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Due to budgetary constraints, the Wayne Department of Public Works front office will be open to customers 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Officials receive city hall security recommendations

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

Security improvements, including the addition of a greeter desk and more controlled public access, are being recommended for Westland City Hall.

Westland police and representatives from an alarm company reviewed security at the building

following two recent incidents. The most serious happened May 13, when a man who claimed to have a bomb on his body held a city hall staff member hostage. The second incident involved a man described as speaking nonsense in the mayor's office.

Among the recommendations to improve secu-

rity:
• Better control of public access to city hall. The north entrance to the building will remain closed and serve only as a fire exit.

That means the public would enter only through the south entrance. Plans call for a security person/greeter to be stationed at the entrance to direct

people to the appropriate place.

"We had talked about having that in the new city hall, but it kind of came to forefront," Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith said. "We think we can fit a greeter stand into the lobby. It will be our first line of defense."

Based on his previous experience in bank-

ing, Smith said that initial contact is sometimes enough to deter someone from further action. The idea would be to staff the security/greeter desk with retired police officers, who are already familiar with city operations, on a part-time basis.

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Westland residents Ronnie Rice and his daughter Jada head into part of the Play Planet.

Warm weather brings crowd to Play Planet

Warmer weather is bringing local youngsters to the Play Planet playscape in Westland's Tattan Park.

The enormous playscape, located off Carlson south of Ford, is open daily until dusk. There is no admission fee and there are picnic tables available nearby.

The nearby H2O Zone sprayground water attraction opened for the season on Memorial Day which had rainy, cool temperatures.

Once the summer heats up, youngsters will enjoy the 6,000-square foot H2O Zone which features 14 above ground and 15 in-ground water features.

The main attraction is an 18-foot helicopter that sprays water from its rotors. Other features include a large dump bucket, a 15-foot long serpent that mists water from its nose and shoots water from its mouth.

The H2O Zone is open daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., weather permitting.

There is also no admission fee currently for the H2O Zone although that could change as part of large changes under consideration for Tattan Park.

The H2O Zone was funded by the Westland Downtown Development Authority.



Tim Yakuob from Westland climbs the Play Planet playscape.

Avenue Grille expands, pharmacy fills vacancy in Wayne

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

One downtown Wayne business will be expanding, while a vacant building will be getting a new occupant.

The Wayne Council recently approved the site plan for the construction of a 1,590-square-foot covered outside seating area on the south side of the Avenue Sports Grille on Elizabeth and Michigan Avenue.

The L-shaped addition would include a service bar and replace a canopy and outdoor seating area that is currently on the west side of the building. "The owners have expanded their kitchen north into a former barber shop," said Wayne Clerk/Planning Director Matthew Miller. "Once this is completed, they will start work on the inside of the building. They plan to move the restrooms and the seating around."

The existing 37 parking spaces barely meet the minimum requirement, Miller said, adding the business was looking into acquiring some vacant property to the west.

"Thank you for investing in our city, you're a big part of the positives in the city," said Councilman John Rhaesa. "You show that things can

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W-W school board rates Baracy as highly effective

By **Sue Mason**
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board has found the district's top administrator has continued to do his job in a highly effective manner.

"These are extraordinarily challenging times;

consistent, competent and strong leadership is the backbone to successful organizations," school board president Carol Middell said in announcing the results of Superintendent Greg Baracy's annual evaluation. "Our superintendent has shown his devotion to the

job and understanding of what is best for the students of this district."

The school board gave Baracy an overall rating of 90.56 percent for the 2012-13 school year, based on 12 different categories. He received highly effective ratings for his relationship with

the board, community and staff relations, business and finance, educational leadership, personal qualities, evaluation, progress toward the school improvement plan, student attendance, student/parent/teacher feedback and achievement and development of a

customer service plan. He received an effective rating in one category — student growth and achievement.

"I'm pleased with the outcome of my evaluation," Baracy said. "It reflects the work of the

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Taxi license comes with questions about building

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The renewal of a cab license for a local company has been approved by Wayne City Council but not without an effort to tie the license to the look of its building.

The administration reported that Taxi Town, Inc., also called Wayne Cab, had paid the application fee, inspection fees for meters in six taxis and provided proof of insur-

ance for the vehicles. "The building is not the best looking. I'd like to table (the license renewal request) and require a plan of action to clean up the site and the building," said Councilman James Hawley. "There are other things the council considers important."

When the Michigan Liquor Control Commission considers a license, Mayor Al Haidous noted that a complete building inspection and a review

by the police department is done.

"The inspection through the police department has to do with the meters in the cabs," said Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright. "We make sure the locks (on the meters) aren't tampered. Our major concern is to make sure the meters are calibrated."

The police department also makes sure taxi drivers are properly licensed and take identification

photos.

Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib, serving as acting city manager at the meeting, noted that site issues fall under city ordinance. He suggested talking with the fire department, which handles ordinance enforcement.

"Other businesses are upgrading. This is an opportunity to ask what they will do about the building. We can ask," said Hawley.

The licensing is to regulate the taxi business, said City Attorney Breda O'Leary-Holder. "That is separate from the building. The proper method is through the Building Department, if there are site issues," she said. "Conditioning the license on the building conditions is not proper, if they meet the licensing requirements."

In addition, Clerk/Planning Director Matthew Miller noted the city

has no ordinance that requires a property owner to fix up their building.

"We can always ask a business to upgrade their appearance, we don't have to wait for a license renewal," said Councilman Albert Damitio. "I don't see it as fair to hold up a license renewal, if they meet all the requirements."

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SECURITY

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"If you hire a security company, you can get a different person every day," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "That person wouldn't know who is the finance director."

Reinforce the tables where council and the administrative staff, including the mayor, sit. "The idea is that if you have an active shooter, council could duck (behind the desk) and crawl into the conference

room," Jedrusik said, adding the door to the conference room would also be reinforced.

Safety training is being provided to council members and also to city staff.

"When this (bomb/hostage) situation occurred, staff in the Finance Department was watching, but didn't know what to do," Jedrusik said.

Stairwells to the city hall basement will be locked to control access and other doors will be kept locked, also to restrict access.

"One of the biggest problems with the bomb

threat was that the guy could be anywhere in the building, (maybe) in the stairwells," Jedrusik said.

Existing panic buttons will be upgraded to go directly to 9-1-1 instead of the current method of first going through an alarm company.

Video surveillance will be added to the building.

The total tab for the security upgrades will be approximately \$35,000, Smith said, with \$20,000 likely to be recouped through repurposing the equipment at the new city hall or a buy-back program through the vendor.

The city is also applying for a Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority grant to conduct a risk assessment study.

Noting flowers, papers or other items appear in council chambers or conference room prior to meetings, Councilman Dewey Reeves said he was concerned that anything could be left there.

Administration is to come back with specific costs and purchases for council approval.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Historical program

The Friends of Nankin Mills will sponsor an adult local history program, "Death of Chief Tonquish: Debunking Myths and Legends" 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Daryl Bailey, military historian and vice-president of the Friends of Nankin Mills, will look at both the death of Chief Tonquish and its historiography. Refreshments will be provided.

Preregister by calling (734) 261-1990.

Kickball signups

Registration is being accepted for Summer Kickball Leagues offered through the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department at Anderson Ball Fields in Attwood Park in Wayne. The cost is \$200 per team and must be paid in full at time of registration.

All teams must register at the Wayne Community Center by Monday, June 3. Games will start the

week of June 10. For more information or to register, call (734) 721-7400.

Cutest Pet

The Westland Jaycees will be hosting a Cutest Pet Contest this year during the Westland-Wayne Relay for Life June 8-9.

Each entry should be accompanied by a 5-by-7-inch picture of the pet, the pet's name, owners name and phone number and the \$5 entry fee. Checks should be made out to the Westland Jaycees. Entries can be sent to 570 Lathers, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions can be directed to Rebeka Sroczynski at wjccutestpet@yahoo.com.

Voting will take place at the Westland Jaycee Relay for Life booth 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 8. Voting will be done by dropping money into a container that is matched to the corresponding pet's picture. The pet earning the most money will be declared the winner. The three top grossing pets will earn prizes. All monies raised will go directly to Relay for Life.

BARACY

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entire administrative team and their dedication and commitment to the district and the students of Wayne-Westland."

Baracy has been at the helm of the district for 16 years and is its longest-serving superintendent. In reading from a prepared statement, Middell said the "board has grown to appreciate his knowledge of school affairs and witnessed his leadership skills."

"We are lucky to have him as our superinten-

dent," she said, adding that the board looks forward "to working with you to move this district forward despite the significant challenges in our future."

"We will continue to work together for the benefit of our district and, most important of all, for our students," she added.

A graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, Baracy served as assistant principal and principal at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center and as assistant superintendent until being picked in 1997 to become superintendent. He plans to retire June 30, 2015.

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Baracy

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work in the city." Councilman Skip Monit added that he appreciated how good the building will look with the upcoming work.

"They (the owners) talked at the Planning Commission meeting about moving to fine dining. That's something we want in Wayne," said Councilman James Hawley.

The council also approved a site plan for CET Pharmacy Group which plans to open a

mail-order pharmacy in the building which formerly housed the Wayne Eagle at 35540 W. Michigan Ave. Along with the pharmacy, the business will have offices and a call center with up to 100 employees.

"They fill prescriptions on a larger scale than Rite Aid. They fill prescriptions for doctors and nursing homes," said Miller. "They will be making interior and exterior changes to the building."

The building was purchased from foreclosure by Tarek Mazloun, Belleville Property Management LLC, and is in very

good condition, Miller commented.

"They will change the windows and doors. They will do more front facade changes as they can afford it," he added. "They will maintain the mezzanine. They plan to fully utilize all of the space."

To facilitate the development, the council also approved the sale of a city-owned vacant parcel at 3429 Sophia to Mazloun and Belleville Property Management LLC, for \$5,000. The city had acquired the .20-acre property from Wayne County in 2006 for \$3,164 in delinquent taxes. Directly north of the building, the property will be used for parking.

"It is a former four-story hospital (demolished in 2004). They took the

sidewalk out with the hospital. They (Belleville Property Management) will restore the sidewalk," said Miller.

Council members had some questions about security for the pharmacy.

"There will be rooms that are totally secured and also safes," Mazloun said. "There will be an alarm, if no one is there. If it goes as we hope, someone will be there 24/7."

The building is designed to be safe for employees and the public, Miller said.

"I grew up on Sophia. This is the best use of the property I've seen in years," said Hawley.

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MDOT: Boulevard plan is best Ford Road fix

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A proposal to ease Canton traffic congestion by transforming Ford Road into a boulevard from I-275 to Sheldon Road was confirmed Thursday evening as the favored option of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

A new study indicates the plan could reduce traffic accidents along the Ford Road corridor by 35 percent, from an average 315 crashes a year to 206, MDOT project manager Gorette Yung said. A project timetable and funding source remain elusive, however, and Yung said the overall cost could approach \$50 million.

MDOT's findings came during the latest public forum at Summit on the Park, signaling a potential turning point in what Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy called a decade-long quest that spawned two studies totaling nearly \$1.5 million.

"I'm not a road engineer, so I have to trust that they have come up with the right solution. I just hope it works," LaJoy said, though he grimly conceded the project "is years away."

Grassy separation

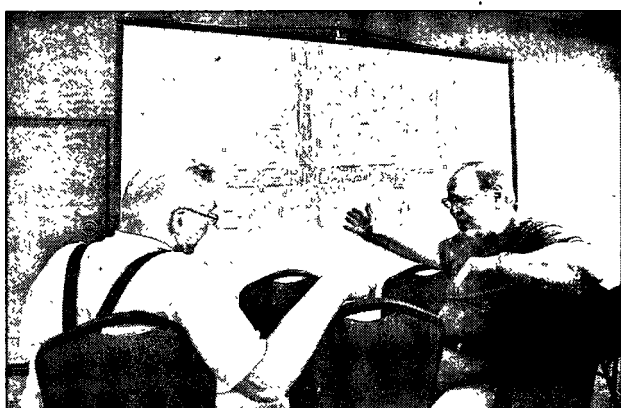
The plan calls for separating westbound and eastbound Ford Road lanes by a grassy median, prohibiting left turns at intersections, adding turnaround lanes similar to those on Michigan Avenue and transforming Haggerty Road into a boulevard for 1,000 feet in both directions from Ford.

The plan, tweaked since the last MDOT forum, calls for adding a third westbound lane from I-275 to Lilley, rather than all the way to Sheldon, and adding a third eastbound lane from the Haggerty area to I-275. It suggests paving Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill, as well as extending side-



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Jack Stange of Westland comments on the video depicting the possible changes to Ford Road in Canton.



Donald Haidys and Tony Calderoni are not too impressed with the proposed Ford Road project.

walks from west of the I-275 interchange to the Lotz area.

Township Engineer Bill Serchak said Canton expects as early as Monday to submit a fifth proposal to federal authorities to seek project funding through the so-called TIGER program — Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery. Canton was snubbed four times for a now-dead proposal to reshape the I-275/Ford interchange. MDOT officials believe

the boulevard plan would reduce traffic congestion, provide safer access to Ford Road businesses, have a minimal impact on the environment and reduce crashes along one of Michigan's most accident-prone thoroughfares. MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said all efforts would be made to cause as little disruption as possible along Canton's primary business corridor.

Welcome concept
Westland resident Jack

Stange, who travels Ford Road to get to Praise Church in Plymouth Township, welcomed the boulevard concept.

"Getting rid of the bottlenecks at Haggerty is a plus," he said. "Hopefully it will prevent a lot of the accidents."

Canton resident Alan VanKerckhove said the addition of sidewalks from the interchange toward Lotz Road would help bicyclists such as himself who have a difficult time maneuvering the area.

"My thoughts are pretty good about this plan," he said. "It's a compromise. It's much better than doing nothing."

Morosi said a move to prohibit left turns at Ford Road intersections is expected to result in bet-

ter traffic flow.

"We want to improve progression (of traffic), but the top priority will remain safety," he said, though he said the uncertainty of funding "does hurt us."

Retiree friends Donald Haidys of Sumpter Township and Tony Calderoni of Canton scoffed at the boulevard plan, saying local officials should try to block it.

"I'd go to the governor and kill it," Haidys said. "It's a traffic bottleneck. This is a joke."

Crash reduction

Calderoni said the proposal should suggest three lanes from I-275 all the way to Sheldon Road, if not beyond.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas

welcomed estimates that traffic crashes would be reduced by 35 percent with the boulevard plan, calling it the first time MDOT has indicated "how much better this solution will be" for the Ford Road corridor.

Although MDOT officials say they can't predict when the project could be completed, Faas said he is hopeful it will be done within five to 10 years. He said Ford Road will need reconstructing within a few years anyway, and local officials already have waited a decade for a fix to traffic woes.

"It needs to be done," Faas said.

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Flea Circus helps pets find forever homes

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Meet your next furry pet in downtown Garden City on Saturday, June 8, at the first Garden City Flea Circus.

Ten pet rescue groups are expected to be at the event designed to promote animal awareness and welfare. Pet adoption also will be available.

"This is the first time that we are doing this," said Kim Dold, assistant to Garden City Downtown Development Authority executive director Stacey Tobar.

"We will have on-site vaccinations."

Garden City Clerk/Treasurer Allyson Bettis also will be there selling dog licenses.

"We will have a lot of demonstrations," Dold said.

Search and rescue dog teams will be there along with Rudy, the K9 German Shepherd, recently purchased and trained for the Garden City Police Department and his handler Garden City Police officer Bruce Shippe.

"There will also be some doggie first aid and CPR demos," Dold said.

Guests will also be interested in a pet and pet owner look alike contest. Vendors will be there with free gifts.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Farmers Market area located in the parking lot south of the Kroger store at Ford and Middlebelt.

Visit www.downtowngardencity.com for a complete listing of rescues, vendors and the demonstration schedule. This event is rain or shine.

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Two students win Breaking Traditions Awards

Two students at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center in Westland have been recognized by the state of Michigan for their success in career and technical education programs that are nontraditional for their gender.

Holley Compton of John Glenn High School, and Brandi Caloia of Plymouth-Canton High School were among eight students from around the state to receive Breaking Traditions Merit Awards presented by the Michigan Department of Education through their Office of Career and Technical Education.

"These outstanding students have shown determination in pursuing high-skilled careers that have been considered nontraditional for their gender," State School Superintendent Mike Flanagan said. "Taking highly rigorous content in their CTE program will prepare them for any future careers they choose."

In addition to being nominated, each applicant was required to provide two letters of support and write a brief narrative explaining his or her choice of career, obstacles faced, and key accomplishments.

Compton, a second-year Automotive Technology



Attending the award presentation in Lansing were Steven Kay, principal of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, Automotive Technology instructor James Schirmer, Brandi Caloia, Holley Compton, Electronics/Robotics instructor Zachary MacLean and Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy.

student, was nominated for the award by instructor James Schirmer who noted in his nomination "that she is all business when it comes to her drive and dedication to this career path."

"She is not just a role model to other girls but also a role model to the guys by demonstrating

the work habits needed in the business world," Schirmer said.

In her application, Compton said that she became interested in pursuing a career in the auto industry by helping her dad work on vehicles. She has been around drag races, snowmobiles and dirt

bikes all her life. Activities she has participated in that helped her earn the award was the annual fundraiser for an area homeless shelter as a two-year member of National Technical Honor Society. She also is a member of SkillsUSA and has participated in numerous competitions.

A senior, she plans to attend Baker College and work for Roush Racing.

Caloia was recognized for her accomplishments in electronics/robotics. Circuit boards have always been around her house, and her stepfather would let her work with him, allowing her to learn from her mistakes. Career investigating helped point her towards enrolling in the electronics/robotics program.

She was nominated by her instructor, Zachary MacLean, the Alternative Energy Technology instructor, who noted that she is a mentor to other students in the program and freely shares her ideas and knowledge. "She is an asset to any team she joins and served as a STEM student ambassador promoting science, technology and engineering to young students while demonstrating females can excel in these fields," MacLean said.

Caloia also is an active member of I-Save, a recycling and energy conser-

vation program run by students. According to Career Technical Principal Steve Kay, Caloia "was instrumental" in the school receiving emerald school designation in the Michigan Green School program.

Last year, she received certificate of outstanding performance for a Flutterbot robot she programmed using C++, and was part of a team which designed a robotic drum set that won the People's Choice award and first place at Robofest regionals.

The Career Technical Center also had two students receive Breaking Traditions recognition certificates. Autumn Dawn LaTour of John Glenn High School was recognized in the Public Safety Program. She was nominated by instructor Kevin Brookshire Jr. Bryana Erin Lynch, also a John Glen High School student was recognized in the Culinary Arts Program. She was nominated by instructor Chef Anthony Paquette.

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Advisor takes DECA program to Airport district

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Theresa Millican, a Garden City High School teacher who led DECA students to international, national and state honors, will be leaving the school district.

The Garden City Public Schools board approved a one-year leave of absence for Millican on Tuesday.

Millican helped lead the after-school club devoted to business and marketing. DECA students have shined under her guidance.

"I will be working at Airport Community Schools, starting a DECA chapter and developing a new marketing and business program," Millican said. "I am very excited to design new curriculum and will be teaching accounting, marketing and business. I presented DECA to Airport's AIMS Committee last week and look forward to starting new projects for the 2013-14 school year in the community where I grew up."

Millican said she graduated from Airport High School and attended school at Airport from kindergarten through 12th grade.

"I have already been contacted by Big Brother and Big Sisters of Monroe Country and will be working with students to help the organization

as one of our first DECA projects," she said.

It is expected that Lynda Bommarito will continue to be a DECA advisor at Garden City High School.

"I will miss the Garden City DECA Chapter and wish them much luck in the future," Millican said.

"I am very grateful for all the support that I have received from the Garden City community and the school district. Although my commute has decreased to a six-mile drive, I will miss many wonderful staff members and the awesome community of Garden City."

Millican said her intentions at this time are to stay with Airport Community Schools which are located in Carleton in Monroe County.

"This is not my first time working for Airport Community Schools," Millican said. "I taught Career Education from 2002 until being laid off for the 2005-2006 school year. At that time, I worked under the former Principal Mark Arnold at Wagar Middle School. For the 2013-14 school year, I will be joining the high school under their Principal Christopher Lukosavich."

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Costume gets her a photo with Stan Lee

A seven-year-old Westland resident found plenty of excitement when she attended the recent Motor City Comic Con in Novi.

A web designer, Vince Cracchiolo had been covering the Motor City Comic Con for Bleeding Cool and brought his daughter Isabella along. Isabella decided to dress as Stan Lee for the convention. She grayed her hair, donned a mustache and a pair of Lee's signature aviator glasses.

The get-up was enough to get her photo taken with Lee.

Lee is best known for co-creating Spider-Man, the Hulk, the X-Men, the Fantastic Four, Iron Man, Thor, and many other fictional characters in collaboration with several artists, most notably Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko.

According to her father Vince Cracchiolo, Isabella "loves comic books." "She made her own com-

ic that she was selling at the Motor City Comic Con," he said. "She also loves dressing up, and really wanted to be Stan Lee since he was going to be there."

"There were 18,000 people there that day, but she was lucky enough to get noticed and got to sit for a picture with him," he added. "He even asked for a copy (of her comic) to keep for himself."

But the excitement didn't end there.

Isabella found herself involved in the main event of a XLCW wrestling match, when "The Most Dangerous Man in Michigan, The D.B.A." grabbed her Captain America shield and used it on his opponent Rhino.

Rhino went on to win the match and retain his XLCW Midwest heavy weight championship title. Isabella received a T-shirt and even posed with the wrestlers for a photo.

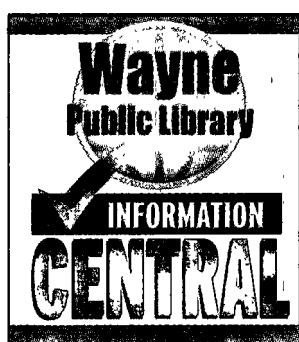


Seven-year-old Isabella Cracchiolo of Westland strikes a pose as legendary comic book writer Stan Lee at the recent Motor City Comic Con.

Book lovers can 'Read All About It' with author Barbara E. Krueger

The Wayne Public Library has announced that Barbara E. Krueger, author of *Detroit's Historic Places of Worship*, will pay a special visit to the library at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, for an evening of slide presentations and information focusing on Detroit's most prolific era of church building, the 1850s to the 1930s, with a special emphasis on stained glass. There also will be a book signing and question-and-answer time with guests.

Krueger is visiting the Wayne Public Library as part of the Library of Michigan's 2013 "Michigan Notable Authors Tour." This year, 20 authors, whose engaging works were chosen



as 2012 Michigan Notable Books selections, will visit nearly 50 libraries throughout the state.

Michigan Notable Books is designed to promote reading and raise awareness of Michigan's literary heritage. The program annually selects 20 of the most outstanding books published in that year - titles that are reflective of Michigan's

diverse ethnic, historical, literary and cultural experience.

The 2013 Michigan Notable Books program and tour are made possible thanks to the generous support of the Library of Michigan, the Library of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan Humanities Council, Meijer and the Michigan Center for the Book. Media Sponsors are Mittenlit.com, City Pulse, WKAR, Dome, Queue Advertising and Tom Gennara Photography.

The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road. For details about this author event, call (734) 721-7832 or visit the library website at

www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

Upcoming Events

Detroit's Historic Places of Worship: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11

Join us for an evening presentation by Michigan Notable Book author, Barbara Krueger. Her 30-40-minute presentation will include many photos from her award winning book and a discussion of the magnificent architecture and stunning stained glass windows of the churches and synagogues featured in *Detroit's Historic Places of Worship*. Barbara will also discuss how stained glass is made, including techniques and materials used to create these works of art.

Summer Reading Program: June 11-July 31

Everyone is invited to join the Wayne Public Library's Summer Reading Program. This year's kids and adult theme is "Dig Into Reading," and the teen program is "Beneath the Surface." There are prizes and activities all summer long for people of any age. Registration begins June 11. Kids and teens who register in June will have a chance to win the enormous guessing jar of candy and toys.

Civil War 150: June 17-July 8


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Civil War 150 is a national program designed to encourage public exploration of the impact and contested meanings of the American Civil War. This traveling exhibition is presented by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Library of America, and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Information Central was compiled by Ginny Cesarz. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

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Festival, city hash out differences over police costs

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A \$10,000 deposit for police overtime has been approved by the Westland Summer Festival board of directors.

The tab for police services at the 43rd annual festival, which culminates in a fireworks display to be held on July 7 this year, was a topic at a recent Westland Council study session. The bill for the upcoming festival is expected to top \$19,000 and the council requested a deposit or a signed contract agreeing to pay the full amount.

"The board decided to pay \$10,000. There are some items (in the invoice) that need to be discussed," said Ken Mehl, festival board president. "Some people had questions on the bill."

Just recently, the festival paid \$10,000 for 2012 police services which was significantly less than the more than \$16,000 billed.

Councilman Dewey Reeves was unhappy that the festival board hadn't paid the 2012 police overtime bill until after a recent conference call that resulted in the bill being reduced. Reeves was adamant that the festival board was using stall tactics in failing to pay the bill for 10 months.

"The bill was double (from 2011 to 2012). We have tried since September to resolve discrepancies in the bill," said festival board member Normie Bra-

zier. "We were prepared to pay but were never able to resolve the discrepancies."

Westland Police Jeff Jedrusik responded that no one from the festival ever contacted him with questions about the bill.

For instance, overtime for an emergency dispatcher was questioned since dispatchers would have been on duty anyway. Jedrusik said the department has to be bringing in additional dispatch due to the volume of calls and runs.

"I watched the council meeting, (Reeves) called it a stall tactic. I don't know if he was playing to the cameras or not listening to what I said," said Brazier. "We have volunteers who take vacation days and save up sick days to help at the festival."

Pam Martin, also a festival board member, asked whether the Westland Firefighters Charity Fund carnival and the Blues, Brews and Barbecue event are billed for police services. The city reports both events paid for police overtime services and officers donated time to Blues, Brews and Barbecue.

No one disputed that the festival committee had been notified that the police services bill was going to be significantly higher in 2012 reflecting actual costs. Brazier and Martin commented they expected a \$10,000 bill not double the amount paid in 2011.

Reeves described the 2012 payment reduction as an end run through Westland Mayor Wil-

liam Wild.

"That was the real cost of overtime. I'm not really happy with less. It's not really up to me," Jedrusik said regarding the reduced payment accepted for 2012.

Most of the overtime for police is incurred on the last day of the festival when the fireworks are held, said Westland Deputy Police Chief Michael Matich. The Westland Police Officers Association of Michigan worked out an arrangement to split their time to reduce overtime for the fireworks, he added.

Regarding the increase in the police costs from 2012, Matich said officers received a contractual pay raise. In addition, the department is working to find reserve police officers to handle traffic duties. Last year, Livonia Police reserves worked the traffic detail but they weren't interested in doing it again.

Westland Police are looking for another department that can send reserve officers and also attempting to establish their own reserve unit consisting of retired Westland officers.

The police overtime has become more of a concern due to problems at recent carnivals with gangs congregating and fighting. In past years, there has been a shooting and a stabbing during the Westland Summer Festival.

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Residents weigh in on possible carnival ban

By LeAnne Rogers
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There were plenty of comments posted online regarding a possible a ban on carnivals in Westland in response to gang fights at such events.

Westland Firefighters are weighing whether to hold a 2014 carnival after a crowd of more than 100 young males swarmed their recent carnival. Neighboring businesses had problems from what police describe as gang members who organize the melees using social media.

Similar problems were reported at other area carnivals, most recently Memorial Day weekend at the St. Mary's of Orchard Lake Polish Festival.

The upcoming Westland Summer Festival will have a carnival. The festival, an annual event for 43 years, utilizes the revenues raised by the carnival and midway to fund entertainment and also the annual fireworks display which closes the festival.

Social media comments

Here is what people had to say on Facebook and at hometownlife.com about the idea of banning festivals in the city.

Brian Wethington: What why? I wish political correctness was banned, by doing so the trouble making people would be dealt with, so the average American's could enjoy their lives at events like this, but noooo politicians, law enforcement, judges and lawyers are just as responsible for the end results such as this.

Dave Zucchetto: Get rid

of the festival or the fireworks, or both. Can't have them together anymore

Chuck Griffiths: I am not a fan of these events that just attract idiots looking for mischief, many from out of the city because their communities know what chuckleheads they're dealing with.

On balance, the aggravation and costs they create outweigh the benefit to a community, but rather than ban outright, maybe just make the fees and permit requirements incredible and ban beer tents.

Joseph Copland: How about banning fireworks ... around my house sound like bombs going off already.

Marvin Martin: Hate to see them banned. I think sufficient police presence would work. Could use auxiliary to keep cost effective. St. Raphael's (in Garden City) always has a great event.

Steve Larimore: I'm all for it, the last few years have been nothing but trouble, I won't take my grandkids anywhere near them. The worst part of this topic is that the carnivals are just a couple of weekends of trouble. We've got bigger problems in this city crime wise every weekend!

Tricia Mulligan-Stack: Does that include the festival? I doubt it ... people only get shot at there.

James Tudor: Gangs controlling the fairs, sad sad sad.

Todd Blevins Sr.: Police them ... make it way to uncomfortable for these idiots, don't let them control the way we live. Might as well just put gates on our doors and windows and stay home.

I will not let the actions of a few hooligans stop me from enjoying family time, they don't have these problems at Disney, or Cedar Point, punish these jerks past their point of comfort and they go away. If we choose to stop our festivals and carnivals and fireworks, what's next? Close the rec centers, the skate park, Hell, we should just close the library, too. Might as well be proactive. Somewhere we must stand our ground, we must draw the line. It should be here and now!

Ron Redman: Cops can't manage a simple thing like a carnival? Pathetic.

Paul Visingardi: As you know our business, Vizzy's Pizza Palace, is located on Ford Road just a couple of blocks from city hall

where the summer festival and fireworks are held. I have been here for many years now. We used to try to stay open during the fest and fireworks but for the last several years we chose to close during this.

Instead of buying food and drinks from us, many people who are not even customers of ours feel it's OK to jam up my parking lot so no one who buys my food or my pizza drivers can come or go. Then they felt it was OK to come in and walk through an employees only area, demanding to use our non-public bathrooms. I've seen several fights that normally Westland PD has an excellent response time, but when I called on a serious fight, it took 13 minutes to arrive across the street. I was told they were very busy among other things. The mess left behind on my property.

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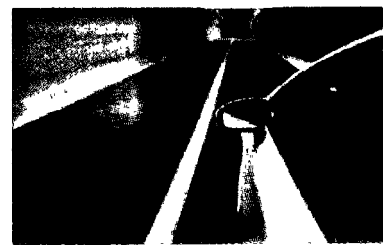
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Pat Atkinson, an active church member and volunteer for the Garden City Presbyterian Church's women's group, shows off the many craft items that the group produces throughout the year for fund-raisers.

Garden City church holds Strawberry Festival

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Plump, juicy strawberries will be the highlight again this year at the annual Strawberry Festival hosted at Garden City Presbyterian Church. The festival will be held 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 14, on the lawn of the church at 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. "They will be serving

fresh strawberries, ice cream, cake and a beverage as a combo for \$4," church secretary Mary Deykes said. "There will be a la carte prices also." Other features include a craft boutique, a home-made baked goods booth and fun activities for kids. Church member and volunteer Sue Flynn's hand-made glass bird baths always catch cus-

tomers' attention. Flynn and her fellow women's group members work hard in preparation for the event. The festival will be held inside if there is bad weather. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-7620.

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CARNIVAL

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ty takes several hours to clean up. I feel the community service workers that commit crimes should have to clean up the mess. Basically I'm better off closing for this event and then still have to clean up to reopen.

Brian Duka: Fire works only, when the (Downtown) hoe down moved to a gated event, paid, it's peaceful now.

Matthew Shelton: The bottom line issue is cost. Many of these events are

put on to raise funds for charity or a cause. The carnival provides the majority of the revenue stream and if the sponsoring groups have to add significant paid security (be that police or private), the events will not make enough to make the effort worthwhile. In the case of the Westland Festival, the fireworks and much of the entertainment costs are covered because of carnival revenue. Shutting down the carnival completely or even early will likely kill the fireworks. Adding the full expense of additional security will likely do the same.

Craig W. Smith: Someone has to own the property where the carnival occurred. Pass an ordinance requiring the area be fenced in, do not allow bags/backpacks/purses, and require that there be armed security (preferably off-duty police officers paid for by the promoter) to deal with the punks. While your at it, you may want to require drug and alcohol screening of the carnys who assemble and run the rides.

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AROUND WESTLAND AND WAYNE

Casino trip

Join the Wayne Rotary Club for a trip to the Motor City Casino Saturday, June 15. A deluxe motor coach will leave the Wayne Activity Center (formerly the senior center) on Sims at 3 p.m. The bus will drop off in front of the casino and depart at 9 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person and includes \$30 of slot play. You must be 21 years old and have photo identification.

For more information, call Trish at (734) 890-6934.

50th anniversary

St. Theodore of Canterbury Parish, located at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, June 15.

The Most Rev. Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of

Detroit, will preside at a 4 p.m. Liturgy. All former parishioners are invited to join in the special Liturgy and a reception that will follow.

On Sunday, June 16, the church will hold a 50th anniversary dinner at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road. Tickets are \$35 each and include hors d'oeuvres served at 2 p.m., followed by dinner at 3 p.m. There will be a cash bar and music by "Strings of Choice."

Contact the Parish Office at (734) 425 4421 (vm #10) for more information or to obtain tickets by June 1.

Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy,

between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Regular meetings will be held on June 25, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. For more information, contact club president Nan Melke at (734) 674-7327 or by email at WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

Community bake sale

Area non-profit groups are invited to set up a booth and participate in a Community Bake Sale beginning at noon Sunday, July 7, as part of the Westland Summer Festival.

For applications or more information, contact Pam Martin at (734) 595-0697 or auntp@wow-way.com.

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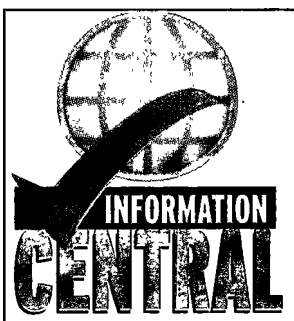
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Ready or not, things change

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Change is something that happens whether one is ready for it or not. How we deal with change, whether it is personal or work-related, can be the measuring stick of success.



Change involves process, technology and people. Changing a process requires changing the people and, generally speaking, people do not like change.

Resistance to change usually comes from the fear of the unknown or the expectation of loss. Other reasons why people might resist change, especially in the workplace, include bad past experiences, poor communication, office politics, and lack of trust and support.

Woodrow Wilson once said, "If you want to make enemies, try to change something."

Most consulting firms have found that when confronted with change, 20 percent of people openly embrace it, 50 percent are "fence-sitters" and adopt a wait-and-see attitude, and 30 percent are "anti-change," not only openly resistant, but will sabotage it, if they can.

"People don't resist change. They resist being changed!" said Peter Seng.

Spencer Johnson's *Who Moved My Cheese?* is a must read for anyone who is contemplating big changes or is going through the process. Other books you might find useful include *When Everything Changes*, *Change Everything* by Neale Donald Walsch, *New* by Winifred Gallagher and *Switch* by Chip Heath and Dan Heath.

So much of successful change depends on attitude. Some books that address this part of the change process include *Change the Way You See Yourself* by Kathryn D. Cramer and Hank Wasiak, *Change Your Thoughts, Change Your Life* by Wayne W. Dyer and *How Successful People Think* by John C. Maxwell.

Change is also coming to the William P. Faust

"Change is inevitable and a person's ability to adapt to change determines their level of success."

Joyce Meyer

Public Library of Westland. To provide better service to our patrons, the library will be using a new circulation/catalog system — Sierra and Encore. Encore is the new public catalog and will provide a much easier way to search for our materials. You will be able to renew, request, create lists and even keep track of reading history with the new system. Patrons can search for items by format, location, and other search features. Searching from select databases will be integrated into a search as well.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday-Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The library will be closed on Monday, June 3, and Tuesday, June 4, while the new circulation/catalog system is loaded.

Highlighted Activities

History, Mystery, and Murder - Psychic Detectives: 7 p.m. June 5, Adults and Teens

Psychic Kristy Robinson shares several of her stories working with law enforcement as a psychic, several of which ended up with her under police protection for the one helping catch, became the very one chased. Kristy will explain the history of Psychic Detectives and how psychics can help,

and hurt, police cases. Sign up online at westlandlibrary.org/events or call the library at (734) 326-6123.

NEW - Starfish Little Learners: 10-11:30 a.m. June 6, Ages 2-5 with caregiver

This free program, presented by Starfish Early Learning Communities, will be meeting once a month at the Westland library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy time together that includes stories, songs, group activities, play time and a snack. Recommended for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. No registration required.

Friday Night Movie - Summer Style: 7 p.m. June 7

Friday night movies roll on into the summer months with a variety of concert movies, summer blockbusters (of the Spielberg variety), and great foreign films. Tonight's movie, *Peter Frampton*, is a concert video from a 1970s favorite in a return concert to Detroit. As allmusic.com says, "This is a band filled with talent and maturity, performing with all the dynamics and maturity of a Dire Straights or Pink Floyd." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. Refreshments provided (with suggested, though not required, donation). No sign-up necessary. **Beginners Computer Lab:** 2-4 p.m. June 8

During this two-hour

drop-in lab, we will provide guided activities and librarian assistance to help you become computer literate for today's digital world. Build confidence while practicing common tasks at your own pace. Topics include using a mouse and keyboard; selecting, copying and pasting information; navigating the Internet; learning what you can do with email; and getting acquainted with Microsoft Office.

Read with Buddy: 6 p.m. June 11

Calling all kids! Do you love to read books? Want to practice your reading? Would you like to read a book to a new buddy? Stop by the Youth Department to read to Buddy, a certified therapy dog. Please note that Buddy will not care if you mess up, but he might be sad if you forget to pet him. This is a drop-in program; no registration required.

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

The library will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, June 3-4, for catalog upgrades. Normal scheduled hours will resume Wednesday, June 5.

Summer Reading Program begins Saturday, June 15.

Information Central was compiled by Susan Hanson, technical services librarian. 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.

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Westland Mayor William Wild (right) meets the Dalai Lama during his visit to Louisville, Ky., earlier this month.

Westland mayor serves as escort for Dalai Lama

Westland Mayor William Wild had the unique opportunity to meet and serve as an honorary guard and escort for His Holiness, Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, during the recent "Encouraging Compassion" event in Louisville, Ky.

The three-day event began and closed with the Dalai Lama speaking to tens of thousands of people from across the world, about engaging with compassion from within in order to build world peace. The Dalai Lama is one of the world's foremost advocates for non-violence and has been the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize and the Congressional Medal

of Honor for his work to find non-violent, peaceful and compassionate resolution to human conflict.

"The Dalai Lama's message wasn't just intended for world leaders," said Wild. "In fact, he made it quite clear that helping others and unleashing the human potential for compassion starts at the local level. That the leadership of our nation's mayors is vital when it comes to the goal of creating compassionate cities."

According to Buddhist belief, the Dalai Lamas are earthly incarnations of Avalokiteshvara or Chenrezig, the bodhisattva of compassion and patron saint of Tibet. In Buddhist tradition, bodhisattvas are enlightened

beings who chose rebirth, rather than moving on to the afterlife, in order to serve humanity. As such, the Dalai Lama is considered the spiritual leader of Tibet and one of Buddhism's most important leaders anywhere.

"I want to thank Mayor Greg Fischer and the City of Louisville for inviting me to participate in this successful event and for recently being honored as 'World's No. 1 City of Compassion,'" said Wild.

The event concluded with a private reception hosted by Muhammad Ali and his wife Lonnie.

Wild covered the cost of this trip personally including his flight, lodging and meals.

Don't count on an inheritance for retirement purposes

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my early 50s and have pretty much worked for the same company since I graduated college 30 years ago. Last week, the owner told me that because of economic reasons, the company is going out of business later this year. As you have suggested in the past, I've computed my retirement number, factored in my 401(k), Social Security and my other accounts and I come up short. I have enough to last probably 15 years, but that's about it. Should I take inheritances into account when computing my retirement? My parents are in their mid- to late 70s. If I take into consideration what my inheritance should be, I should have no problems retiring. On the whole, I feel burned out and don't want to look for another job, although I do believe I would be able to find one. What do you think?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A: I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your job. I certainly understand your predicament. It is difficult to look for a new job after working for the same company for nearly 30 years. However, I do believe it is a mistake to take inheritances into consideration.

In the old days, it was much easier to factor life expectancy into consideration. That is no longer the case today. Someone in their mid- to late 70s can easily live another 20 years. The question is if

both or one of your parents are around 20 years from now, what would your inheritance look like? It is possible (if your parents are still around 20 years from now) their net worth could be substantially reduced. If you are dependent upon your inheritance, this could cause you problems. In addition, it is always possible for one reason or the other, even if your parents are not around long term, you do not receive the inheritance you think you will.

Except in rare cases, do not take inheritances into consideration. Retirement is too important and inheritances too speculative to be used in the calculation.

A much more prudent approach is to look for a new job. I recognize that it is difficult to start anew. However, you don't want to be in your late 60s and find out, for whatever reason, that you are out of money and your inheritance is not what you had hoped it would be. The result may be that you have very few options available to you.

Since you do have the opportunity to get another job, I would recommend that course of action. Better to be safe than sorry.

I recommend when computing retirement numbers that you only look at assets that you have, not ones that are speculative.

The first thing is to determine how much it costs you to live a month. From that number, you subtract out Social Security and pension. For example, if it costs \$5,000 a month to live and between Social

Security and pension you receive \$3,000 a month, your shortfall is \$2,000. Multiply that shortfall by 12 to get your yearly shortfall. If you're retiring at the normal retirement age of 60-65, then you are going to need 25 to 30 times your annual shortfall. I recognize that it is a large number. In addition — unlike in the past, where you could live on a fixed income — that is no longer the case. In today's world, you need to make sure you have a rising income and the only way to do that is to have enough resources set aside when you retire.

One last note regarding your retirement number, don't forget that it is not a one-time calculation. Compute your retirement number at least once a year. Even when you do retire, it is still important to continuously look at your retirement number. After all, if the numbers are getting out of whack, it's much easier to make adjustments when you know about the problem early on.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your question, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Knezek co-chairs veterans task force

A western Wayne County lawmaker has been named to a task force to help veterans access the services and health care they deserve.

State Rep. David Knezek, D-Deerborn Heights, will serve on the task force formed by the Michigan House Democrats.

"My fellow Democrats and I are committed to making sure these brave men and women get all the recognition they deserve," said House Democratic Leader Tim Greimel, D-Auburn Hills. "We owe it to serving veterans to ensure they receive needed benefits and quality care after their service is over."

During the budget process, Republicans made

clear that any stated claim of helping Michigan veterans is simply lip service. Democrats offered amendments that would have provided funding for mental health care for veterans and increased safeguards against maltreatment at veterans homes, but Republicans voted them down. In response, House Democrats have formed a task force to speak to vets directly and find out how the state can serve them better.

The co-chairmen of the task force are veterans themselves: Knezek, who served two tours in the Marine Corps in the Iraq War, and Rep. Harvey Santana, D-Detroit, a Navy veteran who served during Operation Des-

ert Storm. Other members of the task force are Reps. George T. Darany, D-Deerborn, Andrew Kandreyas, D-Southgate, Marilyn Lane, D-Fraser, Charles Smiley, D-Burton, and Henry Yanez, D-Sterling Heights.

"It was insulting to see those amendments that would have done so much good for our state's veterans get voted down on the House floor. Clearly, House Republicans only support vets when they think someone's watching," Greimel said. "If they refuse to do what's right for our brave men and women, Democrats will reach out to veterans directly and do everything we can to get them the service they deserve."

Grant benefits S'craft motorcycle program

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, and in a statewide effort to improve motorcyclist safety, the state of Michigan has increased the funding for The Detroit Metro Regional Motorcycle Safety Program administered by Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development department.

The additional \$54,499 in grant money will allow for more Return-

ing Rider Basic Rider and Advanced Rider courses this year.

The emphasis of this state effort is to get motorcyclists who are riding without an endorsement into a safety class and to ensure they are riding legally. More information is available www.ridesafe2rideagain.com.

CEPD offers both basic and advanced rider courses taught by professional, certified instructors who have a passion for both

riding and riding safety. More information, including registration process and fees, can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/motorcycle.

CEPD also received a \$42,533 grant to purchase 10 new motorcycles and seven sets of high visibility riding gear for participants in classes. The funding was provided in conjunction with federal dollars sponsored by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2786-Wayne Mercy Animal Hospital-35345 Cherry Hill
Req. for a 12 sq. ft. sign area variance and an 11' sign setback variance from Ord. 248 to install a new 32 sq. ft. free-standing sign at the site that would be located 4' from the front lot line; whereas Sec. 15:6.3.(b)(1) allows a maximum sign area of 20' for the subject property and Section 15:6.3.(b)(2) requires a minimum setback of 15' from the front lot line.

Petition #2787-Spectacular Signs/Tim Hortons-38350 Ford Road
Req. for one variance from Ord. 248 in order to install a second free-standing sign at the service station site whereas Sec. 15:6.9(a) allows a service station one free-standing sign.

Petition #2788-D. Zelock-6886 Chirrewa
Req. for a 5' rear yard setback variance from ord. 248 in order to construct a 20' x 23' addition to the rear of the home that would be located 30' from the rear lot line; whereas Sec. 7:4.2 requires a minimum rear yard setback of 35'.

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Bark for Life helps dog lovers fight cancer

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton resident Kathie McFry believes her 4-year-old golden retriever, Bo, has helped her live a longer life.

Over three years ago, doctors gave McFry six to eight months to live after she was diagnosed with stage-four anal cancer that has spread to her liver and abdominal cavity. Bo has been a source of strength and compassion, cuddling with her and loving her through times of hair loss and sickness.

"My dog has just meant everything to me through my battle," McFry said. "He gives me comfort. He gives me smiles and laughs. He gets me up and moving."

Celebrating the therapeutic value of their canine friends and raising money to fight cancer, McFry and others have announced the third annual Bark for Life, a dog-friendly event similar to Relay for Life in

Canton's Heritage Park. Organizers say anyone who wants to help may attend a kickoff event 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at Summit on the Park's grand ballroom, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Welcome addition

Bark for Life is set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, near the Heritage Park amphitheater. It features a doggie costume contest, a musical sit game similar to musical chairs, a best trick competition, a walk around the park and canine games. It also includes a disc jockey, food and vendors such as a dog masseuse, canine costume-makers, groomers, trainers, a dog water-therapy company — even a blessing of dogs by a deacon.

Jon LaFever, Canton Leisure Services recreation and facilities supervisor, said Bark for Life has become a welcome addition to the community.

"I certainly think it



Kathie McFry, organizer of the Bark for Life fundraiser in Canton, says her dog, Bo, has been a constant companion during her battle with cancer.

serves a niche for a lot of people who are going through treatment," he said. "Having their dogs and pets can be a great stress reliever for them

and has therapeutic benefits too."

LaFever said Bark for Life serves as a welcome follow-up fundraiser to the American Cancer

Society's Relay for Life of Canton.

Bark for Life raised \$6,000 in its first year, a number that skyrocketed to \$18,000 last year.

"We're going for \$25,000 this year," McFry said.

The first year, McFry said the event drew 200-300 people and 75 dogs. By the second year, it had grown to some 500 people and 100 dogs. McFry said Bark for Life co-chair Janet Stafford has been a strong ally in the fundraiser's success.

Chance to help

Bark for Life teams and participants, or those wishing to serve on the event committee, may attend the kickoff event or send an email to bfl-canton@gmail.com. Those getting involved also may register on the website, www.relayforlife.org/barkcantonmi. Registration costs range from \$20 for no dogs or one dog to \$30 for three.

Unlike the 24-hour Relay for Life, Bark for

Life lasts four hours.

"Dogs have a short attention span, so they can't handle all day and night and into the next day," McFry said.

Canton Cinema hosted a fundraiser Thursday, and here's a partial listing of other Bark for Life events:

- An ongoing rewards program through Kroger that lets customers assist Bark for Life.

- Saturday, June 8, open to closing, Olga's Kitchen in Canton.

- Tuesday, June 25, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt in Canton, details to come.

- Saturday, July 13, open to closing, Olga's Kitchen in Canton.

- Tuesday July 16, 5-9 p.m. Skyzone.

- Saturday, Aug. 10, open to closing, Olga's Kitchen in Canton.

- Saturday, Sept. 14, open to closing, Olga's Kitchen in Canton.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Upcoming Events

TRIP TO NYC

Time/Date: Oct. 3-9

Location: New York City
Details: The Garden City Public Schools Leisure program is offering a trip to New York City in October. The price of \$699 per person includes seven days six nights, double occupancy,

motor coach transportation.

Contact: For more information, call Cambridge Leisure Department at (734) 762-8430, ext. 306.

FAMILY FUN WALK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8

Location: Maybury State Park

Details: Leah's Happy Hearts is a local charity named in memory of 5-year-old Livonia resident Leah James, who lost her battle with a brain tumor. It works to raise awareness of pediatric brain tumor and supports research for a cure. The charity also provides hope to local families and children battling life-threatening illnesses. The walk is a family event that includes a light lunch, refreshments, entertainment

and lots of raffles. For more information, visit <http://www.leahshappyhearts.org/> or contact Kristen Collins at (734) 522-1269.

TAIL WAGGERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 8

Location: Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

Details: Tail Waggers 1990, a Livonia-based non-profit organization that helps people help animals, is inviting the public to participate in the "Case of the Dead Paparazzi," a Murder Mystery fundraiser for the new Livonia Wellness & Spay/Neuter Center the organization hopes to open by mid-summer. Cost is \$25 per participant. Teams of four will race through downtown Plymouth to solve a crime. Taking place entirely on

foot, the event will feature real actors, riddles, scavenger hunting and problem solving. The event is limited to 25 teams/100 people and features prizes for the winning team and an after party with pizza, munchies and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar is available. Registrations must be received by June 1.

Contact: www.tailwaggers1990.org/; (734) 855-4077

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of every month

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences. Learn from others as they share ideas, resources and support. Donations appreciated.

Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays

Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Many topics are discussed including those that may be pertinent to your own situation. Also, ideas are presented to help you become involved in the activities of Widowed Friends.

Contact: For more information, call Dick at (313) 534-0399.

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to social-

ize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory.

Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

Organizations

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November
Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.

Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Monday of the month

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered

by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

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

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month

Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

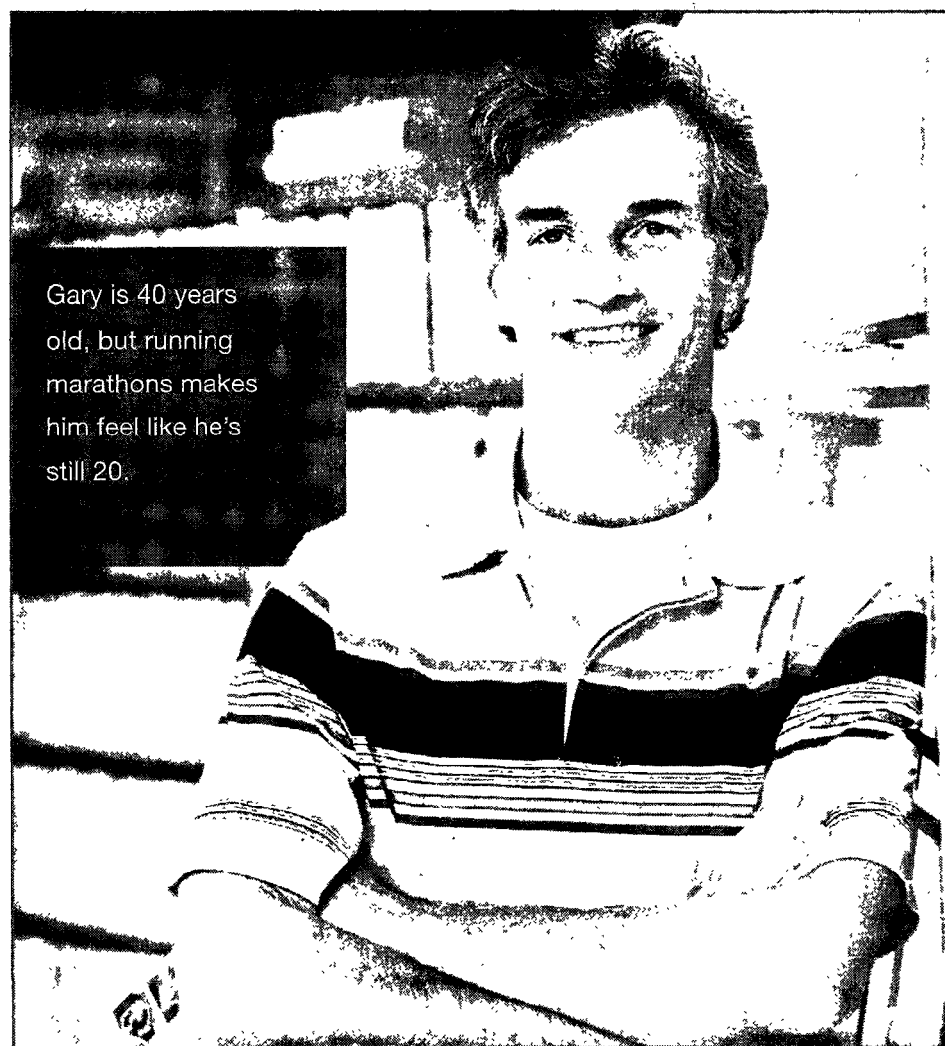
WRITING GROUP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

Location: Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

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Devin J. Adams
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GC TOPS group is small, but big on weight loss

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Judy Millsaps remembers her first encounter with a TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) group. She had just returned from Florida and was looking for help in losing weight. However, the Westland resident weighed 622 1/2 pounds and couldn't weigh in.

She left, but returned three years later. "I weighed 470 3/4 pounds when I came back, now I weigh 370 pounds and I'm still fighting to lose more," she said. "I've been with TOPS 25 years."

Millsaps heads up the TOPS Chapter 1850 of Garden City which meets Friday mornings at Garden City Presbyterian Church. The group is small in size, but big on losing weight, so much so that they were honored at TOPS State Recognition Day on May 18 as having the best average weight loss for 2012. The group lost a combined 267 pounds for the year for an average of 20.64 pounds per member.

And member George Murray of Westland was named the Division 1 male winner after dropping 110 pounds.

"When I retired from the Henry Ford Health System, I weighed over 300 pounds," said Murray whose been a member of TOPS for 1 1/2 years. "Now I'm at 230 pounds, I'd like to get down to 195."

Murray was on three medications for blood pressure - "It was up there quite a bit" - and now takes one pill every other day.

"This group keeps me going," he said.

Providing support
Founded in 1948, TOPS



Judy Millsaps (from left) of Westland, her husband James and Ann McCorry of Dearborn applaud their weight loss for the week.

STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Westland resident George Murray is the first-place winner in TOPS Division 1 for Michigan in 2012 after losing 110 pounds.

isn't about dieting or selling a specific food plan. It's about giving people the support and tools they need to make lasting lifestyle changes through weekly chapter meetings.

The Garden City group gathers at 8:45 a.m. for private weigh-in and then spends time sharing their challenges, successes and goals. There's also brief programs covering a variety of health and well-

ness topics and even exercise. If Millsaps hears or sees something new about health and wellness, especially on Dr. Oz, they talk about that.

But there's no specific diet plan that members must follow, no prepared meals to buy. They follow plans that are sensible and suit their individual needs.

"Nothing is mandated," said Millsaps. "You can follow any weight loss plan as long as it's sensible. We don't put you on a diet, we're a support group. We're a life change group."

"TOPS teaches us about how you make mistakes," said Lynn Murray who belonged to TOPS in the 1980s and rejoined the group three years. "When

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 8:45-10 a.m. Friday, June 18
Location: Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford, Garden City
Details: People interested in learning more about TOPS are invited to stop by. TOPS is the original, nonprofit, weight-loss support and wellness education organization. TOPS was established in 1948 to champion weight-loss support and success. TOPS promotes successful,

affordable weight management with a philosophy that combines healthy eating, regular exercise, wellness information, awards and recognition. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. TOPS' annual membership fee is \$28, plus nominal chapter fee of \$5 per month collected for local chapter expenses. **Contact:** For more information, call (810) 234-1813.

you fall down, you get up, brush yourself off and do it again."

Incentives

In addition to offering support, there are contests. They serve as incentives and are a "friendly little competition," Millsaps said. One contest is a square game in which members pay \$2 a month to be in it. When they lose weight, they pick a square. It keeps going until all the squares are filled, then a name is drawn. The winner gets half of the pot.

"It's like a 50/50 raffle," Millsaps said.

Millsaps had belonged to another TOPS Chapter but left when he "job" got in the way. She was taking care of two babies and brought them to the meetings. The group asked her to find another chapter or stop bringing the babies.

She decided to start a new TOPS chapter. Joining her and the Murrays are her husband James who joined about four years, and Dorothy Perkins whose been attending TOPS meetings "on and off" for 20 years. She started with a chapter that met at the Log Cabin in Garden City Park. Lin-

da Schwartz of Redford is a three-year member. Ann McCorry of Dearborn joined the Garden City chapter last August.

"I originally started with TOPS in 2009 but had to drop it because of work," she said. "I've lost 85 pounds altogether. I gained some back when I dropped out, but I've since lost it."

As leader of the group, Millsaps said she has to be an example and has to continue to lose weight. In fact, several people told her they want to see her on stage as the biggest loser at the next State Recognition Day. She's already done that twice.

"It's important to write down what you eat," she said. "It makes you more conscious of where the calories are coming from. It makes you more responsible for your weight loss and gain."

At the end of last week's meeting, Millsaps passed the helping hand - a stuffed latex glove - to her husband.

"He was the biggest gainer, he's going to have to work that off," she said.

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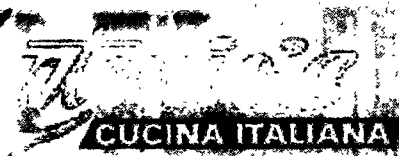
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SPORTS

Blazers march into Final 4

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood withstood a second-half rally by Farmington Hills Mercy to win its third consecutive regional championship in girls lacrosse Friday, 12-8.

Megan Leon scored five goals to lead the 14-1 Blazers, who advance to a Division 2 semi-final game 7 p.m. Wednesday at Okemos. They will play the Country Day-Cranbrook King-

LACROSSE

sword winner.

"It's a great accomplishment by these girls," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said. "Some have played three years and had the opportunity to be part of that. They knew what it was like to be here, and the seniors did not want to go out without that three-peat.

"The teams that are left are unbelievably skilled and tough.

I know we're going to have a tough road, but (the Blazers) just have to keep playing as well as they are."

Ladywood established an 8-2, halftime lead with an efficient and effective attack, but the offense went to sleep for a while in the second half.

In the meantime, Mercy upped its game and scored four straight goals to get within four, 10-6.

Sanders instructed her players to control the possession time

and work for high-percentage shots. The Blazers were a little too content to pass the ball.

"We wanted to be patient; we didn't want to keep running," Sanders said. "That's not our style anyway. We're not a run-and-gun team. We needed to stay focused and pass. I told them to just work for the smart shot.

"When we got down there, their (idea of) time of possession

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MU signs 2 men's cagers

Madonna University men's basketball coach Noel Emenhiser announced two more signings Wednesday, adding a pair of 6-foot-2 guards in Luke Short (South Lyon) and Austin Johnson (Spring Lake).

Johnson, the Muskegon Player of the Year and a first-team All-Stater, averaged 23.4 points per game as a senior while setting career and single season scoring records with 1,264 and 529 points, respectively.

Short, younger brother of current Crusader Jordan Short, helped the Lions to the KLA Central Division title and is the Lions' career steals leader.

"In addition to being great individuals, both Austin and Luke are tremendous players who led their teams to record breaking years," said MU coach Noel Emenhiser, who has also signed Chris Dierker (Salem) and Dan Hall (Trenton).

MU is coming off the most successful season in program history going 25-9 while capturing the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs and earning its first berth in the NAIA National Championship.

GIRLS SOCCER

PCA's '9' ends Warriors' year in district final

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It was a bittersweet finish to a glorious girls soccer season Friday in the Division 4 district final for Lutheran High Westland.

The Warriors came into match with an undefeated record and champions of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division, but host Plymouth Christian Academy walked away with the trophy scoring a 2-1 victory.

PCA (1-5-1 in the MIAC Blue), which played the entire match two players short while dressing only nine — the situation all season — got the game-winning goal from Martha Mullett with 15 minutes to go in the first half.

Assisting on Mullett's goal was Lauren Paulson, who also contributed to PCA's first goal scored by Katelynn Barkell.

On Barkell's goal, which made it 1-0 in the first half, Paulson's corner kick was headed toward the Warriors' cage by Mullett. Subsequently deflecting it in was Barkell.

The Warriors' Jessica Drife then evened the count with a penalty kick.

That was the only blemish on the record of Eagles' goalkeeper Abby Aitken, who played well.

"I was very proud of them because playing with nine this season was up and down," PCA coach Abby Lorion said. "We had a season, we didn't have a season, we did, we didn't."

"I was proud that they were able to come out with only nine players and play as good as they did and win districts after a very eventful season, I guess."

Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Angela

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John Glenn baserunner Heather Gaines (6) collides at home plate with Wayne and Rachel Lefler (5) and safe at home plate during Friday's Division 1 district semifinal.

Can't tame Tigers

Belleville defuses Rockets in district final

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Through the first four innings Friday, host Westland John Glenn could smell a Division 1 district girls softball championship.

The Rockets had taken a 1-0 lead in the second inning on Bailey Hamill's single scoring Mackenzie Hamill.

But the Belleville Tigers had other ideas, exploding for seven runs in the top of the fifth and two more each in the sixth and seventh innings to claim their second straight championship with an 11-1 win.

Belleville freshman pitcher Jayla Jackson limited Glenn to just one hit while striking out six as the Tigers improved to 20-14 overall.

"She (Jackson) was a little shaky at the beginning ... I think nervous, then she settled in," said Belleville coach Peggy Cur-

tis, who notched her 13th district title since 1978. "She did a nice job. We had opportunities, we just couldn't link them together. We hit the ball hard a few times, but it just didn't find a spot. Sometimes they want to power it instead of single — but I tell them single, single, single all the time."

Glenn junior starter Alexis Lester wound up giving up 12 hits as Ryann Hollis did the most damage for Belleville going 4-for-5 with a double and four RBI.

"We've beaten some good teams, so I knew if we played our game I knew we could win this," Curtis said.

Jackson added two hits, including a triple and four RBI, while Madyson Ampe contributed two hits and an RBI for the Tigers.

"Lexi (Lester) was hitting her spots, but they had a girl hit a bloop single, then one

Please see TIGERS, B4

Cole receives Ashe award

Livonia's Patrick Cole (University of Detroit Jesuit), a junior at Allegheny College (Pa.), recently received the 2013 Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Central Region (one of four regions nationwide).

The award recognizes "players who have exhibited outstanding sportsmanship and leadership as well as scholastic, extracurricular and tennis achievements."

A three-time All-North Coast Athletic Conference first-team singles selection and three-time All-NCAC doubles selection, Cole set the school record for most combined victories in singles and doubles in a season, as he finished 22-7 in both top-flight singles and doubles to set the new record with 44 wins.

Titans sign CC's Gilhooly

Alec Gilhooly (Livonia/Detroit Catholic Central) has signed an NCAA Division 1 lacrosse letter-of-intent with the 2012 MAAC champion University of Detroit Mercy.

As a senior, Gilhooly had 37 goals and nine assists.



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Wayne's Taylor Harnos (left) waits for the throw but Crestwood's Jared Hagan is safe at second during Friday's Division 1 district baseball semifinal at John Glenn.

Rockets, Wayne exit from district

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's first 20-win baseball season in 17 years hit a roadblock in Wednesday's Division 1 pre-district.

The host Rockets led 1-0 after three innings, but made two costly errors in the fourth which led to a four-run Dearborn Heights Crestwood uprising and the Chargers

went on to oust Glenn from the state tournament, 5-1.

"I'm really proud of all the things that this team was able to accomplish," said Glenn first-year coach Lawrence Scheffer, whose team wound up 20-12-1 overall. "They made a lot of improvement coming off a seven-win season (in 2012)."

Crestwood (17-7), co-cham-

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Stevenson places 3rd in D-1 district

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson is moving along quite nicely—thank you—in the MHSAA Division 1 boys golf tournament.

The Spartans took third in Wednesday's District 8 tournament held at Huron Meadows in Brighton with a four-player total of 307.

Defending state champion Birmingham Brother Rice led the 11-school field with a 292 with Farmington finishing runner-up posting a 304.

Also advancing to this week's regional at Lyon Oaks (hosted by Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) included Berkley, fourth (312); Birmingham Seaholm and Birmingham Groves, tied for fifth (316 each).

Seaholm's Tim Pearce, a senior took individual medalist honors with a 70, while Rice's Kyle Gaines and Jeremy Ball tied for second with 71 each.

Senior Austin Harris was Stevenson's top placer in seventh with a 74 followed by junior Eric Attard, 11th (77); seniors Connor Humitz and Michael Blaesser, tied for 15th (78 each).

Stevenson's non-scorer was junior Eric March, who took 32nd with an 83.

"I was very proud of the way the boys played," Stevenson first-year coach Dave Higham said. "To be able to count four scores in the 70s is always a good thing. We are going into one of the hardest, if not the hardest, regionals in the state. But if we play up to our ability I believe we can make it out of there."

Additional individ-



Stevenson's Eric Attard follows one of his shots during Wednesday's Division 1 district tournament at Huron Meadows in Brighton. Attard shot a 77 to place 11th and the Spartans qualified for the regional with a third-place team finish.

ual district qualifiers headed to the regional include North Farmington's Ryan Masell, 77; Farmington Harrison's

Kyle Coscarelly and Malik Morgan, 78 each; North Farmington's Neal Kedharnath and Royal Oak's Tanner Kindela, 79

each; and West Bloomfield's Sean Wigler, 81.

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Area golfers clinch regional playoff berths

Plymouth, posting a team total of 308, captured its second major boys golf title in as many days Wednesday at the MHSAA Division 1-District 9 tourney at Pine View G.C. in Ypsilanti.

Also making the cut and headed to the regional this week at West Shore Golf Club in Grosse Ile include Saline (312), Ann Arbor Skyline (321), Canton (322), Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron (330 each).

Junior Chris Kozler took individual medalist honors with a 73 to lead Plymouth, which captured the KLAAs Kensington Conference title on Tuesday.

The Wildcats placed three in the top eight and five in the top 10.

Livonia Churchill, meanwhile, settled for ninth with a 350, but did get two additional individual regional qualifiers as junior Alec Kondrath took fourth (21st overall) with an 83 and senior Brian Sexton added an 84 to take sixth (28th overall).

Other Churchill scorers included senior Doug Simpson, 38th (88); freshman Sam Spayd, 48th (84); and junior Chad Macorkindale, 54th (101).

Westland John Glenn placed 12th with a 380 led by junior Nick Doupe, who took 42nd with an 89.

Rounding out the Rockets' four-player scoring contingent was junior Andy Snyder, 44th (90); senior Herbie Taylor, 52nd (97); and junior

James Hartman, 56th (104).

Wayne Memorial, which only sent two players to the Pine View district, did not figure in the team scoring but was represented by seniors Austin St. Peter, 58th (106); and Ken McKay, 59th (108).

Pats qualify pair

In the Division 1-District 10 tourney Thursday at Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, Livonia Franklin's Tyler Gerhard and Josh Dudek finished one-two as additional regional qualifiers.

Gerhard, a junior, placed seventh overall with an 84, while Dudek, a sophomore, was 15th with an 86.

Franklin missed the regional team cut by six strokes finishing seventh with a 362 total.

The Patriots' other three finishers included Alex Regish, 36th (94); David Wiebelhaus, 44th (98); and Greg Bo, 46th (100).

The top six teams moving on to the regional this week at West Shore Golf Course in Grosse Ile included district champion Brownstown Woodhaven (329), Garden City (335), Temperance Bedford (345), Monroe (348), Wyandotte Roosevelt (353) and Taylor Kennedy (356).

Woodhaven sophomore Matt Miller took individual medalist honors with an 80.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Madonna lands top hitter from Ontario

Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced another signing for his 2013 recruiting class with the inking of Canadian standout Hannah Poole to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

The 6-foot-1 Poole, a native of Kitchener, Ontario earned second-team all-star honors from the Waterloo County Secondary School Association (WCSAA) as a senior in 2012 for Forest Heights Collegiate Institute.

"Hannah hits the ball extremely hard and is a terminating type of hitter," Abraham said. "She could compete for the starting spot in the middle for us this fall, but she can also play right side and has a big block. She also has the ability to attack from antenna-to-antenna."

Poole also led the Trojans to a second Ontario Gold Championship in the last

three years. Forest Heights also won the Ontario Gold during the 2010 season.

Poole also helped the Trojans to a pair of CWOSSA regional titles (2010, 2012) as well as two Waterloo County gold medals (2010, 2011).

"We are very excited about adding Hannah to our team," Abraham said. "She is a big, tall, strong athlete. Not only is she a talented player, she is a Madonna kind of a kid who works very hard and has a lot of upside."

In 2012, the Crusaders captured their 13th Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship in the last 16 seasons, while also earning their 12th appearance in the NAIA National Championships.

MU finished last year 35-9 overall and ranked at No. 15 in the NAIA Coaches' Poll.

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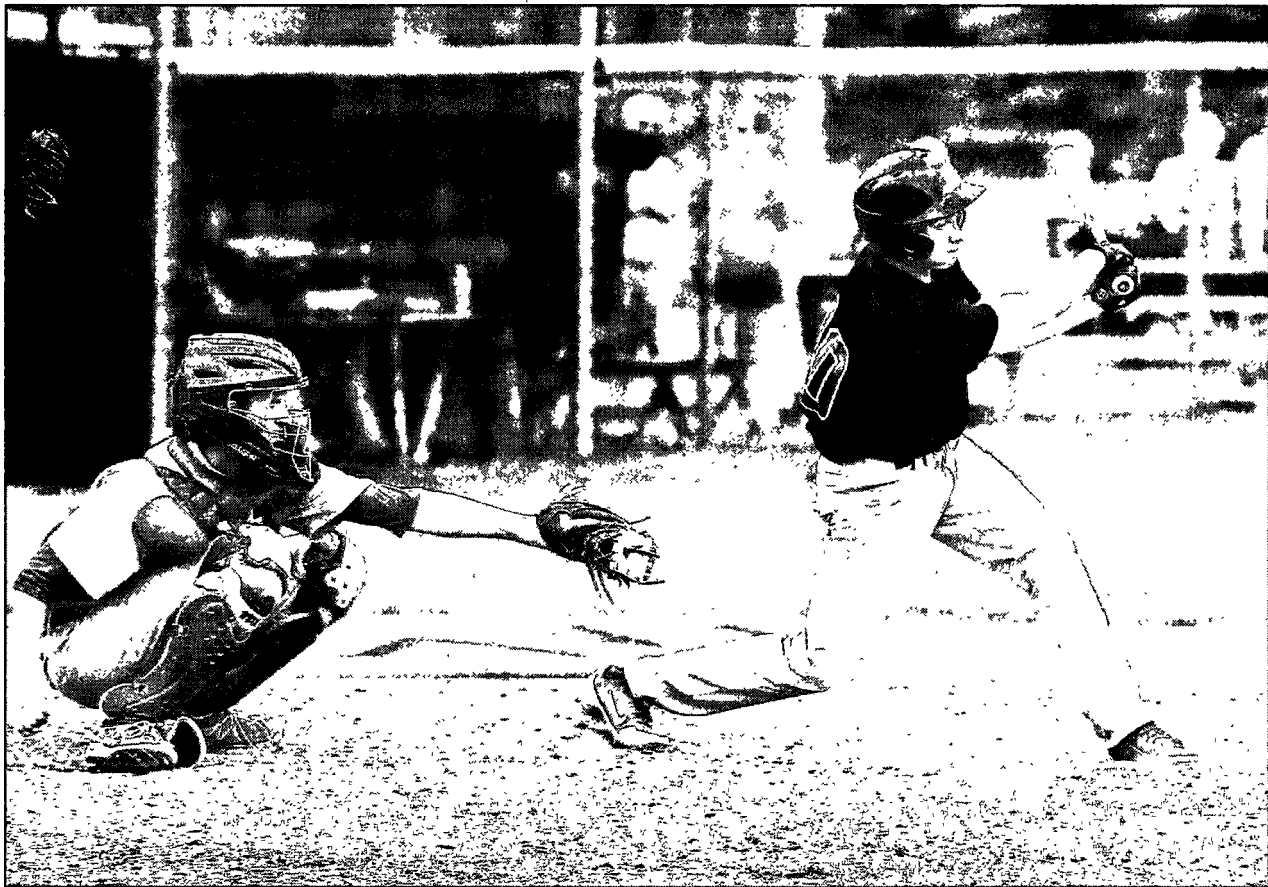
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Churchill's Jack Behen (20) takes a cut during Wednesday's 4-3 Division 1 predistrict baseball victory over Salem at Northville.

Clarenceville errors prove costly in loss

Livonia Clarenceville's baseball season ended with a thud in Thursday's Division 2 predistrict clash against host South Lyon East.

The Trojans took a 1-0 lead into the bottom of the fourth inning, but imploded defensively with five errors as the Cougars scored eight times and went on to post an 11-1 victory.

Clarenceville starting pitcher Zach Devon (2-5) had not allowed a hit and was cruising along until the fourth-inning mishaps. Six of those eight runs were unearned.

Senior Mikey Weiss, who collected two hits,

singled home David Curvin, who had doubled earlier, to make it 1-0 in the top of the second inning.

Senior Tyler Weed also reached base safely three times with single and two walks, while Kyle Kissandi also had a hit in his final high school game as the Trojans finished 8-11 overall and 7-5 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference under first-year coach John Rogatski.

With the victory, South Lyon East (3-20) advanced to Saturday's district semifinal at home to face Detroit Henry Ford.

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was a little different than what I was thinking. That's when I called a timeout and said, 'Okay, we need to start being successful with our time of possession.'"

Ladywood managed to keep Mercy's leading scorer, Maddie McClain, out of the scoring column, but Lexie Shaw scored four of her five goals in the second half to lead the Marlins.

Jessica Snyder, who had three goals and three assists, and Christina Riga scored early in the second half to increase the Ladywood lead to 10-2, but Mercy took charge after that.

Leon's fifth goal broke the Marlins' momentum with 4:49 remaining. Mercy got the next two and was within three, 11-8, until a wide-open Hannah Daniels finished the scoring off a nice, over-the-top pass from Snyder with 1:07 to play and the time running out on the Marlins.

"We came out of the gate not as strong and as we should have," Mercy coach Lindsay Hoyt said. "At halftime we got our heads into the game and got our priorities straight."

"We did what we needed to do and picked it up, and we showed Ladywood just how athletic and talented we are. It wasn't enough to get

the win, but I think we proved ourselves in the second half."

The shot totals were even early in the game, and the teams looked evenly matched. But the Blazers netted five unanswered goals for a 5-1 tally with 9:41 to play and coasted into half-time with a solid lead.

"We had been struggling with one half or the other," Sanders said. "Typically, it was our first half where we didn't come out very strong. That's something we've worked on."

"We wanted to come out strong and we actually did that tonight. Once you win those draws, get those possessions and start scoring, it puts a whole different outlook on the game."

Snyder scored two goals, Riga and Daniels one each. Ladywood goalie Stephanie Mackley made 14 saves.

Mercy's Lexi Kahler also had two goals and Tori Sullivan one. **LADYWOOD 19, FARMINGTON 10:** Junior Jessica Snyder scored six goals and junior Rachel Donabedian added five as Livonia Ladywood (13-1) downed the host Falcons in a Division 2 regional semifinal.

Junior Megan Leon added three goals and four assists as the Blazers advanced to Friday's regional final against Farmington Hills Mercy. (Game time is 6 p.m. is at Farmington.)

Senior goalie Stephanie Mackley made 10 saves. Caroline Schneemann and Ananna Perzioso each scored four goals for Farmington.

Predistrict thriller

Churchill able to hold off Rocks, 4-3

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Right up until the last out of the seventh Wednesday, Salem junior shortstop Jack Driscoll had his sights set on the big prize.

That made Salem's 4-3 loss to Livonia Churchill in a Class A baseball predistrict game at Northville extra disappointing for Driscoll — who doubled and singled twice in his first three at bats against the Chargers.

It was Driscoll who stepped up to the plate as the last hope for the Rocks, with the tying run on second. He sent a fly ball to right field that Churchill's Andrew Summers crossed into foul territory to grab for the final out of the game and Salem's season.

"Yeah, it was (disappointing)," Driscoll said. "I wanted to get us a state championship this year. But it came to an end. We'll be working hard for it next year."

The season-ending loss dropped Salem's final record to 21-12 while Churchill improved to 16-11-1 overall and earned the right to face Northville 10 a.m. Saturday.

In a game where each team gave the other some gift runs, a diving catch by Churchill senior left fielder Riley Brown in the sixth took a run-scoring extra-base hit away from Josh Penn.

Had the liner hit the grass, it would have been a 4-4 game with Penn on second.

"I saw it tailing away from me so I had to make a diving catch," Brown said. "I had to make a good play to keep the game going."

Brown's catch saved the victory for Churchill junior starting pitcher Nick Misiak, who gave up three unearned runs before senior John Szymanski came in for the final three outs (following a Salem double by Austin Silletti to open the bottom of the seventh).

The reason Salem drew to within 4-3 at that point was on a dropped liner, scoring two runs with two outs in the fifth.

Misiak hit a batter to keep that inning going and Driscoll doubled to right-center to set the stage for senior Kyle Penn — whose laser to right field handcuffed Summers to plate senior Aaron Moore and Driscoll.

"I think he just took his eye off it," said Churchill head coach Ron Targosz about Summers. "He closed it (glove) too fast and it popped out. It happens, it was a hard-hit ball right at him."

That was all the Rocks could muster, however, as Churchill's pitchers shut the door from that point on.

"We hit the ball a little bit, we made some plays when we needed

to," Targosz said. "With the exception of (a) drop in right field we played pretty good defense."

"Like I told these guys after the game, if you pitch well and play defense you're going to be in any game. And that's basically what won it for us today."

Churchill registered seven hits, with junior leadoff hitter Mark Leja going 2-for-4.

Suffering the tough loss for Salem was sophomore starting pitcher Tyler Brooks.

Errors hurt the Rocks early, enabling the Chargers to open the scoring in the first and tack on two in the third to go up 3-1 (a balk by Misiak in the first enabled Salem to briefly tie the game at 1-1).

In the fifth, Churchill padded the lead without the benefit of a Salem miscue.

Szymanski singled and went to third on a double by Daniel Cameron. Two batters later, Brown scored Szymanski with a sacrifice fly to right field.

The Rocks wouldn't go quietly, of course.

"We had a couple (errors) and they had one that put us right back in it," Salem senior center-fielder Demetrius Dunlap said. "Their kid pitched a great game, our kid pitched a great game. One hit here or there, the game goes our way."

Shootout loss

Mercy wins on PKs vs. Stevenson, 2-1

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Friday's continuation of the Livonia Stevenson-Farmington Hills Mercy district girls soccer final became a war of attrition.

After a 2-hour and 19-minute delay at the start Thursday, play finally got underway but was interrupted due to lightning with 21:53 left in the first half with host Stevenson leading 1-0 thanks to Taylor McLaud's header off a free kick from Aliya El-Sabeh just 9:52 into the match.

The two teams returned Friday afternoon to the pitch and Mercy's Maria Pulice evened the count at 1-all off a scramble just 35 seconds before half.

The score stayed that way through 80 minutes of regulation and two 10-minute overtime periods before Mercy prevailed in the second round of a shootout to 2-1 win.

Mercy made all seven penalty kicks, while Stevenson hit six-of-seven before Marlins goalkeeper Maria Lulguraj ended

the suspense with a save.

Mercy, which improved to 10-5-2 overall, advanced to Saturday's district final at Stevenson against Novi.

Ironically, seven Marlin seniors, including three starters, missed Thursday's portion of the match to attend graduation ceremonies, but were all back on Friday.

Stevenson, meanwhile, lost starting goalkeeper Emily Kubeshesky to an injury late in regulation forcing the coach Chris Grodzicki to use field player Carlin O'Malley, a senior forward, in net.

"Emily was limping so hard I had to take her out," Grodzicki said. "Carlin was just awesome with her play at the end of regulation and in overtime."

The Spartans end the year at 9-9-3 overall.

"The game was kind of like our season," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "I didn't think we were great today, but we made some good adjustments and we were better in the second half. We were dangerous



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Stevenson's Katelyn Foster (white jersey) heads the ball past Mercy goalkeeper Maria Lulguraj and a slew of Marlin defenders for the game's first goal.

at the end and we gave ourselves an opportunity to win the game. The seniors stepped up at the end of the game and got us to the shootout. They took responsibility in the shootout. We were right there. It could have gone either way and it didn't go our way."

But despite the setback, Grodzicki was satisfied with his team's effort.

"We started slow, but we got better," he said. "We played like we cared

for each other. They were willing to work for one another and they gave themselves a chance to be good."

MERCY 5, CHURCHILL 3: Livonia Churchill (9-8-2) couldn't stand prosperity in its rescheduled first-round Division 1 district opener Wednesday against visiting Farmington Hills Mercy (9-5-2).

The host Chargers built a 3-0 first-half advantage, only to give up five unanswered goals as the Marlins stormed back for a two-goal victory. Churchill went up 3-0 on a pair of goals by junior midfielder Kelsey Parrinello, one

off a corner kick from Karly Munroe and the other on a direct free kick.

Lauren Wynns also added a goal off an assist from Kacie Murray, but Mercy's Alex Griffin answered with the first of her two goals before the half and the Marlins added four more in the second half with Taylor Shrader getting two and Taylor Babcock and Griffin one apiece.

"We played a good first half, but the second half we had no energy and didn't play hard," Churchill first-year coach Reid Friedrichs said. "They came out playing hard. They beat us to every ball. We had no energy. We didn't check to the ball

or move to the ball. They (Mercy) never gave up and we gave up."

Churchill senior goalkeeper Alexis Tzarfaroglou made five saves in the setback.

"It was sad to put forth that effort in the second half," Friedrichs said. "That's all it was — effort — and inability to win the ball, and a non-desire to go to the ball."

PLYMOUTH 1, WAYNE 0 (forfeit): In Thursday's weather-delayed Division 1 district semifinal at Canton, the No. 1-ranked Wildcats (18-0-1) were awarded the forfeit victory when Wayne Memorial (5-12-1) could not come up with enough players.

Soccer

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Morrison made 15 saves, including a penalty kick stop early in the match. "Even though we lost, I look at it as a huge victory because we've always been mercied by them," said Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer, whose team finished 16-1-1 overall. "Our girls played their hearts out until the end." PCA will move on to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

LADYWOOD 8, RU 0: On Friday, host Livonia Ladywood (19-2-2) scored all eight goals in the first half to mercy Redford Union (6-11) in a Division 2 district semifinal match. The Blazers, ranked No. 1 in Division 2, got goals from seven different players.

Among those to make the scoresheet included: Emily Huddleston (from Shelby Walsh); Ani Ramon (from Abby Pelon); Pelon (from Conner Huggins); Jenna Urso (from DeYana Walker); Ramon (from Pelon); Mykela Hawkins (from Brenna Wright); Catherine Garber (from Kennedi Bullard); and Liz Danger (from Bullard). Goalkeepers Sara Even and Whitney Bauridel split time in goal for the team's 15th shutout. Candice Brennan made nine saves for the Panthers.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 4, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 0: Lutheran High Westland (16-0-1) got pair of goals Thursday from Samantha Benner to beat visiting Southfield Christian in the Division 4 district semifinal. Bethany Hoehne's first-half goal from Claire Oppenlander prior to a storm delay proved to be the game-winner. In the second half, Benner scored twice, one unassisted and the other from Sadie Schultz. Michelle Greening finished the scoring on a rebound. Goalkeeper Angela Morrison made five saves to earn the shutout.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Churchill's Katie Shereda threw a two-hitter in Wednesday's 8-0 Division 1 pre-district girls softball victory over Salem at Northville.

Baseball

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pions of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference along with Dearborn Edsel Ford, rode the pitching performance of Madonna University signee Badih Jawad to earn its ninth straight victory. Jawad (5-1) went all seven innings, scattering seven hits and a pair of walks while striking out nine. Crestwood collected 12 hits led by Jared Hagan, who went 3-for-4 with an RBI. Jacob Ledesma and James Swirple chipped in with two hits apiece. The Chargers also added another run in the fifth on a safety squeeze bunt. Adam Singleton's RBI single in the first staked the Rockets to a 1-0 lead, but Jawad was able to keep Glenn off the scoreboard over the final six innings.

Christopher Scheffer led Glenn's offensive attack with two hits. Sophomore left-hander Brendon Wetmore, who took the loss, allowed all five runs on seven hits over four innings. He struck out five before giving way to senior right-hander Daniel Ammons.

CRESTWOOD 5, WAYNE 4: James Swirple singled home the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh Friday to give Dearborn Heights Crestwood (18-7) the district semifinal victory over Wayne Memorial (3-20) at John Glenn. Jacob Ledesma, who went 2-for-3, started the rally with a single following a pair of stolen bases by a courtesy runner. Junior Tanner Doumont went all seven innings to pick up the victory. He scattered six hits and two walks while striking out 10. Losing pitcher Chris Briggs also went the distance, allowing eight hits and four walks while fanning four. Tyler Harnos, Kody Wojewski and Chris Witore each collected two hits for the Zebras. Belleville went on to win the district title in eight innings against the Chargers, 4-3.

Chargers roll in pre-district, 8-0

Katie Shereda hurled a two-hit shutout Wednesday as Livonia Churchill improved to 27-11 overall with an 8-0 girls softball triumph over Salem in the Division 1 pre-district at Northville. Shereda, a junior, struck out six and did not allow a walk in seven innings. She got plenty of offensive support as the Chargers collected 11 hits led by Nicole Sal-loum, who went 2-for-4, three RBI.

Casey Bias, Jenny Bourlier and Julia Twigg each added two hits and knocked in a run as Churchill broke the game open with five runs in the fourth inning. The Chargers also took advantage of five Salem errors to advance to the district on Saturday to face the host Mustangs.

GLENN 8, CRESTWOOD 3: On Wednesday, host Westland John Glenn (10-22) got three hits and three RBI from Mackenzie Huren to defeat Dearborn Heights Crestwood (4-18) in the Division 1 pre-district.

The Rockets, who beat Crestwood for the fourth time this season, collected a total of 13 hits as Brittany McGrath chipped in with two hits and two RBI. Bailey Hamill also doubled twice and Julia Huren contributed two hits as Glenn broke away from a 4-3 lead after four innings with one run in the fifth and three in the bottom of the sixth. Winning pitcher Alexis Lester limited the Chargers to five hits over seven innings. She struck out 10, including the side, in the sixth inning. Brooke Croskey took the loss for the Chargers, while Casey Durham knocked in two runs.

U13 soccer champs



The Livonia City Soccer Club's under-13 girls premier team captured the ninth annual International Border Stars Tournament at Madonna University. LCSC tied Waza North, 1-1; and defeated Michigan Alliance, 2-0; Michigan Gators, 1-0; and Waza East, 2-0, to win the tournament. The players are (seated, from left) Jillian Ahmad, Livonia; Tatiana Ivanac, Farmington; Meghan Swayne, Commerce; Kathryn Horn, Northville; (kneeling) Gabriela Sgambati, Farmington Hills; Natalie Hawkins, Livonia; Teresa Semak, Livonia; Kiana Buchanczenko, Livonia; Madison Sonnfefeld, Livonia; Jennifer D'Antonio, Livonia; (standing, from left) head coach Jeff Bobo, Lizzy Roy, Canton; Rose Hodge, Canton; Regan Woodward, Canton; Anna Barkach, Farmington Hills; Haley Demers, Livonia; Allison Kaupp, Livonia; Caitlin King, Livonia; Hayley Mayes, Commerce; Erin Abramczyk, Farmington Hills; and assistant coach Julia Schroeder. (Not Pictured is Brittney Hayes.)

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stuck her bat out and got a single, it kind of snowballed from there and we had a couple of errors," Glenn coach Patrick McGrath said. "It happens. We have a pretty young team. We only have three seniors. We have most of the team coming back next year and we hope to have a big improvement next year." Glenn, which finished 11-23 overall, returns seven starters for 2014. "Defense is probably the biggest thing we need," McGrath said. "We had some girls playing in positions they real-

ly weren't qualified for, but they were best ones for those spots. We have a few spots open and hopefully we get some girls in and go from there. We have some girls ready to come in and take those spots if we need them to. We have a good team coming back, but we have to be just a little more aggressive on the field and I think it would have been a lot different game today." Belleville, meanwhile, advances to Saturday's regional at Saline. "We have no seniors," Curtis said. "We have juniors, sophomores and three freshmen who all start. We have 13 kids and they should be all

coming back next year. They're good kids, too, and good students. And the ones who don't play support their teammates. They never whine or complain, and the parents don't. It's a great bunch of kids and I really enjoy them." **GLENN 12, WAYNE 0:** Winning pitcher Alexis Lester allowed just one hit over five innings and helped her own cause with a 2-run double Friday as host Westland John Glenn (11-22) downed Wayne Memorial (0-19) in a Division 1 district semifinal game. Lester struck out seven and walked one. Julia Huren also added a 2-run double, while Sam Duprie contributed a triple and had an RBI. Jade Walls was the losing pitcher, while Valerie Green collected the lone hit for Wayne.

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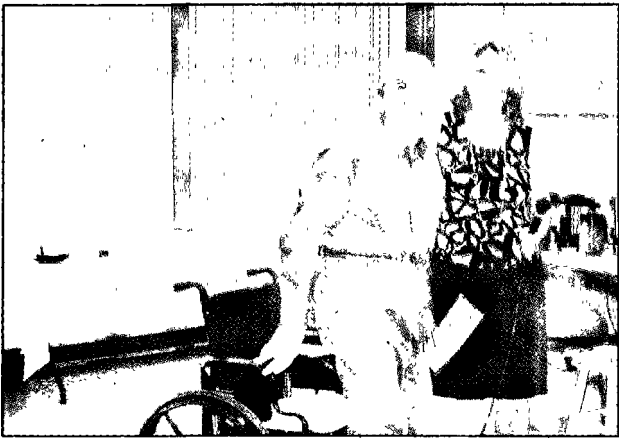
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Bill Heaton of Livonia Goodfellows with Jennifer Jones, Nativity council president.

Giving back

Congregation leaves legacy of community service to local area

By Sharon Dargay
 Staff Writer

When the congregation at Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia disbanded for good late last month, it gave the community a generous goodbye gift.

It handed over the proceeds from the sale of its building to Plumb Line Community Church of the Nazarene — nearly \$100,000 — to local institutions and community groups.

"We are a congregational church, so there were about 23 of us who made that decision. The money does not belong to the people of the church. It does not belong to us. We had to do something with the money. It's not ours to own," said Shirley Stephan of Livonia, a 43-year member of the church and its former secretary. "We could have given it all back to the mother church in Lansing, but we wanted to give the money to the community. We wanted to serve the community. That is what we wanted our legacy to be."

Donations went to the United Church of Christ for church development and to Camp Talahi, a church-sponsored camp. Other recipients were the Livonia Goodfellows,

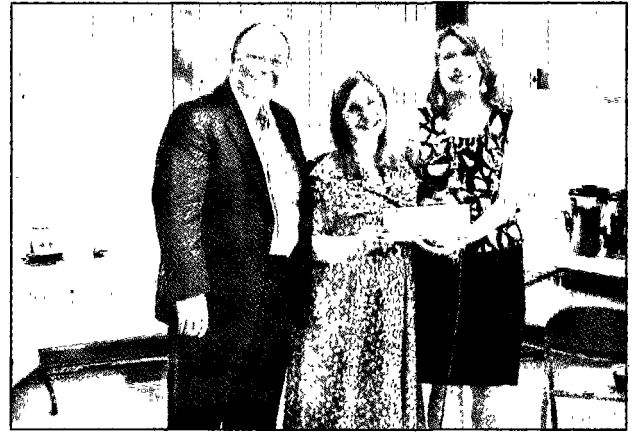
Livonia Police and Fire departments, the Salvation Army, Cooper Upper Elementary School, and Ja'Noah Project, a Westland-based non-profit organization that donates food, clothing and other items to needy residents in the Cass Corridor and other parts of Detroit.

"We didn't solicit it. They called us out of the blue," said Dan Heavener, training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department. "They donated \$5,000 to us. We'll put it to good use. They were very nice and we were very happy when we got the phone call. We responded there several times over the years and helped them out, so they put us on their (donation) list."

Heavener said the department suggested using a small portion of the funds to have a brick engraved in the church's name at Fallen Heroes Monument in Larry Nehasil Park.

"We thought it was a nice idea, to put their name in writing, etched in a memorial forever," Heavener said. He added that the congregation wasn't looking for recognition when it handed out money. "They were very humble about it."

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Cooper Upper Elementary School Principal Terry Taylor and Julie Juenemann, student assistance program provider, receive a donation from Jennifer Jones of the disbanded Nativity United Church of Christ.



Sgt. William Tyree of Livonia police with Jennifer Jones, former council president of Nativity United Church of Christ



James Pietaz of the Livonia Fire Department accepts a donation. Jennifer Jones, council president of the defunct Nativity United Church of Christ, gave proceeds from the sale of the church's building to community groups and local institutions.

Margo Allen of United Church of Christ accepts a check from Jennifer Jones on Nativity United Church of Christ's final day before closing its doors.



Jim Harvey of Camp Talahi and Jennifer Jones at Nativity United Church of Christ's money giveaway

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Colin Bellgraph of Novi, a member of Plum Line Community Church of the Nazarene, helps clear weeds during a work day at the church. Plum Line officially took over Nativity United Church of Christ's building last month in Livonia, after Nativity disbanded.



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Mission work

Community service has always been a Nativity mission. When its members were younger — most were in their 70s and 80s when the church disbanded last month — they visited nursing homes, made sandwiches and blankets for the homeless in the Cass Corridor, made prayer shawls for hospitals, and gave Christmas gifts to the Salvation Army and students at Cooper Upper Elementary, a Livonia public school.

"We had a food cupboard. My mom was the head of that," said Stephan, 69. "We had a monthly giving tree. Nativity would make up 300 sandwiches for Ja'Noah House. We had a fair amount of community service."

The Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Plum Line pastor, plans to continue some of Nativity's projects — including its Ja'Noah House, Goodfellows and Cooper Upper Elementary School outreach — but her congregation also has created its own mission work over the past 18 months while sharing the church building with Nativity's dwindling membership. Plum Line members regularly distribute "laundry packets," with coins and other items to individuals at local laundromats. The church held a carnival for the community last year, partnered with the neighborhood on an outdoor movie night, and regularly serves coffee and lemonade to soccer families that use a nearby park for their games.

Bastien was the pastor of outreach at First Church of the Nazarene in Northville before founding Plum Line.

"I felt God calling me to step out and create a new church. We're a new start off the church in Northville," Bastien said.

Finding a home

The congregation at

first held services at the Livonia YMCA and then began renting from Nativity United Church of Christ in June 2011.

"We knew we wanted to be in that part of Livonia, but we weren't sure what would happen," Bastien said. "They (Nativity) figured they had three to five years left. We figured maybe we could purchase the building down the road."

That timeline changed when Nativity's former pastor, the Rev. John Landis, was called to another United Church of Christ congregation. Nativity members asked Bastien if she would lead their afternoon worship service in addition to Plum Line's morning service.

"For the last year I've been doing their service plus ours," Bastien said. Nativity's service is more traditional than Plum Line's contemporary worship with its "faster and louder" music.

Stephan said Plum Line's help gave Nativity "a few extra months" of existence, before its congregation decided it was time to sell the building and disband. Some members headed to other United Church of Christ congregations. Approximately 15, including Stephan, plan to stay and join the Plum Line Nazarene church, which has approximately 50-80 worshippers at Sunday services. She hopes the afternoon traditional service will grow.

"They've got a lot of good things going," Stephan said. "We were praying for children and young people because Nativity had none. God sent them to us. He fulfilled our prayers."

Plum Line members are refurbishing portions of the church this weekend, painting and giving a fellowship hall-style sitting area "more of a Starbucks feel," Bastien said. She hopes the work will be finished by the end of the month and plans a church dedication in August.

For more about Plum Line visit plumlinenaz.org.

Social Scene by Julie Yolles



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WINGO Bingo

Sandra Divore, Crystal Harding, ORT America donor Wendy Kohlenberg of Farmington Hills and Sabin take a break from calling bingo during the ORT America Michigan Region fundraiser, Drag Queen WINGO, held recently at Congregation Beth Ahm in West Bloomfield. The event raised funds for educational programs for the David B. Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield and for the Better Jobs Opportunities Program which offers free computer training to the unemployed.



Bingo for charity

Farmington Hills resident Amy Strauss (left) and West Bloomfield resident Lisa Betman are among the attendees at the ORT America fundraiser, Drag Queen WINGO, a women-only bingo fest.



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On the town

Livonia residents Ted and Christy Spicer enjoy the 21st Annual Commitment for a Cure. The event, held at the MGM Detroit Grand benefitted the American Diabetes Association.



Benefitting the ADA

Lee Ann Myers of Canton (left) Hospice of Michigan Board Chair Sandy Linden of Farmington Hills, are among the 325 guests who helped raise more than \$200,000 for the American Diabetes Association, (ADA), by attending its 21st annual Commitment for the Cure.

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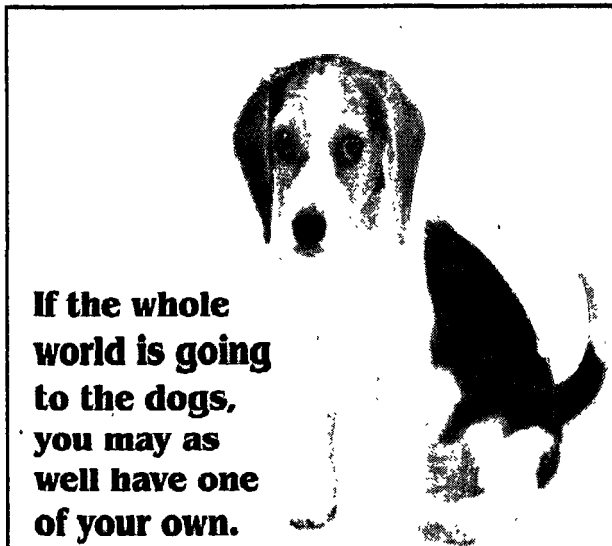
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The Michigan Philharmonic, with Nan Washburn directing, performs at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Michigan Philharmonic sets summer schedule

The Michigan Philharmonic will take its "An American Salute" concert to three outdoor locations this summer.

The Plymouth-based orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. June 21 at Kensington Metropark in Milford. The pops concert will celebrate the nation and its culture with a variety of patriotic favorites. Guest singer, ReGina Coles, will be on hand to perform Gershwin tunes along with the orchestra. The evening will include the music of John Williams to John Philip Sousa and more, concluding with a blockbuster performance of Tchaikovsky's classic 1812 Overture.

The orchestra will perform An American Salute again, at 7:30 p.m. June 29 in Kellogg Park, in downtown Plymouth.

Its "An American Salute in Motown" concert, 7 p.m. July 9, in Campus Martius Park in

downtown Detroit, will kick off an after-work classical series of concerts in the park.

"We're very pleased with these opportunities to continue to build on our momentum of more concerts in a growing list of Southeastern Michigan communities," stated Beth Stewart, executive director, in a press release. "With our recent successes, additional concerts continually being added to our calendar, and our expansion this fall into new markets, it's an exciting time for the Michigan Phil and our audiences."

Admission to the three concerts is free, although Kensington Metropark charges a \$5 entry fee into the park. For more information about the Michigan Philharmonic's summer series and its new season, which begins Oct. 6, visit www.michiganphil.org.

Ready to lace up your sneakers and walk or run for a good cause? Or maybe just for fun?

Registration is under way for the Metro Detroit Heart Walk, Children's Leukemia Foundation of



Michigan's "Hope and Support" walk, and the Canton Liberty Run.

The American Heart Association's Metro Detroit Heart Walk runs 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 8 at Ford Field in downtown Detroit. Stadium doors

open at 8 a.m. followed by a welcome ceremony at 10 a.m. The event is free to the public, although its organizers encourage individuals and teams to register and fundraise in advance.

The annual Heart Walk is a nationwide event that allows attendees to participate in physical activities while raising funds for heart disease and stroke research and education. Thousands will walk or run through downtown Detroit to celebrate those living with or lost from heart disease.

"When you join Heart Walk, you join more than a million people in 350 cities across America in taking a stand against heart disease and helping save lives," said Joel Kahn, chair of the Metro Detroit Heart Walk and professor of Medicine at Wayne State University's School of Medicine. "From every dollar raised through the Heart Walk campaign, three dollars goes back into the community to help improve the lives of Michigan residents."

Attendees can participate in a wide range of activities including a mascot race, Fifth Third Kids' Zone, Bokwa fitness demonstration, health screenings and live entertainment.

Participants can walk one mile or three miles or get involved in a 5K Fun Run/Walk. This year, the Association added a torch ceremony to honor those affected by cardiovascular disease and stroke.

For more information about the



Liberty Run participants in Canton attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest assembly of runners dressed in Statue of Liberty costumes.

Heart Walk and registration, visit miheartwalk.org or call (248) 936-5782.

Breaking records

Runners and walkers participating in this year's Liberty Run on June 15 in Canton, will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest assembly of runners to dress like the Statue of Liberty that was set last year during the inaugural Canton Liberty Run. This year's World Record attempt will take place at 9:30 a.m. just south of the clock tower, corner of Veterans Way and Civic Center Boulevard, located adjacent to the north end of the Canton Public Library parking lot.

Registered participants will be given a three-piece Statue of Liberty costume to wear while running or for just the record attempt. Event T-shirts also will be available for purchase. A portion of all entry fees will help fund recreation and trail improvements in Canton.

Other Liberty Run races will include a 5K race at 8 a.m.; a 10K race at 8:30 a.m.; and a One Mile Fun Run at 10:15 a.m. Registration fees before noon, June 13 are: \$34 for 5K; \$34 for 10K; \$19 for One Mile Fun Run; and \$54 for Uncle Sam Slam, featuring 5K and 10K races. Race registration fees received June 15 are: \$40 for the 5K run; \$40 for the 10K run; \$25 for the One Mile Fun Run; and \$65 for the Uncle Sam Slam.

Register for the Canton Run for

Liberty at www.cantonlibertyrun.com. For more information e-mail to events@runningfit.com or call (734) 929-9027.

Hope, support

The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) will hold its inaugural walk for "hope and support" beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 29 at the Detroit Zoo, located on 19 Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak.

This walk is a non-competitive, accessible, scenic walk offering walkers of all ages a fun day with a picturesque walking route, special opening ceremonies, entertainment, breakfast/snacks, a water station located at the halfway mark and support all along the way.

Participation fee is \$30 and event organizers encourage walkers to raise a minimum of \$100. In recognition of their efforts, those raising \$100 or more will receive a commemorative T-shirt and will be eligible for other prizes.

The event will benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, an independent statewide organization's efforts to provide information, financial assistance and emotional support to adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders.

To register and for more information, visit <http://leukemiamichigan.org/>.

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DETROIT CENTRAL CLASS OF 1953
The class will celebrate its 60th reunion at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 13 Mile at Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills.

For more information call Bernice Nedelman Betman at (248) 737-5773 or Marcia Sussman King at (248) 661-3422.

DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1963
The 50th reunion is set for Friday, Aug. 16, at The Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets are \$40. Contact Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134, jmarsares@sbcglobal.net, or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579, pvarilone@wow-way.com

CLASSES FROM 50S AND 60S
Annual picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at Edward Hines Park, Nankin Mills Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, will include music, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, tassels, and

more. Special parking will be available for classic cars along with plenty of parking for non-classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register, just show up. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579, pvarilone@wow-way.com or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134, jmarsares@sbcglobal.net.

DETROIT GESU CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956
A reunion is planned for Aug. 17. Call Jack Sayed at (810) 231-9230.

DETROIT MACKENZIE CLASSES OF THE 50S AND 60S
Third annual picnic is set for those who attended Mackenzie High School in the 50s and 60s. The event runs noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines park,

at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, near Farmington Road. It will include music, memorabilia, and camaraderie. Participants may bring their own picnic or buy Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream at the event. T-shirts, sweatshirts, and music CDs also will be available. 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 e-mail mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com. Visit the website at <http://www.classcreator.com/Detroit-MI-Mackenzie-1960>.

CLASS OF 1963
50th reunion for the January and June classes of 1963 is set for Saturday, Oct. 19 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia. For more details or a registration form visit the website of party planner Celebrations To Remember

at www.celebrations2remember.com click on the reunion section. Or call (734) 261-3264.

DETROIT MUMFORD

CLASS OF 1963
A 50-year reunion is set for 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, at Somerset inn, 575 W. Big Beaver, Troy. \$85. Visit www.mumford63.com.

LIVONIA BENTLEY

CLASS OF 1966
A birthday reunion will be held Friday, Oct. 11 at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 North Laurel Park Drive, Livonia; (734) 462-3100. Check in and cash bar at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and DJ. Cost is \$65 per person. E-mail to kathy.sindon.shinn@att.net.

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TINGLING HANDS
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When the doctor bears that description, he knows he is not dealing with arthritis, but with a neurological problem. To learn if the cause is carpal tunnel syndrome, the doctor will ask what fingers are numb or tingling and does vigorous shaking of the hand relieve the pain.
Carpal tunnel syndrome occurs when the nerve that comes into the palm of the hand is compressed. Carpal tunnel syndrome will cause tingling in the thumb, second, third and possibly half of the fourth finger but not all five fingers. Shaking the hand relieves pressure on the nerve and resolves the numbness.
If all five fingers are numb the problem could be compression of both the nerve to the palm and the nerve that provides feeling to the fourth and fifth fingers. Another possibility is that the problem is coming from nerve endings in the fingers. If the numbness and tingling is going down the hand like a glove then the likely cause is a peripheral neuropathy.
One other condition can result in tingling in the hand: a narrowing of the blood supply to the arm and fingers. Rarely a blood clot will occur in the arteries that supply the arms; the fingers, being furthest from the stream of blood, are the first to feel the effects of scarcity. Doctors check this possibility by comparing the pulse in the tingling hand with the pulse in the normal hand.

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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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In the moonlight
Listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten your senses during a Full Moon Friday Night Hike in Heritage Park,

located at 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills. The hikes are from 9:30-10:30 p.m. June 21 and July 19 and 9-10 p.m. Aug. 23. Hikes are designed for families and children, 5 and up. No flashlights are needed. Hikes will meet at the Nature Center in

the park. Cost is \$3 per person. Pre-register for the hike at recreg.fhgov.com. You also can pay at the event, however space is limited. In case of inclement weather, the hike will be canceled and refunds will be given. The Nature Center also will offer a campfire from 7-9 p.m. on Friday

from June 21-Aug. 23. Marshmallows, s'mores and beverages will be sold. For more information, call the Nature Center at (248) 477-1135.

Garden walk
The 18th annual Flowers Are Forever Garden Walk will run noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June

25 in Plymouth. Several gardens will be featured and refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$8 before the event and \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets for children, 12 and under, are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the walk. Strollers aren't permitted in the gardens and youngsters carried

in arms are admitted at no charge. Get tickets from Saxtons Power Equipment, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 453-6250; Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, (734) 416-0600; Sideways, 505 Forest, (734) 453-8312; Darlene Rinke, (734) 459-7499; or Kate Kerr, (734) 455-6867.

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ARMISTEAD, JOAN O.

Age 75, of Farmington Hills, devoted Farmington Public Schools Reading Specialist, died May 28, 2013. Joan is survived by her beloved children, Patrick (Kelly), David (Sue), Dennis (Jeanine) and Heather (Jim) Pastori; loving brother, David (Carol Rosenberg) Elliston; and 13 cherished grandchildren. Visitation Wednesday, June 12, 1-9 pm, at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rd., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorial Ceremony Thursday, June 13, 11 am, at First United Methodist Church, 400 E. Grand River, Brighton. Memorial gifts suggested to Angela Hospice, Livonia, or COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter), cotsdetroit.org. heenev-sundquist.com
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ERWIN, MARY LONGMAID ("SUNNY")

Age 80, of Novi, Michigan, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, passed away peacefully at home on May 26, 2013, after a long battle with emphysema. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 40 years, E. James ("Jim") Erwin. Sunny is survived by her children, Katherine Anne (Dirk VanKoughnett) of Chicago, IL, E. James ("Chip") III (Betsy) of Bloomfield Village, MI, and Richard Esterbrook (Dixie) of Hinsdale, IL. Loving grandmother to Laura VanKoughnett, Jed, Will and Claire Erwin, and Katie, James, Grace and Kinsey Erwin. Also survived by her dear sister Elizabeth L. Barnard (Harold Willey), and many nieces and nephews. Born February 8, 1933, in Philadelphia, PA to the late Mary Stokes and Sydney E. Longmaid, Sunny attended the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, PA, and received her B.A. in English from the University of Michigan, where she met Jim. A busy homemaker for most of her life, she was an active member of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Alumni Club of the University of Michigan and the Rudgate Neighborhood Association, and a prolific crafter. With her husband Jim, Sunny traveled the world and co-authored a book on the art of lost-wax jewelry casting. She loved the fields and streams of Northern Michigan, the open water of the Florida Keys and the rocky coastline of Southwest Harbor, Maine. A celebration of Sunny's life will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at Fox Run Senior Living Community, 41000 13 Mile Road, Novi, MI, with a reception to follow. Private interment at Walled Lake Cemetery, Walled Lake, MI. In lieu of flowers, tributes to her most beloved cause and the fund she founded, the Duchenne Clinic Support Fund, Department of Neurology-Development, the University of Michigan Medical Center, 1000 Oakbrook, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.



MESSINA, FRANK

Passed away May 24, 2013 at his home in Monroe after a brave and exhausting 6-month battle with illness. Born January 13 1940 in Detroit. Frank was the son of Peter and Josephine Messina. Frank will always be remembered throughout the area as CEO and founder of Messina Concrete Inc. Over the past 40 years Frank, along with his wife Marlene worked tirelessly building the business he loved so much. A beacon of respect in the concrete industry Frank was always happy to help out anyone who needed more than others would be willing to give. Frank enjoyed golf, boating, travel, the casino, his grandchildren, spending time with his wife and his friends and as always, a good meal. Mario's in Detroit, Joes French Italian, Dolce Vita and Angelo's stand out as some of his favorites. His life was filled with love and happiness shared with Marlene, his wife of 51 years. His three children Joanne (Todd) Cameron, Debbie (David) Hanson and Vince (Christine) Messina; his five grandchildren Caitlyn, Jake, Avery, Emerson and Elliot; his sister and brother in law Pauline (Joe) Zichichi; his twin brother and sister in law Sam (Linda) Messina, his nephew and niece Peter and Linda; his dog Bella and countless cousins, friends, nephews, nieces, neighbors, suppliers, clients and employees. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4-8 PM and Wednesday from 1-8 PM in the Bacarella Funeral Home, 1201 S. Telegraph Rd., in Monroe. On Thursday, May 30, 2013 he will lie in state at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Monroe from 9:30 AM until Mass of the Resurrection Celebrating his life at 10:00 AM. Frank's wishes were that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to Mercy Memorial Hospital in his name. Online condolences, and special memories, may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary page at www.bacarellafuneralhome.com



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NARSESIAN, HARRY

Born August 29, 1923 in Detroit, the son of the late Vartan and Haiganoush (Kochadovian) Narsesian, passed away May 25, 2013 at the age of 89. Harry proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was wounded in Mt. Cassino, Italy and was awarded two purple hearts and two bronze stars for his service. He was employed as a salesman most of his life, his last employer being Rain Soft Water Treatment Systems, where he earned salesman of the year and worked for Lupe Isso. Harry loved to bowl and was a member of the Gilbert Kimball League for 30 years and served as league secretary for 20 years. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Debra Morris; sister, Percy Sarkisian; brother-in-law, Mary Sarkisian; and cousin, Scar (Anne) Hoesepian. Harry was the beloved husband of Patricia Ann McGill Narsesian; and loving father to Harry (April), Mark, Dale (Colette), Thomas, Kimberly (Douglas) Raby; and son-in-law, Edward Jay Morris. Also surviving to cherish his memory are 21 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-granddaughter; nephews, Greg and Jeff; and niece, Tara. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 900 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.grlansing.com
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SCHMIDT, JOHN H.

May 30, 2013 age 86, of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Kathleen. Loving father of Michael (Catherine), David, and Daniel. Proud Grandpa of Matthew and Christina. He served his country during World War II, while in The United States Naval Air Corps. Mr. Schmidt received his Bachelor's Degree from Thiel College in Pennsylvania, and his Master's Degree in Public Health, from the University of Michigan. He retired as a Supervisor from The Wayne County Health Department. The family will gather with friends, Sat., June 8 at 10AM until 11AM Memorial Service at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon (at Warren) Canton. Memorials may be made to Plymouth Historical Museum or St. Michael Memorial Garden.



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Schilk-Rittenberry

Dan and Roslyn Schilk of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Keli Marie, to Kevin Rittenberry, son of Carolyn Smith of Plymouth. Kelli is a graduate of Michigan State University and teaches second grade at South Canton Scholars Charter Academy in Canton. Kevin is employed by Adventure Window Cleaning and is studying nursing at Henry Ford Community College. A July 2013 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

59th wedding anniversary

Donald G. and Beatrice M. Hooper celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary May 17. The couple married in 1954 in Detroit and have been Livonia residents for 46 years. The couple has two children, Donald B. of Livonia and Elizabeth Haack of Waterford, along with five grandchildren, Nick Anderson, Rachel and Sean



Hooper and Tyler and Lydia Robertson. Donald retired from Manufacturers Bank

after 40 years of service. He's active in the Livonia Senior Men's Golf Association.

RELIGION CALENDAR

June

BARBECUE

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Saturday, June 8
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, just west of Inkster Road, in Livonia
Details: Food will include: North Carolina Pulled Pork Shoulder, Southern Bar-B-Q Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, red-skinned potatoes and lemonade. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$22 for a family box. At the door, tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$24 for a family box while supplies last. Carry out will be available. Bulk quantities also will be available; inquire for price.
Contact: (734) 422-1470

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9
Location: St. James Catholic Church, located on 10 Mile, west of Taft, Novi
Details: "Overture" from "Oklahoma," highlights from "Annie," "Far from the Home I Love," from "Fiddler on the Roof," are among the songs in this concert that also original compositions by Matthew Raetzle. Tickets are \$10. Students are free with ID
Contact: (248) 347-7778

DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 17-21
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Emmanuel Lutheran and Holy Cross Lutheran present this day camp for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. Day camp activities include opening and closing worship, games, arts and crafts, nature activities, Bible study and more. Early bird registration is \$55 for first child in a family, \$50 for the second child, and \$45 for third child. After May 26, registration fees are \$60 per child. Registration packets are available at Emmanuel Lutheran or at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-8822, or Cindy Channey at Holy Cross at (734) 427-1414

FINE ARTS CAMP

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 24-28
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Registration has begun for this camp for children entering grades 2-8. The theme of the week is "Joseph: from the pit to the palace." Youngsters will participate in fun-filled drama, art, music, hand bells and Bible time. They'll each choose one class to "specialize" in. The final day of camp will include an evening celebration when campers will show family and friends what they learned during the week. Lunch will be included in the

camp. Registration is \$35 by June 3. To register or for more information call the church or visit its website
Contact: (248) 553-3380; www.princeofpeacefills.org
ICE CREAM AND MUSIC
Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. June 8
Location: Oakland Hills Community Church, 37150 W. Eight Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Enjoy an ice cream cone while listening to the Chuck Tocco Band
Contact: (248) 478-5001
POMEGRANATE GUILD
Time/Date: 1 p.m. June 9
Location: Spicer House inside Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: The Guild studies and creates Judaic needlework. The June meeting will include a dairy potluck luncheon
Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337
TORAH TOPE STUDY
Time/Date: 7:30-8 p.m. Thursday, starting June 6
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Beth Ahm ritual assistant Nancy Kaplan will facilitate the study. Solid Hebrew reading skills are a pre-requisite. The ability to carry a tune is helpful but not required. There is no charge, but once the group gets off the ground there will be a modest materials fee. Anyone who is interested in learning more about Beth Ahm's new Torah Trope group may attend the first couple of sessions and then decide whether to register
Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Time/Date: 9:15 a.m.-noon, June 24-28
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia
Details: The session is called "Come, Follow Jesus and Walk in His Ways" and it will include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. It's aimed at youngsters, age 3-fifth grade. Cost is \$5 per child.
Registration is available now
Contact: (734) 422-1470, ext. 17 or visit www.sppc.org

July

FILM

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Screening of "The Hunger Games" with a Q and A afterward and refreshments provided. RSVP requested
Contact: (734) 425-5950; www.staidanlivonia.org

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

Event offers topics on aging, free health screenings

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will present its third annual Healthy Aging Conference, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Complimentary valet parking will be available at the hospital's south entrance.

Physician experts and exhibitors will focus on a variety of health topics on a variety of health topics, offer demonstrations and free health screenings. All activities are free.

The conference includes a boxed lunch with pre-registration, as well as free prizes and giveaways.

Seminar presentations include "Engaging the Mind - When is Memory Loss a Cause for Concern?" by a geriatrician, from 9-10 a.m.; "Engaging the Body," by Aron Henderson, exercise physiologist, 10-11 a.m.; "Engaging the Spirit," by Harsha Jayatilake, MD, medical director, Center for Integrative Medicine, 11 a.m.-noon.

Exhibitors will be on hand from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. with information on women's health, orthopedics, podiatry and physical rehabilitation, stroke awareness, eye and ear care, and heart health. Blood pressure, bone density, and depression screenings, as well as foot checks will be available and an "Ask the Doctor" station will field visitors' questions.



Aron Henderson will talk about "Engaging the Body" at a conference on aging at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.



Harsha Jayatilake, MD, medical director, Center for Integrative Medicine, will talk about "Engaging the Spirit" at a conference on aging at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

questions.

The free boxed lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

Pre-register for the event by calling (734) 655-1706 or visit stmarymercy.org/healthyagingconference.

Old parents may be good for your health

Children of parents who live to old age are more likely to live longer, and are less prone to cancer and other common diseases associated with aging, according to a study co-authored by a University of Michigan researcher.

The study found that individuals with a long-lived mother or father were 24 percent less likely to get cancer.

An international collaboration of scientists, led by experts at the University of Exeter Medical School, compared the children of long-lived parents to children whose parents survived to average ages for their generation.

Co-author Kenneth Langa, M.D., Ph.D., professor of internal medicine at U-M Medical School, is the associate director for the U-M-based Health and Retirement Study (HRS), which provided the data used for the study.

"The considerable benefits that we found in our study — both in terms of decreased cancer risk and longer life-span — need to be followed up and confirmed in additional studies with more detailed genetic information so we can better pinpoint the potential links between healthy long-lived parents and their healthy long-lived kids," Langa said.

The scientists classified long-lived mothers as those who sur-

vived past 91 years old, and compared them to those who reached average age spans of 77 to 91. Long-lived fathers lived past 87 years old, compared with the average of 65 to 87 years. The scientists studied 938 new cases of cancer that developed during the 18-year follow-up period.

The team also involved experts from the National Institute for Health and Medical Research in France and the University of Iowa.

They found overall mortality rates dropped by up to 19 percent for each decade that at least one of the parents lived past the age of 65. For those whose mothers lived beyond 85, mortality rates were 40 percent lower. The figure was a little lower (14 percent) for fathers, possibly because of adverse lifestyle factors such as smoking, which may have been more common in the fathers.

In the study, researchers analyzed data from a series of interviews conducted with 9,764 individuals taking part in the Health and Retirement Study. The participants were based in America, and were followed from 1992 to 2010. They were interviewed every two years, with questions including the ages of their parents and when they died. In 2010 the participants were in their 70s.

William Henley, a professor from

the University of Exeter Medical School, said previous studies found that the children of centenarians "tend to live longer with less heart disease, but this is the first robust evidence that the children of longer-lived parents are also less likely to get cancer."

"We also found that they are less prone to diabetes or suffering a stroke. These protective effects are passed on from parents who live beyond 65 — far younger than shown in previous studies, which have looked at those over the age of 80. Obviously children of older parents are not immune to contracting cancer or any other diseases of ageing, but our evidence shows that rates are lower. We also found that this inherited resistance to age-related diseases gets stronger the older their parents lived."

In analyzing the data, the team made adjustments for sex, race, smoking, wealth, education, body mass index, and childhood socioeconomic status. They also excluded results from those whose parents died prematurely — mothers who died younger than 61 or fathers younger than 46.

The study was carried out in preparation for a more detailed analysis of factors explaining why some people seem to age more slowly than others.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

June

BLOOD DRIVES

• A blood drive, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road in Farmington Hills, is intended to honor those injured or killed in the Boston Marathon bombings and to raise awareness of the need for blood when emergencies or disasters happen. To make an appointment to donate,

call (248) 473-1800 or register online at www.redcrossblood.org.

Enter the sponsor code costickcenter and follow the instructions to set up an appointment time for the blood drive.

• Blood donations will be accepted 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Friday, June 7, in the Community Room inside the Administration & Education Center located on the campus of Botsford Hospital, at 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Donors may visit www.givelife.org and

enter "Botsford" as the sponsor code to register for this blood drive. Or, donors may contact Amy Bowes, Botsford's Employee Services Department, at (248) 888-2610.

JOINT REPLACEMENT

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 27, and Wednesday, July 24, in Classroom 10 at the hospital, located on Five Mile at Levan,

Livonia. David Mendelson, MD, will speak at the session next month and Jeffrey Mendelson, MD, is the guest speaker for the July meeting. They'll talk about St. Mary Mercy's comprehensive group approach to joint replacement, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to assist patients through the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital. To register for the free seminar, call (734) 655-2345.

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

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

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

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

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Hey, That's Not A Lucky Clover ...Dealing with Plants that Make Us Itch

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert

You just spent a wonderful day hiking in the woods, when you notice you're developing a streaky rash with red bumps. Family Practice Physician and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Deborah Kay, gets to the root of poisonous foliage.

Dr. Kay
Family Practice

Q: We recently moved to a new home in a more rural area. There is plenty of room for my kids and dog to play and run around outdoors, but I am concerned about poison ivy and other plants that may be harmful. What should I look out for?

A: While poison ivy, oak, and sumac grow primarily in wooded or marshy areas throughout Michigan, it's not uncommon to find them in the suburbs or cities. These plants are not actually poisonous, but contain a long-lasting oil called urushiol that causes an itchy, blistering rash after it makes contact with skin.

A rash from poison ivy, oak, or sumac looks like patches or streaks of red, raised blisters, which won't spread unless the urushiol is still making contact on the skin. To avoid contact, keep your skin covered by wearing a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, gloves, and closed shoes if you're in an area where these plants may be lurking. You can also use a lotion containing bentoquatam, which acts as a barrier between urushiol and your skin.

Urushiol begins to stick to your skin within minutes of contact. If you know you have had contact with poison ivy, oak, or sumac, immediately wash the area with lukewarm water and soap. If water is unavailable, rubbing alcohol or alcohol wipes can remove urushiol. Keep the affected area cool, dry, and clean.

If someone in your household has poison ivy, oak, or sumac, you can't "catch" it from them, even if you have contact with the blisters. Only direct contact with urushiol causes the rash. Conversely, pets can carry urushiol on their fur and transmit the oil to humans. Make sure to give pets that have come into contact with urushiol a bath. Wear gloves to minimize exposure.

Contact your doctor if the rash develops close to your eyes or is widespread over your body. If needed, oral medications can be prescribed to help with swelling and itching. Go to the ER if you experience nausea, fever, shortness of breath, extreme soreness at the rash site, or swollen lymph nodes.

Never burn poison ivy, oak, or sumac. The smoke can be extremely dangerous, often resulting in hospitalization, and can irritate the eyes, nose, and respiratory tract. Instead, dress appropriately and dig out the plants, getting as much of the root as possible. Put the plants in a plastic trash bag and dispose of them. Be careful, urushiol remains active even on dead plants.

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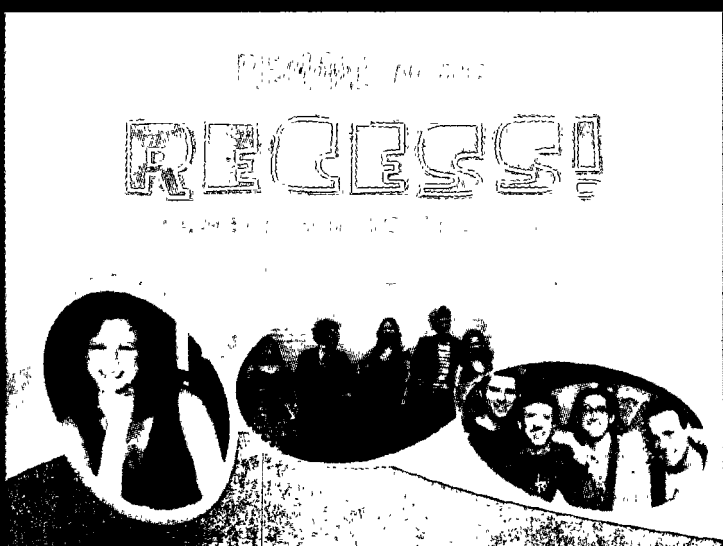
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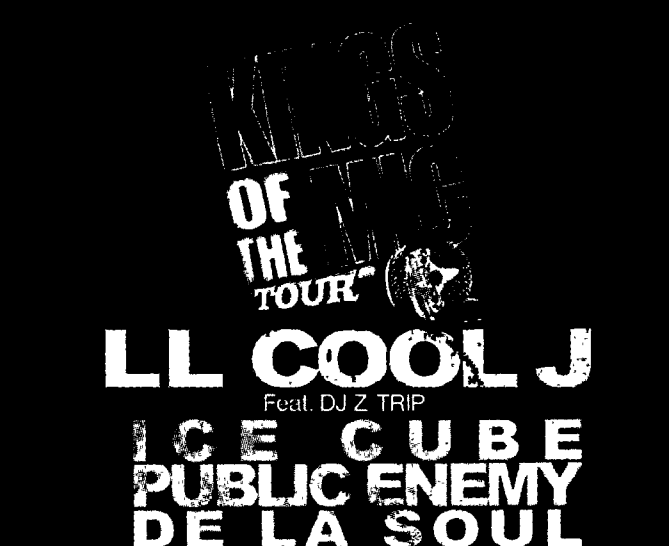
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Looking for a job: Your wants versus needs

Susan Ricker,
CareerBuilder Writer

When you're job searching, it can sometimes seem like you're in a dysfunctional relationship. It's always about what the companies want and what you're willing to compromise to make them happy. Consider this your intervention: You're in this relationship, too, and it's time to start asking for what you want.

When evaluating a position, decide what's on your list of requirements and what items are preferred, but not necessary. This will help you get what you want and increase your chances for long-term career happiness and success.

Career path

Are you moving closer to your dream job? When looking for a job, consider what direction you want to take your career. Doing so can help you narrow down which jobs to consider. Ask yourself: Is this relevant to my educational background, does this get me a step further in my career, or can it open up new doors for me? Is having a career important, or am I looking for a job strictly to pay the bills?

Dress code

Is your inner fashionista a factor in the job you're seeking? Dress code can have more of an impact on career satisfaction than you may think. Does

the position you're looking for require you to wear a uniform? Will you be expected to wear a suit most of the time? How much of your salary are you willing to spend on work clothes? Consider what you'd prefer to wear, and look for companies that are compatible with your style.

Education

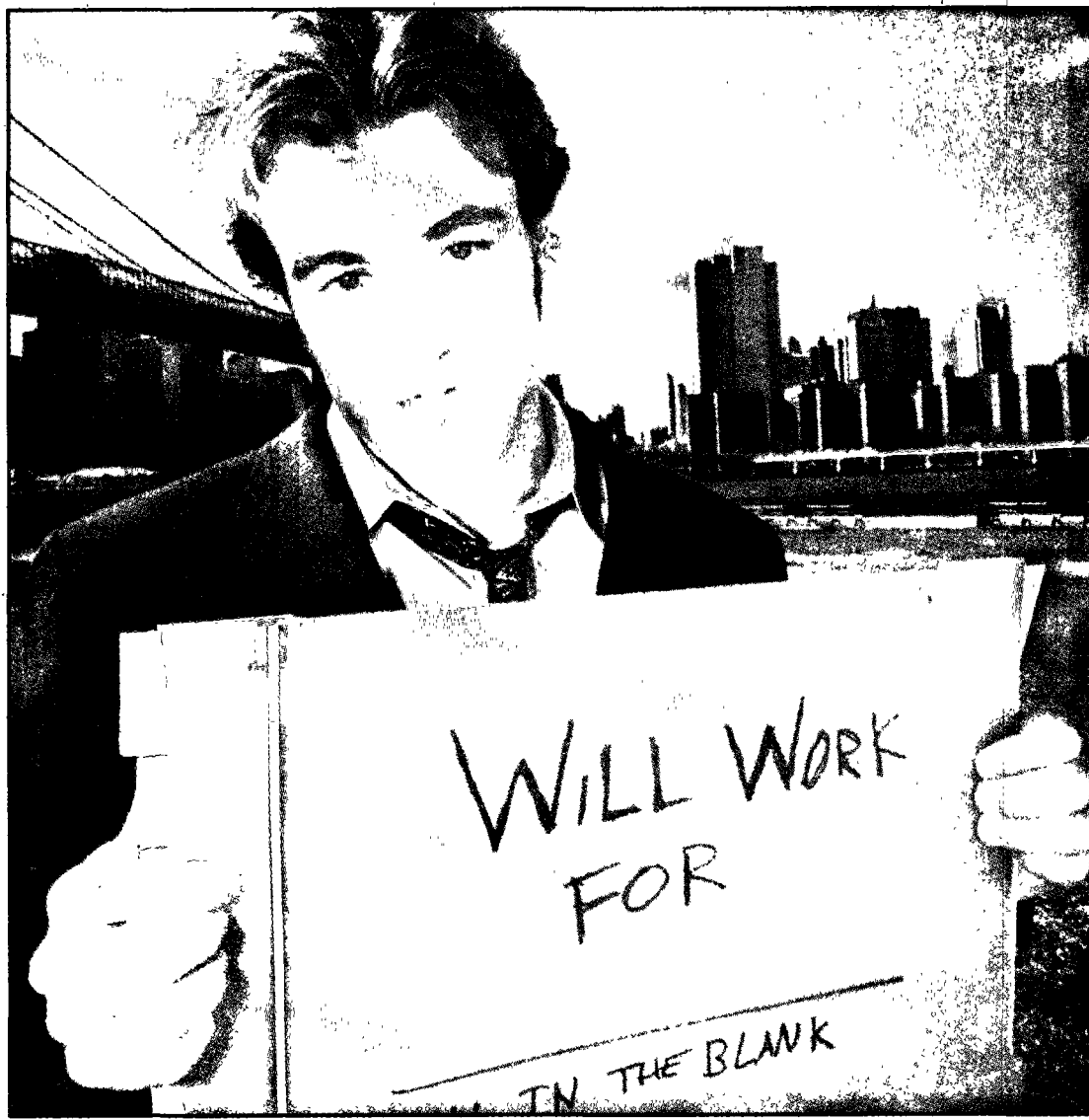
Some companies offer tuition reimbursement and other educational opportunities to their employees, including access to seminars, workshops and certifications. Research the companies that interest you, and find out what they offer. While you'll typically find more opportunities at larger companies, organizations of any size may provide some degree of training.

Insurance and benefits

Are you on somebody else's insurance plan, or are you looking for a job with health benefits? Determine which type of insurance you'd prefer and which benefits may not be as important to you. This will help you figure out what questions to ask hiring managers when discussing benefits.

Location

Are you willing to relocate for a great job? Is commuting an option for you? Or are you more interested in staying local? Being more flexible may



give you more opportunities in your job search. Also, consider if working from home is an option. Is it realistic, and do you have the self-discipline to work independently?

Salary

Do you have a certain income that you need to make to pay the bills? How flexible are your salary requirements? Although salary negotiations don't usually happen until after you receive a job offer, keep in mind what kind of budget you have and what your paycheck needs to be.

Travel

Are you looking for a job in which you can travel? Consider how much you'd be willing to travel for a job. Some positions require driving long distances or flying, while others only require working at one location.

Wellness opportunities

Wellness opportunities such as paid gym memberships or bicycles are increasingly being offered to employees to encourage healthy lifestyles and keep insurance costs low. Are you interested in better managing your well-being? Determine whether the companies you're

researching offer wellness opportunities to their employees.

After you decide what you want out of your job, you'll have a clearer picture of what positions you should be seeking and which companies offer the most relevant benefits. The key to any good relationship is being honest about what you want and working to get it.

Susan Ricker is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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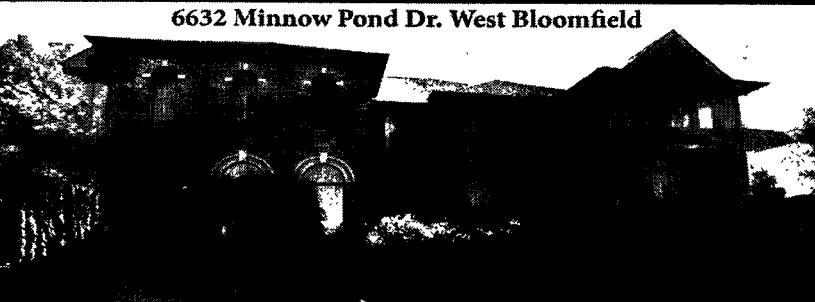
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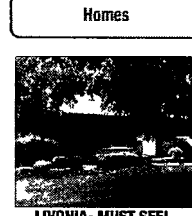
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Car Report

Chevrolet is rolling out its new Cruze clean-diesel model to U.S. dealerships with high hopes - and an overt nod to a Volkswagen franchise that General Motors is both attempting to emulate and to beat in a new competition around diesel technology in the mainstream of the U.S. market.

Until now, Volkswagen pretty much had American diesel demand to itself with Turbo Direct Injection clean-diesel versions available of its Golf, Jetta, Jetta Sportwagen and three other models available in the U.S. market. And its sibling brand, Audi, has been predominant in the luxury end of the American market for diesel power.

But GM is attempting to change that cozy equation by fielding the 2014 Cruze Clean Turbo Diesel, which will compete directly with Volkswagen's popular Jetta TDI sedan. Both come with 2-liter, 4-cylinder engines and standard automatic transmissions.

At 46 m.p.g. on the highway, GM has bragged that its car is the most fuel-efficient non-hybrid passenger car in the North America market.

On a full tank of diesel fuel, the new Cruze can travel 717 miles. The Jetta TDI Clean Diesel Premium gets 42 m.p.g.

"What we've been noticing in the marketplace is more interest in the diesel propulsion," said Chris Perry, vice president of Chevrolet marketing, in an interview with the Detroit Free Press. "There's

Chevrolet Cruze Diesel plans to draft off VW's success

more openness to that technology." Outside the U.S., GM sold 120,000 Cruze diesels in 2012. Most of those were sold in Europe.

U.S. sales of clean diesel cars actually fell by about 7 percent in the first four months of this year, but Volkswagens accounted for fully three-fifths of those vehicle sales.

And overall, the technology seems to keep sneaking up on people who should realize that clean diesel - even before Chevrolet Cruze - has become a viable "green" option for so many Americans.

The latest to notice the American trend toward clean-diesel powertrains is USA Today, which just reported that registrations of diesel-powered passenger vehicles increased by more than 24 percent from 2010 through 2012, according to the Diesel Technology Forum.

The increase wasn't as much as the 33-percent gain by hybrids. But the forces of diesel accomplished the gain with only 27 diesels available in the U.S. market, according to the Forum, compared with 36 hybrid models available.

The biggest advantages of diesel are a 20 to 40 percent advantage in mileage yield over the same volume of gasoline, and torque properties that many drivers prefer to those of conventional engines.

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The fuel-efficiency advantage, in turn, leads to a huge edge in "range" - or how far a vehicle can go on a tank of gasoline - that landed four VW TDI models on Consumer Reports' new list of "road-friendly" vehicles for vacations.

"This consistent growth in clean-diesel registrations in the last three years is particularly noteworthy since it has occurred during an economic recession, the availability of an extremely large number of fuel-efficient vehicles, which was topped off by some of the highest diesel-fuel prices in U.S. history," Allen Schaeffer, executive director of the Forum, noted in a press release.

Still, USA Today veteran auto reporter Chris Woodyard couldn't resist outdated clichés in his short report on clean diesel.

"Every time we've driven a new diesel car lately," he said, "we've been amazed at how indistinguishable they have become from conventional gasoline cars. No clatter. No smoke. No rattling engine noise. Now it appears consumers are catching on."

Meanwhile, GM can't seem to get away from giving Volkswagen a lot of credit for establishing the new clean-diesel market in the United States.

In fact, homage to Volkswagen - mixed with discussion of the new area of competition between the companies - is a prominent sub-theme not only of GM ex-

By Dale Buss

and to beat in a new competition around diesel technology in the mainstream of the U.S. market.

cutives' remarks about the Cruze diesel but also of media coverage of the new car's launch.


It all recognizes the fact that VW single-handedly built the modern clean-diesel segment in the general car market in America over the last several years by spreading its TDI technology across much of its vehicle line-up and by supporting diesel power in other ways.

"What we've been noticing in the marketplace is more interest in the diesel propulsion," Chris Perry, vice president of Chevrolet marketing, told the Free Press. "There's more interest in that form of propulsion."

Further, Automotive News reported that GM engineers "benchmarked the VW Jetta diesel" as they put together the Cruze diesel beginning three years ago and noted that the Cruze diesel "is the first serious challenge to Volkswagen's diesel dominance in mainstream cars."

The magazine said that Volkswagen is on track to sell 100,000 diesel-powered cars in the U.S. this year, up about 20 percent from 2012.

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- Spring croaker (2 wds.)
- Peel
- Beethoven's "Moonlight -"
- Hearths
- Aunt or bro.
- A crowd, for Caesar?
- Revise
- Sparkling
- Opposing force
- 30-day mo.
- Bucharest is its cap.
- Steering devices

DOWN

- Gets tangled
- One lacking experience
- In full view
- Hoisted
- Wall painting
- Galleon cargo
- More waterlogged

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