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# Changes to transit services sought

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

A capacity crowd gathered at Westland's Friendship Center with complaints, praise and suggestions for improving services provided by Nankin Transit.

Formed by Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster, Nankin Transit provides transportation for senior citizens and handicapped residents of the four communities.

The result of the meeting – prompted by a resolution from the Westland Commission on Aging calling for the city to withdraw and/or remove Executive Director Richard Fernandez in response to complaints – will likely mean changes in how the transportation service is operated.

"My idea is not to settle for the status quo. I'm looking ahead at the needs of our residents for 10-15 years," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

The Nankin Transit Commission Board was scheduled to hold its regular meeting Thursday, June 20. Director for 20 years, Fernandez had no comment at the meeting, but had requested a closed session meeting with the board.

**Keep service**

Many residents made it clear that they didn't want to see the service ended, but improvements are needed.

Despite the resolution, Wild

said disbanding the transportation service was never the intention.

"I know the system can work – it worked in the late '80s and early '90s, when my mom was alive and used it," said Elnora Ford, a Westland Commission on Aging member. "In the southeast part of town, a lot of neighbors would like to get here to the Friendship Center, but they don't drive. You call and you can't get through. After a year and half,

people stopped trying and asked me what can we do to improve service."

The difficulty in getting a ride scheduled – something hampered in part by a single dispatcher answering the phone and lack of computerization – was the most common complaint from Nankin Transit riders.

"We've been working with the phone system. We're doing

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Westland residents Alex Kassel and his dad Glen Kassel look at the Civil War exhibit at the Wayne Public Library.

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# Music, re-enactors part of Civil War 150 at library

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

Period music, Union Army re-enactors and a lecture kicked off the three-week display and series of programs commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

About 65 people turned out Monday for the program at the Wayne Public Library, which began with a performance of period songs by Jim Perkins and his band Finvarra's Wren, which included his wife Cheryl on dulcimer and bodhran and their daughter Alison on fiddle.

The selection of songs included a

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Guitarist Jim Perkins of Farmington performs Civil War era music at the Wayne Public Library.

# Council OKs money for Main Street

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

It took two motions, but after a lot of discussion, the Wayne City Council voted Tuesday to allocate seed funding to begin efforts to join the Michigan Main Street program aimed at redeveloping the downtown area.

The debate was over funding to continue the city's current strategy of acquiring/demolishing blighted property for redevelopment vs. moving into the Main Street program.

"I understand Main Street and the ramifications and what it can do for the city. I favor it," Councilman Skip Monit said. "What I don't favor is asking the citizens for millage (in November) and being able to allocate money in different directions. My personal integrity is in question."

As it turned out, Monit providing the tie-breaking vote to approve the allocation. Councilman James Henley was absent.

Along with that \$10,000 allocation in the Downtown Development Authority budget, council also approved allocating an additional \$10,000 to the Wayne Library, which was already receiving \$24,600. The \$20,000 would be taken from a \$98,000 line item for property acquisition/demolition.

The changes would need to be approved by the DDA board, which last month had approved the budget without those allocations.

Also a DDA member, Councilman John Rhaesa had found no support at the recent DDA meeting for an \$18,000 allocation to the Wayne Ripple Effect for the Main Street program. Rhaesa is a core volunteer with

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# Norwayne group sets Neighborhood Watch meeting

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

Norwayne residents are invited to learn about making their community safer through a Neighborhood Watch program.

An informational meeting with Westland Police Officers Burke Lange and David Archambeau is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, June 24, at the Dorsey Community Center. Refreshments will be served and there will be children's

activities.

"Forty-five people had signed up and our flier hadn't gone out yet," said Norwayne resident Brenda Hubbard, an organizer of the meeting. "I've been talking to people door-to-door and passing out fliers. We've been working really hard."

Organizing a Neighborhood Watch program is an effort to bring the community together with the police department to help address crime problems in Norwayne, Hubbard said.

"There are problems with drugs, teen vandalism and copper pipes being stolen from houses," Hubbard said. "We are trying to resolve neighbor conflicts and, if needed, get the police involved."

Although organizers call the program Neighborhood Watch, Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said police refer to it as Community Watch.

"In my opinion, it's probably the one program that actually, truly can make a big

difference in a community," he said.

"A police officer can only patrol proactively so much. This is the people in the neighborhood taking responsibility for policing their own community."

An active Community Watch program is probably the biggest stepping stone residents can take toward reducing crime in their neighborhood, Jedrusik said.

For Hubbard, reducing crime in Norwayne is a qual-

ity-of-life issue.

"We are trying to make Norwayne a community of choice – a place to raise your kids," Hubbard said. "We want to come together as a community. We want people to take pride in where they live."

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. To reserve a spot or get more information, call Hubbard at 734-729-3833.

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tune about a young Irish immigrant who fled the famine only to end up conscripted into the Union Army and losing a leg in battle.

Civil War re-enactors Todd Willis-Redfern, a master sergeant, and Westland resident Guy Purdue, a private, turned out in full uniform to discuss the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, which was manned primarily by men from Detroit.

Michigan provided 23 regiments to the Union Army, but Willis-Redfern said that in 1862 it was pointed out that volunteers were noticeably absent from Detroit. The implication was that Detroit wasn't fully supporting the war effort.



Todd Willis-Redfern (left) and Westland resident Guy Purdue, dressed as Michigan 24th Volunteer Regiment soldiers whose members were mostly from Wayne County, and speaker Tim Moran applaud the band. STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"The 24th was mustered as a Wayne County and Detroit regiment," Willis-Redfern said, noting the 24th Michigan earned the Iron Regiment nickname after fighting at Gettysburg. "Why do we do that 24th Michigan? It's a great honor, especially going to Gettysburg."

The re-enactors showed off equipment and uniforms, which Purdue pointed out were wool year around - no summer fatigues were provided.

Tim Moran, a Wayne State University doctoral candidate, gave a talk titled "Does the Civil War Still Matter?"

In his talk, Moran made parallels between the inflexible black and white views of political parties in the years before the Civil War and the current political divides.

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Wayne Ripple Effect.

### Questions plan

During the council meeting, Rhaesa questioned whether the DDA had a plan for downtown redevelopment and also the \$459,000 in DDA money going into the city general fund.

"I don't see that the DDA has a plan or a vision for the future. The business owners have already been taxed," Rhaesa said. "The DDA is supposed to be developing something. It doesn't make sense putting (DDA) money into the general fund."

With a crowd of Wayne Ripple Effect supporters present, Rhaesa said he would like money reallocated from the demolition/acquisition line item for the Main Street seed money and the library.

Rhaesa and Councilman James Hawley joined Councilwoman Pam Dobrowolski in asking for detailed information on the DDA line item budget.

For Mayor Al Haidous, a priority is acquiring old buildings from tax foreclosure and demolishing those to make room for new development.

"We make way for development and make it easier. The most important part of new development is the economy," Haidous said.

With the city's recent tight financial situation, expected expensive repairs for the Goudy Park amphitheater were cited by Haidous as concerns about funding the Main Street program, which requires a five-year commitment. A November ballot question will ask voters to approve up to 7 mills for 10 years to fund police and fire

pensions, taking those expenses out of the general fund.

"We really appreciate the Ripple Effect and Main Street. I would ask your patience this year," Haidous said. "I understand Councilman Rhaesa's concerns and proposal. We need to vote on what is before us."

### New investment

Wayne Ripple Effect member Cindy Schofield commented that the city could expect the \$10,000 Main Street seed money to generate \$600,000 in private investment.

"As a select Main Street community, we would be eligible for \$200,000 in services from the state of Michigan," she said. "Taking this from demolition/acquisition won't affect the general fund. The benefits far outweigh demolition/acquisition."

Recently approved plans for a new McDonald's, which will require demolition of Rex's House of Pancakes, show private developers will demolish buildings themselves, Schofield said.

With Henley absent, a motion to approve the DDA budget failed on a split vote, with opposition from Dobrowolski, Hawley and Rhaesa.

A second motion to approve the Main Street and library allocations was approved, with Monit joining the yes votes.

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our best to alleviate a lot of concerns," said Westland Councilman Dewey Reeves, who serves on the Nankin Transit Commission Board. "One of the things we need to do, in my opinion, is to develop a better system for

handling complaints. If we are not servicing your needs, we aren't servicing anything."

Representatives of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, which provides funding and buses for Nankin Transit, were present and noted three computers with software had recently been provided to Nankin

Transit.

### Praise service

Many residents praised the Nankin Transit drivers, reporting the service had deteriorated several years ago as funding and staffing were reduced.

A number of residents called for an increase in staffing - at most there are currently six buses available daily, down from 12 buses several years ago.

"We get 30-50 rides on any given day and this is the only model that has worked," said David Bourque of Services to Enhance Potential (or STEP), which services 185 clients with disabilities at a skills center in Wayne.

"Maybe it's the humanity of the drivers. They know the riders, about them and what they need."

Others echoed Bourque's comment that transportation was needed outside the four member communities. Local transportation systems like Nankin Transit only provide rides within in

member communities, and there isn't a system for transfer to buses in neighboring cities.

A suggestion from Westland resident Joyce Miller was that Nankin Transit start working from a calendar that allows booking over a monthly or longer period. Currently, rides must be booked by telephone one or two days in advance, which forces everyone to call at one time.

"In no way would I suggest cutting the service - the seniors would be up in arms. If there is a monthly calendar, you could all any time," Miller said. "You know when you leave the doctor when your next appointment will be."

New computer software that includes real-time dispatching and a confirmation call the night before scheduled rides should help resolve these types of issues, said Jim Fetzer, SMART deputy general manager of operations.

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# Boy Scouts clean up at annual sale

By Sue Buck  
Staff writer

Garden City Boy Scout Troop 1241 members were enthusiastic about the annual garage sale which started June 13 although heavy rains made the sale somewhat tenuous early in the day.

"We were stepping around the puddles," said Marcia Pyle, wife of Bob, the scoutmaster.

Assistant Scoutmaster Sherry Stalker, said that she, too, was worried about the rain.

"But we made it work," said Stalker, a Livonia resident.

She and Marcia Pyle run the garage sale.

Each year the troop has the sale to raise money to support the troop and to help maintain the Boy Scout cabin located on Middlebelt, north of Ford in Garden City.

The scouts are put to work with a variety of tasks. Tyler Schreiber, a Scout and Livonia resident, was busy from the start of the sale.

"I have been moving things around and putting sales items in people's cars," he said.

Schreiber started in Cub Scouts when he was 6 years old and in Boy Scouts when he was 11 years old. He chose to join this troop particularly because both of his uncles and his father belonged to it.

His membership is continuing the tradition.

Marcia Pyle said that donations come from a variety of sources, including churches when they have garage sales.

"We pick up what's left," she said.

Furniture, electronics and tools were on customers' minds. Lila Cooper, a Wayne resident, said that she was just looking.

"I was just driving by," said Cooper said who saw the large sign on Middlebelt advertising the sale.

Pyle said the troop reached its goal and the leftover items were donated to the Salvation Army and the Disabled American Veterans.

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Boy Scout Mitchell Russelburg of Garden City, a Troop 1241 member, moves furniture to the display area.



Christine Aquilina of Livonia works in Garden City, so she stopped in to look at the crystal. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Garden City residents Crystal Amezcua and Seth Stanley bought audio cassettes at the sale.

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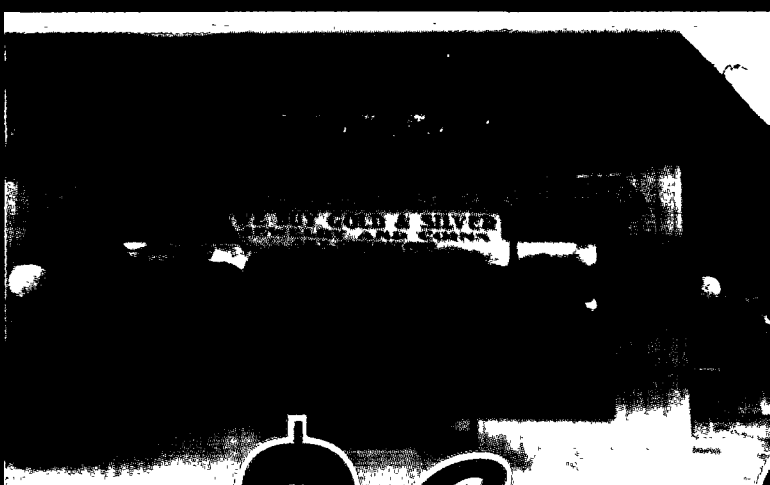
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# LPS board OKs three-year contract for teachers union

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

The Livonia school board on Monday approved a three-year contract with its 961-member teachers union, a \$141.8 million spending plan for the 2013-14 school year and the expulsion of two Stevenson High School freshmen for "serious violations" of school board policies.

Five of the seven board members also signed a new code of ethics that will be framed and displayed in the board's meeting room. Trustee Julie Robinson said the document has the effect of silencing opinions and limiting debate. Trustee Eileen McDonnell said the only oath she needs to abide by is the oath of office and the only people she needs to be held accountable by are the voters. Robinson and McDonnell did not sign the document.

The contract with the Livonia Education Association calls for no salary or step increases in the first year, no salary increase but half step increases and a 0.5-percent off-schedule payment in the second year and a salary opener in the third year.

Superintendent Randy Liepa said the 0.5-percent off-schedule payment for all LEA members in the second year means "they will get a one-time payment equivalent to a 1/2 percent of their salary that is not put on the salary schedule, so the following year it is not automatically part of their salary."

For example, if a teacher makes \$40,000, she would get an additional payment of \$200 in 2014-15. The following year her salary would still be \$40,000, not \$40,200. The step increases would be for teachers not yet at the top of the salary schedule.

The contract also calls for a change in the teachers' health care to a high-deductible health savings account model through MESSA that will save the district an estimated \$1.2 million, enough to cover the half-step increases and off-schedule payments in the second year, Liepa said.

Besides saving money, the new health care plan provides improved coverage, he said, adding that it was a win-win for the district and the teachers.

Liepa said the teachers union has

gone without a salary increase for a number of years and thanked members for their ongoing efforts to work with the district.

"It's a testament to their efforts to continue to try to provide a reasonable program here in our community for all our students," he said.

The contract, ratified June 14 by LEA members, expires Aug. 15, 2016. It was approved by the board in a 5-0 vote with secretary Dianne Laura and trustee Randy Roulier abstaining. Laura has a family member who belongs to the LEA and Roulier works for Blue Cross Blue Shield, which bid on the new health care plan.

The \$141.8 million spending plan is a rollover budget that preserves programs and services by using about \$3 million of \$4.8 million in fund equity expected at the end of this budget year.

Board President Mark Johnson commended administrators for preserving programs and services even though revenue is down.

The budget is based on a "net increase" in state aid of \$5 per student and a drop in enrollment of 255 students.

The board also approved millage rates for 2013-14. Non-homestead property and sinking fund rates stayed the same at 18 mills and 1.12 mills respectively. The debt retirement rate increased from 2.4 mills to 4.6 mills. Voters approved a \$195 million construction bond for districtwide improvements in May.

The Stevenson students are expelled for 180 days in accordance with state law, Liepa said. No details were provided on what the "serious violations" of Livonia Public Schools board of education policies were.

Board members did not discuss the two-page code of ethics, or bylaws of the board, on Monday before signing it.

At the board's June 3 meeting, Vice President Colleen Burton said the new code eliminates redundancies in the board's former code, which had grown to about 12 pages, and includes, in many instances, the same language of the former code and other codes adopted by school boards across the state and country.

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Fifth-grader Brooklyn Climer is on her way to Washington, D.C., after winning the state Tar War Poster Contest.

## Fifth-grader wins poster contest

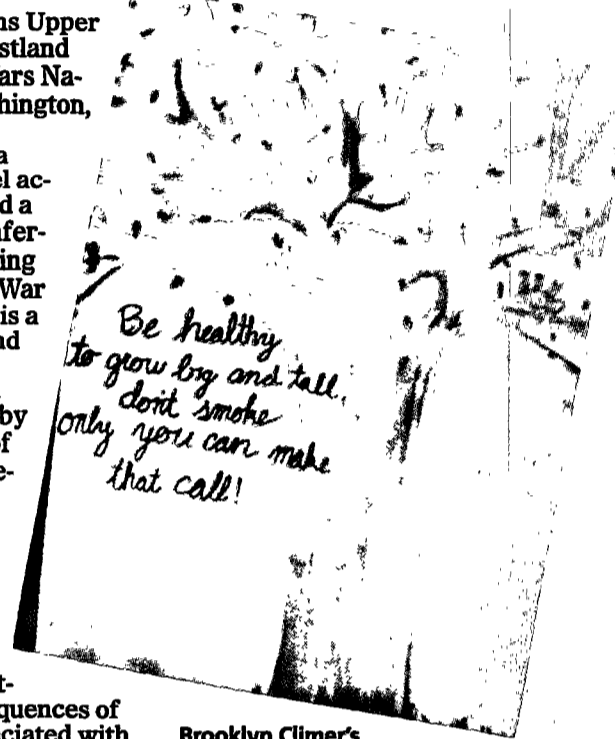
A fifth-grader at Adams Upper Elementary School in Westland has a date with the Tar Wars National Conference in Washington, D.C., in July.

Brooklyn Climer won a round-trip flight and hotel accommodations for her and a parent to the national conference July 15-16 after placing first in the Michigan Tar War Poster contest. Brooklyn is a student in the Talented and Gifted class at Adams.

The Tar Wars National Conference is sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians. It celebrates youth, creativity and being tobacco-free.

Tar Wars is a tobacco-free education program for fourth- and fifth-grade students. The program is designed to teach kids about the short-term, image-based consequences of tobacco use, the cost associated with using tobacco products, and the advertising techniques used by the tobacco industry to market their products to youth.

The follow-up poster contest is conducted at the school, state, and national level to reinforce the Tar Wars message.



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# Conn closes book on 40-year school career

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

A familiar, smiling face will no longer be seen in the halls of Garden City Middle School. Assistant principal Larry Conn has retired after 40 years of service to the district.

Conn started with the district after receiving his a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Madonna University. From 1973-1998, he was a security guard at the high school. The position was a classification in the district's custodial union.

"It was very rewarding," said Conn, 60.

But he always knew that he wanted to be a teacher and went to college while working full time. "I went to school for 25 years," Conn said. "I took one or two classes for 25 years."

He received his bachelor's degree from Madonna University and his master's degree from Wayne State University. From 1998-2000 he was an economics teacher at Garden City High School. He also coached softball 10 years at the high school. He was assigned to the middle school in 2000.

"As a teacher I worked hard," Conn said.



The walls of Larry Conn's office at Garden City Middle School are filled with photos of his family and the celebrities he has met at the Kentucky Derby. STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Early years

Conn grew up in Garden City. His family moved to a house at Bock and Hubbard two weeks after he was born because his dad got a job in the auto industry. He graduated from Garden City West High School. He met his wife, Maggie, in high school. He was a senior and she a junior.

"It was love at first sight," he said.

Shortly afterward, he joined the Army during the Vietnam War and served two years. "The draft was on," and he received a low number of 25 in the draft lottery, assuring that he would be drafted, so he enlisted.

"My twin brother, Harry, went in right after I did and ended up spend-

ing 30 years in the Army," Conn said.

The identical twin brothers were in separate classrooms throughout their school careers with the exception of kindergarten.

"My mother dressed us alike until we were in the eighth grade," he said. "People had a hard time telling us apart."

His brother, who just obtained his doctorate degree, lives in Kentucky and teaches.

Conn, who loves to attend the Kentucky Derby, proudly displayed the photos of celebrities he actually met at the race.

When he was in the Army in 1971, he took the bus up to Louisville and has been going to the Kentucky Derby ever

since. "I like the people and the southern hospitality," Conn said. "I was born in Kentucky."

Conn, who enjoys being a spectator, has never owned a horse.

At the Derby, he met people like actress Phyllis Diller, who died last year. She was his favorite.

"She was a genuine lady," he said.

There's a lot of parties to go to at the Kentucky Derby. He has mixed and mingled with nationally known personalities.

## The future

Conn's plans for the future include continuing to run distance races. He has run in Boston, Las Vegas, New York and Detroit.

Conn said that Ben Alalouf, a retired Garden City High School assistant principal, was his mentor and inspired him and got him into distance running.

"He changed my life, he was a very positive man," Conn said.

He gave Conn the confidence he needed to become more active and to lose 70 pounds.

Conn is also grateful to Jim Walsh, a teacher, who in 1981 talked him into taking CPR/first aid training that spanned nine weeks. In 1983, a

high school student had a heart attack, and Conn was able to administer CPR to her.

"Everything worked out well," he said.

Two weeks later, a representative of the American Red Cross came to the school and presented him with a lifesaving award. Other groups in the community also heard about it and bestowed their awards on Conn.

He said that he uses the story when he speaks to students.

"You have to be prepared," Conn said.

He and his wife have three grown sons — Eric, Larry Jr. and Jamie — and six grandchildren.

"They all live within five miles and I get to see them all the time," he said.

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# Video art festival returns to Livonia, free to the public

PAH-fest returns to the Franciscan Center at Madonna University for the sixth year this July, bringing with it a wide variety of activities that celebrate visual storytelling and digital media arts.

During festival week, July 8-14, the public is encouraged to participate in several themed cinematic challenges, in

which the contestants will be able to shoot and produce their own short videos.

There will also be live music performances, presentations by industry professionals, and opportunities to learn about editing and movie making.

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# Westland groups honor six with awards

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Three community groups came together Tuesday evening to honor six individuals who have gone above and beyond in their support of the Westland community.

Westland Jaycees, Westland Rotary Club and the Westland Chamber of Commerce joined forces in presenting awards to the city's First Citizen, Business Person of the Year, Rotary's Community Champion Award and the Jaycees' Outstanding Young Person Award.

"I'm excited to win the award and I'm humbled," said state Rep. Robert Kosowski, who received one of three Young Person Awards. "I find ironic that you call me one of the young ones. I think you got that wrong."

The Westland Democrat, as well as Craig Welkenbach and Westland Police Officer Joe Bobby, received the the Jaycee award which recognizes individuals for excelling in creating positive change.

Welkenbach is director of WLND and community relations for the City of Westland and often is seen "behind the

scenes" at community events, taking photographs. Tuesday evening, he passed the camera to a member of his staff to get up on stage and receive his award.

"I want to thank my staff, they're the ones out there all the time," said Welkenbach, who also thanked his wife and stepdaughter and the Jaycees for honoring him.

"I'm thankful and I appreciate this," he said.

Bobby is well-known in the community for his work with K-9 officer Friday. He was unable to attend the program to receive his award.

### Rotary 'Champion'

Dr. Amanda Apfelblat is no stranger to winning awards. She is a past recipient of the chamber's Business Person of the Year Award and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Westland Rotary. She made return trip to the stage to receive the Rotary's Community Champion Award.

In presenting the award, Rotarian Jeff Juenemann noted that Apfelblat, a chiropractor, donates her time and



Sharing the limelight Tuesday evening were 2013 First Citizen Vic Barra and Business Person of the Year Dr. Bruce Smoler of Community Dental Associates.



Rotarian Jeff Juenemann presents Dr. Amanda Apfelblat with the Rotary Community Champion Award for her ongoing support of the organization.

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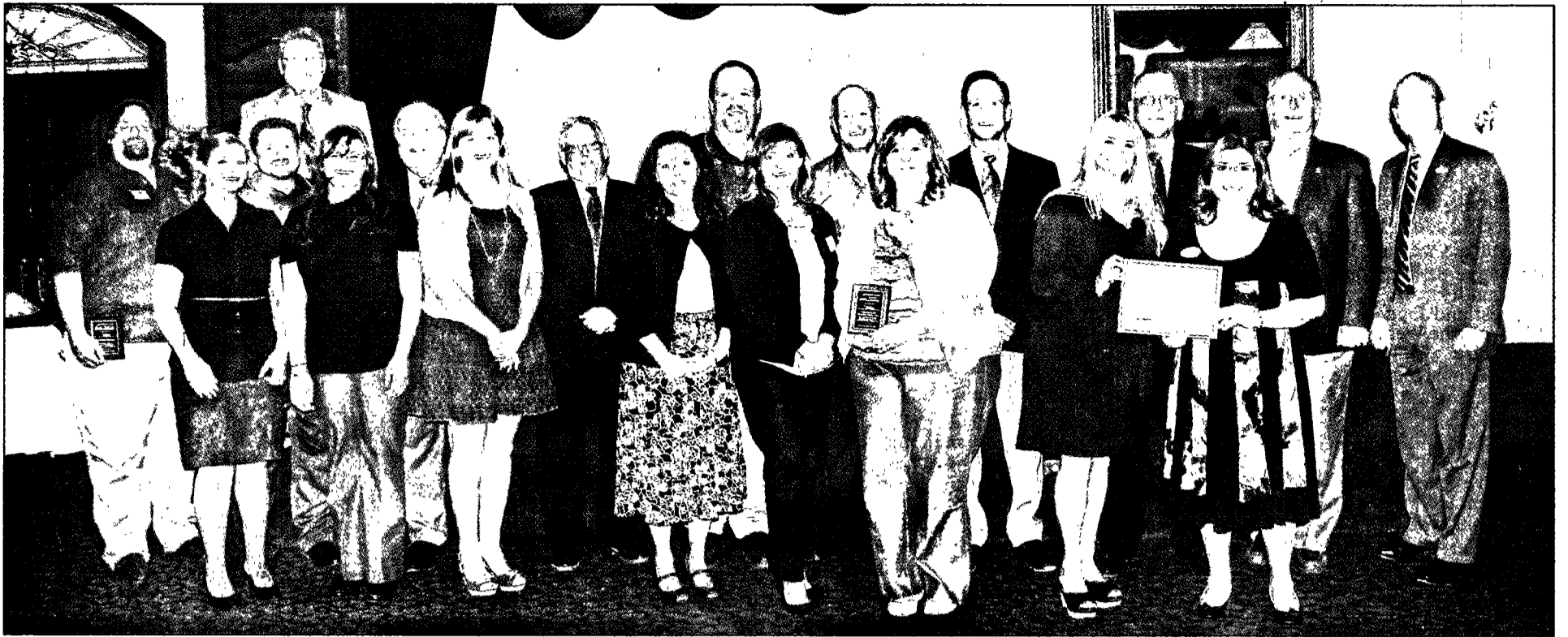
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The award recipients gather for a group photo after the Community Awards Celebration.

## AWARDS

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expertise by serving on the following Health Sciences Advisory Board at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Advisory Council.

She also has been the vice president of Community and Educational Development for the Chamber of Commerce since 2006. She will serve her third term as the chamber's chairman of the board in 2014.

"Dr. Apfelblat has generously supported the Westland Rotary Club and its fundraising efforts on behalf of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and our high school scholarships for many years," Juenemann said. "Westland Rotary is pleased to honor Dr. Amanda Apfelblat as our 2013 Community Champion."

"I'm honored," said Apfelblat. "It's awesome to see how this city has grown and how it has become a place to be." "You just give and



give and give," said Westland Councilwoman Meriem Kadi in presenting recognitions from the Westland City Council and City Clerk Eileen DeHart.

"There's one word you don't know and it's no, you always say yes," said Kosowski, who presented her with state and county proclamations.

### 'Means a lot'

Apfelblat stayed on the stage to present the 2013 Business of the Year

Award, which she sponsored, to Dr. Bruce Smoler.

Smoler told the gathering that "it means a lot to have their support to help us grow and prosper." He also credited his father Eugene for instilling in him to "always take care of the patient in front of you."

"I learned from him how to help people," he said. "And my ability to serve through the chamber means a lot to me." "You're a great asset

to the community," said Westland Council President James Godbout in presenting a proclamation on behalf of Mayor William Wild. "Thank you for the great things you do."

First Citizen Vic Barra admitted that he was called an "outsider" when he stepped in to save the Wayne Ford Civic League, but pointed out that his family had moved to Westland in 1961.

"When I was a little

Gary Wrigley, owner of Nankin Ace Hardware and Hobby, receives a 50-year Membership Award from Brookellen Swope, president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

boy, my mother worked two jobs to take care of four children," he said. "When I rode the bus down Wayne Road from Marshall Junior High School, I would see the kids in the uniforms. I went home to take care of my brothers and sisters. I knew I would never be able to play like them."

Barra had the opportunity to make sure others could use the league's ballfields when he meet a woman with Special Olympics at a funeral. After hearing her describe the type of field the children were playing on, he told her "Special Olympics kids will always have safe fields to play on," the ones at the league.

Saying that many of his "mentors are here," he praised his mother, the executive board and staff of the Civic League, adding that he hopes to clone someone to take his place when he retires to Florida. "It feels good to help others," he said, he said.

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The Michigan State Police, Detroit Police Department and Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office, in partnership with the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, are teaming up in an effort to help solve missing persons cases.

From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 25, family DNA reference samples will be collected to help solve missing person cases and identify human remains housed at the Wayne County Morgue.

This service is free of charge and will be held at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office, 1300 E. Warren, in Detroit. Families are encouraged to bring police reports, photos, X-rays, medical and dental records, as well as at least two biological relatives of their missing loved

one to the event.

According to the MSP, events such as these can help law enforcement identify missing persons throughout the country. Earlier this year, skeletal remains recovered in 1994 involving a woman who was found in an abandoned farm house in St. Clair County were identified with the help of family DNA reference samples. The remains were identified as Diann Tatum from Cincinnati, Ohio, who went missing in 1988.

Michigan has more than 4,000 missing person cases documented with law enforcement agencies and more than 100 sets of unidentified human remains. Family members who submit their DNA could provide the answers they are seeking in their loved one's disappearance.

## Westland hires 2 new officers

The Westland Police Department has two new police officers who joined the force June 17.

The new officers are Derek Gomez and Ryan Strohauser.

Gomez started off in the Westland Police Department Service Aide program and was promoted to police officer. He has an associate's degree from Henry Ford Community College and attended the Wayne County Regional Police Academy.

Married, he and his wife Amy have two sons, Trevor and Grant.

Strohauser comes to the Westland Police Department from Hamtramck Police Department where he was a department field training officer for 2 1/2 years. He has a bachelor's degree from Ferris State University.

"The Westland Police Department has always been recognized as one of the state's finest departments, and these two talented officers will proudly carry on that tradition," Mayor William Wild said.



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik (left) and Mayor William Wild (right) welcome the department's newest police officers, Derek Gomez and Ryan Strohauser.

### WESTLAND COP CALLS

#### Break-in

An employee for a construction company told police June 14 that he arrived to work on a foreclosed home in the 4700 block of Julius and found the front door partially open.

Once inside, he said he noticed a window had been broken. Reported stolen were the washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove and dishwasher.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

On June 11, a resident in the 33000 block of Chief Lane told police that someone had stolen his driver's license and a debit card from his unlocked car. He said the debit card was reported to have been used for a \$64 purchase at a 7-Eleven in Garden City.

#### Stolen vehicle

A resident of an apartment in the 200 block of South Hubbard told police June 10 that her 2008 Dodge Avenger had been stolen back in April. The woman had fallen behind on her

lease payments and assumed the vehicle had been repossessed.

The woman said she subsequently went to court thinking she was going to get an adjusted payment, but instead found she was expected to return the vehicle. She then reported the vehicle, to which she still had the keys, stolen.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of the Scotsdale Apartments, 37720 Scotsdale Circle, told police June 17 that someone had broken into her 2008 Chrysler 300 overnight. She said a window had been smashed and her purse, containing identification, credit cards and \$20 cash, had been stolen.

The officer noted damage to the vehicle wheels where it appeared someone had tried to pry out the wheel center caps.

#### Break-in

A resident in the 1500 block of South Venoy

told police June 13 that she returned from visiting her son overnight to find someone had broken in and ransacked her bedroom. Nothing was reported missing.

The officer noted three small glass panels had been broken and the door was unlocked.

#### Stolen vehicle

A resident of the Westwood Village Apartments, 37815 Westwood, told police June 16 that someone had stolen his 2012 Yamaha R6 motorcycle valued at \$12,000 from the carport.

The resident said he had his friend park the motorcycle since he doesn't have a motorcycle endorsement on his license.

He said that was June 13, and the bike was gone June 16.

The motorcycle had been a gift from his mother, who reported she was current with the payments.

#### Attempted break-in

On June 13, a resident in the 40 block of Ginger told police that he re-

turned home to find two window screens had been removed in an attempt to get into the house. He said he thought the person had been scared off by his dog, which was inside.

#### Vandalism

A resident in the 400 block of Barchester told police June 14 that someone had thrown a garbage can at the back of her 2004 Buick LeSabre, causing a dent under the trunk.

#### Larceny

A Farmington Hills woman told police she left her iPhone on the counter near the cash register at Jumparooz, 34694 Warren Road, June 15.

She said she noticed the phone, valued at \$680, was missing when she got to her car and returned to the business, but it was missing.

The woman said the manager refused to let her look at the security video and generally acted strange and uncooperative.

- By LeAnne Rogers

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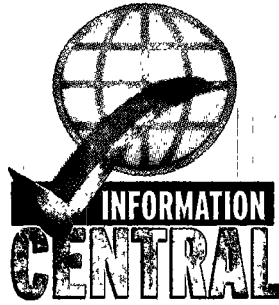
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# Mindfulness: finding inner peace

In Buddhism, there are three poisons that cause suffering. They are ignorance, attachment and aversion. Western psychology has three corresponding concepts – narcissism, greed and anger. It is believed that these three poisons are the roots of disturbance in our minds. They lead to many negative emotional states like stress, depression, anxiety, frustration, disappointment, anger and resentment. All of these emotions threaten our health and well-being.

Negative thoughts and feelings do arise and are part of being human. However, they can bring about greater suffering if we don't learn how to cope with them in a healthy manner. Mindfulness is one solution. It is way too easy to get caught up in our thoughts and feelings and they can spiral out of control. As one definition of mindfulness states:

"Mindfulness entails concentrated awareness of one's thoughts, actions or motivations. Mindfulness involves continually bringing one's awareness back into the present moment. By residing more frequently in the present, one begins to see that the mind is continually chattering away with commentary and judgment. By noticing what the mind is offering up, one gains the ability to observe their thoughts and to see them for what they are without fear or judgment. Those practicing mindfulness come to realize that 'thoughts are just thoughts.' One is then free to let their thoughts go because they no longer reflect reality or



truth." Mindfulness isn't a cure, but a practice. It takes lots of training to learn how to focus your awareness and can be difficult at times. **Getting Started, Mindfulness: An Eight-Week Plan for Finding Peace in a Frantic World** by Mark Williams and Danny Penman presents easy-to-follow instructions on how to incorporate mindfulness into daily life and is based on mindfulness-based cognitive therapy. **The Mindfulness Breakthrough: The Revolutionary Approach to Dealing with Stress, Anxiety and Depression** by Sarah Silverton is a newer title inspired by Eastern meditative practices to bring about emotional balance. **Emotional Awareness: Overcoming the Obstacles to Psychological Balance and Compassion: A Conversation Between the Dalai Lama and Paul Ekman** presents the East's and the West's Approaches to Mindfulness of Spirituality and Science. These are just to get started. We have many more books to choose from.

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**Teen Advisory Board:** 6:30 p.m. June 24, Ages 12-18

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**Writers Club:** 7 p.m. June 24

Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Looking to get back into writing but could some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library Writer's Club. Refreshments provided.

### Everyone welcome. Noon Time Book Club: noon June 25

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**Martina Hahn: Speed Painting Event - All Ages Program:** 7 p.m. June 25

Watch and listen as Martina links literature and art in this exciting presentation! During the program, Martina will create a detailed painting on a 5"x5" canvas. This is a must see! No registration required.

**Capture the Flag:** 10:30 a.m. June 26, Ages 8-12  
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**Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club:** 7 p.m. June 26

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**The Underground Railroad in Michigan:** 7 p.m. June 26

Carol E. Mull, author of the book **The Underground Railroad in Michigan**, will be here to talk about the history of Michigan's Underground Railroad with references to the Westland area. Copies of the author's book will be available for sale at the conclusion of the program.

**Mythbusters:** 2 p.m. June 27, Grades 7-12  
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However, the MRI revealed no evidence for a meniscal tear, showed that no bone edema existed, and imaged surrounding muscles and tendons sufficiently to indicate that these structures were intact.

The physician might have injected the knee with cortisone as a therapeutic trial. But that gave scant relief. Giving medicine such as ibuprofen is not appropriate as the doctor is unclear as to what he is treating and has no basis for believing non-steroidal drugs will work. Giving narcotics such as hydrocodone is worse. Without a diagnosis in mind, a physician cannot tell a patient how often to take the narcotic, nor does the physician know how long the patient will need the drug.

In such a case where the diagnosis is unknown but the physician has thoroughly evaluated the problem, the only medical alternative is to come clean. The physician must admit he does not know the diagnosis. However, he can point out that evaluation has shown no problem exists that will lead to permanent impairment. He can encourage the patient to continue with whatever activities are possible now, and expect that time will lead to a return to full activity.

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**Democratic Club**

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m. Regular meetings will be held Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. For more information, contact club president Nan Melke at 734-674-7327 or by email at WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

**Blood Drive**

Garden City Hospital will hold an American Red Cross blood drive from 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Thursday, June 27, in classrooms 1-4, located in the lower level of the hospital. Donors can sign up online at redcrossblood.org; enter code: GCHOSP. Or contact Lynn at 734-458-4259 to schedule an appointment. Everyone

who donates at GCH will be entered to win a Detroit Tigers Family 4 Pack. Garden City Hospital is at 6545 Inkster Road, north of Ford Road, Garden City.

**Community Fundraiser**

Designer Duds 'n' Infant Treasures Children's Boutique and Supreme Air Systems are holding their first Community Fundraiser Vendor Sale and Swap Meet from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 29. The event will help raise money for fallen Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke. There will be a food, entertainment, silent auction and raffles. Designer Duds 'n' Infant Treasures and Supreme Air Systems are at 815 N. Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill. For more information, call 734-331-2519 or by email at j\_basco08@yahoo.com.

**Suite raffle**

Are you a Detroit Tigers fan? Would you like to win a suite for 20 people at Comerica Park to see the Tigers play the White Sox at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4? The Westland Rotary Club is offering you a chance to do just that and help your community at the same time! The suite also includes a \$300 food credit, three parking passes and your name on the scoreboard. Tickets are \$10 each and available from the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Juenemann Insurance Agency or any Westland Rotarian. The drawing is 1 p.m. July 18 at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Proceeds go to the Wayne/Westland Salvation Army, Westland Rotary Scholarships and Charities and the Westland Rotary Club. For more information, call 734-261-5010.

**Program helps W-W reduce utility costs**

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Nicholas Thornton would like to "erase utility bills altogether," but knows that's not going to happen. So he's decided that he will work on reducing the Wayne-Westland Community Schools energy consumption year by year. "We're looking at reducing utilities by 1 percent a year and get better and better at energy conservation," said Thornton, the district's supervisor of Energy and Facility Services. "It's a lofty goal, I'll admit that."

Thornton oversees the district's I-SAVE program, which aims at reducing energy consumption with the involvement of students and staff. I-SAVE is short for Individuals Save and Vie for Efficiency, an in-house energy conservation program launched five years ago. Thornton went before the school board earlier this month to report on the progress of curbing the district's utility costs. That report contained good news.

Since energy conservation began five years ago, Wayne-Westland has seen its gas cost drop 18 percent, electricity 24 percent and water 47 percent, according to Thornton. The I-SAVE program has shaved \$1.8 million annually off the district's utility bill. Where it once paid \$4.1 million a year, Wayne-Westland now pays a little more than \$2.1 million.

**Group effort**

Thornton pointed out that those figures reflect the efforts of both students and staffers who

receive a portion of the savings for use in their schools.

"Those people in the buildings have been doing the lion's share of the work and get to share in the fruits of their labors," he said.

The district also has received some \$100,000 in rebates from utility companies over three years by replacing light fixtures, boilers and chillers. The district documents the work with the utility and receives a rebate on its bill, he said.

"There's a capital cost up front, but we're looking for the lowest hanging fruit on the tree, where it's easy to recover costs," he said.

The I-SAVE program provides the building staffs with a startup package or incentive for participating in the program. There's also energy conservation posters or fliers, containing information on how to reduce consumption.

Each participating building has an energy consumption goal and an online method to track utility consumption and compare it to previous years.

Currently, the district has 17 buildings that have an ENERGY STAR certification. Wildwood and Roosevelt elementaries and Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools are the latest to earn the certification, which aims to reduce energy consumption, improve energy security and reduce pollution.

Thornton has "about a half dozen to go" to have every building in the district certified.

**Increase involvement**

"I want to continue to make program improve-

ments. We want to find out what works and what's not working," Thornton said. "I want to increase student involvement. That's the key to what we are doing."

"We had third- and fourth-graders do artwork and each got scanned and put into a mosaic artwork."

"They can go online to find where there artwork is in the mosaic," he added.

He noted that he is looking at several federal grants and partnering with vendors.

"It's one of the things we're vying for, but haven't secured yet," he said.

Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin praised Thornton and expressed amazement for the size of the savings that have been achieved.

"I thought it would be \$500,000, but it's \$1.8 million," Griffin said. "That \$1.8 million is a very significant savings and it allows us to maintain programs. I commend you for that."

School board President Carol Middel noted that the district has tried to do energy conservation several times, but those efforts "lasted a year."

"This is the longest sustainable program and obviously it's working," she said. "I'm impressed."

Trustee Sally Madison added that when she has been in schools, she has seen the excitement from students about energy conservation.

"I had students light up when they shared with me their ways of saving energy," she said.

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# Jackson reappointed to Westland Library Board

The Westland City Council has confirmed the reappointment of Timothy Jackson to the Westland Library Board for a five-year term.

"I am so honored to have been reappointed to the Westland Library Board by Mayor Wild and the City Council," Jackson said.

"Now, more than ever, libraries serve and are 'essential sanctuaries' for the people. I am truly grateful to be a part of the Library, and I consider it a great honor to part of a system that truly provides infor-

mation access to all."

The Library Board is made up of five members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Council to oversee the Library Director and the operations of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Jackson has served on the Board for 1½ years.

"I want to congratulate Mr. Jackson on his reappointment to the Westland Library Board," Mayor William Wild said.

"There are so many great things happening at

the Westland Public Library. Much of the credit goes to people like Mr. Jackson, who are willing to donate their time and talents for the good of others."

Jackson has spent 36 years at Ford Motor Company and has served as a United Auto Workers (UAW) representative for 20 of those years.

He and wife Donna Jackson, a Westland native, have been married for 11 years. He has lived in Westland for 15 years.

# File an amended return to remedy tax return mistake

**Q:** Dear Rick: I was at a talk you gave and it got me thinking that I may have made a mistake on my tax return. A few years ago my significant other passed on. We were not legally married but for all intents and purposes we were husband and wife. When she died I inherited all her property including a significant amount in Apple stock. I sold the Apple stock and reported a substantial gain. I used her cost basis of Apple stock for gain purposes. After listening to you I think I made a mistake. You seem to suggest that I should use the fair market value of the stock at the date of her death. If I did that my gain would have been substantially lower. I didn't think I was entitled to use the date of death because we were not legally married. Did I make a mistake? If so, what should I do? I do my own tax return.

**A:** Yes, you did make a mistake. When you inherit property you receive what is known as a transfer basis. The transfer basis in your situation would have been the fair market value of Apple stock on the date of death.

The fact that you're not legally married has no bearing. Therefore, you ended up paying significantly more in taxes. There is, however, a chance to correct the mistake.

When you discover a mistake on your tax return (whether it's to your favor or not), file an amended return. Typically, you can file an amended return within three years of when the return you are amending was due. Therefore, since you sold the stock within the last three years you still have an opportunity to file an amended return. Use Form 1040X.

In addition, since your gain on the stock would be significantly lower, there would also be an impact on your state tax return so



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

file an amended return for Michigan as well.

Many people believe that if you file an amended return it automatically means you get audited; that is not the case. Of course, that doesn't mean that the IRS will not scrutinize your amended return. However, if you attach the necessary documents you should have no problem.

It may pay to have a professional do your amended return. Although, they are not that complicated, if you've never filed an amended return before it could get a little confusing.

It's not unusual that people discover that they've made mistakes on their tax return. If it is a material number, I always recommend filing an amended return. Even if filing the amended return results in having to pay additional taxes and interest, it's something to consider. After all, if the IRS discovers the mistake there is a greater likelihood that they will assess penalties.

By filing an amended return and voluntarily reporting an error, you have a much better chance of the IRS waiving penalties. In addition, let's not forget that it is our responsibility as Americans to file accurate tax returns. When they are not accurate, it is also our responsibility as good citizens to correct the mistake.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com) or email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com)

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Blood Drive

Garden City Hospital will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Thursday, June 27, in Classrooms 1-4 in the lower level of the hospital. Donors can sign up at [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org); enter code: GCHOSP. Or contact Lynn at (734) 458-4259 to schedule an appointment. Everyone who donates at GCH will be entered to win a Detroit Tigers Family 4 Pack. Garden City Hospital is at 6545 Inkster Road, north of Ford Road.

### Coffee Hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will host district coffee hours Monday, June 24, in Livonia and Garden City. Citizens of the 6th Senate District are welcome to attend. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington

Road, Livonia, from 9-10 a.m., and at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866) 262-7306, or by email at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

Anderson will not hold coffee hours in July.

### Health Coach

The Garden City Hospital Health Coach, a mobile unit that provides services to address health care needs for the community, for those who are low income and uninsured (or underinsured), is at the Maplewood Center the third Wednesday of the month.

Services offered include health screenings and assessments, health coaching and patient care follow-ups. People must be 18 years or older to qualify for the pro-

gram at no cost, regardless of their insurance status.

The mobile unit parks on the Maplewood side of the center 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (734) 458-4330.

### Cap Cod Trip

Garden City Public Schools Cambridge Leisure Program is offering a trip to Cape Cod from June 23-29. The price of \$599 per person includes seven days, six nights double occupancy, and motor coach transportation. For more information, call the Cambridge Leisure Department at (734) 762-8430, ext. 306.

### Rotary Carnival

Today is the last day of the Garden City Rotary's second annual carnival. It's being held on the grounds of at Cambridge High School, 28901 Cambridge, east of Ford Road.

The club has contracted with Wade Shows to provide the carnival, which will be open from 1-10 p.m. today.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Re: Trust of HENRY P. ROKICKI, Deceased

All creditors of the decedent, who lived at 39201 Joy Road, Westland, MI 48185, and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's trust, including un-matured contingent or un-liquidated claims, must file their claims to 16883 Dover Drive, Northville, MI 48168 within 3 months after the date of the first publication of this notice. Thereafter the trust will be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

All claims not filed within this time will be forever barred. The date of first publication this Notice is June 23, 2013.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLOA

JANICE L. SMITH Plaintiff,

v. JOHN A. SMITH, Defendant.

GREGORY H. BRINGARD (P45667) Attorney for Plaintiff 367 North State Street Caro, MI 48723 Tele (989) 672-2400 JOHN A. SMITH 8181 N. Wayne Road Westland, Michigan 48185

ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION At a session of court held in the courthouse in Caro, Michigan, on June 4, 2013.

Present: Honorable Amy Grace Gierhart, Circuit Court Judge

Plaintiff filed a verified ex parte motion regarding service of process. After reading the motion, the court finds that Plaintiff has shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendant John A. Smith by the methods provided in MCR 2.105(A), in that service by personal delivery and by registered mail have not been successful. The court further finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(D), in that service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED: 1. Plaintiff may serve process on Defendant by publishing the following notice once each week for a period of three consecutive weeks in a newspaper, as defined in MCR 2.106(F), that is published in the county of Defendant's last known address:

"An action for divorce has been commenced by Plaintiff, Janice L. Smith against Defendant, John A. Smith in the Tuscola County Circuit Court for the State of Michigan, and Defendant must answer or take other action permitted by law within 28 days after the last date of publication. If Defendant does not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against him for the relief demanded in the complaint."

2. Plaintiff must mail a copy of this order, along with a summons and a copy of the complaint, by first class mail to Defendant at his last known residence.

Date: June 4, 2013 S/Amy Grace Gierhart Amy Grace Gierhart (61305) Circuit Court Judge

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## Priceless souvenirs

Catching a ball at an MLB game fulfills lifelong dream for area fans

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The baseball that rocketed off Detroit Tigers outfielder Andy Dirks' bat and into the stands beyond the right field fence at Comerica Park the afternoon of May 17, 2012, weighed just five ounces.

But the spinning sphere was jam-packed with a lifetime full of memories for Livonia's Reed family.

The ball ricocheted off the hands of a fan sitting in front of the Reeds - father Casey and sons Michael, Ben and William - and into the palms of Casey Reed, whose sure-handed grab transformed a fabulous day at the ballpark with his sons into an unforgettable one.

"That morning my wife (Sara) laid out Tigers gear for the boys to wear to school, but they had no idea they were going to a baseball game," Casey Reed said. "I surprised them by picking them up at their schools around lunch time. We bought some tickets right before the game started and sat in right field."

"We were having a great time watching the Tigers on a sunny day, but catching that ball made it an amazing experience. Every 10 seconds, one of us would say, 'It's my turn to look at it.' We couldn't get enough of it."

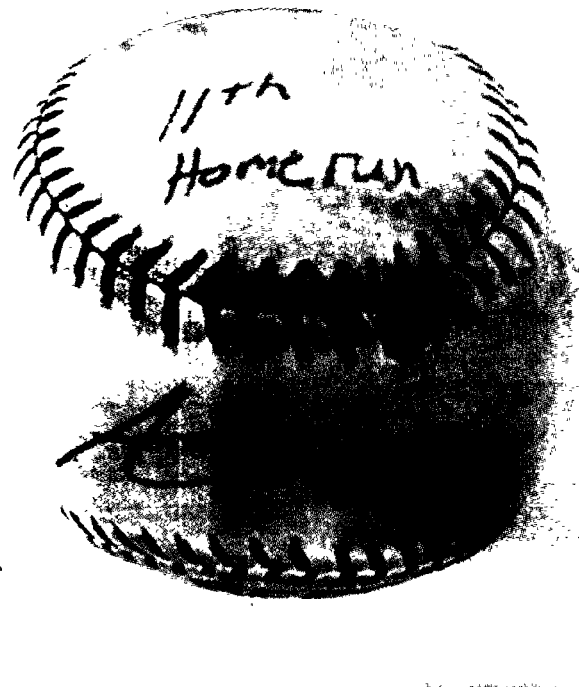
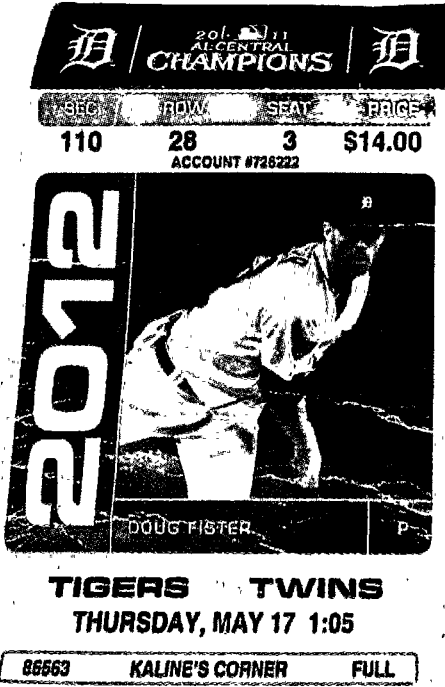
### Rare prize

You can purchase an official MLB baseball at a Comerica Park gift shop for around \$15, but there is no price tag that can be placed on a ball that finds its way into the stands after crashing off a professional player's bat.

Rawlings, which provides MLB with all of its baseballs, estimates anywhere from 100 to 120 balls are used during a typical game. When you consider there are close to 25,000 fans at an average game, the odds of nabbing a ball are longer than a Miguel Cabrera moon-shot home run.

The rarity factor is why fans like Livonia's Randy Knight remember every detail of their foul ball catching experience.

"I'm a lifelong Tigers fan who had been to countless games over the years, but I had never caught a foul ball until the game I attended against the Minnesota Twins on Aug. 15, 2011," the



Livonia's Reed family had Andy Dirks sign the Dirks home run ball dad Casey caught during a game they attended in 2012.



Livonia's Randy Knight, pictured with Tigers mascot Paws, collected a bruise and a ball during a game at Comerica Park in 2011.

51-year-old Knight said. "I still remember every single detail about it."

In the fifth inning, as Knight recalled, Minnesota's Joe Mauer

fouled off a 1-0 pitch directly up the steps behind the Tigers' dugout.

"A young lady had just started her descent down the steps

with a tray of nachos and pop," Knight said. "The ball was still on the rise and I saw it coming, but I didn't see the young lady until my hand was in front of her face."

"She screamed, the ball hit my hand and deflected behind her. I don't think I have ever moved faster in the last 20 years to get to that ball. My hand took a bruise, but it was well worth it."

### Going way back

Catching a foul ball was the last thing on the mind of Westland's Hershel Parris when he took his seat along the first base line at Tiger Stadium on Sept. 19, 1961. The biggest appeal that day for Parris was watching the Tigers take on the legendary New York Yankees, whose power-packed lineup included Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris, both of whom were in pursuit of

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## Hall of Fame for Berryman

Livonia Stevenson's Rick Berryman will be among six inductees in the 2013 class for the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as part of the East-West All-Star game starting at 7 p.m. Monday, July 1, at Comerica Park.

Berryman will be joined by Walt Gawkowski (Muskegon Catholic Central), Tim McDonald (Bay City Western), Dave Pullen (Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills), Mike Zimmerman (Frankfort) and Warren Zweigle (Whitehall).

Berryman guided Stevenson to a 24-13 record this season, including Division 1 district and KLAACentral Division titles this spring.

## Hills duo all-stars

A pair of Farmington Hills players will participate in the MHSBCA's East-West All-Star game at 7 p.m. Monday, July 1, at Comerica Park.

Neighborhood friends and former summer-league teammates Connor Mohr (Farmington High) and Harrison Wenson (U-D Jesuit) will play for the East team. Mohr is a center fielder and Wenson is a catcher. Mohr will play next season at Michigan State and Wenson at Michigan.

Admission at the gate is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

## Rams end losing skid

Griffin Harms proved to be the catalyst Wednesday as the Michigan Rams snapped a four-game losing skid with a 6-5 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League triumph over the Michigan Monarchs at Ford Field.

Harms pitched 3½ innings of scoreless relief and went 2-for-3 with a solo homer as the Rams evened their LCBL record at 6-6-1. Harms allowed just one hit and struck out four after taking over for starter Luke McCarty in the fourth inning.

Chris McDonald (Livonia Stevenson/Hillsdale College) went 2-for-2 with a double and two RBI, while Ben Yax and Tyler Barnes each knocked in a run as the Rams overcame a 5-1 deficit with two runs in the fifth inning and three in the sixth.

Will Swartz went 3-for-3, while Matt Priebe added two RBI for the Monarchs (8-5). Brian Goike, who came on to pitch the final ⅓ of an inning, took the loss.

## Bucks douse Inferno, 5-0

Matt Walker, a midfielder from Xavier University, scored two goals and two assists Wednesday as the Michigan Bucks defeated the Chicago Inferno, 5-0, in a Premier Development League match at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

## Flying Irish: Yanik runs to success at N.D.

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Notre Dame women's track and field coach Joe Plane had an inking preferred walk-on Megan Yanik was scholarship-worthy coming out of Livonia Ladywood.

"She was a good runner in high school, somebody we really encouraged, but she's truly developed into an outstanding national class runner," said Plane, who just completed his 39th season. "She's the whole package. She's a great student, a wonderful young lady and a very, very fine runner. There's not a program in the country that wouldn't love to have Megan Yanik."

The Plymouth native, who has

since earned an athletic scholarship, has proved to be more than a bargain recruit after excelling this season. She helped the Irish win the Big East championship and qualified to compete in two events at the NCAA Championships earlier this month at the University of Oregon's historic Hayward Field.

Yanik was an individual qualifier in the 400-meter hurdles after taking 10th in the NCAA East Preliminary Regional in Greensboro, N.C., with a time of 58.66. The junior also teamed up with Margaret



Yanik



Notre Dame junior Megan Yanik, a Plymouth native and Ladywood grad, qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 400 hurdles and 1,600 relay.

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John Witkowski (left) and longtime Harrison linebackers coach Ron Brown take time for a pregame photo.

## Witkowski had 'special' role in Hawks' football program

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

His name might not be as recognizable as that of John Herrington and Bob Sutter to the average high school football fan, but John Witkowski also has played an integral role in the success of the Farmington Harrison program.

While Herrington ran the offense and Sutter the defense, Witkowski was in charge of the

game's less-heralded but no-less-important third discipline - special teams.

"Specials teams is kind of its own little team within a team with the long snapper, the holders and the kickers," Witkowski said. "Although they may not get a lot of notoriety, you know what happened on every play."

"Every time you go on the field for a kickoff or a punt, it's

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# Sandlak traded to Plymouth Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers acquired 20-year-old left wing Carter Sandlak from the Belleville Bulls in exchange for a fourth-round draft choice in the 2014 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection. "We're excited to acquire Carter," said Mike Vellucci, Whalers coach and general manager. "He's a big, strong power forward who will help

us in all situations. We feel Carter plays Plymouth Whalers hockey." Sandlak was originally selected in the first round (11th overall) by Guelph in the 2009 OHL draft and was acquired by Belleville in December 2010 in a deal for Richard Panik. Second-round draft choices went both ways in the trade.

Sandlak enjoyed his best season in the OHL last year with Belleville, scoring nine goals with 14 assists for 23 points. He scored four goals with three assists for seven points in 15 playoff games. In 21 career games, Sandlak has 35 goals with 39 assists for 74 points. Earlier this summer, the Whalers acquired center

Francesco Vilardi from Sudbury for a draft choice, traded overage goaltender Matt Mahalak to Kingston for a pair of draft choices and dealt Cody Payne to Saginaw for two draft choices. Plymouth also signed 17-year-old defenseman Josh Wesley, who was taken by the Whalers in the fifth round in the 2012 OHL draft, and de-

fenseman Mathieu Henderson, a seventh-round pick in the 2012 OHL draft. Last season, the Whalers made the playoffs for the 22nd consecutive year - a current OHL record - and captured their 12th West Division title over 23 years. Plymouth expects to be in the thick of the Western Conference race again in 2013-14.

## YANIK

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Bangbose, Jade Barber and Michelle Brown for first place in the 4 x 400 relay (3:32.43).

Although Yanik wound up 19th in the 400 hurdles (59.56) and 19th in the 4 x 400 relay (3:38.22) at the NCAAs, it proved to be a productive season.

"It's been a long season," Yanik said. "We've been running since August with indoor starting in December, so there wasn't much of a break. We pretty much got to the point where we were broken down because all of our runners in the 4 x 400 had qualified for nationals as individuals also."

But getting a chance to run at track and field's holy grail - Hayward Field - proved to be rewarding in itself.

"It's was really exciting just to be in a place that obviously has so much history of running," Yanik said. "Just being a part of the surroundings ... and everybody has such a good attitude about running there. It's just awesome. There was a ton of fans there and it was crowded."

Yanik's highlight of the season was earning a trip to the NCAA Indoor Championships, where the Irish placed 12th in the 4 x 400 relay. And after transitioning to the outdoor season, she took runner-up honors in the 400 hurdles (58.65) and first in the 4 x 400 relay at the Big East meet.

"I think it was a pretty good season," Yanik said. "I had strong races in the hurdles and the 4 x 400. We improved our time by three seconds, which was a big difference. The 400 hurdles was about the same time."

Yanik, who began running track as a seventh-grader at Plymouth's

Our Lady of Good Counsel, certainly had the credentials coming out of Ladywood, where she was the MHSAA Division 1 champion in the 100 and 300 hurdles as a senior.

After making incremental improvements as a freshman and sophomore at Notre Dame, she enjoyed a breakout season as a junior.

"She had a wonderful year," Plane said. "She did very well indoors and very well outdoors. She's a hard worker and wants to compete. When she races, whoever beats her has to work hard."

Competing in the 400 hurdles can be a demanding event.

"It's hard, but it's pretty fun," Yanik said.

Yanik, a Big East All-Academic honoree, is a pre-med and Spanish major. She is currently working during the summer at a health clinic in Grand Rapids.

"We get a few weeks off and take a break, then we'll set up training again," Yanik said. "I'll take a year off (after her senior year) and apply to med school. It's really, really exciting working up towards that."

Yanik also considered going to Michigan and Miami (Ohio), but felt the best fit was being in South Bend.

"I love it there, it's awesome," Yanik said of Notre Dame. "It's the atmosphere of the school and the camaraderie. The student-athletes care for each other and it's exciting to be a part of an institution that has such high standards, both academically and athletically. I'm just glad to be a part of that."

And entering her senior year, Yanik hopes to surpass her junior achievements.

"My goal is to qualify for indoor nationals and in the 400 hurdles and 4 x 400 at outdoor nationals and bring down my times a little bit," she said.

Not bad for a preferred walk-on.

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The Western Wayne Wolfpack eighth-grade girls team recently won a pair of AAU tournaments. The team includes (front row, from left) Rebekah Carnes, Emily Marsh, Grace Iaquaniello and Morgan Brietzke; (back row, from left) coach Rob Stewart, Lilly Lepper, Stephanie Miller, Emily Stewart, Claire Murray, Katie Coe and Lydia Chapel. Not pictured is Jayna Lenders. All are from the Canton or Plymouth communities.

## Western Wayne Wolfpack eighth-graders on the prowl

The Western Wayne Wolfpack eighth-grade girls basketball team is on quite a hot streak.

The team, coached by Rob Stewart, recently won the championship in back-to-back tournaments this spring and then finished as runner-up in the state

Amateur Athletic Union tournament in Burton.

In March, the Wolfpack, composed of girls from the Plymouth and Canton communities, finished first in the Southeastern Michigan Championships. The team followed that up in April by winning the

Saline Super Shootout.

Members of the team include Morgan Brietzke, Rebekah Carnes, Lydia Chapel, Katie Coe, Grace Iaquaniello, Lilly Lepper, Jayna Lenders, Emily Marsh, Stephanie Miller, Claire Murray and Emily Stewart.

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# Area tennis players serve up excellence

## FIRST-TEAM SINGLES

**Winnie Karoub, Mercy:** A repeat member of the all-area first team, Karoub played No. 1 singles again this year and helped the Marlins to a runner-up finish in the Division 2 state tournament. The sophomore won the Catholic League championship, was a regional semi-finalist and reached the state quarterfinals. Karoub, who compiled a 12-10 record, is an all-state and all-Catholic player. Mercy also won the league tournament and was second in the regional at Rochester.

"Winnie is a fantastic player," coach Joe Stafford said. "She is so athletic and she gives us a chance to win every time out. She won the Catholic League tournament, 6-0, 6-0, in the championship match. Winnie loves high school tennis and is a great teammate. Her team loves her and I believe that Winnie can do anything she puts her mind to."

**Ashley Walker, Salem:** The senior captain finished an outstanding career by going 18-5 this season, including regional competition.

Walker won the KLAA conference championship at No. 2 doubles as a freshman and began moving up the singles lineup as a sophomore. Over the past two seasons, she moved up the singles lineup until becoming one of the best No. 1 singles players in the ultra-competitive KLAA Central Division.

Among her accomplishments this season were first-place finishes at the Monroe Invitational, Salem Quad and City by the Bay tourney.

"She is an all-court player with very aggressive ground strokes, but also a player who can just as easily come to the net," coach Lin Ware said. "She will be a walk-on at Wayne State next year in the tough Division II GLIAC conference."

**Aimee Moccia, Stevenson:** The junior finished 23-2 this season while making her second straight trip to the Division 1 state finals.

Her only losses came during third sets, 7-5 and 7-6.

Moccia was Livonia Public Schools, Howell, Kensington Conference 'B' and regional tournament champion.

Her career record is 62-15, all at No. 1 singles.

"Aimee is the most dedicated and focused athlete I've worked with," Stevenson coach Don McCathney said of the two-time KLAA scholar-athlete. "Her commitment to tennis includes diet, strength training and a year-round playing schedule. She exemplifies the highest levels of sports-



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Salem



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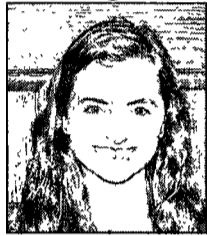
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Sam Di Giovanni  
Stevenson



Andi Kopitz  
N. Farmington



Maura Ehrlich  
N. Farmington

manship and is a pleasure to watch play."

**Carolyn McCullen, Franklin:** The junior earned honorable mention Division 1 all-state honors for the second straight year after going 20-5 while reaching the round of 16 in Midland.

The three-time all-Observer player was runner-up at the Woodhaven regional and also won the Woodhaven Invitational at No. 1 singles.

"Carolyn worked on her game during the off-season to improve from a very good 2012 to a much stronger game in 2013," Franklin coach Rick Clack said. "She is hard worker in practice, did not miss a game the past two years and continues to be very competitive against the top players in the state."

"Lots of players have trouble handling the heavy topspin from her forehand. Once she makes the backhand side even more consistent, I believe her game will really peak next year and she will have an even better year in 2014. She is hungry for all-state outright in 2014."

**Arti Vaishnav, N. Farmington:** In her first season of high

school tennis, Vaishnav moved to the top of the lineup and replaced her older sister, former all-area player Akanksha, as the No. 1 singles player for the Raiders. Vaishnav played well in that role, finished with a winning record and earned all-league recognition. She was undefeated in the OAA White Division and a regional semi-finalist, finishing behind Mollie Fox of Lahser (the eventual state champion) and Kerry Hu of Andover (the No. 4 seed at the state tournament).

"Arti was a great addition to the team this year," coach Whitney Wasielewski said. "She did an excellent job, stepping in and playing a very difficult No. 1 singles position. Although she was only a freshman and had no experience as a high school player, her mental toughness and athleticism carried her through many tight matches."

"She is a hard worker and improved consistently throughout the season. I'm looking forward to her future three seasons as a Raider."

**Carmen Gaddis, Harrison:** Gaddis had an outstanding high school career in which she compiled a 51-20 record.

## 2013 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TENNIS

**FIRST-TEAM SINGLES**  
Winnie Karoub, Soph., F.H. Mercy  
Ashley Walker, Sr., Salem  
Aimee Moccia, Jr., Liv. Stevenson  
Carolyn McCullen, Jr., Liv. Franklin  
Arti Vaishnav, Fr., North Farmington  
Carmen Gaddis, Sr., Farm. Harrison

**FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES**  
Sarah Tobin, Sr., North Farmington  
Maria Vicini, Sr., North Farmington  
Arryn Dochenetz, Soph., Liv. Stevenson  
Sam DiGiovanni, Soph., Liv. Stevenson  
Maura Ehrlich, Soph., N. Farmington

**SECOND-TEAM SINGLES**  
Chelsea Yu, Fr., Salem  
Kathryn Dunleavy, Fr., F.H. Mercy  
Rachel Gringlas, Jr., North Farmington  
Caroline Hay, Jr., Liv. Stevenson  
Bridgett Conniff, Fr., F.H. Mercy  
Jesse Guindl, Sr., F.H. Mercy

**SECOND-TEAM DOUBLES**  
Gla Toler, Soph., F.H. Mercy  
Gillian Toler, Fr., F.H. Mercy  
Anna Hinrichs, Sr., F.H. Mercy  
Mackenzie Zierau, Soph., F.H. Mercy  
Christy Snyder, Jr., F.H. Mercy  
Julia Shaw, Fr., F.H. Mercy

## HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Triveni Anvikar, Jessica Banini, Madison White; Stevenson: Laura Shureb, Batool Hussain, Josie Abdulbaki, Shelby Seay; Salem: Kylie Enright, Soph.; Harrison: Stephanie Wagner, Sheryl Carter; North Farmington: Eva Pitts, Myra Visser, Alyssa Cutcher, Kyra Cutcher, Shannon Kenny, Dania Abdulhamid; Mercy: Julie Flanagan, Sarah Hinrichs; Farmington: Ashley Tran, Darsi Sakthikumar; Redford Union: Sarah Walters, Sarah Bayani; Thurston: Jazz Little; Canton: Alexis Madau, Sasha Gill; Plymouth: Keerthi Chekuri.

The senior was 14-5 this year and the OAA White Division champion. She had a slow start with losses to North Farmington and Troy Athens, but she rebounded, won both rematch-ess and "really showed her stuff," coach Janice Maxey said. Gaddis was third at the Lakeland Invitational and was a Division 2 regional semi-finalist.

"She's one of the strongest, most consistent No. 1 singles players I've had the pleasure to coach," Maxey said. "She's a great competitor; she's focused and has a great attitude; she never gives up. Even as a freshman, there was a maturity to the way she played and she continued that through all four years."

"She's been a great leader and positive influence on the other kids on the team. She had a very positive, professional attitude toward playing and being competitive, but she was always having fun."

"I stayed with coaching because I really enjoyed working with this group of seniors and she was the No. 1 player. It's been a pleasure to work with her."

## FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES

**Sarah Tobin and Maria Vicini, N. Farmington:** Tobin and Vicini are repeat members of the all-area first team, compiling a 25-6 record this year as the Raiders' top doubles team. They were 42-12 over the past two seasons. They won the OAA White Division and Division 2 regional championships.

Tobin and Vicini were the fourth seed at the D-2 state tournament, losing a tough match in the quarterfinals in the third set, 7-5. They had good wins over West Bloomfield, Lahser, Andover, Groves, Stevenson and others.

"Sarah and Maria had a phenomenal season at No. 1 doubles," Wasielewski said. "Their senior leadership, commitment and dedication was vital to the success of our entire team. Both girls worked hard to improve their games and worked specifically on being good doubles players. All of this hard work paid off as they developed into one of the best No. 1 doubles teams in the state over the past two years. They will be greatly missed next season."

**Arryn Dochenetz and Sam Di Giovanni, Stevenson:** The sophomore tandem compiled a record of 16-5 overall while earning a runner-up finish in the Division 1 regional at Woodhaven.

Dochenetz and Di Giovanni also captured the Livonia Public Schools and Howell tournaments.

"Arryan and Sam played very well together," McCathney said. "They were truly a team. They had many big wins against some great teams. Even though both were only sophomores, they played with a lot of confidence and exhibited a great deal on experience."

**Andi Kopitz and Maura Ehrlich, N. Farmington:** Kopitz and Ehrlich were the OAA White Division champions and Division 2 regional finalists at No. 2 doubles. Both are all-OAA players. They beat Mason in the first round of the state tournament and lost to the Marian players, who were the eventual champions at that flight. Kopitz and Ehrlich had good wins over Lahser, Groves and West Bloomfield during the season.

"Andi and Maura played so well together and really meshed as a team to have a very successful season," Wasielewski said. "The main reason for this team's success was their chemistry and the way they worked together on the court. They did an excellent job of complementing each other to construct points and win matches."

"Their level of play just continued to improve throughout the season, and they grew into a very solid and competitive No. 2 doubles team. Both are very coachable and smart players who work hard and want to improve on a daily basis."

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60 home runs.

"I don't remember what inning it was, but Yogi Berra hit a foul ball that bounced around the field, hit a railing and came right to me," Parris said. "It felt good when I snatched it."

"The Yankees tied the game up in the ninth on an error and Roger Maris hit his 58th home run in the 10th to win it for the Yankees. I'll never forget that day."

Northville resident David Jerome's over-the-rail catch of a foul ball at a Washington Senators game July 19, 1970, caught the eye of a couple of royal onlookers.

"It turned out that Prince Charles and Princess Anne were at the game," Jerome said. "I leaned over the railing and caught a foul ball with my bare hands."

The next day, my wife read in the paper that the prince and princess thought the game was pretty boring, but they mentioned two things that caught their eye: a mammoth home run hit by Frank Howard and when a fan reached over a railing to catch a foul ball. That was me."

Westland resident Bud Somerville has turned catching foul balls and home runs into a science. Somerville estimates he has caught or chased down "hundreds" of balls at MLB games - the first coming when he was a 12-year-old attending a



Westland's Bud Somerville holds just a few of the hundreds of balls he's caught or chased down at Major League Baseball games.

Tigers game in 1966. "Every summer, just about every day, my friends and I would jump on the bus in Wayne and take it down Michigan Avenue to Tiger Stadium," Somerville said. "We knew where to stand during batting practice and during the games to get the balls. After the game, we'd take the balls outside the stadium and sell them so we'd have bus fare to get back home."

**Valuable ... then not**  
While attending a game at Tiger Stadium late in the 1987 season, Garden City resident Ron Pummill thought he had reeled in a home run ball that held special meaning - not just for him, but for a longtime Tigers hero. "My friends and I were sitting in the lower deck in right field when Lou Whitaker hit a home run that landed about eight to 10 seats away from us," Pummill said.

"We were all like, 'awww man'. Two batters later, Kirk Gibson steps up and hits one right to me."

The following off-season, Gibson signed a free-agent contract to play for the Dodgers, adding significance (at least for a while) to the ball Pummill caught.

"I thought, 'I own the last home run ball Kirk Gibson was ever going to hit in Tiger Stadium,'" Pummill said, chuckling. "I thought that ball was going to be worth quite a bit of money. But then Gibby re-signed with the Tigers in 1993 and he hit about 10 to 12 more home runs in Detroit, so my ball suddenly wasn't worth much anymore."

## Glove story

All foul ball stories don't have a happy ending, as Livonia's Jackson family discovered the hard way.

To help celebrate his daughter Sarah's birthday, Jeff Jackson took her and his mom to a game in 2006.

"Sarah was determined to catch a foul ball that day," Jackson said with a smile. "The problem was we were sitting pretty high up in the handicapped section. I told her not too many balls came up that far. Plus, I told her I had been to a lot of games and had never come close to catching a foul ball."

That didn't deter Sarah, who insisted on staying until the final out in her quest to take home a priceless souvenir.

"The Tigers were getting beat like 7-1 or 8-1

and it was the bottom of the ninth," Jackson said. "All of a sudden, Pudge Rodriguez hit a hard line drive that was curving right toward me."

"The funny part was, I had brought my glove, but I had set it down on the floor below our seats before the inning started. Here comes this ball right at me - waist high - that I would have caught easily with my glove, but it hit my palms, bounced a few rows up and a little kid got it. I don't think

Sarah talked to me the entire ride home. She kept saying, 'Why didn't you have your glove on?'"

Jackson said the incident still generates chuckles between him and his daughter.

"I'm thinking about getting one of those fancy glass containers you put valuable baseballs in and giving it to her - empty, of course," he said. "I'll tell her, 'Here's the ball I didn't catch for you that day.'"

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SPORTS CAMPS

GC boys hoops

All incoming fourth-through ninth-grade boys interested in attending the Garden City High School Basketball Camp should register by sending an email to Garden City varsity basketball coach at Ron Pummil pummilr@gardencityschools.com.

Include the player's name and grade in the email. The fee for the camp is \$80 per camper, or \$75 for groups of five or more. The camp runs Monday, June 24, through Friday, June 29, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Confirm registration through email and bring payment on the first day of the camp.

Tennis clinic

The Jack Kingsbury Tennis Clinic for Livonia Franklin players (incoming grades 9-12) will be from 9-11 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the high school tennis courts.

The USTA pro, a Franklin grad, will offer instruction on serve, forehand, backhand, volleys and court strategy for singles and doubles.

The cost is \$15 per session. For more information, call (734) 945-5762.

Glenn football

Westland John Glenn will stage a football camp starting for freshman and sophomores, 5-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 24-27, at the high school.

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

Canton camps

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting several youth basketball and baseball camps during July and early August for boys and girls ages 7-14.

Basketball camps will take place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. from July 8-12, July 22-26 and July 29 through Aug. 2 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Cost is \$140 for residents and \$150 for non-residents. There will be a pre-camp shootaround from 8-9 a.m. The camp will focus on

drills and skills for offensive strategies and defensive plays in game situations. Head coach Pat Watson brings over 16 years of high school experience.

The baseball camp is slated to run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the week of July 15-19 at Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Cost is \$140 for residents and \$150 for non-residents.

For more information, call 734-483-5600.

CHS boys hoops

The 2013 Livonia Churchill boys summer basketball camp (incoming grades 5-9) will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 24-27, at the high school.

The cost \$50. For more information, email Churchill coach Jim Solak at solakj@taylor.k12.mi.us; or call 313-303-7170; or call 734-946-6657.

Future Stars

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

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

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

MU volleyball

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

» Advanced (elite) and general all-skills - Monday through Thursday, June 24-27;

» Setters and hitters camp (session 1) - Sunday through Wednesday, June 30-July 3;

» Hitters (session 2) and defensive - Monday through Thursday, July 8-11.

To obtain a camp brochure, visit madonnacrusaders.com. For more information, call MU volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham 734-432-5612 (office) or 734-254-0698 (evenings). You can also email jabraham 216180mi@comcast.net.

Kelsner hoops

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

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

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

For more information, call 248-342-2735; or email greg.kelsner32@gmail.com.

Churchill soccer

The Livonia Churchill boys and girls soccer camp (ages 10-16) will be from 9-11 a.m., Monday through Friday, June 24-28 at the turf field.

The cost is \$49. (Checks should be made payable to Churchill High School.)

Apparel needed includes soccer cleats, shin guards, soccer ball (under 12 years bring a size 4).

For more information, email Matt Grodzicki at mgrozdic@livoniapublicschools.org.

CC basketball

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

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

Churchill hoops

The 2013 Livonia Churchill girls basketball camp for incoming grades 5-9 will be from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, July 16-19 at the high school gym.

The cost is \$50.

For more information, call Churchill coach Matt McCowan at 248-761-9201; or email Mmcowan54@gmail.com.

Franklin hoops

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

Monday through Thursday, July 8-11 at the high school.

The cost is \$65 (pre-registered) or \$75 (walk-up).

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

Churchill football

The Livonia Churchill Offensive and Defensive Skills youth football camp for incoming grades 9-12 will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, July 24-26, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 29 at the high school.

The cost is \$100 (if registered by July 19) or \$125 (sibling discount available). For more information, call Allen Fiegel at 734-718-4987.

Youth football

The Livonia Churchill youth football camp for grades 3-8 will be from 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday, July 10-12, at the high school.

The cost is \$60 (before July 1) or \$75 (sibling discount available).

For more information, call Allen Fiegel at 734-718-4987.

Franklin girls hoop

The Livonia Franklin girls basketball clinic (grades 5-8) will be from 5-7:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, July 23-25, at the high school fieldhouse.

The clinic is free.

To register, visit livoniafranklingirlsbasketball.com; or email coach Jim Milican at jmilican@livoniapublicschools.org.

MU cross country

The Madonna University Summer Cross Country base camps will be from 8-9:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 29-Aug. 2 at Casse Benton Park in Northville.

The cost is \$75 (includes camp T-shirt).

MU will also stage long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. on Saturdays, July 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3 at Cass Benton. (Donation is \$2 for each run).

For more information, email MU coach Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu. You can also call (734) 432-5634 (office) or (734) 658-0226 (evenings).

MYAA football

The Michigan Youth Athletic Association Champ football camp for those entering grades 3-9 will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, June 24-26 at Livonia Churchill H.S.

For more information, visit www.miyaa.org or email info@miyaa.org.

Volleyball camps

The 2013 Wayne State University volleyball camps are set for July 15-20.

The Intermediate Camp (9 a.m. to noon) and Advanced Camp (1-4 p.m.) take place July 15-18 with a \$100 fee. The Elite Camp is set for July 19-20 and is designed for the more highly skilled player with varsity and club experience.

The camps are directed by Phil Nickel, WSU's head volleyball coach. The Warriors have strung together five consecutive winning seasons under Nickel.

The ratio of campers to coaches will be 14:1.

For more information or to register, call 313-577-7541, email at phil.nickel@wayne.edu or visit www.waynestatevolleyballcamps.com.

Cabrera camp

Triple-crown batting champion Miguel Cabrera will be the featured attraction at a baseball camp at Lake Orion High School.

The 2013 Miguel Cabrera Baseball ProCamp will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 1. The Detroit Tigers slugger will be joined by a selection of the area's top prep and college coaches.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-14 and will focus on baseball fundamentals. Groups will be small and Cabrera will talk about the finer points of the game.

Participants receive an autographed team photo with Cabrera and a ProCamp T-shirt among other items. The camp fee is \$99 and space will be limited.

For more information, visit www.MiguelCabreraCamp.com.

WITKOWSKI

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a change of possession. On either play, you're giving up the ball and that's why I emphasize the importance of special teams."

After 35 seasons of doing that for the Hawks and 43 years of coaching football in Farmington, the 67-year-old Witkowski announced his retirement earlier this spring.

"It was a great run," he said. "We had some great kids and teams, and the camaraderie of the kids and coaches was great. It was a rewarding career; I'm sure I'm going to miss a lot of it. In some ways, it makes you old and some ways it makes you feel young."

"The challenge of motivating the kids was fun. The best part of coaching is having kids come back and tell you what they did with their lives. Hopefully, you had a positive influence on them and channeled energies in the right direction."

Herrington had complete confidence in Witkowski and never had to worry about special teams, which allowed him to concentrate his efforts on the offense. Witkowski was meticulous in his game preparation, Herrington added.

"Sometimes during a game, if a kid got hurt, he'd have to make a lot of adjustments," Herrington said. "After a while, I didn't even worry about kicking. He took care of all that. He pretty much had the go-ahead to do what he did."

"I never complained because we never got punts or kicks blocked. He was very, very into every aspect of it and planned everything."

Occasionally, there might be a time when Herrington questioned



John Witkowski is retiring after 35 seasons as special teams coach.

something Witkowski did on special teams. An example might be a two-point conversion with the Hawks safely in the lead.

When the head coach inquired about it, Witkowski would respond, "That way they're not going to rush us next time," Herrington said.

"Yeah, but their coach is going to rush me for going for two."

One reason Witkowski had to make changes to his special teams was due to the personnel Harrison used on its special teams.

"Some programs take kids who are not playing full time and put them on special teams," he said. "Our philosophy is we put the best 11 on the field. Those kids have to be in shape, whether they're on offense, defense or special teams."

"We told the kids, 'When we meet a good team, the offenses and defenses are going to nullify each other. Where we're going to get the edge and have a chance to win is special teams. That's where we're going to have the edge.'"

Witkowski, who also coached the tight ends and outside linebackers when Sutter retired in 2007, had some special plays for his special teams. One was called blue-nine, which was used when an opposing team failed to cover the wideout when Harrison

was in punt formation. "We'd have the quarterback throw the ball to the receiver," Witkowski said. "We did it in one game three times. The rule was, if we were on our 40-yard line or further down the field, it's automatic. We'd just take the ball and throw it down the field."

There was one exception to that rule. It was in 2001, when Drew Stanton was the quarterback and future Michigan State teammate Agim Shabaj was the wideout. The Hawks were on their 4-yard line. Stanton threw the ball to Shabaj, and the play went for a touchdown. Harrison was 14-0 and the Division 3 state champion that year.

When the Hawks played mighty Muskegon Catholic Central in the 1981 Class B state final at the Pontiac Silverdome, Witkowski saw something on film that caught his eye. After a kickoff, he noticed the MCC kicker sat down on the turf and changed from the square-toed kicking shoe to his regular cleat since he also was the left cornerback.

"Wit said: 'If we run a play real quick, nobody will cover him,'" Herrington said, referring to his team's receiver. "That's what we did. It was one of the great calls - the shoe call."

Harrison went without a huddle and the receiver

was wide open, as expected. The only problem was he dropped the ball and missed a sure touchdown. The Hawks still won the game, 7-0, and the first of their record 13 state championships.

"I thought that was the best high school team I'd ever seen," Witkowski said of the Crusaders. "They probably had more talent. It was a great team effort (by the Hawks). I've always said hustle beats talent when talent doesn't hustle."

Witkowski, who retired from teaching five years ago after 39 years at Gill Elementary School in Farmington, started coaching at Farmington Junior High and then Warner Middle School. He was the Harrison JV coach for several years, doing that job all by himself for one season, until moving up to the varsity.

He recalled one year when the Hawks had barely enough players to field a JV team, but they managed to win a big game at Westland John Glenn, which had 60 or more players on its sideline.

"We got off the bus with 16 kids," Witkowski said. "We didn't have the best players in the world, but we had the best attitude and effort and some great team camaraderie."

Eric Johnson, who has been the freshman team's head coach, will replace Witkowski on the varsity, and Eric Rado, formerly an assistant JV coach, will take charge of the freshman squad.

Witkowski, who is an outdoor enthusiast, and his wife plan to spend time in Colorado, where their son lives, and go hiking in the mountains.

"It was all good things and fun times with (his longtime fellow) coaches," he said. "Teaching is coaching and coaching is teaching. It's been a rewarding profession."

BOYS BEST TRACK TIMES

<b>SHOT PUT</b>	Colby Morris (Canton) 11.1
Itzhak Buley (N. Farmington) 51-5	Marcus Lane (Redford Union) 11.2
Asa Hattar (Franklin) 49-0.75	
Vonn Pallett (Farmington) 48-9	<b>200 DASH</b>
Olaniyi Owagbemi (Canton) 48-8.5	Sean Davis (Salem) 22.1
Kyle McMillan (Plymouth) 48-6.25	Colby Morris (Canton) 22.1
Michael Hoover (Salem) 45-10.75	Alexander Rogers (Plymouth) 22.3
Benjamin Tabor (Stevenson) 44-9.5	Shakeer Williams (Thurston) 22.4
Tony Vella (Franklin) 44-7.25	Nathan Rodgers (Franklin) 22.6
Isaac Johnson (Redford Union) 44-0	Dan Duncan (Franklin) 22.6
Joe Ghafari (Farmington) 43-9	Steven Homrich (Salem) 22.6
	Kevin Williams (Thurston) 22.8
<b>DISCUS</b>	Jacob Mallad (Canton) 22.9
Justin Shelton (N. Farmington) 159-10	Dan Roberts (Luth. Westland) 23.2
Vonn Pallett (Farmington) 146-10	
Joe Ghafari (Farmington) 142-6	<b>400 DASH</b>
Danny Pozulka (Stevenson) 136-5	Lucas Bunting (Plymouth) 49.7
Tony Vella (Franklin) 132-7	Montel Hood (Wayne) 50.0
Demarco McKinney (Churchill) 127-0	Colin McCormack (Salem) 50.6
Tom Krueger (Luth. Westland) 123-8	Michael Sollars (John Glenn) 51.5
Kolby Nance (Franklin) 123-2	Brett Gutowski (Franklin) 51.6
Mark Lowry (Plymouth) 122-3	Andrew Burek (Garden City) 51.9
Michael Hoover (Salem) 122-1	Sean Davis (Salem) 52.0
	Ivan Rhodes (Salem) 52.2
<b>HIGH JUMP</b>	Zaid Shareef (Stevenson) 52.5
Jamal Dixon (Canton) 6-6	Jonny Dalton (Plymouth) 52.5
Akil Wade (Canton) 6-4	
Mick Noel (Ply. Christian) 6-4	<b>800 RUN</b>
Terry Buford-Pendergast (Steve) 6-3	Blerim Mama (Plymouth) 2:00.15
Nathan Harris (Franklin) 6-2	Max Rogowski (Plymouth) 2:00.83
Chris Dierker (Salem) 6-1	Keenan Jones (Franklin) 2:01.0
Dan Roberts (Luth. Westland) 6-1	J'haira Johnson (Garden City) 2:01.0
Kevin Brown-Bayko (Garden City) 6-0	Jewell Jones (John Glenn) 2:01.0
Austin Douglass (Clarencville) 6-0	Jonny Dalton (Plymouth) 2:01.1
Devin Kelly (Stevenson) 6-0	Dan Kogan (Churchill) 2:01.99
	Matt Kohonen (Franklin) 2:02.5
<b>LONG JUMP</b>	Nathan Eiley (N. Farmington) 2:02.81
Shakeer Williams (Thurston) 21-5	Mike Sopko (Stevenson) 2:02.89
Gairus Coleman (Harrison) 20-9	
Drake Jordan (Salem) 20-8	<b>1,600 RUN</b>
Malik Benison (Harrison) 20-7	J'haira Johnson (Garden City) 4:21.7
Jamal Dixon (Canton) 20-6.75	Keenan Jones (Franklin) 4:24.9
Brent Pilginn (Plymouth) 20-0	Chaz Jeffress (Salem) 4:30.99
Josh Craven (Farmington) 20-0	Drew Lindman (Farmington) 4:32.3
Chris Dierker (Salem) 19-11.5	Max Rogowski (Plymouth) 4:33.0
Jordan Bickham (Franklin) 19-9	Brandon Dalton (Plymouth) 4:34.0
Brett Gutowski (Franklin) 19-8.5	Mike Sopko (Stevenson) 4:35.51
	Steven McVilly (Salem) 4:36.30
<b>POLE VAULT</b>	Max Bradley (N. Farmington) 4:37.9
Jacob Hage (Churchill) 14-4	Jacob Colley (Stevenson) 4:40.24
David Mittelbrun (N. Farmington) 13-6	
Michael Farmer (Stevenson) 13-4	<b>3,200 RUN</b>
Alex Teasdale (Churchill) 12-10	Chaz Jeffress (Salem) 9:40.41
Stephen Fedak (Plymouth) 12-6	James Weekley (Harrison) 9:49.58
Kyle Zander (Canton) 12-2	J'haira Johnson (Garden City) 9:49.7
Austin Tucker (N. Farmington) 12-0	Steven McVilly (Salem) 9:51.98
Justin Larkins (Franklin) 12-0	Stephen Fenech (Stevenson) 9:58.36
Damon Currier (Franklin) 12-0	Zane Berlanga (Plymouth) 10:02.0
Matt Beter (Stevenson) 12-0	Keenan Jones (Franklin) 10:04.4
	Brandon Dalton (Plymouth) 10:10.0
<b>110-METER HURDLES</b>	Drew Lindman (Farmington) 10:13.2
Ma Sambou Jatta (Clarencville) 14.6	Erik Grisa (Stevenson) 10:17.39
Zach Zoltowski (Churchill) 14.8	
Michael Ojemudia (Harrison) 15.0	<b>400 RELAY</b>
Josh Craven (Farmington) 15.1	Salem 42.7
Joe Mims (Stevenson) 15.2	Farmington Harrison 43.1
Marcus Reed (Harrison) 15.2	Redford Thurston 43.4
James Hildreth (Canton) 15.2	Livonia Franklin 43.9
Xalen Onyemelukwe (Harrison) 15.5	Canton 44.7
Eamon Devlin (Harrison) 15.7	<b>800 RELAY</b>
Kenel Jefferson (Churchill) 15.9	Salem 1:30.17
Avery Dowell (N. Farmington) 15.9	Livonia Franklin 1:30.9
	Canton 1:31.1
<b>300 HURDLES</b>	Plymouth 1:31.24
Ma Sambou Jatta (Clarencville) 38.3	Livonia Churchill 1:32.0
Joe Mims (Stevenson) 40.1	
Zach Zoltowski (Churchill) 40.4	<b>1,600 RELAY</b>
James Hildreth (Canton) 41.6	Plymouth 3:28.5
Michael Ojemudia (Harrison) 41.8	Garden City 3:31.0
Marcus Reed (Harrison) 42.0	Livonia Stevenson 3:31.26
Kevin Neumann (Harrison) 42.0	Westland John Glenn 3:31.79
Aaron Johnson (Harrison) 42.1	Salem 3:31.98
Nathan Falzon (Stevenson) 42.7	<b>3,200 RELAY</b>
Caton Hacker (Plymouth) 43.0	Plymouth 8:03.32
	Livonia Stevenson 8:05.58
<b>100 DASH</b>	North Farmington 8:14.8
Dan Duncan (Franklin) 10.8	Livonia Churchill 8:21.49
Malik Johnson (Churchill) 10.9	Plymouth Christian 8:32.23
Steven Homrich (Salem) 10.9	
Nathan Rodgers (Franklin) 10.9	
Alexander Rogers (Plymouth) 10.9	
Kevin Williams (Thurston) 11.0	
Shakeer Williams (Thurston) 11.1	



## GUTSY GIRLS HELP

'Butt disease' patients get outreach

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

When Jackie Zimmerman learned she had ulcerative colitis four years ago, she kept the diagnosis a secret.

"I was mortified. I was humiliated. I didn't tell anyone until I had to. I didn't want anyone to know because it's a butt disease and you don't talk about butt diseases," said Zimmerman, 28.

Facing surgery to remove her colon in 2010, the Livonia woman began blogging about her journey which took her through five operations, including an ostomy and J-Pouch construction. Her blog, "Blood, Poop and Tears" landed a finalist spot in the 2011 Wego Health Activist Awards, Hilarious Health Activist category. She also won Wego's "Most Entertaining Blog Post" honors last year.

Now, as president of Girls With Guts, a nonprofit designed to teach girls and women they can be confident and "beautiful with a butt disease," she can't seem to stop talking — or joking — about her battle with ulcerative colitis, one of several conditions that fall under the umbrella of inflammatory bowel diseases, (IBD). "If you don't have a sense of humor about it with these diseases, you'll never get out alive. They are diseases that revolve around the butt. It's a topic that makes people incredibly uncomfortable. If you can't learn to laugh at it, it makes the process difficult. You need to laugh at some of the situations you get in. If you don't, you'll cry all the time. "One of the things I take

pride in on my blog is that I didn't sugar coat any of the journey. I put it out there clearly and honestly because people going through this need to know what to expect."

### Creating community

Zimmerman's blog and Facebook page helped her to cement online relationships with a handful of other women who also were blogging about their IBD experiences. Five of them came together in March 2012 for a "giant girly sleepover" in Chicago to meet in person for the first time. That led to ways they could help other women with IBD, and Girls With Guts was born.

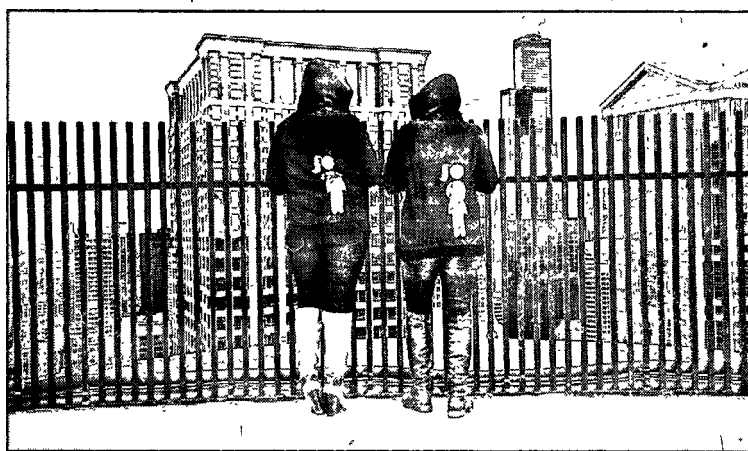
"We were just going to be a website but then we got such a huge response from the community," said Zimmerman, adding that other women wanted in on the next overnight gathering. "So we decided to do a retreat. But we needed to be an entity to do that. We decided to become a nonprofit."

The group created its girls-withguts.org website in April 2012 and filed paperwork for 501(c)3 status in September last year. Zimmerman serves as president and CEO and Charis Kirk, a North Carolina resident is vice president. Board members also include other bloggers from across the country and Zimmerman's mother volunteers as treasurer.

In little over a year, the group has developed a program that distributes unused ostomy supplies to individuals in need; created support groups called "Butt Buddies," including a chapter at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak;



Girls with Guts founders are Charis Kirk (left) who lives in North Carolina, and Jackie Zimmerman of Livonia.



Charis Kirk and Jackie Zimmerman show off their Girls With Guts gear.

and planned its first retreat, a camp that will be held Sept. 27-29 at YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton.

### Camp experience

Over the past few years, Zimmerman has volunteered as a counselor at Camp Oasis, a summer camp for children with IBD. She wanted Girls With Guts' first gathering to be more like a summer camp for women than a "stuffy" retreat inside a hotel.

"I want people to leave there feeling comfortable and confident. There will be the usual camp activities — zip lines and team building — but

there will also be built-in talk time, ample time to connect with each other."

Dr. Lori Gawron, M.D., an instructor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, and Stephanie Horgan, who earned her master's degree at Loyola University in Chicago, will lead sessions. Horgan counsels individuals suffering from chronic illness. Nurses will be on site to answer questions about stoma care.

Zimmerman, who also has multiple sclerosis, said she found few support sites on the Web when she was diagnosed.

After her colon and rectum were removed, she underwent ostomy surgery to create an opening in her abdomen that enabled body waste to drain into an external bag. Surgeons used her small intestines to create a J-Pouch that collects waste and passes it through the body "normally." Her first pouch surgery failed. Her second was successful. While healing between surgeries, she obtained her master's degree in library science from Wayne State University. She works in dealer digital support at General Motors.

Zimmerman said the online IBD community has grown "by leaps and bounds" since she was diagnosed, making the disease less "isolating and lonely." She hopes Girls With Guts will help women build a support network.

"When I was there (undergoing surgeries) I knew there wasn't anything, but it would have been nice to have that 'you're not alone' feeling. Even if we deliver that and nothing else, and it helps people feel supported, then we've done our job."

Register for the camp, get Butt Buddy times and meeting dates, and read member blogs at [www.girlswithguts.org](http://www.girlswithguts.org).

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# Class act: Lessons help consumers learn

I recently held a seminar for a small group which once again was filled with comments and complaints about some of their newer major appliances. Clothes washers that don't clean, dishwashers that leave food on the plates, stoves that don't heat fast enough, and the list goes on and on. I've been doing these kinds of educational seminars for many years and the increase in dissatisfaction is a huge factor in my many columns about the appliance industry.

I left that particular meeting with a lot of sadness in my heart. Sad that a lone individual like me can't change the way products are made in this country. It is apparent that customer satisfaction and brand loyalty are no longer a top priority of appliance manufacturers.

My thoughts went back to the year 1971 when the microwave oven was introduced to



**Joe Gagnon**  
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

the American kitchen. I worked for the Amana Company in those days and it was their parent company Raytheon that invented the microwave and brought it out into the market. Now here was a brand new product which was cleared to be the greatest invention since fire. The big problem would be getting the homeowner to buy into the concept. At a price of \$850 for those first new models, it would be a chore to increase production at the Amana factory in Iowa.

George Forestner the founder of Amana always said: "Go out and build up the demand before you produce the product," and that is exactly what he did. He gave away the new

Amana Radarange to every giveaway show on television and had cooking shows produced to show how wonderful this product was. Before long, the microwave oven was being sold nationwide and the prices were dropping to make it affordable for all.

To add to the marketing effort, Amana hired home economists and put them to work across the nation. These wonderful ladies taught the world how to cook with a microwave oven. When a consumer purchased a new microwave they were given an invitation card with three dates on it. You could go to a free cooking class of your choice and learn all about how to properly use this brand new product. Sale of the product was going through the roof and we all know what happened. You don't know many people today who haven't got a microwave in their home. Old George knew what he was doing!

The other night I had a dream that I was standing in front of every appliance salesperson in America and they were voicing their complaints about their customers' complaints. It seems I was known as America's Complaint King. The sales force was telling me that appliances today are made different than yesterday. So much different, that unless a consumer reads the specific instructions in the manual, they are going to have problems with the product's performance. Too much detergent, not enough of it, the wrong kind of soap, improper loading, the wrong cookware and the list went on and on. It was stated that appliances have been used the same way since day one, children were taught the old way and all of a sudden new directions come along on how to use the product. This is the main factor in why so many homeowners are not happy with performance. Then

the question was asked of America's Complaint King. "What are you going to do about it, Joe?"

In my dream I decided that because new products operate much differently than those of old I would go back to the principle of how people learned to use a microwave oven.

Each appliance retailer in America would have free classes with experts teaching people how to use the product properly.

You would be given a test based on what is written in the operating manual and you must pass it to receive a sheepskin diploma. From that day on, complaints about performance came to a standstill. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twm1.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twm1.rr.com).

## Get creative at summer art classes

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is accepting registration for summer classes and workshops.

Classes are offered in basic drawing, oil painting, acrylic painting and creative painting in all media.

Lin Baum will teach a six-week portrait painting class Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 25 through July 30. Students will work in their chosen medium, but should bring Nos. 2 and 3B pencils and a kneaded eraser to the first class. In addition to classes, students can sign up for workshops in human figure, acrylic techniques, summer flowers and gardens in watercolor, paper mache and watercolor monotypes.

Youth programs include a one-day workshop for children and a five-day session for teens. Children ages 5-12



Youngsters in a VAAL summer class last year show off their art.

will create a personalized book and will have the opportunity to try a variety of techniques, including printing, stamping and collage, 1-4 p.m. Monday, July 29. Cost is \$7 per child.

Teens will have the opportunity to create three to five artistic projects during Anime Cartooning and Comic Book Art, Aug. 12-16. Projects will include trading cards, cover art, charac-

ter design, a mini-poster, calendar page or a jigsaw puzzle. Methods also include the transfer of drawings and perspective drawing. Cost is \$55 per student. All materials will be provided.

The VAAL classroom is at 37653 Five Mile, at Newburgh, in Livonia. For information on registration, call 734-838-1204 to get a free catalog of classes or visit the website at [www.vaalart.org](http://www.vaalart.org).

## RELIGION CALENDAR

### JUNE

#### 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.igoe-walk.com](http://www.igoe-walk.com); Call the church at 248-354-4488

#### FINE ARTS CAMP

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 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.princeofpeacehills.org](http://www.princeofpeacehills.org)

#### SUMMER JAM

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m.-noon, June 24-27

**Location:** Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Aimed at children who have just completed K-6th grades. Children will do crafts, sing, play games, do sign language and learn a Bible lesson daily. Free. **Contact:** 734-427-8743

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Time/Date:** 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](http://www.sppc.org)

### JULY

#### FILM

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17

**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Screening of "The Hunger Games" with a Q and A afterward and refreshments provided. RSVP requested. **Contact:** 734-425-5950; [www.staidanlivonia.org](http://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](http://www.singleplace.org)

#### WOW JAM

**Time/Date:** 4-8 p.m. Friday, July 19

**Location:** Goudy Recreational Park, 3355 South Wayne Road, WWayne

**Details:** Cornerstone City Church offers this event that will include free groceries, free haircuts and manicures, free family photos, free bike repair, free potted plants, free hot meals and a singing contest with a \$100 first prize. Stephen and Linda Tavani perform live, inspiring and uplifting music. **Contact:** [denise-hunt17@gmail.com](mailto:denise-hunt17@gmail.com) or [info@cornerstonecitychurch.us](mailto:info@cornerstonecitychurch.us).

### 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 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church is designed for choir directors and music educators, led by Michael Burkhardt. **Contact:** [www.heartshands-voices.org](http://www.heartshands-voices.org); 734-427-1414 for more information.

#### 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](mailto: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. **Contact:** Register at [www.heartshandsvoices.org](http://www.heartshandsvoices.org); 734-427-1414

#### ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

##### Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

##### New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville

**Contact:** 734-846-4615

##### Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

##### St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.

**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke.

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org)

##### Ward Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays

**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held

**Contact:** 248-374-5920

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

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# See 10 gardens at Garden City walk

Tickets are still available for the 19th annual Garden City Garden Walk, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 29.

The walk, which is held rain or shine, will include double the number of gardens that were on the walk last year. Visitors will see a variety of gardening styles, plants and accessories, including 18 flags and five emblems in a yard that honors the armed forces.

Tickets are \$8 and are available for sale at Bar-

son's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, Westland. "This is the main fundraiser for our club and enables us to continue to make a difference in our wonderful community," wrote Cheryl Partin, club secretary, in an e-mail.

The group spruces up public spaces in Garden City with plantings.

For more information about the Garden City Garden Club, visit [gogc.weebly.com](http://gogc.weebly.com), see its Facebook page at [facebook.com/gogcml](http://facebook.com/gogcml) or call Partin at 734-788-1319.



Bobby Somerville will show off his neat, colorful planting beds during the Garden City Garden Club walk. His yard also includes a vegetable garden.

## GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com), 615 W. Lafayette-second level, Detroit, MI 48226.

### In the moonlight

Listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten your senses during a Full Moon Friday Night Hike in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills. The hikes are from 9:30-10:30 p.m. July 19 and 9-10 p.m. Aug. 23. Hikes are designed for families and children, 5 and up. No flashlights are needed.

Hikes will meet at the Nature Center in the park. Cost is \$3 per person. Pre-register for the hike at [recreg.fhgov.com](http://recreg.fhgov.com). You also can pay at the event, however space is limited. In case of inclement weather, the hike will be canceled and refunds given. The Nature Center also will offer a campfire from 7-9 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 23. Marshmallows, s'mores and beverages will be sold. Call the Nature Center at 248-477-1135.

### English Gardens

Garden experts will share their list of best garden perennials and will provide tips on selecting plants and caring for them throughout the season, during "Perennial Gardening 101," a free presentation at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 and 10 a.m. Saturday, June 29.

Learn to keep critters at bay in the garden, at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 6.  
Kids can make leaf and flower prints at a free workshop, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 9.  
Learn to attract birds and butterflies to your garden at a free presentation, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13.  
Get tips on selection and care

of hydrangeas at a free presentation, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20.  
Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

### Kids and nature

Free summer nature programs are designed for kids of all ages through Aug. 23 at Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road,

in Farmington Hills. Programs include a nature movie, 2 p.m. Monday; story and a craft, 2 p.m. Tuesday; a scavenger hunt, 2 p.m. Wednesday; nature hike, 2 p.m. Thursday; and family campfire, 7-9 p.m. Friday.

### Master Gardener

Interested in becoming a master gardener? Classes will run 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 to Dec. 3, at the Wayne RESA Auditorium, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Cost for the training is \$300. To register, visit [msue.anr.msu.edu](http://msue.anr.msu.edu) and click on events to navigate to the master gardener program.

## REUNIONS

Send information to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Contact Kathy (Toth) Hay at [khay@reinhartrealtors.com](mailto:khay@reinhartrealtors.com) or Dianna (Basnaw) McDaniel at [djmcDaniel45@comcast.net](mailto:djmcDaniel45@comcast.net).

### CLASS OF 1973

40th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Send inquiries to BellevilleMI1973.40@comcast.net or call Laura (Kingsley) Delsh at 734-485-2744 or Sterling at 734-265-6132.

### DETROIT CENTRAL CLASS OF 1953

The class will celebrate its 60th reunion at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 13 Mile at Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills. For more information call Bernice Nedelman Betman at 248-737-5773 or Marcia Sussman King at 248-661-3422.

### DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1963

The 50th reunion is set for Friday, Aug. 16, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Tickets \$40. Contact Jerry Marszalek at 313-532-0134, [jmarsares@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmarsares@sbcglobal.net), or Phil Varilone at 313-562-3579, [pvarilone@wow-way.com](mailto:pvarilone@wow-way.com).

### CLASSES FROM 50S AND 60S

Annual picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at Edward Hines Park, Nankin Mills Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, will include music, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, tassels. Special parking will be available for classic cars along with regular parking. Bring chairs. No need to register, just show up. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at 313-562-3579, [pvarilone@wow-way.com](mailto:pvarilone@wow-way.com) or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134, [jmarsares@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmarsares@sbcglobal.net).

### CLASSES FROM THE 1970S

Anyone who attended school at Cody during the '70s may bring photos or yearbooks, noon-dark, July 20 at Nankin Mills in Hines Park, Westland. Bring own food or drink. Information at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/493604553984247/>

## Labrador mix available for adoption

Casey, 7, is a very affectionate girl and always has a smile on her face, according to volunteers at Guardian Angel Animal Rescue, in Livonia.

A Lab mix, Casey has a solid build, velvety fur and is house trained. She's good with older children. She is playful and loves to run around the yard until she's so tired that her tongue wags. She doesn't like to

share her space, but with the right introduction, she can learn.

She is fixed and up to date on all of her vaccines.

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's standard adoption fee is \$175; \$275 for small breeds or \$225 for puppies with \$50 returned upon proof of spay/neuter.

The adoption process includes an application, vet reference checks,

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All of Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's dogs are fostered in private homes. Interested in meeting Casey? Call 734-516-2171, or email to [guardian\\_animal\\_rescue@hotmail.com](mailto:guardian_animal_rescue@hotmail.com).

The organization also shows its adoptable animals, 1-3:30 p.m. Saturdays at the at the Commerce Petsmart, located on Haggerty, just north of 14 Mile.



Casey is available for adoption through Guardian Angels Animal Rescue in Livonia.

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### ASSISTANT BRANCH LIBRARIAN Children's Services

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## Junior League marks 60 years

Margaret Newton (left) of Royal Oak and Mindy Doerr of Farmington Hills, Junior League of Birmingham members, enjoy the organization's 60th anniversary celebration, held recently at Oakland Hills Country Club. The organization's major initiative is combating childhood obesity through its many health-awareness programs, including Kids in the Kitchen, Girls on the Run, and Little Green Gardeners. PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES.



## MILESTONES

### ANNIVERSARY

#### Celebrating 30 years

Robert and Kelley (Cavanaugh) Mahinske of Redford Township will mark their 30th wedding anniversary June 25. They were married in 1983 in the backyard of her father's North Rose-dale home.

The couple has two children, Caitlin and Conor, both of Redford Township.

Kelley has spent the last 30 years at the Bank

of America, formerly Michigan National Bank, in the legal division. Robert has worked at numerous Detroit area hospitals for the past 35 years and currently is in the IT dept at Henry Ford Health System.

Robert and Kelley enjoy traveling and supporting area sports teams and Detroit attractions, including Belle Isle, Eastern Market, and Pewabic Pottery.

They will celebrate



Kelley and Robert Mahinske of Redford Township

their anniversary on Mackinac Island where they honeymooned.

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### ANNIVERSARY

#### Celebrating 60 years

Al and Shirley Burke, Garden City residents since 1955, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 27. The couple married in 1953 at the home of the bride's parents in Mass City.

Al, a Korean War veteran, served in the U.S. Navy for four years and in the U.S. Army for two years. He retired from Bentley Tool in 2000, but continues to do home improvements with his son, Bryan.

Shirley retired from Feblo in Livonia.



Al and Shirley Burke on their wedding day

The couple has four children: Sharon and Arvo Parkila, Bryan and Jeanette Burke and Kris and Will Will, all of Garden City; and Gary and Gail Burke of New Hudson. They have 11 grand-



Al and Shirley Burke of Garden City

children and eight great-grandchildren, with another one due in November.

They plan to celebrate their anniversary with family and close friends at a dinner.

### BIDWELL, MARGARET RUTH,

Age 74 of Plymouth, June 19, 2013. Loving mother of Tracey Sharkey and Rob (Mary) Stevens. Proud Grandmother of Lindsey and Kyle Stevens, Jena and Megan Williams and Great Grandmother of Ethan Feller and Karsyn Falk. Dear sister of Jean VanBoven, Larry Duty and the late Terry Duty.



### BUCHANAN, SANDRA KAE

Age 62 of Royal Oak passed 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 and Lochlyn Saj, Sisters Jude 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. Donations in her honor will be accepted by the family to purchase a memorial at the Detroit Zoo.



### BURNS, DEBRA CORT

Of Indianapolis died peacefully at home on June 10, 2013 following a long and courageous battle against cancer. She fought that battle the same way she lived her life - with strength, perpetual optimism, grace, and determination. Debi was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 18, 1952 to the late Robert F. and Betty J. (Johns) Cort. She was a graduate of Rochester Adams High School in Rochester, Michigan, and Michigan State University. After Michigan State, Debi embarked on a long and successful career in business. Her first job was as a sales executive at Dow Chemical in Michigan, where she was the first woman to hold that position. She transitioned to human resources where she is remembered as being a hero for fellow women because she demanded equality and respect in the workplace. After more than twenty years at Dow, Debi moved to Mercer where she was a partner and senior client manager responsible for business development. Throughout her career, Debi was an excellent mentor and admired as intelligent, thoughtful, patient, and an intent listener, who excelled at everything she attempted. While she enjoyed a distinguished career, Debi's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, John (Jerry) Edward Burns III and daughter Jennifer Cort Burns. Together they skied, walked, travelled, played golf, and shared the adventure of a well-lived life. Her brother, Jeffrey Marshall Cort, and stepmother, June Elizabeth Cort-Hare, also survive. A celebration of Debi's life was held at Woodstock Club on Saturday, June 22nd. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Eagle Creek Park Foundation or the Women's Fund of Central Indiana. Arrangements are entrusted to Flanner and Buchanan Zionsville, and online condolences may be left at: www.flannerbuchanan.com



### GRAY, JACK EMMETT, JR.

Age 45, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 15, 2013. Mr. Gray was born December 16, 1967 in Greenville, to Jack E. Gray, Sr. and the late Gwin Essie Smith Gray. Jack was a certified litigator in the U.S. Federal District Court and an attorney with the law firm of Driggers, Schultz & Herbst in Michigan. He was a member of the American Bar Association and the Michigan Bar Association. He was an alumnus of the Thomas Cooley School of Law and the University of South Carolina. Jack was a huge fan of the University of Michigan and USC sports programs. Surviving in addition to his father, are a sister, Jacque Gray; and his extended family in Michigan, Peter and Camille Ecklund Sr., and Peter Ecklund Jr. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Cannon Memorial Park, officiated by Rev. Forrest Mixon. The family will receive friends in the cemetery immediately following the service. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 3535 Pelham Road Suite 101, Greenville, SC 29615.



### MOSES, JEFFREY G.

Age 42, suddenly passed away at home in Westland on June 17, 2013. Jeff was born to Susan E. Malkes and George D. Moses on November 21, 1970 in Dearborn, Michigan and spent the majority of his childhood in Plymouth, Michigan. He is survived by his loving sisters (Gregory) Martinez and Stefanie (Brian) Holland; his dear niece, Charlotte Holland; and stepmother Patricia L. Moses and by many devoted aunts, uncles, cousins and relatives. Jeff was cherished by and preceded in death by his grandparents, George A. and Vivienne L. Moses and Lewis and Violet Malkes.

Services have been held. To leave a condolence visit: www.schrader-howell.com



### THARP, REBECCA A.

Age 26 of Irvine CA, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed away suddenly from a heart defect on June 14, 2013. Loving daughter of Charlotte and the late Allan, dear sister of Timothy, Stephen (Jessica) and Kimberly, proud aunt of Donovan. The funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2013 at the Pixley Funeral Home Godhardt - Tomlinson Chapel, 2904 Orchard Lake Rd., Keego Harbor. Visitation will be on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Monday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services. Interment will be in Franklin Cemetery. Please visit: godhardt-tomlinsonchapel.com



### WOOD, SHIRLEY (MAINLAND)

July 16th, 1929 - June 15th, 2013. Age 83 of Milford, formerly of Bloomfield Hills passed away on June 15th, 2013. She now joins her beloved husband of over 50 years, Alfred Robie Wood, Sr., known to his family and friends as "Woody". Shirley is survived by her children, A. Robie Wood (Mary Ellen), Bruce C. Wood, Missy M. Chabot and Laura W. Czarnesky (James); her seven grand children Abby, Hannah and Emma Wood, Robie (Lauren) and Christopher Skinner, Jessica and Jenna Czarnesky and her very first great grandchild, Jax Robie Skinner. All of whom she loved fiercely, inspired greatly and made laugh uncontrollably. A teacher of many lessons, Shirley's wisdom has touched many lives and brightened many days. A constant source of kindness, enthusiasm, charm and cheer, she will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Services will be held privately. Memorials may be made in her honor to your favorite charity, or by simply opening a door for a stranger, sharing a smile or telling a joke to someone in need of a good laugh. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 248-684-6645 LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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In Memoriam



### MASTERSON, ED

It 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.



### LANNEN, DICK E.

Age 76 June 16, 2013. Beloved husband for 56 years of Janet. Dear father of Jean M. (Christopher Snider) Lannen, Richard J. (Barbara) Lannen, James E. (Terry) Lannen, and Ann M. (Lee) Kenderski. Cherished grandfather of Richard, Ryan, James, Jessica, and Kimberly Lannen and Morgan and Lily Kenderski. Brother of Herbert Lannen and the late Thomas Lannen. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Monday 2-8pm. Funeral Mass at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, Tuesday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Immediately following Mass there will be a luncheon in Dick's memory from 11am-2:30pm at the Birmingham Country Club, 1750 Saxon Drive, Birmingham 48009. Memorials appreciated to Angela Hospice.

Obituary and condolences at lynchfuneraldirectors.com

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### LASSALINE, DR. WILLIAM

June 19, 2013 Age 81. Beloved husband of Johanne for 57 years. Loving father of Bill (Bernadette), Patty, Mary (Tom) Utter, and Jenny (Bryan) Slaughter. Dear grandpa of 11. Survived by his sister Lucille (The late Leo) Smilgis and his brother Larry (Mary). Visitation: Fri, June 28, 3-9pm with a 7pm Scripture Service at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. Funeral Mass: 12:00pm on Sat, June 29, (In-State 11:30am) at St. Colette Catholic Church 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information please visit: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

### BIRTHDAY

#### Celebrating 100 years

John Bendick celebrated his 100th birthday at a Detroit Tigers-themed family party Sunday, June 16.

"It was a grand celebration with a 100-year time line, Paws appearance, strolling magician and ballpark food," Bendick's daughter, Carole Kubitskey of Farmington Hills, wrote in an email.

Bendick, born John Ignatowich on Friday, June 13, 1913, in Detroit, later took his stepfather's last name. His biological father, William Ignatowich, was buried the same day he was born.

Bendick attended Cass Tech High School, Wayne State University and the Detroit Institute of Technology, where he received a bachelor of science degree in me-



John Bendick at 100 years

chanical engineering in 1950. For financial reasons, war time and then marriage, he took college night classes for 11 years - while holding down a day job - in order to earn a degree.

Bendick worked at Chrysler from 1934-49 and at Ford from 1950-78. He recently was honored for his 60-year membership with the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Bendick, who lives in West Bloomfield, was happily married for 64 years and has three chil-

dren: Bob (Mireille) Bendick of Rochester, Jim (Nancy) Bendick of Farmington Hills and Carole Kubitskey (Jerry Witkowski) also of Farmington Hills. Bendick has nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He enjoys the Detroit Tigers and the Michigan Lottery.

"He used to listen to the Tiger games on his crystal set, starting back in 1927 with the first WWJ broadcast by Ty Tyson," Kubitskey wrote. "Now he watches them on a flat-screen HD color TV. Amazing. He still plans to 'win big' on the lottery, but honestly, I think by living to 100, he has!"

Kubitskey said her father offers this secret to a long life: "Don't smoke. Don't drink. Don't go out with wild women. Any one of them can kill you!"

### BIRTHDAY

#### Celebrating 95 years

Dorothea Elizabeth Ross turned 95 years old June 8. She was born in 1918 in Winnipeg, Canada.

When she was 6 years old, her father and mother, Peter and Margaret Walker, moved her and her brother John to Windsor, Ontario. Dorothea and her husband Wilfred Sycamore moved to Detroit in 1951. Dorothea retired from A&P Supermarket chain in 1952.



Ross

Currently, Dorothea is the longest renting resident of Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth, where she has lived since 1981. Dorothea's children are Wilfred (Phyllis) Sycamore, Donna Sycamore, and Janet (Edward) Newman. She also has nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Her family plans a 95th birthday party over the Fourth of July weekend in Brooklyn.

### ENGAGEMENT

#### Reynolds-McNabb

Kimberly Ann Reynolds and Ian Charles McNabb announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Brad and Mary Reynolds of Farmington Hills, earned a bachelor of music degree in music education from Michigan State University. She is a music/band teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Hugh and Katherine McNabb of Grand Rapids, earned a bachelor of science degree in packaging from Michigan State University. He is a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. An April 2014 wedding is set in Farmington.



Kimberly Ann Reynolds and Ian Charles McNabb

### WEDDING

#### Stevens-Bishop

Samantha Stevens of Farmington and Jaimeson Bishop of Troy were married May 25, 2013, at St. Thomas More, Troy. The Rev. John Zenz officiated.

The bride, daughter of Philip and Barbara Stevens of Bloomfield Hills, is a 2008 Lahser High School graduate. She graduated in 2012 from the University of Evansville and is employed as a signoff analyst at Ford Product Development Center in Dearborn.

The groom, son of Thomas and Rosanne Bishop of Troy, is a 2008

graduate of Troy High School and plans to graduate in 2013 from Michigan State University. He's working as an intern at Detroit Public Schools before student teaching in Bloomfield Public Schools.

The bride's attendants were Heather Behr, Leah Thomas and Andrea Solomonson.

The groom's attendants were Michael Bishop, Matthew Bishop and Kevin Stevens.

A reception was held at Kilgour Scottish Centre, Troy.

The newlyweds took a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, and plan to live in Farmington.



Samantha Stevens and Jaimeson Bishop



## U-M poll finds few adults get pertussis vaccine

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, can be fatal to newborns who haven't received vaccinations.

Yet a new University of Michigan poll shows that 61 percent of adults say they don't know when they were last vaccinated, which could mean they are unwittingly exposing vulnerable babies to the disease.

Only 20 percent of adults reported that they received the pertussis vaccine less than 10 years ago in the recommended time frame, while 19 percent said they were vaccinated more than 10 years ago.

"Pertussis is a very preventable disease," said Matthew M. Davis, M.D., director of the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health. "But many adults may think their childhood vaccinations still are protecting them against pertussis. Findings from this poll show that few adults have received a booster shot within the recommended 10-year time frame and, in fact, two-thirds told us they were not aware of their vaccination status."

Pertussis easily spreads within households, day care facilities, schools and neighborhoods and is most often serious in infants and young children. The majority of deaths from pertussis occur in children less than 3 months old.

The poll also found broad support for parents to insist their newborns not be exposed to those who might not be current on their pertussis vaccine.

The majority — 72 percent — strongly agree or agree that parents have the right to insist that visitors receive the pertussis vaccine before visiting a newborn baby in the hospital. Nearly two-thirds — 61 percent — of adults strongly agree or agree that parents should make sure all adults receive the pertussis vaccine before visiting a newborn baby at



According to a U-M poll, many adults think their childhood vaccinations still protect against pertussis. A booster shot is recommended.

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home.

Pertussis vaccines are recommended for teens and adults (known as the "Tdap" vaccine), including pregnant women. Boosting immunity against pertussis among teens and adults is especially important for protecting newborns. Most infants who fall sick with pertussis got the illness from an older child or adult with pertussis.

"Welcoming a baby to the family is a wonderful time, and no one would want to put an infant at risk. So the results of this poll are encouraging because they indicate some awareness that visitors need to be protected against this disease," Davis said.

Davis said he hopes the awareness among parents will increase the numbers of people seeking a booster vaccine. "Expectant parents should have a conversation about pertussis vaccine with their family and close friends before the baby is born, to allow time for them to get their pertussis vaccine up to date.

"If parents begin to take this approach, it may have a very positive impact decreasing the number of newborns who become severely ill or die as a result of pertussis."

## JUNE JOINT REPLACEMENT

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 27, and Wednesday, July 24, in Classroom 10 at the hospital, located on Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. David Mendelson, MD, will speak at the session next month and Jeffrey Mendelson, MD, is the guest speaker for the July meeting. They'll talk about St. Mary Mercy's comprehensive group approach to joint replacement, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to assist patients through the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital. To register for the free seminar, call 734-655-2345.

## LUPUS SUPPORT

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

## JULY CANCER SURVIVORSHIP

Living With, Through and Beyond Cancer, is a free program that offers information from leading oncology experts to help those coping with cancer. Presentations will be followed by a question and answer period with doctors and health care providers. The four-part series will be held July-October at Josephine Ford Cancer Institute (JFCI) sites. The first session, Communicating with Your Health Care Team, is set for 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Columbus, 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi. For more information about the series, call Ted Varkas at 734-479-1007, Mary Revers at 586-263-2237, or Gwen Roediger at 248-344-6696.

## CONTROLLING JOINT PAIN

Henry Ford Health System's Joint Preservation Program offers free classes on ways to slow down the progression of joint pain without surgery. The focus is on the knee and hip joints. Participants learn how the joints work, self-management of pain, medical treatments, physical therapy, how and exercises to strengthen joints. Classes run 10 a.m.-noon July 11 and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 15 at Henry Ford Medical

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Center - Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn, and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 22, at Henry Ford Medical Center - Columbus, 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi.

## ONGOING AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

## BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m.-noon, the first Tuesday of every month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursday of the month at Westland Mall, 35000 Warren Road, Westland; 9 a.m. the second and fourth Monday at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights; and 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. For information, call 734-458-4330.

## BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

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

## BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. All leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

## Caregivers support

» St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at 734-895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

» Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue, Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at 313-843-2550, Ext. 233.

## CHOIR THERAPY

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extends an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Times and dates of sessions in January vary. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22. Or visit [www.therapychoirs.org](http://www.therapychoirs.org).

## CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For information, call 734-458-7251.

## CPR CLASSES

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at [www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar](http://www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar) or call 248-937-3314.

## DIABETES SUPPORT

An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion will facilitate. Discussion topics will focus on understanding diabetes and self-management strategies. Call 734-454-0859.

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**Q: Do I need to be more vigilant against the sun during the summer?**

**A:** Protection from ultraviolet (UV) radiation is important not only during the summer or at the beach, but all year round. While UV rays are stronger in the summer, UV rays can reach you on cloudy days just as easy as sunny days. UV rays also reflect and intensify off of surfaces like water, cement, sand and snow. The hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. are the most hazardous for UV exposure. Try to stay in as much as possible during this time and protect yourself by wearing sunglasses, a wide brim hat, more clothing and of course, plenty of sunscreen.

**Q: How does chlorine in pool water affect your hair and skin?**

**A:** Chlorinated pool water removes the natural oils and lubricants from our hair and body. This can cause our skin to dry and flake, while weakening hair and causing split ends. There are also a few things to consider when swimming in fresh or salt water. First, natural bodies of water are alive with parasites and other living creatures which can be harmful and cause a rash known as "swimmer's itch". Secondly, it's not uncommon for fresh and salt water to leave a residue on your skin and hair. It's important to rinse off after swimming no matter what type of water you've been in. Don't forget to reapply your sunscreen.

**Q: What causes warts and can they be prevented?**

**A:** Warts are caused by direct contact with human papillomavirus (HPV), which is contagious. HPV spreads by person-to-person contact or through direct contact with an object used by a person with the virus. The virus that causes warts can also spread to other places on the body of the person with warts. If you already have warts, you can prevent them from spreading by not picking at them. Consider covering warts with bandages. In addition, keep your hands as dry as possible—warts are harder to control in moist environments. You should minimize brushing, combing or shaving areas where warts are present, as the virus can be spread via these actions. You should wash your hands thoroughly after you touch any warts. Warts can be treated by a dermatologist or possibly by using an over the counter product.

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Hearing loss can be conductive or sensorineural.

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

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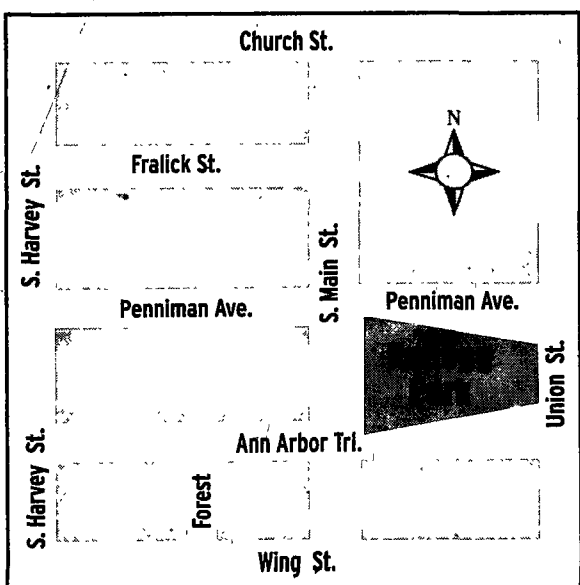
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# Car Report

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## Mazda sees sales rise, boosted by Mazda6 and SkyActiv



By Dale Buss

Mazda hopes that a US turnaround, now three years in the making, is finally under way and that the SkyActiv technology brand it's spent so much energy to promote is finally creating some synergies in that direction.

The company's 19-percent gain in May sales over a year earlier halted its four-month streak of sales declines and well outpaced the industry's overall 8 percent gain for the month, suggesting that the results might mean Mazda's strategy to become viable as a small, independent automaker are starting to take hold.

The results were "a testament to what Mazda is capable of," Jim O'Sullivan, CEO of Mazda North American Operations, told Automotive News. He's still aiming for more than 300,000 US sales for the brand for the first time since the mid-1990s and to avoid a third straight year of share losses in the American market.

Leading those hopes were May sales of a completely redesigned Mazda6, the brand's bread-and-butter car model, which increased by 72 percent over sales of the previous version a year earlier. Mazda also boosted sales of the Mazda3, its compact sedan, by more than five percent for the month and by nearly 80 percent for its CX-5 small SUV, a worthy entrant in a hot segment.

Other things are afoot besides Mazda coming up with more of the right vehicles for the right segments. The brand is in its third year with a new ad agency, WPP Group, which has created a dedicated operation, Garage Team Mazda, to turn

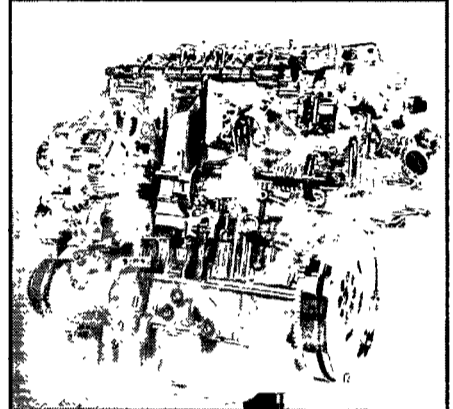
around the brand. New CMO Russell Wager hails from Mazda's old agency, Doner, which created the "Zoom-zoom" tag line that the brand has worn so well.

He has honchoed the new "Game Changers" TV ad campaign for Mazda that broke with an ad featuring one venerable game changer in sports, Dick Fosbury of the Fosbury Flop high-jump technique.

Mazda also credits its SkyActiv technology cluster for boosting sales, noting that vehicles equipped with SkyActiv—including all of the nameplates mentioned earlier—accounted for nearly 74 percent of the brand's total sales in May.

SkyActiv is a group of elements including fuel-efficient powertrains, "lightweighting" of structural components and safety improvements that Mazda has been promoting consistently as a sub-brand while at the same time retaining the "Zoom-zoom" line as a signature.

However, shaping SkyActiv into a truly galvanizing sub-brand remains a work in progress. No doubt Mazda has been inspired by the success of Ford in working its EcoBoost brand into a significant sub-marque by creating an EcoBoost power-



Mazda's SkyActiv-D clean-diesel engine.

train for just about all of its vehicles and emphasizing the fuel savings and power adequacy of the engines.

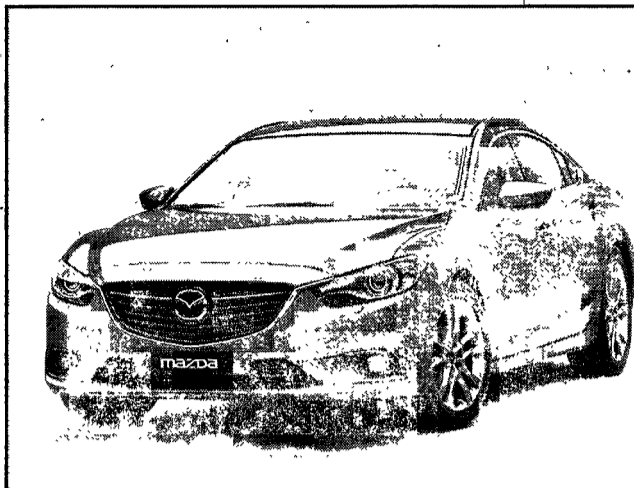
But by attempting to cover more ground, and feature and benefits that are more ambiguous than what Ford claims for EcoBoost, Mazda has got a bigger challenge with SkyActiv.

In goals and even the vagueness of the brand name, SkyActiv actually more closely resembles BMW's "Efficient Dynamics" handle than Ford's EcoBoost. And Efficient Dynamics has never really caught on as an effective message for BMW.

Still, Wager told me, "When SkyActiv is explained to consumers and they do understand it, their propensity to put the [Mazda] brand on their shopping list increases dramatically. It's a tough explanation to get across in more detail, but once you start peeling the onion away, it's a pleasant surprise—and it gets people to say, 'We need to check out Mazda.'"

SkyActiv began several years ago as the embodiment of Mazda's strategy in regard to vehicle electrification: It wasn't going to do any.

"Everyone was coming out with EVs or hybrids, and Mazda made the decision that we're not going to try to change the way that people normally drive," Wager said. "Mazda decided to find a way to affect everything in the car in order to get consumers to the same goal: be environmentally conscious as well as get better



The sleek new Mazda6 is slipping the wind — and notching sales.

fuel economy."

So in addition to boosting the mileage yields in its engines, Mazda focused on making aerodynamic design improvements (evident, for instance, in the new Mazda6), on "lightweighting" vehicles with high-tensile steel that is lighter than conventional steel but stronger, and finally, on making its transmissions even more efficient.

And along the way, Mazda executives realized that all of these technologies would provide benefits beyond more fuel economy, for instance in terms of safety. They looked for a broader moniker to cover what they were doing than something that implied fuel economy alone. They came up with SkyActiv.

"It starts with Mazda's philosophy of how to go to market," Wager explained, "and SkyActiv is the result of that philosophy of better, stronger, safer and more fuel economy — but also more enjoyable to drive."

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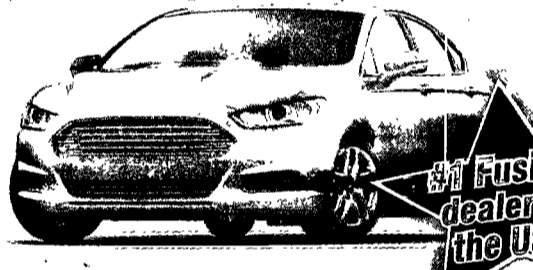
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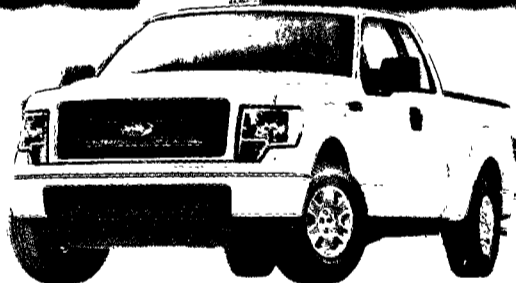
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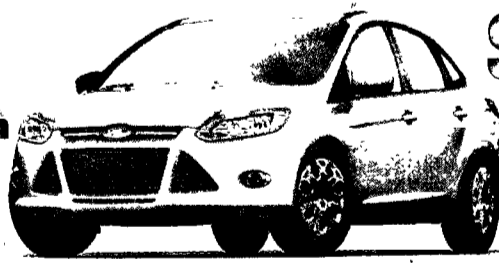
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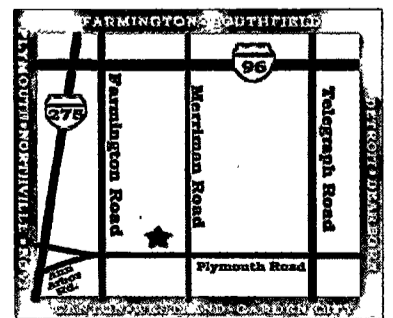
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