a double major in elementary mathematics and elementary social studies. She is employed by IKEA. Her fiancé, son of Linda and Michael Pohl of Canton, is a graduate of the University of Michigan - Dearborn, with a major in supply chain management. He is employed at TATA Technologies, on assignment to Ford Motor Company. An October 2012 wedding is planned in Canton.

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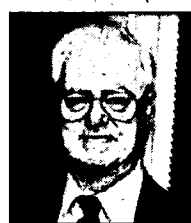
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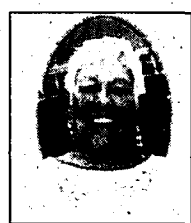
BOOTH BALLANTYNE, CYNTHIA CAROLYN,

Age 79, of Harbor Springs, Michigan, died August 8, 2012 at her home. She was born on February 5, 1933, in Bloomfield Hills Michigan, the daughter of Henry Scripps Booth and Carolyn Farr Booth. She was a member of the 1950 graduating class of Kingswood School Cranbrook for girls and attended both University of Colorado in Boulder and Purdue University. She is survived by daughters Carolyn Lee Ballantyne Eckhold (Scott Eckhold) and Deborah Ellen Ballantyne (Beverly Kannengieszer) and was preceded by her son, Phillip Booth Ballantyne. She has two grandsons, Christopher Reed Eckhold and Duncan Booth Eckhold. She is also survived by her beloved black cat, Zachary. She had a wonderful zest for life, was an avid reader, a lifelong volunteer, a member of the Tau Beta Association and the Junior League of San Francisco. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the North Shore Animal League, 25 Davis Avenue Port Washington, NY 11050; Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, 5001 Angel Canyon Road Kanab, UT 84741; or a charity of your choosing.



FORBES, WILLIAM F.

Age 92, August 6, 2012. Beloved husband of June. Loving father of William, the late Ilene, Ron (Kathy) and Cindy Hale. Grandfather of Shelley, Robbie, Jessica, Scott and Brandon. Great-grandfather of Skyela and Gage. Brother of the late May Nelson. Proud veteran and bugler of WWII. William worked as head maintenance man at Cabrini Parish in Allen Park for 30 years. He loved to joke and always had time for his family. We all share great memories of our many camping trips and we will miss him very much. Visitation Sunday, August 12 from 1-9 PM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Funeral Mass Monday 10:30 AM (Instate at 10 AM) at St. Michael Catholic Church, 11441 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Share a memory of Bill at www.rgrharris.com



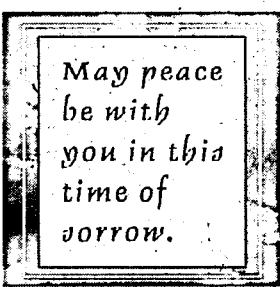
KUYKENDALL, MARTHA

Age 76 of Livonia. Beloved wife of James. Loving mother of Beth (Steve) Carlson, and Joan (Jeff) Tryon. Cherished grandmother of Chelsey Carlson. Dear sister of Kay Fluckey, Linda Nicholson, Dorothy Stuart, and Nancy Carreon. A memorial service will take place at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard in Livonia, Thursday August 9th 10:00AM gathering, 11:00AM service. Memorial Donations may be made to Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia.



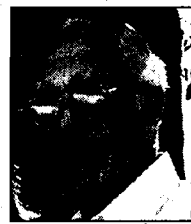
McWATT, CHRISTINE H.

Age 61 of Plymouth, passed away on August 5, 2012. Born in Baltimore, Maryland to parents Frederick and Ruth Hoeprich. Survived by her loving and devoted husband Robert. Dearest stepmother of Stephanie Smith, Maggie McWatt and Derek (Cammi) McWatt. Proud grandmother of Madison, Aubrey and Abigail. Also, survived by her mother in law Ruth McWatt. Dear sister of Susan (Lawrence) McGee and F. Michael (Carolyn J.) Hoeprich Jr. Christine received her B.S. from Western Michigan University and Masters of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. Christine was devoted to her faith and had a passion for teaching. She was a longtime Art Teacher for the Plymouth/Canton Community Schools. She also had the opportunity to teach in Japan. Chris was a member of the Great Lakes Beadworker's Guild, and she enjoyed traveling around the world. She was extremely devoted to her family. A memorial gathering will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home this Friday August 10th from 2 - 9pm. The funeral service will be held (also at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home) on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 3:00pm, located at 280 South Main St, Plymouth, MI. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI. Share memories at Schrader-Howell.com.



CUTRELL-FARLEY, CLAUDINE

August 9, 2012, Age 78 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Howard B. Loving mother of William Hickey, James Hickey, Georgenna Smokovitz, Kimberly Maloney, Tammy Rak, Jessie Buzzell, P.D. Cutrell, Kandy Cutrell, and niece June Collins. Proud grandmother of Odette, Kassie, Quin, Michael, Deanna, Dana, Heather Jo, Jessica, Victoria, Krista, and Antonio. Great-grandmother of Jake, Darian, Courtney, Shelby, Kelsie, Michael, Olivia, Ella, Bradley, Chantz, and Brooklyn. Visitation Fri. 5-9 PM, Sat. 2-9 PM with Funeral Service Sun. 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer or Muscular Dystrophy Association. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West, Westland. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



GREEN, HOWARD

Age 81, of Winter Haven, FL, formerly of Plymouth, MI, passed away on July 30th. He is survived by Lois, his loving wife of 37 years; children Susan Leclercq (Glenn), Cindy Abar (Bob), Jeff, Kari Dorris (Mike) and Dan (Jen); seven grandchildren & four great-grandchildren. Howard was the owner of the former Pease Paint & Wallpaper, Green's Creative Home Center & The Yankee Carpenter. A memorial was held on August 5th at Lake Gibson Church of the Nazarene in Lakeland, FL.

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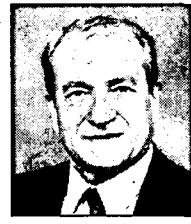
DAVID, MARY ANN

Age 89, of Brighton, previously of Garden City, passed away peacefully August 8, 2012. She was born May 3, 1923 in Cincinnati, Ohio daughter of Harold and Anna (Mistler) Murray. She was raised in Northville and graduated from NHS in 1941. Mary Ann was united in marriage to David Sam David on December 31, 1945; they spent 32 loving years together until his death in 1977. During World War II she worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant. She also taught dance lessons at Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Detroit. Mary Ann was a secretary for Kroger for over 25 years. She was a dedicated mother and a wonderful homemaker. She loved to bake homemade bread and can her own jelly and jams. Mary Ann also enjoyed cooking, painting with acrylics, and travelling. After she retired she travelled all over the world. Mary Ann is survived by her children Davie (Barbara) David of California, Don (Wanda) David of Georgia, Ann Cox of Brighton, Gwenn (Randy Hodges) David of Colorado, and Suzanne (Robert) Kaatz of Texas; her sister Margaret Titus of Arizona; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brothers, Robert Murray and James Murray; and her grandson Jad Cox. Visitation will be held Friday from 5-8pm. A funeral service will be held Saturday at 1pm with visitation beginning at Noon at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Mary Ann will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. In lieu of flowers, donations suggested to the Jad Cox Memorial Scholarship Fund, established by Mary Ann in loving memory of her beloved grandson, c/o Garden City Schools, attn: Business Office, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135.



JOHNSON, JANE ADELAIDE

Age 87, of Waterford passed away peacefully on July 29, 2012. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Tove and Samuel Jackson, grandchildren Jenae Jackson, Joshua and Tara (Meyer) Jackson, and Kelsey Jackson; sister-in-law, Maxine Murphy, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by husband, Wesley, and sister, Verna. She was a devoted member of Central United Methodist Church (CUMC) for 67 years and retired from Bloomfield Hills Schools, having worked for both the Board of Education and Andover High School. For the past 1 1/2 years she was lovingly cared for, as a resident at Clare Bridge of Troy. A memorial service will be held at her church, CUMC, in Waterford on Sunday, August 26th at 2pm. Please make donations, in her name, to CUMC in lieu of flowers.



TROUT, GERALD L.

Age 83, August 8, 2012. Born April 21, 1929 in Detroit. Raised in Carmi, IL and Princeton, IN. Gerald graduated from Michigan State University in 1952 in Civil Engineering. He received his Professional Engineer License in 1956. Beloved husband of Caroline since 1954. Loving father of Perri Franskoviak, Michael (Nancy) Trout, Michael Franskoviak, Gina (Joe) Curran, Ruthann Trout (Bart Van Bloemen Waanders), Paul (Alechia) Trout and Christina (Jason) Horowitz. Dear grandfather of 16. Brother of Juanita (Fred) Martin, Charles Trout. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his mother Naomi and his brother Hubert. Memorial service Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 11:00 am at Unity Church of Livonia 28660 Five Mile Rd. Livonia, 48154. Donations appreciated to the church or to Angela Hospice.



Pack healthful items in school lunch

It's that time again — the new school year is just a few weeks away.

With the return of school comes the return of school lunches.

The nutritional quality of foods and beverages in schools has been a hot debate, largely driven by trends in childhood obesity in this country. Since 1980, according to the CDC, the obesity rate for children and teens has nearly tripled.

While kids eat plenty of foods outside of school, the foods and beverages available at schools are an important consideration because it's been estimated that for some children, 50 percent of the calories they eat in a day are from school meals. Packing lunches and snacks can help provide healthful and filling meals that pack a nutritious punch without overloading on the bad stuff.

But coming up with a variety of healthy options that kids will actually eat, won't get bored with, and that can survive (from a food safety perspective) with insulated lunch bags, freezer packs, and/or a thermos, can be a challenge for any parent.

Colleen Doyle, director of nutrition and physical activity for the American Cancer Society, offers some guiding principles:

- Always include at least one fruit and one vegetable.

- Choose grains are mostly whole grains.

- Proteins should be lean and/or sources of healthy fats.

- Dairy products — and peanut butter, for that matter — should be low in added sugar.

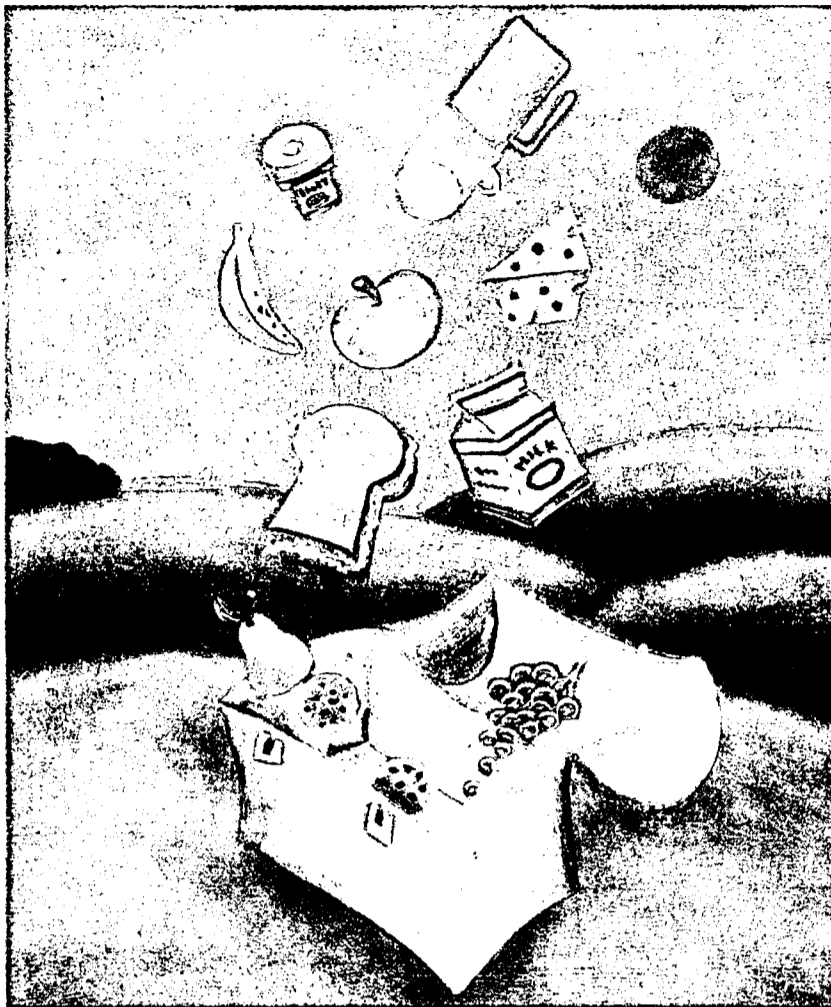
Here are some easy lunch box foods that can be mixed and matched:

Easy 'entrées'

- String cheese or cheese cubes and whole grain crackers

- Hummus and whole wheat pita bread

- High-fiber, low-sugar cereal, eaten with milk from school. Look for cereals with at least 3 grams of fiber and less than 8 grams of sugar per serving.



Sandwiches and wraps

- Whole wheat tortillas smeared with low-fat refried beans or filled with black beans and/or leftover rice, with salsa for dipping

- Whole wheat tortilla with turkey, cheese, and apple or avocado slices

- Peanut or almond butter sandwich on whole grain bread with banana slices or raisins

Fruits, vegetables and salads

- Single portion-sized cups of unsweetened apple sauce or fruit packed in its own juice, without added sugar

- Carrots, pepper strips and celery sticks with ranch dressing to dip

- Celery sticks stuffed with peanut butter and sprinkled with raisins or other dried fruit, such as cranberries and blueberries

Other "sides" and snacks

- Individual serving-sized packages of low-fat, low-sugar yogurt. Look for no more than 20 grams of sugar per 6 ounces; about 12 grams of that is naturally-occurring sugar found in dairy products.

- Baked tortilla chips and salsa
- Trail mix made with cereals, nuts, pretzels, dried fruit, or raisins

Healthy drinks

- Freeze small bottles of water to help keep your child well hydrated and his/her lunch cool.

- If you pack juice, make sure it's 100 percent juice. Freeze these also to help keep the lunch cool.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

August

COOKING CLASS

Learn how to incorporate Michigan-made products into your cooking at Chef Rebecca's live cooking class, 6-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13 at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. A registered dietician will discuss the nutritional value of these foods. Cost is \$10 for this class, presented by Busch's and Botsford Hospital, and includes recipes, samples, cooking tips and a \$10 Busch's coupon. Call (248) 427-7400 to register.

FUNDRAISER

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKF)—Detroit branch office will present its 6th Annual Cool Blue Monday fundraiser 5:30-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13 at the MGM Grand Detroit—Grand Ballroom, 1777 Third Street, Detroit. Attire is stylishly chic and the event will feature an elegant strolling buffet, live entertainment, and cocktails, along with silent and live auctions. All proceeds from the event will support the prevention programs and patient services of the NKF—Detroit branch office. Tickets are \$125 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the NKF—Detroit office at 313-259-1574 or visit www.nkfm.org.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP

A dietician from Botsford Hospital will teach children, 8-13, about healthy lunches and after-school snacks at a workshop, 11 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Aug. 15 at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 779-6100 to register.

September

JAMBOREE

Dawn Farm's annual event celebrates recovery from chemical dependency. This 39th annual gathering, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, will include entertainment for the entire family, live music by NoteWorthy, hayrides, silent and live auctions, a children's tent and midway, food, beverages and farm animals. The Dawn Farm gift shop also will be open. Admission and activities are free. Dawn Farm is located at 6633 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti. For more information call (734) 485-8725.

PROSTATE CANCER SYMPOSIUM



J. Albaugh will speak at a prostate cancer symposium next month in Detroit.

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Wayne State University School of Medicine and The Prostate Net will present the second annual Prostate Cancer Symposium, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. Keynote presenter will be sexual health expert Jeffrey Albaugh, Ph.D. The symposium is free and will offer two educational tracks — one for patients, families and advocates; and one for medical professionals, including social workers. The program is free. Pre-event registration is required because space is limited. Call (800) KARMANOS.

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