

Nankin Transit's Fernandez retiring

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

After nearly 20 years as the Nankin Transit Commission executive director, **Richard Fernandez is retiring effective** July 1

Fernandez, 77, submitted his letter of resignation at a commission meeting following a brief closed session with commissioners.

The commission met a day after Westland hosted a meeting for residents to voice suggestions for improvements and concerns over the service offered by Nankin Transit, which provides transportation to seniors and handicapped residents in Westland,

Wayne, Garden City and Inkster. "It is with a heavy heart I come to this decision at this time. There are unforeseen events beyond my control," Fernandez wrote in his resignation letter. "I have worked very hard to provide transportation to citizens under difficult financial circumstances.'

With rides costing \$1 each way, Nankin Transit depends on federal and millage revenues through the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation and contributions from member communities.

Applaud efforts

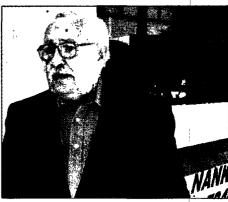
Nankin Transit Commission members, representatives from each partic-

ipating community, applauded Fernandez's efforts to keep the service oper-ating despite significant funding and staffing reductions in recent years.

"This is one of the hardest thank yous. I came on board when things were on life support. Things improved due to his (Fernandez) creativity," said longtime commission member Mike Harris of Westland, a wheelchair user. "A system like this gives people control of their lives. A lot of people aren't comfortable asking for rides.'

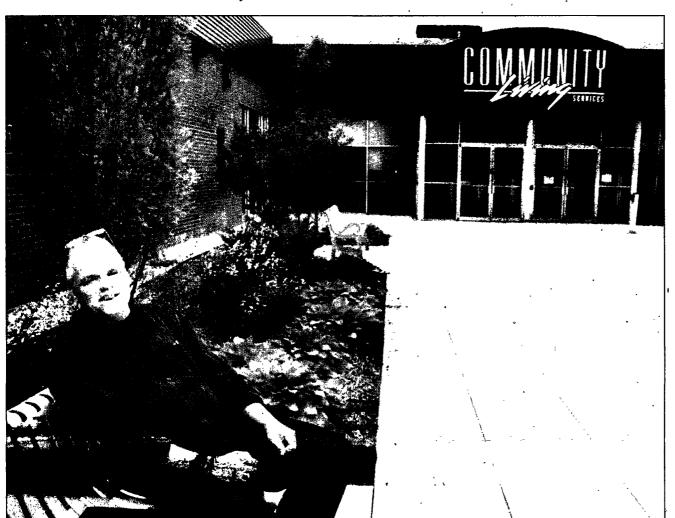
Many of the complaints about Nankin Transit centered on the difficulty of scheduling rides. New computerization

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"Label cans, not people. I treat people equally. I'm people-driven first." RAY SCHUHOLZ, member of Westland's Disabilities Concerns Commission



Woman enters plea in death of her baby

Father convicted of murder in first degree, child abuse

> **By LeAnne Rogers** Staff Writer

A Westland man has been convicted of first-degree murder and two counts of felony child abuse in the death of his infant son.

Antonio Pepalonia Brandon, 23, was found guilty as charged Tuesday following a jury trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.



Roberts

The baby's mother Nicole Susanne Roberts, 20, had previously entered Nicole a guilty plea to seconddegree murder and one

count of first-degree child abuse in the death of Kayden Brandon, age 2 1/2 months. Roberts was scheduled to be sentenced Wednesday by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Craig Strong to to 18-40 years in prison on the murder count and a concurrent sentence for child abuse.

Facing a mandatory sentence of life in prison without a chance of parole, Brandon is scheduled for sentencing on July 15 before Strong, who presided over the trial.



lestiand resident Ray Schuholz is a peer mentor at Community Living Services in Wayne. STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A man with a mission

Cause: Ray Schuholz advocates for disabled people

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

To regular viewers of Westland City Council meetings, Ray Schuholz is a familiar face at the podium bringing a positive message about respect, advocating for the disabled or giving someone a pat on the back.

"Label cans, not people. I treat people equally. I'm people-driven first," said Schuholz. "It doesn't matter if you walk into City Hall or a restaurant. I'm a customer."

Being an advocate for the disabled is a mission for Schuholz, 47. A member of Westland's Disabilities **Concerns Commission since 2005,** Schuholz is currently the chairman and also works 24 hours a week as a peer mentor advocate at Community Living Services in Wayne.

Born with a developmental disability, Schuholz was 2 years old

when his father left and his mother subsequently had a difficult time caring for him.

"The system says you can't take care of your kid and they put you into an institution," said Schuholz, who was placed in the now-closed Plymouth Center when he was 6 years old. "I was fortunate when I got out after four years. That is no place for no one to live. It was like being behind walls - things went on that shouldn't have.

The change came one day after Schuholz met a woman named Alice Saules, who had a son at the Plymouth Center.

"I patted her on the shoulder. I said I wanted to get out of there, that I wanted a home," said Schuholz. "She said she'd see what she could do. A month goes by and then she said I was going to a home. She got me to a foster family. I was so

happy."

Schuholz lived with his foster family - an elderly couple who are now deceased – in Farmington Hills for 15 years. As time passed, he said, he was able to got more into the community and rehabilitated himself from the time spent institutionalized, becoming a special education student and graduating from North Farmington High School.

'Some foster families collect their checks and keep you locked in the home. They believed in me." said Schuholz. "They had an adopted son and other foster kids. They cared about kids. They were retired and this was a second career for them. I was very lucky to have a foster family."

There are things people can overcome in life, he said, although their

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Fireworks complaints skyrocket

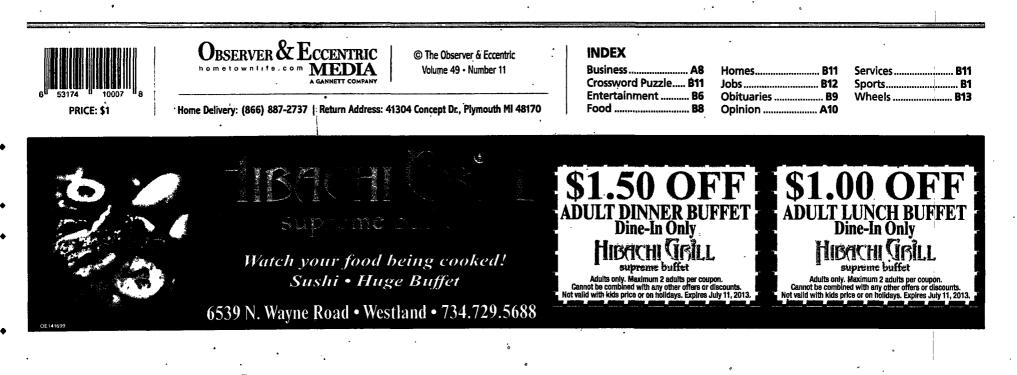
By LeAnne Rogers Staff Write

An ordinance reflecting new state restrictions on the hours for discharging fireworks is likely to be adopted by the Westland City Council Monday so it will be in effect for the July 4 holiday.

The changes in the fireworks law prohibits use of fireworks from midnight to 8 a.m. on legally permitted days. The exception would be for the New Year's Day holiday, when fireworks would be allowed from midnight until 1 a.m.

"This addresses the provision that people most complained about," said Westland City Attorney James Fausone, as the ordinance was introduced for a first reading earlier this month.

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Bus rides available for **Farmers Market**

Westland residents can now catch a free ride to the Westland Farmers Market, held 3-7 p.m. Thursdays in the parking lot of Westland City Hall on Ford Road, south of Wayne Road.

The bus route has stops at five locations in the city. The goal is to provide residents without transportation, mainly seniors, handicapped and low-income residents, providing access to fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables.

"The Westland Farmers Market is really starting to grow and the bus route is great for people that have limited mobility or lack transportation. It's important everyone in our city has access to local healthy food," said Mayor Wil-liam Wild

The bus schedule is available every Thursday, except July 4, through the end of the market season in October

The Farmers Market

bus route has been made possible thanks to a grant the city received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers Market Promotion Program.

The FMPP offers grants to help improve and expand initiatives that bolster the connection between agricultural producers and their consumers, while improving access to healthy food and strengthening local ěconomies.

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Dorsey Community Center 32715 Dorsey	3:00 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.			
Greenwood Villa 7600 Nankin Ct.	3:30 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:45 p.m.			
Holliday Park 34850 Fountain Blvd.	3:45 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.			
Presbyterian Village 32111 Cherry Hill	4:00 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6:15 p.m.			

Westland Farmer's Market Held Every Thursday - The Westland Farmer's Market will be held from 3 - 7 p.m. every Thursday in the City Hall Parking Lot, located at 36601 Ford Road. This is the ultimate site for farmers, growers and producers to sell their own products directly to the public. Residents now have the opportunity to catch a FREE ride to the market at the following locations and times.

*All times are approximate and dependent on weather, traffic, available space, etc. For more information, please visit www.cityofwestland.com or call Lori Fodale, Economic Development Director at (734) 467-3264.

FIREWORKS

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Along with expanding the type of fireworks available to the public, and spurring a land rush business in temporary sales tents, the state law restricted the use of those fireworks to 10 legal holidays plus the day before and after the holiday.

Complaints about fireworks being discharged outside the legal permitted holiday periods have flooded local police departments.

ed that fireworks violations are civil infractions under state law.

"I wanted to be very clear with everyone. It's not that we don't take it (fireworks complaints) seriously but it's a civil infraction," said Wright. 'That means it's like a traffic ticket and the officer must witness it see the violation and identify them (the person responsible)."

If the person is discharging fireworks, which is illegal under state law, Wright said the person can be ticketed or arrested.

"We are getting an

encourage residents to call if someone is shooting off fireworks at 11 p.m. and we'll take action. We will pursue a noise complaint."

If someone setting off fireworks causes property damage, he said that would be a misdemeanor, a felony if someone is injured

Legal consumer fireworks are identifiable by their colorful, decorated packaging, said Wayne-Westland Fire Marshal/ Assistant Chief John Adams.

"Commercial grade fireworks usually come in brown paper. Those are illegal for residents

to discharge," said Ad-

ams.



Former Wayne Memorial High Schools girls tennis coach Joe Nowaske is teaching tennis classes for the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department. STEPHEN CANTRELL I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nowaske is serving up tennis as a 'lifelong game'

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Joe Nowaske loves tennis and is hoping instructional classes he's teaching for the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department will help interest a new generation in the

sport. "There is a such a dearth of tennis awareness in this area. It's a lifelong game," said Nowaske. "You only need one other person or a brick wall. I want to get kids used to the contact of the ball and racquet.'

A lifelong tennis player himself, No-

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and other changes are expected to be forth-

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coming. "Thank you for getting us this far. I know we've had disagreements, but I give you all the respect in the world for getting us this far," said Dewey Reeves, a Westland councilman and commission member.

Garden City Councilman and commission member Jim Kerwin also thanked Fernandez, a Garden City resident, for his efforts.

"Garden City residents, especially those who use the transit service, thank you. I've known you a long time. Enjoy your retirement," Kerwin said.

waske started coaching the Wayne Memorial High School boys tennis team in 2003 with Andy Raisanen, then moved to the girls team.

Retired since October, this is Nowaske's first time teaching students for the rec department.

Intro to Tennis for youngsters 6-10 and Skills Camp, for 11- to 14-year-olds, are offered Wednesday evenings. except July 3, at the tennis courts in Attwood Park along Howe just south of the Wayne **Community Center.** "I've had a couple of

years off on hiatus (from coaching) till I got

Increased costs

Along with the revenue reductions, Nankin **Transit Commission** Chairperson Pam Dobrowolski said no one had mentioned the tremendous increase in fuel prices and insur-

ance over the years. "Dick held us together. You make fun of the note cards (used for ride scheduling), but it worked. I will miss you," Dobrowolski said. As director, Fernandez said he is the sup-

port person for the drivers, dispatchers and other Nankin Transit staff.

"I thank all of you. In my position, you take the heat and the accolades. I've had a wonderful opportunity dealing with the people I dealt with," he said. The Nankin Transit

arms and neck muscles, broken ribs and bleed-

ing in his chest cavity.

The autopsy found

Kayden had bruises and

fingernail abrasions on

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Brandon and Roberts

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the face of Kavden. as

well as his twin brother

his mouth and nose,

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suffocating him.

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new knees. My knees are two years old," said Nowaske, 65. "I'm a new man. I've played tennis casually over the past year. I've played a lot of tennis over the years.'

Viewing a video of tennis great Don Budge, Nowaske saw some similarities to his own game.

"He lumbered like me but it was Wimbledon. I just love the game," said Nowaske. Kids can still enroll

in the classes which continue through July 31.

Call (734) 721-7400 for information or visit www.ci.wayne.mi.us.

Commission voted to appoint office manager Irene Owens as interim director. The commission will be advertising for a new director and discussing the salary at another meeting, Dobrowolski said.

Following the meeting, Reeves said that one of the candidates running for Westland City Council in November had been spreading a false story about the Nankin Transit director's position.

"It came to my attention that one of the candidates is telling people I want the job," said Reeves, who had been pushing for changes at Nankin Transit. "I can't have the job (under the Westland City Charter)."

Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright recently addressed the issue at a council meeting. He not-

enormous amount of calls and it will get worse as we approach July 4," said Wright. "I would

a lot they don't know

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SCHUHOLZ

disability doesn't go away.

Over the years, Schuholz became more independent and today lives in a Westland apartment. He's certified as a peer mentor.

"Through an assisted program, I live on my own. I live a self-directed life. I have freedom. I only have support - an assistance buddy, who helps me," said Schuholz. "I work as a peer mentor and share my experience with the system. There is

about Social Security and Medicaid. I help them understand."

Schuholz was originally appointed to the **Disabilities Concern** Commission by then-Mayor Sandra Cicirelli. He's been reappointed by Mayor William Wild.

'Ray is continuing to be a positive influence., he's a strong advocate for all disabilities," said Wild. "He advocates for everybody - that's the thing about Ray."

When he speaks at council meetings, Schuholz makes a point to praise the efforts of city officials usually includ-

ing Wild, Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik and Fire Chief Michael Reddy.

'I think the mayor is a good guy - he has an open door policy for people," said Schuholz. "I picked Westland to live in. I like it. It's a nice city, it's a safe environment. I love Westland. It's the All-American City.'

holz plans to continue his efforts advocating for disabled people and hopes to work full time as a peer advocate.

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DEATH

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Roberts and Brandon have been jailed in lieu of bond since being arrested shortly after Kayden, age 2 ½ months, died early Dec. 5, 2011.

The death of Kayden, who weighed 10 pounds, was ruled a homicide, with asphyxiation and blunt force trauma as the causes. Testimony from the Wayne County medical examiner found the infant had a range of fresh and healing injuries, including deep tissue bleeding in his

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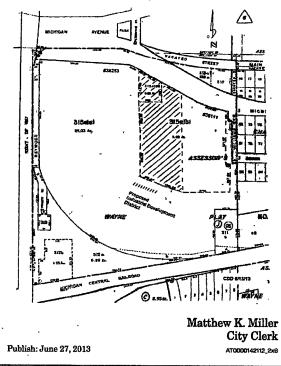
Cameron, when the baby cried. Once the baby crying stopped, the couple told police Brandon would bite the baby to startle him into breathing again.

One of the charges against the couple was for abusing Cameron, in addition to the abuse and killing of Kayden.

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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Wayne City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 8:00P.M., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. Wayne, MI 48184, to consider the establishment of an Industrial Development District pursuant to Michigan Act 198 of the Public Acts of 197 4, as amended, as requested by Russo Properties/Wayne Industries, on property (est. 3.68 acres) located east of 36253 Michigan Avenue East, Wayne, MI. The public is invited to attend and be heard. As the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council may act upon this matter.



CORRECTION

An article in Sunday's Observer should have read the Garden City Garden Club annual gar-

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LOCAL NEWS





David Schneck's Scimitar plane takes to the air during Signal the Friends and Family Day Saturday.

Signal Seekers introduce aviation to newcomers

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

A late afternoon shower may have brought an abrupt end to the Michigan Signal Seekers RC Club's fourth annual open house Saturday, but not before Alex Parkyn showed what it takes to be No. 1 in the nation in discus, or hand launched, remote controlled gliders

A member of the U.S. F3K junior team, Parkyn stopped by to demonstrate the sport he took up three years ago. Displaying the grace of a discus thrower, Parkyn spun around several times before sending his carbon fiber and Kevlar glider skyward. It's no simple feat, considering the plane has a six-foot wing span.

"It took a lot of practice and learning about how the atmosphere works," said Parkyn. "The goal is to find a good thermal and stay up an hour."

A.J. Jaffe of Westland also used his hands to man the controls of his **Thunder Tiger Rapture** E720 helicopter that zipped around the Signal



Saturday. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Matt Komar of Westland experiences the joy of flying using the buddy flyer program with Dale Hatcher of Dearborn Heights.

Seekers airfield off Henry Ruff in Westland.

Jaffe moved here from Pennsylvania for his dream job, working at **Experience RC in Livo**nia. His passion is RC helicopters and competing in aerobatics.

"It's challenging and difficult," said Jaffe, who put his helicopter through its paces for spectators. It did barrel

"I do fairly well," he said. "I can't imagine having something like this when I started flying. Technology has just accelerated development so much. There's no ceiling with these things. They go further than you can see it.'

In attendance The fourth annual

Friends and Field Day

"We had close to 15 Cub Scouts here," said club president Scott Pastchen of Livonia. "We had Pack 440 from Canton and Pack 865 out of Westland. They came to visit and helped out."

"Once I went straight down, one time it went up and down and up and down," said Grant Pier-felice of Canton who enjoyed his second expetion. The whole purpose is to get a younger crowd into remote controlled aviation.'

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Dave Schneck shows off his CAP 232 plane during the Signal Seekers RC Club's fourth annual Friends and Family Day

The club got its start in the early 1960s as a nonprofit organization with the purpose of build-°ing, instructing, promot-ing, advancing, and ultimately flying model aircraft. It's chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and currently has about 80 members.

Its airfield is located in what had been the gardens for Wayne County Hospital-Eloise. Ford Motor Co. bought the land in 1995 and lets the club use space for its airfield. The club has a 400-foot landing strip and a half-mile of clear airspace in all directions. Club members, including instructors, are usually at the field around 5-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through September.

Headed to Denmark

Parkyn's father Chris, a former Signal Seekers member, watched his son send his glider aloft. The teen will be headed to Herning, Denmark, in mid-July for the 2103 FAI World Championship for Hand-Launched Gliders

after taken top spot in juniors competition in Denver.

'He did two preliminaries and a tryout in Denver," said Chris Parkyn. "You have to be one of the top three juniors in the country to make the team. He was first place.

Although relatively new to discus gliders, Parkyn has flown various. types of powered and glider free flight and radio control aircraft most of his life. He's a member of the Detroit Balsa Bugs free flight club. He has competed as a junior in free flight at the national competitions held in Muncie, Ind.

"I'm not nervous about the world championships, I'm excited," said Parkyn of the opportunity to compete as a member of the U.S. junior team.

For more information about the Michigan Signal Seekers RC Club, visit its website at www.michigansignalseekers.org.

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Pharmacists lose licenses after fraud conviction

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Based on his conviction for professional wrongdoing, Lokesh Tayal, of Northville, had his license to practice as a pharmacist suspended by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LA-RA).

On June 10, LARA immediately suspended the license based on Tayal's conviction in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan.

Tayal was convicted of one count of health care fraud conspiracy and one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, both felonies. He was sentenced to imprisonment for a period of five years and eight months, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,658,174.

LARA issued an order summarily suspending Tayal's license pursuant to the Public Health Code, which provides for the mandatory summary suspension of a health professional's license upon the conviction of a felony, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a maximum term of two years, or a controlled substancerelated conviction.

Tayal's conviction was part of the case involving a Canton pharmacist/pharmacy owner, who along with Tayal and four other associates, were found guilty in 2012 by a federal jury on 26 counts of conspiracy, health care fraud, and controlled substance distribution, according to United States Attorney Barbara L. McQuade.

According to the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan, the jury convicted Babubhai (Bob) Patel, 49, four pharmacists he employed – Brijesh Rawal, 36, of Canton, Ashwini Sharma, 34, of Novi, Tayal, 36 and Viral Thaker, 31 of Findlay, Ohio – and one of Patel's business associates, Komal Acharya, 28, of Farmington Hills.

Rawal, Sharma and

Thaker were also convicted of conspiracies to commit health care fraud and to distribute controlled substances.

Patel, who owned 26 Detroit-area pharmacies, ran what federal investigators called an elaborate scheme to defraud Medicare, Medicaid and Blue Cross Blue Shield, and was sentenced to 17 years in prison and ordered to pay \$18.8 million in restitution.

Patel was arrested in 2011 and never released.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Patel and his associates paid cash kickbacks and other forms of illegal remuneration to physicians in exchange for those physicians writing prescriptions for expensive medications, without regard to medical necessity, that could be billed to Medicare, Medicaid, or a private insurer through one of the Patel Pharmacies.

Physicians affiliated with Patel would also write prescriptions for controlled substances for their patients, again regardless of medical necessity, which would then be filled at one of the Patel Pharmacies. These controlled substances were distributed to patients and patient recruiters as a kickback in exchange for the patients using a Patel Pharmacy.

Pharmacists within the Patel Pharmacies, including defendants Rawal, Tayal, Sharma, and Thaker, facilitated the fraud and controlled substance distribution schemes by billing Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurers for expensive, non-controlled medications which they had in inventory but never actually dispensed to the patients, according to the U.S Attorney's Office.

The surplus of medications generated through this practice was returned to wholesalers, thereby enabling the Patel organization to maximize its profit on its inventory of medications which were billed for but never dispensed. The defendants billed insurers for dispensing medications that they knew were prescribed outside the course of legitimate medical practice, thus defrauding insurers by billing for medications regardless of medical necessity.

The defendants would provide controlled drugs to patients and patient recruiters, knowing that those medications were prescribed outside the course of legitimate medical practice.

"These defendants stole money from the Medicare and Medicaid programs, which are designed to provide health care and medicine to some of our most vulnerable citizens," McQuade said at the time of the conviction.

The case was investigated by the DEA, the Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Inspector General, and the FBI. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys John K. Neal and Wayne F. Pratt.

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Canton police nab robbery suspects

Canton police nabbed two suspects following a robbery and home invasion that occurred around 7 p.m. Saturday at an apartment near Lilley and Warren, Detective Sgt. Craig Wilsher said. Two men, with their faces partially concealed, knocked on the door and forced their way inside the apartment when the resident opened the door, Wilsher said.

"One of them got into a struggle with the resident while the other grabbed some items out of the apartment," Wilsher said. The suspect who struggled with the victim had a weapon, police said. No one was injured.

Detroit defendants Aaron Nathanial Bourdreaux-Brown, 21, and Justin Deontae Echols, 19, were charged with one count each of armed robbery, first-degree home invasion, unarmed robbery and larceny in a building.

Break-in

A resident in the 6500 block of Cadillac reported that on June 16 a 32inch LCD TV, valued at \$325, was stolen during a break-in.

The female resident said that she went to bed at 4 a.m. and was awakened at 6 a.m. when she heard her neighbor knocking. The neighbor had observed that a small table had been placed below a wide open window. The neighbor did not see any suspects.

The police believe that

the suspect crawled across the dining room table and left two footprints in the process. They said that they couldn't lift any fingerprints because of the polished wood surface.

Theft

A resident in the 31000 block of Marquette reported June 15 in a delayed report that someone entered her son's bedroom and stole his Wii game system.

She believes that the thief entered through the back door which was

locked but the door wasn't secured because it was missing a window and anyone could reach in. The owner said that it wasn't secure for months.

Fraud

A resident in the 32000 block of Kathryn reported June 17 that someone fraudulently used his Comerica Bank Visa debit card information to charge a \$187 bill at a Bed, Bath and Beyond store.

The man told police that he didn't purchase these items nor did he give any permission to use his debit card. The card was still in his possession.

He said that he had already contacted the bank and needed to file a police report.

Theft

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

A woman in the 200 block of Ross reported June 16 that she noticed items missing from her home shortly after her friend moved in.

She discovered more than \$100 missing from her nightstand and missing prescription medication. A necklace and earrings also came up missing.

She said that her friend has since moved from her home.

Stolen vehicle

Garden City police confirmed June 15 that a car originally towed from a Garden City beauty salon to a repair lot at Merriman and Cherry Hills was in fact stolen and not abandoned as originally thought.

Suspended licenses

Garden City police arrested several drivers last week for driving with suspended licenses.

» A 34-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving on a suspended license about 9 a.m. June 14 at Ford and Arcola after he was stopped for having defective equipment. He was released on

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a personal bond with violations, including no proof of insurance.

» A a 39-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license in the area of Ford and Hartel about 3 a.m. June 20. The police arrested him after they ran his license plate. His auto was turned over to the passenger who was a licensed driver.

a licensed driver. » A 25-year-old Westland man was arrested for driving on a suspended license just after midnight June 14 on Beechwood near Middlebelt. The police became suspicious when they ran his license plate and discovered that it was expired. By Sue Buck

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ORDINANCE NO. 2013-05

06-13-0194 Motion by Dobrowolski, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2013-05, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2013-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO CHAPTER 1042, INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER CONTROL

The full document is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Adopted: Published: Effective:	June 18, 2013 June 27, 2013 June 28, 2013	Matthew Miller City Clerk	
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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04

06-13-0193 Motion by Damitio, seconded by Hawley and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Second Reading and adoption of an amendment to Chapter 210.00: Uniform Fee Schedule

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO PART TWO? ADMINISTRATION CODE; TITLE TWO, GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 210, UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE

Building and Engineering Department Fees

The full document is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

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No Plymouth parade is complete without the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

July 4 parade soars with balloons, ex-astronaut

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Returning favorites such as Steve King and the Dittilies and the Martin Luther King High School marching band will join colorful new entries - 30-foot character balloons, for example – Thursday, July 4, for Ply-

mouth's Good Morning USA Parade.

The parade begins at 9 a.m. on Main Street at Theodore and travels through downtown Plymouth, ending at Hartsough. It was thought to be the earliest Fourth of July parade in the country until its starting time was changed a couple of years ago.

The theme this year is "Sa-lute the Troops" and veterans of several wars, from World War II and Korea to more recent conflicts, will participate, some riding the parade route in military Jeeps. A U.S. Marine Corps color guard will lead the



Astronaut Jack Lousma, here speaking to the Kiwanis Club last month, will serve as grand marshal for the Good Morning USA parade in downtown Plymouth.

parade.

"It's just a strong parade, the strongest one, I would say, ever," said longtime organizer Fred Hill, who is assisted by Pam Kosteva.

Retired NASA astronaut and Marine Col. Jack Lousma, who flew missions aboard both Skylab and the space shuttle Columbia, will be the parade's grand marshal. Lousma, a

Michigan native, recently spoke in April to the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, the parade's sponsoring organization.

Steve King and his band, the MLK marchers, Mark Randisi and the Sounds of Sinatra and an Andrews Sisters act will perform during the parade, along with the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps and, of course, Hill's own Fred Hill Briefcase Drill team. There will also be fire engines, clowns, stilt walkers, marchers on spring-loaded stilts and the Dogmatics doggie drill team among the more than 85 entries.

Hill, who took the drill team to New York City last November for a repeat performance at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Pa-rade, promised "the same old tried-and-true, crowd-pleasing routines," like the Businessman's Shuffle and Boom-Chucka-Lucka.

New this year will be giant parade balloons, including one depicting Uncle Sam and another of Kermit the Frog from Sesame Street.

"It's going to be interesting to see a 30-foot Uncle Sam coming down the street," Hill said, adding that the balloons will have to be maneuvered under the traffic-light mast arms on Main Street.

Parade goers can start the morning with a pancake breakfast at The Gathering, across Penniman from Kellogg Park, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. The group will be serving pancakes and sausage and juice and coffee for \$7 each, free for children under age 5.

The breakfast is a fundraiser for the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, made up of students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools.

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Credit union hosts shred day

Community Financial Credit Union is encouraging its members and other consumers to recycle their sensitive financial documents and keep their identities safe at the same time.

Community Financial is hosting its annual "Shred It Day" event 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at the Community Financial branches in Plymouth, located at 500 S. Harvey, and Can-ton, at 6355 N. Canton Center. Local residents are encouraged to bring their sensitive materials to shred safely and securely.

There is a limit of two shopping bags or bankers boxes of materials per car at the event.

More and more people are looking for ways to protect not just the environment, but also their identities from thieves," said Sarah Cousineau, marketingmanager for Community Financial. "By providing a place to safely destroy and recycle their documents, we are helping them to accomplish both goals."

In recent years, Community Financial has continued to invest in environmentally responsible banking options. including eStatments and eReceipts, which deliver transaction receipts and statements via email instead of paper; offering members online and mobile banking options; online bill pay (ePay), so members may pay their bills without writing checks or using stamps; and estab-lishing an eClub for members who make transactions electronically.

More information is available on Community Financial's Facebook page at Facebook.com/ CommunityFinancial.

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These area students were among 1,600 named to the Dean's List for the Winter 2013 Semester, with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

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It was a cool relief Monday when the huge water bucket emptied its contents on the kids about every five minutes. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wet & wild escape

Monday wasn't hard for the adults and youngsters who hung out at Westland's H2O Zone in Tattan Park.

H2O Zone in Tattan Park. The spray ground, built in 2009 by the Westland Down-town Development Authority, is a 6,000-square-foot wet and wild playground that offers plenty of relief from the heat. It has 14 above-ground fea-tures, including an 18-foot heliconter that sprays water

helicopter that sprays water from its rotor, a large bucket that dumps water on youngsters every five minutes and a 15-foot-long егреш water from its nose. The spray ground is free of charge and open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week, weather permitting. The spray ground is just one of two kid-friendly attractions at the park, located on Carlson just south of Ford Road. Also on site is the always popular Play Planet, a space-themed play structure. Also paid for by the DDA, the play structure was constructed after the city closed Central City Park, in-cluding a community-built play structure, due to contamina-tion. tion.

Play Planet is one of the country's largest play structures. It covers more than 30,000 square feet and has rockets, space ships, lunar slides, moon buggies and more



For more information on parks and recreational activities in Wayne and Westland, go online to www.ci.wayne.mi.us and click on the Parks and Recreation Department tab.

Evelyn Barber of Wayne took a ride on the spray ground's wild alligator.



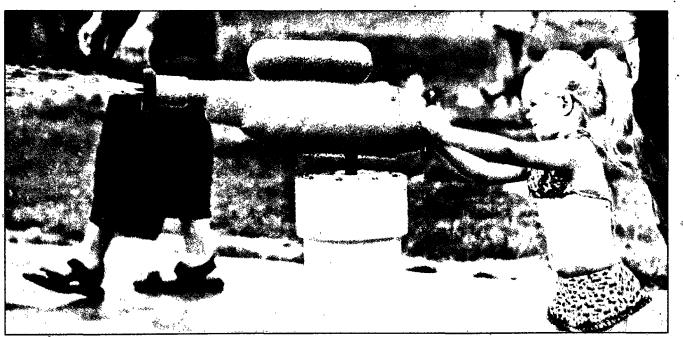
Lucas Bauer of Westland enjoys being sprayed.



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Kailee Somsel of Westland takes aim on her friends with the water gun.



With temperatures up near 90 degrees Monday, Westland's H2O Zone spray ground was the place to be.

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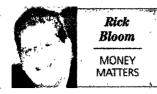
Reviewing your personal finances

t's hard to believe that we're halfway done with 2013. This is a great time of year to look at your personal financial affairs and do a midvear checkup.

Remember, personal finance is like a garden. It needs regular care and this is a great time of year to do so.

I believe one of the most important things to do this time of year is to calculate what it costs to live a month. This is an essential number for financial planning to determine whether you can afford to retire or stay retired.

A cash flow statement can help you to determine what it costs you to live each month. It is nothing more than a list-



ing of what money is coming in and what money is going out. A cash flow statement will let you know whether you are operating at a nega-tive or a positive cash flow.

It's not unusual for retirees to operate on a negative cash flow as they may be drawing down on savings to cover their living expenses. On the other hand, for someone who is not retired, operating on a negative cash flow can have severe consequences. In addition, by knowing

what it costs to live a month you can compare that number to where you were six months ago or even a year ago. This will allow you to determine your individual inflation rate.

This is also a great time of year to update your personal balance sheet. Are you worth more today or were you worth more six months ago?

At least twice a year, it makes sense to do a personal balance sheet, which is nothing more than a listing of assets and liabilities (assets minus liabilities equals net worth).

Doing a cash flow statement and a personal balance sheet gives you a picture as to how you are

doing. It's an important checkup so you have an idea if you're headed in the right direction.. Unfortunately, most people never monitor their situation so they have no idea how they are doing.

Midyear is also a good time to look at your portfolio. This may mean rebalancing or getting rid of certain underperforming investments. Remember when you adjust your portfolio you don't necessarily sell the losers.

Make sure you compare how certain investments have done vs. other investments in their same category. For example, you may find that for the first half of the year one of your investments is down 5

percent. That doesn't mean that you automatically sell that investment. After all, if the average investment in that category is down 10 percent and your fund was only down 5 percent, it may be a fund worth holding. On the other hand, if your fund was up 10 percent and the average fund in that same category was up 20 percent, an adjustment may be needed.

I'm not saying judge an investment over a six-month period.

I generally look at the performance of funds over a two- to three-year cycle. If I have a fund that is underperforming other funds in that same category for a two- to. three-year period, that's

when I look at selling that fund; not necessarily because it underperforms for a six-month period.

The dog days of summer are right around the corner and that's why this is a great time of year to spend some time getting your financial house in order.

It would be nice if we could put our personal finances on automatic pilot; unfortunately, it doesn't work that way.

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

Church reaches out to help woman

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Shannon DeWall's 2003 van finally pooped out, but replacing it wouldn't be like replacing any ordinary vehicle.

DeWall, born with deformities in both arms and both legs, needs expensive modifications to her vehicle to allow her to drive it, so funding was going to be a problem.

But not if the folks at Canton's St. Michael Lutheran Church having anything to say about it.

Folks at the Canton church, where Shannon and her family – husband Allen and sons Noah and Elijah – are members, are hoping a spaghetti dinner at the church can raise the esimated \$80,000 or more it'll take to get Shannon back on wheels. Any new vehicle will need some \$50,000 in modifications for the computer system needed to allow her to drive.

"Shannon is like our idol," said Diane Lupo of Plymouth, chair of the fundraiser committee at St. Michael. "She is so positive and so upbeat. She's such a spiritual, Christian woman. How many people with her handicap would just give up and be negative? She is not. She's such an inspiration for so many people. We wanted to help her as much as we could."

The dinner takes place 3-7 p.m. Sunday, June 30, at the church, located at 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton. The \$20 donation for adults (\$5 for children 10 and younger, free for 3 and younger) gets someone dinner, beverage and dessert.

The event includes a silent auction, prizes and "fun for the family." organizers said. Donations have come from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Farmington for the silent auction. Shannon needs the

Shannon and Allen DeWall of Livonia with sons Noah, 4, and Elijah, 2.

vehicle because she works full time as a genetics consultant and she's going to Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills.

humbled. "I feel incredbily loved and valued," Shannon said. "I had no idea people would care so much. Everyone has some challenge, something to overcome. To

think they'd put those challenges aside to help us is overwhelming."

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Holocaust center events mark planting of Anne Frank sapling

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titled "Looking Out Anne Frank's Window." Our exhibits create a

8 Weeks of Jazz Every Friday 7:00 - 9:00 рм from July 5th - August 23rd 2013 Canton Color Tour

But the whole fundraising thing left the DeWalls

Family Campus (www.holocaustcenter.org) will host a series of events to commemorate its acquisition of a sapling from the actual white chestnut tree that brought Anne Frank solace as she hid from the Nazis during World War II. The schedule includes free educational programming, which begins June 28, for children and adults and culminates with the tree planting and exhibit dedication ceremony in the fall.

A separate seminar for educators also is planned. All programs are being made possible by grants from the Mich-

Community Foundation

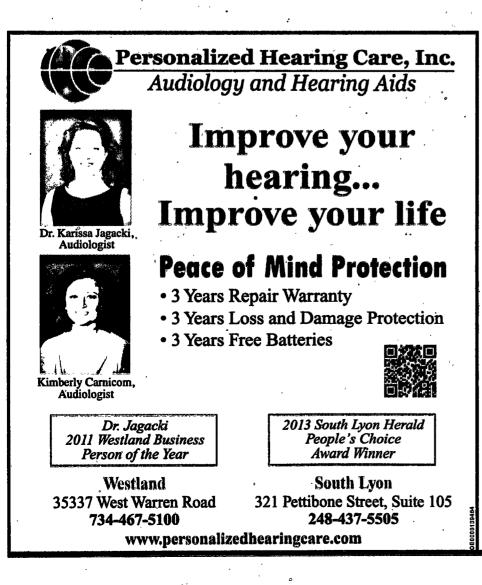


tion. The sapling, awarded by Anne Anne Frank

Frank Center USA, is just one of 11 to be planted in the U.S. from the nearly 200-yearold tree that served as one of the Jewish teenager's only connections to nature while she and her family hid in a secret annex in her father's company building at 263 Prinsengracht in Amsterdam. It will become part of a larger exhibit

call to action, teaching visitors through the examples of those who risked their lives to save others and asking our guests to react to contemporary challenges such as racism, intolerance, bullying and prejudice," Holocaust Memorial Center Executive Director Stephen Goldman said. "This tree and the surrounding exhibit we will create epitomize these messages, exemplifying hope for humanity.' The Anne Frank Cen-

ter USA chose the Holocaust Memorial Center as one of 11 U.S. locations.



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July 12	Lin Rountree	Sam's Club Ford & Lotz	
July 19	Phil Denny	Centre Village at Kroger Ford & Canton Center	IJ
July 26	Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors	Lowe's Ford between Sheldon & Morton Taylor	M
August 2	Tim Bourman	Home Depot Ford & Lotz	M.
August 9	Randy Scott	Super Bowl Ford between Canton Center & Sheldon	M
August 16	Charles & Gwen Scales	JC Penney Ford between Sheldon & Morton Taylor	M.
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JAZZY CARRY OUT SPECIALS

Mention "ShopCanton" at participating restaurants to get the carry out specials from 6 - 8 PM on concert Fridays. For details on carry out specials contact the restaurant.

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Every week, the first 25 people who turn in receipts for \$25 or more from a Canton merchant will receive a FREE personal cooler.

In the event of inclement weather, all concerts will be held indoors at Super Bowl 45100 Ford Rd.

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Hayden's Grill and Bar-734-895-3388 Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches- 734-844-6112 Leo's Coney Island- 734-981-5483 Max & Erma's- 734-981-3370 Palermo's- 734-455-5210 Parthenon Coney Island- 734-981-0200 Shish Village - 734-844-1999 Toarmina's Pizza- 734-981-0060



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Care for seniors their specialty

Roseberry Adult Day Health Services Inc. opened at 39050 Schoolcraft in Livonia on March 27.

Assistant Director **Roderick Roseberry** answered the following questions about the business, which specializes in adult day care.

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

Roseberry Adult Day Health Care provides daily structured programs in a homelike setting, with activities and health-related rehabilitation services for older adults who are physically or emotionally disabled and need a protective environment. We provide a combined program of supervision, socialization, activities and personal care for those who should not be home alone during the

day. We provide these services to clients who have a broad range of conditions and disorders, such as Alzheimer's, dementia, or other special needs. Barbara Roseberry, with more than 30 years experience caring for disabled adults, is on staff for initial consultations. Care is provided during. the daytime hours, allowing the senior to continue to live at home. Roseberry helps to avoid the costly option of a nursing home, provides a degree of independence for the senior and offers respite from the everyday responsibilities for the primary caregiver.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

What makes Roseberry unique is the person-

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Executive Director Barbara Roseberry of Southfield and Anna Dangelo of Detroit play bingo. PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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alized care available to each senior. We offer a variety of services tailored specifically to their needs. If needed, clinical therapy from certified therapists and social workers on staff is available. We also offer personal care,

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New physicians

Garden City Hospital is expanding its staff of 350 physicians in 47 specialties by adding four new physicians,. Joining the staff are:

» Dr. Wael Hakmeh, **Emergency Medicine.** Hakmeh is board certi-: fied in emergency medicine and is one of the newest members of Garden City Hospital's ER team. He attended Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

» Dr. Jayant Jagannathan, Neurosurgery. Jagannathan is a neurosurgeon, specializing in all aspects of neurosurgery. His current goal is to provide excellent neurosurgical service to the commu-

nity, combining compassionate care. advanced neurosurgical techniques and easy acces-

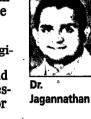


Jagannathan is one of a few neurosurgeons in Michigan to perform all open and minimally invasive procedures related to complex spine, spinal oncology and de-formity, including open and percutaneous pedicle screw fixation TLIF, ALIF, DLIF, vertebro-

He has offices at 18312

Rehabilitation. Rothman attended medical school at Midwestern University, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine followed by an internship at Botsford General Hospital. She completed her residency at University of Michigan Health System. Her career interests include sports medicine and interventional spine.

She has offices at 28455 Haggerty, Suite 200, in Novi. » Dr. David Thomas, **Emergency Medicine.** Thomas is board certified in emergency medicine. He attended Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his internship and residency program at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, con-tact the Physician Referral Line at 877-717-WELL or visit GCH.org.



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plasty, kyphoplasty and spinal radiosurgery.

Middlebelt, Livonia, and a second office in Madison Heights. » Dr. Kori Rothman, Physical Medicine and



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s today going to be a good day or a bad day? Life is so full of surprises that it might seem impossible to know in the morning how the day will turn out in the end. On one hand, it's true that many things are outside our control. But on the other hand, we control the single most determining factor, our attitude. Attitude is a choice -

a choice that makes all the difference.

In business, as in other aspects of our lives, there are so many times when a change of attitude not only changes our feelings toward a situation but actually helps improve the situation itself. Yet changing our attitude often seems like the most unnatural thing in the world. We assume that if something looks bad, sounds bad and feels bad, it must be bad. But the reality is that it only is bad if we say it is. I'm sure we can all

remember plenty of occasions when we've turned "problems" into "opportunities" and it usually starts with the attitude we choose to have about the situation.

Changing the way we describe a situation to ourselves, for example from "this stinks" to "no problem," makes an amazing difference. Our self-talk is inseparable from our attitude, and so just by changing the things we tell ourselves, we can change our lives.

This day, no matter what arises, let's make



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them to a nursing home.

it a good one! Have a sunny day,

Clarity P.S. "Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

Thomas Jefferson third president of the United States (1801-09)

"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort."

Herm Albright Painter and lithographer born 1876 in Mannheim, Germany P.P.S. I always enjoy hearing from you and I thank you for sharing Sunny Notes with others. You can help spread the sunshine by inviting others to subscribe to Sunny Notes at www.joinsunnynotes.com.

Clarity Patton Newhouse is president of Sunny Media Group Inc., located at 39209 Six Mile, Suite 165, Livonia. She writes "A Sunny Note" to brighten the day with encouraging insights for business and life. "A Sunny Note" also is published online at ASunnyNote.com for readers across America and beyond. To reach her, call 734-855-4728 or find her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ sunnynotes.

Site plan OK'd

The Westland City Council recently approved the site plan for a new Family Dollar store.

Family Dollar has purchased 0.84 acres on Wayne Road between Sheffield Street and Wallace Street, to build and open a new store this year. The vacant land is zoned as a CB-1 (Low **Intensity Commercial** Business), and was formerly used as parking for the adjacent Wayne Lawn and Garden build-

ing. "I want to thank Family Dollar for choosing to invest in Westland. I look forward to watching them succeed in our great city," said Westland Mayor William Wild.

The new store will offer a variety of national name brands and private-brand merchandise. In business for more than 50 years, Family Dollar has more than 7,800 stores in 45 states.

Since 2007 the city has been maintaining a strong vision focused on attracting more businesses, and has seen a steady increase in commercial and industrial development, which has contributed to the growing tax base.

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LOCAL NEWS

GC girl competes in National American Miss pageant



Nine-year-old Brianna Alexis Kowalczyk will compete in the National American Miss pageant at the Adoba Hotel in Dearborn July 4-6. The pageant has five age divi-

Kowalczyk sions and Brianna will compete in

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

UPCOMING **EVENTS TRIP TO NYC**

Time/Date: Oct. 3-9 Location: New York City **Details:** The Garden City Public Schools Leisure Program is offering a trip to New York City in October. The price is \$699 per person and includes seven days, six nights, double occupancy and motor coach transportation. Contact: For more information, call Cambridge Leisure Depart-ment at 734-762-8430, Ext. 306.

PRO WRESTLING

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 30. Doors open at 2 p.m. Location: Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy , east of Middlebelt, Westland **Details:** The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance is hosting a pro wrestling event, Collision. The event will be filmed and later edited for television. The event is open to all ages and is free of charge. There will be and all star line up of wrestlers like "The Righteous Maker" Rick Baker, "Primetime" Tommy Johnson, Titus, Jerome "Do it" Pruitt. Come and discover who will be the next to hold The **United States Championship** title. There will be concessions available for purchase, including hot dogs, nachos, snacks, pop, and beer.

Contact: Visit the MPWA website at www.MyMPWA.webs.com for more details. SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

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

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

41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or

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renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory. Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

FALL CRAFT SHOWS **ST. THEODORE**

Time/Date: 9 am to 3 pm. Saturday, Oct. 12

Location: St. Theodore's Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland Details: St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors, please.

Contact: Mary at 734-425-4421

vm#10) ST. MEL

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

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

Details: Crafters are needed for St. Mel's Fall Craft Show. There are more than 50 tables avail-able. Table cost is \$30., table with electricity is \$35. Contact: For applications, call St. Mel's at 313-274-0684 or email stmelscraftfair@yahoo.com

FOR SENIORS **FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland

Details: The Senior Resources **Department Friendship Center** offers a variety of programs for older adults. Contact: 734-722-7632, www.ci.westland.mi.us

DYER CENTER

Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center. Contact: 734-419-2020

SENIOR FITNESS

Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City **Details:** The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. There's an annual membership is \$55 per year or get a daily pass for \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day. ct: 734-793-1870

assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18. willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Contact: 734-416-1111, Ext. 223

the 7-9-age group. She enjoys dancing

and doing gymnastics in the yard. Her

favorites also include doing math and

The National American Miss pro-

gram is based on inner beauty, as well

playing with her friends.

VNA HOSPICE

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's VNA-hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600. Registration is required. Contact: 248-967-8361, www.vna.org

SEASONS HOSPICE

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide compan-ionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. Contact: 800-370-8592

LITERACY COUNCIL

Details: The Community Literacy Council CLC-is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Contact: 734-416-4906

HEARTLAND HOSPICE Details: Heartland Hospice is

looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact: 888-973-1145

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland **Details:** Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a sug

as poise and presentation, learning good sportsmanship as well as setting and achieving personal goals. Each year, the program awards more than \$1.5 million in cash, scholarships and prizes.

The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash award, crown and banner and transportation to compete in the national pageant in California.

Brianna is the daughter of Melissa Kowalczyk of Garden City,

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Detail: A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of

supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

Contact: Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com and 734-956-2600

METRO FIBROMYALGIA

Time/date: 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City Details: The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with fibromyalgia.

Contact: Lucy at 734-462-1768, www.MetroFibroGroup.com **MENOPAUSE & MORE**

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month

Location: Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

Contact: 734-655-1100 COUNTERPOINT

Details: Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

Contact: 734-563-5005 TOUGHLOVE

Time/date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays Location: Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia. Details: Support group, newcomers welcome.

Contact: 734-261-7880 or 248-380-7748

LIFECARE

Time/Date: 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth Details: LifeCare is a care/ support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges. Contact: Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or 734-956-2109

EDUCATION WILLOW CREEK

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/ Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. Contact: 313-561-4110, Ext. 10

ST. MARY

Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne

Details: St. Mary School offers pre-K 3 and 4 and kindergarten-eighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.

Contact: For more information, call the school office at 734-721-1240.

ORGANIZATIONS **FRIENDS OF ELOISE**

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

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

WESTLAND RÖTARY

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

FAMILY CAREGIVERS

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

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

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

CAREGIVERS – **SPOUSES**

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

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

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

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

LIONS CLUB

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

Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays. Contact: For more information,

call Debbie Dayton at 734-721-4216.

TOASTMASTERS

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

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

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

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

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with volunteer drivers one day each week from home. Fish Dlal-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-forprofit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland.

Contact: Call 888-660-2007 and leave a message.

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ages 9-16, is looking to fill spots.

EARTH ANGELS Details: Earth Angels, a chil-

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia

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

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

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month Location: Plymouth Elks Club.

SENIOR SERVICES

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

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

Contact: For more information, call 734-721-7400.

VOLUNTEERS **FIRST STEP**

Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual

group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

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

FOR YOUR HEALTH SAFE PLACE

Time/date: 7 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. Details: A Safe Place is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

Contact: Russ Weathers at 734-422-1995

ADULT DAY SERVICES

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2013-21 **June 18, 2013**

Special Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 7:03p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Haidous, Dobrowolski, Damitio, Manit, Rhaesa, Hawley. MEMBER ABSENT: Henley. Recessed to a closed session at 7:05p.m. Reconvened in open session at 8:00p.m. Adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Matthew K. Miller **City Clerk**

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ABSTRACT. WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2013-22 June 18, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 8:00p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Haidous, Dobrowolski, Damitio, Manit, Rhaesa, Hawley. MEMBER ABSENT: Henley. Presentation of Police Dept. Scholarship to Stephanie Rainey and by Police Chief regarding Fireworks. APPROVED: minutes of the special & regular meeting of June 4; 1st reading of rezoning APPROVED: minutes of the special & regular meeting of June 4; 1st reading of rezoning of 36253 Mich. Ave. E.; Site Plans for American Jetway at 3850 Howe and Wayne Ind. At 36253 Mich. Ave. E.; Amended DDA Budget; Materials Recovery Facility License for Renu, 34939 Brush; second reading of Ord. No. 210.00 Fee Sched.; second reading of Ord. No. 1042 Ind. Wastewater Control; various appointments & resignations to boards & commissions; contract to UHY LLP for Audit Services; fees by resolution for rental program; payment to ARC for \$5, 153.00; PSA with Stantec for \$43,800 for EQ Basin; payment to Nankin Transit for \$21,000 for dues; call public hearing for July 16, 2013 at 8:00 for an Industrial Development District at 36253 Mich. Ave. E.; letter of understanding for Dispatchers merger; declaring 34449 Glover a hazard/nuisance on emer. basis. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

> Matthew K. Miller . City Clerk

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programs. Contact: 734-326-0078

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. Contact: 734-427-1680. www.stdamian.com.

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western Wavne County's Education Department offers quality

CAREGIVERS -WESTLAND

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

There are openings for girls ages 9-11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys ages 9-12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by email to eangel1986@comcast.net.

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before July 11th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

The Refurbishment of Two City Tank Trucks

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

> Devin J. Adams Controller

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 12 6/17/13

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Bryant, Hammons, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

110: Appr. temp. structure @ 31234 Warren Rd. for firework sales 6/28-7/4.

- Ext. deadline to pay 2013 summer taxes to 8/30/13.
- Appr. bid for Ice Arena lighting renovations to Douglas electric; amt. \$107,000.
 Appr. agrmnt. w/P. Ostrosky as "at will" Director of Building Inspections.
- Appr. of Excess Workers Comp Agrmnt. w/Willis of MI for City's self-insured program; amt. \$75,888.
- Approved 1 yr. MSB contract for Ice Arena Mgmt. amt; \$121,000.
- -Approved 1 yr. MSB contract for Golf Course Mgmt. amt. \$104,900.
- -Approved 1 yr. MSB contract for Crossing Guard Mgmt. amt. \$70,000.
- Intro Ord. 188-A-3 to amend Ch. 50, Art. IV, Sec. 50-102 concerning use of consumer fireworks and penalties for violations.
- 111: Appr. to provide direction to Pension Board setting pension level for family of B. Woelhke. 112: Appr. minutes of meeting held 6/3/13.

113: Transfer ownership of Class C Liquor license to be located at 5940 N. Wayne Rd. 114: Appr. site plan for prop. Family Dollar, PID #075-04-0001-001, -0002-001, -0003-001, -0005-001, -002, -003, & -0006-001, e. side of Wayne Rd., s. of Palmer Rd., w/contingencies. 115: Conf. re-appt. of T. Jackson to Library Bd. for 5 yr. term to exp. 6/20/18. 116: Appr. checklist: \$1,483,420.36 & Prepaid: \$ 36,562.28.

Mtg. adj. at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout **Council President**

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Eileen DeHart City Clerk, CMC

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OPINION

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

OUR VIEWS

Play it safe Fireworks can hurt, if not used properly

Fireworks are synonymous with the Fourth of July, and with the holiday just a week away, it is a good time to remind people about fireworks safety.

With Michigan now allowing the sale and use of consumer fireworks like Roman candles, bottle rockets, sky lanterns and other items that leave the ground, more people than ever are putting on their own backyard shows. As a result, safety is critically important.

Fireworks can cause blindness, third-degree burns, permanent scarring and even death. According to the National Council on Firework Safety, 9,300 people suffer serious injuries due to fireworks every year, with 400 losing sight in one or both eyes. Forty percent of injuries are caused by illegal fireworks, and 45 of injuries sustained by children are to those under age 14.

Even fireworks that are labeled as safe can cause injuries. As children, we've all enjoyed waving sparklers, but they have caused more injuries to youngsters under age 5 than any other type of fireworks. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees. They're hot enough to melt some metals; imagine what they can do to a child.

The Office of the Michigan State Fire Marshal has some tips to help make Fourth of July fireworks safe. Some are common sense, but still worth repeating.

» Buy ready-made fireworks rather than making your own, even from a kit.

» Make sure an adult is present at all times.

» Don't allow children to operate fireworks, even sparklers.

» Buy only legal fireworks that have a label with instructions for proper use. If your fireworks don't have an instruction label, they're probably illegal to use.

» Choose fireworks that are appropriate for the area you'll be using them in. For example, avoid using rockets or other aerial fireworks in the backyard or a busy street.

» Follow all the directions on the label closely.

» Always use fireworks outside with a bucket of water or hose nearby. Keep fireworks away from dry leaves or other materials that can easily catch on fire.

» Point fireworks away from people. If you're lighting a firework, wear eye protection and don't lean over the firework.

» If a firework doesn't seem to work, do not go over to it or attempt to relight it. If you can reach it with a hose or bucket without getting too close, douse it with water.

» Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them away.

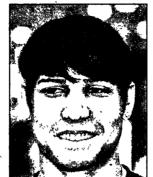
» If someone gets an eye injury from fireworks, don't rub the eye or attempt to wash it out. Call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest emergency room. It could make the difference between saving a person's sight, permanent blindness, or significant burns.

Another bit of advice: Avoid buying fireworks

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you feel about an online sales tax?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"I'm not really for it. We're already paying for shipping."

Nick Cooper
 Dearborn Heights



"We pay enough for shipping and handling. It would be a ripoff to charge tax on top of that. We pay enough as it is."

Mary Cooper Dearborn Heights



"I guess I'd say yes. I think it's only fair." Jessica Dishew

Garden City

"I guess so. If people

paid sales tax, they might not spend as much online."

Eric Price Canton

LETTERS

Help Yankee Air

Observer and Eccentric: Attention Bob Hynes Re: B-24 Bomber Plant at

Willow Run

If all the Michigan veterans who fought in World War II were here not to voice their opinion they would all agree on the importance of the B-24 Bomber and the role it played helping to end the war in Europe. / The historic bomber plant at

/ The historic bomber plant at Willow Run, where over 8,000 planes were built by Rosie the Riveter, is epic!

Some of us who had an opportunity to see an air show at Willow Run took the old bomber plant for granted and expected that it would always be a part of the Yankee Air Force Museum, as it should be. Your article, Mr. Hynes, featured the late Sonny Eliot, who became a prisoner of war after being shot down from his B-24. It's just one of thousands of examples of bravery in action fought by veterans male and female.

My interest in your article is largely because four of my brothers served in World War II, brothers who were too young to travel the world in conditions not fit for a pig, in most respects. One brother was killed at the young age of 22 and is buried in France. Another brother returned home in a body cast, another deaf from the shelling and another afflicted with frozen ieet. They were an proud to serve and make sacrifices. Veterans to the end! Many parents lost sons and daughters over there in countries they hardly studied about in school. These parents had hopes and dreams for their kids college, marriage, children, grandchildren. So many sacrifices were made by so many people. The planes did the job they were built to do and earned the nickname "The Liberator." General Motors, Ford and Chrysler need to step up and say "thank you" to the veterans who not only served in the war, but came home, bought their vehicles and even worked in their factories. They all benefited from the war and the end result. I hope they realize the importance of giving back to the veterans and the Yankee Air Force Museum. It's time to step up to the plate and preserve a monumental piece of Michigan history.

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Wayne County to remember this at election time. If the candidate has incumbent, next to his or her name, that means they were part of this debacle and you must decide if you want them back. I know I don't.

I want to apologize to the GC City Council for trying to save money by using less water.

You caught me and raised my rates so now instead of saving money for using less, I will pay more. What's next? Charging me more taxes for not putting out my garbage. Maybe you could put a toll booth up on the park's walking path. How about a pay to enter turnstile at City Hall. Skip Wehrle Garden City tween Iraq and Afghanistan. He told me our young soldiers being deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan are not offered a pensions unless they serve 20 years. Even if they see action, unless they serve 20 years, they do not receive a pension. If a soldier dies in action, the spouse only receives a one lump sum payment, no guaranteed pension.

receives a one lump sum payment, no guaranteed pension. My deepest condolence goes out to our lost hero's in the armed forces and our first responders. I'll never understand why government officials are paid more than they are.

I recommend the City Council reduce their pay or pension to cover any pension increase. Otherwise please refrain from increasing any pension.

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Thanks for support

The Franklin High School Senior All Night Party would like to thank all of the businesses and organizations that helped make our party for the Class of 2013 a great success! We could not have done it without your help. Please make it a priority to frequent the businesses and organizations that donate and give back to their community.

Jimmy Johns - Plymouth Road - Livonia, Biggby Coffee, Antonio's Pizza - Westland, Livo-nia Merribowl, Chili's - Wonderland, Livonia Pat Milliken Ford, ennv's Pizza Westland Restaurant, Fat Kat's Pizza -Livonia, Nick at Night DJ, Luigi's - Livonia, Cardwell Florist, Bed, Bath and Beyond - Westland, Livonia Education Association. Busch's Market - Livonia. Focal Point, Sorrello's - Livonia, Livonia Goodfellows, Valentino's - Livonia, Livonia Parks and Recreation, state Rep. John Walsh, Livonia Paraprofessional Association, IKEA - Canton, Livonia Youth Commission, 7-Eleven, Webster PTA, Walgreen's, Livonia Anniversary Committee, Franklin Athletic **Boosters and Franklin Band** Boosters.

in brown paper packaging. That's often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional shows and could pose a danger to consumers.

And if you're planning on putting on your own fireworks show be considerate of your neighbors. While you might consider it OK to do your fireworks show at 2 a.m., your neighbors may not appreciate the noise.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley last week signed into law what he called a "common sense bill" that allows local governments to prohibit the use of consumer fireworks between midnight and 8 a.m. on the day before, day of, and day after national holidays. People who ignore the rules, could face fines of up to \$500.

Dr. John Hall, manager of the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Analysis and Research, may have said it correctly: "Safe and sane fireworks don't exist. When things go wrong with fireworks, they go very wrong, very fast, far faster than any fire protection provisions can reliably respond."

This Fourth of July play it safe. Leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals. It's better to be safe than sorry.



The professional fireworks displays, which always attract large crowds, are a safe way. FILE PHOTO



Sue Mason, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising Agnes Camilleri Westland

Explanation needed

OK, we know what Bob Ficano's intent is and we know Benny is running for mayor of Detroit, but can someone, anyone from the Wayne County Commission explain to us, the citizens of Wayne County, how you can justify spending over \$300 million on a jail in downtown Detroit.

We've known for years that Mike Ilitch was looking for a place to build a new hockey arena. Couldn't any of you figure out that maybe, just maybe, he would have bought that land for a tidy sum and you, in all your wisdom, could build a jail with that money on a different site. But then that makes sense and none of your decisions ever make sense.

How about approving the WCCC security contract. You let Benny pay his best friend a \$50K consulting fee and his brother becomes the head of that security firm. The good news there is, your giving Benny a leg up on how to run the city of Detroit.

Again, I beg the citizens of

Hold line on pensions

First I would like to offer my condolence to the Woehlke family. Mr. Woehlke and his family are in our prayers.

To the City Council and Westland pension board, I commend your honest and sincere attempt to offer the Woehlke family heartfelt monetary reparation for their loss. I believe you will use your private funds to follow through on your offer to increase their pension even, if public funds are not allowed.

Many in the city have offered what they can afford during these tough economic times. The citizens of Westland have always been great during public fundraisers for families in need. Westlanders are, and will always be, neighborly and offer above and beyond whatever they can.

That said, I must remind the City Council they have been elected to be fiscally responsible with public funds. Many citizens have lost benefits, pensions and are accepting pay cuts to keep their jobs and many are still losing their jobs. In some cases, both spouses work two jobs to make ends meet. Many single moms are having to take a second job to put food on the table for their children.

We are compassionate people, but once government sets a precedence, where do we stop. giving handouts. Many citizens don't trust government management of public dollars and feel our city leaders are paid to much. Many feel government has forgotten the value of the dollar. Pensions are becoming a benefit of the past only offered to unions and government employees. Many professionals in dangerous employment are only offered insurance in which they pay the premiums.

I was talking to my veteran buddy who did three tours beIf anyone was left out, please accept our deepest apologies. Becky Wood and the Franklin Senior All Night Committee

Don't profile suspects

The First Amendment right to free speech is a wonderful concept but it is a sad day when it is used without logic or justice to attack others. The

Assigning blame to all Muslims for the Boston bombings is malicious Our worst act of domestic terror, the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building (168 dead), was carried out by a Catholic, Army veteran and gun rights supporter. Must we be "vigilant and skeptical of those around us" who are Catholic, veterans or gun rights advocates? That is silly.

In Michigan, our worst act of school violence (38 elementary school children and 6 adults dead) was carried out by a farmer and former school board member. It is nonsensical to view farmers and school board members as "our worst enemies

As a person who has lived and worked abroad with Hindus and Sikhs, Buddhists and Muslims, I just find some of the biases among a few of my fellow Americans so wrong headed. We need a little more of Abraham Lincoln's vision, "With malice toward none, with charity for all..." Let's live and work together with grace.

James Pearson Highland

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Brian Cheesman of Canton swings on the tee for the 18th hole. He's watched by Chuck Duckwall of Battle Creek. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pro-am helps fund operating room

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Much of the work was already done Monday when golfers took to Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton for the 16th. annual St. Joe's Pro-Am, what with some \$140,000 of the \$150,000 goal already having been reached.

But that didn't stop more than 200 golfers on 54 teams, including more than 50 professionals, from finishing the job, helping to raise money to benefit the new St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor Outpatient Surgery Center the hos-pital is building. Hospital officials said the state-of-the-art hybrid operating room will allow cardiologists, radiologists and cardiac, cardiothoracic and vascular surgeons to coordinate procedures for patients who need intensive heart and vascular interventions.

And the pro-am is a big part of making it app Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor ĈEO Rob Casalou, who said the tournament will raise "about 10 percent" of the funding needed. 'It's the leading edge of heart treatment. ... We can do surgery and interventional care in the same room," Casalou said. "This tournament has funded a lot of benefits to patients in Ann Arbor and Canton over



Rob Casalou, president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and Livingston, said Canton's Pheasant Run is the perfect place to hold the fundraiser.



Hockey Great Ted Lindsay didn't play, but was on hand as chairman emeritus of the fundraiser.

the years."

supporting the cause were 2010 Olympic ice dancing champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, sports radio personality Jeff Lesson and health

reporter Lila Lazarus. Lazarus, a television personality who has formed Orchard Lakebased Lila Productions, does health documentaries with St. Joseph Mercy. She said the tournament is a "great cause" and it gives her a chance to see the doctors with whom she works oncamera in a different setting.

"It's a great chance to

ty the hospital serves, being home to the outpatient facility St. Joseph Mercy Canton. "We consider Canton

our community," Casalou said. "Pheasant Run has been so supportive of us. I can't imagine having the tournament anywhere else."

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden acknowledged St. Joseph Mercy as a "good partner" and said the relationship between event and course is a natural.

"St. Joe's is a huge supporter of the Canton community and Pheasant Run is a terrific golf course," Paden said. "Anytime we can get this crowd of people into ourcommunity, it's a plus."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com 313-222-8899 Twitter: @bkadrich 'Wicked,' weird, deadly: Villainous plants among us

Summer's heady days are upon us, and many gardens in the area are bursting forth with verdant abundance. Few of us may give consideration to our blooming beauties beyond their obvious aesthetic and fragrant contributions to our landscapes. Some of these natural charmers, however, harbor perilous secrets within their tender shoots and leaves. Author Amy Stewart explores the dark side of such plants in her book, Wicked Plants: the Weed that Killed Lincoln's Mother & Other Botanical Atrocities.

Her detailed examples of unfortunate plant victims include Shakespeare's Juliet (she consumes a mandrake-laced sleeping potion) and the Greek philosopher Socrates, who was felled by a drink of Conium maculatum, or poison hemlock.

Here are some nefarious no-goodniks that may be more familiar: Joe-Pye Weed, the beauti-ful pink wildflower blooming in your garden, has a deadly relative, white snakeroot (Eupatorium rugosum). A delicate enchanter decked out in fuzzy white flowers, white snakeroot is . native to Michigan and other Midwestern states. According to Stewart, frontier settler Nancy Hanks Lincoln fell ill in 1818, a victim of "milk sickness" caused by drinking milk produced by cows that had eaten this killer plant.

Does your garden include rhubarb, its crimson color beckoning from your vegetable patch? Delicious stalks, but deadly leaves. What about the succulent kalanchoe brightening your kitchen windowsill with clusters of cheerful flowers? It contains compounds that can damage a cat's cardiac system. And be careful when digging up horseradish to serve for dinner – aconite, also known as monkshood, has roots that appear very similar to those of horseradish, but the monkshood roots contain acontinine, a powerful alkaloid that causes nerve paralysis and death.

Stewart's easy-to-use volume, complete with detailed etchings of each garden villain, is fun and essential reading for any backyard grower. Her book is a helpful reminder to enjoy the fruits of your gardening labor, but approach your plants with caution. Behind those glossy leaves and beguiling flowers may lurk a callous killer!

Find Wicked Plants: the Weed that Killed Lincoln's Mother & Other Botanical Atrocities and more gardening titles at your Wayne Public Library, where you can Dig into Reading (adults and children) or delve Beneath the Surface (teens) with summer reading programs for all ages.

Just a reminder: The Wayne Public Library will have new hours of operation beginning on July 1. The library will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. The library is closed Sunday and Monday. The library will be

closed on Thursday, July

Library Central was compiled by Kathleen G. Kozakowski, Adult Services librarian. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737. S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

drew stars from a variety of areas, most notably hockey players. Detroit Red Wings legend Ted Lindsay serves as the tournament's chair emeritus, while former Red Wings Stanley Cup champion Joe Kocur was among Monday's celebrity players, as was defenseman James Wisniewski of the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Other celebrities

with outside the operating room," said Lazarus, who won a local Emmy for her documentary on the meningitis outbreak. "And it's a great cause. In life, you're given two hands – one to help yourself and one to help others."

Casalou said the hospital holds its annual fundraiser at Pheasant Run because Canton is a big part of the communi-

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Martin gets his shot at pro ball

Farmington High grad was NCAA Division II Pitcher of the Year at Minnesota State

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

As an athlete and pitcher, Harvey Martin is accustomed to challenges and having to prove his ability and worthiness. Martin His experience at that has prepared him for the next rung on the ladder of his baseball career.

Martin, who starred at Far-

mington High School and Minnesota State University, is starting that process all over again with the Milwaukee Brewers farm team in Helena, Mont. He had hoped to be drafted after being named an NCAA Division

II All-America and national Pitcher of the Year. He was

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Harvey Martin of Farmington pitches for Minnesota State in the NCAA Division II tournament. MINNESOTA STATE ATHLETICS

Miss Softball: Ladywood's Fidge sings a happy tune

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Celeste Fidge admits she wasn't a born hitter.

But the way the Livonia Ladywood third baseman crushed the ball during her senior year was a far cry from her days with the 12-and-under summer league team Livonia Storm.

"Actually it's a funny story," said the newly crowned Miss Softball. "When I was younger I was used to be at the end of the batting lineup. I really didn't have much interest in the sport of softball until I had this one coach (Jeremy Avery), who gave me a bunch of instructions to become a better hitter. And finally, one time when I made contact with the ball, it went right over the outfielder's head, and I said, 'I think I'm going to give this sport a try."

Fidge, who has signed with the University of Toledo, was named the Field Player of the Year by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association, while Sterling Heights Stevenson's Alyssa Huntley earned Pitcher of the Year honors by the MHSSCA.

Fidge, who hit .500 this sea-



Maybury run set July 27 The Northville

The Northville Road Runners will stage their annual 8-kilometer and 1mile Classic runwalk Saturday, July 27, at Maybury State Park, located off the Eight Mile entrance (one mile west of Beck).

The event, which will benefit the Friends of Maybury, starts at 5 p.m. with the 1-miler (preregistration cost \$5) followed by the 8K (pre-registration cost \$25) on dirt and paved trails at 5:30 p.m.

The 8K participants will receive a tech T-shirt and all children in the 1-mile will receive a finishers medal. Awards will be in five-year increments.

Family fun includes a story hour, face painting and hands-on activities during the race. Post-race activities include pizza, live music, libations, homemade baked goods and awards ceremony.

Application forms can be downloaded at www.northvilleroad runners.org; or you can register online at www.active.com Race day registration begins at 3 p.m. (\$35 for the 8K and \$8 for the 1mile). A recreational park passport is required at the gate and day passes are available. For more informa-

For more informa tion, call Peg Campbell at 248-417-5710; or email peggya campbell @gmail.com.

Bucks stop Rovers, 4-1 The Michigan Bucks avenged thei

lone setback this

son with five homers, 18 doubles and 35 RBI, became the second straight Ladywood player to earn the Miss Softball award joining former teammate Briana Combs, who was the 2012 MHSSCA Pitcher of the Year.

"I was very much shellshocked," Fidge said of the honor. "I was not expecting to get it at all, but very happy. My teammates were really supportive of me getting it, too. I think it that was the best part of it was everyone else's reaction. It was a good feeling."

Ladywood coach Scott Combs informed Fidge of the honor last Monday, but made the announcement a little suspenseful.

"It was funny the way he presented it," Fidge said. "Early on that day he said, 'I have a secret to tell you.' I said, 'Oh, really, this should be great.' Then he calls me up later that evening and said, 'Go get your mom and your dad.' I was like, 'OK,' and he told me I was Miss Softball."

Fidge, who lives in Westland, attended Nankin Mills Elementary in grades K-four before going to Livonia St. Michael's School for grades five-eight.

She began playing organized

Livonia Ladywood's Celeste Fidge was named Miss Softball Field Player of the Year. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

softball at age 9 starting with the Storm's 10- through 14-andunder teams before moving over to Compuware's 16- and 18-andunder squads.

Meanwhile, she landed at Ladywood as a ninth-grader where she started four straight seasons earning Division 2 firstteam All-State honors three straight years helping the Blazers to an MHSAA state title in 2012 and a Final Four berth in 2013 as the Blazers finished 32-10 overall.

"She came in at a time four years ago when there were some veterans on the team and some people that had played heavy travel ball," Scott Combs recalled. "As a freshman, she was a totally different person. I don't think she said three words her freshman year around the team.

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Miss Softball winner

summer in the Premier Development League with a 4-1 win Saturday over the host River City Rovers (Ky.) in a match played at the Shelby County Athletic Complex. Gerald Ben and

Drew Ruggles each collected a goal and assist as the firstplace Bucks improved to 7-1-0 (21 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference.

Dion Peters and Nathan Steinwascher also scored for the Bucks, while brothers Matt and Nick Walker drew assists.

Bucks goalkeeper Adam Grinwis, who made three saves, had his shutout bid spoiled in the 89th minute by the Rovers' Luis Ramirez.

The Bucks will go after their seventh consecutive win beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday when they face the Toronto Lynx at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Tickets, available at the gate, are halfpriced at \$5. For more information, visit www.bucks soccer.com.

Hole-in-one

Commerce Township resident Mike Lee registered a hole-in-one June 21 on Glenhurst Golf Course's 120-yard fourth hole.

fourth hole. The 70-year-old Lee, who has been playing golf for 50 years, used a seven iron on his memorable shot.

He carded a ninehole round of 46. It was Lee's first ace.

Metro West skaters earn State Games gold medal

'The key was ... everybody bought into the system'

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Silver is nice, but it wouldn't suffice for the 2013 Metro West high school hockey team heading into last weekend's talentrich Meijer State Games tournament in Grand Rapids. The squad of Observerland-

The squad of Observerlandarea icers met its gold standard on Sunday when it skated away with the top prize at the four-day competition after laying a thorough thumping on Team South, 10-0, in the title tilt.

Metro West was the runnerup in the 2012 tournament, which features a vast majority of Michigan's elite prep hockey



Members of the Metro West hockey team celebrate after winning the gold medal at the 2013 Meijer State Games in Grand Rapids.

talent.

"The key to our success was that everybody bought into the system," said Metro West head coach Ryan Ossenmacher, who was orchestrating the team for the fourth time. "Most of these players are top-line guys on their high school teams, but some were asked to play on the third or fourth lines because we're so deep. Everybody accepted his role, which is why we were able to win the gold."

Metro West was so dominant in the championship game that the contest was halted after two periods when the mercy rule kicked in.

"We just came out flying and we never let up," Ossenmacher said, referring to the gold medal game.

Ossenmacher's skaters advanced to the final after smothering Team West, 3-0, on Saturday.

The champions opened with a

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terribly disappointed when that didn't happen, but the Brewers called shortly after the draft ended to offer him a free-agent contract.

That was late in the day Saturday, June 8. He packed his belongings on Sunday and was on a plane Monday for Montana and the Advanced Rookie League.

"It's kind of a blessing in disguise," Martin said, adding he begins the next phase of his career with an inner chip on his shoulder. "I knew I would play professional baseball at some point from all the feedback I was getting, but free agency wasn't the first priority on my list.

"It's a motivating factor for me. I've always had to prove myself, at Central (Michigan) and Minnesota State. It won't be easy here and I don't expect it to be. Going through the things I did in college – the surgery, the transfer, the ups and downs during my career – put me in a good mindset to handle the free agency deal."

Regardless of how he got there, Martin has his foot in the door. He plans to make the most of his opportunity and, hopefully, move up the chain of minor league teams.

"I can't change the fact of free agency," he said. "I told the Brewers, "I promise I will not take a day off all the time I'm here. I'll keep working and getting my nose dirty.'

"I don't have the luxury of being an 18-year-old who signed for a lot of money. It's great playing here, but my goal is to be in the big leagues."

The season just started last week for the Helena Brewers, who were 1-3 in the Pioneer League standings at the ARL level. Martin's first appearance went well, however.

He pitched two scoreless innings of late-game relief Friday against the Missoula (Mont.) Osprey in the team's



Harvey Martin was 19-1 over two seasons and helped the Mavericks win two Northern Sun Conference titles. MINNESOTA STATE ATHLETICS

lone win.

"I struck out the side in the first inning, which was kinda awesome to start my pro career," Martin said. "The next inning was a real quick inning with a couple pop-ups and a ground ball.

"There were a lot of nerves in that first inning, but I got it out of the way. When you have a successful first inning, you feel like you belong a little bit. Obviously, it's something to build on."

Big sky country

In the short time he's been there, Martin is enjoying the experience in Helena and reveling in the knowledge he's actually playing professional baseball.

"It's pretty awesome," he said. "Every now and then, I sit back during practice and realize where I'm at and kinda living my dream. We wear Brewers across our chests and it's a cool feeling every day to realize I'm employed by a Major League baseball team. It's been a great time so far."

The 6-foot-1, 195-pound Martin transferred two years ago from Central Michigan to MSU. He played two of four seasons at CMU where his mound time was limited to spot appearances in relief. He was redshirted in 2008 and had Tommy John surgery on his pitching arm in 2010. He took a chance and left for Mankato, Minn., with something to prove as a potential starting pitcher. He was 10-0 and was named the Newcomer of the Year in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference last year.

"I definitely did what I set out to do by leaving and getting the opportunity to pitch," Martin said. "I was given the opportunity to do something that wasn't going to be given at Central Michigan. I had the opportunity to do that at Minnesota State and it worked out. I'm very thankful for that."

Repeat performance

The challenge facing Martin at the start of the 2013 season was to prove the previous one was not a fluke, that he could back it up by having another great year. He did that and more.

The right-handed Martin posted a 9-1 record with a 2.06 earned run average and was nationally ranked in several categories. He was second in strikeout-to-walk ratio with 91 and seven, respectively, in 78.2 innings.

He helped lead the 42-9 Mavericks to a second straight NSIC championship and consecutive runner-up finishes in the NCAA Division II College World Series. Martin's only loss in his two years at MSU occurred in the final game of this year's CWS. Top-ranked Tampa won, 8-6.

"I don't regret going to Central at all," he said. "I earned a degree there and made a ton of great friends. In going to Minnesota, I thought it was kinda crazy, going to a Division II school where it was colder/ than Michigan. My decision to leave was probably the toughest I had to make, but it was the best decision I've made in my baseball career."

And the 2013 accolades piled up for Martin, who was named to the All-America first team and was selected the national Pitcher of the Year by Rawlings/ABCA, Daktronics and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. He also was the NSIC's Pitcher of the Year and one of eight finalists for the Tino Martinez Award as the top player in Division II.

"If I had been told all of this was going to happen to me when I left (CMU), I probably would have laughed about it," Martin said. "Awards come with team success. If a team is going to the national championship, you're going to have some All-Americas on it. I was just fortunate to be one of those guys.

"Award-wise, that was never the goal of leaving. The goal was to pitch and try to get into professional baseball. Anything else was an added bonus. I'm where I wanted to be."

Place in history

Martin ends his college career as the most decorated player in MSU baseball history and the first to win the Pitcher of the Year honor.

"His accolades on the field won't overshadow the impact he left off the field," MSU coach Matt Magers said, regarding Martin's ability to motivate his teammates. "His mental approach and passion for the game enabled him to compete at a level most players never attain. Despite only playing here for two seasons, Harvey will go down as one of the best to ever wear the Mav-

erick uniform." Martin's most memorable game was this year's regional

game was this year's regional final in which MSU defeated Missouri Western, one of the best hitting teams in the country, according to Martin. He pitched a complete, 10-inning game and the Mavericks won, 4-1.

"Obviously, that catapulted me into a lot of the awards I got at the end of the season," Martin said. "To help lead the team into the College World Series was a lot of fun. I loved playing those guys at Minnesota State. We were fortunate to host the regional two years in a row and play in the (CWS) twice."

Moving forward

Not only has the 24-year-old Martin moved on from a good memory like that, he has put the disappointment of not being drafted behind him, too. The bottom line is he's playing pro ball now.

"I thought I was going to get drafted last year and it didn't work out, which made me a stronger person – to keep chasing it, developing patience and working toward what you want," Martin said. "A lot of people wanted to see more strikeouts out of me. I think that's why I was national Pitcher of the Year, because my strikeout-to-walk ratio was up there.

"One thing that hurt me in the draft was that I was older and had arm surgery. Teams aren't interested in older guys who've had arm surgery. I thought, with the season I put up there, I couldn't be denied the chance. I thought 250 innings was enough to show what I could do.

"If I never played in the Major Leagues, I wanted to leave with people saying, 'Harvey Martin was the best pitcher I've seen all season.' If I did that and made sure Year 2 wasn't a fluke, I thought I'd get a shot to be where I am. It's still sinking in. I haven't taken a day for granted and don't plan to do that."



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I'd see her walking around the infield or the outfield singing to herself, so it got to be a joke between me and her. But that made her relax. She was a little bit scared and intimidated by the rest of the team as a freshman, but we threw her right into the fire and we said, 'You're going to have to hit.' She was designated hitter the first year. I said, 'You're going to have to improve your arm and you're going to play third base, so stop being afraid of the ball.' She took all those things and worked on them day-after, day-after, day, and I think she has one of the best arms in the state of Michigan. I really do." Fidge proved to be a sponge, soaking up all the instruction she could gather. "I told her, 'You're arm gets stronger by throwing hard," Combs said. "You're going to be a little sore, but work at it.' She took it to heart and turned out to be one of the best third basemen I've seen in a long time. She's extremely dependable. In fact, I had to rein her in many, many times. She'd run into fences, ran into bad lips of grass ... roll her ankle a few times. She did it by pure work and saw the other kids around her and said. 'I want to play, I want to excel. I gotta up my work ethic.' Fidge will be honored July 24 in the Softball **Coaches Association** All-Star game at Michigan State University. She'll be playing summer softball for Finesse before enrolling at Toledo where she plans to study marketing. She also considered Madonna University, but fell in love with the surroundings and the academic support offered at Toledo. "It touched my heart, I said, 'This is where I want to go," Fidge said. "I hope to make my way there. I'm going to have to open a couple of doors to get there, but hopefully I'll make my way there.'

markable and a joy for Combs to see.

"Her personality has been an absolute pleasure see develop," the Ladywood coach said. "Coming from a 14-yearold, little snot-nose kid as a freshman, thrown into the fire, wide-eyed and not knowing what's going on around her, too. ... She's an extremely mature young lady now, a pleasure to talk to and has her goals in her sights and didn't let any-

Fidge's development during her four years at Ladywood has been rebody deter her from it. She wanted to play Division I ball and worked her way into that mix. It's been a great four years. It went by very fast, but her maturity has been off the scale this year and it's been great."

And Fidge will cherish each and every moment playing for the Blazers.

"I would definitely say it's been the best times I've ever had was at Ladywood," she said. "There were such great memories, especially the team.

"All four years everybody was great and supportive. That's really what made Ladywood the best four years."

Fidge enjoys music and art when she's not playing softball. She even bills herself the team's undisputed "Adele."

"She's the team singer although there's a couple other people coming up underneath her that think they can challenge her," Combs said. "We have a little ritual where we put the headphones on at that start of each practice where we walk four or five minutes away from everybody. Everybody goes there own separate way. I'll be raking the field and I can hear her singing over everybody with the ear-phones on. I can tell that she enjoys it. I would imagine she's in the shower at home singing pretty much all the time.

And while Fidge won't admit to being a born hitter or singer, she can definitely hold her own.

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"I do like singing and I'm comfortable singing even though I might not be best at it," said the newly crowned Miss Softball.

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All-Area baseball talent tears up basepaths

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Dan Cameron, sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior catcher. bound for Henry Ford Community College, batted .442 with 26 RBI, 22 runs scored and 13 extra base hits, while striking out just three times.

'Dan was the leader of our team," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said of the all-district and all-KLAA selection. "Offensively and defensively he was one of the best around. He led our team in most offensive categories and was stellar behind the plate. Dan was fouryear varsity player that will be extremely hard to replace next season."

David Lett, jr., N. Farmington: The junior shortstop made the coaches association's Division 1 all-state second team after hitting .453 with a teambest 62 hits.

The leadoff batter also drove in 29 runs, was hit by a pitch 16 times, had seven walks and led the Raiders in runs scored with 56. Lett's (combined) on-base and slugging percentage is 1.049. He had a .960 fielding percentage and helped turned 16 doubles plays.

David is the best baseball player on my team," coach Mike O'Connell said. "He's tremendous in every aspect. He's the real deal. If you transposed his numbers into the big leagues, he'd be making \$10 million a year. He's a complete baseball player.

"His baseball IQ is over 200. He scored from second on a ground ball hit to first base to give you an example of his speed and smarts.'

Travis Harvey, sr., Liv. Ste-venson: The senior third baseman hit .406 with 31 RBI en route to second-team Division 1 all-state, all-region, all-dis-trict and all-KLAA honors.

Harvey, headed to Henry Ford CC, collected 18 extra base hits including 15 doubles. He also had a team-best 14 stolen bases.

'Once again Travis had a second good year for us," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "He played a spectacular third base for us and was instrumental in us going to the regionals again. He's probably the fastest player on our team.'

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Brian Schmid, sr., Plymouth: The senior batted .389, smacking five homers and 28 RBI while being named to the All-District team.

Interim coach Mike George, who took over the Wildcats late in the season, said Schmid was a solid, consistent performer both at third base and pitcher and was the unofficial team MVP. "Brian was a kid that was a definite leader," George said. "He was the kid that everybody turned to. He hit four home runs for us in the seven games that I was there. (He) has an opportunity to play at the next level." Eric Stanis, sr., N. Farmington: As he did in hockey, Stanis played bigger than his size and was deceptively talented. The 145-pound senior is also a versatile player, making the alldistrict team as a second baseman and the all-league team as a catcher. He played in every game and helped the Raiders (30-9) to an outstanding season. Stanis batted .415, led the team with 31 RBI, was second in hits (44) and was named the co-MVP. As a catcher, he threw out 18 runners trying to steal, and he was involved in 14 double plays as a second baseman. His fielding percentage was .985 "Eric is just a complete player," O'Connell said. "He's probably the best small baseball player I've ever seen. He batted in the four spot and, when he came up to bat, other teams called in the outfield because they thought he couldn't hit the ball. And then he'd hit it down the left-field line. "He has great baseball smarts. I can't say enough about him. He was a shortstop when he came to high school. We needed a catcher when he was a sophomore and he volunteered.' Chase Bovia, sr., John Gienn: The senior shortstop, who will attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn in the fall, helped spark the Rockets' first 20-win season since 2002 by hitting .360 with 16 RBI while earning team MVP and all-district honors. "Chase played in every game for us," Glenn coach Lawrence Scheffer said. "He carried a 3.7 grade point average and he led our team by example on-and-off the field. 'What made him a good player is that he just kept working hard in practice. He



Dan Cameron Churchill



Brian Schmid Plymouth



Zak Kmet **Garden City**



Connor Mohr Farmington



Daniel Jipping Plymouth Christian



Mike Stafford Canton

knew he had to get better at certain skill levels. He hit No. 2 in the lineup and set the table for us."

Zak Kmet, sr., Garden City: Kmet was a hitting and pitching force for the Cougars. A four-year starter at shortstop, he hit .420 this past spring with eight doubles, three triples, two home runs, 27 runs scored and 23 RBI. He struck out just six times in 86 plate appearances. An all-league and alldistrict performer, Kmet capped his career at Garden City as the school's all-time leader in runs scored (89) and hits (109), and he is second on the RBI list with 77. Kmet will play college baseball at Concordia University. "Zak Kmet is one of the best players that has ever played at Garden City High School," said Garden City coach Steve Herman. "He has led us at shortstop for four years and very few can say that at any school. His career numbers speak for themselves. But what they don't tell is the kind of person and leader that he has been. 'Not loud, Zak has led by example for four years, working harder than anyone despite being one of our best players year after year. Zak is also a great student and an even better young man. Zak is a great role model for all future Garden City High School players.'

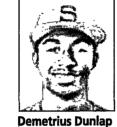


David Lett N. Farmington



Eric Stanis N. Farmington





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Stevenson



Sterling Sharp N. Farmington

from the leadoff position.

Mohr, who has a scholarship to Michigan State, had 56 hits, was successful stealing a base 10 of 14 times and scored a

"He is a great leader for our young guys and he'll be greatly missed.

Daniel Jipping, jr., Ply. Christian: The junior catcher pretty much was a one-man wrecking crew in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Jipping batted .685 (54-for-80) with 24 extra-base hits (including seven homers), driving in 40 and scoring 36. His slugging percentage was 1.556 and his power hitting helped him win all-district. all-MIAC first-team and MIAC Red Division MVP honors.

He also was a strong pitcher for the Eagles, posting a 5-1 record and 2.97 ERA. He struck out 60 in 35 1/3 innings.

In addition to his on-thefield prowess, he carried a 3.97 grade-point average and earned all-district academic kudos.

"Players like Daniel don't come along very often," assistant coach Joe Bottorff said. "And I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach him. I can't wait to see what he does next year as a senior.

Nick Hazergian, jr., Canton: A bulldog who will do whatever is necessary for the Chiefs to have success. Ha zergian batted .375 with 47 RBI while playing solid first base.

And whenever coach Mark Blomshield needed him to dazzle on the mound he did just that, going 6-1, striking out 61 in 43 innings and fashioning a nifty 1.90 earned run average.

The junior earned all-district and all-conference honors for the second season in a row.

"Nick had a great junior year for the Chiefs on the mound and at the plate," Blomshield said. "Nick's RBÍ production was impressive with runners in scoring position indicating the type of clutch player he has been this season."

Mike Kanitra, sr., Stevenson: The senior first baseman and pitcher, who signed with Madonna University, led the Spartans with a .422 batting average, including 14 doubles with a team-high 37 RBI and a .635 slugging percentage.

Kanitra, a right-hander, also excelled on the mound as Stevenson's ace going 6-4 with a 2.08 earned run average with 43 strikeouts in 61¹/₃ innings of work.

The team MVP earned firstteam Division 1 all-state, along with all-region, all-district and all-KLAA honors.

"Mike was an unbelievable

2013 All-Observer **Baseball Team**

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FIRST TEAM

C - Dan Cameron, sr., Liv. Churchill INF - David Lett, jr., N. Farmington INF - Travis Harvey, sr., Liv. Stevenson INF/P - Brian Schmid, sr., Plymouth INF - Eric Stanis, sr., N. Farmington INF - Chase Bovia, sr., John Glenn INF/P - Zak Kmet, sr., Garden City INF - Josh Gorman, sr., Liv. Franklin INF/P - Nick Hazergian, jr., Canton OF - Connor Mohr, sr., Farmington OF – Demetrius Dunlap, sr., Salem OF - Nick Andrzejewski, sr., Luth. Wsld.

UTL - Daniel Jipping, jr., Ply. Christian P/INF - Mike Kanitra, sr., Liv. Stevenson

P - Mike Stafford, sr., Canton P – Patrick Wierimaa, jr., Redford Union P – Sterling Sharp, sr., N. Farmington SECOND TEAM

C - Alex Shimmons, jr., Redford Union C - Casey Sudz, sr., Plymouth

C - Mike Vomastek, sr., Liv. Stevenson INF – Kevin Turner, sr., N. Farmington INF – Kyle Penn, sr., Salem

INF – Brad King, jr., Garden City INF – John Szymanski, sr., Liv. Churchill INF - Jack Driscoll, jr., Salem

INF - Ross Williams, sr., Farmington INF - David Vinsky, fr., Farm. Harrison

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OF - Josh DeYonker, sr., Liv. Stevenson OF -- Nick Kipper, sr., N. Farmington OF - Jaden King, jr., N. Farmington P - Jake Semak, sr., Liv. Stevenson

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P - Ty Tompson, sr., Farmington P - Hunter Henderson, sr., Harrison COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike O'Connell, North Farmington HONORABLE MENTION

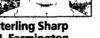
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included a 5-3 slate the past season. The 6-foot-4 righthander, who will play at Eastern Michigan next year, also had two saves, including one against Catholic Central in the district tournament.

Sharp, a repeat member of the all-area first team, pitched fewer innings (50) this year due to the poor weather in April, striking out 41 and walking 12. He also played some shortstop and hit .368 with 18 RBI. Sharp was an All-Observer basketball player this year, too. "His potential is so great," O'Connell said. "Major League and college scouts look at him and go, 'Wow!' Everybody thinks, if they could put 30 pounds of muscle on him, he'd be throwing 94 (mph). 'He tried to be a complete pitcher this year instead of just throwing hard and blowing everybody away. He worked on his changeup and offspeed stuff. His four-year high school career was exemplary."







Josh Gorman Franklin

Josh Gorman, sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior infielder and pitcher, bound for Indiana Tech. earned all-KLAA and all-district honors while hitting .340 with 16 RBI.

Gorman, a first-team all-Observer pick last year, also went 4-2 on the mound for the Patriots.

Josh was a third baseman by trade, but because of team needs, he played shortstop and second base for us," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "He was willing to give up his position for the betterment of the team. He's a four-year varsity player who progressed nicely through the program and has a good future ahead of him."

Connor Mohr, sr., Farmington: The senior center fielder was selected for the All-Observer first team a second time after another outstanding season for the Falcons. He hit .479 with 13 doubles, five triples, seven home runs and 23 RBI

team-nign 49 runs. His slug ging percentage was .855 and on-base average .519.

He fielded .968 with 51 putouts and nine assists. He pitched the second-most innings on the team (37 3/3) and had a 4-3 record.

Mohr also earned an allstate, first-team accolade from the coaches association and will play in the East-West All-Star game at Comerica Park on Monday, July 1.

In his prep career, Mohr batted .408 with 145 hits, which included 32 doubles, 13 triples and 11 home runs. He had 59 RBI and 53 stolen bases.

Demetrius Dunlap, sr., Salem: As smooth and talented a center-fielder as you will find at the prep level, Dunlap once again was an all-around standout for the Rocks.

Awarded Salem's Defensive Player of the Year award, Dunlap posted a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage, handling 83 putouts. Over his three-year varsity career, he made just seven errors while making 230 putouts.

At the plate he was a force, too, batting .339 with five homers, 31 RBI and a .414 on-base percentage.

Dunlap, who will play college baseball at Saginaw Valley State University, was named to the all-conference and all district teams.

"Demetrius is an outstanding player, a great teammate and is a better person than he is a player," coach Dale Rumberger said.

Nick Andrzejewski, sr., Luth. Westland: The senior outfielder posted a .523 batting average for the MIAC Red Division champions, who finished 21-5 this season.

He scored a school record 56 runs and has the Warriors' career mark with 144. Andrzejewski also posted 46 hits, including 11 doubles, with 29 RBI. He also walked 21 times and had 25 stolen bases.

"Nick has been a four-year starter, won two division titles, three district titles, one regional and has been to the quarterfinals," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said of the all-MIAC and all-district pick.

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pleasant surprise, " Berryman said. "Not only did he lead us in hitting, he pitched in all the big games and that's why he was our MVP."

Mike Stafford, sr., Canton: The senior lefthander finished a dominant, four-year prep career with a flourish, going 7-3 and striking out 93 in 56 innings. His ERA was an impressive 1.00 and he fired a no-hitter against Livonia Stevenson.

For his Canton career, he collected 247 strikeouts and will take that pitching talent to Liberty University (Va.) next year.

Stafford also earned alldistrict and all-conference selections for the third consecutive season.

"Mike was a standout because he is a three-pitch pitcher who can run his fastball into the 90s with good movement,' Blomshield said. "He had great mound presence and is a leader both on and off the field. Because he is a four-year letter winner and three-year starter, he's pitched in a lot of big games.

"Mike was able to learn from these experiences and continue to improve each year, both physically and mentally therefore becoming the blue chip ball player he is today."

Patrick Wierimaa, jr., Redford Union: Wierimaa's right arm and lead-off skills helped lead the Panthers to a 14-7 record in head coach Bob Miller's first year at the helm. Serving as the Panthers' ace, Wierimaa carved out a 10-4 record with a 1.50 earned run average. He struck out 105 batters in 64 innings while yielding just 15 walks. At the dish, the junior hit .535 with 15 RBI and seven doubles.

'Not only was Pat our best pitcher, but he was a great hitter for us this season," said Miller. "He's one of those kids who just loves to play the game and he puts a lot of time into his craft. I'm looking forward to coaching him again next season.'

Sterling Sharp, sr., N. Farmington: The senior ace posted a 24-5 record during a fouryear varsity career, which

COACH OF THE YEAR Mike O'Connell, N. Far-

mington: In O'Connell's third season as varsity head coach, the Raiders (30-9) set a record for single-season victories, captured the Oakland Activities Association White Division crown and won their first district championship in nine years.

O'Connell, who has coached at North since 1997, has been an assistant coach at the jayvee and varsity levels and the jayvee head coach. His threevear varsity record is 64-37, and his jayvee teams were 140-46 during a span of nine seasons (2002-10).

"I can't say enough about the kids," O'Connell said. "I've had more talented teams and better athletes, but I haven't had this many kids who were as dedicated to baseball.

What made us 30-9 was our depth. Everybody has a great pitcher, a leadoff guy and a No. 4 hitter. What really makes the difference is the last three our four guys in the lineup.

"We won 25 games with other guys on the mound (besides ace Sterling Sharp). It was the depth of the pitching staff that really made the difference."

O'Connell added longtime assistant coach Kurt Yockey played a major role for the Raiders, too.

"We would not have had the success we did without him," O'Connell said.



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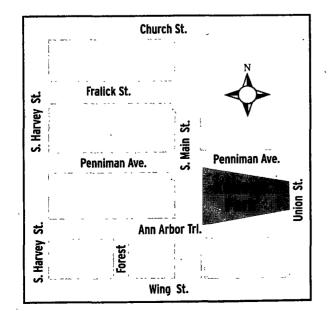
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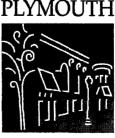
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Adrian-bound



Livonia Stevenson senior forward Carlin O'Malley (front) has verbally committed to play soccer in the fall for Adrian College. Also attending the ceremony was O'Malley's father Ken, Stevenson head coach Chris Grodzicki, assistant coach Jenny Barker, O'Malley's mother Kimberly and Livonia Soccer Club coach Ken Shingledecker. "We've watched her closely over the last two years and her development is a great reflection of her work rate and love of the game, as well as the quality of coaching she's received through her club and high school," said Adrian coach Ali Alamdari, who guided the Bulldogs to a 12-4-4 record in 2012. "She's smart, technically gifted, and has a great attitude that shows in the way she expresses herself on the field."

Winning Warriors



The Plymouth-Canton Warriors 10-and-under baseball team was crowned champion of the NFWB Summer Classic Panther Tournament June 23 in Farmington Hills. Pictured are (front row from left) Miles Washington, Devin Beauchamp, Brendan Kelley, Chase Olson, Logan Hill, Jackson Wertz, (second row from left) Braedon McLaughlin, Andrew Uhlian, Evan Berger, Zachary Blaisdell and Ian Smith. The coaches (pictured back row from left) are Doug Olson, Mike Uhlian, Ryan McLaughlin, Matt Blaisdell and Kevin Kelley. Not pictured are Joey Datillo and Chad Datillo.

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4-1 victory over Team Central on Thursday, one day before rocking Team South, 5-1.

Metro West's lone loss was a 5-4 overtime setback to Metro East.

We had five or six guys back who played on the 2012 team, so they were extremely motivated to improved on the silver we won last year," Ossenmacher said.

'Our expectations were to win this tournament. Our goal was to have fun, obviously, but the boys knew they'd have the most fun if they won it." Familiarity bred suc-

cess for the team's top three lines. One line con-sisted of Division 2 state champion Livonia Stevenson's No. 1 line, while another was made up of quarterfinalist Plymouth's best three skaters. The other top line included two NHL draft-

"It would be really hard to single anyone out because everybody played well," Ossenmacher said.

Sharing the goal-tending duties were Salem's Parker Godfrey, Livonia Churchill's David Turel and Novi's Austin Petty.

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New Lady Ocelots basketball coach signs two recruits

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

New Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Kara Kinzer has entertained thoughts of putting a "Help Wanted" message on the electronic marquee off Haggerty Road heading into the 2013-14 season.

"It's been a struggle, but we'll get there," said Kinzer, who replaced Kevin Brathwaite, who posted a 33-26 record in his two seasons with the Lady Ocelots. "We're always looking for players, but I'm very excited.

The 27-year-old Kinzer signed her first two recruits last week landing Victoria Fletcher, a 5-foot-9 guard from Dansville High School, along with Teniece Roberts, a 6-foot center who graduated from Windsor (Ontario) Assumption in 2010.

Fletcher was a fouryear all-league and allconference starter in basketball and soccer.

'I'm looking for Victoria to be an aggressive player," said Kinzer, who



New Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Kara Kinzer (center) signed her first two recruits, landing Teniece Roberts (left) of Windsor and Victoria Fletcher of Mason (Dansville H.S.). RENA LAVERTY

spent two seasons as an assistant at Oakland Community College. "I would like for her to be able to play the shooting guard and the small forward position."

Roberts, who attended a full semester at Schoolcraft, has not played competitive basketball since graduating from high school.

She will graduate next May with a science degree.

Teniece is a very quick learner on and off the court," Kinzer said.

'She's a little raw, but she's is really working hard on her fundamentals during the summer workouts."

She also has secured two more verbal commitments from a pair of 5-6 point guards – Sara Gammons from Flint Atherton and Chelsea Wesley from Morrice.

Among the four players scheduled to return off last year's 8-20 squad, which finished 5-13 in the MCCAA's Eastern Conference, include Bri Berbert

(Salem), Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin), Marwa Sayed and Taylor Bunyak.

"I'm expecting a lot from our incoming freshmen with only four returning players," Kin-zer said. "The incoming freshmen will have a lot of responsibility on-andoff the court."

Kinzer, who lives in Ferndale and works in her family collision shop business in Mount Clem-ens, played high school basketball at Utica Eisenhower before going on to four-year career at Saginaw Valley State.

This is her first head coaching gig after spending the last two seasons as an assistant.

Kinzer said she plans on holding summer workouts and open gyms with the hope of landing a few more players. And the door remains

open.

Any players interested in a look should email the first-year Schoolcraft coach at kkinzer@schoolcraft.edu.

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Rams feel the Sting in trio of setbacks

Danny Essian collected five hits on Sunday leading the Michigan Sting to a doubleheader sweep of the Michigan Rams in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League action at Bicentennial Park.

The Troy High grad, a catcher at Alderson-Broaddus College (W.Va.) and son of former Major Leaguer Jim Essian, went 2-for-3 with a run scored as the Sting took the opener, 3-1, followed by a 3-for-3 effort with two runs scored in the nightcap in a 4-3 victory.

The Sting improved to 9-7 in league play, while the Rams fall to 7-8-1

Sting starter Kevin Marnon went all seven innings to win Game One allowing just one run on five hits and two walks. He struck out seven.

The Rams' Spencer . Goebel, who took the loss, allowed two runs (one earned) in five innings. He allowed two hits, walked three and struck out four. Reliver Donnie Eaton gave up one runs on two hits in two innings.

Taylor Grezlakowski, Kyle Juscak and Dylan Ahern each knocked in a run for the Sting, while Justin Sherman went 2-for-3 with a double and Trent Drumheller added two hits and one RBI for the Rams.

In Game Two, Nathan Weiss pitched all seven innings scattering six

hits and a walk to go along with six strikeouts as the Sting rallied from a 3-0 deficit by scoring three times in the sixth and one in the seventh for the one-run victory.

Juscak also went 2-for-4 with a double, while J.P. Maracani went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI for the Rams. Matt Avromov also added two hits in the loss.

Rams starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson/Madonna University) went 51/3 innings, allowing three runs, all unearned, on six hits. He struck out four, walked one and hit a batter.

Reliever Jake Gardner, who came on for the final 1¹/₃ innings, gave up the game-winning run and took the loss.

STING 3, RAMS 2: On Monday, A.J. Jusick pitched a four-hit complete game leading the Michigan Sting (10-7) to an LCBL victory over the Michigan Rams (7-9-1) at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School

Jusick struck out five, walked one and hit

three batters. Rams starter Jake Balicki, who took the loss, went five innings allowing two earned runs on five hits and two walks. He struck out four before Chris McDonald (Livonia Stevenson/Hillsdale College) livenia Scorelss sixth. Jeff Segal went 2-for-3 with a run scored, while Danny Essian added two

n. Trent Drumheller hit a two-run homer in

the fifth for the Rams. RAMS 11, LIGHTNING 6: Brett Ramirez (Salem/MU) knocked in three runs while Miles Sorise went 2-for-3 and scored twice as the Michigan Rams (7-6-1) twice as the witchigan Kams (7-6-1) downed the Michigan Lightning (1-13) In a game called after 6% innings due to a 2% time limit friday at Bicentennial Park. Ben Yax, Tyler Baker and Brandon Katta also knocked in runs for the Rams, who erased a 4-2 deficit with nine runs in the fourth inning. fourth inning. Kirk Stambaugh, in relief of starter Jeff

Sorenson (Stevenson/Wayne State), pitched the final 3% innings to pick up the

victory. Brent Marzion (Livonia Franklin) took the loss for the Lightning. Willard Brown went 3-for-4 with two RBI in a losing cause.

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German, American dancers share stage at Livonia Spree

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance will add a little German flair to its annual appearance on the main stage Saturday at Livonia Spree.

The Academy's competitive dance team will share performance time with Ballettschule Feibicke, a group of dancers from Berlin, Germany.

"At Spree we'll do jazz, contemporary, tap - we're bringing a little of everything," said Janet Coppola, the Academy's office manager. She suspects the German troupe will perform ballet and contemporary dances. "Their ballet is more con-

temporary. Their pieces may have a more modern look. People love to watch other people express themselves. I don't think it matters if it's jazz, ballet or tap. Having these young ladies from Germany will be an experience for people in Livonia.'

Ballettschule Feibicke is in Michigan this week through an 18-year-old exchange program with Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, which is located in Twin Lake north of Muskegon. The German and American dancers take turns visiting each others' countries every other year. The German dancers have toured Michigan nine times since the program began.

Sarah Jozwiak, a dancer at Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance, attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp last summer and performed in four European countries through the exchange program. She and other troupe members stayed with Ballettschule Feibicke host families while in Berlin. Her mother, Terri, arranged for Ballettschule Feibicke to



Members of the senior troupe at Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance perform a jazz routine.

participate in Livonia Spree while it's visiting Michigan this month. She also sought host families from the Livonia area.

'I'll have five (dancers) at my house," Terri Jozwiak said. "Part of the exchange program is to live with an American family. We do have a few activities planned while they are here. We'll have a picnic and a pool party and after the performance we'll stay at Spree so they can ride the rides. On

Friday we're going downtown to tour the Opera House, see Campus Martius, the DIA, the river front."

Ballettschule Feibicke leaves Livonia on Sunday and heads to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and then Ann Arbor for performances.

The German group and the Academy's competitive dance team each will perform for 30 minutes from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on the main stage at Spree, which is held at Ford Field, located at the corner of Farmington Road and Lyndon, in Livonia.

Dancers from Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance have performed at Livonia Spree since 2009.

Coppola said the event, which celebrates Livonia's founding, gives the dance team 'great exposure" in the community

"Eighty percent of our students are from the Livonia

area," Coppola noted. "It gives them a chance to showcase what they do.

She said Livonia Spree also gives dancers an opportunity to "give back" to the community."

For more about Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance, see feltondance.com. For more about Livonia Spree, visit livo-niaspree.com. Visit Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's website at bluelake.org







ENTERTAINMENT

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Village Theater seeks art for fall exhibit

GET OUT! CALENDAR

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is accepting entries for the 21st annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, which will be held Oct. 3-28. Deadline for entries is Aug. 26. Juried result notification will be mailed by Sept. 15.

Michigan artists may enter online at www.cantonvillage theater.org or request an entry form by calling the theater at 734-394-5300, Ext. 8.

All media is accepted for the exhibit, but only digital image files on CDs will be accepted for review. No slides will be accepted for consideration. Paintings and hangings should not exceed 5 feet in width, 6 feet in height, or 40 pounds in weight. The work must be properly and appropriately framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not exceed 5 feet by 5 feet by 6 feet. Works must weigh no more than 200 pounds.

Original works of art must have been completed in the last three years. A nonrefundable entry

fee of \$15 for each submitted piece is required. The competition will

award \$1,950 in cash prizes: \$750 for best of show, \$500 for second place, \$300 for third place, \$100 each for two honorable mentions, and

\$50 each for four merit awards.

Gilda Snowden, a graduate of Cass Technical High School and Wayne State University, will be the juror. Snowden holds B.F.A., M.A. and M.F.A. degrees. She is the interim chair and professor of the Fine Arts Department at the College for Creative Studies, and is also gallery director of the Detroit Repertory Theatre.



'My Friend Kate," a pencil drawing by Christina Czaja, won Best of Show last year at the Canton Fine Arts.

ARTS CRAFTS **ARTS AND ACTS FESTIVAL**

Time/Date: 3-9 p.m. Friday, June 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m./Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 30 Location: Main and Center streets in downtown Northville **Details:** The Festival includes the 25th annual juried fine art show "Art in the Sun," featuring more than 60 artists; the "Reel Michigan Film Festival" at Northville's Marquis Theatre; the "Sandbox Play Festival" produced by Tipping Point Theatre; "Short on Words," a literary contest; musical entertainment; children's activities, including a fairy door scavenger hunt and free mural painting; and a variety of festival food and drink Contact: www.northvillearts.org or call the Northville Art House at 248-344-0497

CITY GALLERY

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

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

Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

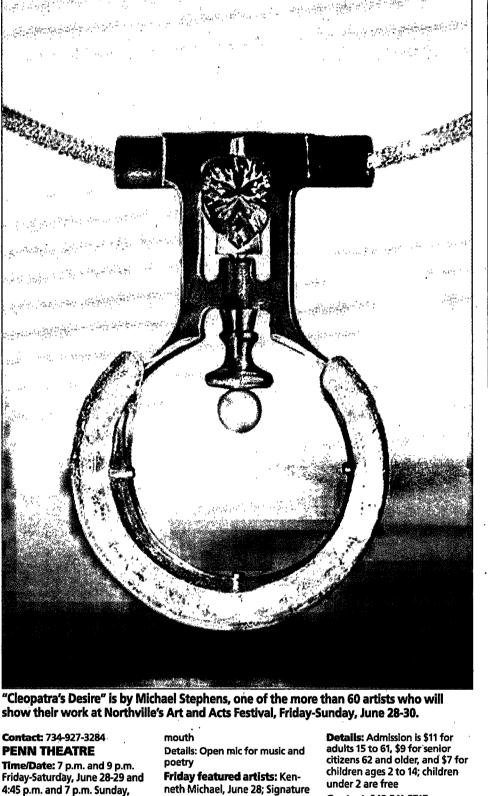
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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

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

www.dia.org **FARMINGTON ART** FOUNDATION

Time/Date: 4:30-6 p.m. Friday, June 28



Casting set in July for new Michigan film

The Michigan-made film, *Papou*, will film in Livonia, Sterling Heights and Bloomfield Hills next month.

The movie is about death, family and the bond between grandfather and grandson. Actors of all ages, dressed in street clothes, are needed for filming July 8 and July 19 at Archie's Coney Island, 29433 Eight Mile, Livonia. A casting call for all ages is set for July 22 at

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108 E. Main

St. John's Greek Ortho-dox Church, 11455 Met-ropolitan Parkway (16 Mile) in Sterling Heights. Actors should wear funeral attire.

Youngsters, 6-10, dressed in school-appropriate clothing are needed from July 26-Aug. 2 at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington, **Bloomfield Hills.** If interested in participating in the film, e-mail to info@motherandmidwife.com.

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

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

Contact: 248-344-0497 VAAL

Time/Date: Through June 28 Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-838-1204; www.vaalart.org **VILLAGE THEATER**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and one hour before and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment; July 1-28 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Kyle Culps and Scot Ferguson exhibit their works Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

FILM **COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN**

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

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

Details: Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 4-12; kids 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students with proper ID

are admitted for \$8 Sunday through Thursday. Patrons listen to the movies on the FM band of their car radio

PENN THEATRE

4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 30 Location: 760 Penniman Ave.,

Plymouth Details: "The Sapphires," admission," \$3

Coming up: "iron Man 3," 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 6-7 and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 7; "The Great Gatsby," 7 p.m. Friday, July 12, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 13-14

Summer Matinee: "Back to the Future," June 27; "Raiders of the Lost Ark,," July 11; E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial," July 18; "The Goonies," July 25; "Annie," Aug. 1; "The Sound of Music," Aug. 15; "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," Aug. 22; "The Muppet Movie," Aug. 29. Movies run at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH **HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The current exhibit, B4TV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

Contact: www.plymouthhistory.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC **JAZZ AT THE ELKS**

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

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

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

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

PLYMOUTH **COFFEE BEAN**

Time/Date: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday Location: 884 Penniman, Ply-

Mistakes, July 5: Tritone Paradox, July 13: Potters Field, July 26. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m. Contact: 734-454-0178

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, June 28

Location: in the Forum Recital Hall, on the main campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Participants in Schoolcraft College's annual weeklong Summer Piano Camp for young pianists will perform a variety of solo and duet selections. Performers are in grades three-12. Admission is free

Contact: www.schoolcraft.edu **TRINITY HOUSE** THEATRE

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

Details: Genna and Jesse, June 28; Shari Kane and Dave Steele, June 29; Harpeth Rising, July 12, Brion Riborn with Chris Dupont, July 13; Jason Harrod with Kelsey Rottiers, July 20, The Lost Dogs, July 27; Lindsay Lou and the Flatbellys, Aug. 2; Kaivama, Aug. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted Contact: 734-464-6302

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Peter Karrie, best known for his portrayal of the title role in Andrew Lloyd Weber's, "Phantom of the Opera," performs popular songs from musicals. Tickets are \$20 and are available from www.cantonvillagetheater.org Contact: 734-394-5460

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Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

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

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Contact: 248-541-5717 **ELVIS FEST**

Time/Date: 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, July 12, and noon to midnight Saturday, July 13 Location: Riverside Park, 5 W. **Cross Street, Ypsilanti**

Details: 14th annual Michigan **ElvisFest includes performances** by nine Elivs Presley tribute artists. Advance tickets are \$13 for Friday, \$22.50 for Saturday, or \$30 for both days. Admission at the gate is \$15 for Friday and \$25 for Saturday

Contact: www.mielvistest.org **KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY**

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

Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

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

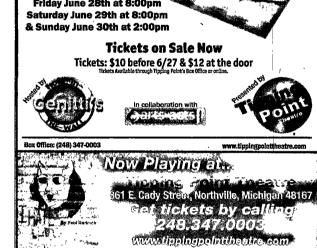
THEATER **TWO MUSES**

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

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

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

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SPARKLING SWEETS ON JULY 4TH

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"Adding patriotic flair to your Independence Day celebration is easy with the right recipes and decorating accents," said Nancy Siler, vice president of consumer affairs at Wilton. "Put your personal John Hancock on the party by turning traditional summertime foods into amazing sweet treats."

Try these dessert ideas from the Wilton test kitchen for a celebration that ends with a bang:

» Burgers with a sweet bite: Traditional burgers are a staple for summer parties; switch things up with Sweet Sliders and build your burgers with unexpected ingredients. Start with whoopie pies for the buns, add a brownie "patty," roll yellow fruit candies into thin layers for cheese, and top it off with red and yellow Sparkle Gel for ketchup and mustard.

» Playful twist on summer fruit: Make mouths water by serving up slices of delicious watermelon ... cheesecake! Strawberry cheesecake dotted with mini chocolate chips imitates the center of the fruit, and a pistachio and coconut crumble crust mimics the watermelon rind.

» Patriotic treat pops: For the grand finale, nestle Red, White and Blue Treat Pops in a bowl of red Cinnamon Drops. Layer on the festive colors with vanilla cake, colored icing and star-shaped sprinkles. Finish with stars and stripes Rocket Treat Pops Toppers or red, white and blue pinwheels.

For more celebration ideas, visit www.wilton.com.

- Courtesy Family Features

COOL WATERMELON CHEESECAKE

Makes about 12 servings

- Crust: 1 ¼ cups (16 ounces) roasted salted pistachios
- 2 cups sweetened flaked coconut ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter, melted
- Leaf green icing color Filling:
- Filling: 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- %cup granulated sugar 1 teaspoon imitation clear vanilla
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream 1 package (16 ounces) frozen
- whole strawberries, thawed, pureed and strained (about 1 ½ cups)
- 1 envelope (% ounce) unflavored gelatin
- No-taste red icing color % cup mini chocolate chips, divided

In food processor, pulse pistachios until coarsely ground. Add coconut, sugar, butter and icing color; pulse until well combined. Press into bottom and ¾ up side of 9-inch springform pan. Refrigerate while making filling. In large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until light and creamy. Add heavy cream and beat until combined. In small saucepan, bring strawberry juice just to boiling, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Sprinkle gelatin evenly over top and whisk vigorously to dissolve completely, about 3 minutes. Pour into cream cheese mixture. Add icing color and beat until well combined. Beat in 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips. Pour into chilled crust. Sprinkle top with remaining chocolate chips. Refrigerate until set, about 3 hours.

SWEET SLIDERS

Makes about 24 Sweet Sliders

Cake Buns: 1 package (16 ounces) yellow cake mix Eggs, water and vegetable oil to prepare mix **Brownie Patties:** ½ cup all-purpose flour % teaspoon salt **3 tablespoons unsaited butter** % cup granulated sugar 1 tablespoon water ½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips ½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract 1 egg Toppings: Shredded coconut Leaf green icing color Assorted fruit flavored candies Red sparkie gel Yellow sparkle gel

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare whoopie pie pan with vegetable pan spray.

For buns, combine cake mix, eggs, water and oil in large bowl; mix according to package instructions. Fill prepared pan cavities ½ full with cake batter.

Bake 9 to 11 minutes, or until tops of cake spring back when touched. Cool in pan 10 minutes; remove to cooling grid and cool completely. Repeat with remaining cake batter.

For patties, combine flour and salt in small bowl. In small saucepan, melt butter and sugar with water, stir until sugar is dissolved. Add chocolate chips; stir until melted. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla extract.

In large bowl, beat egg with electric mixer. Add chocolate mixture; mix well. Add flour mixture; stir until just combined. Divide batter evenly between whoopie pie pan cavities, filling about 1/3 full. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out nearly clean. Cool 10 minutes; loosen edges of brownies and remove from pan. Cool completely. For toppings, mix shredded coconut with leaf green icing color for lettuce. Roll yellow fruit candies into thin layers for cheese. Use red and yellow sparkle gels for ketchup and mustard. To assemble, top cake bun with a brownie patty. Add toppings and finish with second cake bun

RED, WHITE AND BLUE TREAT POPS

Makes about 12 Treat Pops

Whoopie Pie Cakes: 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder ½ teaspoons butter, softened ½ cup granulated sugar 2 egg whites 1 ½ teaspoons imitation clear vanilla extract % cup milk Filling: 3 cups buttercream icing Christmas red icing color Royal blue icing color Patriotic mix sprinkles

Rocket Treat Pops Toppers

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare mini whoopie pie pan with vegetable pan spray.

In large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder and salt. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add egg whites and vanilla extract and beat until well combined. Alternately add flour mixture and milk in three additions, beating until just combined. Spoon one tablespoon batter into each cavity.

Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until tops of cakes spring back when touched. Cool in pan 3 minutes. Cool completely on cooling grid. In separate small bowls, tint 1 cup buttercream red, 1 cup blue and reserve 1 cup white. To assemble: Place one cake in bottom of treat pop. Pipe a swirl of blue icing from back edge following the curve of the container to the front, then filling in the center; add sprinkles. Add second cake. Pipe a swirl of white icing; add sprinkles. Top with another cake. Pipe a swirl of red icing. Top with Patriotic Sprinkles or Rocket Treat Pops Toppers.

Tip:: Substitute vanilla wafer cookies for whoopie pie cakes.

JUNE FEMININE

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

June 29 Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, South-

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

JULY EMBROIDERY

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. social time, 10 a.m. meeting, Wednesday, July 3 Location: Faith Covenant

Church, 14 Mile and Drake in **Farmington Hills Details:** The Farmington Hills

Embroiders' Guild meets Contact: 248-474-6771 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

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, July 26 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 27 Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia Details: The sale will be in the lower level of the church

Contact: 734-425-3062 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

RELIGION CALENDAR

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 Shulenberger at 734-464-9491 **New Life Community Church**

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays. Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: 734-846-4615 **Our Lady of Loretto**

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech

Daly, Redford **Details:** Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000 St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday. Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth

Road, Livonia **Details:** Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or

parish affiliation Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org Ward Presbyterian Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

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

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920 **FAMILY COMMUNITY** MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills **Details:** Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **FOOD BANK**

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; **MOPSnext supports mothers of** school-aged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at 734-522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at 248-478-3643 for MOPSnext details. **Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 West Chicago

Road, Redford Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767 **PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE**

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Contact: 248-476-8860 St. Edith Church

How to reach us:

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back



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Deadlines: Friday, 4:15 p.m. for Sunday paper

CRANFORD, **BILLY F.**

79. died June 25 at St. Mary's Hospice, Livonia. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Marjorie Cranford, daughter Lori Mifsud of Brighton, sons Billy David Cranford of Hudson, MI, James Cranford of Ann Arbor, MI and Joel Cranford of Smyrna, TN, sisters Della Barker and Linda Smethwick of Union City, TN, brother Terry Cranford of Troy, TN, seven granddaughters, three grandsons, three great-grandsons. He is predeceased by parents Auty and Burnice Cranford of Hornbeak, TN, sisters Josephine Phillips (Troy, TN), Sarah Harris (Troy, TN), and Sam-my Johnson (Union City, TN), a brother, Norris Cranford (Union City, TN) and a son-in-law, Joe Mifsud (Brighton, MI). Visita-tion will be held Friday, June 28 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, Michigan. Celebration and memorial will be Satur-day at 10:00AM with interment following at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI. In lieu of flowers the family warmly welcomes donations in Billy's name to Shults-Lewis Children's Home at www.ShultsLewis.org Complete obituary at www.SchraderHowell.com

of the church.

Details: Music, singing, prayer **Contact:** Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Fridav

Location: 7000 Sheldon. Canton Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed. Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 304 **Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals

going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org **First Presbyterian Church**

Time/Date: 7:30-7:45 p.m., social time; 7:45-8 p.m., opening; 8-9 p.m., program Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St.,

Northville Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org



Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. for Thursday paper

JOHNSON CATHERINE A.

June 23, 2013, age 76. Beloved wife of the late Ron Johnson. Dearest mother of Greg and Richard Passino. Loving grandmother of Bradley, Daniel and Richard. Also survived by 2 sisters. Memorial Service Friday 8 p.m. from the chapel of the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home 42600 Ford Rd. (W. of Lilley). Family will receive visitors at 6 p.m. un-til time of service. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family



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THOMAS H. November 11, 1941- June 25, 2013, age 71. Beloved husband of Gail. Dear father of Lori Orsette, Trina Lay, Thomas Lamb and

(Jessi)^{*} Nicholas amb. Grandfather of Kelsey, Mykela, Emily, Evan, Ryan, Clara and Tabitha. Brother of Robert (Diane) Lamb and Sharon Ghalau. Visitation Thursday m-80m at the Schrade Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth where funeral services will be conducted on Friday 11am. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com



3, through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Cost is \$10 per child and \$25 for families with three or more children. Each all of the music from the week. in the church office

Contact: Pam Gunderson at rgpc.children@yahoo.com or 734-422-0494, Ext. 14

WORSHIP & MUSIC CAMP

students in grades 2-7 grow spiritually and musically **Contact:** Register at www.heartshandsvoices.org; 734-427-1414

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

Stephen and Linda Tavani sing to the crowd at a previous

event, which includes free giveaways, is set for July 19 in

Goudy Recreational Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.

Cornerstone City Church "Wow Jam" in Wayne. This year's

Contact: denisehunt17@gmail.com or info@cornerstonecitychurch.us.

AUGUST **CAR SHOW**

Wayne

Details: Cornerstone City

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia Details: 12th annual Charity Car Show will benefit Angela Hospice. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome There are class trophies plus best of show, a club participation award, goodie bags for the first 75 entrants, door prizes, a live DJ, and food and drinks available for purchase. The entry fee to show a vehicle is \$15. No charge to view the entries. Organizers also are seeking sponsors for the show Contact: 734-427-8743 **CHOIR DIRECTOR**

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-

child will receive a free CD with **Registration forms are available**

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

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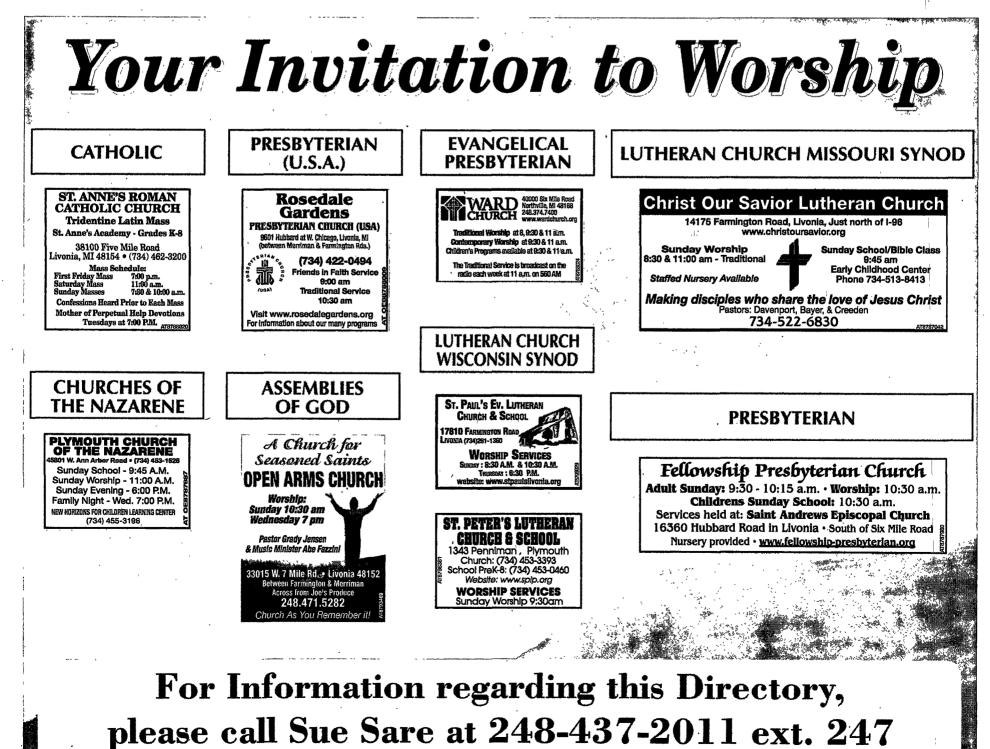
w.sinc lace.org **WOW JAM**

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

Location: Goudy Recreational Park, 3355 South Wayne Road, WORKSHOP

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



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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

Investors ask: Can I get a mortgage with the new mortgage rules? How many? **Costs? What government** programs are available? Monthly meeting of the Real **Estate Investors Association** of Oakland Thursday, July 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian. John R just north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members; \$20 nonmembers. Call 800-747-6742

(www.REIAofOakland.com) e-mail: reianews@aol.com.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/ owner of Quantum Real Es-tate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or e-mail june.quan-tum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

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

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at 800-260-5484, Ext. 33.

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The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on bers are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.



Arteva Homes for Callaway Idea ShowHouse won in the homes priced as shown over \$650,000 category.

Award-winning homes highlight local lifestyles

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners in its 24th annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 43 new model, under construction and preconstruction homes and condominiums located through-out southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place June 1-30. All 43 homes are featured at www.ParadeH-BA.com. HBA and Bank of America Home Loans sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the midel homes in six categories. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best mo

The blue ribbon homes

are: » Attached condominiums Moceri Companies for Claremont

» Home base priced under \$200,000 – Infinity Homes & Soave Homes for Columbia

» Homes base priced \$250,000 TO \$325,000 - Mark Adler Homes for Packard

» Homes base priced over \$325,000 TO \$400,000 - Tall Oaks Ventures for St. Andrew IV

» Homes base priced over \$400,000 TO \$500,000 - MJC Oakland Hunt for The Logan

» Homes priced as shown over \$650,000 - Arteva Homes for Callaway Idea ShowHouse

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged Particinat

ciates and Paul Salloum of **Bank of America Home** Loans. The Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at www.ParadeHBA.com.

Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at area Bank of America Home Loans locations and Kroger stores. Addresses for those locations are at www.ParadeHBA.com. For additional information on the Parade of Homes, call (248) 862-1016.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, HBA is a trade association representing over 600 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and mult construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home **Builders Association of** Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

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Check with lawyer on project

Q: Our developer has a portion of the property that he has labeled must be built, but has not completed the construction of the entire project and there are a couple of acres that lay dormant within the condominium. It has been seven and a half vears since the project was

established and I am curious as to how long the developer has.

A: You are best to call an experienced condominium attorney to speak with you about Section

67 of the Condominium Act which may have given you, already, the right as an association to claim the portion of the property that was not identified as must be built as a common element of the condominium having reverted to the co-owners since the developer may not have complied with his obligations to build within a six-year period from the time the developer exercised its rights with respect to either expansion, contraction, or rights of convertibility; which could be as early as the recording of the master deed or, depending on the circumstances, the date of commencement of construction of the project. The facts are very important in determining whether or not your developer has lost his right to build on this area which could result in potentially a substantial windfall to the association if it plays its cards right.

Q: I am the owner of an apartment co-op who entered into an exclusive agency agreement with my broker and accepted an offer, subject to approval by the co-op board. Meanwhile, the broker met with other prospective buyers at an open house



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Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler at 313-277-4168.

design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price, with a separate category for attached condominiums.

judges were Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of Moiseev/Gordon Asso-

apartments, including another in the same building as mine. The deal with my first buyer fell through, and the prospective buyer saw my apartment again, making an offer for slightly less than the asking price, with the Broker reducing her commission to 5 percent. I accepted the offer, but I don't think I should be paying any commission because by showing the buyers other properties, the broker acted as a dual agent without having made full disclosure in obtaining consent of both the buyer and me. Do you think I have any recourse?

A: I think you should speak to an attorney, but if your only concern is with the broker showing other properties, then it is not likely that you have any recourse. In a recent case out of New York, on similar facts, the court held as a matter of law that the broker did not act as a dual agent. The court said that absent an agreement with the seller to the contrary, a broker has no duty to refrain from showing perspective buyers other properties. The court in that case thought that any other holding would unreasonably restrain a broker from cultivating potential clients at open houses for their principals. If, however, the broker represented the prospective buyer in making the offer on your apartment, then you probably would have a cause of action.

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author of Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium. It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. Condo Living 2 is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the

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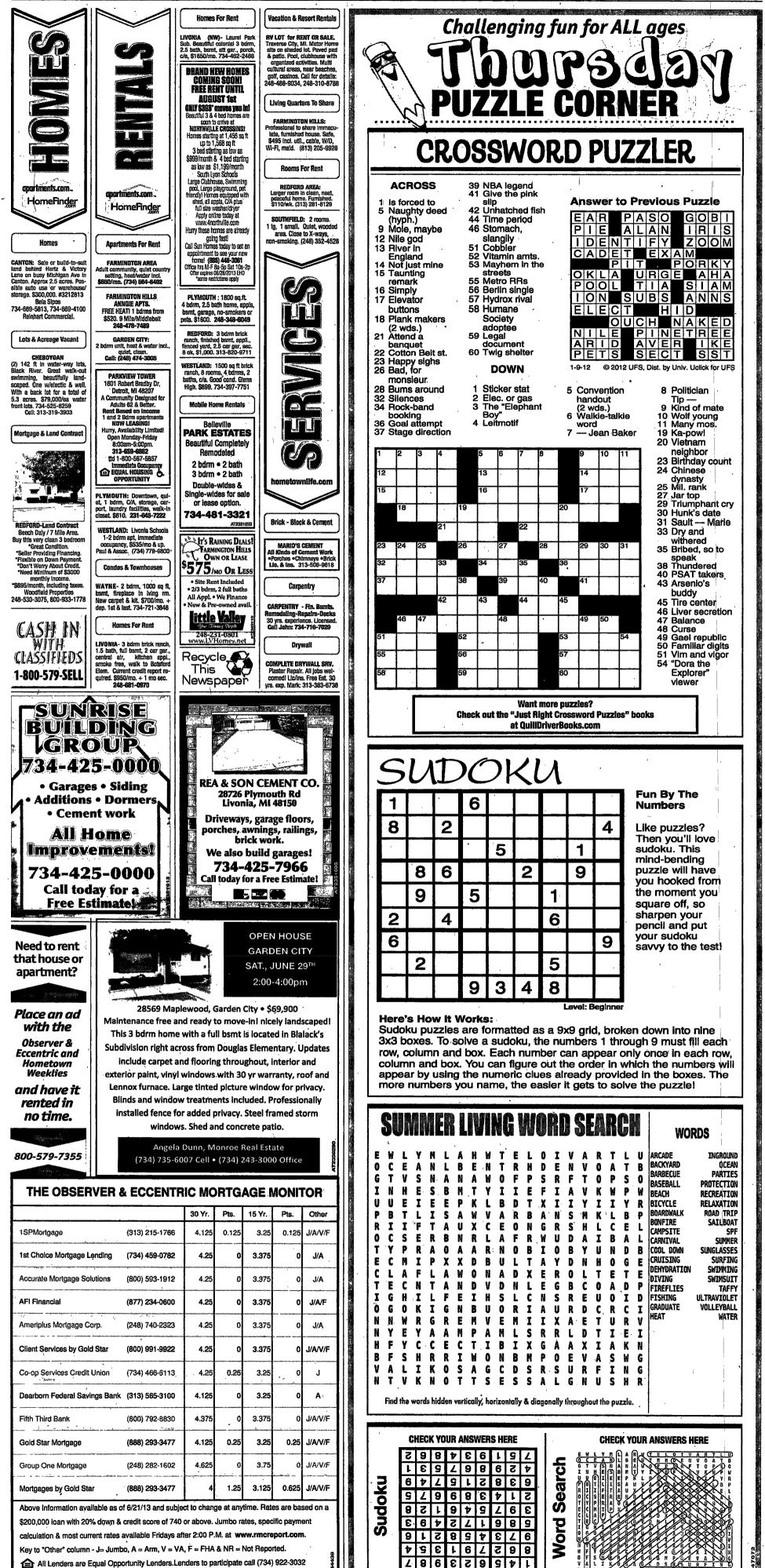
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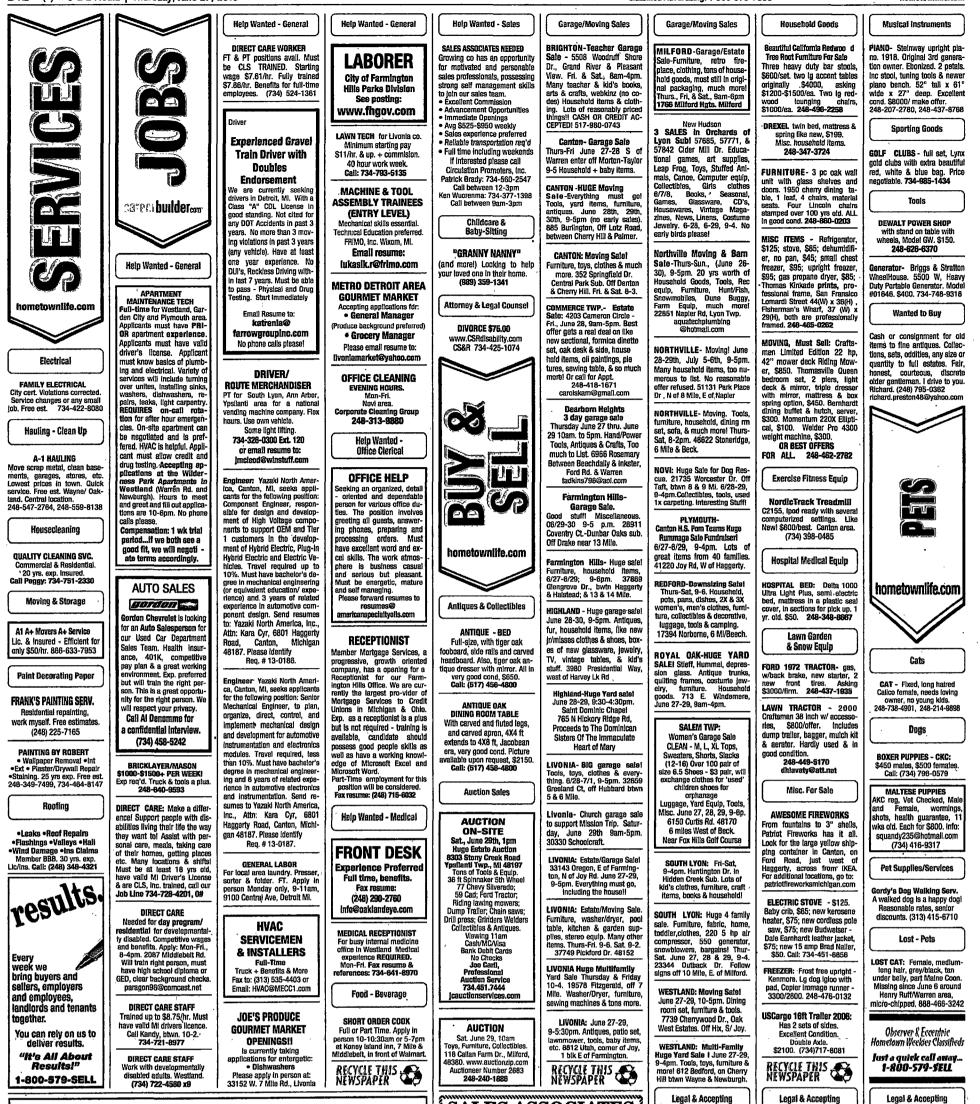


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From time to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations come up for renewal. While we do not anticipate any loss or disruption of service, regulations require us to notify you of the possibility of losing programming. Therefore, please be advised that our agreements with El, G4, GoITV, IFC, Lifetime, Lifetime Movie Network, Lifetime Real Women, NHL Center Ice, NHL Network, Sithsonian, Style, WE and Youtoo TV remain in effect on a month-to-month basis, but we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. Also, our agreements with Flix, Showtime 9, Showtime Showtime Showtime Extreme, Showtime Beyond, Showtime Next, Showtime Women, TMC, TMC Extra, WWJ-CBS and WKBD-CW expire on July 24, 2013 and we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. Finally, on August 1, 2013, Bright House Networks may cease carriage of CBS Sports Nétwork.

We are working diligently at this time to come to acceptable and fair terms with all these channels.

On or after August 1, 2013, the following channel will be relocated: HSN Will move from Channel 82 TO Channel 45

Bright House Networks utilizes a new digital video delivery technology known as Switched Digital Video (SDV). SDV is a robust bandwidth management system that makes it possible to offer more digital video programming services than before including new HD channels. To be able to offer more new video services, Bright House Networks will be moving some existing programming services to the new SDV system as well as adding new services on the SDV system.

On or after August 1, 2013, the following channels will be added to the SDV system: Encore Espanol Channel 598

Channel 579

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These services will not be available on uni-directional retail devices as of the date(s) noted above. If you want to subscribe to these services, you will need a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor from Bright House Networks. Customers may continue to use their uni-directional retail device and CableCARD to receive video programming other than the programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers who also utilize a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor will be able to receive video programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers will be notified in advance of any other programming changes.

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