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Mosquito abatement

Westland has begun its annual Mosquito Abatement Program. The Department of Public Service has been applying Vectolex Water Soluble Pouches and Bactomos Briquettes to more than 11,000 catch basins and ditches that have been identified as possible mosquito breeding grounds.

The city began the Mosquito Abatement Program in 2003, in an effort to protect residents against the West Nile Virus.

Residents also have the option to purchase the Vectolex Water Soluble Pouches and Bactomos Briquettes from the Department of Public Service, located at 37137 Marquette.

Westland council considers new city hall floor plan

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland council members are being asked to give their approval to a floor plan for the new City Hall within about a week.

A study session was held Monday to review plans for City Hall, which will be located in the retrofitted former Circuit City building on Warren Road east of Central City Parkway.

"We've been tasked with locking down a basic floor plan. They (the architects) need that

to figure out the HVAC and electrical drops," said Council President James Godbout. "The directors have gone through this. The biggest change will be for the employees."

Unlike the current City Hall, which has separate counters for the Clerk's Office and Finance Department, there will be one large counter for citizens needing assistance. Clerical staff will be seated in a common area and cross-trained.

"There will still be subject matter experts but they will all be cross-

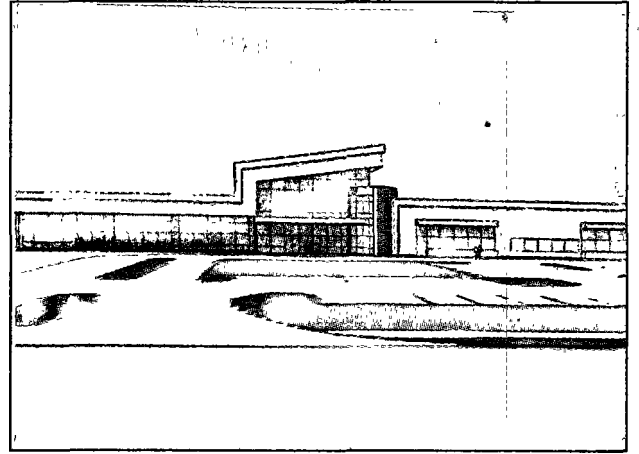
trained to handle any department function," said Godbout.

Computer access

When you entered the new City Hall, there will be a glass wall on the right side with a door opening toward the counter. That door can be locked after hours when the west side of the building which has four meeting rooms might be in use.

The City Hall lobby will have a computer on which assessing infor-

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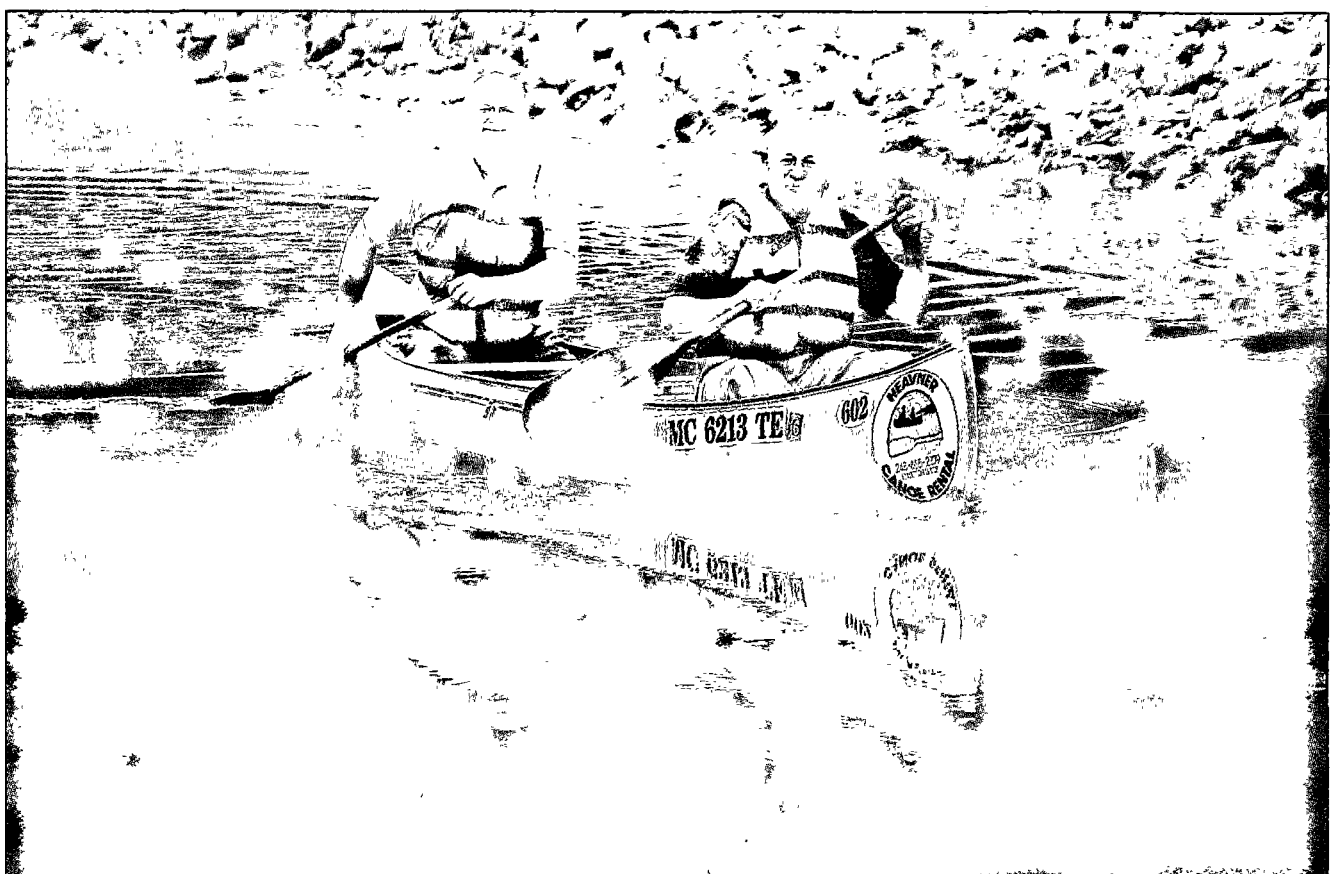
This is a rendering of the new City Hall that will be housed in the retrofitted former Circuit City store on Warren Road east of Central City Parkway. The color and materials on the building facade haven't been determined.

Bond rating

Moody's Investors Service has raised its bond rating for the City of Westland's Water and Sewer System revenue bonds from a Baa2 to A3, a vast improvement from previous years. Obligations rated 'A' are considered upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

The higher rating is a result of the city's sustained improvement in its financial position and performance. Specifically, the upgrade reflects the water and sewer system's improved financial position due to increased revenues. Other rating factors considered by Moody's Investors Service include Westland's debt coverage ratio and residential stability.

"My administration, working with the Westland City Council, have made some critical moves to get our rating back up and it has paid off," said Mayor William Wild. "Our next step is to put together a water and sewer capital improvement plan. In the long run, that plan, coupled with a better bond rating, will save the city considerable dollars that will result in more infrastructure improvement."



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Special delivery

Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, in the bow of the canoe, and Jeff Vallender of Heavener Canoe Rental, at the stern, paddle their way to the ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday officially celebrating removal of the Wayne Road dam and habitat restoration in that section of the Rouge River. See story and more photos on Page A6.

Thrift store treasure

\$20 painting turns out to be an original watercolor

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It may not rise to the level of finding one of 200 original authentic copies of the Declaration of Independence or a poster advertising a 1958 exhibition of ceramic sculptures signed by the artist Pablo Picasso, but Brenda Tonak of Westland is pleased to know the \$20 watercolor she bought at the Garden City Salvation Army Thrift store is the real deal.

The 30-by-40-inch watercolor is the work of Bulgarian-born artist Donna Pet-



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brenda Tonak shows off her original Donna Petcoff Watson watercolor she bought for \$20 at the Salvation Army Thrift Store in Garden City.

coff Watson and hangs in her Tonak's living room. It's been appraised at \$2,000, but unlike the Picasso poster or copy of the Declaration

of Independence, there's no chance the artwork will go to auction.

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Westland neighborhood gets LED street lights

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A second area of Westland will be getting upgraded energy efficient street lights partially funded through a DTE Energy grant.

The council has approved a contract for the lighting improvements around Joy and Ann Arbor Trail — roughly the area around Corrado Park.

The city will pay \$12,235 of the \$20,735 project costs, thanks to the DTE Energy Optimization Grant.

"This is the second project — it was in Annapolis Park (subdivision) last year," said Westland Mayor William Wild.

The 67-watt LED lights will save the city an estimated \$16,321 annually. That means the initial cost to the city will be recouped in approximately 10 months.

The street lights to be replaced are between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail in the neighborhood bound by Liberty Boulevard and August and south of Ann Arbor

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"As far as I'm concerned, I bought it for the wall of my living room," said Tonak. "The colors are exactly what I wanted for my living room."
Tonak had planned on looking up information on the artist after buying the watercolor four years ago, but it wasn't until she and her husband, William, were watching a recent *Antiques Road Show* on PBS that she decided to search for information on Watson on the Internet.

"As soon as I landed on her page knew this was an original by Donna, so I sent an e-mail to the address on the site," she said.

Original artwork

A day later, she received a reply e-mail and found out that her \$20 thrift store watercolor was painted in the early 1980s and is valued at \$2,000. She also learned that all of Watson's work is original — she does no reproductions — making her piece highly collectible among the art world.
Tonak and her husband frequent thrift stores and antique stores, searching for oil lamps, old furniture and glass-

ware. Watson's artwork caught her eye. The painting had what Tonak was looking for the large wall in her living room. The colors — shades of burgundy — were what she wanted, but she left the store. "The picture really caught my eye and I couldn't stop thinking about it, I just knew I had to have it," said Tonak. "I knew I had to go back, it spoke to me."

Tonak described the watercolor as simple, but beautiful with trees, mountains and swans. "What I love the most about Donna and this piece is the hidden gems inside," she said. "It took months of staring at it to even see the swans in the

painting."
Tonak talked with Watson who has a gallery, run by her brother, in Lakeland, Fla., and discovered that the painting dates back to the 1970s when Watson was doing a lot of local art shows. It's framed in what she called a cheap gold frame, which Watson used to keep the price of artwork down.
"She told me Jacobson's wanted to do copies of her work to sell, and she wouldn't allow it," Tonak said. "She only sells original artwork."

Other 'finds'

Tonak also has a few other treasures in her home. Sitting under Wat-

son's painting is a small table, she paid \$5 for, again at the Salvation Army. The table was wobbly, but very unique. It wasn't until she flipped it over and found a piece of paper taped to the bottom what she discovered it was given to someone in 1919 as a wedding gift.

"I didn't see it until I put it in the car," she said.

Then there's a \$10 cabinet she bought at a garage sale that still had the maker's tag in it. The cabinet turned out to be used to hold piano rolls and was appraised by DuMouchelle's 10 years ago for \$200. Today it holds old books that

belonged to her husband's mother, one of which is entitled *World War*. Obviously, it was written at the World War I, Tonak said.

Admittedly, if someone walked in the door and offered her \$2,000 for Watson's watercolor, she said she would consider it, but she's shelved the suggestion of her 8-year-old grandson to give it to him.

"He didn't want it because he liked it, he wanted it because he could sell it and buy a lot of video games, she said.

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CITY HALL

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information can be reviewed. There will also be kiosks at which residents can pay water and other city bills without having to go to the counter.
The new council chambers will have fixed seating instead of the current chairs which are movable. The table where council members are seated for meetings will have more than the required seating.
"There are 14 members of the Conference of Western Wayne. Sometimes they meet here. This way they all can sit here," said Deputy Mayor

Jade Smith.
The conference room directly off the council chambers is being designed to hold 50 people — up from the 30-person capacity of the current council conference room.

In addition to the current functions housed at City Hall, the new building will bring in the Department of Public Services administration, Economic Development, the Planning/Building Department, WLND cable television operations and Youth Assistance.

"Youth Assistance is coming over. They do so much after hours, they will be in the back," said Smith. "They will have

their own restroom. They do some drug testing and now they have to go into the police department."

Meeting rooms

The nearly 64,000-square-foot building had more space than needed for city offices. As a result, several meeting rooms located in the west end of the building will be available for public use ranging from meetings to weddings and showers. A warming kitchen will be located adjoining the meeting rooms, which will have equipment technology to facilitate training sessions.

The new City Hall will include large storage areas that will allow

the city to end leases for storage space off site.

"There is a lot of storage but as we move to be paperless we will need less storage," said Smith. "The need for physical storage will be less and less."

• Responding to a question, Smith said the building's loading dock will be maintained once City Hall is open. "The clerk's voting machines need to be kept in climate-controlled areas," he said. "They will move here and the loading dock will help."

• One of the challenges in retrofitting the building, Smith said, was changing the look from big box retail to a municipal building.

The elevation presented shows ceiling to floor windows on the building's main entrance and on the west side where the meeting rooms are located. The color of the facade hasn't been determined.

The building is being designed to be energy efficient and handicap accessible.

The City Hall project is still in the design phase but Smith said an October 2014 is the target.

"We're doing what we can to push on this," he said.

The city also recently purchased the nearby former Service Merchandise property on Nankin Boulevard to be the site for a new \$3

million fire station 1. It would replace the current station on Ford just east of City Hall.

Closed an estimated 20 years, the former store on Nankin Boulevard would eventually be demolished.

Both projects would be funded by the Tax Incremental Financing Authority, which recaptures tax in its district for public improvements.

Plans also call for a new fire station to be built on part of the approximately 10-acre site with no decision yet on what would be done with the excess land.

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LIGHTS

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Trail between Carousel Boulevard and Donna. DTE Energy will upgrade nearly 150 older street lights that are energized by series cir-

cuits. These street lights pose problems because when one street light goes out, other lights on the circuit can be affected.

The upgrades to LED from mercury vapor will ensure that when there is a problem with one street light, other lights

on the circuit will continue to operate, said Wild. In addition, the new lights will be significantly more energy efficient.

To complete each phase of the project safely, DTE Energy will shut off power to impacted street lighting circuits for 30-40 days, begin-

ning this month. Signs will be posted on street lights that are affected by the upgrade work and door hangers will be left at area homes and businesses to notify them that work is being done.

As work on each circuit is completed, street lights will be restored as quick-

ly as possible to lessen the impact on the community.

"The City of Westland is honored to be chosen by DTE Energy for this investment in our aging infrastructure and for ensuring that the residents of our community feel safe," said Wild.

For questions or for more information, contact DTE Energy's Community Lighting Department at (800) 548-4655 or go to dteenergy.com/lights for project status reports.

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W-W sees continued drop in state aid

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder may have good things to say about the 2013-14 education budget, but for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools the fiscal plan approved by the state Senate last month represents a fourth straight year of revenue loss.

The district, which has had its per pupil funding slashed by more than \$900 over the past three years, will project a loss \$16 per student in state aid when the school board takes up the 2013-14 budget at its meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow. In four years, the district has gone from \$7,99 per pupil to next years \$7,073 per pupil.

"We've looked at all the components of the school aid bill and the net impact on Wayne-Westland will be a negative \$16 per student," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "Due to the retirement rates and other nuances of the bill, Wayne-Westland will lose money. The equity of per pupil funding has not been addressed."

According to Baracy, Wayne-Westland will receive an equity payment increase of \$3 per pupil, or about \$37,500. The 2X formula will increase the district's foundation allowance by \$60 increase, but when the percentage increase districts must pay for retirement costs is factored in, the net change is a "negative \$16 per student."

"There are some districts that are winners in this budget, but not us," said Baracy. "With the recent negotiated settlements, we hope to be able to make it through 2014-2015. We have a good chance with our cost containments."

Cost savings

In March, Wayne-Westland school employees agreed to wages cut and to pay more health care cost in contract extensions, preventing the district from going into deficit in fiscal 2013-14. The concessions will save the district an estimated \$11-\$13 million over three years and avoid a deficit through 2014-15.

Baracy said lawmakers "have to get their priorities correct and start making education a priority in Michigan," a sentiment shared by state Sens. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Hoon-Yung Hoppgood, D-Taylor, whose district includes a portion of Wayne-Westland.

Anderson called passage of the education budget "a sad continuation of Gov. Snyder and legislative Republicans' devastating disinvestment in education at all levels over the last three years."

"A budget should be a blueprint of the state's priorities and what investments we in the Legislature believe are critical to our future," said Anderson, Democratic vice chair on the Senate Appropriations Committee. "Instead of properly funding all of

our schools, from K-12 to higher ed, this Education Omnibus Budget unnecessarily pits all of them against each other for the money they need to survive and adequately support or kids."

'More insolvency'

"This budget will continue to push more schools into insolvency and continue the erosion of our state's public education system," he said.

"If the crumbling school districts statewide tell us anything, it's that the current funding formula isn't working," added Hoppgood, the Senate Democrat on the Education Omnibus Budget Conference Committee. "The people of Michigan deserve a budget that provides real solutions to the problems our schools are facing, and the budget passed in the Senate simply doesn't make the cut."

Snyder, however, said the education of Michigan's youth is a top priority and maintains that state is in a stronger financial position today because of "smart, timely and forward-thinking budgeting."

"With an overall per pupil funding increase and by helping school districts with retirement costs, we are ensuring more dollars find their way to the classroom. Higher education will also receive sizable funding increases," Snyder said.

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Soaked!

Some students celebrate the end of the school year by running out the door at the end of the day, but at St. Damian School in Westland, the tradition is getting soaked. On Thursday, students spent the very last half hour of the school year getting hosed down by Wayne-Westland Fire Sgt. Jeff Milas.



Window dressing

The William D. Ford Career Technical Center has partnered with the Wayne Ripple Effect to create a great display of student artwork in downtown Wayne. Businessman Paul Visingardi donated windows the store front at 3023 S. Wayne Road, between Elm and Chestnut, that are filled with award-winning projects created by current and former graphic design students. In addition to helping to beautify downtown Wayne, these pieces won Gold and Silver Keys at the Scholastic Art Awards. Also on display are portfolios that won thousands of dollars in scholarship money from the College of Creative Studies. Visingardi owns Vizzy's Pizza on Ford Road in Westland.



Did you know many people aren't aware they have lost a lot of their hearing, it happens so slowly and over a long period of time?

Hearing loss, also known as hearing impairment, is a sudden or gradual decrease in the ability to hear. Although hearing loss is especially common in older adults, it affects people of all ages, can range from mild to severe, and can be reversible, temporary, or permanent.

The most common causes of hearing loss are age and exposure to noise over a long period of time. People who have hearing loss are sometimes not aware of it, especially when the loss has developed gradually.

Hearing loss can be conductive or sensorineural.

In **conductive** hearing loss, the transmission of sound (conduction) is misdirected or blocked from passing into the inner ear. Anything that disrupts the passage of sound through the external and middle ear—such as hardened earwax, a foreign object,

abnormal bone growth, swelling or tumor—can cause this type of hearing loss. Conductive hearing loss usually can be reversed by treating the cause.

In **sensorineural** hearing loss, sound reaches the inner ear, but a problem in the inner ear—or in the cochlear (auditory) nerve or, in rare cases, in the brain itself—prevents proper hearing. Damage to the tiny hair cells in the cochlea, resulting from age-related changes or repeated noise exposure, is the most common cause of sensorineural hearing loss. Conditions such as stroke, multiple sclerosis, or a tumor sometimes cause nerve damage that may result in sensorineural hearing loss.

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Garden City Middle School students Garrett Harris (from left), Daniel Adams and Jake Bohn show off their concept cars which were chosen as first-, second- and third-place winners respectively in a design contest.



Ford design engineer Niko Vidakovic (left) and art teacher Mary Wertz watch students as they work on their own concept car designs.

Students mix art and writing in car design contest

By Sue Mason
 Staff Writer

Their designs may never make it to the assembly line, but for a brief period, students at Garden City Middle School had the opportunity to design a concept vehicle and persuade judges theirs was the best choice.

At stake were gift cards to McDonald's and bragging rights for having the most innovative vehicle.

The contest was a collaborative effort of teachers Mary Wertz and Jennifer Fontenot-Vidakovic and Chief Design Engineer Niko Vidakovic of Ford of Europe.

Fontenot-Vidakovic has a writing program that correlates with her husband's work as an

art engineer. He came to Wertz's art class and worked with 40 students who were challenged to design a concept car and then write about it.

"We worked together from an art perspective," Wertz said. "Niko taught them what a concept car can be and they had to write a persuasive essay focusing on the features. He taught them the principles of design and then started teaching them the basics."

"He started with the wheels and they worked on the ratio from the wheels up," she added.

Based in Germany, Vidakovic looked at the students' work and read their essays, selecting the first-, second- and third-place winners. The work was scanned and sent to

Europe to Vidakovic, who selected the three winners. Unable to be at the school, he announced the winners using an Internet connection.

"Actually, it's very good work and there's a lot of talent in the class," he said.

Green Eagle

Vidakovic selected as the winner a Ford F-150 concept pickup truck designed by Garrett Harris. Called the Green Eagle, the eco-friendly truck was made from recycled material, powered by vegetable oil and "drove as smoothly as an eagle flying through the air."

"It's an all-terrain vehicle that gets 30 miles per gallon," Harris wrote in his essay, which he read to the class. "It shines

bright because of its reflective paint and can carry 10 times its own weight. It has a touch screen for the lights and wipers."

"It's pretty inventive stuff," Vidakovic said. "I would buy it actually."

Second-place went to Daniel Adams, who took every Firebird design, merged them together and then "put in my touches."

"It gets 85 miles per gallon," Adams said.

Jake Bohn received a third-place honor for his Shelby GT 500 with a spoiler on the back.

"I think it looks cool," he said.

Vidakovic had planned to take the winners to the Ford Design Center, but because he was delayed

in returning to the U.S., they received gift certificates to McDonald's. Harris got a \$50 gift card, Adams a \$20 card and Bohn a \$10 card. They also received framed certificates. The rest of the students in the project received participation certificates.

Function, emotion

In working with the students, Vidakovic sketched several cars for the students and shared the philosophy behind his work. Wertz created a display case in the hallway outside her art room that shared his message: "Form follows function, form follows emotion."

He also advised those students who expressed an interest in design work

that they will have to "commit to it totally."

Vidakovic got his training at the Design College of Munich and then attended the Royal College of Art in London to study car design.

"Car design is more and more important to the car industry," he said. "It has to do with art and a lot with excitement."

Principal Brian Sumner filled in for Vidakovic in presenting the awards.

"I want to thank you. It was a unique opportunity for our kids," he said.

"I enjoyed talking with the children and starting the project with them," Vidakovic responded.

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W-W OKs new K-5 social studies curriculum

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is rolling out a new social studies curriculum in kindergarten through fifth-grade, and Jenna Mullins couldn't be happier.

A teacher at Elliott Elementary School, Mullins has been piloting the Michigan Citizenship Collaborative Curriculum, MC3, in her third-grade classroom and has seen what it can do.

"I used MC3 and the connection made with the social studies topics was more than I had ever seen in the past," said Mullins. "As I was teaching it, the connections were authentic and automatic. I heard the students' conversations and how they were

able to talk about topics. It went beyond what I had ever experienced. Social studies really meant something to the kids."

The Wayne-Westland school board recently approved implementation of MC3, which was developed by several intermediate school district and regional educational agencies to help local school districts in implementing social studies content standards. It offers multiple lessons for each topic and a literary connection and the use of current resources, although no other resources are needed, said Mullins.

Students' needs

"Everything is there to teach a comprehensive curriculum with what is provided," said Mullins,

who led the Social Studies Content Committee in examining the curriculum. "The committee wanted to ensure that the resources covered all the grade level content standards and would not leave teachers hunting for other resources. We combed through the units, we literally went page by page to make sure it met the needs of the students."

Their conclusion was MC3 provides a "cohesive and high quality curriculum and materials" for teaching in K-5 classrooms.

"It was more complete, there was more information," said Mullins. "MC3 had me with the word connections."

The beauty of the curriculum, according to Aaron Baughman, executive

director of curriculum development, is the cost. There is none associated with acquiring the curriculum because MC3 was produced through a state-wide collaboration, utilizing grant money. The expense the district will incur will be in creating 7,800 student workbooks and 660 teacher binders.

The binders will cost just over \$15,500, while the workbooks will cost \$32,374. That expense will be charged to the elementary building budgets "since they represent the student copies the teachers would make throughout the year."

New workbooks

"We put the materials together in new workbooks to hand out; we save on the cost by doing it in

advance," said Baughman. "With the copious amount of material here, the teachers have a number of selections and definitely will have to choose what to do and not do. That's a good problem to have."

He added that the program goes forward and that teachers are already looking at using it for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students.

"There's no better time to develop an appreciation for our nation's history and the complex nature of the world," said school board Vice-President Thomas Buckalew, a retired high school history teacher. "Getting them interested now is really special."

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Two students receive Wayne High alumni scholarships

Two Wayne Memorial students have selected to receive 2013 Wayne High Schools Alumni Association

Ashley Carey and Jason Spurlock received the awards at the annual Wayne High Schools Alumni Association reunion, held on May 17 at The Wayne Tree Manor in Wayne.

Carey is the daughter of Angela and Jamey Carey. She participated in a variety of activities, including volleyball and swimming, and received an Academic Letter (3) and a Zebra Award. Carey plans to attend Schoolcraft Community College and major in pediatric nursing because she loves working with and



Carey



Spurlock

helping children.

Spurlock is the son of Doris and William Spurlock. He was president of the Robotics Team, a senior member of the National Honor Society and advertising director of the World Language Club. In addition, he received an Academic Letter. He plans to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn Campus and major in engineering because he loves science, technology and mathematics.

The primary mission of the association is to award scholarships to deserving Wayne Memorial High School graduates through donations from members and friends. The goal is to create an endowment fund that will continually give scholarships into the future.

The association awarded its first scholarship of \$500 per year for four years in 1986. In 1997 the Scholarship Award was increased to \$1,000 per year. In 2001, two \$1,000 scholarship awards were granted. In 2008, the award was increased to \$1,500.

To date, the association has granted \$127,000 in scholarships to deserving

Wayne Memorial High School graduates.

Wayne Mayor Al Haidous presented Alumni Association President Richard Smith and the Executive Board, with a plaque in appreciation for hosting the annual reunion and presenting scholarships to deserving Wayne Memorial High School seniors.

Tickets also were sold for a chance to win a Lottery Board with \$100 in various lottery tickets. The winner was 1967 graduate Bill Miller.

For more information, contact the association at waynehighalumni@aol.com or sscott1@wcccd.edu or visit the association website at www.waynehighalumni.com.

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Happy day: Wayne celebrates dam removal

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially celebrate removal of the Wayne Road dam and habitat restoration in that section of the Rouge River was held Friday morning.

To highlight the new navigability of the Rouge River in Wayne, Mayor Al Haidous ceremonially arrived by canoe.

"This is the first time I've introduced someone who has arrived by canoe," said James Ridgway, executive director of the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

Canoeing, kayaking and fishing are activities Wayne officials are hoping to see a lot of as restoration of the river and wildlife habitat continues.

"This is a happy day in the City of Wayne. It's the beginning of new hope to make the city a destination for recreation," said Haidous. "We've been dreaming of this day for so long."

The multi-year \$1.14 million project reconnects 11 miles of the Lower Rouge River and 110 miles of tributary streams to the Detroit River and the Lake Erie ecosystem. It had been approximately 100 years since the Lower Rouge had been connected barrier-free with the Great Lakes system.

NOAA grant

Largely funded by a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant, the project removed a 1917 dam underneath Wayne Road as well as a 40-foot man-made island located in the river a short distance downstream.

Once the island and the dam, used to help pump



Wayne Mayor Al Haidous welcomes U.S. Rep John Conyers to the celebration.

the city's water, were removed, the river bed and banks were restored. Fish tagged and released downstream are already being seen in the Wayne section of the Rouge River.

It's a project that involved county and local officials, as well as regional and community groups. Elected officials and staff who worked on the dam removal project were presented with commemorative pieces of the dam.

Efforts are underway by the Friends of the Rouge, the local communities and Wayne County to establish the Lower Rouge Water Trail which will connect with the Rouge Water Trail and the Detroit River Heri-

tage Water Trail.

The Lower Branch of the Rouge River flows through Superior and Canton townships and the cities of Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

The idea about removing the dam had been around for about a decade before coming to fruition. Haidous brought the concept to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano a number of times.

"Bob Ficano may have wondered what this guy was talking about," said Haidous. "The river was blocked and polluted."

'Mr. Rouge'

Haidous cited the efforts of local Rouge Rescue coordinator Kurt



Friends of the Rouge Board member Adam Cloutier with daughters Ellieana, 5, and Graycee, 3, take the new stairs that lead down to the river.

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Kuban - Haidous calls him Mr. Rouge - with getting people involved locally with cleaning up the river.

On the day that U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Trenton, officially became the country's longest serving congressman, Haidous said he especially wanted to thank him for helping get the city \$14 million to pay for most of the unfunded federal mandate to get sewage out of the river.

"Without him, this project would not be reality," said Haidous.

Removal of the dam and restoration of the wildlife habitat on the

Rouge River was definitely the vision of a number of partners, said Ficano.

"I didn't think you (Haidous) were completely crazy when you kept saying you wanted canoeing on the river," said Ficano. "Who thought 20 years ago that we would be talking about fishing and canoeing on the Rouge River? It's something of a small miracle."

Not too many years ago the only goal relating to the Rouge River was removing sewage, said Kevin Buford, Westland Department of Public Services director and

chairman of the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

"Now we are opening the Lower Rouge to Great Lakes fish with the dam removal. It had been a barrier for years," said Buford. "In 1992, no one was thinking of recreation on the river - it was a distant hope for canoeing, fishing and recreation."

For Wayne, the hope is that the river will attract not only visitors but new residents and help spur a revitalization of the community.

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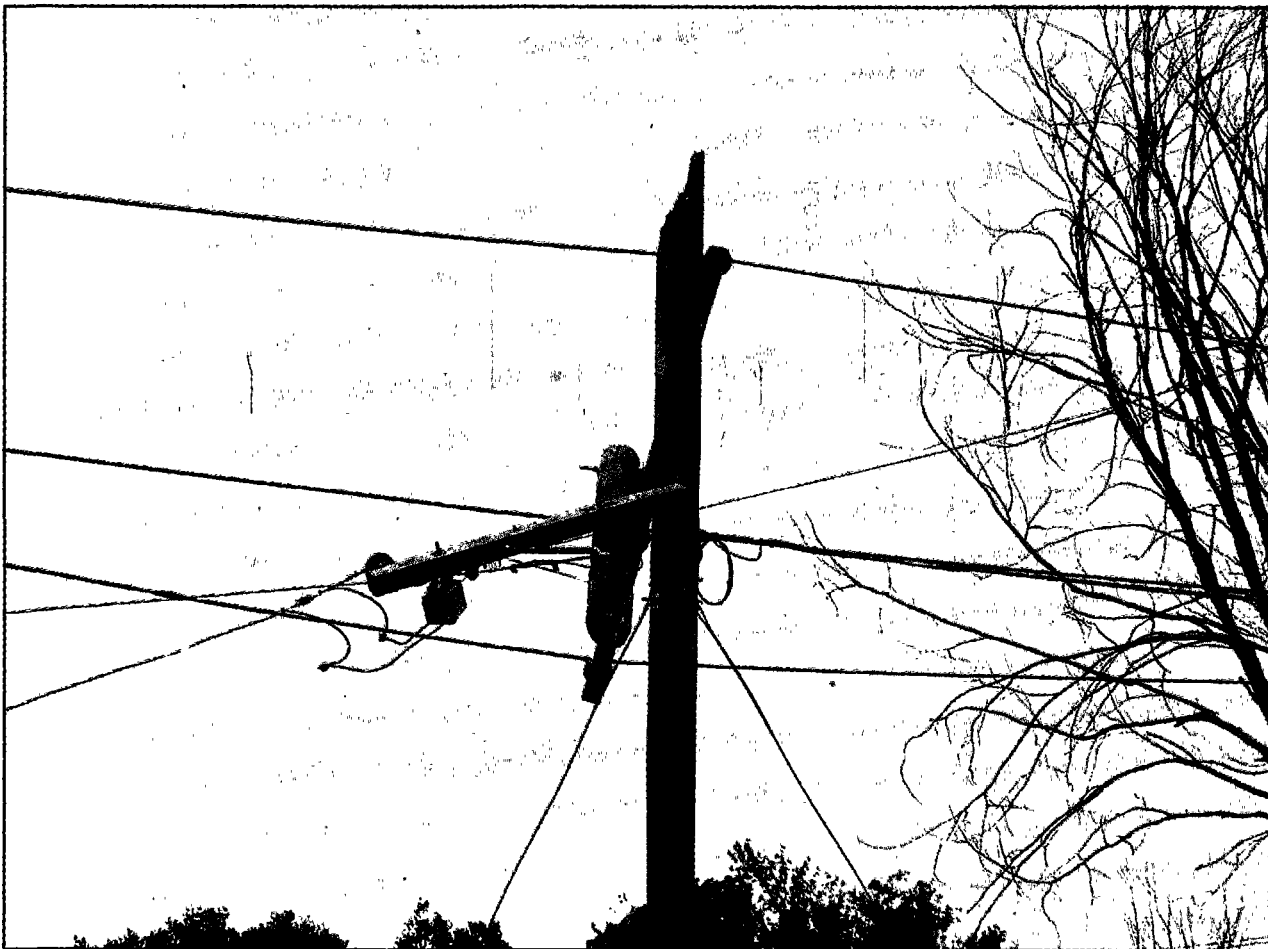
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A utility pole at Ford and Henry Ruff broke in half Thursday after it caught fire for an unknown reason. Motorists were detoured for three hours midday and advised to take alternate routes.

Utility pole fire closes Ford intersection for 3 hours

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

A utility pole at the southeast corner of Ford and Henry Ruff caught fire midday Thursday and halted traffic through the intersection for three hours.

"We don't know what caused it," said Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman Friday. "We hope it doesn't happen again."

The area was closed to

traffic from about 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Harman said that there was a fire initially and the pole eventually broke.

"The wires remained intact and there were no reported power outages," she said.

The incident was a repeat occurrence.

"The pole was replaced in April due to fire," Harman said.

On April 13, the same pole caught fire and broke causing prima-

ry and secondary lines to come down.

"The cause of the fire for both incidents is undetermined," Harman said. "The weather was not a factor and there were no lines in direct contact with the pole where the fire started," Harman said. "No one was injured in either incident. Ford Road was completely shut down as was Henry Ruff due to the hazard."

"We were fortunate that

DTE was able to respond in a timely manner and make the necessary repairs," she said.

The Wayne County Road Commission responded to both incidents to evaluate the height of the traffic lights to ensure they would not interfere with semi trucks passing through, she added.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Caretakers event

Wayne County Commissioner Diane L. Webb is holding her second annual Veterans, Families and Caretakers Event 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 18 (doors open 5:30 p.m.) at VFW Post 7546, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights.

Keynote speakers include State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, chair of Veterans Appropriations Committee; Robert Price, director of Michigan Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, and Kevin Kelley, director of Wayne County Senior and Veteran Affairs.

Garage Sale

Garden City Boy Scout Troop 1241 is looking for donations for its annual garage sale. The sale, which helps support the troop, will be held Thursday through Saturday, June 13-15, at the Boy Scout house on Middlebelt at Hennepin.

The scouts will accept everything except air conditioning units and refrigerators. Call Marcia Pyle at (734) 612-6005 to make a donation.

Summer H.E.A.T.

Registrations is being accepted through June 13 for the Garden City Parks and Recreation Department's Family Resource Center Summer H.E.A.T. 2013 program.

Summer Heat is a six-week drop-in summer recreation program for children ages 7-11. It encourages children to participate in healthy and fun, pro-social activities. The weeks will be filled with games, arts and crafts, sports, and other recreational fun.

Children will also have an opportunity to attend field trips, and each child will receive and decorate a Summer H.E.A.T. T-shirt.

Summer H.E.A.T. cost \$60 per child and runs Monday, July 8, through Thursday, Aug. 15. The hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. It will be held at the Maplewood Center and Garden City Park. Participants need to bring a bag lunch and water bottle daily.

Registration is required, and space is limited. For more information, call (734) 793-1860.

Zumba class

Zumba fitness is back at Merriman Road Baptist Church, on Merriman just south of Ford, Garden City. The class is for women age 18 and older. Class time is 8-9 p.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Girlfriends of Grace Ministry at Merriman Road Baptist Church, the class will be held on Thursdays at the church. Donations will be taken at the door to cover the cost of the instructor.

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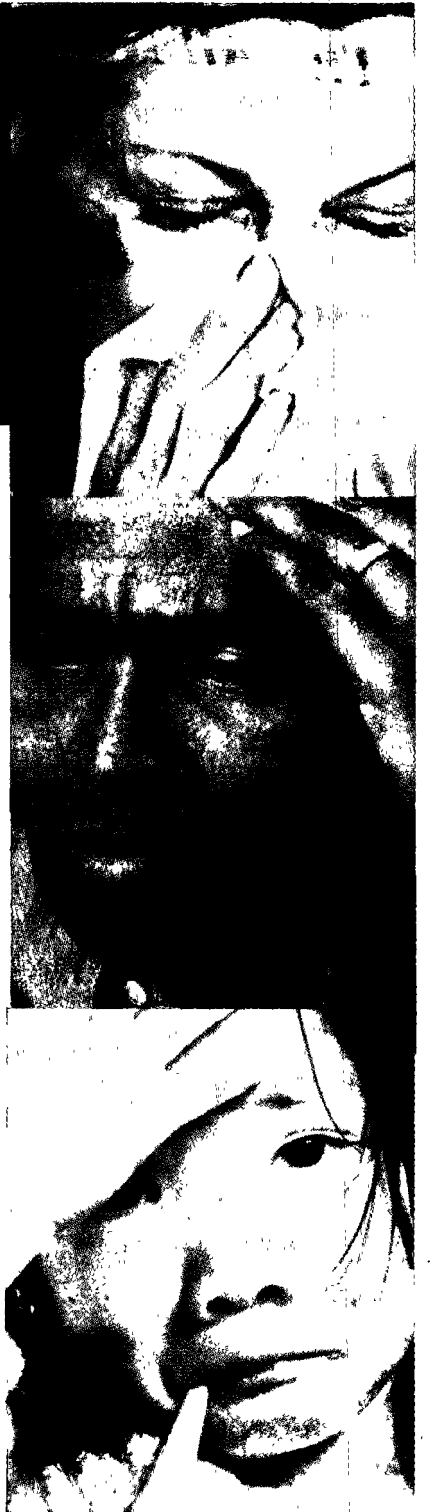
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Nine valedictorians lead Wayne High Class of 2013

Wayne Memorial's Class of 2013 said farewell to high school during commencement ceremonies Saturday, June 1, at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

Randall Wollschlager, a member of the Class of 1976 addressed the graduates, their families and school officials as the school's 2013 Distinguished Alumnus.

Wollschlager served on the on four continents and the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier as a RF-4B recon radar technician while in the U.S. Marine Corps, then went on to study electrical engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He worked in the Motorola Semiconductor, designing advanced integrated circuits for automotive applications, before joining Maxim Integrated, a silicon valley-based semiconductor product development organization and started the Phoenix engineering office with two colleagues, one who he had met while attending the University of Michigan and worked with while at Motorola.

Today, the Phoenix-based office develops advanced integrated circuits for smart phones and automotive applications. He is currently managing director of Maxim Integrated's Automotive Business Unit and continues to develop advanced semiconductor products for the automotive market and is responsible for many engineering offices around the world.

While at Wayne Memorial, he excelled at the early morning electronics classes and worked at night modifying early nineteen sixty muscle cars. He learned enough in those electronic classes to test out of six months of



Kaileen Horvath gives a congratulatory hug to Amber Roberts.



Members of Wayne Memorial's Class of 2013 enter the arena for the start of the commencement ceremonies.

formal electronics training required in the Marine Corps to be a radar technician and launching his career in electronics.

This year's graduating class had nine valedictorians - Josiah Ault, Julie Bancroft, Jordan Buford,

Matthew Castaldini, Samuel Ekanem, Katie Horton, Daniel Malcolm, Zachary Smith and Jason Spurlock.

The salutatorian was Samuel Herber.

Also wearing the gold cord, blue/gold hood,

white tassel as summa cum laude graduates were Angelia Baker, Dionte' Burton, Ashley Carey, Angela Fischer, Samantha Hershey, Stephanie Hyams, Bethany Kenyon, Amy McGregor, Arthur Straw, Kali Wadsworth,



Janelle Schwartz ran out of hands, preparing for graduation.



Gerico Salas is all smiles after receiving his diploma.



Marriane Casteels and niece Jada Searcy cheer as graduates Tyler Casteels and Devin Person enter the arena.

ton, Ashe' Lewis, Tiffany Ozog, Eric Pohl, Samantha Prudhomme, Stephanie Rainey, Chelsea Roach, Amber Roberts

Aric Rodriguez and Shelby Spaw.

Wearing the white cord, blue/gold hood, white tassel as cum laude graduates were Emily Best, Marlee Bowser, Austin Boyce, Joseph Chapman, Sheldon Crummey, Dello-nie Davenport, Jack Delisi, Tyler Dunn

Dora Furtos, Don'nise Gee, Ashley Gendron, Alec Gibson, Kaileen Horvath, Carlita Jones, Rebecca Lakatos, Kira Leach, Gema Lopez, Paige Malay, Autumn Popowski, Mary Porta, Karl Ptaszynski, Brandon Revell, Alexis Rose, Kyle Saavedra, Daniel Selvia, Sarah Shurge, Austin St. Peter, Sidney Szostek, Dymon Taylor, India Williams and Ashley Zahornacky.

James Walkup and Ashley Weddle.

Wearing the silver cord, blue/gold hood, white tassel as magna cum laude graduates were Cassidy Anderson, Sydney Ball, Dillon Bowles, Erin D'Arcy, Saleaha Davis, Brittany Gall, Bryn Hous-

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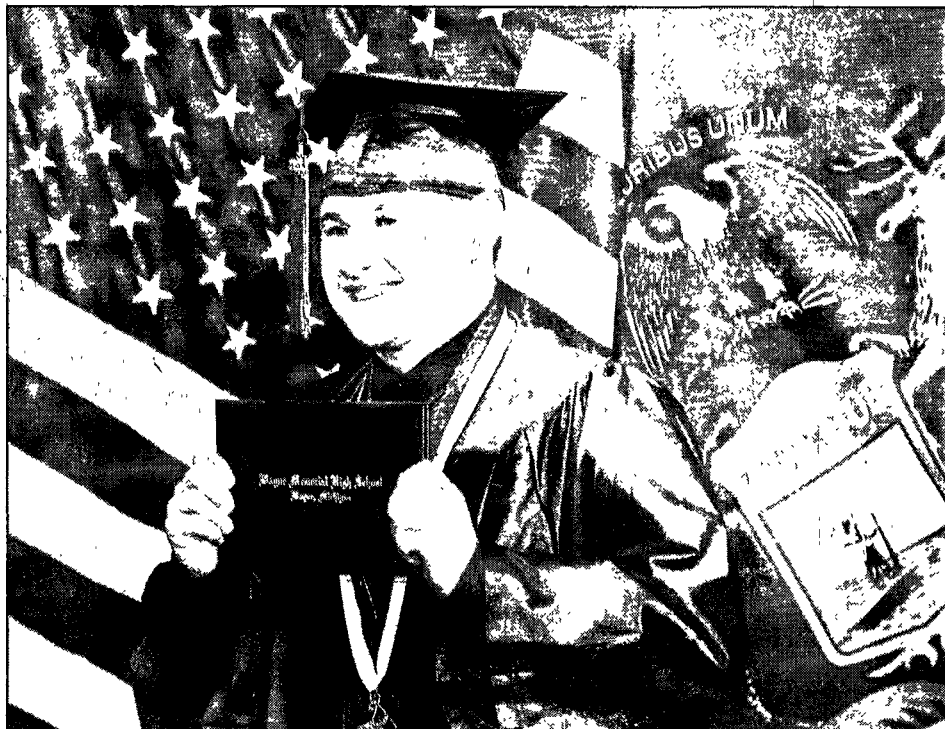
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Wayne-Westland school board Vice-President John Goci presents valedictorian Jordan Buford with his diploma.

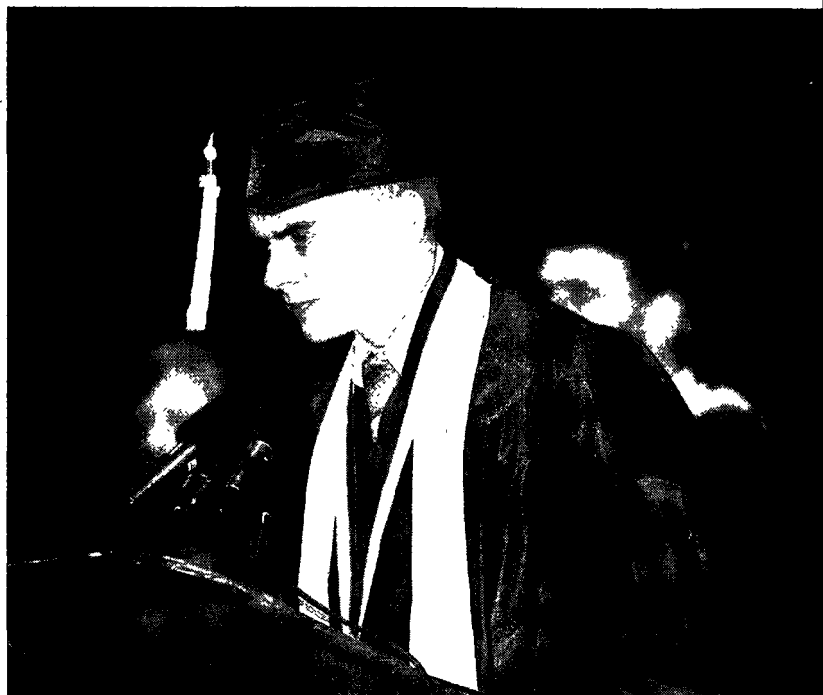


Dylan Tomlinson has his official graduation picture taken.

Senior class vice-president Darren Hombirg addresses his classmates during the ceremony.



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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
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AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2013, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2014.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: MILLAGE LEVIES AUTHORIZED.

In order to defray expenditures and meet the liabilities for the City of Garden City for Fiscal Year 2013/2014, the following millage levies are hereby adopted: 13.8403 mills for general operating purposes; 0.8200 mills for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal; 2.9892 mills for judgment debt; 1.0000 mills for Library; and 3.5000 mills for Police and Fire. The total millage levy shall be 22.1495 mills per \$1,000 of taxable valuation within the city.

SECTION 2: BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS ADOPTED.

The following appropriations, representing the various budgetary centers of the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget as defined by Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, are hereby adopted for the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 as shown below in the estimated revenue and expenditures summaries of the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget document:

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
General Property Taxes	7,177,810	Mayor & Council	42,283
Business Licenses/Permits	25,000	21 st District Court	855,889
Non-Business Licenses/Permits	14,000	City Administration/Personnel	312,400
State Shared Revenues	3,535,371	Clerk-Treasurer	865,370
Grants - Local Units	991,996	General Services	1,623,669
Charges for Services	730,576	Transfers to Other Funds	7,131,817
Fines and Forfeits	867,000		
Miscellaneous Revenue	845,000	Dept. of Public Services	1,909,383
Contributions/Public Enterprises	273,000	Parks and Recreation	1,804,351
Contributions/Other Funds	1,109,297	Boards & Commissions	44,162
		Debt Service	979,726
TOTAL REVENUES:	15,569,050	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	15,569,050

MAJOR STREETS FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Gas & Weight Tax	1,140,000	Expenditures	2,424,000
Interest on Investments	12,000		
Federal Grants			
State Grants			
Use of Fund Balance	1,272,000		
TOTAL REVENUES:	2,424,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	2,424,000

LOCAL STREETS FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Gas & Weight Tax	458,000	Expenditures	2,046,800
Transfer in from Major Streets	570,000		
METRO Act Revenue	75,000		
Interest on Investments	4,000		
Use of Fund Balance	939,800		
TOTAL REVENUES:	2,046,800	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	2,046,800

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Trf from Gen'l Fund	6,532,793	Police	5,813,855
Trf from 911 Fund	130,000	Fire	2,943,700
PS Millage - Real	1,546,019		
PS Millage - Personal	77,817		
Charges, Interest, Penalties	10,900		
Retiree Health Care Share	9,756		
Police Revenues	44,970		
Fire Revenues	405,300		
TOTAL REVENUES:	8,757,555	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	8,757,555

STREET LIGHTING FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	416,257	Expenditures	498,950
Gen'l Fund Contribution	82,693		
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES:	498,950	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	498,950

911 FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	162,000	Expenditures	
Interest on Investments	100	Increase Fund Balance	32,100
Use of Fund Balance		Transfer to Pub. Saf. Fund	130,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	162,100	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	162,100

CABLE FRANCHISE P.E.G. FEE FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
CATV PEG Fees	71,000	Expenditures	71,050
Interest	50		
TOTAL REVENUES:	71,050	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	71,050

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
County Grant	114,950	Salaries	
Transfers		Housing Rehabilitation	50,000
Housing Rehabilitation Funding		ADA Compliance	40,809
		Public Service Activities	17,243
		Administration	3,449
		Planning/Facility Improvements	3,449
TOTAL REVENUES:	114,950	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	114,950

BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Building	448,120	Building	448,120
Planning	99,124	Planning	99,124
Trf from Other Funds			
TOTAL REVENUES:	547,244	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	547,244

POLICE DRUG FORFEITURE FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Confiscations	9,300	Expenditures	24,500
Interest on Investments	200		
Use of Fund Balance	15,000		
TOTAL REVENUES:	24,500	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	24,500

HOUSING REHABILITATION REVOLVING FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Repayments of Loans	9,500	Housing Rehabilitation	9,500
TOTAL REVENUES:	9,500	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	9,500

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Trf in from General Fund	372,850	Expenditures	419,000
Grant Revenue			
Use of Fund Balance	46,000		
Interest on Investments	150		
TOTAL REVENUES:	419,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	419,000

WATER/SEWER FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	1,306,738	Expenditures	1,511,000
Interest on Investments	1,000		
Use of Fund Balance	203,262		
TOTAL REVENUES:	1,511,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	1,511,000

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Incremental Property Tax Revenue	508,616	Development Projects	190,000
Use of Fund Balance	227,454	Administration	380,861
Interest on Investments	1,200	Debt Service	215,979
Misc Revenue	49,570		
TOTAL REVENUES:	786,840	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	786,840

LIBRARY FUND SUMMARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Millage	467,152	Personnel	197,488
Other Revenues	26,000	Operating/Services	17,000
		Professional/Technical Services	230,664
		Capital Outlay	48,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	493,152	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	493,152

ALL FUNDS SUMMARY

REVENUES - ALL FUNDS: \$33,435,691.00 EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS: \$33,435,691.00

Note: Total of all funds include transfers between funds.

Allyson M. Bettis, Clerk/Treasurer

Randy Walker, Mayor

Bentley High classes of '80s gather for Big Reunion

All 1980s classes of Bentley High School in Livonia are invited to a Big Reunion Weekend starting at 7 p.m. Friday, June 14, at the Claddaugh Pub on Haggerty Road in Livonia.

Several legendary teachers are planning to attend and many more have been invited.

On Saturday, June 15, a former Bentley student will host a barbecue at his lake home in Pickney.

The events are being organized by alumni of Bentley, which was torn down in 2002 to make way for the new Livonia Community Recreation Center. The school opened in September 1947 and graduated its last class in June 1985.

"Bentley was a very special school, with amazing history, activities, camaraderie and teachers," said Cheryl Pond, who started organizing



Sandy Johnson Baldwin, Tracey Reel Bush, Kathi Long Deese and Beth Mullins rekindle old friendships at the last Bentley reunion.

Bentley reunions in 2007. "We just want to honor and celebrate the memories of the school via the reunions, which are also a fun way to reconnect with old friends from

Livonia." Pond, who grew up in Livonia, worked for The Coca-Cola Co. in international marketing for almost 13 years. Her last assignment was in Syd-

ney, Australia, as a director for the Asia Group when she decided to take a couple years off to live in and travel to more than 60 countries. "Sydney was an amaz-

ing place to live, and the Aussies taught me that life is short and precious so I decided to put my career on hold for a few years and whittle down my bucket list," she said.

While living in Paris (taking French classes at Alliance Francaise and cooking classes at the Cordon Bleu school), she had some extra time, and decided to organize a small get-together of former Bentley High School classmates during her next visit home to Michigan. (Her parents have lived in Livonia since 1967.)

Using mainly Facebook and Google, Pond was able to find about 50 ex-Bentley students from the 1980s, and held the first gathering in June 2007, along with her best friend since Bentley days, Joanna Bennett Travis, former Mayor Robert Bennett's youngest

daughter.

The event was so much fun, Pond decided to do it again the following year with help from other former Bentley classmates including Karyn McCorry Miller. (Travis has since moved from Michigan.)

They've had three more gatherings since the first, each one bigger and better than the last, with more than 150 former Bentley students in attendance for the last event.

Due to McCorry Miller finishing law school, and Pond returning to Coca-Cola, there was not a get together in 2012, but the two decided instead to plan a "Big Reunion Weekend" for all 1980s classes (or what would have been, since Bentley closed in 1986) for this June.

For more details on the reunion weekend, email Pond at chpond@gmail.com.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Suite raffle

Are you a Detroit Tiger's fan? Would you like to win a suite for 20 people at Comerica Park to see the Tigers play the White Sox at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4?

The Westland Rotary Club is offering you a chance to do just that and help your community at the same time! The suite also includes a \$300 Food Credit, three parking passes and your name on the scoreboard.

Tickets are \$10 each and available from the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Jueneemann Insurance Agency or from any Westland Rotarian. The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. July 18, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Proceeds will go to the Wayne/Westland Salvation Army, Westland Rotary Scholarships and Charities and the Westland Rotary Club.

For more information, call Jeff at (734) 261-5010.

Coffee Hour

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold a district coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, June 10, at Mr. Mikes Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford, Westland.

Joining him will be Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-12th District, and State Reps. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, and David Knezek, D-DeARBorn Heights.

Residents can contact Knezek at (517) 373-0849 or by e-mail at davidknezek@house.mi.gov. Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable

to attend can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Vacation Bible School

The First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding its annual Vacation Bible School 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 17-20. The program is for children in kindergarten-fifth-grade and includes a light meal. The theme is It's a Beach Party.

The church is at 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post office. For more details, call (734) 721-4801.

Food commodities

The City of Westland will be distributing surplus federal food at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, for residents who live north of Michigan Avenue 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 20.

Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, June 10, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Their phone number is (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution.

For the month of June,

2013, frozen pork patties, applesauce, tomato sauce, corn, peanut butter, mashed potatoes and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

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@rob-inwood.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.

Ripple Effect

The Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer downtown revitalization group, meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, in downtown Wayne. Anyone interested in volunteering or getting involved is welcome.

For more information visit www.downtownwayne.org or email Sherie at waynerippleeffect@

gmail.com.

Toastmasters

The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club is now meeting at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

Toastmasters is a world leader dedicated to helping people develop their public speaking and leadership skills, in a mutually helpful and friendly atmosphere.

Westland Easytalkers meets 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. For information, call Luddie at (734) 414-0034 or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or go online to westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org/.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR

Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers, will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situation.

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighborhood.

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@national-faith.org.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army hosts Higher Rock Cafe, an evening of Christian music, fellowship, games and concessions at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month at the corps, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer. There's no cover charge. For more information visit Higher Rock Cafe on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WayneWestlandHRC or call (734) 722-3660.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING June 17, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on June 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed Harrison 2012 reconstruction project & special assessment.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION No. 4 **ROLL#4224 - HARRISON, 2012**

WHEREAS, at a Regular Meeting of the Council on May 6, 2013, the City Council adopted a Resolution of Determination for Special Assessment District 4224, and the City Clerk Treasurer was directed to prepare such roll; and

WHEREAS, such roll has been prepared and is presented herewith;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Special Assessment Roll# 4224 (Harrison 2012) be filed with the City Clerk for public examination; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held on Monday, June 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135, notice of such Public Hearing to be published in the newspaper of general circulation of the City, and that notice of such meeting be given by first class mail to the last known owner of each parcel affected thereby pursuant to the Garden City Code of Ordinances Chapter 40, Section 40.06(c).

Allyson M. Bettis
Treasurer/City Clerk



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Please take notice that at its regular meeting of Monday, April 3, 2013, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following schedule. All regular meetings of the City Council begin at 7:00 PM in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, (734) 793-1660, unless otherwise noticed.

2013 - SCHEDULE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday	January 7, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	January 28, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	February 11, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	February 25, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	March 4, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	March 11, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	March 18, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	April 1, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	April 8, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	April 15, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	April 22, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	May 6, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	May 13, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	May 20, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	June 3, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	June 17, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	June 24, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	July 1, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	July 15, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	August 12, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	August 26, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	September 9, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	September 23, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	October 7, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	October 21, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	November 12, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	November 18, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	December 2, 2013	Council Meeting
Monday	December 16, 2013	Council Meeting

Amended: April 1, 2013
Amended: June 3, 2013

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Health Coach

The Garden City Hospital Health Coach, a mobile unit that provides services to address health care needs for the community, for those who are low income and uninsured (or underinsured), is at the Maplewood Center the third Wednesday of the month. Services offered include health screenings and assessments, health coaching and patient care follow-ups. People must be 18 years or older to qualify for the program at no cost, regardless of their insurance status.

The mobile unit parks on the Maplewood side of the center 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 458-4330.

Museum fundraising

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum are continuing their fundraising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlor for social and business occasions.

The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items.

The museum is located

in the Straight Farmhouse at 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road, Garden City. Call (734) 838-0650 for more information or visit www.sfhonline.org.

Community Chat

Please join host Kerry Partin and his co-hosts every Thursday night at 9 p.m. It's the Internet talk show dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City and the surrounding communities. Share your events, fundraisers and comments with other listeners.

Call-in live at 724-444-7444 enter call ID 82757#, or visit us in our chat room at <http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757>. Either way we look forward to hearing from you.

Contact us at gcommunitychat@gmail.com.

Pet-a-Pet

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

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

Shop online

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

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

Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of the community — especially children — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year, including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children and the Third Grade Dictionary Project.

The club meets at noon Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

Use lawsuit settlement to pay down debt

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Q: Dear Rick: I just received \$75,000 from a lawsuit that I was a party to. The lawsuit dealt with an aunt's estate. Do I have to pay taxes on this amount? What should I do with the money? I am retired and Social Security and a pension cover most of my costs but occasionally, I do run short. I have some debts. I owe about \$15,000 on my charge card and about \$80,000 (5 percent interest) on my home. Should I put the money into a CD and use the income to cover my needs or do you think I should pay my debts off?

A: As to the tax consequences, it is hard to give you an opinion from the information you provided me. I recommend that you contact the attorney you used for the lawsuit. He/she should be able to give you some guidance. My gut feeling is since it's a settlement of an estate it is not subject to taxes, however, it pays to be safe and discuss this with the attorney.

One thing that confuses people is the misconception that proceeds from lawsuits are not subject to income taxes. There are many types of lawsuits that result in taxes.

Keep in mind that if it is subject to tax,

it would probably behoove you to make an estimated payment. If you wait until you do your tax return, you may

find that you may be liable for interest and penalties.

People tend to forget that taxes are due quarterly not annually. Therefore, if the amount is subject to income taxes, making an estimated payment to the federal government and the State of Michigan may be necessary.

In recommending what to do with the money, I think it is slam dunk that you use it to pay down your debt. Take the first money and pay off your charge card. More likely than not, you're probably paying about 18.5 percent on your charge card. By paying off your debt it's like getting an 18.5 percent return on your money. I don't know any investment that can give you that rate of return and it is a much greater return than you'll receive on a

certificate of deposit. After you pay off your charge card, take the remaining money and put it down on your home. By paying down the mortgage you're getting a guaranteed five percent return on that money and that is also considerably more than a CD would bring.

Considering that you will no longer have a charge card payment, your cash flow situation should improve immediately. You may not have to dip into your savings to cover your needs. In addition, making a large lump-sum payment on your mortgage will help you pay off your home sooner and will considerably improve your financial situation.

It never makes sense for people that have debt, particularly charge card debt, to hold large amounts in cash. In the old days people would say cash is king. However, that is no longer the case. When you look at the returns that you are receiving on cash (one percent or lower and that it is taxable), it becomes quite obvious that paying down debt is a much better use of money than investing in something like a CD. Therefore, the next time you're thinking about buying a CD, look at your financial picture to determine if this money can be better used to pay down debt — especially credit card debt. After all, the average credit card in America charges 18.5 percent interest and it is not tax deductible. That is why paying down charge card debt is one of the best investments anyone can make. Good luck!

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

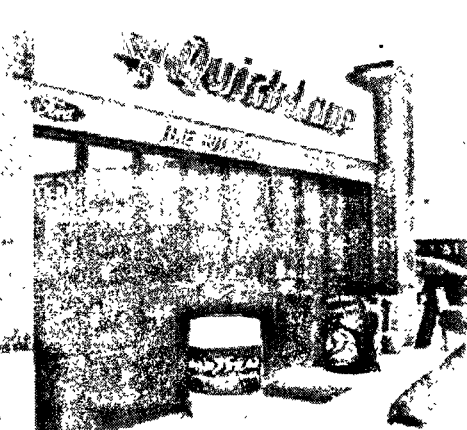


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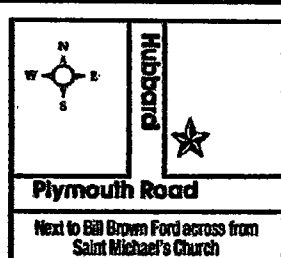
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'Dig into Reading' this summer

June 15 signals the "kickoff" date for the Summer Reading Program at the Westland Public Library. Fun events, dynamic programs and creative projects are planned throughout June and July. This will be a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy their library, not only for the superb activities, but also for the chance to develop strong literacy skills over the summer months.

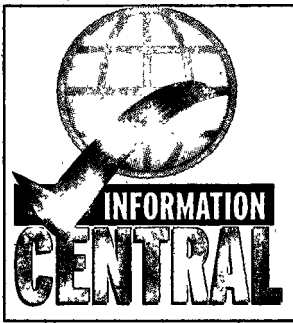
During the Summer Reading Program, children work toward a reading goal of 600 minutes over a six-week period. Each 100-minute achievement earns them a special incentive or prize. Local business sponsors have generously contributed coupons for treats and outings, which are some of the children's favorite rewards. Both independent readers and little listeners are welcome to register.

"Dig into Reading" is the fun theme that unites carefully planned programs for children of all ages. Kids will enjoy family storytimes, movies and special events. Digging Dinosaurs with PaleoJoe, Lego Read and Play, Miniature Garden, Super Science, Hands on Geology, Read with Buddy and Michigan Mammals are just a few of the exciting programs scheduled.

Summer reading program calendars are available on our website at www.westlandlibrary.org, or at the Youth Services desk.

There will also be special weekly drawings, guessing jars, grand prize drawings and a magic show finale. Kids can register 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 15, or any time thereafter, during library hours. The program ends at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Call (734) 326-6123 or visit the library for more information.

Teens and adults, there's fun for you, too. Teens, this year your



there is Beneath the Surface and for Adults get ready for Ground Breaking Reads. Information for these programs are also on our website, So start reading!

Highlighted Activities

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting: 2 p.m. June 11

The Friends of the Library is an independent group of local residents and library users that helps support and promote the library and its mission. They plan book sales and other fund-raising activities for the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Read with Buddy: 6 p.m. June 11

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Library Board of Trustees Meeting: 7 p.m. June 12

The Library Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at in the library. Board meetings are open to the general public.

Parenting Workshop/ Training: Treasure Baskets, 6:30 p.m. June 13
Starfish Family Services' Early Learning Communities presents a monthly Parenting Workshop/Early Childhood Training at the Westland library. Each month focuses on a different topic for parents, teachers and childcare providers. This month's top-

ic is: "Treasure Baskets for Infants and Toddlers" (#14): Learning what materials appeal most to sensory-motor learners and creating treasure baskets for infants and toddlers. Attend five workshops and your child is eligible to receive free books from the Imagination Library. Free childcare provided for children of participants. Register online at westlandlibrary.org/events, call (734) 326-6123 or visit the library. Walk-ins accepted, if space allows.

Friday Night Movie - Summer Style: 7 p.m. June 14

Friday Night Movies roll on into the summer months with a variety of concert movies, classic summer blockbusters (of the Spielberg variety) and great foreign films. Tonight's movie,

Raiders of the Lost Ark, is a classic: "Archeologist and adventurer Indiana Jones is hired by the US government to find the Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis." (imdb.com) Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. Refreshments and snacks provided (with suggested, though not required, donation). No sign-up necessary.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

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

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

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11:15 a.m. **Gaining a New Perspective** Karen Danto, LMSW, ACSW will discuss how to identify negative mental frameworks and to develop ways to shift your perspective.
11:45 a.m. **Box Lunch and a Short Walk** Sponsored by Henry Ford Health System, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Division of Sports Medicine (henryford.com/sportsmedicine)

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SPORTS



DIANE JACOBS

Ladywood attackers Jaclyn Snyder (26), Hannah Daniels (5) and Christina Riga (25) surround Cranbrook goalie Surya Adams (white jersey) during Wednesday's Division 2 state semifinal.

I-96 Trail Blazers

Ladywood wins Final 4 semifinal test, 11-10

For more on Ladywood's quest in the Division 2 state finals vs. East Grand Rapids, visit www.hometownlife.com

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The last two years Livonia Ladywood's lacrosse season ended in the Division 2 state semifinals in Okemos.

But the Blazers made a significantly longer trek up I-96 Saturday as they headed to Rockford for the MHSAA championship game courtesy of a thrilling 11-10 Final Four win Wednesday over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Ladywood, 15-1 overall, rallied from a 9-5 second-half deficit and held the Cranes scoreless during the final 10 minutes and 15 seconds as Theresa Micallef tallied the tying goal with only 2:51 remaining followed by Rachel Donabedian's game-winner with only 1:39 to go.

The win put the Blazers into their first-ever state final since the MHSAA first sponsored the tournament (in 2005) against 21-2 East Grand Rapids, which ousted host Okemos, 13-5, in the other state semifinal.

Junior attacker Jessica Snyder paced the Blazers with five goals, while sister Jaclyn Snyder, a senior A-winger, added three goals and one assist.

"They are just fantastic," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said of the Snyder sisters. "They work so hard. They're relentless and they'll do anything to win. I'm so excited and I love having them."

Donabedian finished with two goals, while Micallef had the other. Senior A-winger Christina Riga contributed a pair of assists.

So what might separate this Ladywood team from the previous two that fell to Okemos (13-6) and Grand Rapids Catholic Central (16-12) in the 2012

and 2011 state semifinals?

"I think I have a lot of different girls that can score," Sanders said. "So not only do I have one or two, or three like I had in previous years ... I have at least five and six. So it really helps kind of spread of what I call the wealth out there, which is nice because it's hard to know who to mark for us."

Ladywood jumped out to a 3-1 lead with 12:13 left in the first half on Donabedian's goal from Riga, but the Cranes stormed back to take a 5-4 halftime advantage and increased their lead to 9-5 by going on a 5-1 run highlighted by Maddy Weber's short-handed goal from Julie Rogers.

"They're very talented, very skilled," Sanders said of Cranbrook. "They are a lot bigger. At first they were a lot more physical than we were, so I told the girls, 'If we're going to win this game and stay in it,

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John Glenn looking for new coach

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn is searching for a new girls basketball coach following the recent resignation of Eric Kovatch, who guided the Rockets to a 44-5 overall record in his only two seasons as coach — most successful stretch in school history.

"He (Kovatch) offered his resignation and we accepted it," said Greg Ambrose, athletic director for the Wayne-Westland Schools.

Kovatch, who could not be reached for comment, took over the Glenn varsity program in 2011-12 after being a paid varsity assistant under Mark Anderson.

Kovatch, employed the past 12 years as a teacher in the Wayne-Westland Schools, bumped Anderson from his position in the summer of 2011 after the former Central Michigan University player, who was not a district employee, guided the Rockets to a 19-4 record in 2010-11 in his second season as varsity coach.

A native of Yale and graduate of the University of Michigan, Kovatch guided Glenn to a 20-3 record and KLAA South Division, Kensington Conference and KLAA Association championships in 2011-12 before falling to Class A state semifinalist Inkster in the district final at Romulus.

And bolstered by the arrival this season of twins Raven and Raine Bankston, transfers from Detroit Mumford, the Rockets made a run all the way to the Class A state semifinals before losing to eventual state champion Grand Haven, 55-46, last March at Michigan State University's Breslin Center.

Going 19-1 during the regular season while repeating as KLAA South, Kensington Conference and Association champions, the 40-year-old

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Rams bring down Pride

Justin Sherman and Ben Yak each went 2-for-4 with an RBI as the Michigan Rams defeated the Michigan Pride, 7-5, in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League action Wednesday at Ford Field.

Tyler Baker also knocked in two runs, while Brandon Katta and Miles Sorise added one RBI apiece as the Rams improved to 2-1-1 in the LCBL.

Winning pitcher Jake Balicki went the first 5.1 innings allowing five runs (two earned on four hits and five walks. He struck out five before Donnie Eaton pitched a scoreless seventh to earn the save.

Sean Behnett and James Andrzejewski each knocked in a run for the Pride (2-2).

Bucks back in 1st place

The Premier Development League's Michigan Bucks leapt from third to first place Wednesday afternoon with a matinee shutout win over the host Toronto (Ontario) Lynx, 1-0, at Crescent School.

Tommy Catalano scored the game-winning goal, his first of the year, from Jason Stokes in the 57th minute as the Bucks improved to 3-1-0 (nine points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

Meanwhile, goalkeeper Adam Grinwis made four saves to record his second shutout of the season in four starts.

The loss dropped Toronto's record to 1-2-0 (three points).

After a Saturday night game at Saline High School against the Chicago Fire, the Bucks travel Friday, June 14 to face Great Lakes co-leader FC London (3-0-0, nine points).

For Bucks home ticket information, visit www.bucksoccer.com.

JG football

Westland John Glenn will stage two sessions of football camps starting with juniors and seniors from 6-9 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 17-19 for freshman and sophomores, 5-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 24-27, at the high school.

For more information about registration and cost, call coach Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329; or email hardint@wwcsd.net.

Kondrath 8th in D1 Region, makes 'State'

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's Alec Kondrath proved to be highly efficient on the golf course Thursday — just ask his coach.

The junior earned an individual qualifying spot in next weekend's MHSAA Division 1 boys golf finals by shooting a 75 in the Region 5 tournament held at West Shore Golf & Country Club in Grosse Ile.

Kondrath, who earlier this season earned medalist honors at the Brighton Invitational, placed eighth overall and snapped up one of the three additional qualifying berths along with Conor Lang of Ann Arbor Skyline, who tied for third with a 73, and Joey Dier of Temperance Bedford, who also shot 75.

Kondrath is headed Friday and Saturday to East Lansing where the state finals will be held at Michigan

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5 Ocelot cagers in fold

Henry signs Livonia pair

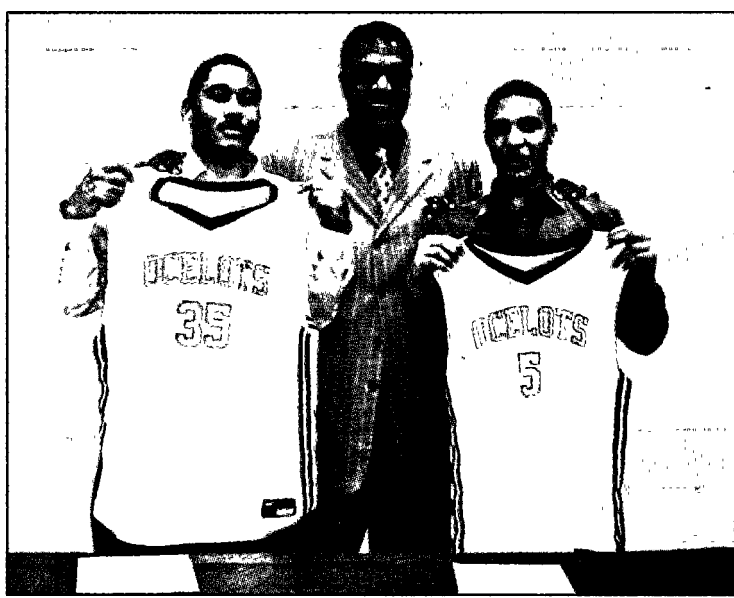
By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

After going 7-20 last season and missing the NJCAA Division II District 10 playoffs with a 4-14 MCAA Eastern Conference record, Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Randy Henry was out hitting the recruiting trail hard.

On Thursday, Henry announced the signing of five new players for the 2013-14 season including two area cagers in Josh Campbell, a 5-foot-10 guard from Livonia Stevenson, along with 6-2 Olushakin Cole of Livonia Franklin.

Also in the fold is Anthony Douglas, a 6-5 center-forward from Detroit University Prep and 6-4 forward-guard Nathan Kamal of Brighton.

Campbell, a two-team second-team All-Observer selection, averaged 17.8 points, 5.5



MANDY GETSCHMAN

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Randy Henry (center) signed Livonia products Olushakin Cole (left) of Franklin and Josh Campbell (right) of Stevenson to NJCAA Division 2 letters-of-intent on Thursday.

rebounds and 3.3 assists per game as a senior at Stevenson.

He'll be joining his older brother Jonathan, a shooting guard who averaged 10 points per game and three assists last year for the Ocelots.

"He'll be a point guard for

us," Henry said of Josh Campbell. "He has the ugliest shot in the world, but they go in. But I think he'll be running it for us. His brother will be better at the 'two' guard

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Spartans get 6th in Lyon Oaks regional

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

BOYS GOLF

Three teams emerged as survivors following Wednesday's MHSAA Division 1-Region 4 boys golf tournament held at Lyon Oak G.C. in Wixom.

Host Novi Detroit Catholic Central captured the team title winning a fifth-player tiebreaker against White Lake Lakeland as both teams shot 309.

Also making the trip next weekend to Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course) in East Lansing is Hartland, which placed third with a 319.

Rounding out the 12-team regional field was Birmingham Brother Rice, fourth (323); Pinckney, fifth (327); Livonia Stevenson, sixth (329); Novi, seventh (329); Howell, eighth (331); Berkley, ninth (336); Birmingham Seaholm, 10th (338); Birmingham

Groves, 11th (338); and Farmington, 12th (342).

Brother Rice's Kyle Gaines, who took medalist honors with a 68, earned one of the three additional individual state finals qualifying spots along with Novi's Brad Kozinski and Seaholm's Tim Pearce, who shot 75 and 77, respectively.

Stevenson's top finisher was junior Eric Attard, who placed 11th overall with a 79. Right behind was senior Connor Humitz, who placed 15th with an 80.

Rounding out the Spartans' contingent were seniors Austin Harris and Michael Blaesser with 85 each (tied for 43rd), along with junior Eric Marsh, who shot an 89 (57th).

"I was proud of the way the boys competed,"

Stevenson coach Dave Higham said. "Even though we didn't make it, they never gave up. Obviously the goal is the make the state championship, but we had a good run at it. The course was playing tough if you hit ball off line a little it was penalizing. I was watching every team struggle out there and we just fell a little short in the end."

Despite missing the cut by 10 strokes, it was a rewarding season for the first-year coach, whose team finished fourth in the KLAA Kensington Conference tourney and third in the district.

"I had a very good veteran team this year with three seniors and two juniors," Higham said. "I just feel bad for those guys because they worked hard trying to make the state finals."

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Women's Golf Month slates golf etiquette

To celebrate Women's Golf Month, the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth is hosting a golf etiquette program for Metro Detroit women from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 21.

The program will be free for the first 20 women who register, and half off for any additional participants.

Any additional women who register will receive half off the regular price


of the program, which is \$17.50 per person.

Women can sign up for the golf etiquette program by calling the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center at (734) 453-7272.


The golf etiquette program will include topics such as the importance of golf in business, business etiquette on the golf course, when to discuss business on the golf course and much more. "We couldn't think of a

better way to celebrate Women's Golf Month than to host a clinic that will help women both on the golf course and in the office," said Julia Grelak, sales and marketing director. "A lot of business takes place on the golf course and we're excited to share our knowledge of the proper business etiquette while golfing to the women of Metro Detroit."


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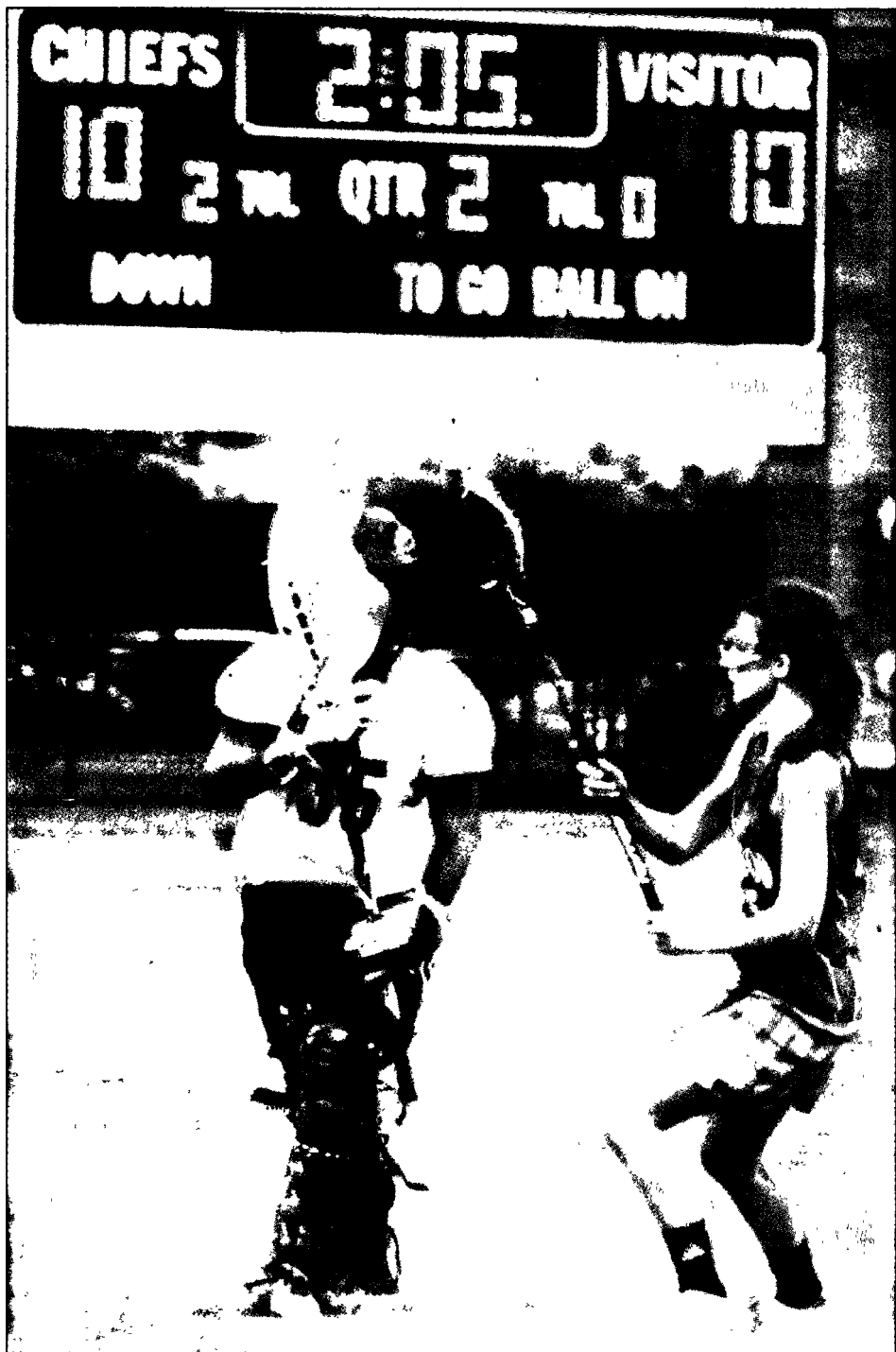
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DIANE JACOBS

Ladywood's Christina Riga (right) moves in on Cranbrook goalie Surya Adams during the final minutes of Wednesday's Division 2 girls lacrosse state semifinal at Okemos.

LADYWOOD

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we've got to match their physicality."

The Blazers began chipping away with a mini 3-0 run capped by Jaclyn Snyder's tally with 12:53 left to trim the deficit to 9-8.

Cranbrook notched its final goal with 10:15 remaining on Rogers' third of the night from Frannie Gembis to make it a two-goal cushion again.

But Cranbrook, despite outshooting the Blazers 22-20, never was able to find the back of the net the rest of the way against Ladywood goalie Stephanie Mackley.

Jessica Snyder's goal with 7:01 left brought the Blazers back to 10-9, setting the stage for Micallef's and Donabedian's tying and winning

goals, respectively.

Cranbrook junior goalie Surya Adams was stellar in defeat, making 11 saves, including two point-blank stops on Donabedian and Jaclyn Snyder with 2:15 and 1:33 remaining to keep it a one-goal game.

"She (Adams) was really good," Sanders said. "I think we kept shooting in the same spot, so that's another thing we talked about, too, and where to shoot on her. I think they did much better in the second half."

The Cranes earned one final possession with a chance to tie, but turned it over with 1:02 left after being whistled for an off-sides following a restart.

Ladywood then ran out the clock to reach its first-ever state final.

"It was all about the draw towards the end of the game and I thought Ladywood played a great game - we gave it up to

them and that's on us," said Cranbrook coach Melinda Saylor, whose team finished a deceiving 5-10-1 overall. "I wish them the best of luck in the finals."

Midfield face-offs certainly proved critical in the overall scheme of things.

"In girls lacrosse, whoever gets that center draw is the one who is usually pretty successful," Sanders said. "She (Saylor) took the timeout and we were able to kind of regroup a little bit and do a little bit different strategy which worked out for us."

"We were just trying to position them around the circle a little bit differently and not just let them play what their game was. We needed to step in front and play ours."

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SPORTS BRIEF

Cards an ace

Leo Caza, of Livonia, used a 7-iron to ace the 129-yard, No. 8 hole June 2 at Fox Creek Golf Course.

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On the bump

MU's Haeger signs two local pitchers

Fresh off of his eighth Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title in the last 10 years, Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the signing of five players to NAIA letters-of-intent for the 2014 season.

Among the area signees include Livonia Stevenson's Mike Kanitra and Livonia Franklin's Alex DeYonker.

Haeger, who guided the 2013 Crusaders to a 37-11 record and a berth in the NAIA Super Regional, also signed Badih Jawad (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), Ryan Lambrecht (Lake Orion) and Zack Schmidtko (Dearborn Divine Child) for the 2014 season.

The group joins Thomas Daffern, Alec Padilla and Sean Ritchey, all who signed with MU last fall.

A 6-0, 160 pound left-hander, DeYonker earned all-district honors as a junior and senior at Franklin before having additional success with the Concealed Security summer program that also produced Daffern, Padilla and Ritchey.

DeYonker, who also plays outfield, hit .380, including nine doubles, this season for the Patriots.

"Alex is an interesting kid," Haeger said. "He's a fastball, change-up guy who reminds me of Tom Hansen with his pitch ability. He's a little bit bigger than Tommy, but that same long, lean body. The arm works well and the change up is good. He's a kid we will just have to polish up a little and he will be a very serviceable left-handed pitcher for us."

A 6-3 right-hander, Kanitra comes to MU after playing for former Crusaders assistant Rick Berryman at Stevenson. He's helped the Spartans to a pair of Division 1 district titles as a junior and senior, along with a regional crown in 2012. He earned All-Observer honors in 2012 with a 2.00 earned run average and a 7-1 record.

This season, Kanitra is hitting .425 with 14 doubles and 37 RBI.

"Michael is a big, strong right handed pitcher from right down the road at Stevenson," Haeger said. "He had a great year last year and is throwing well again this season. He's got some mechanics to smooth out but throws strikes and wins games. Michael uses three differ-

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ent pitches and he has the opportunity to do some good things in college."

Jawad is a 6-0, 170 pound infielder and outfielder who is ranked at No. 78 on the Michigan Baseball Prospect's Top-100 list, is a two-time all-district and All-Western Wayne Athletic Conference selection.

He also earned academic all-district honors and carries a 3.94 grade point average.

"Dee is a great kid, a high energy kid," added Haeger. "He's a great athlete at a lot of things. Dee has played infield and outfield and has a lot of power in a little frame. We're hoping Dee can be maybe something similar to what Shane Dokey provided for us this year, some good energy on the field."

Lambrecht, 6-2 infielder, was named to the all-district team as a junior after leading the Dragons to the Oakland Activities Association Red Division title and a district title.

He was also named his team's offensive MVP in 2012 after leading the Dragons in at-bats, extra base hits, triples, home runs and slugging percentage.

"Ryan is another long, lean body out of a great program in Lake Orion," Haeger said. "Another left-handed hitter, Ryan can play a number of positions in the infield. He's played second, he's played short and you can even see him at third. He's a great kid with great grades. His coach Andrew Schramek has nothing but glowing things to say about Ryan and we've been impressed every time we've seen him."

Schmidtko, a two-time All-Catholic League pick, is an infielder and outfielder who sparked Divine Child to a Division 2 district crown. He also helped the Falcons to a berth in last year's state quarterfinals.

"Zack is an interesting one," Haeger said all-academic selection. "He's got a beautiful swing, your classic left handed swing. His swing fits college baseball. The other side to Zack is that he pitches and you never turn down left-handed pitching. We haven't really seen him at college velocity numbers yet, but he's a potential two-way player who is a great kid as well."

MU women add 2 soccer signees

Madonna University women's soccer coach Jeff Hodgson added to his 2013 roster a pair of signees including goalkeeper Katrina Arnold of Essex, Ontario and Taylor Kelly, a defender from Madison Heights Lamphere, to letters of intent.

Arnold led Essex District to three Windsor and Essex County Secondary School Athletic Association (WECSSA) championships (2009, 2010, 2011) in addition to earning three senior girls all-star first team honors (2009, 2011 and 2012).

She also captured the Ontario Cup in 2011 with a shutout and took part in the Women's National Championship in Quebec for Team Ontario.

"I wanted Katrina to come in last year, but things did not work out," Hodgson said. "She's a very good keeper and this gives us two solid keep-

ers with her and Blair Schmalenberg."

Kelly, meanwhile, was a two-sport athlete for the Rams, earning letters in basketball and soccer.

She led Lamphere to a pair of state district titles (2010, 2001) along with a Division 2 regional championship in 2011.

A high school teammate of current Crusader Katelyn Krysiak, Kelly is a two-time All-Macomb Area Conference selection after earning all-conference and team most valuable player honors in basketball the last two seasons.

"Taylor is a fast, athletic defender from Lamphere," Hodgson said. "With the loss of two defenders from last year I'm looking for her to come in and start right away."

MU will mark its 16th season of women's soccer in August after finishing 10-8 in 2012.



Blasting off

The Livonia Rockets, an under-10 travel baseball team, posted a 5-0 record to capture the second annual Diamond Dig tournament held recently in Livonia. Team members include: Eddie Shepler, Joshua Picciano, Jack Smith, Henry Shymanski, Liam Nolan, Hunter Klein, Bryant Riley, Mark Stefanick, Luke Merchant, Cole Johnston, Drake Collier and Lane Schroeder. The Rockets are managed and coached by Ed Shepler, Marc Picciano, Jeff Schroeder and Chris Johnston.



ART CAMERON

Future Hawk

Livonia Churchill High senior catcher Dan Cameron (third, from left) recently signed an NJCAA baseball letter-of-intent with Henry Ford Community College. Cameron, flanked by (from left) Churchill athletic director Marc Hage, Henry Ford head coach Steve Brown and Churchill coach Ron Targosz, is a four-year varsity player who earned first-team All-KLAA and second-team All-Observer honors in 2012. Cameron currently is the team leader in batting, slugging and on-base percentages, along with RBI for the Chargers.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Churchill baseball

Walks-up are welcome for the Livonia Churchill baseball camp (ages 7-14) from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 17-19, at the high school baseball field. The cost is \$50 for the three-day camp.

For more information, email Churchill varsity baseball coach Ron Targosz at rtargosz@livoniapublicschools.org.

Patriot football

The Franklin Football Future Patriots camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1, grades one-six) and 12:30-3 p.m. (Session 2, grades seven-nine) Saturday, June 15, at the high school fieldhouse and stadium, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. The cost is \$25 per session.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livoniapublicschools.org.

Tim Shaw camp

The fourth annual Tim Shaw "Dream it, Do it" Football Camp (grades four-12) will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Clarenceville High School.

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Running camp

Breakthrough Running Camp will stage a series of running seminars from 5-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 22-26, at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

Special guests include Olympian Paul McMullen, NCAA champ Jordan Desilets and Big Ten champion and All-American Erin Webster.

Seminars also included high school All-Americans, college coaches and sports dieticians.

The cost is \$125. For more information, visit breakthroughrunningcamp.com.

MU volleyball

Madonna University will be offering a variety of summer volleyball camps including:

- Advanced (elite) and general all-skills - Monday through Thursday, June 24-27;
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- Hitters (session 2) and defensive - Monday through Thursday, July 8-11.

To obtain a camp brochure, visit madonna-crusaders.com.

For more information, call MU volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham (734) 432-5612 (office) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings). You can also email jabraham216180mi@comcast.net.

Future Stars

Livonia Franklin will hold its Future Stars summer baseball camp (grades 2-8) from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday-Thursday, June 24-27, at the high school.

The cost is \$60 (includes T-shirt). The registration deadline is Friday, June 21.

For more information, call Franklin coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499 or email mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

CHS volleyball

The Livonia Churchill volleyball came will be Wednesday, June 17 through Thursday, June 25 at the high school.

The cost is \$99. For more information, call Churchill coach Anna Gatt at (734) 306-3793; or email amkgatt17@yahoo.com.

Franklin hoops

The Livonia Franklin basketball camp (grades 4-9) will be from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July

8-11 at the high school. The cost is \$65 (pre-registered) or \$75 (walk-up).

For more information, visit franklinbasketball.com; or email franklinball@gmail.com.

Kelser hoops

The Gregory Kelser basketball camp (boys and girls ages 7-17) will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 24-28, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$225 per camper. (Bring a sack lunch Monday through Wednesday. Lunch will be provided by Kelsner, Inc. on Thursday and Friday.)

To register online, visit www.ljal.com/basketball/camps.

For more information, call (248) 342-2735; or email greg.kesler32@gmail.com.

CC basketball

Novi Detroit Catholic Central will stage two sessions of summer basketball camps from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 5-7) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 8-9), Monday through Thursday, June 24-27 and July 8-11, at the high school.

For more information, visit catholiccentral.net; or call CC coach Bill Dyer at (734) 679-6773.

COACH

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Kovatch also coached Glenn to its first district championship since 1982 and its first-ever regional title.

The 2012-13 Rockets posted their best record in school history going 24-2.

Ambrose said the girls basketball vacancy has been posted and applications are being accepted on the district's website - www.wwcsd.net.

"We've gotten quite a few applications and we're screening those to see what we have," Ambrose said.

The athletic director also confirmed Friday that Glenn boys varsity soccer coach Brian Tomlinson also resigned

and that position has been posted as well.

Tomlinson finished 30-28-2 in his three seasons with the Rockets, including an 11-8 record in 2012.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Coaching jobs

Livonia Ladywood High School has coaching vacancies for a girls varsity pom pon and varsity swimming for the fall 2013 season...

Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

SHS cheer clinics

The Livonia Stevenson cheerleading team will be offering monthly clinics for youths ages 8-and-up from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 8, July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 21 and Oct. 12.

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sion or \$25 for walk-in. For more information, email lshscheer@gmail.com...

Livonia golf deals

The City of Livonia's Fox Creek, Idyl Wyld, and Whispering Willows Golf Courses have partnered with the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) to provide golfers with discounts, deals and the opportunity to win free rounds of golf through the Municipal Golf Trail (MGT).

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Weekly 5K runs

All runners, joggers and walkers are welcome to participate in a weekly timed 5-kilometer run-walk at 9 a.m. each Saturday at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

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Trader Mike: Whalers deal Payne, Mahalak

The Plymouth Whalers pulled off a hat trick of trades during a very busy week for general manager and coach Mike Vellucci.

Forward Cody Payne was shipped off to the Saginaw Spirit and overage goalie Matt Mahalak was dealt to Kingston.

Each trade netted two draft choices for Vellucci — recently named both top coach and executive in the Ontario Hockey League.

Vellucci also acquired 17-year-old center Francesco Vilardi from the Sudbury Wolves for a third round 2015 draft pick.

Payne played 116 games over two seasons for the Whalers and was part of a potent offense in 2012-13, tallying 24 goals and 21 assists.

ty Selection and the third pick in the 2016 draft.

Earlier this week, the Whalers traded Mahalak to Kingston, a trade made possible by the outstanding rookie season turned in by goalkeeper Alex Nedeljkovic.

Capping off a busy week, the Whalers inked 17-year-old defenseman Josh Wesley, who was taken by Plymouth in the fifth round (98th overall) in the 2012 OHL draft.

OCELOTS

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where he can wheel and deal, and be a free spirit. When you're a general, you can't be a free spirit because you have to get everyone else involved."

An all-Campbell backcourt could become an interesting dynamic come November.

"I like how big the school is, for a community college it's pretty big," Campbell said. "And obviously with my brother being on the team and the opportunity to play with him will be cool. I'm a little better at driving, getting layups, scoring in the paint."

Cole, the nephew of former University of Michigan player Billy Aylor, played primarily forward at Franklin where he averaged 9 points, 6.4 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game.

He did not play organized basketball until eighth grade and could be a late bloomer for Schoolcraft.

"It just gives me a goal in life to be a better basketball player and a chance to put myself out there to play at a bigger college after my two years here," Cole said. "I was playing center at

Franklin. I wish I had played more guard, but I'll be handling the ball here more.

"I have to work on my ball-handling, my shot and a lot of it is my conditioning."

Henry said Cole can bring some intangibles to the Ocelots' lineup.

"Cole will probably be a 'two' or 'three' for us," the Schoolcraft coach said. "He's a real strong kid. He's only 6-2, but he's about 200 pounds. He attacks the basket. I think he plays really hard and he wants to play defense. And that's what you really need is more guys who want to do that."

As a senior, Douglas helped University Prep to a 13-8 record where he spent most of his time playing center.

"I just looked at it as a great opportunity for me, somewhere to get my feet wet and we'll see where it goes from here," said Douglas, who plans to pursue a career in physical therapy.

Douglas, who weighs 175 pounds, will certainly have to bulk up playing against the likes of MCCA and NJCAA powers Flint Mott CC and Oakland CC.

"Douglas is a little small, but he can block shots," Henry said. "He

has good timing and has a decent mid-range shot. What I like about him is that he gets up and down the floor. He's another guy who plays defense. He's another guy needs to get a little stronger."

"I told him he needs to eat more potatoes. He's going to be a defensive guy because he works at that because we've got to shut people down if we're going to be successful."

"He'll be a clean-up guy for us. We look to him to rebound and play defense."

Kamal, who signed a letter-of-intent Friday, could add another dimension for the Ocelots, who hope to match their 19-12 season of two years ago.

"He has a great basketball I.Q. and can shoot the basketball," Henry said. "He plays within himself and can move without the ball. He can go back-door on you any time if you fall asleep and he knows how to finish. He'll be a 'three' guy for us."

Henry, who also added Bryce Collins, a 6-3 transfer from Eastern Michigan, said he plans to sign three or four more players before the summer ends after losing five sophomores.

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Hawks cage foes

The Livonia Hawks, a sixth-grade girls travel basketball team, posted an 8-3 record to capture the inaugural girls Spring Big Cat League held Novi H.S. The Hawks also won Livonia Pre-Mother's Day Friendship tournament, May 11 at Stevenson High School...

GOLF

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State University's Forest Akers (West Course).

"I was excited, I played really good," Kondrath said. "The course was playing tough, it was playing tight and the greens were rolling pretty good."

Kondrath became only the second individual state qualifier in coach Paul Worley's nine years as Churchill coach.

"Alec displayed great patience over the course of his round," Worley said. "He didn't try to force anything. He gave himself opportunities to make some putts as his pitching and chipping kept him close to hole all

day. His course management skills were at a high level and he reaped the benefits by qualifying for the state finals."

Kondrath played relatively error-free golf during his 18-hole round. To go along with one birdie, he had only one double-bogey.

The Churchill golfer said he plans to get in a few practice rounds at Forest Akers in preparation for the state finals and will count on expertise from his high school coach, who is also the head PGA professional at Whispering Willows, Churchill's home course.

"He (Worley) has a big impact," Kondrath said. "He gets the team together. He works with us whenever we need help." Churchill senior Bri-

an Sexton also made a strong showing as an individual regional qualifier finishing 16th overall with a 78.

Livonia Franklin's Tyler Gerhard, a junior, and Josh Dudek, a sophomore, placed 45th and 71st overall with scores of 86 and 103, respectively.

Individual medalist honors went to Saline's Caleb Wittig with a 70, while Canton's Donnie Trospert was second with a 71.

Saline, sporting a four-player total of 297, earned the regional title and a team berth in East Lansing along with runner-up Plymouth (298) and Canton (302).

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Shining stars

Theater for special needs kids teaches stage skills, confidence

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Katie Mann and Annie Klark were teaching together at the Marquis Theatre in Northville a few summers ago when their concept for a new kind children's theater began to take shape.

"We'd have 60-70 kids at the Marquis and it would be wonderful, but every once and awhile, we'd get a child on the autism spectrum. They'd be phenomenal, but the curriculum just moved too fast for them," said Mann, a Livonia resident and choreographer.

She and Klark, a professional actress from Canton, began trolling the Internet for theater programs aimed at children with special needs.

"We thought there must be a place that we could recommend that specializes in this kind of thing," Klark said. "We wanted it to exist."

When their searches turned up empty, they decided to take on the challenge themselves. They wrote a business plan, did "tons of research," said Klark, and in the process, founded the 4th Wall Theatre Company. The year-old mobile theater brings dance, music and acting experiences to its special needs students in their own environment.

Their first class was held at the Judson Center of Royal Oak, quickly followed by the Down Syndrome Guild of South-

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Katie Mann adjusts Christopher Funches's bandanna before a talent show begins at Franklin High School in Livonia.



eastern Michigan. Over the past year they've worked with Livonia Public Schools, Canton Leisure Services, Detroit Public Schools, Mid-Michigan Autism Association, Autism Alliance of Michigan, On My Own of Michigan, the City of Novi, among other organizations and institutions.

They offer a series of six weekly classes and one-day workshops, but they've also led school assemblies, coached special needs students in a talent competition, and performed with former students at conferences and gala fundraisers. Classes serve students, 3-26. Each receives a T-shirt and performs in a showcase that is tailored to individual abilities.

"Children (with special needs) are often seen as

not being able to do much. And people often look at us and say, 'Really, children with autism on stage? You know they have problems displaying their emotions.' And that makes us mad. Children with disabilities can do anything that a typical child can do. They just need a different situation sometimes," Mann said.

Singing, sign

Teachers are assigned to classes in pairs, although interns from Wayne State, Madonna University or Eastern Michigan University, also lend a hand if needed. Each session includes some dance, acting exercises and singing, by both voice and sign language. Mann, a certified teacher, also is fluent in sign language. Klark has taught theater class-



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Katie Mann, co-founder of 4th Wall Theatre.



Annie Klark, (upper right) leads a song at a 4th Wall Theatre Company class with special needs children.

es throughout southeastern Michigan and also directs a children's choir at Michigan Opera Theatre.

All classes begin with students and instructors sitting in a circle and sharing one detail about themselves. After the trust-building circle, students get a chance to don a hat from a prop box. Improv games, mirroring exercises, songs and dance follow. A performance always

caps the final class or end of the workshop. Often it's a play the youngsters have helped to create. They make up the characters, dialogue and action and Klark puts it all together into a short sketch.

"What we want to do is set children up for success. For one student, success might be standing on the stage. For another it might be having 10 lines," Klark said. "Every student is so different. But our whole goal is to create an environment where that child can succeed."

Fun lessons

While donning funny hats and singing songs or dancing freestyle, the children learn about cooperation,

team work, eye contact and speaking with confidence.

"All of these things that they struggle with on a consistent basis come inherently in the theater," Klark said. "There is therapy that happens naturally through what we do, but we really created 4th Wall as a fun, extra-curricular activity. That was more our goal than the therapy side of it. We wanted to create something where they could have a great time, be proud of themselves and feel empowered and have a sense of accomplishment."

The 4th Wall just wrapped up its spring session. For information about summer classes or to contact Mann and Klark, visit www.4thwallkids.com

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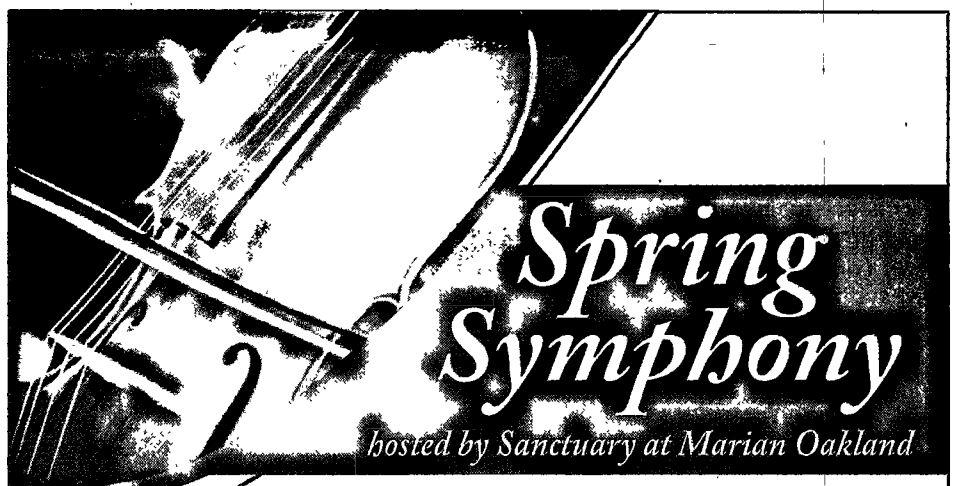
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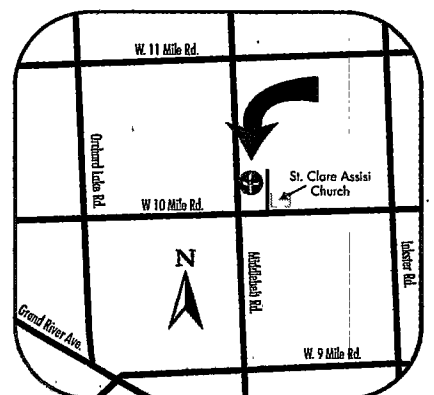


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Livonia group picks winning art works

Regina Dunne of Northville took first place in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's spring show, Artistic Expressions for her pastel painting, "Voyageur."

Dunne studied at the Academia Nacional de Bellas Artes San Alejandro in Cuba and at the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts, now called College for Creative Studies. She worked for many years as a graphic artist in the advertising department at the J. L. Hudson Co. Now retired, Dunne, 87, paints every day. Pastel is her favorite medium, but she also works in oil and watercolor. Her favorite subject is portraits, but she adds a unique touch by setting the model into a background of her choosing. When asked about her technique she said, "I work rapidly and alternate warm and cool colors and hard and soft pastels. I never blend the pastel."

The second place award went to Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville for her piece, "A Toast to Life."

Joan Boerger of Plymouth took third place with her painting, "The Geranium."

Honorable mentions went to Anne O'Shaughnessy of Plymouth for "Central Park in May", Jean Thomas of Detroit for "A Good View," and Gail Churchill of Dearborn for "Fair Lane Garden."

The VAAL Art Exhibit runs through June 28 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative arts by offering studio classes and twice yearly exhibits. Enrollment is open to everyone without restriction. The VAAL classroom is located at 37653 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

For more information about the show, call (734) 838-1204 or see the VAAL website at www.vaalart.org.



"The Voyageur," by Regina J. Dunne of Northville won first place in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia spring art show.



Barbara Eko Murphy of Plymouth took second place with her piece, "A Toast to Life," in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's "Artistic Expressions" spring art show.



"The Geranium" by Joan Boerger of Plymouth won a third place award in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia show.

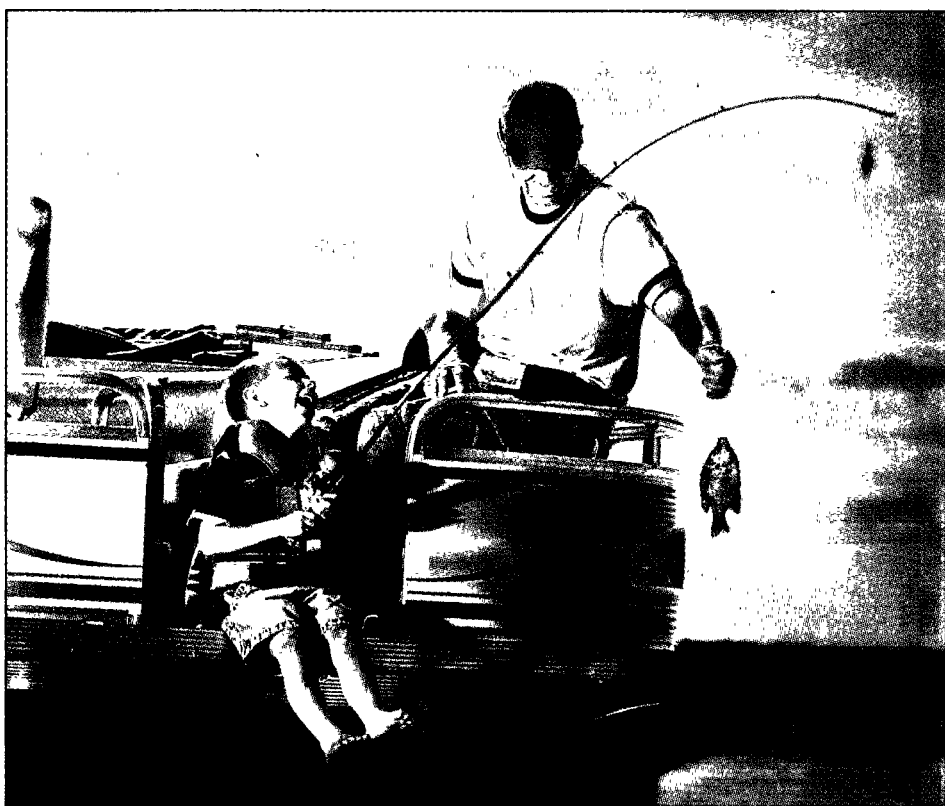


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DETROIT CENTRAL

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@wowway.com

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

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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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It's always something at Gilda's Club



Farmington Hills residents Steve Bez (left) and Dale Garberon Gilda Radner's famous 'do for Gilda's Big Night Out.

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

As Gilda Radner's alter ego "Roseann Rosannadanna" used to say "It's always something." And for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, there's always something going on. The organization puts on 120 cancer-support programs every year, free-of-charge, to anyone who walks through that welcoming, signature red door.

"Having cancer gave me membership in an elite club I'd rather not belong to," Radner once said.

Sadly, Radner died of ovarian cancer on May 20, 24 years ago. She was

only 42. Her spirit lives on and was honored at "Gilda's Big Night Out," the 15th Anniversary Celebration of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit. Held for the second year at the Max Fisher Music Center in Detroit, the event brought in more than 300 Gilda's supporters and raised close to \$90,000. Special guests were Gilda's Club Worldwide Founder and Radner's Psychotherapist, Joanna Bull. In addition, one of Radner's BFFs (best friends forever), Alan Zweibel, gave guests an inspirational look into their start together on *Saturday Night Live* and what became a life-long friendship.

But as soon as the silent auction bid sheets packed

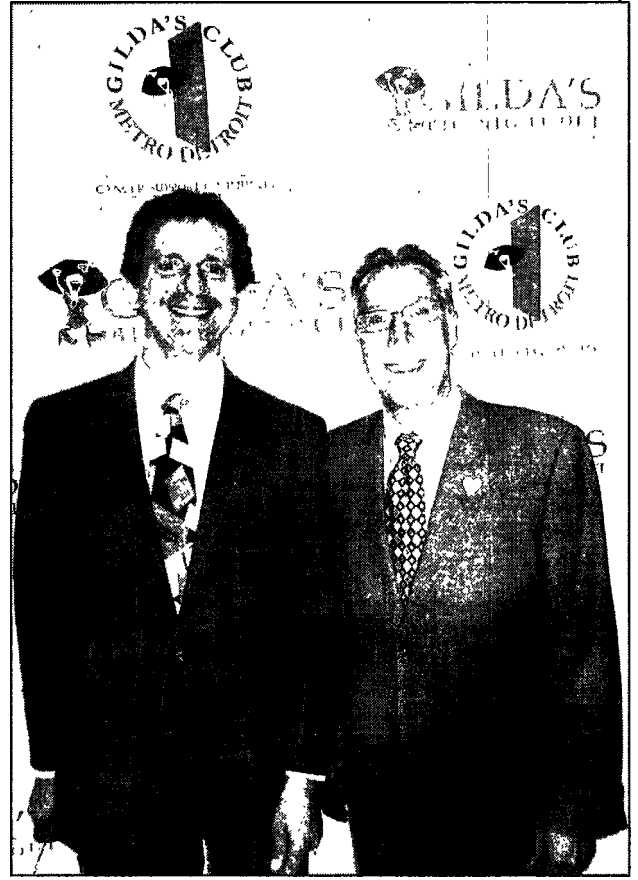


Gilda's Club Metro Detroit board member Ronnie Weiner and his wife, Amy, of Farmington Hills.

up at the Max Fisher Music Center, Gilda's Club went on to prepare for an incredible charity benefit slated for Wednesday, June 12 at the Maple Theater in Bloomfield Hills. You are invited to the movie premiere of *Decoding Annie Parker* starring Helen Hunt, Samantha Morton, Aaron Paul and Bradley Whitford.

Based on a true story, *Decoding Annie Parker* follows the journey of Parker (Samantha Mor-

ton), who lost her mother and sister to breast cancer and then was diagnosed with breast cancer herself and the scientist Mary-Claire King (Helen Hunt) who ultimately discovered the BRCA1 gene that has now led to advanced breast and ovarian cancer detection and treatment. Coincidentally, the movie release is very timely with the recent reveal of actress Angelina Jolie's decision to have a double mastectomy once she test-



PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

Gilda's Club Patrons Ron Yolles (left) of Birmingham and Farmington Hills resident David Lubin of corporate sponsor M.Jacob & Sons.

ed positive for the BRCA1 gene.

Wednesday's movie premiere will begin at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres by Sweet Lorraine's Café, followed by the screening at 7 p.m. Following the movie, guests can participate in a panel discussion with *Decoding Annie Parker* Writer/Director/Producer Steven Bern-

stein and Annie Parker herself. Tickets are \$100 and \$150 and can be purchased by going to <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/6661531821#> or www.themapletheater.com.

For more information about Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, located in Royal Oak, visit gildasclubdetroit.org.

Service companies do their best under some tough conditions

By Joe Gagnon
Guest columnist

For the many years that I have been involved in the appliance industry and the heating and cooling profession the story has always been the same here in the State of Michigan. Business can be so slow in the winter months that layoffs are a common thing. Service calls can be accomplished sometimes in a matter of a few



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

hours and advertised specials are heard all over the place. These types of businesses will work very hard at staying afloat and will wait on pins and needles for the weather to

break. Once that happens they are in their glory and we consumers are at their mercy. Hot temperatures help to create a warm feeling under the collar of many homeowners. Now they have to wait for service and people don't like the word "wait."

It's the same thing every year and I hear the same complaints such as: They can't fix my air conditioner because there are 200 requests in front of me. They can't get out fixing my washer for 10 days because they are loaded with calls on refrigerators. And the list goes on.

In my defense of the service industry, you must realize that service calls are prioritized much like patients entering an emergency room at a hospital. Refrigeration is tops on the list and for good reason. It can be life threatening if the temperature is too hot or medicine is not

refrigerated. Service companies do the best they can under some very trying circumstances and it can very hard to please every customer who calls.

Now, let me get to the core of what this column is all about! I constantly remind homeowners of how important it is to take care of your refrigeration equipment at home. I'm talking about your central air conditioning system, the room air conditioner, the dehumidifier, refrigerator, freezer and all products that are associated with these. If you think you are mad because you had to wait a long period for service, imagine how you feel when the service technician discovers the only thing wrong with the product is something you should or could have done yourself to prevent the breakdown. It feels even worse when you are charged \$200 and learn the lesson the hard way. I don't have enough room here

to repeat over 20 years of tips I've written so I will focus on some of the common ones that can save you an expensive service call.

- Clean the condenser under your refrigerator,
 - Make sure the rubber door gaskets are sealing properly.
 - Put the dehumidifier through the car wash and hose it down.
 - Clean the central air conditioner condenser outside with the garden hose.
 - Change the filter in the furnace.
 - Get your air ducts cleaned out.
 - Change the batteries in your wall thermostat.
 - Put new fuses in the circuit box for the central a/c unit and always keep in mind that the biggest obstruction to proper operation of refrigeration equipment is always that common word known as DIRT.
- Now let's go back to the

beginning. The company has been starving so to speak and all of a sudden the bowl is overfilled. Will they eat as much or more than they can to get ready for next winter? This reminds me of the Black Bears around Timmins, Ontario. Always use care in who you select to come into your home to do service. Check out their reputation and also ask your neighbors and friends who they use for service. Call the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General's office and make sure you know whom you are dealing with. The e-mail address below goes directly to me and I'm always around to help. Stay tuned.

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

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Butterflies

Learn why native plants are important for butterfly gardening and are among the most durable plants you can grow in your garden, at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking is on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 fee for non-members. Call (734) 223-5510 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

Garden Walks

The Milford Garden Club presents its 18th annual walk, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, June 15. Includes six gardens. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 on the day of the event. Download a ticket form from www.themilfordgardenclub.org or call Mary McFarland at (248) 684-2149 for more information.

See eight gardens during the Wayne Garden Walk, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 22. Vendors and a white elephant sale will be included. Tickets are \$8 before the event and \$10 on the day of the walk. Call (734) 721-8232 for more information.

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, (313) 453-8312; Darlene Rinke, (734) 459-7499; or Kate Kerr, (734) 455-6867.

Garden City Garden Club's walk runs 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 29. Tickets for this 19th annual event are \$8, available from Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, Westland; gccc.weebly.com.

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, 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 rec-reg.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 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.

Brunch benefits jazz festival

Tickets are available for the annual Father's Day Brunch, a fundraiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

The Dave Bennett Quartet will be the featured performers at the

brunch, which runs noon-3 p.m. Sunday, June 16, at the VisTaT-ech Center, at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Tickets for the brunch are \$27.50.

For more information or to buy tickets call (734) 462-4403.

The Michigan Jazz Festival is set for Sunday, July 21, at Schoolcraft College.



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MUSCLES, JOINTS AND THE THYROID

Interactions between different parts of the body are well illustrated by the ways that the thyroid gland and the bone and joint system met and match.

The best known interaction is with the lipid lowering drugs such as simvastatin (Zocor) or atorvastatin (Lipitor) and muscle aching. Physicians know that when they suspect that a patient's muscle aching may result from a side effect of a lipid lowering agent, that it is time to obtain laboratory studies to check if the thyroid is overactive, underactive or all right.

Often testing reveals that the person with the aching muscle is hypothyroid. Thyroid replacement not only brings the person back to a state of renewed energy, but ends the experience of aching muscles.

The relationship between thyroid and muscle is that the thyroid secretes a hormone whose effect is to promote speed and efficiency of muscle contractions. An inadequate amount of thyroid hormone means loss of efficiency which the person feels as aching and fatigue.

A problem also occurs when a person is hyperthyroid. In this instance the person feels weak. The usual pattern of weakness is in the shoulder and thigh muscles. The doctor will order thyroid studies, but this time seeking evidence for an over active thyroid. Control of the thyroid will lead to an end of the weakness.

An overactive thyroid can lead to joint problems. A person with hyperthyroidism may have rounded nails, called clubbing, and pain in the legs caused by a thickening of bone, called periostitis. The clubbing and periostitis are features of lung cancer. Doctors who see these changes obtain thyroid studies before concluding the problem is cancer.

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Milestones

Jackett-Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackett of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Brian, to Sarah Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Smith of Columbus, Ohio. Brian is a graduate of University of Dayton and works at Microsoft in Columbus, Ohio. Sarah is a graduate of Grove City College and Capital University and works at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. A fall 2013 wedding is planned at St. Peters Church in Columbus, Ohio.



RELIGION CALENDAR

June

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 Raetzl. Tickets are \$10. Students are free with ID
Contact: (248) 347-7778

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The church, which describes itself as a small, friendly congregation with a "heart for God's word, now offers an afternoon contemporary service. It also offers a prayer service at 9 a.m., a worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday school at 12:30 p.m. and evening Bible study at 6 p.m.
Contact: Rev. Roger Wright at (313) 682-7491

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

FAMILY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22
Location: The Canton Mosque, 40440 Palmer, Canton
Details: First annual, free fun day organized to foster dialogue within increasingly diverse local communities. Families, adults, youth, and children will be able to engage in team-building activities and join conversations, while enjoying great food and art displays. RSVP by June 20
Contact: MCWSoutreach@gmail.com

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.princeofpeacehills.org

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

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, through June 20
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, Northville
Details: Joe Gagnon, the "Appliance Doctor" columnist for the "Observer & Eccentric" will answer questions about appliance problems, maintenance and care, June 13; cards and games night, June 20. Ice cream will be available for \$5 after each session
Contact: www.singleplace.org

SUMMER JAM

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, June 24-27
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Aimed at children who have just completed K-6th grades. Children will do crafts, sing, play games, do sign language and learn a Bible lesson daily. Free
Contact: (734) 427-8743

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 17-20
Location: First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne
Details: This beach party-themed session includes a light meal and is aimed at K-5th grades
Contact: (734) 721-4801

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 3-5th grade. Cost is \$5 per child. Registration is available now
Contact: (734) 422-1470, Ext. 17, or visit

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

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11-25
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, Northville
Details: Terry Erchenbrecher of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will talk about "Life's Simple Seven" - seven ways to manage cardiovascular risk factors and improving your lifestyle, July 11; a cookout will be held July 18; cards and games night is planned for July 25. Ice cream is available July 11 and 25 for \$5. The cookout costs \$7
Contact: www.singleplace.org

August

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 5-8
Location: Fellowship hall at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Designed for children, 3, through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Cost is \$10 per child and \$25 for families with three or more children. Each child will receive a free CD with all of the music from the week. Registration forms are available in the church office
Contact: Pam Gunderson at rgpc.children@yahoo.com or (734) 422-0494, ext. 14

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiloh, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs
Contact: (313) 563-0162

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EDDY, MICHAEL ALAN
 Beloved son, brother, uncle and friend passed into paradise June 5, 2013 after a brave battle against lymphoma. He was an inventor with a great sense of humor and was always ready to lend a hand. He took great pleasure spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his parents Gordon and Patricia, brother Scott, sisters Nancy and Brook, nephews Joshua, Erik, John, Christopher and Tommy, nieces Carmen and Noelle and dearest friend of Deborah Thams. Preceded in death by sisters Janet and Caron. Funeral services will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth on Saturday, June 15, 2013 with visitation beginning at 2 pm and the service at 4 pm. In lieu of flowers please donate to Barbara Karmanos Cancer Center (www.karmanos.org) or Risen Christ Church. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com



JEWELL DOROTHY (MIDGE)
 Age 90 of Plymouth, passed away on April 28, 2013. Born in Plymouth on September 20, 1922 to parents Howard & Anna Richard. Graduated from Plymouth High School in 1940. Dorothy married her best friend, Donald Jewell in 1948 and they shared a happy life until Don's passing in 1993. Together they had the three luckiest children in the world: Elizabeth (Garrett) Kerstens, Ellen (Clifford) Caldwell and John Wesley Jewell who passed away in 2002. Proud grandmother of Ann (Tim) Presley, Nora Allen, Kay Kerstens and Wesley Kerstens. Great grandmother of Lake Allen. Midge devoted her life to helping others and volunteering her time to numerous organizations. A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church 701 Church Street, Plymouth on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at 11 am. Memorials may be made to Seedlings Braille Books for Children 14151 Farmington Rd, Livonia 48151 or Habitat for Humanity. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at www.schrader-howell.com

LAPLANTE, BETTY J.

Age 91, of Farmington Hills. Passed away May 20, 2013. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

ROTTLE, DENNIS IRA "DENNY"

Saturday, May 25, 2013. Services held June 2. Online: www.rgrharris.com

LYNAS, HELEN JOY

Born in Bothwell, Ontario, Canada on June 6, 1923. Departed on June 4, 2013 and resided in Plymouth Twp., MI Age 89. She is preceded in death by her parents, George Willard Kribs and Lillian (Webster) Kribs; her beloved husband of 55 years, Albert Lynas; her beloved daughter, Linda Rowland; her brothers, Jack Kribs, Charles Kribs, Kenneth Kribs, and Walter Kribs; and her sisters, Margaret (Gordon) Gary and Florence Kribs. She is survived by her son-in-law, Christopher Rowland; her granddaughter, Erin (Cameron) McLean; her grandson, Ian Rowland; her great grandson, Matthew Rowland; her great granddaughter, Melinda Rowland; her niece, Barbara Gray; and her nephew, Donald (Annette) Gray. Also survived by several life long friends. Joy emigrated from Canada in 1960, worked for Plymouth Stamping until her retirement, and then moved to Naples, Florida, where she lived with her husband for 18 years before returning to Plymouth. She traveled the world after 80. She was warm, loving, and generous, and had a remarkable memory. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, travel, good friends, and the occasional vodka martini. Funeral service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Thursday, June 6, 2:30pm. Friends may visit beginning at 12noon. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.



STACK, ROBERT W.

Age 60, June 4, 2013. Beloved brother of Margaret, Dearest son of the late Walter and Josephine. Nephew of the late Bronch Chmielewski; cousins, Carl (the late Henrietta), Larry, Jim (Gwen) and Tom. Nephew of the late Ted (Rosemary) Miller; cousins, Tony, Deb Archer, Mark and Greg. Nephew of the late Gene Bridges; cousins, James and Mary; children Chad, Adam and Butch. Nephew of the late Mary Burzynski and the late Cass Miller; cousins Elizabeth Jean (Ed Stuckey), Mary Alice and the late Patty. Bob is also survived by a world of friends, especially Alan, Marian, Dean, Paula, Jackie and Shannon. He was a traveler, attending night school, religion classes, and loved music, especially playing the piano. He was a proud employee of New Horizons Workshop and lived a full and happy life. Visitation Sunday 4-8pm and Monday 4-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. In State Tuesday 10am until time of Mass 11am at Orchard Lake St. Mary, 3535 Indian Trail. Entombment St. Hedwig Cemetery Dearborn Heights. Memorial contributions may be made to Bob's favorite annual trip, The Fowler Center for Outdoor Learning, www.thefowlercenter.org, www.mccabefuneralhome.com

VALLESKEY, AGNES "PEG"

June 5, 2013, age 88, of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Roy for 61 years. Loving mother of Tom (Paulette), Carole (Vladimir), Bruce (Greta), Jim, Matthew (Pamela), and Kevin. Cherished grandmother of Daniel, Brianna, Megan, Tyler, Caitlin, and Jain. A memorial service is planned for Monday, June 10, 2013 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church 29015 Jamison Livonia, 10AM visiting, 11AM service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed towards the California Dance Institute at californiadanceinstitute.org and/or organization of your choice. Share memories at Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



WELSH, CAROL DENISE

Age 77 of Milford, passed away May 29, 2013. Survived by her beloved husband, Robert L. Welsh, and their children, Laurie Welsh, Vallerie (Neal) Knoerzer, Bob Welsh, Tom (Erin) Welsh, Patricia Welsh; grandchildren, Amy Florence and Michelle Pickup, Nicolas Knoerzer, Anna, Tara, Adam and Evan Welsh, Connor and Michael Welsh, Ashley (Stephen) Balone, Brandon LaCarter; great grandchildren, Alyvia Gaines, Vincent and Michael Balone; brother, John Edlbrock; sister-in-law, Liz Edlbrock; many nieces, nephews, extended family members, dear friends and former students. A Service to celebrate Carol's life will be held at a later date. For more information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford 248-684-6645 LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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SHANNON, BESSIE L.

June 1, 2013. Age 101 of Westland. Loving wife of the late Lawrence. Dear mother of Richard (Wendy), and David (Charlene). Grandmother of three and great grandmother of five. Funeral service from The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd. Westland, Saturday 10am. Visitation at the funeral home Friday 3-9pm. Burial to take place at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit. Please view Memorials & send tributes at www.uhtfh.com



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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



Runners assemble at the start line of the 2012 Run for the Ribbon race.

Run raises awareness of prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common type of non-skin cancer found in American men, affecting one in six, and is the second leading cause of death, according to the American Cancer Society, (ACS).

The ACS estimates more than 238,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States in 2013, more than 29,000 men will lose their fight with the disease, but an estimated 2 million men will survive the disease.

In support of prostate cancer survivors, the MIU Men's Health Foundation will present the Fifth Annual MIU Run for the Ribbon, at 8 a.m. Sunday, June 16 at the Detroit Zoo. Run for the Ribbon, which draws more than 1,600 runners and walkers every year, aims to promote the awareness, education, research and treatment of prostate cancer and men's health-related issues in Southeastern Michigan.

Registrants can build a personal fundraising or team page when they sign up for the event. They can upload photos, a personal story and set up personal or team fundraising goals. Each secure personal page or team page will have its own customized URL.

New this year, the Foundation has developed a Prostate Cancer Survivor Team in honor of men who are winning or have won the battle against prostate cancer. Any prostate cancer survivor can sign up to raise funds for the team.

"The MIU Run for the Ribbon is an event about survivorship, supporting men with education and research for treatment to continue growing the number of people who can call themselves survivors," said Michael Lutz, M.D., board member of the MIU Men's Health Foundation and urologist with Michigan Institute of Urology. "This year, we are growing a sense of solidarity with our Prostate Cancer Survivor Team of men and their families who have chosen to know about their health, fight like a man for it and are winning. It's one way we can honor them for their hard work and

courage."

MIU Run for the Ribbon has partnered with the American Cancer Society, The Prostate Conditions Education Council and the Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education (PACE) Race Series. Run for the Ribbon also has been endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports as a quality physical activity event significantly contributing to the health and well being of Michigan residents and will be included in the Pure Michigan FITness Series endorsement program.

Registration made through June 13 is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Race day registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. Online registration at www.miurunfortheribbon.org is available until June 14. After June 14, participants must register on race day.

All participants will receive an official T-shirt and ribbons will be awarded to all finishers, with special awards going to top finishers in several age categories. Team awards will be given to the team with the most members, the team that raises the most funds and the most creative team name. Participants with prostate cancer or who have survived prostate cancer will be given a special commemorative gift to celebrate their courage.

Registrants also can honor a loved one by placing his/her name on signage along the course with a \$5 donation. All donations will be used to promote the awareness, education, treatment and research of prostate cancer and men's health related issues in Southeastern Michigan.

MIU Men's Health Foundation, a nonprofit organization, was founded by the Michigan Institute of Urology, which has offices in Livonia and Royal Oak. It is dedicated to promoting the awareness, education, research and treatment of prostate cancer and men's health related issues in southeastern Michigan. For more information visit MIUMen'sHealthFoundation.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

June

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.

LUPUS SUPPORT

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a support group meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Meetings are designed to assist people with lupus, to help their family and friends to get connected with each other, and to help them get a better understanding of the disease and how to fight it. Support Group meetings are offered free of charge to anyone interested in participating. For more information visit www.milupus.org, or call (800) 705-6677.

PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present a free educational seminar about peripheral arterial disease (P.A.D.) from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 in the hospital's North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The program is open to the public and is one of the Diabetes Support Group's events. John Iltas, DO, Chair, Department of Surgery, will discuss early detection, treatment and how to reduce your risk for heart attack and



John Iltas, D.O., will talk about peripheral artery disease June 12 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

stroke. P.A.D. happens when plaque narrows or clogs the arteries in your legs, reducing blood flow throughout your legs and feet. Painful cramping in the lower body after an activity and having sores on legs and feet that are slow to heal are common symptoms. For more information call (734) 655-8961.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Kathleen Hannon, a family physician, and morning show radio personality Dr. Don from 99.5-FM WYCD, Detroit's country radio station, will be on hand at this monthly Botsford Hospital event, noon, Thursday, June 20, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Hannon's presentation is "Preventative Health - What Works, What Doesn't, What's New." The event includes giveaways and music and meets rain or shine. Register by calling (877) Doc1, and choose option 1.

Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Mon-

day and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m.-noon, the first Tuesday of every month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required.

Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursday of the month at Westland Mall, 35000 Warren Road, Westland; 9 a.m. the second and fourth Monday at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights; and 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Ahh, That's Refreshing! Don't Sweat It, Staying Hydrated is Easy.

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Kambhatla
Internal Medicine

As temperatures rise, so do the chances for dehydration. Staying hydrated isn't hard, but is critical to good health. Internal Medicine Physician and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Sujata Kambhatla, answers a few frequently asked questions about the importance of proper hydration.

Q: Why is it so important to stay hydrated?

A: Your body depends on water for survival. Did you know that water makes up more than half of your body weight? Every cell, tissue and organ in your body needs water to function correctly. Your body uses water to maintain its temperature, remove waste and lubricate joints. Water is essential for good health.

Q: How do I know if I'm dehydrated?

A: Symptoms of dehydration include:

- Little or no urine, or urine that is darker than usual
- Dry mouth
- Sleepiness, fatigue or muscle cramps
- Extreme thirst
- Headache, confusion or feeling dizzy or lightheaded
- No tears when crying

Don't wait until you notice symptoms of dehydration to act. It can be hard to recognize when you're dehydrated, especially as you age. Actively prevent dehydration by drinking plenty of water.

Q: How much water should I drink each day?

A: There are different recommendations for water intake. Most people should be drinking 6-8, eight-ounce glasses of water every day. However, some people may need different amounts of water to stay hydrated. Most healthy people can stay well hydrated by drinking water and other fluids whenever they feel thirsty. Some people are at higher risk of dehydration, including those who exercise, have certain medical conditions, are sick, or are not able to get enough fluids during the course of the day. Older adults are also at higher risk. As you age, your brain may be unable to sense dehydration and send the signals for thirst. If you are concerned you may not be drinking enough water, check your urine. If your urine is consistently colorless or light yellow, you are most likely staying well hydrated.

Q: Besides water, what else can I consume to stay well hydrated?

A: Water is the best option for staying hydrated. Drinks like fruit and vegetable juices, milk and herbal teas can also contribute to the amount of water you should get each day. Even caffeinated drinks, such as coffee, tea and soda, count toward your daily water intake - up to a point. But it's best to limit these since caffeine may cause some people to urinate more frequently, or feel anxious or jittery. Water can also be found in fruits and vegetables, such as watermelon, tomatoes and lettuce, and in soup broths.

Join Garden City Hospital every month at Westland Mall, for our wellness lecture series. At 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, a GCH Health Expert will provide helpful and in depth information on a variety of issues that impact our health every day. The next lecture, "Elderly Care and Fall Prevention", is July 13.

Do you have a health or medical question for one of the GCH Health Experts? Visit GCH.org or call 877.717.WELL.

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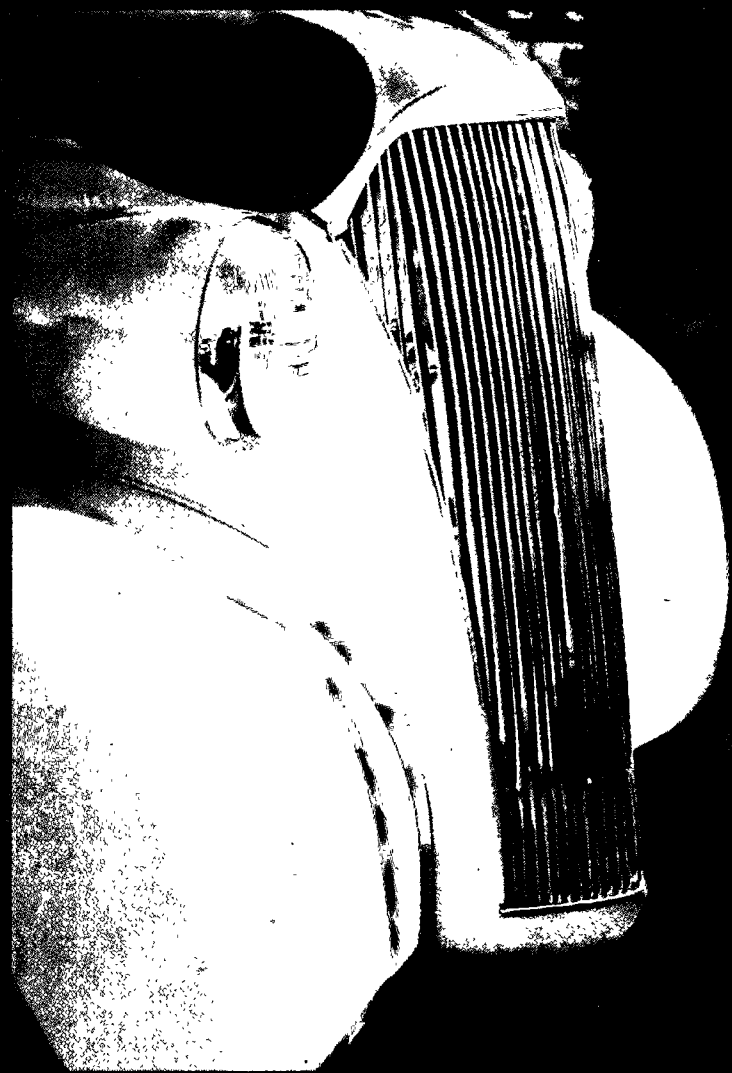
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