

Woehlke widow pension on way

Firefighter's widow will be paid more if council recommendation heeded

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

The widow of a Wayne-Westland firefighter killed in the line of duty can expect to receive a \$42,850 annual pension and medical benefits under a recommendation from the City Council.

Westland's pension board will actually vote on the pension and benefits for Jennifer Woehlke but asked for a rec-ommendation from the council.

'We are being asked to provide guidance to the pension board. We need to provide guidance based on what we feel is fair and equitable," said Westland Council President James Godbout.

The question put to the council was how to resolve conflicting language in the Wayne-Westland Firefighter Association collective bargain-

Brian Woehlke was with the department for 10 months before being killed May 8 fighting the fire that destroyed Marvaso's Italian Grille/the Electric Stick. His widow will receive pension benefits as if he worked a full 25 years.

The question was at what pay level would the pension be calculated. Until recent years, firefighters had a five-year tier system to reach full pay at their rank. That was extended to a seven-step tier in recent vears.

As part of his death bene-fits, Woehlke's widow would receive a pension of \$26,933 annually, if he received five years credit, or \$42,850 annually, if he was credited at seven years.

The pension and medical benefits would end for Jennifer Woehlke, if she remarries. The couple's daughter Ava, 14 months old, would be eligible for medical benefits until she

is 18 years old. "It's an either/or selection. The first run actuarial (of \$26,933) would be less than workman's compensation

benefits," said City Attorney James Fausone.

The issue was presented to the council at a study session Monday prior to the council meeting where the recom-mendation was approved.

During the study session, resident Burke Rock argued. that the council wasn't following the letter of the contract by recommending the higher pension calculation.

"This will affect the city for 50 years. Someone has to pay the price. The average life

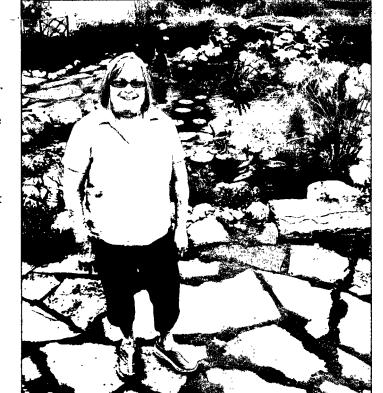
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Maureen Davidson's 1,500-gallon pond covers 25 by 20 feet and features 18 different water plants. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Garden Walk on tap , Saturday

By Sue Mason Staff Writer



GARDENS IN BLOOM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 22

Details: Seven gardens in Wayne and Westland will be featured in the Wavne Gar den Club's biennial garden walk. There will be vendors at each home on the walk and a white elephant at the home of Maureen Davidson in Westland. Tickets are \$8 in advance and are available at the Wayne Public Library," Wayne-Westland Community Center, Wayne City Hall, Barson's Greenhouses in Westland and Garden Fantasy in Belleville. Tickets will cost \$10 the day of the walk and will be sold at the Wayne Banquet/Activity Center at Sims and Wayne Road between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Westland Summer Fest fun in sun

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Plans are moving forward for the 43rd annual Westland Summer Festival, including the fireworks display which traditionally closes the event.

Held on the grounds of Westland City Hall, the five-day event will run Wednesday through Sunday, July 3-7. The festival had already

been approved when council members asked for an ordinance to ban carnivals following problems with unruly crowds of young people at area carnivals, including one to benefit the Westland Firefighters Safety Committee.

"I anticipate it will all be resolved. I think that's what is going to happen," said Ken Mehl, festival committee chairman. "I think there was a change of heart after (Oakland County Sheriff) Mike Bouchard and Canton made comments about not letting a few people ruin an event.' Festival committee members and a representative of Wade Shows, the carnival and midway provider, recently met with city officials, including Westland police, to discuss security for the festival. "We're putting up signs like we did last year that basically said in advance that if they were going to be bad boys and. girls, then they were going (out of the festival)," said Mehl. "We had no problems at all last year." Once this year's festival is complete, Westland Mayor William Wild said representatives of Wade Shows have been asked to come back and discuss future security. We will have a dialogue

aureen Davidson is into water, lots of water. Just take a look at her back vard. There's few blades of grass, a 1,500-gallon pond and plenty of plants.

The pond isn't there for the gold fish that live in it, but rather the 18 varieties of water plants that are in and 35 different kinds of perennials that are around it.

'I learned a whole new way of gardening now that I have a pond," said Davidson. "It's always a work in progress."

The Westland resident's garden is one of seven that will be featured in the Wayne Garden Club's biennial Garden Walk Saturday. Three of the gardens are in Westland and four are in Wayne. David-

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A pond dominates Maureen Davidson's backyard because the Westland resident is into pond gardening.

Contact: For more infromation, call Lynn at 734-721-8232.

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Adults only: Education program looks at drug abuse trends

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A year ago, synthetic marijuana like K-2 was the trend. Now it's prescription pills and heroin topping the list of drugs abused by teens.

Parents, guardians and

other interested adults are invited to attend a Trendy Drugs and Paraphernalia drug education program 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at the Westland Friendship Center.

Ken Krygel, a drug and alcohol recognition expert, will be returning as the speaker for . the free adults-only program. Westland Youth Assistance is sponsoring the program.

We had a nice turnout last time, we got some really good feedback," said Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz. "We'll be discussing the drugs that are happening

now - marijuana and the different pills kids are using."

The goal of the meeting is to make parents and caregivers more aware of the potentially addictive drugs and other substances available to young people.

"We'll talk about if there is a

family history of substance or drug abuse, the availability and potency of available drugs," said Motz. "It's a worthwhile experience. It's two hours of your time and you might save your child's life."

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after the festival. He (Wade Shows) has been coming here for years," said Wild. "Only the last couple of years has been a problem.

Along with security, the cost for police overtime had been an issue along with cleanup after the event. The festival committee recently agreed to pay \$10,000 to cover 2013 police overtime

"I think we have come up with a pretty good plan. The cleanup last year was 100 percent better than the year before," said Wild.



Last year, Rachel Senkbeil of Canton, Megan Jarman of Westland and Krystel Kaschuk of Garden City couldn't help but scream while riding the Round Up at the Westland Summer Festival. FILE PHOTO

This year, Wild said the cleanup will include not just the City Hall grounds but the Kroger strip center parking lot and a couple blocks in the neighborhood.

On the evening of the fireworks, people gather to watch from nearby parking lots and residential areas. The cleanup will be handled by Wade Shows staff, com-

munity service court workers and festival volunteers.

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son's is the only one that includes a pond.

This may be David-son's first time in the Wayne garden tour, but it's not her first time showing off her garden to the public. Hers was one of the featured gardens in the Garden City Garden Club's Garden Walk in 2006.

Getting started

Davidson got into ponds and water gardening 10 years ago when she went on a pond tour. Seeing what folks had done inspired her to try it. She bought a preformed pond to see if she liked it, The following year she bought a larger

one, and two years later she decided to go "big." ""I had the whole back-yard dug up for a pond and waterfall with room for perennials," she said. "If I had known from the get-go, I would have gone for the largest one to start.

The garden covers 25 feet by 20 feet area and the focal point is the pond and waterfall. It's flanked by perennials like a double clematis and watched over by a cherub on a pedestal. The pond has a mixture of plants that rest on the bottom and oxygenate the water, ones that sit 1-2 inches below it and those that float on it.

She includes water hyacinths, water lettuce and tropical water lilies in purple and blue in the pond that's home to a variety of gold fish, shibunkins and frogs. When planting tropical plants, she has to go by the water temperature. She waits until the water temperature is 65 degrees to put out the lilies which "are only good for the summer," she said. "You have to have all three to balance it out," said Davidson, who's been a member of the Wayne Garden Club for three years.. "It's a natural pond with gravel on the bottom to help neutralize. Rocks are so much more natural."



An antique urn more than 100 years old has been repurposed as a fountain in the Davidsons' front yard. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'I had the whole backyard dug up for a pond and waterfall with room for perennials. If Ihad known from the get-go, I would have gone for the largest one to start.' The garden covers 25 feet by 20 feet and the focal point is the pond and waterfall. **MAUREEN DAVIDSON**



Animals, music galore at Westland festival

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

The fireworks display that closes the Westland Summer Festival is always a highlight of the annual event, but there are plenty of other activities and attractions over the five-day event Wednesday-Sunday, July 3-7.

"One thing that will be back that we didn't have last year are the exotic animals," said festival committee chairman Ken Mehl. "The exotic animals were very popular.'

Premier Animal Attractions has tigers and other exotic animals available for photographs at a nominal fee.

Another popular animal attraction returning to the festival is the Gilligan T. Monkey Banana Derby, featuring monkey jockeys riding dogs. Instead of a limited visit, the banana derby will be there daily at the festival held on the grounds of Westland City Hall on Ford west of Wayne Road.

Along with carnival rides and a midway throughout the festival, fund-raising events are also on tap.

» On Saturday, July 6, the Miles for Memories walk for the Alzheimer's Association will begin at 10 a.m. Call 734-968-9236 for information.

» To benefit juvenile diabetes research, a

Zumbathon will be held on the stage from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 6. Pre-register for \$10 per person or \$15 at the event. For information, call Kevin Coleman at 734-751-6321 or Maria Alijandro at 734 444-9174.

» On Sunday, July 7, a pancake breakfast will be held 9-10:15 a.m. to benefit Hope 4 Western Wayne County. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information, visit www.Hope4WWC.com.

» A Community Bake Sale will be held noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 7. Non-profit groups are invited to participate in the bake sale. Call 734-578-5025 for more information or to sign up.

The festival features free live musical entertainment daily, including Margaritaville, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band, Toppermost, a Beatles tribute band, Impact Seven and country music from Annabelle Road.

Free shuttle parking is offered from Westland John Glenn High School and the William P. Faust Public Library.

Volunteers are still needed to help during the festival, which is organized and run by the volunteer festival committee. To volunteer at the festival, call Mehl at 734-335-7943.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Ripple Effect

The Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer downtown revitalization group, meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, in downtown Wayne. Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome. For more information, visit the website at www.downtownwayne.org or e-mail Sherrie at waynerippleeffect@gmail.com.

urday, June 22, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

Rent a table for \$20. To reserve a table, call 734-721-7400.

Film Series

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish kicks off its free Oscar Nominated Summer Film Series this evening with with the movie, *Lincoln*.

The movie will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and pop will be servea.

mer will be Life of Pi on

July 18 and Argo on Aug.

22. Ss. Simon and Jude is

Other films this sum-

One fish, two fish While many pond enthusiasts go for koi,

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expectancy for women is 85 years," said Rock, who has been a regular critic of generic buyouts for

she put in two goldfish six years ago, They now number about 30 and are in colors of orange, all black and orange and black.

"If you want nice flowers, you can't have koi," said Davidson. "Koi can nuzzle and lift up the plants, for me, the water garden is more important than the fish.'

In the spring, there are plenty of tadpoles and the night air is filled with the sound of croaking. Davidson said she hasn't gotten any complaints about their noise from neighbors. In fact, one neighbor lived down south and had a pond. The croaking reminds

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Rock's comments. Before

Double Clematis in full bloom climb a metal trellis along the edge of the Davidsons' pond.

her of it.

The garden is a work in progress and she and her husband Richard "go all over," even Eastern Market, to find plants. They also go far and wide for garden walks in places like Northville and Grosse Pointe. They also take in the Boston Edison tour in Detroit at Christmas.

"You go ll over, if you're into gardening," she said. "You have to be willing to travel."

Garden Club member Lynn Higgs is looking

ments continued.

"The question is how much is a life worth? If it was your son or daughter, how much would it be worth to you?" said resi-dent Robert Froreich.

After the council had voted to recommend the higher pension pay out, Councilman Michael Kehrer commented on the action mentioning Rock's objection.

"We voted to give him top pay as if he (Woehlke) had been here

pension calculation. Someone objected. The person in the city 25 cents per year."

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Garage Sale

The Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat-

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Time and again parents report a child has changed - lying, cheating and stealing or in some cases becoming violent, said Motz.

"Most of the time it is drug-related. Drugs can affect a child's mental stability," he said.

When it comes to prescription medications, Motz said it's important to properly dispose of unwanted or expired prescription medications so that the drugs won't be misused or abused or harm the environment. There is a disposal box in the lobby of the Westland Police Department, he said.

"We've been receiving many health alerts on heroin overdoses causing

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deaths. I'm sure he (Krygel) will touch on that,' said Motz!

One drug adults might not be familiar with is called Ear Wax. Motz described it as the substance made when all the THC - the active ingredient in marijuana – is removed and concentrated.

"It's about 99 percent effective. It's gooey stuff , they smoke it," said Motz. "When they use it, they like it so much that they're easily addicted."

The program is open to any interested adult. Call Youth Assistance at 734-467-7904 to reserve a spot.

The Westland Friendship Center is at 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford Road.

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LOCAL NEWS

Signal Seekers take to air for friends day, air show

The Signal Seekers R/C Club will be taking to the sky this weekend with back-to-back events aimed at introducing to and entertaining people with remote control airplanes.

The club will hold its fourth annual Friends and Family Day noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at its dedicated airfield at 3821 S. Henry Ruff, south of Michigan Avenue, Westland

The activities will include free buddy box flights, flying demonstrations and a free lunch for participants.

On Sunday, June 23, the club will switch gears for its annual air show, an event for club members as well as the public. Gates will open at



The Signal Seekers had plenty of different types of aircraft on display at last year's Friends and Family Day. FILE PHOTO

10 a.m. for early flying, with the air show beginning at noon. Show will end at 4 p.m. with open flying afterward.

The show will feature nonstop aerial action, pro-sponsored pilots, giant scale, warbirds, helicopters and aerobatic airplanes. There also will be 3D flying demonstrations, turbine demonstrations, static displays and a computer flight simulator for visitors to try their hand at RC, as well as concession stands, 50/50 raffles and prize raffle.

"We are really working hard to make the airshow a great event for the community this year," said Dave Schneck, the club's secretary. "Last year, we donated the profits from the airshow raised by parking fees, a raffle and outright donations to the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

"We also do one or two events each year right at the school, as part of their winter and summer carnivals, telling kids about aviation, giving flight lessons and helping them build gliders they can take home at the end of the day," Schneck said.

The Signal Seekers R/C Club was founded in the early 1960s as a nonprofit organization with the purpose of building, instructing, promoting, advancing, and ultimately flying model aircraft. The club is chartered and sanctioned through the Academy of Model Aeronautics and has more than 80 members.

Its dedicated flying field is on property leased to the club by Ford Motor Co. The grounds were once part of the Eloise psychiatric hospital compound, which is located to the north and now owned by Wayne County. Its overfly area is shared with a local farmer, as well as an area dedicated for use as a community garden, Schneck said..

"We offer members and guest pilots a 400foot long manicured flight line with over 200 acres of flying space, as well as a separate 200foot diameter circle for control line aircraft and R/C helicopters," he added.

The club also hosts a free training night on Wednesday evenings throughout the flying season. Club instructors are available to both members and nonmembers looking to experience R/C flight. A club trainer airplane is available for discovery flights for people new to R/C, with regular students providing their own radio equipment and aircraft.

For more information about the club, go online to www.michigansignalseekers.org.

Co-op Services employee honored for teaching kids

Talking with elementary and middle school students about financial literacy is a passion for Jeremy Cybulski.

As the youth and community development coordinator for Livoniabased Co-op Services Credit Union, he spends his work days overseeing nine student-run credit unions in Livonia, Westland and Redford area schools. His job also includes classroom presentations — more than 140 during the past school year, reaching nearly 3,700 students.

Cybulski's work is well recognized by his credit union peers throughout Michigan. He recently received the Michigan Credit Union League's "Award for Excellence in Consumer Education." This is the third honor Cybulski has received in the past three years. Previous awards include "Young Professional of the Year" in 2012 and "Youth Advocate of the Year" in 2011.

"It's Jeremy's enthusiasm for what he does that inspires so many people, from students to teachers to parent volunteers," said Lisa Fawcett, Co-op Services' vice president of marketing. "These honors are well deserved."

When he visits schools and individual classrooms, Cybulski is often accompanied by the credit union's Rock Star Savers' mascot. While the mascot doesn't talk, it is Cybulski who delivers valuable information about how students can set goals, budget and save for their future.

Since joining Co-op Services Credit Union in 2008, Cybulski has conducted a total of 743 pres-⁷ entations, reaching more than 17,800 students.

"Co-op Services has a strong commitment to financial literacy for members of all ages, and I'm fortunate that the credit union enables me to share my passion with others," said Cybulski.

Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 50,000 members and maintains eight fullservice branch offices in the Detroit metro area.



Free canoeing will be among the activities available at the Wayne County Parks Nature Fest at Crosswinds Marsh Saturday

Wayne County Parks hosts Nature Fest this Saturday



Lisa Fawcett, marketing vice president of Co-op Services Credit Union, congratulates Jeremy Cybulski, 2013 recipient of the Award for Excellence in Consumer Education from the Michigan Credit Union League. With the summer heating up, Wayne County Parks continues to provide free, familyoriented events for all to enjoy. Nature Fest 2013 is slated for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Crosswinds Marsh in New Boston.

"We encourage Wayne County residents and families to take advantage of the many summer events and activities available to them through Wayne County Parks," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "The Nature Fest is a prime example of the many ways families can enjoy our parks," Ficano added.

At Nature Fest, participants can enjoy activities that include inflatable games, nature crafts and guided nature hikes. The young and the young at heart can also enjoy hands-on fun at the petting zoo. In addition, there will

be an art contest with

prizes given for best nature photo and best nature drawing/painting. People are encouraged to bring their nature photos, drawings or paintings to submit for the competition. Contestants must be age 17 or under.

For those who prefer recreational activities, the free canoeing and fishing contest offer the opportunity to get close to nature. Fishing contest participants are asked to bring their own fishing gear. Bait will be provided.

The events for Nature Fest have been made possible through funding from the Wayne County Parks millage.

For more information on Nature Fest, please call (734) 654-1223. Information on Nature Fest, the annual Mud Day and all of the calendar events from Wayne County Parks also are available on the Wayne County website at www.waynecounty.com.

Wayne-Westland Rec offers plenty of summer programs

School's out for summer and the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department is offering plenty of activities for local youngsters.

» Registration is under way for the Stage IV Youth Theater which will be presenting *Seussical Jr*.

Open to youngster 8-18 years old, the cost is \$125 for residents, \$135 for nonresidents. Camp rehearsals are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays July 22-Aug. 1. Performances will be Friday-Sunday, Aug. 2-4.

Registration is at the Wayne-Westland Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. All rehearsals and performances will be held at a new location -St. Mary's of Wayne School, 34530 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne.

» In advance of performances in August, a clown from the Kelly Miller Circus be visiting Wayne 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 25.

Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams is seeking venues/events to visit so he can perform 30-minute shows, such as summer day camp, senior residences and vacation Bible schools. The clown also will perform in the Community Center lobby 12:30-1 p.m. before Open Swim.

Circus tickets are on sale for the two shows at 2 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10. The cost is \$6 for children under age and \$10 for adults. The prices cost \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids on the day of the event.

Tickets are on sale at: the Wayne-Westland Community Center, Henry's Service Center, Mark Chevrolet, Jack Demmer Ford, Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union and the Westland Municipal Golf Course.

» The Summer Dance Program is running fourweek sessions of dance, gymnastics and cheer.

Classes are offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and include gymnastics, hip hop, cheer, jazz and ballet.

The cost is \$23.00 for a 25-minute class or \$32 for a 50-minute class. Register at the Wayne-Westland Community Center. For more information, call 734-721-7400, Ext. 1324.

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» Enjoy games, playground fun, field trips, swimming, physical education and nutrition and more at summer day camp.

The camp is for children ages 7-12 and is held at the Wayne-Westland Community Center. The camp is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through Aug. 30. There will be no camp July 4-5 and July 29-Aug. 2 There are weekly themes and field trips. Rates are \$20 per day for residents and **REC members and \$30** for non-residents. Campers must \$5 for field trips.

Registration is 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Community Center. For more information, call Marie McIntyre at 734-721-7400, Ext. 306 or by e-mail at mmcintyre@ci.wayne.mi.us.

» HYPE Athletics is offering several sports camps during July.

Its Youth Football Camp will be Tuesday-Friday, July 9-12, for children ages 6-14. Former pro and collegiate players will lead the

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camp that will be held at the Community Center. The cost is \$50.

An Elite Baseball Camp also will held Tuesday-Friday, July 9-12 at the Attwood baseball diamond. The class is for children ages 8-14 and also costs \$50. The training clinic will have a staff with more than 30 years experience. A Summer Basketball Camp will be offered Monday-Thursday, July 15-18 at Wayne Memorial High School. The cost also is \$50.

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Attempted break-in

Police were called to to a home in the 4500 block of Biddle June 1 after the resident reported hearing noises in her back yard. Officers noted that an exterior light bulb was removed and found shattered on the ground. A window screen was also found on the ground beneath a kitchen window.

The K-9 unit was dispatched to the location and was unable to locate any suspects.

Break-in

A resident in the 34000 block of Glenwood reported the copper piping had been removed from the basement of the home sometime between May 29 and June 2.

The home is currently foreclosed and the resident had returned to pick up some belongings when the missing piping was noticed. It appears someone had entered through a kitchen window and exited through the back door.

Approximately 10 feet of piping was removed from the home.

Break-in

On June 11, a resident in the 4500 block of Carnegie told police she left home at 4 p.m. and returned at 10 p.m. to find her dog on the front porch with the front door standing open.

When she went inside, she said she found her belongings thrown on the floor throughout the home. It appeared the unknown suspect entered through a kitchen window and left through the front door. No items were reported stolen.

Break-in

A Toshiba laptop, two gold necklaces and two gold rings were reported stolen from a home in the 35000 block of Van Born June 11.

An unknown suspect gained entry by breaking through a window. The value of the stolen items wasn't specified.

Inkster woman pleads guilty in death of Westland mother

By LeAnne Rogers **Observer Staff Writer**

A guilty plea has been entered by an Inkster woman charged with failing to stop at the scene of an accident that left a Westland mother dead. Shannon Marie Gruden, 30, entered her plea to the 15-year felony Friday in Wayne Coun-

ty Circuit Court. She was charged with fleeing after running over and killing

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Stolen dog

Fake checks

Amanda Hall, 25, in a March 21 incident on Manistee Court

in Norwayne. Sentencing for Gruden is scheduled for July 12.

Following a preliminary examination in Westland's 18th District Court, two other felony charges against Gruden, including second-degree murder, were dismissed.

Testimony in the case recounted a simmering dispute between Gruden and her sisters, their friend and Hall and her sister. Several of the women were living on Manistee Court

The situation escalated when Hall's mother and two companions arrived. The testimony was that Gruden pulled onto Manistee and. while behind the wheel, was confronted by Hall's mother, who Maced Gruden.

At the same time, a man who was with Hall's mother

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

was told that she could come to the station and look through the bikes which were recov-

ered. » A Canton Township resident reported that someone entered her vehicle which was parked in the 32000 block of Donnely and stole her diaper bag and its contents. The bag contained \$50 in cash, credit cards, her Social Security card, ID and credit union checks.

The police officer wasn't able to lift any fingerprints because of rain that day.

Property damage

A resident in the 31000 block of Barton reported that someone broke his front window and shattered it about 10 p.m. June 6.

He thought that someone used his bike as a projectile, but the police didn't believe so. The officer didn't indicate what object was used to break the window.

» A resident in the 31000 block of Elmwood reported June 12 that someone stole power tools from his 1996 GMC truck.

the vehicle, and the owner believes that he has the serial numbers to the numerous tools which were valued at about \$700.

was standing in front of the car in the street. Gruden fled the area and was arrested several hours later in Livingston County.

threw a wrench at Gruden's

sister, Gruden accelerated

windshield. After backing into

a car behind her driven by her

rapidly and ran over Hall, who

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Theft

A West Bloomfield resident came to the police station June 7 to report that someone illegally entered his vehicle which was parked unlocked in the 28000 block of Maplewood. A collapsible baton was stolen along with a \$60 flash-light and \$190 in cash.

Property damage

A resident in the 31000 block of Block at Bentley Square apartments reported that he found a quarter panel of glass on the front door broken after he heard a loud. noisy group of people outside of the building.

The broken glass was located on the front main entrance door. The damage was estimated at \$300.

Retail fraud

Garden City police arrest-ed a 23-year-old Inkster man June 8 after he stole a BB gun from the Kmart store without paying for it.

He had opened the packaging and removed the gun and concealed it on his person. The police also confiscated the knife that the man used to cut the packaging.

By Sue Buck



his dog from the neighbors. The police officer wrote in his report that he took a number of calls from the neighbors that the dog was barking, mistreated or abandoned.

A woman from Paws with a Cause was also concerned but said that she found the dog on a long leash and good health when she checked.

The police officer went to her house but she said she didn't take the dog and was willing to help look for the dog.

Theft

The manager at the Arby's, 30049 Ford, discovered when she came into work about 7:30 a.m. June 12 that someone broke into the outside storage freezer.

A lock was pried off from the freezer and about \$587 worth of beef was stolen.

» A resident in the 32000 block of Cambridge made a delayed report on June 12 that someone stole her son's bike on May 23. She said the report was delayed because she didn't have the serial numbers for the bike.

Her son had parked the bike behind the garage and two hours later, he went back and found his bike was gone.

The mother was given a card and case number and

There was no damage to

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

UPCOMING **EVENTS TRIP TO NYC** Time/Date: Oct. 3-9

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

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

PRO WRESTLING

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 30. Doors open at 2 p.m. Location: Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy , east of Middlebelt, Westland

Details: The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance is hosting a pro wrestling event, Collision. The event will be filmed and later edited for television. The event is open to all ages and is free of charge. There will be and all star line up of wrestlers like "The Righteous Maker" Rick Baker, "Primetime" Tommy Johnson, Titus, Jerome "Do It" Pruitt. Come and discover who will be the next to hold The **United States Championship** title. There will be concessions available for purchase, including hot dogs, nachos, snacks, pop,

and beer. Contact: Visit the MPWA website at www.MyMPWA.webs.com for more details.

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of every month Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences. Learn from others as they share ideas, resources and support. Donations appreciated.

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

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant on the second and fourth Thursdays of

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

WESTLAND ROTARY

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

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

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

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

CAREGIVERS -**SPOUSES**

Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way. Contact: Helen Street at 734 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time

CAREGIVERS -WESTLAND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month Location: American House III,

35700 Hunter, Westland Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way. Contact: Helen Street at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time

LIONS CLUB

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

Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. **Details:** The Westland Lions

Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays. Contact: For more information,

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wish You Were Here



Art and Kathie Holman of Garden City celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with s week-long trip to San Diego with friends from Garden City, Canton and Washington, Pa. The four couples visited several of the local sites, such as the USS Midway, Old Town, the San Diego Zoo and many of the local golf courses, including the famous Torrey Pines. Posing with the Garden City Observer in front of the USS Midway for Wish You Were Here are Art and Kathie Holman (from Left), Thom and Sue Gamache of Canton, Larry and Pat Teahen of Garden City and Denny and Joyce Holman of Washington, Pa. if you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafavette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Time/date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer. Westland.

Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.

Contact: The aroup which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

CITIZENS FOR PEACE

Time/date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

Contact: Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

VETERAN'S HAVEN

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

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

Contact: (734) 728-0527 **SILVER STRINGS** DULCIMER

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month Location: Good Hope Lutherar Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

FOR SENIORS **FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland Details: The Senio'r Resources Department (Friendship Center) offers a variety of programs for older adults.

Contact: (734) 722-7632, www.ci.westland.mi.us **DYER CENTER**

Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marguette, Westland Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.

Contact: (734) 419-2020

SENIOR FITNESS

Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City Details: The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. There's an annual membership is \$55 per year or get a daily pass for \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day.



Location: Senior Services Lounge, Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne

Details: Wayne Seniors Services offers Sew Friendly 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays;, Material Girls 6-9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month: the Golden Hour Club at 11 a.m. Thursdays; bingo at 1 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month for adults age 50 and older and the Sometimes Travel Club for adults age 30 and older with \$5 annual dues. Contact: For more information,

call (734) 721-7400.

VOLUNTEERS FIRST STEP

Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

Contact: (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223 **VNA HOSPICE**

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

Contact: (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

SEASONS HOSPICE

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness, No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Train-ing provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

Contact: (800) 370-8592 **LITERACY COUNCIL**

Details: The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in vour area.

Contact: (734) 416-4906 **HEARTLAND HOSPICE**

Details: Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

Contact: (888) 973-1145 SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland Details: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

Contact: Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

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the month. Many topics are discussed including those that may be pertinent to your own situation. Also, ideas are presented to help you become involved in the activities of Widowed Friends.

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

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisvs are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory. Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

FALL CRAFT SHOWS ST. THEODORE

Time/Date: 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday, October 12, 2013 Location: St. Theodore's Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland Details: St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. We have 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors please.

Contact: Mary at (734) 425-4421 (vm#10)

ST. MEL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5

Location: St. Mel's Parish Gym, 7506 N. Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: Crafters are needed for St. Mel's Fall Craft Show. There are more than 50 tables available. Table cost is \$30., table with electricity is \$35.

Contact: For applications, call St. Mel's at (313) 274-0684 or email us at stmelscraftfair@vahoo.com.

ORGANIZATIONS **FRIENDS OF ELOISE**

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

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at (734)

call Debbie D ton at (734) 721-4216.

TOASTMASTERS

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Warriors 3 Comics & Games, 35613 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Enter from parking lot entrance.

Details: Wayne-Westland **Easytalkers Toastmasters Club** provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

Contact: For information, call Curt at (734) 525-8445 or Luddie at (734) 414-0034 or visit the website at westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

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

Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message

EARTH ANGELS

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

Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

TOPS 869

Details: Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.

Contact: (734) 482-2902, http:// geocities.com/ssdsocietv

GARDEN CITY KIWANIS

Time/date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City Details: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

GARDEN CITY ROTARY

Time/date: 12 noon Thursdays Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Community service planning, lunch and socializing

are enjoyed. **HABITAT FOR** HUMANITY

Details: The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Contact: (734) 459-7744

ANNAPOLIS RETIREES

Time/date: 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month Location: Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne Details: All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. third Monday of every month Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile

Details: Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome. **PURPLE HEART**

Time/date: 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month Location: VFW Post 7575 Hall, 33011 Ford west of Venoy, Garden City

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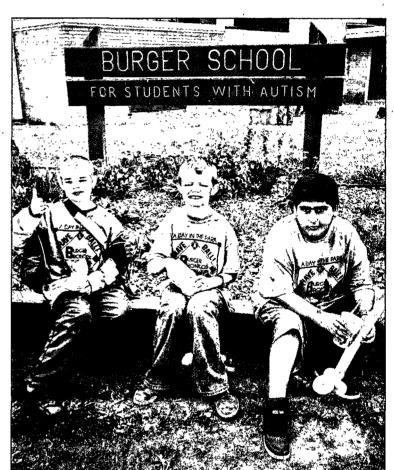
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Jacob Heater of Garden City, Dawson Hawley of Westland, and Austin Beesley of Taylor show off their air-guitar moves. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BURGER STUDENTS CELEBRATE SUMMER







Smiggins the clown applies a little sports-themed decoration to Garrett Rouland's arm. Garret is from Garden City.



Andre Galagarza of Garden City read a speech, then thanked Larry Berman, whose donation made the day possible.



Jenny Ohtengil who lives in the Plymouth-Canton school district and Ben Reynolds who is in Wayne-Westland Community Schools are dancing in the street at the Summer Carnival.

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Not one, but nine ELMOs are coming to the Burger Center for Students with Autism, thanks to a donation from the Noella and Jack Rousso Foundation.

Noella Rousso and members of her family were at the Garden City school earlier this month to attend a summer carnival her late husband Jack started years ago. She also brought along nine ELMO visual presenter systems that will augment several ELMOs the school already has.

The staff and students also got good news from Larry Berman, Mr. Rousso's friend and business partner, who also made a commitment to the program.

"It was a lovely day, seeing the family members and the outpouring of support," said said teacher Colleen Polin who helps plan the school's winter and summer carnivals. "It shows their belief in us as a program and in our providing a good educational program and memories that will last a lifetime for our students."

Themed as "A Day in the Park," students munched on popcorn and snow cones and enjoyed barbecue lunch complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, a beverage and ice cream Dippin Dots. They tried their hand at the activities like a water table play, Skee Ball,

sidewalk drawing, whipped cream pie toss, watermelon roll,and sack relay race.

There were special appearances by Thomas the Train, Smiggins the Clown-Face, who did face painting, the Balloon Baffoon and Farmer Dave and his animals. DJ Tuilio from 98.6 radio donated his time and talent to present music for "Dancin' in the Streets." A teaching assistant at the school and his father provided the audio equipment, Polin said.

And playing off the park thing, the call of "Play ball" was heard at junior varsity and varsity baseball games.

"Joy can't be measured with these kids, but with the help of the Rousso and Berman families, we were able to provide wonderful activities on behalf of the kids" said Polin.

Staff and students also took time to launch 23 balloons, including a special one for Mr. Rousso, to recognize the 23 years the Roussos have been involved in the Burger program.

Mr. Rousso learned about Burger Center during a trip to his barber. The conversation led to his involvement with the school where he helped raise funds for a playscape, basketball court, reflective garden, science room and a host of other amenities that otherwise wouldn't have been possible without the family's support

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Sean Stambersky of Redford, Zachary Soblo of Allen Park and Mustafa Alkhafaji of Dearborn, taking a break from the Summer Carnival activities.



Keegan Glassel of Westland, writes "I love you, Paws" after meeting the Detroit Tigers mascot.



Radon Ponder of Romulus bounces along.

and guidance, Polin said..

They also set up the Noella and Jack Russo Family Foundation last year to continue support of the center.

The school held a special program in December to honor Mr. Rousso who died last October. At the time they presented the Rousso family with a tree to plant in Mr. Rousso's name. Noella Rousso brought



Clay More of Dearborn and Hanna Lazette of Garden City pose with the Detroit Tigers mascot Paws.

photographs of the tree to show that it has been "planted in a prominent place at their home," Polin said.

"The family was there," she added. "Jack's grandkids were there and his one son came from Grand Rapids. It was lovely to see all that support. The family made a commitment to take care of the further needs of the school."

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Mary and Carmo Ribeiro cut the ribbon on the opening of their Seniors Helping Seniors franchise serving portions of Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

SHS pairs up seniors with seniors to provide home care

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

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Answer: We provide non-medical home care support for seniors nothing with rubber gloves or heavy lifting. We want to make sure seniors are safe and wellcared for and because we're non-medical, we're flexible in what we provide. We can do the little tasks people can't so any more.

Observer: When did you open your business?

Answer: We opened last September. We had a soft open house, and then we had a grand opening in January at Kirk of Our Savior in Westland. We hoped to have 20 people come and 150 showed up. It was out of this world. We did a presentation every hour on what we do and what we were looking for seniors. We actually hired a few people from it. We look for people 50 years and older interested in making a few bucks. But it's not about the money, it's about doing

things for someone else. Observer: Why did ou choose Seniors Helping Seniors for your business?

SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

Business Name and Address: Seniors Helping Seniors of Northwest Wayne and Northeast Washtenaw Your name: Mary and Carmo Rubeiro, owners Business opened: September 2012 Number of employees: 20 Your Business Specialty: We offer reasonable houlry rates for seniors who want services and offer reasonable houiry wafes to the seniors who provide them. **Business phone, email:** (734) 996-9570, seniorshelpingseniors14@gmail.com or SeniorsHelpingSeniors.com/nwwaynenewsht

who need assistance, we are confident in the care that is being provided. The peer-to-peer care offered by Seniors Help-ing Seniors allows seniors the opportunity to give back to their community.

"For several years I watched my parents, aunts and uncles care for my grandparents as they aged," said Mary Ribeiro. "It took a lot of work, dedication, organization and emotional strength for my family to ensure that everyone was well taken care of and that their quality of life was maintained. Because I saw this firsthand, I realized how important it is

for our aging loved ones to maintain their independence as long as possible. Seniors Helping Seniors is our way of helping families in our community feel understood, valued, and supported as they move towards this stage of life." Seniors Helping Sen-

iors is a franchise. Our service area includes seniors living in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Garden City, Wayne, Westland. Ypsilanti, Dixboro, Salem Township, New Boston, Romulus and Superior Township.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

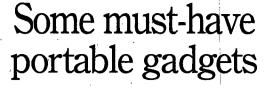
Answer: Seniors Helping Seniors in-home services matches seniors who want to provide help with seniors who are looking for help. Our goal is to match seniors who need in-home support with loving, caring, kind, compassionate, volunteer-minded seniors who want to help. We meet with clients to establish a plan which best meets their personal situation and needs to enable the senior to live life more fully where they're more comfortable - at home. We can help out just a little, or we can provide

sent in a provider twice a month, three hours at a time, to do the tasks she can't do. Sometimes a worker sees needs and makes suggestions. One provider noticed the senior had a mobility problem in her kitchen and asked the senior if she could make it ergonomical. The senior said absolutely.

Observer: What's in store in the future for your business?

Answer: People age 85 are the greatest growing segment of our popula-tion, many need help. We know there are 77 billion baby boomers who are turning 65. We know they're a great group of folks looking for something to do while they still have their great skills sets.

Ninety-five percent of people polled that are over age 75 said they want to stay in their homes. We want to be a resource and give seniors the ability to choose an independent life style in their home with dignity and respect.



pending time on the lake or on the go this summer? Here's a number of portable tools that will help make your life a bit more enjoyable, mobile and convenient.

Portable speakers: The No. 1 must have tech toy for anyone who loves music without the hassle. Buy a portable speaker with Bluetooth and wi-fi capabilities to stream tunes from your phone at the cottage, on the lake or camping in the woods.

Want the best sound for on the market? There's no need for a huge surround sound system. The Jawbone Jambox line of speakers packs a punch for a relative small size. The small Jawbone Jambox, retails for \$129, down from \$199 last year, while the BIG Jambox retails for \$249, down from \$299 last year. The Jambox line of speakers has the best range and best sound of any portable Bluetooth, wi-fi enabled speaker on the market.

I tested the Jawbone Jambox from Verizon Wireless. It paired seamlessly with my iPhone as well as my laptop computer. Verizon Wireless has a long line of speakers and other wireless accessories that are Bluetooth and wi-fi capable. Capture all of your

summer in full HD video with a portable camera like the Go Pro HD Hero 3. Strap it on your mountain bike for your next ride, or mount on your speedboat to catch wake boarding and waterskiing action. The Go Pro HD Hero 3 sells for \$199 and has a number of accessories like a water proof case so you or follow him at @GunnShow.



can do more fun things like go swimming with your camera in tow. Like all Go Pro models, this camera is designed specifically for action shots.

Portable power: There is nothing worse than leaving the house and having your cell phone, camera or tablet die. With a portable power source like the **ReVive Power Up, tech** junkies can recharge their devices on the go. The ReVive Power Up can charge one device through a traditional DC plug plus two more devices with USB plugs. When plugged into a car's DC outlet, it can charge even more devices. And for about \$20, this device is a steal.

EarthTechProducts sells a solar tote bag for beach trips that will charge devices like phones, tablets and MP3 players. Suggested retail price for the unique tote bag is \$245.

If you are someone who is always on the go, look for a device that fits your specific lifestyle. For example, search a device that has a robust app store, good wireless signal strength, battery life and more. Once you decide what features you need most in a device, it will be easier to narrow the many options down.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions? Email jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com

Answer: We want to know the seniors in our community are being well-cared for by compassionate, caring, loving, understanding, and joyful people. By matching seniors who truly want to help with seniors

24-hour support. **Observer: Do you** have an example of what you do?

Recently, we had a woman from Garden City whose 83. She can't do the cleaning like used to do. It bothered her, so we

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Agents honored

Two local Allstate entrepreneurs are being recognized by Allstate Insurance Company for outstanding customer service and business results in 2012. The local entrepreneurs were awarded the Inner Circle Elite Award or Honor **Ring Award for outstand**ing achievement in business growth and customer service.

Bradley Trombley was part of a top group honored with the Inner Circle Elite Award. Professionals in this category demonstrated exceptional customer service skills and surpassing sales goals in 2012. The Inner **Circle Elite Award is** awarded to the top-performers among the company's agency network for sales of auto, property, commercial, and power sports insurance and financial services.

Trombley has an office at 5836 N. Wayne Road, and can be contacted at (734) 722-0700.

Fouad Beydoun has achieved the distinctive Allstate Honor Ring award based on 2012 achievements in serving customers and driving successful business results. For more than 60 years, the Honor Ring has been Allstate's symbol of outstanding achievement and honorees have proven to be champions in growing their agencies and serv-

ing Allstate customers. Beydoun has an office at 27852 Warren Road. His phone number is (734) 261-1000.

Job opportunity

National Motor Club (NMC), a leading provider of emergency roadside assistance and other safety, security, and savings benefits, is looking for qualified Independent Benefits Consultants (IBCs) in the Metro Detroit area.

On Saturday, June 29, **NMC Field Services** president Scott Florence and District Sales Leader Kim Wright-Windom will host a 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. meeting at the Holiday Inn at the Metro Detroit Airport to talk about this career opportunity. The event is open to the public and anyone who is interested in a sales career or looking for a way to earn supplemental income.

"At NMC Field Services, we still believe in the American Dream,' said Florence. "While we have always known that direct sales is a legitimate path to financial security for anyone, regardless of age, gender, or level of education, today more and more people are looking beyond traditional corporate jobs and realizing that companies like NMC are fueling a \$29 billion industry that provides economic opportunities for over 15 million people." IBCs have the freedom to determine when, where, and how many hours they invest in their business, which means it is a career that can be

either a full- or part-time commitment. "Metro Detroit is an area of expansion for us and we are excited about the growth they are ex-periencing and the leadership Kim and her team are providing," said Flor-ence. "In these tough economic times, NMC provides access to benefits that help individuals and families have peace of mind, which gives our IBCs the opportunity to offer a wonderful product and, at the same time, build a long-term, personally and financially satisfying career. Nearly everyone in America has a need for the products we offer and for only pennies a day, everyone can afford it. Personal safety, family security, and saving money are concerns that touch people from all walks of life.'

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Prevent drownings Safety first by water counts for all ages

Every day, about 10 people die from drowning.

Of these, two are children age 14 or younger. Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For children ages 1-14, drowning is the second-

leading cause of injury-related death behind motor vehicle accidents.

Not included in those statistics are near-downing victims who suffer severe brain damage re-sulting in long-term disabilities such as memory problems, learning disabilities and permanent loss of basic functions.

That's the bad news. The good news is that drownings and near-drownings are 100 percent preventable.

Among the main factors leading to drowning are lack of swimming ability, unsupervised water access, lack of close supervision while swimming, failure to wear life jackets and alcohol use.

Lack of swimming ability

Research has shown that formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning among children age 1-4, the age group with the highest drowning rate. If you haven't signed your kids up for swimming lessons yet this summer, do so now.

Unsupervised water access

Barriers, such as fencing around pools, prevent young children from gaining access to the pool area without adults knowing. A four-sided fence separating the pool area from the house and yard reduces a child's risk of drowning 83 percent compared to three-sided fencing that runs along the property line.

Lack of close supervision

Drowning can happen quickly and quietly any-where there is water, including bathtubs, swimming pools and buckets — even in the presence of lifeguards. Don't entrust your child's life to a busy lifeguard, who has many people to watch on a crowded beach. Keep a constant eye on your child yourself and don't get distracted by reading, talk-ing on the phone or any other activity. With pre-school children, be close enough to reach the child at all times. Air-filled or foam toys are not safety devices. Don't use "water wings," "noodles" or inner-tubes in place of life jackets or adult supervision.

Failure to wear life jackets

In 2010, the U.S. Coast Guard received reports for 4,604 boating incidents; 3,153 boaters were re-ported injured, and 672 died. Most (72 percent) boating deaths that occurred during 2010 were caused by drowning, with 88 percent of victims not wearing life jackets. Remember that a life jacket is like a seat belt; it doesn't do you any good if you're not wearing it. Also, make sure it is U.S. Coast Guard-approved.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your definition of a good vacation?

We asked this question at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"Something that's not too outrageously expensive, like if you're going to Disney. It's out of the roof. That and if there's a lot of people there, it's got to be good."

> **Christine Nicolas** Livonia



"One where I'm with friends, not family and place with young people."

> Michelle Hattar Livonia



Somewhere on the beach with friends, somewhere with a good night life."

> **Natalie Farah** Westland



"I don't have one. I haven't had a vacation in a long time." **Michael Klink**

Dearborn

LETTERS

Thank you, seniors

To the Garden City High School Graduating Class of 2013, We have often heard the quote

"it takes a village to raise a child" and in the case of children that have special learning needs, truer words have never been spoken. Most times that village consists of family, friends, cler-gy, teachers and neighbors, but there is another group that often goes unnoticed and that group is peers.

Seniors: You are incredibly mature, caring and sensitive young adults. You looked beyond the challenges of one student's differences, recognized him for the pure and gentle soul that he is, and accepted him as one of your own. You encouraged him to be who he is, befriended him, helped him to believe in himself and made his year a success. It is because of you, that in this year, he has achieved more growth than we ever thought would be possible.

Family and teachers helped him to acquire knowledge and daily living skills. You accomplished something that no one else could, you taught him about friendship, showing him what it means to have friends and how to be a friend to someone else. By including him in your circle you helped to give him the skills to survive in a world that is not always perfect - the real world. You helped him to understand what it means to be a part of a group, to look beyond himself and make sacrifices for a greater good. No matter where we go, we proclaim proudly that the students in Garden City are the best, a cut above the rest, the cream of the crop. Every day you have proven this to be true, most of the time you do so without even realizing it. We think Connor said it best during his Senior Oscar acceptance speech when he said "it's easy for me to be nice, when all of you are so nice to me." Your sense of humanity is overwhelming and we are humbled by the graciousness you have shown every day. We will be forever grateful for the gift of this incredible year that you have given to Connor. Someday we hope that you will come to understand just how much your friendship, and the time he has spent with you this year has

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meant to him and to all who love him. While this butterfly was emerging from his cocoon, your acceptance deepened his colors, your leadership brightened his hues and your friendship helped to make him the vibrant, beautiful free spirit that he has become. We commend you and thank God every day that he brought so many angels into our son's life.

Darlene and Frank Jablonowski Garden City

the gridlock of partisan politics, not to mention that some in public office are not serving the people with integrity, transpar-ency and accountability. The principles of serving with honor, duty, and sacrifice, values that are instilled in everyone who serves their country in the military, has always motivated me to serve the public with integri-ty, transparency and accountability.

I have heard it said that in order to serve in public office, a person has to be a liar and a thief, because that is what most people expect of them and that is the way things are done. It may sound naive of me to say that I refuse to believe that. In my experience of working with elected officials from both sides of the aisle as a public safety advocate and lobbyist, I found them to be honorable and hardworking ladies and gentlemen who care very much about our state as much or more than the average person.

Unfortunately, quite often, they expressed resentment and distrust of the members of the other party, and sometimes with words that I don't care to repeat in polite company. All of this distrust and resentment has caused the gridlock of partisan politics that, in turn, has resulted in bad public policy and/or the lack of necessary good public policy.

Alcohol use

Among adolescents and adults, alcohol use is involved in up to 70 percent of deaths associated with water recreation, almost a quarter of Emer-gency Department visits for drowning, and about one in five reported boating deaths. Alcohol influ-ences balance, coordination and judgment, and its effects are heightened by sun exposure and heat. Avoid drinking alcohol before or during swimming, boating or water skiing. Do not drink alcohol while supervising children.

CPR

Last but not least, learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). In the time it takes for paramedics to arrive, you could save someone's life.



Experts say preschool children should be within an arm's reach of a responsible adult at all times.



Sue Mason, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, **Executive Editor**

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I have not only seen the effects of bad public policy, I have experienced it up close and personal in Vietnam and Desert Storm during my 20-year career in the U.S. Navy and during my 19-year career working in Michigan state prisons.

However, I would like to focus on my career in state prisons because this has affected me where I live as a Michigander.

When most of the state mental health hospitals in Michigan were closed at a pace that wasn't well thought out, many patients were simply dropped off in places like downtown Detroit, and left to fend for themselves. Many found themselves in state prisons and local jails rather than being placed in mental health facilities where their issues could be more appropriately addressed and at less cost to taxpayers.

The same thing continues to this day with the continuance of

All of this has both compelled and prepared me to make a bid to run for governor of the State of Michigan, with the well thought out decision to run with no party affiliation, in order to appeal to and work with the best that all parties have to offer.

There is good in all parties, but because of the many divisions in the world of politics, and many other areas of life, this causes everyone to be wounded because of them. If elected, I will help lead in the process of healing these divisions that are hurting everyone. As I have mentioned, I have experienced the results of bad politics and have learned much in how to help in the formation of good public policy.

The longest journey begins with a single step. I am prepared to run a marathon. How about you my fellow Michiganders? **Robin Sanders** Ann Arbor

GUEST COLUMN Michigan takes little action to improve roadways

here is a reason Woodward Avenue holds the state designation as M-1. Woodward has the distinction of being the very first road in this nation that was paved with concrete. The citizens of this state had the foresight to be among the most progressive in the country on transportation issues. Dirt and wood planks were not appropriate for a community looking into the future. My, how times have changed.

Instead of leading the way on road infrastructure issues in the nation, Michigan is at the bottom of the pile. Michigan spends much less on its roads than virtually any other state in the nation. In the past, the legislature did not want to raise taxes to



deal with road problems, so they borrowed money. The road projects were accomplished, but we are still paying for those projects today out of money that should be used to deal with today's issues.

The legislature can't continue to ignore this problem. Both parties agree that it is a problem, but nobody can agree on a solution. We need to hold our legislators accountable for their inaction. They know the problem, they have multiple ways of

attacking the problem, they must move forward toward a viable solution.

If the legislature doesn't act soon, I would suggest investing in an off-road vehicle with heavy-duty suspension, because the only road work our state can afford may be reverting back to those wood plank roads.

More information on transportation funding can be found in the spring issue of Semscope, SEMCOG's quarterly magazine, available on its Web site www.semcog.org.

Joan Gebhardt is first vice chair, SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and treasurer of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

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Pastor Bryan Smith is heading for Kenya to visit children and others whose lives have been affected by HIV and AIDS. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Journey of faith

Pastor reaching out on Kenya trip

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

When pastor Bryan Smith went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2008, he had no idea where it would lead him. Now, he knows.

Smith, for 21 years the pastor at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, is part of a mission group traveling to Kenya, leaving Saturday and staying through July 7. The group will be bringing school supplies and other help to orphans, victims and families affected by Nazareth Hospital, which Smith said cares primarily for people who are HIV positive or who have AIDS.

The group will also spend time at an orphanage for children whose parents died from AIDS. "It's all around the issue of caring for people who've been affected by AIDS," Smith said.

Smith said he's always been this "kind of upper middle class white suburban guy" who, while he had his own struggles, faced nothing like what these kids face.

"I live in a place that's mostly protected from the harsh realities of this world," Smith said. "There's always been a He's taking with him donations of Crayola markers and crayons, and gently used children's books, collected from the generous donations of members of Geneva's congregation. He's also taking with him a sense of wanting to help, and a desire to get more than he gives.

"I'm not going to be the 'hero," Smith said. "It's also a learning experience for me. I'm going to establish a deeper relationship, with these folks, and with God."

Geneva has a history of outreach, including a variety of mission trips and a memorable 2005 trip to Siberia to help build a church. Smith said he's already talked to church members about going to Kenya next year, and reaction has been positive.



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AIDS and HIV.

It's a trip born in that pilgrimage in 2008, when Smith met pastor Jim Wood of the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, Va.

Va. "His church had formed a connection with a group in Kenya," Smith recalled. "He said they go a couple of times a year, and encouraged me to go with them.." Last fall, Smith decid-

Last fall, Smith decided it was time. He'll join a congregation of 11 folks from the Norfolk church. They'll be working with pastoral counselors at longing for me to experience a connection with people who are fighting that struggle. These are people who experience life from a perspective that takes faith pretty seriously."

Smith said Wood convinced him he needed to experience the trip, that "he learns so much from being there." Smith said such one-to-one contact "allows you to experience with them a way of connecting to God in ways that are deeply compelling." "People here at our church have been conditioned with the idea the Christian faith is about being involved/ Our folks know being a follower of Christ means reaching out."

Smith doesn't expect it to be an easy trip, particularly emotionally. He expects to be shocked by the reality of what is happening in Kenya.

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Be proactive when managing cash flow

'm sure many readers saw the story last week regarding the meeting Kevyn Orr, Detroit's Emergency Manager, had with the city's creditors.

In order to prevent the city of Detroit from filing for bankruptcy, Orr is trying to work out a deal with the city's creditors. According to the outline of the proposed plan, people who receive pensions are going to be asked to take a significant reduction.

I have no idea whether the creditors will compromise or whether Detroit will eventually file for bankruptcy. However, one thing is clear - people who do receive a pension from the city, whether voluntarily or through a bankruptcy proceeding, are going to have some sort of adjustment made to their pension.

Whether you think this is fair is not the issue. The reality is



your pension will be reduced. Now is the time to get your fiscal house in order so you can adjust to the new realities and be proactive.

When you know there will be a change in your future cash flow, you need to immediately begin to analyze the situation and make adjustments. People who do receive pensions from the City of Detroit, must begin the painful process of making the necessary adjustments to reduce their cost of living. Whether through a deal with the Emergency Manager or the bankruptcy court, cuts are coming.

I believe it is important to be proactive. That is why when it

comes to personal finances I always encouraged people to constantly monitor their cash flow. If they find that revenues are declining or that costs are increasing, they need to take action as soon as possible. The sooner you identify a problem, the more viable options are available to you. You don't want to be in a situation where you have no options.

As I've mentioned many times, there is one constant in the world today and that is change. Whether we like it or not is rather immaterial. If we don't adop't change we could find ourselves in severe financial shape with no options. Trust me - you do not want to put yourself into that situation.

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Plymouth's varsity boys golf team celebrates after finishing second at the Division 1 finals. The Wildcats tied with Battle Creek Lakeview in total strokes, but lost the fifth-player tiebreaker.

Tiebreaker breaks Wildcats' hearts

By Tim Smith Staff writer

Call it semantics, or splitting hairs.

But Plymouth varsity boys golf coach Nick Brandon considers his team a state champion, even though the Wildcats lost the tiebreaker Saturday to Battle Creek Lakeview at Forest Akers West in East Lansing.

Both teams finished Day 2 of the Division 1 finals with a total score of 601, with the Wildcats making up the three-stroke def"We're going to be able to hang a big, beautiful banner ... It just happens to be that it's going to say runner-up instead of champion."

NICK BRANDON

Plymouth boys golf coach

ing our potential which would be contending for a state championship. We achieved all of that.

"We're going to be able to hang a big, beautiful banner in that Plymouth gym. It just happens to be that it's going to say runner-up instead But it's still a championship to me and I know that it is to those guys as well." Trailing Lakeview (299-302-601) and Plymouth (302-299-601) were Muskegon Mona Shores (305-305-610), Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (307-303-610) and Traverse City West (319-298-617). Canton followed up a tough Day 1 (332) with a

nifty 320 for a 652 total, good for 14th overall.

In the individual standings, Plymouth senior Kyle Rodes (72-71–143) won a three-hole playoff with White Lake Lakeland's Alex Kleckner (74-69–143) to earn the overall championship. head coach Tom Alles said about Trosper's performance. "He makes a ton of pars and very few bogeys or doubles. Donnie strives to be the best player in every event he enters. He was certainly one of the 10 best at the finals this year."

So close

According to Brandon, the Wildcats missed some shots in the final two holes that opened the door for Lakeview to rally and catch them.

"As it turns out we actually

Costa golf outing

A golf outing to benefit the widow of Jordan Costa, who was killed in a traffic accident the day after his wedding day, will be held Saturday at the Links of Gateway Golf Course, which is located 33290 Gateway Dr. in Romulus.

Jordan Costa and Heather Favazza-Costa were married May 18 at Canton's Connection Church, where they were both youth leaders.

Jordan was killed the next day on the way to their honeymoon, when he lost control of his vehicle and it rolled over several times.

Heather suffered only minor cuts and bruises. The bride was left not only with the tragedy of losing her new husband, but with the burden of unexpected expenses. The couple had no insurance.

The cost for the four-person scramble is \$65 per person or \$260 for each foursome, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a postevent dinner and entry into a longdrive contest.

There will also be closest-to-the-pin contests, 50/50 raffles, a silent auction and a \$20 optional skin pot per foursome.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to help the widow with expenses. Donations will also be accepted.

To register, email Sandy Felan (Heather's aunt) at Sandy_Felan@yahoo.com; or by calling 734-377-4349.

Bucks win

Rookie Gerald Ben scored in the 59th and 70th min-

icit from the opening round. Lakeview, however, won the fifth-player tiebreaker (77-79) to claim the outright title.

"All season, from the first time I met with the guys to Saturday morning, what we talked about was hanging a banner in the Plymouth gym," Brandon said. "And representing our school the right way, and reachNot far behind in a tie for sixth place were Canton sophomore Donnie Trosper (77-72–149) and Plymouth junior John Tatti (73-76–149).

"Donnie played his typical game of driving the ball in the fairway and hitting laser irons into the green to give himself chances for birdies," Canton were ahead by a few shots as all our players approached the last couple holes," Brandon said. "We definitely didn't finish, and that's what this championship came down to. Battle Creek Lakeview finished and finished strong on the last two holes and we were unable to do that."

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utes Friday to propel the Michigan Bucks to a 2-0 Premier Development League victory over host Forest City London (Ontario) before 1,543 fans at the German Club.

The Bucks, now 5-1-0 (15 points) avenged last year's playoff loss to Forest City as Stew Givens and Tommy Catalano drew assists.

Goalkeeper Adam Grinwis made 11 saves to post the shutout with the help of defender Kevin Cope (Salem/Michigan State), who returned after spending a week of training with the MLS Seattle Sounders.

"Cope and Grinwis made sure we didn't miss a beat when inserting two first-year players in the toughest game of the year," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "They all worked well together."

The loss drops FC London into a firstplace tie at 5-1-0 (15 points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

All-District RU baseball honorees

Fresh off a 14-7 season, five members of the Redford Union baseball team were recognized as Division 2 all-district performers: Patrick Wierimaa, Ryan Aaro, Alex Shimmons, Corey Davis and first-year head coach Bob Miller.

Rodes rides to top thanks to sudden-death playoff

By Tim Smith

Staff writer

On the weekend where *Man* of Steel hit movie theaters across the United States, Kyle Rodes needed nerves of steel to become the first Plymouth boys golfer to win an individual state championship.

Rodes — a contender for Mr. Golf honors — needed to convert the toughest of shots to ultimately nip White Lake Lakeland's Alex Kleckner in the third hole of a sudden-death playoff. Both finished Day 2 of the Division 1 boys golf finals with a 36-hole score of 143.

Rodes and Kleckner matched

each other in the first two extra holes (par-4 18th, par-3 10th) to shift the action back to the 18th at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West Golf Course.

"The Lakeland player hit his drive perfectly down the middle," Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon said. "Kyle actually pulled his drive into a tree, a tree that was on the left side of the fairway.

"He was in a really tough spot. It was a shot where he could not go all the way back in his back swing, and he really couldn't take practice swings around that tree because there's a rule in golf that you can't touch a tree during a practice shot. So he had all sorts of thoughts swimming in his mind."

No worries, apparently, as Rodes launched the ball to the front of the green, about 18 feet from the cup.

Pressure shift

"He was able to make that putt and put all the pressure on the Lakeland player to make his 12-foot birdie putt," Brandon added. "The Lakeland player missed and Kyle earned the right to be Michigan state champion."

According to Brandon, whose Wildcats lost the fifth-player tiebreaker to Battle Creek Lakeview in the team finals, it was impressive the way Rodes handled himself when finding out Kleckner shot 69 in the second round to force the playoff.

"Everybody gathered around the scoring area and they posted the team's scores. We realized we came up just short," Brandon said. "It was a moment where our players seemed disappointed and emotional about coming that close. Then within a few minutes, Kyle Rodes finds out that a player from Lakeland ... tied him, and he immediately had to get into the mode of competition.

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Shaw's camp teaches youngsters life lessons

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

It was a homecoming on many fronts Saturday as former Livonia Clarenceville great Tim Shaw staged his annual "Dream It, Do It" football camp on David McDowell Field.

The Tennessee Titans linebacker and special teams captain, now entering his seventh NFL season, got reacquainted with his former Clarenceville friends and hosted the free camp for more than 125 youngsters with the help of former Penn State players and teammates Sean McHugh, Deonte Pannell and Gerald Cadogan.

Also on hand was Clarenceville football coach Ken Fry and Royal Oak head coach Ryan Irish, who is also a teacher at Clarenceville, where Shaw amassed a then-MHSAA record 134 career touchdowns and 7,800 yards.

"It's always nice to be on this field," said Shaw, who appeared in all 16 Titans games last season. "It's really nice to see some people who were here with me back in the day and who kind of

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Clarenceville grad and Tennessee Titans linebacker Tim Shaw speaks with youngsters at his 'Dream it, Do It' football camp. ALL PHOTOS BY BRAD EMONS

LOCAL SPORTS

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RU grapplers to continue careers at Alma College

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Alma College's recently revived wrestling program was energized last month by the addition of a pair of Redford Union mat standouts.

Collin Rankin and Roderick Howard, who often wrestled back-toback in the Panthers' resurgent lineup the past four years, both committed to continue their thriving grappling and academic careers with the Scots.

Alma dropped wrestling in the early 1980s, but it was brought back in 2012, so the pair of Panthers will be part of a renaissance of sorts.

Both Rankin and Howard said they were looking for a school that would challenge their wrestling skills and their minds — and they'll get it at Alma, which is one of the most respected academic institutions in the state.

A few days after I visited the campus while I was still making my decision where to go, I received letters from just about everybody I met up there,' said Rankin, whose 174-22 record and 4.3 grade-point average made him an appealing recruit for several colleges. "People I didn't even meet sent me letters encouraging me to choose Alma. The others schools I was considering, it was like, 'OK, you're accepted, we're done.' That helped make my decision pretty

easy." Howard, who didn't step on a wrestling mat until his freshman year at RU, finished his stellar career with two regional-qualifying performances. A 3.3 student, he said Alma's academic offerings were ideal for what he was looking for.

"Both Roderick and Collin were two of the hardest-working kids" **ROB RANKIN**

RU wrestling coach

"I was looking for a good kinesiology pro-gram, and they have one of the best," Howard said. "They have an excellent cadaver lab that undergraduate students can use. At most schools, you have to be in a graduate program to use the cadaver labs.

"I like that it's small and homey up there, too."

RU wrestling coach (and Collin's dad) Rob Rankin said the two former Panthers' drive to succeed will serve them well at the small college located in the center of the Lower Peninsula.

Both Roderick and Collin were two of the hardest-working kids in our wrestling room every day," the elder Rankin said. "I didn't coach Roderick his freshman year, but once he bought in to what I was trying to do when I took over the program his sophomore season, he worked his tail off. To qualify for the regionals his junior and senior seasons after not wrestling until the ninth grade is phenomenal.

"Roderick is naturally charismatic, too. Everybody in the school loves him to death. Our track coach, Tom Kessel, said the first year Roderick was at Redford Union it seemed like he had been around for 10 years because he was so well-known.' Rankin said Collin

can "achieve anything he puts his mind to."

"I'm glad he chose Alma because the wrestling program is on the right track and there aren't any better schools around academically,' he said. "Alma's coach said he loves coaching there because the average grade-point average of incoming freshman is 3.5, so he doesn't have to worry about his wrestlers' grades; he can just focus on training them to be wrestlers.

Collin Rankin recently graduated with a slew of high honors, including the RU Male Athlete of the Year Award and a top-10 student academic standing at the school.

An All-Observer football selection last fall, Rankin may take to the gridiron for the Scots as well.

"It's an option," he said, "but I have to de-cide soon. The football coach sent me a letter, but I want to think it over first."

Regarding what weight he'll wrestle at once he gets to Alma, Rankin said his future coaches have been very accommodating.

"They said they'll let me pick what weights I want to challenge for, which is nice because most college programs say, 'You're going to wrestle at this weight," he said. "They don't give you an option.

"Where I'm at weight-wise now, I'd fall in at the 174 weight class, but I'm leaning toward moving up to 184."

The duo will room together at Alma. Rankin earned 11 letters at RU in football, wrestling and track and field. Howard was a multiple letter winner in wrestling, soccer and track and field.

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Members of the MotorCity Riversharks 12U travel baseball team celebrate after pulling off a stirring Father's Day comeback. ED WRIGHT

Baseball on Father's Day: a wonderful combination

'm not sure if the pic-ture above is, like the saying goes, worth a thousand words, but I'm hoping you agree with me that it's worth at least a couple of hundred.

I am sure of this: The central figure in the photo – the player flash-ing the million-dollar smile while hoisting a teammate skyward - is an inspiring kid, and baseball is a very powerful game.

Before I explain the details of the photo, let me briefly describe what led up to it.

The MotorCity Riversharks is the name of a highly-competitive 12and-under travel baseball team made up of 11 very cool, but pretty typical American middle schoolers

Most of the Riversharks would probably admit that they spend a little bit too much time on Instagram and not quite enough time helping their parents with yard work. But, hey, this is 2013 not 1955, right?

The Riversharks also devour the sport of baseball like an ocean shark devours smaller fish. And, yes, they have a lot of game ... on most days.

The day before this photo was snapped - on a cornfield-surrounded diamond that came straight out of the movie



Fusion in a semifinal game of the Countryway Člassic.

I'm sure my fellow **Rivershark** dads will agree with me when I say that watching that game beat receiving a funkylooking pair of argyle socks from Kohl's any day.

The championship game that followed was nothing short of magical.

The field was located on the outskirts of Fowlerville, which is so small it barely has inskirts. The entire setting had "small-town Americana" written all over it - from the red and blue uniforms the two opposing teams wore, to the American flag that danced in the breeze just beyond the outfield fences.

I half expected Norman Rockwell to appear out of the cornfield beyond right field, prop up an easel and paint a masterpiece for the cover of The Saturday Evening Post.

Playing perhaps their most complete game of the season, the Riversharks chiseled out a semi-comfortable 3-0 lead heading into the fifth inning. I was so confident that I would be snapping a championship team photo in the moments ahead, I walked to my car and retrieved my camera.

disappoint, too. I kept the camera in its bag.

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Trailing 6-4 in the bottom of the sixth, the **Riversharks mounted an** epic rally and knotted the game at 6-6, which wasn't surprising considering that Father's Day is such a huge day for ties.

After blanking New Lothrop in the top of the seventh, the Riversharks put runners on first and third with one out.

This may be the perfect time to tell you a little bit about Pat Savage. Savage was a wellknown, well-liked Plymouth-Canton youth league baseball coach, who passed away in November 2011 after a valiant battle against a relentless form of esophageal cancer.

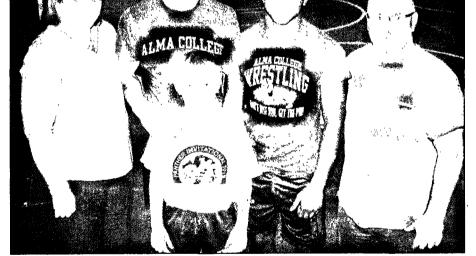
He passed along his incredible love of baseball to his three sons: Collin, Jack and Nolan.

Fitting finish

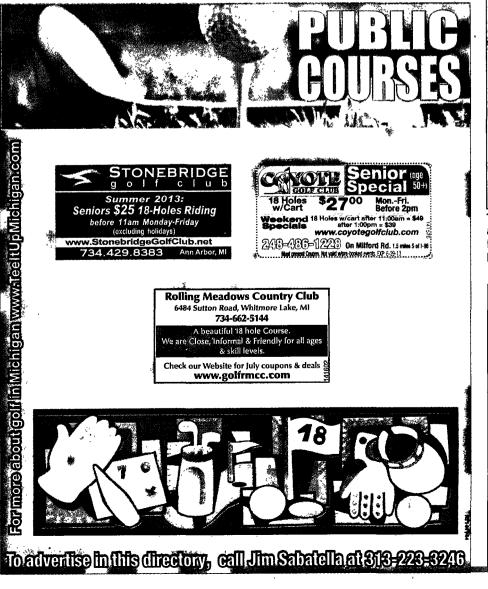
With one out and the winning run on third base, the Riversharks executed a perfect squeeze bunt play - their third such play of the game - to pull out a memorable 7-6 victory.

After the bunter – my son Ben – touched first base and turned to meet his happy-beyond-words teammates, the first person to greet him was Jack Savage: son of Pat,





Recent Redford Union graduates Collin Rankin and Roderick Howard are pictured with Rankin's parents Wanda and Rob and Rankin's younger brother Sean after announcing their decision to attend Alma College.



Field of Dreams - the **Riversharks suffered a** 10-0 setback to a team from DeWitt. But that humbling loss only made what they did the following day even more satisfying.

Sweet redemption

The following morning – Father's Day – the Sharks rebounded with a tension-packed 3-1 victory over the host and No. 1-seeded Fowlerville

Big mistake.

Quick change

By the time I returned to my seat along the first base line, New Lothrop had seized a 4-3 lead. It turns out they had fathers they didn't want to

and the owner of one of the most inspiring personalities I've ever come across.

On just the second Father's Day without his dad, Jack was doing exactly what Pat Savage would have encouraged: Playing baseball, having fun and loving life.

Baseball is a powerful game.

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The MotorCity Riversharks pose with their first-place trophies Sunday afternoon. Pictured are (front row from left) Robbie Laird, Ben Albin, Martino Zaia, Andrew Clarke, Jacob Kash, Joe Watson, (back row from left) coach Mike Zaia, Jack Savage, Brandon Boyd, Liam Radomski, Geoff Albin, Ben Wright, Ryan Berger and coach Bill Boyd.

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider the following request: 1.

Bank Auto Sales, 33003 Michigan Avenue Request for a variance for additional signage on the existing pole sign. Section 1280.08 (c)(1)(B) of the Planning and Zoning Code states that pole signs are permitted with a maximum sign area of 100 sq. ft. for signs with two faces. The plans show a sign area of 160 sq. ft., requiring a 60 sq. ft. variance.

The text and any maps may be examined or written comments may be submitted at the City Clerk's Office during business hours (10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Zoning Board will consider, and may act upon, this matter.

> Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

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Area hockey stars set for state games

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

What do upper-level high school hockey players due when summer rolls around?

Join the Ryan Ossenmacher-coached Metro West squad and gear up for this weekend's highoctane, high-stakes Meijer State Games of Michigan hockey competition.

"At this level, these guys are playing yeararound (or) pretty close to it," said Ossenmacher, the veteran Salem coach in his fourth year at the Metro West helm. "They're not in mid-season shape by any means, but they definitely haven't been off the ice for months at a time.

"And these are good hockey players. I think on this team we have seven all-state players from last year. We've got (Livonia) Stevenson, who won the state title, (and) Hartland, who lost in the finals."

The games open Thursday in Grand Rapids, with Metro West - a finalist in 2012 – facing Team Central at 4:30 p.m.



Metro West head coach Ryan Ossenmacher (left) talks to players during Friday's practice at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton. The team will travel Thursday to Grand Rapids and play squads from regions around the state. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

at Georgetown Ice Center. Metro West also plays one game Friday and two more Saturday, with the potential for a fifth game Sunday if it advances to the medal round.

There are 23 players on the roster, all going into their junior or sophomore years at their respective high school.

Rivals such as Salem and Plymouth, not to mention Stevenson and Livonia Churchill, are represented on the team,

coached by Ossenmacher with assistance from Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento.

Yet for a little more than a week, beginning with Friday's two-hour practice at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, any differences are put aside because it's time to mesh as a hockey unit.

"I think we represent 10 of our 20 teams in our region," Ossenmacher said. "That's a pretty diverse group. I think last year was about the same. Beyond just the hockey, what's really neat is to see guys that don't know each other, by the end of next weekend, (become) best buddies.

"Already in the locker room, this is our first skate and they're already talking to each other like they've known each other for years."

That's actually the case for Stevenson teammates Dominic Lutz and Tyler Irvine, who skated on the same forward line Friday night.

"I heard how much fun Lutz had (in 2012) and he wanted me to join," Irvine said. "It's a blast. I've known Lutz since kindergarten."

Irvine added that chemistry already is forming.

We all got to sit next to people we don't know," he said. "We get to know them, become friends with everyone. It's fastpaced, (everybody's) big, strong."

Plymouth forward Mike Schultz made the roster, one year after he didn't make the cut. He is thrilled to have the chance.

"I tried out last year, but I didn't get the opportunity to because I was a smaller sophomore,' Schultz said. "But coach Ossenmacher took me this year, so I'm glad to play.'

Schultz acknowledged it is comforting that his regular coach (Vento) is on the staff because "he knows how you play and what situations you need to be in to be successful." but the main thing is getting ready as a team to play in a very competitive showcase.

'Anytime you can get out there with good competition like we have going on next weekend, it's good to get out there," Schultz said. "When you play against good kids, you're going to get better."

Also looking forward to the week of bonding and hockey is Salem's Jake Sealy, one of a handful of returnees.

"It's really good talent up there," Sealy said. "It's just really fun to hang out with the guys and play."

WHO'S WHO

Members of the 2013 -Metro West team (listed by position): Goalies: Parker Godfrey, Salem: David Turel. Livonia Churchill; Austin Petty, Novi. Defense: Jake Zaborowski, Plymouth; Stephen Coulter, North Farmington; Noah Saad, Salem; Drew Puishes, Churchill; James Hole, Novi; Kyle Bauer, Plymouth; John Nagel, Hartland. Forward: Craig Cromie, Livonia Franklin; Jake Sealy, Salem; Mike Schultz, Plymouth; Andrew Sparks, Churchill; Dominic Lutz, Livonia Stevenson; Tyler Irvine, Stevenson; Charles Distelrath III, Hartland; Josh Smith, Plymouth; Nick Borellis, Orchard Lake St. Mary; Noah Willer, Salem; Devin Kelly, Stevenson; Cooper Marody, St. Mary; Zach Tavierne, Plymouth. For more information about the Meijer State Games, go

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South Oakland A's sweep Rams

It was a lost weekend for the Michigan Rams in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

On Saturday, the South Oakland A's took two in a doubleheader at Ford Field, 7-2 and 12-3, dropping the Rams to 5-5-1 in the LCBL.

Mike Miduszewski went 3-for-4 and scored two runs as the A's (5-5) rolled in the opener.

Also getting into the act for the A's were Jim Scott (2-for-5, two runs), Emerson Misch (2-for-4, **RBI) and Brad Schalk** and Matt Andrus (two RBI each).

Winning pitcher Bobby Purcilly went the first

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five innings, allowing just one run on one hit. He struck out six and walked three before Mitch Young finished.

Rams starter Spencer Gobel gave up six runs on seven hits in five innings, while Chris Mc-Donald (Livonia Stevenson/Hillsdale College) was touched for one run on five hits and two walks.

Brett Ramirez (Salem/ Madonna University) had the lone RBI for the Rams.

In the nightcap, Kyle Suminski went 3-for-4 with two RBI and winning pitcher Brad Schalk added two hits and two

RBI to pace the South Oakland victory.

Schalk went all seven innings, scattering eight hits and three walks while fanning seven.

Rams starter Jake Balicki went 41/3 innings, allowing four runs (two earned) on five hits and four walks. Reliever Kirk Stambaugh gave up six runs in 1¹/₂ innings on three hits and three walks.

Miles Sorise doubled twice and knocked in two runs, while Matt Avromov contributed two hits and an RBI. BULLS 23, RAMS 1: Chris Rice pitched seven strong innings Monday to lead the first-place Michigan Bulls (9-2) to an LCBL win over the Michigan Rams (5-6-1) at

Bicentennial Park.

Rice allowed just three hits, walked two and struck out six. Theo Piccirillis knocked in two runs, while

Tyler Baratano added an RBI for the Bulls, who scored twice in the fifth and one in the

Losing pitcher Donnie Eaton gave up three runs on five hits in five linings. He walked five and struck out four before Jeff Sorenson came on and pitched two scoreless innings in relief. Griffin Harms went 2-for-3 with a double

and RBI in the loss.

and KBI in the loss. KNIGHTS 3, RAMS 0: On Friday, Matt Chema tossed a complete-game, five-hit shutout as the Michigan Knights (4-5) downed the Michigan Rams (5-3-1) in LCBL action at Ford Field.

Chema struck out six and allowed just one walk.

Rams starter Jeff Sorenson (Stevenson/ Wayne State) gave up three runs on five hits and three walks in 2½ innings before giving way to Jake Gardner, who worked the final 3% innings without allowing a run. Mark Lepri, Mike Kattola and Adam McDowell each knocked in a run for the Knights, while Brett Ramirez went 2-for-3 for the Rams.

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The Wildcats still had an excellent showing at the Michigan State University course. Junior Chris Kozler registered a two-day scoreline of 78-74-152 with junior Evan Chipman tallying a 79-79-158 total. Senior Ryan Rieckhoff finished with a scoreline of 82-78-160.

You can't come any closer than we did," Brandon said. "When it comes down to a tiebreaker in the state finals, I think as a coach it's frustrating, because you know you came to within literally one shot, one stroke.

"But at the same time, I'm very pleased and I'll forever be pleased with the fact that we played really, really well on the biggest stage you can

Better day for Chiefs

As for Canton. in addition to Trosper, the Chiefs were bolstered on Day 2 by Tyler McMahan's 81, giving him a two-day total of 167. Brent Perry finished with a consistent 83-83-166 tally, followed by Alex Champagne (88-84-172) and Noah Lindlbauer (86-

90–176). "The first day we may have pressed too much for low scores instead of trying to shoot our averages," Alles said. "The second ° day the boys were a bit more relaxed, which helped us cut 12 strokes from our Day 1 total."

Livonia Churchill's Alec Kondrath, an individual qualifier, tallied a scoreline of 86-80-166. Coach Paul Worley said Kondrath struggled Saturday, particularly on the green.



went through the growing up process with me. That's really nice. And just to see the positive things that are happening here. I really love to see kids' lives that are impacted. And maybe today would be a day they remember as a jump starter, or as a kick in the butt to what they can be."

The four-hour clinic served to teach fundamentals, as well as life messages.

We just really just had a perfect day of weather," Shaw said. "I think every year is different, but you try let the kids know that there's more to life than football, but that football actually translates to life in a lot of ways. We really heard some great messages from our coaches today about always, always going has hard as you can. And you never know who's watching. But if you're here, and you're doing something, if you have to be somewhere. you might as well give everything you've got and go as hard as you can and do your best. Because, if nothing else, it should matter to you. No matter who does or who is watching, it should matter to you.'

David Čurvin was among 20 Clarenceville players who attended the camp, which lasted nearly four hours. The incoming senior will try to juggle two fall sports this season, playing soccer as

Hunter Reed (center) of West Portsmouth, Ohio, made the six-hour trip to attend a football camp hosted Saturday at Clarenceville High School by Tim Shaw (left). Also helping out was former Penn State teammate Gerald Cadogan.

well as linebacker and kicking duties.

"Got to be athletic, stay busy," Curvin said. "If I had to pick one (in the fall), it will definitely be football. I'd like to go out with a bang as a senior."

And the message Curvin got from Shaw's camp was simple and to the point.

"Don't give up," Cur-vin said. "Keep doing what you do best and go for your goals."

Shaw entered the NFL in 2007 as a fifth-round pick (164th overall) by the Carolina Panthers. He's also played for Jacksonville (2008) and Chi-cago (2009) before finding a home with the Titans in Nashville, where he is entering his fourth season.

Shaw just finished OTAs and participated in minicamp this week before spending two weeks working on an accelerated off-season master's degree program in business management through George Washington University.

Last season, Shaw earned more reps at linebacker, finishing with 38 tackles (30 solo), including a season-high eight against the New York Jets, as the Titans struggled through a 6-10 season.

"I'm excited about

what the Titans can be this season, just kind of where we're headed or what we're looking for." he said. "This is the big season for us as far as ... we need to win. It's as simple as that. The NFL is a production business and what they count is wins and we need to win.

"My role is to just be a leader on that team, really do whatever they ask me to do. And I'm going to enjoy it, I'm going to love it. My focus will be special teams and, if I'm called upon, to play some linebacker and I'm going to hit somebody."

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have.

So by the tiniest of margins, the Plymouth boys fell short of duplicating the state title accomplished last fall by Plymouth's varsity girls golf team.

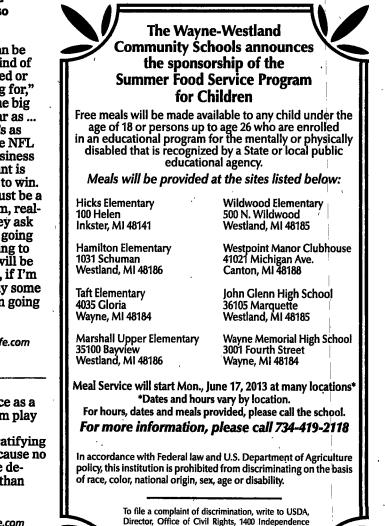
"He had putting issues on Friday as he three-putted nine times." Worley said. "On Saturday, he had no three-putt greens, but got two or three bad breaks where bogey was the best he could card on those holes."

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The City of Westland Summer 2013 tax bills will be mailed on or about July 1, 2013. The Summer Tax Bills are payable through Thursday, August 15, 2013, without additional interest.

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"He got warmed up and got ready for his playoff, which ended up being a three-hole, epic battle that he was able to come out on top. We're

extremely proud of Kyle for that accomplishment. Not just for becoming the individual state champion, but the way he did it was the ultimate test in poise and confidence.

Brandon stressed that individual championship was a just reward for

Rodes's unmatched work ethic and dedication turned in for months on end.

"This was earned by hours and hours and days and days and months and months of incredibly hard work and dedication to his game," Brandon said. "It's a very nerveracking experience as a coach to watch him play the playoffs.

It's equally gratifying that he won it, because no player in the state deserves that more than Kyle Rodes."

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LOCAL SPORTS

Athletes earn track and field accolades

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

Itoh Buley, shot put, N. Farmington: Buley made great progress in just two seasons as a thrower. The senior is the city, OAA White Division and regional champion in the shot put. He was fourth in Oakland County and 10th in the Division 1 state meet. Buley's area-best throw of 51-5 is the third best in school history and second best in the last 20 years, trailing Kirk Moundros (1998) by one inch.

"Itoh has only been throwing two years," coach Todd Schultz said. "He started in the (high) 30s and has come up more than a foot. He was able to make up that ground he missed, and he was able to succeed in the ring with hard work and focus. He was consistently hitting 50 at end of the season. He improved quite a bit in the discus, too."

Justin Shelton, discus, N. Farmington: A repeat member of the all-area first team, Shelton was the best in the area with a throw of 159-10. It's the best throw in the last two decades at North Farmington and is second only to Mark Biehl's 1979 toss of 171-4. Shelton is the city, OAA White Division and regional champion. He was fourth in Oakland County.

"One of his goals was to get back to the state meet," Schultz said. "He wishes he would have thrown a little better there and gotten into the finals, but he had a great career at North.

"He continued to carry the torch from the guys in front of him. He was a positive role model and set some standards for the younger guys to strive for. We're going to miss Justin and Itoh in that category of good throwers in the league, county and state.'

Jamal Dixon, high jump, **Canton:** The versatile Dixon earned Canton's MVP honors after going undefeated in dual meets in the high jump.

Dixon qualified for the D1 state meet in the high jump and long jump and in those respective events tallied personal bests of 6-6 and 20-6.75.

Season highlights for Dixon included winning the Kensington Conference championship in the high jump and taking third at the KLAA meet in that event.

He was named a captain for the 2014 season, coach Bob Richardson said.

"He's a very popular kid on our team and he has so much potential that we don't even now aood a can



N. Farmington

Justin Shelton

N. Farmington

Ma Sambou

Clarenceville

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Max Rogowski

Plymouth

Plymouth

Jatta



Zach Zoltowski Churchill



Lucas Bunting Plymouth



Chris Dierker Salem

Zoltowski, undefeated in dual meets and Livonia city runner-up in the 110 hurdles, posted personal bests of 14.8 and 40.6, respectively.

'Zachary has demonstrated improvement every season he's been in our program," Austin said. "He did an outstanding job of leading by example.

'He fell in the high hurdles, fracturing his arm at the conference meet, and came back the following week to win both hurdles events at the regional, which speaks volumes about his toughness. He's a super young man with a great sense of humor."

Ma Sambou Jatta, 300 hurdles, Clarenceville: The senior was third at the Division 2 state finals in the 300 hurdles (38.7)

He also was regional, Western Wayne Athletic Conference and Livonia city champion in the 110 and 300 nurdies. He added a fourth in the 300 hurdles and a fifth in the 110 hurdles at the Oakland County Meet. "Ma Sambou is a dream to coach and excels at both track and soccer," Clarenceville coach Brady Gustafson said. "He is always upbeat, hardworking, and has the desire to be the very best. Not only was he a gifted hurdler, his value in the 800 and 1,600 relays made us competitive at any level. I have been blessed to coach some great athletes and he is one of the best." Steven Homrich, 100 dash, Salem: The junior had an outstanding season, both in open sprint events and relays.



Jamal Dixon Canton



Steven Homrich Salem



J'haira Johnson Garden City



Jonny Dalton Plymouth

2013 BOYS ALL-AREA TRACK & FIELD TEAM

Shot put: 1. Itoh Buley, sr., North Farmington; 2. Asa Hattar, sr., Livonia Franklin; 3. Olaniyi Owagbemi, sr., Canton. Discus: 1. Justin Shelton, sr., North Farmington; 2. Vonn Pallett,

soph., Farmington; 3. Joe Ghafari, jr., Farmington. High jump: Jamal Dixon, jr., Canton; 2. (tie) Akil Wade, jr., Canton; and Mick Noel, sr., Plymouth Christian; 3. Terry Buford-Pendergast, jr., Livonia Stevenson. Long jump: 1. Shakeer Williams, sr., Redford Thurston; 2. Gairus Coleman, sr., Farmington Harrison; 3. Drake Jordan, jr., Salem. Pole vault: 1. Jacob Hage, jr., Livonia Churchill; 2. David Mittelbrun, jr., North Farmington; 3. Michael Farner, jr., Livonia Steven-

son 110-meter hurdles: 1. Zach Zoltowski, sr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Michael Ojemudia, jr., Farmington Harrison; 3. Marcus Reed, sr., Harrison.

300 hurdles: 1. Ma Sambou Jatta, sr., Livonia Clarenceville; 2.



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Jon Mikosz

Plymouth coach

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Dan Duncan Franklin



Chaz Jeffress Salem



Brandon Dalton Plymouth

"fit in very well with our sprint crew," Aspinall said.

Davis set a new Salem record in the 200 with a time of 22.1 and was part of the recordsetting 400 and 800 relay teams, finishing all-state in the latter.

Davis finished second in the KLAA Championships and the D1 regional meet and was an MIT-CA Team State Meet Champion.

Lucas Bunting, 400 dash, **Plymouth:** The steady senior followed up a great junior year by repeating as the No. 1 runner in the area in the 400.

Bunting, who holds the Plymouth record in the event, won numerous dual meets and invitationals and was regional champion for the second consecutive season.

"Lucas has had a great four years as a Wildcat," coach Jon Mikosz said.

Bierim Mema, 800 run,

Plymouth: After taking a year off from track, Mema returned

Aspinall said. "And we expect big things in the future."

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With his personal best at the state finals, he set a new Salem freshman record — shattering the previous mark of 10:10.0, set in 1975.

He also set a new school mark with a time of 4:30.99 in the 1.600 run.

"Chaz ran everything from the 400 to the 3,200 and used his finishing speed throughout the season to pass people on the last lap." Aspinall continued, "including at the state meet, where he passed about eight guys."

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

400 meters, Salem (Drake Jordan, Sean Davis, Steven Homrich, Chris Dierker): This dominant quartet broke the school record with a time of 43.6 and broke it again (43.3) prior to the state finals.

Then, at the finals, they saved the best for last with a time of 42.7 to earn all-state honors (sixth place), shattering their own school record and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park record in the process.

"Sean and Chris will be missed next year, but we expect Drake and Steven to continue running fast next spring," Aspinall said.

The team was KLAA champion and D1 regional runner-up, in addition to placing second at the MITCA Team State Meet.

800 meters, Salem (Drake Jordan, Sean Davis, Steven Homrich, Chris Dierker): The Salem guartet demonstrated they could excel as a unit in more than one relay, breaking their own school record (1:29.8) at the D1 state finals, but barely missing all-state honors by finishing 10th.

They had plenty of success all year, including a second-place showing at both the KLAA and regional meets as well as being MITCA Team State Meet runners-up.

"It was a lot of fun watching how fast these guys ran this season," Aspinall said. "Hopefully our core of young sprinters can follow in their footsteps in 2014.'

1,600 meters, Plymouth (Max Rogowski, Blerim Mema, Jonny Dalton, Lucas Bunting): With almost the same lineup as the 3,200 relay, the Plymouth guartet excelled all season, never out of the hunt at a dual meet or invitational.

They were undefeated in dual meets and were victorious at the Patriot Relays, Observerland Relays and D1 regional meet to earn a spot in the state finals. "Even with most of these guys running three or four races a meet, they were always able to get the win and put up a fast time," Mikosz said. "This relay was always exciting to watch and even more so if the meet was on the line and they would come up with the win.' 3,200 meters, Plymouth (Blerim Mema, Jonny Daiton, **Brandon Dalton, Max Rogow**ski): Plymouth's tradition of making it to the state finals in the 3,200-meter relay continued for a seventh consecutive season thanks to the efforts of this tandem. "Jonny continued the success he had as a freshman and always ran a strong leadoff leg for us,⁴ Mikosz said. "Brandon finished off a great four years with Plymouth and always kept us in contention.





Richardson said.

Shakeer Williams, long jump, Thurston: An accomplished football player at Thurston, Williams decided to give track and field a try for the first time during his senior season. It didn't take long for the athletic speedster to make an impact for the Eagles as he soared to a season-best leap of 21-5 midway through the team's dual-meet season. Williams was also a force in the sprints, contributing to the Eagles' state-qualifying 400meter relay team and registering big-time points in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Williams, a quarterback during his senior campaign at Thurston, recently committed to play football for a junior college in California.

"Shakeer caught on quickly to everything we taught him this season," Thurston coach Lamar Miller said. "I wish we would have had him a few more years. He really would have been something else. He's a very fast young man."

Jacob Hage, pole vault, Churchill: The junior finished fifth at the Division 1 state finals with personal best 14-4.

Hage also was Kensington Conference and Livonia city champion, while placing second in the regional and KLAA Association meets. He also led the Chargers to a first at the Observerland Relays.

Through hard work and dedicated year-round training, he has improved each season, Churchill coach Rick Austin said of the two-time state qualifier. "Jacob is a student of the vault and works closely with his coach Jordan McClellan to improve his technique. He has a very quick runaway approach, which is only going to get faster next season. Jacob is very goal-oriented, which leads me to believe that the sky is the limit next season."

Zach Zoltowski, 110 hurdies, Churchill: The senior captain, headed to Concordia University, was regional champ in the 110 and 300 hurdles, earning a spot in the Division 1 state meet.

In the 100 dash, he finished second in Salem history with a time of 10.9 seconds.

Homrich came in second at the KLAA Championships and was the MITCA Team State Meet Champion.

He also was part of the school record 400- and 800meter relays and finished allstate in the latter.

"He was extremely consistent throughout the year and would do anything asked by the coaches, including running the anchor leg of the 4-by-4 early in the season," coach Steve Aspinall said.

Dan Duncan, 100 dash, Franklin: The senior was the Patriots' top scorer this season while tying the school record in the 100 dash (10.8).

Duncan was Livonia city champion in the 100 and led the Patriots' 400 relay to a first place as well. Franklin's 400 relay was also undefeated in dual meets.

"Dan was one of our most improved athletes," Franklin coach Pat Koelzer said. "I could always count on Dan to be a strong leadoff man in our relays and to use his great finishing speed to score in the 100 and 200. He was a true workhorse, often being called upon to compete in all four events to get us the points we needed in a meet."

Joe Mims, sr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. James Hildreth, sr., Canton.

100 dash: 1. (tie) Steven Homrich, jr., Salem; and Dan Duncan, sr., Livonia Franklin; 2. Nathan Rodgers, soph., Franklin; 3. Malik Johnson, jr., Livonia Churchill. 200 dash: 1. Sean Davis, sr., Salem; 2. Colby Morris, sr., Canton; 3. Alex Rogers, sr., Plymouth. 400 dash: 1. Lucas Bunting, sr., Plymouth; 2. Montel Hood, fr., Wayne Memorial; 3. Colin McCormack, jr., Salem. 800 run: 1. Blerim Mema, jr.,

Plymouth; 2. Max Rogowski, jr., Plymouth; 3. Jewell Jones, sr., Westland John Glenn.

1,600 run: 1. J'haira Johnson, jr., Garden City; 2. Keenan Jones, soph., Livonia Franklin; 3. Drew Lindman, sr., Farmington. 3,200 run: 1. Chaz Jeffress, fr., Salem; 2. James Weekley, fr., Farmington Harrison; 3. Steven McEvilly, sr., Salem.

RELAY TEAMS 400 meters: 1. Salem (Drake Jordan, jr.; Sean Davis, sr.; Steven Homrich, jr.; Chris Dierker, sr.), 2. Farmington Harrison (Lorenzo Collins, jr.; Gairus Coleman, sr.; Peyton Petersen, jr.; Josh Scott, jr.), 3. Redford Thurston (Kevin Williams, sr.; Randolph Fry, soph.; Howard Young, sr.; Shakeer Williams, sr.).

800 meters: 1. Salem (Drake Jordan, jr.; Sean Davis, sr.; Steven Homrich, jr.; Chris Dierker, sr.), 2. Livonia Franklin (Dan Duncan, sr.; Jordan Bickham, sr.; Brett Gutowski, sr.; Nathan Rodgers, soph.), 3. Canton (Colby Morris, sr.; Jacob Mallad, soph.; Anthony Tillman, jr.; Alan Jones, fr.).

1,600 meters: 1. Plymouth (Max Rogowski, jr.; Blerim Mema, jr.; Jonny Dalton, soph.; Lucas Bunting, sr.), 2. Garden City (Leroy Fedorko, jr., Tyler Wilson, sr., Kevin Brown-Bayko, jr., Andrew Burek, sr.), 3. Livonia Stevenson (Zaid Shareef, sr.; Mike Sopko, sr.; Billy Werthman, jr.; Joe Mims, sr.). 3,200 meters: 1. Plymouth (Blerim Mema, jr.; Jonny Dalton, soph.; Brandon Dalton, sr.; Max Rogowski, jr.), 2. Livonia Stevenson (Mike Sopko, sr.; Jacob Colley, sr.; Ryan Paulus, sr.; Zaid Shareef, sr.), 3. North Farmington (Matt Ponder, sr.; Nathan Elby, soph.; Alex Saunders, sr.; Max Bradley jr.). COACH OF THE YEAR Jon Mikosz, Plymouth

Sean Davis, 200 dash, Salem: Having moved to the area from Texas last summer, Davis

to the fold and enjoyed a very strong season.

"It took him a little bit to get in the mix of things, but once he did, he didn't stop," Mikosz said. "He always runs with a lot of heart and determination. It's great to coach a guy like him because he doesn't want to let you down as a coach, so he puts in that extra effort."

Mema won the 800 in numerous dual meets and was regional champion in the event, qualifying for the state meet in the process. He also qualified in two other events, demonstrating his talent and versatility.

J'haira Johnson, 1,600 run, Garden City: Thanks to a diligent work ethic, Johnson has become one of Observerland's most-gifted long-distance runners. He ran everything from the 800- to the 3,200-meter events for the Cougars – and did them all well, taking first place in the 1,600 at the Division 1 regional meet hosted by Canton High School. Johnson initially made his mark on the cross country trails last fall as he became the first Cougar to qualify for the Division 1 state meet in more than 20 years. He was the WWAC Red champion in the 1,600 and 800, and a state-qualifier in the 1,600 and 3,200.

"J'haira Johnson is simply the best distance runner I have ever had the privilege of coaching," Garden City head coach Jeff Zoli said. "The reason he is successful is that he puts in the time to be the best in and out of season. At the same time he is one of the most humble and intelligent student-athletes I have met and he is a great teammate and captain."

Chaz Jeffress, 3,200 run, Salem: There is no telling what Jeffress can do in his prep career if it builds on his stellar freshman season.

At the D1 state championships, he ran the two-mile in 9:40.41, finishing as the fastest freshman from any division.

"He continued to get better as the season went on as he learned how to race the 3,200,"

'Max anchored all year and never let the team down."

The quartet finished undefeated in dual meets, won the Livonia Franklin Patriot Relays and was D1 regional champion before finishing ninth at the state finals – less than one second away from all-state honors.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jon Mikosz, Plymouth: Under the steady direction of Mikosz, the Wildcats enjoyed an outstanding season, highlighted by the championship at the D1 regional meet.

"As a coach, nothing is more satisfying than seeing a team live up to its potential and that's what this team did this year,' Mikosz said. "They kept pushing all year and just got better and better as the season went on."

Mikosz said his assistant coaches (Gary Stanford, Kevin Plamer, Dean Clemons, Nia Henderson and Keith Choma) were instrumental in how well the Wildcats performed this spring. "I couldn't do it without them," he said.

LOCAL NEWS

Church event to focus on religious freedom

Al Kresta, Catholic author and evangelist, will be the featured speaker at "Grow the Church: Bless the Nation," an evening of discussion and educational reflection, 7 p.m. Monday, June 24, in the school cafeteria at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia.

The event is part of the US Conference of

Catholic Bishops (USCCB) second annual Fortnight for Freedom initiative from June 21-July 4. The U.S. bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom, a two-week period of pray-

er and action, to address challenges to religious liberty. Kresta, a former evangelical pastor, now serves as president and CEO of Ave Maria Communications based in Ann Arbor. He is host of

the daily radio broadcast, "Kresta in the Afternoon," and is an outspoken advocate of strategies promoting religious unification in a politically divided nation. The evening's presen-

tation is open to all, free of charge and with no reservation requirement.

Further more information call the church at 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

JUNE **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: MCWSou-

treach@gmail.com FEMININE

ARCHETYPES

Time/Date: 1-8 p.m. Saturday, June 29

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: Rev. Kimi Riegel and Kathy Igoe, life coach, will lead a "Crone Rave," a gathering of women, who come together in a ritual experience to explore sacred feminine archetypes and societal female stereotypes. The event will include a labyrinth walk and a celebration of community with dance, words, music and food. Attendees will receive a goddess book with sacred feminine archetypes by Jean Shinoda Bolen, MD, a Crone Rave Journal and a Wise Crone photograph. They'll also have an opportunity to create a Maiden-Mother-Crone keepsake artwork Contact: Register at www.igoewalk.com; Call the church at (248) 354-4488

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, June

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills Details: "The Blindside" is based on the true story of Michael Oher, a boy who is homeless who became an All-American football player and first round NFL draft pick with the help of a caring woman and her family. Tailgate food will be offered for a free will offering Contact: (248) 553-3380 **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. To register or for more information call the church or visit its website Contact: (248) 553-3380; www.princeofpeacefhills.org

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, through June 20

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, Northville Details: Cards and games night, June 20. Ice cream will be avail-

able 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 **SUMMER SERMON** SERIES

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Thursday Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: The series topic is "Are the Ten Commandments Still Relevant?"

Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

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 www.sppc.org

JULY

Livonia

FILM e**/Date:** 6 p.m. Wednesdav 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 CHOIR DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 12 Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The three-day workshop is designed for choir directors and music educators, led by **Michael Burkhardt** Contact: www.heartshands-

voices.org; (734) 427-1414 **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 **WORSHIP & MUSIC** CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 12-15

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

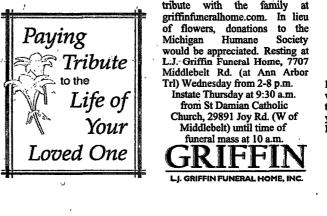
Details: "Hearts, Hands and Voices," is designed to help students in grades 2-7 grow spiritually and musically. Children will benefit from spiritual



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and Lochlyn Saj, Sisters Jude Donations in her honor will be accepted by the family to purchase a memorial at the Detroit Zoo.





BUNYAK, BERNARD "BUD" JOSEPH ANTHONY JR.

Age 51, born on March 19, 1962 in Fairview, Ohio and passed suddenly on June 16, 2013; Be-loved son of Bernard and JoAnne Bunyak Sr.; Loving brother of Ken (Michele) Bunyak; Dear uncle of Heather & Hollie Bunyak. Cherished significant other Barb Sosin; Bud will be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; Family Will Receive Friends on Friday June 21, 2013 beginning at 10:00 am until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 am, at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church 2215 Opdyke Road Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. Memorial donations would be appreciated to St. Jude Children's Fund.

To share a memory please visit: eltonblackandsonhighland.com

TARDIFF. LOUIS E. June 16, 2013, Born Octo-

ber 11, 1927. Loving hus-band of the Late Doris (D. 2004). Dear Father of Anne (William) Sgriccia, Магу Jean (Scott) Dougherty, Tom and Louise, grandfather of Nikki, his cats Kitty and Carmel. He was a Master Sgt. in the Korean War and awarded a Bronze Star. He was a member of Tom Dooley K of C, the American Legion and Kappa Psi. Share a memorial tribute with the family at



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MECHAM, **ROXANNE L**

Age 50, of Farmington; June 18, 2013. Roxanne is survived by her children, Mallory, Brett, and Stephanie; her mother, Louise Latham (the late Glenn); her siblings Karen Latham (Mark), Phillip Latham (Sue); Laura Wolford (Allan), Allen Latham (LeeAnn) and Julie Gunnell (the late Tyler). She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Service, Friday, June 21, 10:30 am (gathering at 9:30 am) at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 31450 Six Mile Rd. (just W. of Merriman Road), Livonia. The family will receive guests Thurs-day, 5-8 pm at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home 23720 Farmington Road (one block north of Grand River) downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorials suggested to Buckets of Rain, PO Box 251 Empire, MI 49630.

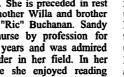
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MASTERSON, ED has been 3 years since you were taken away from us. We think of you everyday, we love you, miss you. Happy Father's Day, your loving wife & family.

BUCHANAN SANDRA KAĽ 62 of Royal Oak passed Age away June 9,2013. Sandy was born in Wayne, Michigan to Richard Hewdell "Buck" and Willa Madene Buchanan on December 20,1950. Sandy is Survived by her father Buck, daughters Erin Lemma and Bethany Saj (Lemma), granddaughters Ainsley Saj

Leonard (Buchanan), Stephanie Buchanan, brother Steve Buchanan and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in rest by her mother Willa and brother Richard "Ric" Buchanan. Sandy was a nurse by profession for over 34 years and was admired as a leader in her field. In her free time she enjoyed reading and frequenting the theater with friends and family. Sandy also enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and was known to them as their loving and devoted "Bugga". Sandy was proud to be an avid animal lover and advocate. She will be laid to rest in her family cemetery in Arkansas. A memorial to share favorite photos and stories will be held June 30th. 31180 Collingdale, Novi, MI 48377 (Maples of Novi clubhouse) All are welcome.



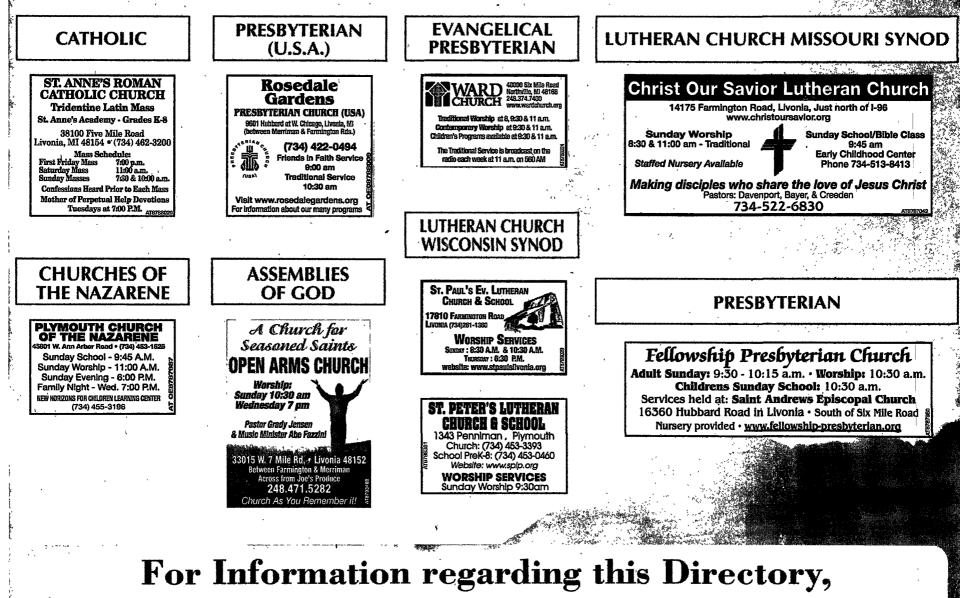
July 17 Location: St. Aidan Catholic

Church, 17500 Farmington Road,

Details: Screening of "The

enrichment. Contact: Register at www.heartshandsvoices.org; (734) 427-1414

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OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA B6 (WG) ENTERTAINMENT HOMETOWN THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013 LIFE.COM ART SHOW SALUTES HENRY FORD

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Melissa Machnee and her welding students at Schoolcraft College have elevated the fender from auto part to art in an installation honoring the 150th anniversary of Henry Ford' birth.

"It was a wonderful group effort. Everyone had input on what they wanted and it all came together," said Machnee, a third generation welder and instructor at the college. "An installation creates an environment. It's a little different from a sculpture. We tried to create an experience. We have an assembly line with an arm that has fenders hanging from it. Another arm has the Ford emblem." The piece also includes figures of a worker and of Henry Ford. "We really tried to use some

historical aspects of Ford and tie that into it. The emblem is based off the first Ford emblem.

Their metal installation is among approximately 20 art pieces in the Fender Bender exhibit presented by the Dearborn Community Arts Council and designed to celebrate Henry Ford's birth. All of the sculptures and installations incorporate fenders and will be on view at a community gathering, June 26 at the Ford & **Community Performing Arts** Center in Dearborn. After that date they'll be stationed at various locations, both indoor and outdoor, in metro Detroit. The gathering is open to the public and will include beer and hot dogs. Tickets are \$5.

"Our main thrust was to do something outside the box, something innovative," said Stella Greene, a Plymouth resident and executive director of the Dearborn Community Arts Council. "It sounds stuffy when you say 150th anniversary. We wanted to prove that it doesn't have to be. Everyone can be involved. That is what Detroit is all about."

Professional sculptors, art students, welders, factory workers, and retirees responded to Greene's call for Fender Bender submissions. Some artists worked individually on



Student welders, artists and other volunteers collaborate on Schoolcraft College's submission to the Fender Bender event. Among the team members are Geri Armbruster (left), Laura Steiner, Melissa Machnee, and Mark McClure.

where your creative juices

lead you. It could be a crum-

pled fender, a painted fender,

It could be welded. It's really

art work done on a car fender.

exciting." Ford Motor Company made

available 2012 Ford Fusion

fenders for the art projects,

although some creators pre-

ferred using recycled parts

"Because it is in commem-

oration of Henry Ford's 150th

from the junk yard.



destroy the fenders," Machnee said, explaining her group's decision to use the car parts as is.

Fenders play a

upcoming sculpture exhibit

Ford.

maior role in an

honoring Henry

Machnee's team members designed the installation pieces, cut the images from metal and welded where necessary. She said every piece has some fabrication work. Schoolcraft's Welding Sculp-

ture Skills Certificate Program helps the professional sculptor or aspiring welder gain the skills needed to work in the art

FENDER BENDER

What: A sculpture exhibit celebrating the 150th anniversary of Henry Ford's birth When: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June

Where: Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: Sculptures made from car fenders celebrating Henry Ford will be on display at this community get together for one night only, before being placed in various locations throughout metro Detroit. Tickets are \$5. Hot dogs and beer will be available

Contact: For reservations or more information call 313-943-3095

field or the welding industry. Students learn basic and advanced welding skills and fabrication techniques.

Machnee took classes in welding at Schoolcraft after graduating from Wayne State University with a degree in fine arts sculpture.

'I realized I couldn't feed myself with that degree. I went to Schoolcraft. I wanted to master welding. I was able to get a job in welding and feed myself as well as make my art.

In addition to Schoolcraft, the Canton resident also teaches welding at Wayne **County Community College.** She recently submitted an aluminum sculpture of a giant panda to ArtPrize in Grand Rapids.

She hopes the Fender Bender project will compel Schoolcraft students to continue creating sculpture for public exhibit.

"I think it will spin off into other projects. I have had students make larger sculptures, but this is the biggest collaborative work they've done," Machnee said.

A Fender Bender miniatures exhibit will run July 23-Sept. 20 in conjunction with Fender Bender. The all-media art exhibit is open to those who live or work in Michigan. Deadline for submission is July 16. Visit www.dcacarts.org for more information.

submissions. Some formed teams, like the Schoolcraft group which included staff and volunteers in addition to students.

"We did a request for creators. We didn't want to specifically say artists. The whole premise of Henry Ford's 150th anniversary was everyone can be a creator. We wanted to give everyone an opportunity to create something with a fender. Our specifications were to incorporate a car fender any-



ENTERTAINMENT

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ARTS CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through July 19 Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Paintings by Marilynn Thomas are on exhibit Contact: 248-473-1856 **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF**

ARTS Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, through July 7; printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, through Sept. 8 Contact: 313-833-7900, www.dia.org **NORTHVILLE ART** HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 30 Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: West of Center Show, which showcases contemporary art work

Contact: 248-344-0497 VAAL

Time/Date: Through June 28

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia

Details: The Visual Arts Association of Livonia presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." This exhibit is juried and features the art work of VAAL members. Art works in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, photography and mixed media. Art may be purchased Contact: 734-838-1204; www.vaalart.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and one hour before and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment, through June 26

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

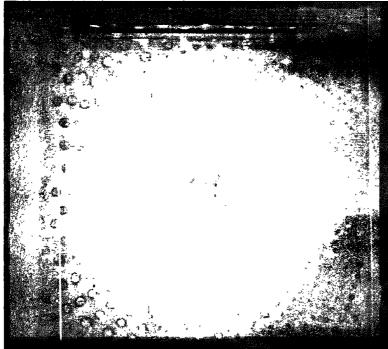
Details: Xia Gao, a visual artist who primarily works with textile and fiber, displays her art Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

AUTHOR MYSTERY THRILLER

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. June 22 Location: The Books Connection, 19043 Middlebelt, Livonia Details: "New York Times" best-selling author and Edgar finalist P.J. Parrish will be on hand with the newest Louis Kincaid mystery thriller, "Heart of Ice." P. J. Parrish is the pen name for two sisters with deep Michigan roots. Both grew up in Michigan. Kelly Nichols attended Northern Michigan University and currently lives in Elk Rapids. Kristy Monteé attended Eastern Michigan University and lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "Heart of Ice" is the 12th novel by the sisters and the fifth set in Michigan Contact: www.pjparrish.com; 248-471-4742



Elivis will be in the house at the 14th Annual Michigan ElvisFest, July 12-13 in Ypsilanti.



Works by fiber/textile artist Xia Gao are on display this month at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Time/Date: 4 p.m.-midnight, Friday, July 12 and 12 p.m.midnight, Saturday, July 13 Location: Riverside Park, 5 W. **Cross Street, Ypsilanti** Details: 14th Annual Michigan

ElvisFest includes performances by nine Elivs Presley tribute artists. Advance tickets are \$13 for Friday, \$22.50 for Saturday, or \$30 for both days. Admission at the gate is \$15 for Friday and exhibits. A children's area will include puppet shows, face painting and other activities. A 5K walk/run is scheduled for Saturday and will benefit the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy. Admission is \$3 before 5 p.m. and \$5 after

Contact: www.RiverDays.com **KELSEY MUSEUM OF** ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: 9 a.m.to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 30-July 21; opening reception is 2-4 p.m. June 30

Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Red Rock & Rust Belt" is an exhibition of photographs by Susan Webb that explores the connection between two great cities that do not readily suggest comparison: the modern city of Detroit and the ancient site of Petra in modern Jordan Contact: 734-764-9304

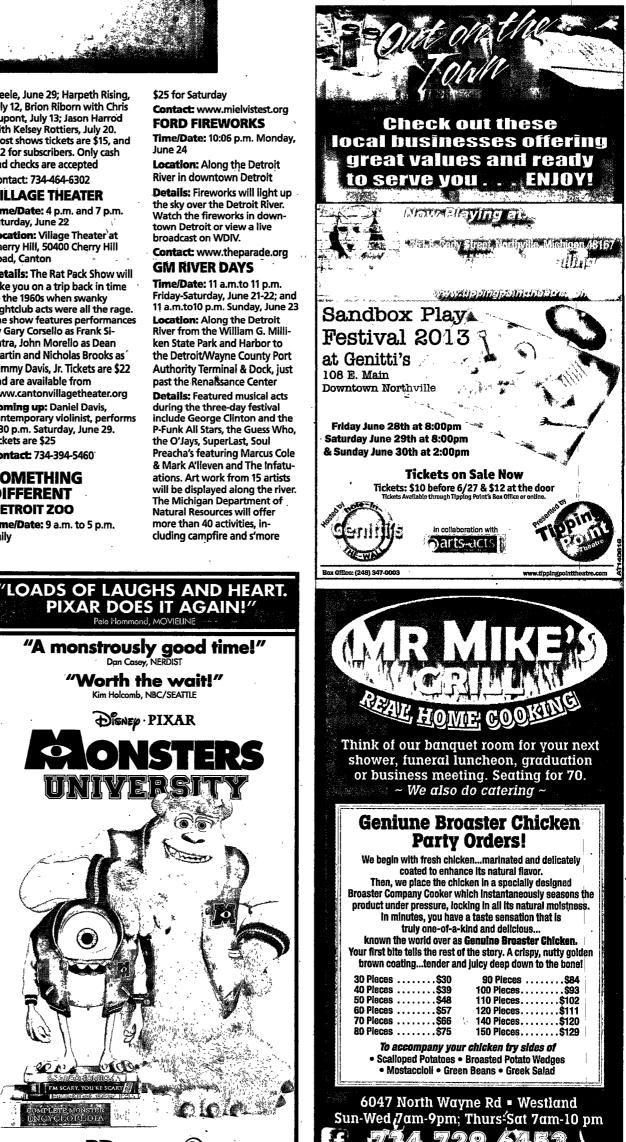
THEATER **TWO MUSES**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, through June 30

Location: Barnes & Noble at 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: "Next to Normal," is a fast-paced musical that centers on what appears, at first glance, to be a typical American family with two parents and two bright, wise-cracking teens. Their lives are anything but normal, because the mother has been battling manic depression for 16 years. Two Muses Theatre will donate \$1 from each ticket purchase to Common Ground, a non-profit agency dedicated to helping youths, adults and families in crisis. Advance tickets are \$23 for adults and \$18 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are \$2 more at the door Contact: 248-850-9919; twomusestheatre.org

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Steele, June 29; Harpeth Rising, \$25 for Saturday July 12, Brion Riborn with Chris Contact: www.mielvistest.org Dupont, July 13; Jason Harrod **FORD FIREWORKS** with Kelsey Rottiers, July 20. Time/Date: 10:06 p.m. Monday, Most shows tickets are \$15, and

June 24 Location: Along the Detroit

River in downtown Detroit Details: Fireworks will light up the sky over the Detroit River. Watch the fireworks in downtown Detroit or view a live broadcast on WDIV. Contact: www.theparade.org

GM RIVER DAYS

Time/Date: 11 a.m.to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 21-22; and 11 a.m.to10 p.m. Sunday, June 23 Location: Along the Detroit River from the William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor to the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority Terminal & Dock, just past the Renaissance Center **Details:** Featured musical acts during the three-day festival include George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars, the Guess Who, the O'Jays, SuperLast, Soul Preacha's featuring Marcus Cole & Mark A'lieven and The Infatuations. Art work from 15 artists will be displayed along the river. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will offer more than 40 activities, including campfire and s'more

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DANCE COMPLEXIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. June 22 Location: Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Complexions, a contemporary dance troupe performs to the music of The White Stripes, Rolling Stones, U2 and others. Tickets are \$30-\$50; students pay \$20 Contact: Ticketmaster.com at 313-887-8501

FILM **COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN**

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 p.m., with movies starting around 9:20 p.m., daily, through Sept. 1

Location: 14900 Beck between Five Mile and M-14, Plymouth Township

Details: Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 4-12; kids 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students with proper ID are admitted for \$8 Sunday through Thursday. Patrons listen to the movies on the FM band of their car radio

Contact: 734-927-3284 **PENN THEATRE**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-22, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 23

Location: 760 Penniman Ave.,



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HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m., Wednes-

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission \$5 for adults

p.m. Sunday, June 30

Contact: 734-453-0870;

www.penntheatre.com

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day, Friday-Sunday

PLYMOUTH

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month --- except December

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans. Clarinetist Dave Bennett's quartet will perform at the next concert on June 25. Playing with Bennett will be Cliff Monear on keyboard; Kurt Krahnke on bass and Doug Cobb on drums

Contact: 734-453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic for music and poetry

Friday featured artists: No Excuses. June 21: Kenneth Michael, June 28; Signature Mistakes, July 5; Potter's Field, July 26. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: 734-454-0178 **TRINITY HOUSE** THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Dolly Varden, June 21; The True Falsettos and Drive South, June 22; Genna and Jesse, June 28; Shari Kane and Dave

natra, John Morello as Dean Martin and Nicholas Brooks as Sammy Davis, Jr. Tickets are \$22 and are available from www.cantonvillagetheater.org Coming up: Daniel Davis, contemporary violinist, performs 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 29. Tickets are \$25

\$12 for subscribers. Only cash

and checks are accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302

Saturday, June 22

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VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Location: Village Theater'at

Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill

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TIME TO DINE AL FRESCO

FOOD

SPICY BEET, FRUIT & NUT BARS

Makes 28 bars Preparation Time: 25 minutes Bake Time: 20 minutes

1 jar (15.5 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Harvard Beets

1 package (15.25 ounces) spice cake mix 1 cup packed light

brown sugar % cup canola or

vegetable oil 1 large egg

1 cup dried mixed fruits, chopped if necessary

½ cup chopped walnuts, pecans or almonds (or a combination), toasted

Confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Drain beets. Puree beets in food processor or blender until smooth; set aside. Line 15- by 10- by 1-inch baking pan with aluminum foil. Spray lightly with nonstick cooking spray. Place cake mix in large bowl. Add pureed beets, brown sugar, oil and egg. Beat on low speed of electric mixer 2 minutes or until completely combined, scraping bowl as necessary. Stir in fruits and 'nuts,

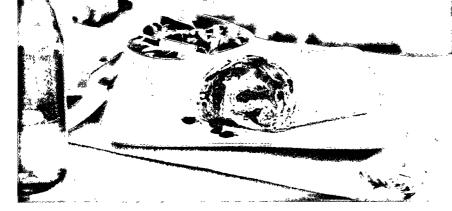
Spread dough evenly in prepared pan. Bake 20 minutes or until pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Cut into bars.

arm weather is welcome for a variety of reasons, but for many of us it signals the season for dining al fresco. Whether stepping out back onto a porch or patio, or planning a picnic at the beach or park, the food is the star.

These recipes showcase exciting flavors and easy preparation. One way to liven up outdoor menus is with unexpected ingredients, such as pickled beets. They add flavor, color and nutrition to a variety of dishes. Aunt Nellie's line of pickled beets tastes homemade — only the peeling and pickling are done for you. Just open the jar and you're on your way to fabulous appetizers, main dish wraps and, even, dessert. For a colorful vegetable side, a can of READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad is the perfect base. Just add fresh vegetables cut into thin strips and toss with a quick dressing. Dine al fresco — cheers to fresh air and fabulous food.

For more delicious recipes made with Aunt Nellie's products, visit www.AuntNellies.com. Additional ideas for READ salads can be found at www.ReadSalads.com.

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BEAN & VEGETABLE SALAD

Makes 4 servings Preparation Time: 30 minutes

1 can (15 ounces) READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad 2 cups vegetables, cut into thin strips

% cup very thinly sliced red onion, optional Cracked black pepper

Cracked black pepper Chopped parsley, optional Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons reserved bean salad liquid
- 1 tablespoon apple cider or wine vinegar

1 tablespoon olive oll 1 large clove garlic, minced

Drain bean salad; reserve 2 tablespoons liquid.

For dressing, combine reserved bean salad liquid, vinegar, oil and garlic. Whisk until combined.

In large bowl, toss together drained bean salad, vegetables and onion, if desired. Toss with dressing. Season with black pepper and stir in chopped parsley, if desired. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

Tip: Cut vegetables into thin strips about 2- by ¼inches. Vegetables can be one or a combination of: carrot, celery, bell pepper, cucumber, zucchini, yellow squash, or other favorite vegetable.

BEEF & HORSERADISH WRAPS

Makes 4 servings •Preparation Time: 30 minutes

- % cup shredded carrots
- 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish ½ cup spreadable cheese (such as goat
- cheese or herb/garlic soft cheese) 2 large soft flour tortillas (about 10- to
- 12-inch diameter) 10 green onlons (green part only) 10 thin slices deli roast beef

Drain beets; chop. Discard beet liquid. In medium bowl, combine beets, carrots and horseradish.

Spread ¼ cup cheese evenly over each tortilla, leaving 1-inch border. Arrange 5 green onions (do not chop) on each; press lightly into cheese. Place 5 slices beef on each tortilla covering green onions, then sprinkle beet mixture evenly over beef. Roll up in parallel direction of the green onions. Wrap each roll tightly in plastic wrap. Refrigerate up to 4 hours. To serve, remove plastic wrap; cut each tortilla into 2 pieces.

SMOKED SALMON & BEET WRAPS

Makes 4 servings Preparation Time: 30 minutes

1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced

- Pickled Beets
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
- 1 to 2 tablespoons capers
- 1 to 2 teaspoons lemon zest
- ½ cup spreadable chive cream cheese 2 large soft flour tortillas (10- to 12-inch
- diameter) 8 slices smoked salmon
- ½ cup baby spinach leaves

Drain beets; chop. Discard beet liquid. In medium bowl, combine beets, onion, capers and lemon zest.

Spread ¼cup cream cheese evenly over each tortilla, leaving 1-inch border. Place 4 salmon slices over cream cheese; press lightly. Top each with spinach. Sprinkle beet mixture evenly over spinach.

Roll up. Wrap each roll tightly in plastic wrap. Refrigerate up to 4 hours. To serve, remove plastic wrap; cut each tortilla into 2 pieces.



BABY BEETS & OLIVES

Makes 6 servings Preparation Time: 15 minutes

1 16-ounce jar Aunt Neille's Whole Baby Pickled Beets, drained ¾ cup assorted pitted olives 1 to 2 tablespoons orange zest 1 clove garlic, minced ¼ teaspoon cracked black pepper

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl. Serve at room temperature or chilled

HERBED EGGPLANT & BEET DIP

Makes 8 servings (approximately ¼cup each) Preparation Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets, drained 2 tablespoons olive or canola oil 1 medium eggplant (about 1 pound), cut into 1-inch pieces 1 cup chopped onion 3 cloves garlic, sliced

Sait Coarse ground black pepper

- ½ cup plain nonfat yogurt (Greek or traditional), optional ¼cup thinly sliced fresh
- basil 1 to 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme leaves Pita chips, fresh vegetables



Coarsely chop beets.

In large nonstick skillet heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add eggplant, onion and garlic; cook 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring frequently. Add water, 1 tablespoon at a time, if mixture seems too dry or begins to stick. Salt and pepper, as desired.

Place eggplant mixture in bowl of food processor; process until mixture is chopped and combined. Measure out %cup chopped beets; set aside. Add remaining chopped beets to eggplant mixture. Process until dip is desired consistency.

Transfer dip to serving bowl. Stir in yogurt, if desired. Stir in herbs and reserved ½cup chopped beets just before serving. Serve with pita chips and vegetables for dipping. If not served immediately, cover and refrigerate up to 6 hours. Allow to stand about 15 minutes before serving if chilled.

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Cooking top source of home fires

The National Fire Protection Association announced the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme: "Prevent Kitchen Fires." NFPA selected this theme to encourage greater care when cooking and an awareness of kitchen fire dangers. As cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries, NFPA will use the week of Oct. 6-12 to promote safe kitchen habits with stoves, microwaves and other appliances. Remaining attentive while cooking and managing how close children and pets are to anything hot will help keep families safe.

Fire Prevention Week, we can raise the awareness of the leading cause of fires, unattended cooking, and provide life saving safety tips to improve the safety

of everyone in the home." The 2013 Fire Prevention Week campaign materials prominently feature Sparky the Fire Dog, NFPA's mascot. Sparky's Wish List is an online registry where fire departments request much needed educational materials and individuals or businesses purchase items for them. Nearly 700 fire departments have registered.

NFPA is providing important kitchen safety tips to homeowners that align

it is completely cool.

Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more information and safety tips.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and **Records Administration's Library In**formation Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on recursion ord. The president of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance each October since 1925.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire,



Q: I understand that there is a new rule regarding Notices to Quit to recover property. Can you give me some insight?

A: PA 139 of 2012 allows a seven-day notice to quit to recover possession by summary proceedings from tenants who injure or threaten to injure, or whose guests injure or threaten to injure others and the police were notified. This obviously gives landlords additional leverage to deal with recalcitrant tenants, but obviously, the police must be notified and presumably a police report made. Moreover, PA 140 of 2012 allows a 24-hour notice to quit to recover possession of premises for manufacture, delivery, or possession of controlled substances on the premises, without a formal police report, but repeals the requirement that the reports have to be filed by the landlord.

Q: I understand that there is a new rule provision that prohibits various activities at public road ends on a lake or stream. Do you have any information about that since it has been a common problem?

A: PA 56 of 2012 prohibits various activities when a pub-lic road ends on a lake or stream unless a record instrument expressly provides otherwise. This covers situations ranging from docking overnight to installing boat hoists or anchors and prescribes civil and criminal penalties for violations. Your asso-ciation or you should look up the statute with the benefit of good legal advice.

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NFPA is announcing the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2013 to coincide with the opening of the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC). Thousands of firefighters from across the globe will gather for this conference in Indianapolis to train, network and learn.

On average, firefighters respond to more than 400 kitchen fires every day, said Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "By making kitchen fire safety the theme for 2013

with the Fire Prevention Week theme: When you fry, grill, or broil food, stay in the kitchen.

» Maintain a kid- and pet-free zone at least three feet away from the stove. » Turn pot handles away from the

stove's edge. » Keep a lid and oven mitt nearby when you're cooking to use in case of a

grease fire. If you have a grease fire, slide a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the pan covered until

electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Free real estate career seminar

Learn about the Keller Williams \$50,000 income guarantee during the seminar sched-uled 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth. For more information, contact Jim Raines at 734-459-4700 or jimraines@kw.com.

Short sales

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If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. Email Geor gia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour-.com.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 4-8, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

17834 Beechwood Ave \$191,000 18882 Beverly Rd \$227,000 19116 Hillcrest St \$335,000 31981 Inglewood St \$251,000 BIRMINGHAM 1144 Brookwood St \$1,013,000 635 Chester St \$600,000 1181 Davis Ave \$489,000 522 Graten St \$215,000 2010 Hazel St \$410,000 735 Shirley Rd \$993,000 1192 Smith Ave \$162,000 600 W Brown St # 308 \$155,000 1034 W Maple Rd \$1,100,000 **BLOOMFIELD HILLS 100 Bloomfield Hills** \$50,000 Pkwv 4353 COVERED BRIDGE \$294,000 RD 4061 Fairlane Dr \$120,000 \$470,000 603 Foxhall Rd **BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**

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| | 41487 Thoreau Rdg | \$310,000 |
| \$113,000 | 24080 Tottenham Ct | \$430,000 |
| \$652,000 | 23237 W Le Bost | \$196,000 |
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| \$385,000 | 24320 Brentwood Dr | \$327,000 |
| \$210,000 | 24458 Brompton Way | \$371,000 |
| \$255,000 | 23300 Clarkshire Dr | \$343,000 |
| \$117,000 | 59972 E Eight Mile Rd | \$20,000 |
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| \$55,000 | 23470 Sawgrass Ct S | \$375,000 |
| \$46,000 | SOUTHFIELD | |
| \$143,000 | 18516 Addison Dr | \$60,000 |
| \$305,000 | 28737 Glasgow St | \$37,000 |
| | 21475 Independence Dr | \$140,000 |
| \$484,000 | 29461 Marimoor Dr | \$125,000 |
| \$415,000 | 30895 Southfield Rd | \$60,000 |
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| \$170,000 | 20621 Woodburn Dr | \$30,000 |
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| \$182,000 | 10421 Cedar Point Dr | \$282,000 |

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 25 through March 1, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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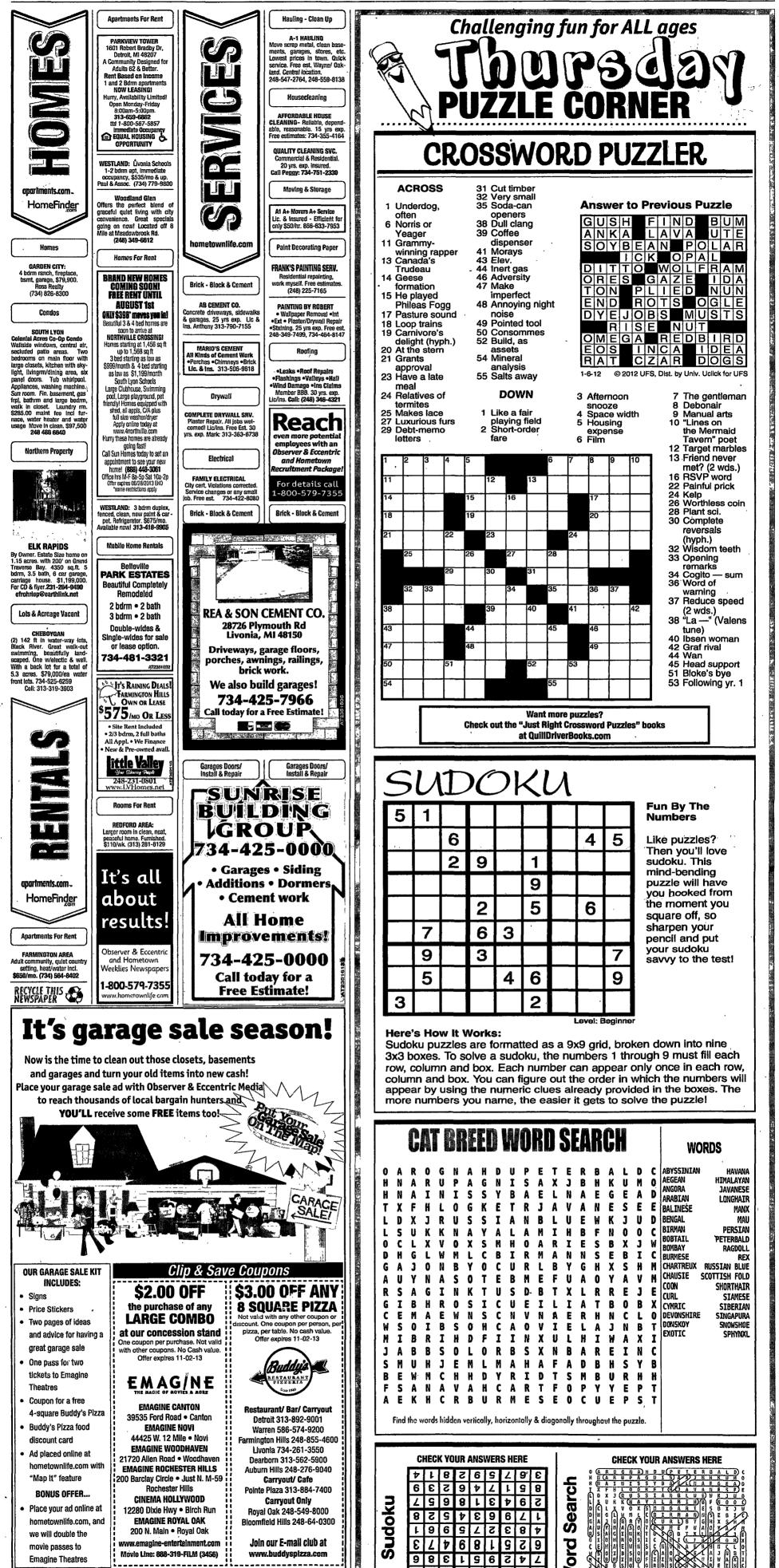
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