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Wayne focuses on energy, growth

Grant applications for city outlined by consulting group

By **LeAnne Rogers**
 Staff Writer

Steps to reduce a \$1 million annual electric bill and reinvest in both commercial and residential areas of Wayne were highlights of an update by the city's grant writing, lobbyist and consultant firm. Wayne hired the Winchester

Consulting Group in March to handle a range of duties. Stephanie Moran, director of communications and grant services, outlined grants sought on behalf of the city.

Those grant applications range from a state Competitive Grant Assistance Program, seeking more than \$1 million for curbside recycling carts in

a collaborative effort with Garden City, to an application for \$15,000 for playground equipment from Dr. Pepper, Snapple and Kaboom!

Another area of focus will be seeking grant funding for further cleanup efforts on the Rouge River.

"I'd like to see if we could get a continuous grant to clean up the Rouge from Hannan to Merriman," Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said.

"I would like to keep that momentum going."

Haidous was referring to the removal of the Wayne Road dam which helps restore the wildlife habitat of the river, as well as opening it up for recreational use. City officials are hoping the river can become a focal point for attracting people to Wayne.

» WCG has recommended that the city revamp its website to make it easier to navigate with more online tools. Another recommendation was to have a blog-like aspect to allow WCG to post press re-

leases. A Facebook page would be launched at the same time the website is revamped.

The city has secured the City of Wayne as a domain name, said City Manager Robert English, which can be used along with the current www.ci.wayne.mi.us address.

» "One of the biggest things you told us when we met with the departments was energy retrofits," said Lisa Nocerini, WCG vice president, adding

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SIX-MINUTE MASTERPIECE

Artist combines storytelling and art in speedy performance

By **Sue Mason**
 Staff Writer

Performance art came to the William P. Faust Public Library as artist Martina Hahn transformed a 5-foot by 5-foot canvas into a piece of art in just six minutes.

"I don't know how she does it," said Cari Fry, who works in the library's youth services department. "I saw her at a showcase in Novi and she was just amazing. She did a painting of *Les Misérables* with her hands and a couple of paintbrushes."

"When I saw her, I knew I wanted to have her at the library. It's family entertainment for adults, teens and children," she said.

Hahn does speed painting and has been traversing the state doing programs at libraries, festivals and special engagements.

Her appearance was part of the library's summer reading program.

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Left, DeWayne Rody poses with Martina Hahn. Right, Martina Hahn puts the finishing touches on her painting. The canvass spins on the easel so she can reach all areas of it. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

W-W offers free summer lunches at seven sites

By **Sue Mason**
 Staff Writer

Students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools are invited to lunch as part of Wayne County's annual Free Summer Lunch Program.

Now through mid-August, lunches will be served free of charge to students up to age 18 and eligible young adults at sites in Wayne, Westland, Canton and Inkster. Several of the locations also are offering free breakfasts.

"We've been doing it for several years. We try to locate the lunch service where there are programs going on," said Joann Gross, director of the district's food service program. "We have it at Marshall where the SMART Program is, credit recovery programs at the high schools. Even students at band and football camps can take advantage of the lunches."

The service is available to students who receive free or reduced-price lunches during the regular school year. Those children will be able to continue to receive they might not otherwise get during the summer. The lunches include a hot entree, fruit and vegetables, juice and milk.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Wayne County Department of Public Health.

Wayne-Westland receives a flat reimbursement rate for those 18 and under who eat lunch and Gross is looking to make the lunches a break-even program.

Free lunches for residents through age 26 who are considered mentally or physically challenged by a state or local educational agency or who participate in public or private nonprofit school programs for the handicapped also are eligible to receive the free lunch.

In Wayne County, more 71,000 free lunches are served, and Gross hopes to "reach 750-1,000 kids during the summer" in Wayne-Westland. The lunch programs are available Monday through Thursday at:

» Hicks Elementary School, 100 Helen, Inkster, Aug. 1-15. Breakfast is served 8-8:45 a.m., and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

» Taft Galloway Elementary School, 4035 Gloria, Wayne, through Aug. 8. Lunch is served

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Masons adopt Curtis Woods Park

By **LeAnne Rogers**
 Staff Writer

It only seemed logical that Masons from the Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 should consider adopting Westland's Curtis Woods Park — also known as Kiwanis Park.

"We found out the sponsorship had lapsed. It has been Kiwanis Park. We said we were willing to take on the task," Mason Rick Ruhland said. "We're only a stone's throw from the park. So, we thought

it was a good idea."

Located on Palmer east of Newburgh, Curtis Woods Park is 3.53-acres with a soccer field, play structure, picnic area with grills and a walking trail. There had been a pavilion at the park also.

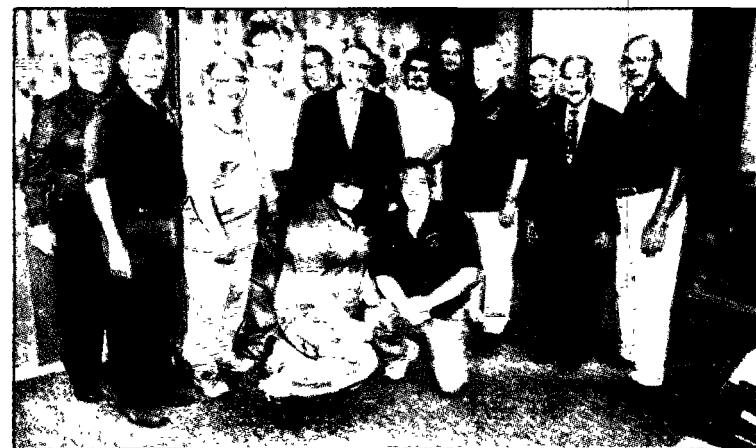
"The pavilion had deteriorated to the point it had to be taken down. We will take a closer look at what the park needs. This is a huge commitment on behalf of the Masons," said Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith, who oversees city

parks.

City officials reported trying unsuccessfully for a year to contact someone from Kiwanis about the park — there apparently hasn't been an active club in Westland for some time.

On Monday, the council approved the new adoption by the Masons, whose lodge is actually located on Palmer in Westland. The Wayne Lodge was founded in 1859 in Wayne

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Westland Mayor William Wild (center) joins members of the Wayne Masonic Lodge #112 which has adopted Curtis Woods Park, formerly Kiwanis Park.



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the city pays a little over \$1 million annually for electricity, including street lights.

Part of efforts to address energy efficiency includes a contact with Ford Motor Company to discuss a potential partnership.

A meeting was held with DTE, which is to

make sure the city is on the correct usage plan, do an evaluation on each city building to estimate retrofit costs and after the report is completed, meet with DTE and Ford to discuss funding opportunities to offset city costs for the upgrades.

» As part of efforts to grow Wayne, Nocerini suggested working with Michigan State University to develop a business incubator to attract entrepreneurs and start-up

business.

"Grants are available but you have to have a plan in place. It shows a long-term plan and vision to grow the city," Nocerini said.

The council needs to decide who should be involved in the development of strategic plan, Nocerini said, mentioning real estate agents for housing and representatives from long-term business to work on the business attraction-retention element.

» WCG also has provided research and information regarding the November ballot question seeking voter approval of up to 7 mills for a 345 program to fund police and fire retirement costs for 10 years.

An offer to produce public education materials about the millage drew criticism from resident Ron Roberts, who is circulating petitions to place charter amendments on the ballot. He was also unhappy with comments that council should decide the appropriate people to participate in development of strategic plans.

"This group came in to write grants. This appears to be an effort to shut out residents," Roberts said.

"They are also paid with city dollars." Haidous noted the comments were that in general certain people

have needed knowledge and skills but everything would be done in the open with public involvement.

Regarding the millage, Councilman Albert Damitio said that information prepared by WCG would be strictly information and not promote any position on the ballot question.

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ARTIST

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More than 70 parents and children attended the program inside the library.

A Boyne City resident, Hahn combined the telling Dr. Seuss's story of *The Lorax*, with creating a painting about it. A speed painting artist, Hahn told an engaging story, then used several paintbrushes, her two hands, six minutes and a rotating canvas to bring it to life. Hahn used only four colors of paint — red, blue, yellow and white — in creating her masterpiece.

"The kids got into it," Fry said. "*The Lorax* is about taking care of what's around you. The kids know *The Lorax* and

they were excited with the retelling of the story as it was painted. She put the music on and completed it in about seven minutes."

Hahn has been doing speed painting since 2009.

On her website, m-artina.com, she says the emphasis of her program is helping children understand how important art and literature are in society and history, getting them interested by showing them that both can be a lot of fun and "generally encouraging them to read and paint what interests them, even if it's in an unusual way."

Fry said Hahn did that.

"I'd like to have her back," she said. "It's just fascinating to watch her. More people need to see

her, it's really cool."

The library's summer reading program for youngsters, teenagers and adults is in full swing.

There are three to six

weeks left to read and win prizes, Fry said. The children's program is Dig into Reading. For teens, it's Beneath the Surface and for adults, Ground-breaking Reading.

"It's not too late to pick up a book and read," Fry said.

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LUNCHES

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11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

» Westpoint Manor Clubhouse, 41021 Michigan Ave., Canton, through Aug. 8. Lunch is served noon to 1 p.m.

» Wildwood Elementary School, 500 N. Wildwood, Westland, through Aug. 8. Breakfast is served 8:30-9:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

» Marshall Upper Elementary School, 35100 Bayview, Westland, through Aug. 1. Breakfast is 8:30-9 a.m. and lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

» John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland, through Aug. 8. Lunch is served 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

» Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, through Aug. 15. Lunch is served 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Primary colors are the tools of her trade. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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and moved to Westland in 1967.

"I'm proud to accept the sponsorship of the park on behalf of our 600-plus members," said Keith Anderson, Masons senior warden. "Thanks for the opportunity."

A new pavilion for the

park and a general clean-up are the first goals for the park, Ruhland. said Councilman Dewey Reeves thanked the Masons for adopting the park.

"It's a huge challenge. If more community groups/citizens did it, we'd have a third of the problems that we do," Reeves said.

It's a busy time for Westland park pavilions.

Westland Rotary recently had a pavilion constructed in Rotary Park built by students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

The pavilion behind the William P. Faust Library is being dismantled to make way for the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden, which is set to be dedicated on Veterans Day Nov. 11. "The roof has been

removed and set aside. We have removed the brick from the walking path," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "If they can utilize those bricks for the Veterans Memorial Garden we will do that or at the Westland Historic Village Park. We will reuse all we can."

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WESTLAND SUMMER FEST ENFORCES ZERO TOLERANCE

\$10 admission required for entrance

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

People planning to watch the annual Westland Summer Festival fireworks this evening from the festival grounds will have to make a \$10 purchase to gain entrance.

The charge is part of a zero tolerance policy implemented this year to ensure there are no problems on the busiest night of the five-day event.

"I don't think there will be any problems," said festival committee chairman Ken Mehl. "It's been going OK. We've had no incidences and only a few people have been told to pull up their pants."

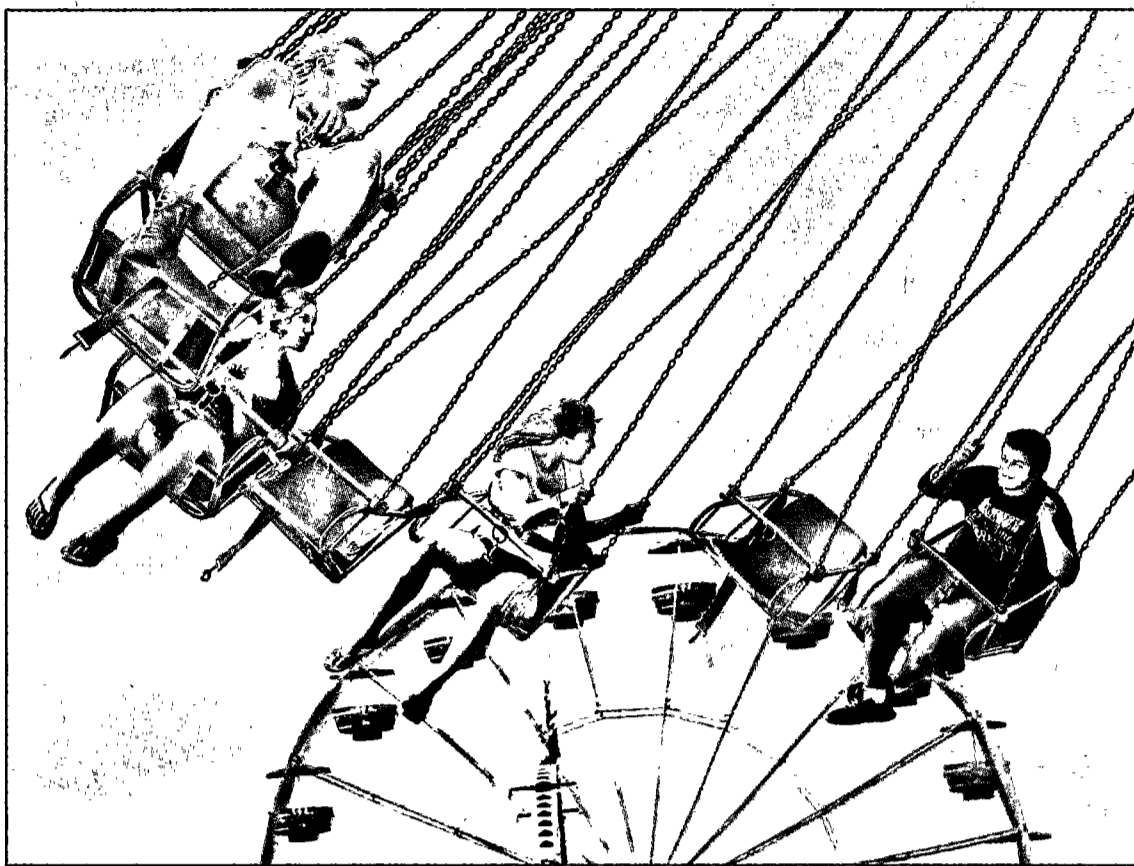
All persons age 12 and up will have to make a \$10 or more purchase to get into the carnival/festival area after 5 p.m.

The purchase can be used for food, games or rides. Those not purchasing a ride-all-day wristband will be given a separate wristband - that won't be good for unlimited rides - to show they have paid the \$10 minimum.

"The \$10 isn't an admission, it's directed at those people who want to cause trouble," Mehl said. "It's not like they won't get something for their \$10. They'll be able to use it for food, rides and games."

Thousands of people are expected to be in and around the festival this evening to watch the fireworks display scheduled to start around 10:15 p.m. Mehl said the aerial show is sure to be the best put on by the festival.

The \$10 charge was put in place for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It goes along with a zero tolerance policy announced last week by the Westland city and police officials and Wade Shows which is



Steven Muraf, Danielle McDonald, Kylie Nielsen and Nathan Pearson, all of Westland, take a ride on the YoYo at the Westland Summer Festival. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Karah Waytovich, of Westland, enjoys soft-serve ice cream.

FESTIVAL'S LAST DAY

The festival will open at noon today and feature a community bake sale noon to 4 p.m., music by Second Wind 7-11:30 p.m. and the fireworks display starting at about 10:15 p.m. this evening.

There also will be carnival rides, a midway, petting farm and animal attractions, a non-denominational church service at 10:30 a.m. by the Harvest Bible Church, and pancake breakfast 9-10:15 a.m. to benefit the Hope \$ Western Wayne County. In preparation for the fireworks display, roads will be closed beginning this afternoon. They include:

- » Carlson between Fordand Marquette at 12:30 p.m.
- » Ford between Newburgh and Central City Parkway at 5:30 p.m.
- » Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne at approximately 8 p.m. or when lots fill.
- » Ford between Wayne Road and Central City Parkway at 7 p.m.
- » Ford Rd between Wayne Road and Central City Parkway at approximately 7 p.m.

The festival is located on the grounds of Westland City Hall at 36601 Ford at Carlson, west of Wayne Road. Free parking and shuttle service is available from John Glenn High School on Marquette west of Wayne Road and at the William P. Faust Public Library on Central City Parkway north of Ford.

operating the carnival.

"The security goal of this year's festival will be to keep it a family event. Several changes and security enhancements have been put into place for this year's event," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik.

"The Westland Police Department is prepared for, and will maintain, a zero tolerance approach with anyone who causes a disruption."

In recent years, the festival committee has posted signs warning that bad behavior would result in people ejected from the event. Security became a particular issue after huge crowds of young people - suspected gang members - disrupted earlier carnivals, including one sponsored by the Westland Fire Department Safety Committee.

The festival also has had

several incidents in past years when thousands of people pack the civic center area where it's held to watch the fireworks. With the zero tolerance policy, any persons found to be in violation of the festival's rules, with failure to comply after warning, will be considered trespassing, and any and all persons involved will be required to leave the Festival Grounds and will be banned from the property for life.

Those activities not permitted at the Westland Summer Festival include but are not limited to:

- » Wearing clothing, jewelry and/or gang-related items that the Westland Summer Festival Inc. deem inappropriate or if such items are worn in a manner that is deemed inappropriate.
- » Any and all loitering

and/or congregating in large groups of eight or more anywhere on the property.

» Possession of outside alcoholic beverages.

» Bringing in pets, other than those approved by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

» Any and all actions considered to be fighting, simulated fighting, slap boxing and/or horseplay.

"We are excited for this year's Summer Festival. We want to maintain an environment that is fun and family-friendly for our visitors and local residents," said Westland Mayor William Wild.

For more information, visit the festival website at westlandfestival.org.

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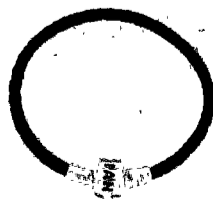


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Cruises: Classic summer fun awaits area car enthusiasts

By Mary Quinley
Correspondent

On rainless Tuesday evenings during the summer, Ed Morosky heads to Redford in his 1932 Ford three-window coupe. He pulls into the VFW's lot, backs the classic black beauty into a parking spot and heads indoors.

"I bought the car in Cleveland at a race track. It was banged up," said Morosky of Livonia, a member of the VFW Post 345. "I'm always doing something to it. It's had about four different engines."

Organizations like the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks, restaurants and car-related businesses like to host cruise-ins. Seven days a week, car enthusiasts of all ages will discover a plethora of classic, muscle and antique cars at local cruises.

Bill Silverberg, president of the Kontinental Cruisers Car Club, is also a member of the Redford-based VFW. "I did all the slave work," Silverberg said, referring to his 1955 fire-engine red Chevy. He carries a pair of gloves in his back pocket. "I don't touch anything on the car (that is chrome) with my hands," he said.

The Kontinental Cruisers organizes the weekly Tuesday car cruise at the VFW. Made in America cars with a birth date of 1987 or older can be viewed 6-9 p.m.

"There are a lot of families here. And there's no charge to get in," Silverberg said. Some folks bring lawn chairs and order edibles and beverages from the outside concession stand. Others enjoy the oldies tunes and buy 50/50 raffle tickets. Part of the proceeds from the raffle goes to local vets.

Bakers Sunday Cruise is held 3-7 p.m. in Milford. The Corvette Legends Club holds a Corvette-only cruise at the Elks in Plymouth the second Tuesday of each month through September.

At the Big Boy in South Lyon, 5-8 p.m. each Wednesday a DJ plays '50s and '60s music as classic cars fill the parking lot. And in Plymouth,

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the same day and time, the VFW Post 6695 features food, a DJ and a 50/50 raffle.

"We have grown from 15-20 cars to more than 100," said Gary Kubik, post advocate and lounge manager of the

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VFW Post 6695. As a member of the Trailer Trash Car Club, Dave Henwood enjoys the Plymouth VFW cruises. He owns a 1956 Chevy with the inscription "Lemon dropped" on the carburetor. Henwood invites everyone to come out to the

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Information for weekly car cruises provided by www.cruisnews.com.

Wednesday evening cruises and, if possible, show up Aug. 10 at the post to support the Car Show for Homeless Vets. "The money raised will help the Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down organization," he said. Carole and Bob Gates of

Garden City often participate in the VFW's Wednesday show with their 1965 Chevy SuperSport.

"I have sweat equity in that car," Carole Gates said, laughing. The tuxedo black car needed a lot of work when the couple bought it. But that was OK - her husband is a mechanic. Gates recarpeted the trunk, painted the console and carpeted the inside of the car.

"We are the only ones who have a Chevy orange air filter," she said. That's because Gates concocted her own "secret" formula to paint the filter. Much to the chagrin of some other Chevy owners, she's not ready to share her recipe.

Car cruises, Gates said, provide a venue to "meet a lot of great and fun people." And she added: "It's a place to relax, sit around, kibitz and tell stories. We know everyone's family." She is especially supportive of the "good that the VFW does for vets and families with troubles." Raffles, food, drink and music are all part of the fun at the cruise.

Another Wednesday favorite meet is at Mr. Mike's Grill in Westland.

"I'm the only woman (at Mr. Mike's) who has a roadster," said Candy Hannan of Dearborn Heights, who drives a kelly green with lime green flames 1923 Ford T-bucket Roadster.

"We have a great bunch of people here who treat each other like family."

Some car buffs prefer Saturday morning/early afternoon cruises. At North American Classic Cars in Redford, coffee and doughnuts are served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We show movies like how to build an engine," said Jerry North, co-owner of the vintage car shop.

Steve Pasteiner is "hoping a new Corvette will show up" soon at his Saturday morning gathering at Parking at Pasteiner's in Birmingham. A wide range of cars, he said, from "preproduction to muscle and antique" appear each week. Coffee and homemade muffins - his wife Jan is the baker - are served 8-10 a.m.

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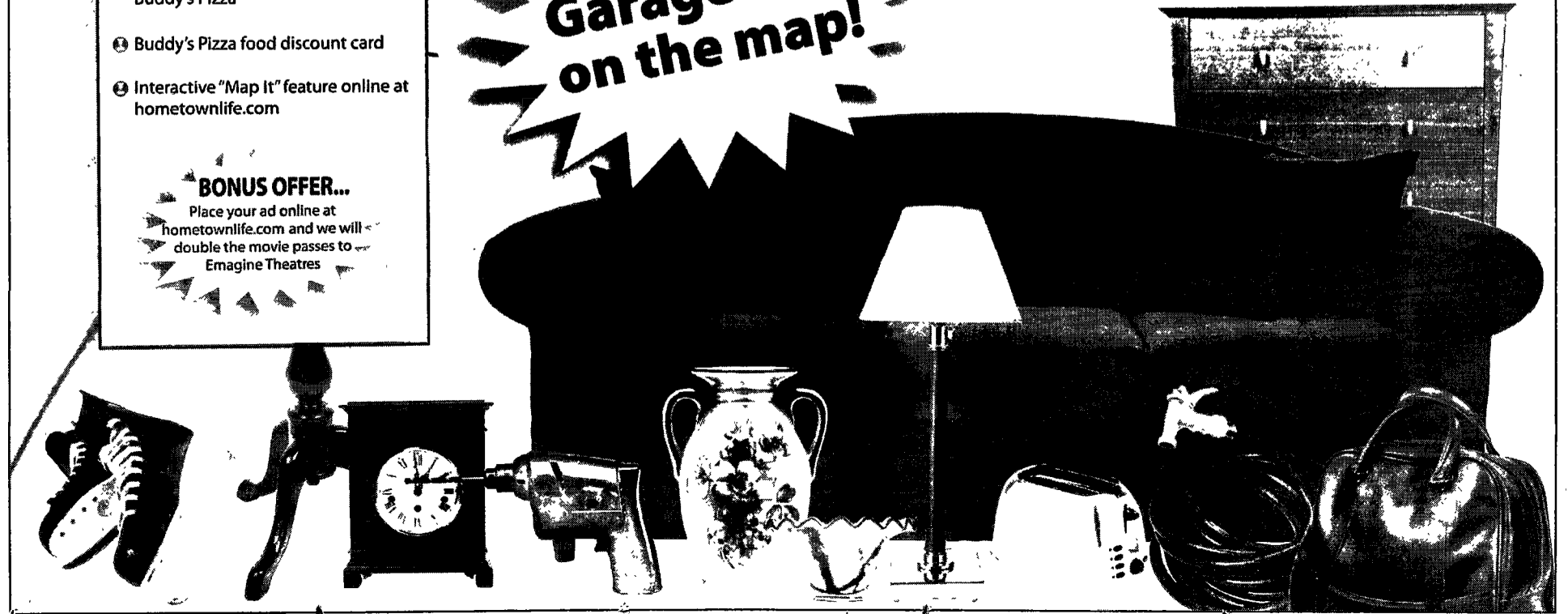
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Madonna University students win Emmys

Students and alumni from Madonna University's broadcast and cinema arts program garnered three awards at this year's Emmy Awards of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Michigan Chapter. Madonna student projects earned five of the 15 statewide nominations.

The first Emmy was in the Music Video Category for "Get Back on Your Feet," a video shot and produced for Detroit-based country musician Paulina Jayne.

Kyle Frances McNiff of Novi, Ashley Benton of Canton, Cory Davis of Wixom, Jonathan Gray of Livonia, and Luke LaBenne of Dearborn Heights created the winning video.

Madonna students also won in the Editor Category for "Detroit Derby Girls," a commercial for a Detroit based roller-derby team.

The winning video was created by Ashley Benton of Canton, Alyse Pa-

quin of Whitmore Lake, Kyle Frances McNiff of Novi, Jonathan Gray of Livonia, Luke LaBenne of Dearborn Heights, and Christopher Paddock of Dexter.

The final award in the Public Affairs/Community Service Category went to Chelsea Jenkins of Westland, for her video "Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO)," about the NSO Bell Building, which the local non-profit renovated to provide apartments for homeless people in Detroit.

In addition to the Emmy awards, the Dr. Lynne Boyle-John Schimpf scholarship was awarded to Madonna University's Ashley De'La McClendon of Detroit, a broadcast and cinema arts and sign language studies student.

Madonna students have been nominated for an Emmy each year since 2007, and at least one Emmy was awarded every year but one.

School board members get MASB awards

Members of the Garden City and Wayne-Westland school boards have earned awards in the past year from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for their efforts to improve their leadership skills and expertise in the governance of public schools.

Garden City board members Darlene Jablonowski and Loraine Stover received Awards of Distinction. Stover also received an Award of Merit and Level One Certification, as did fellow trustee Lynette Childress.

Wayne-Westland board members Carol Middel and Thomas Buckalew received Data Specialty Awards.

Level One Certification means the completion of nine 100-level CBA classes, an Award of Merit means Level One Certification plus 45 education credits and an Award of Distinction means Levels One and Two, four advanced level CBA classes and 208 education credits. Data Specialty means completion of Level 1 and six advanced level data classes.

"I've worked with school boards and public schools for more than 15

years and am always in awe at the commitment of so many members. The time they spend being servant leaders and honing their skills are second to none," MASB Executive Director Kathy Hayes said. "Schools are under exceptional pressure to be innovative and reinvent the way they deliver education. Training equips them with the tools necessary to make the best decisions for Michigan's school children."

The awards are earned for classes completed in MASB's leadership training program, as well as for conference attendance, years of service and leadership activities.

Last year, more than 1,000 school board members statewide participated in MASB's professional development program. Collectively, school board members spent about 7,000 hours attending board training courses in the traditional classroom setting, and another 864 hours in the online setting. These hours are above and beyond the time members spend at their local meetings, events, reviewing policies and board packets.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center is holding its monthly game night 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 18. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Teen Programs

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center are hosting "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshops for youth.

"Be Proud, Be Responsible!" is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for adolescent youth ages 12-18. The workshops will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 13 and 27, and Aug. 24, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, Westland.

All participants will get a free snack in the morning, free lunch and prizes. For more information or to register, call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at (734) 467-7904.

Wellness event

Presbyterian Village of Michigan and Rite Aid will be hosting a Wellness event at the Village of Westland 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, July 9.

The event is part of Rite Aid's wellness65+ program and Nationwide Mo-

bile Tour, which encourages seniors and their families to enhance their lives with wellness. Free health screening, pharmacist consultations, prizes and refreshments are part of the event.

"We are pleased to partner with a national organization of Rite Aid's caliber. Together we will raise awareness as to the importance of maintaining our health and well-being," said Tom Wylie, director of Wellness for PVM.

No registration is required for the free event. For more information, visit www.pvm.org. The Village of Westland is at 32001 Cherry Hill, west of Merri-man, Westland.

Theater camp

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

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

Registration is at the Wayne-Westland Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne.

All rehearsals and performances will be held at a new location - St. Mary's of Wayne School, 34530 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne.

ACHIEVERS

» **Jim Townsend** of Garden City received his bachelor of arts degree in Organizational Management from Spring Arbor University during commencement exercises on Saturday, May 11.

Spring Arbor University is a private, four-year, Christian liberal arts university located eight miles west of Jackson.

» Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the Winter 2013 semester concluding in April. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

Named to the dean's list were Garden City residents **Sydney L. Borlace; Nathan D. Kalinowski** and **Ashley A. Nowicki** and Westland residents **Anna L. Bowles, Grace L. Carpenter, Rose M. Carpenter, Eric M. Grudnicki, Sara A. Kempton, Alexandra L. Mirabitor, Kathryn C. Pepera, Chelsea P. Romanczuk, Kyle C. Stamper** and **Sabrina L. Sweeney**.

» **Adam Bonner** of Garden City, MI, has enrolled in Coastal Carolina University for the Fall 2013 semester.

Bonner joins nearly 2,200 other new students in the Class of 2017. Before

classes begin in August, he will visit the campus for a two-day orientation program where he will meet his academic advisers and learn what is expected of him as he transitions from high school to college.

Coastal Carolina University is located in Conway, S.C.

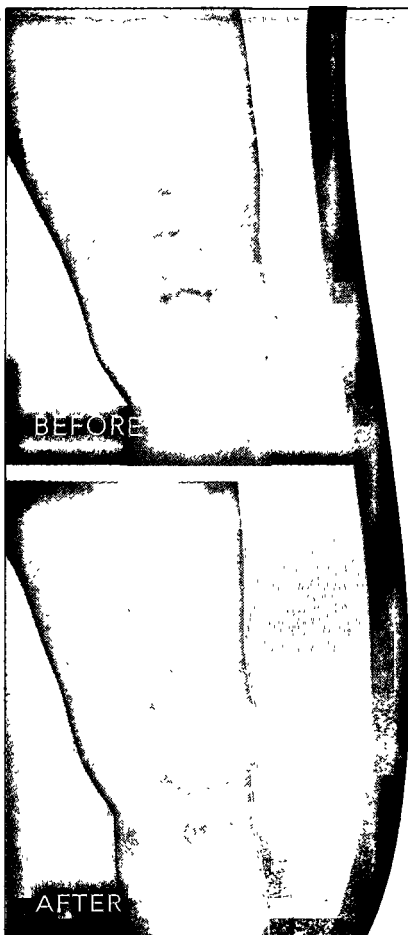
» Four Garden City and Westland residents have been named to the Dean's List for the winter 2013 semester at Northern Michigan University.

Robyn Bushway of Westland qualified with a 4.0 grade point average, while **Rachel Rodriguez** of Garden City and **Kelsey Kreger** and **Amber Morneau** of Westland qualified with grade point averages of 3.25 to 3.99.

» Four Wayne and Westland residents received degrees during spring commencement ceremonies at Northern Michigan University in May.

Wayne - **Ashton Hay** received a bachelor of science degree in speech, language and hearing science.

Westland - **Robyn Bushway** graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree geography/physical science. **Kyle Maier** received a bachelor of science degree in biology/physiology. **Amber Morneau** graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice.



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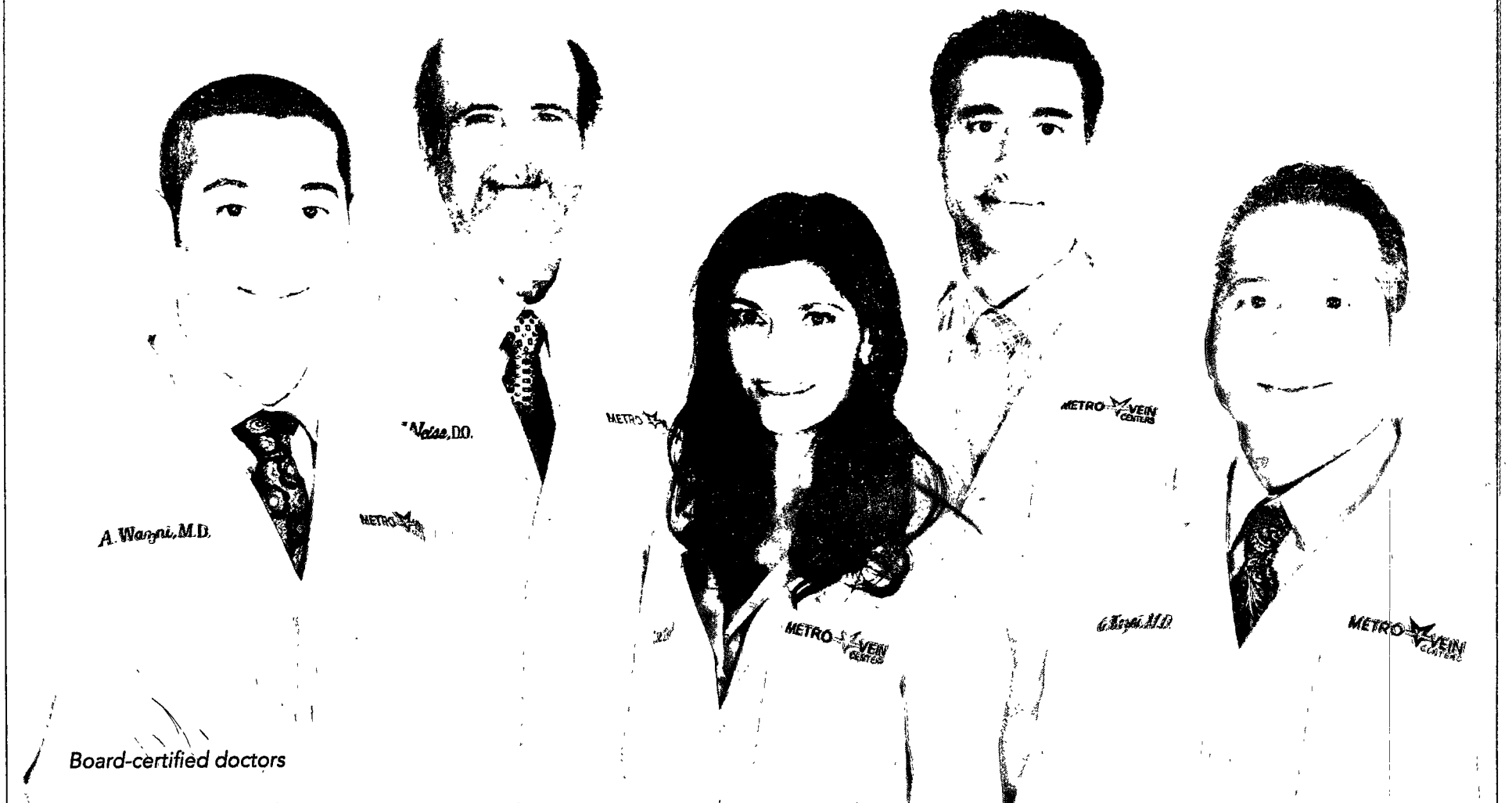
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Fireworks potentially caused fire

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

No one was injured during a small house fire that broke out at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 30.

The preliminary investigation appears to point to fireworks as the source.

The fire department responded to a call for a house on fire in the 31000 block of Florence.

According to Fire Chief Catherine Harman, Lt. Scott Marinkovich was met by an occupant who found a small fire around his basement window and used water to put it out. Marinkovich had the man show him the area involved and assured that the fire was out.

"The young man stated he was playing video games in his home when the smoke detector acti-



vated," Harman said.

The man saw light smoke coming from the basement and found the fire.

"The fire department had to pull a lot of the

vinyl siding away from the area involved to further extinguish some burning material and ensure the fire was out," Harman said. "All the damage was to the exte-

rior of the house, with some light smoke filling the home."

A positive pressure ventilation fan was used to clear the home of the smoke. Harman added

that a glass block window was partially removed during the investigation and was later secured by the board up company."

The department "highly suspects" fireworks as

Garden City firefighters responded to a suspicious fire which the department surmises may have been caused by fireworks.

the source, although it couldn't actually locate an actual device or piece of it.

"We performed a thorough search through the debris," Harman said. "We found two half-inch puncture/burn marks above the area of origin. It appeared the house was struck and the burning material dropped down to the point of origin where the fire was discovered."

No one was injured as a result of the fire.

If the man wasn't home, the fire most likely would have gone undiscovered and the damage would have been much greater, she said.

"The smoke alarm alerted the young man who was home at the time," she said.

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Break-ins

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There was no sign of forced entry. The homeowner told police that someone rang the door bell at about 2:30 a.m. He looked out, but no one was there although a vehicle was driving down the street, he said.

The central air conditioning unit, furnace, copper plumbing, water heater, a built-in microwave oven, a stove and a kitchen faucet, valued at \$8,261 were reported stolen from a vacant home in the 800 block of Forest on June 28.

A rear window had been broken at the house when the items were stolen May 17-20. The home is bank-owned and the delay in making the report was attributed to the company dealing with the home being located in California.

The property manager for a vacant home in the 1300 block of Berkshire told police June 26 that someone stole the air conditioning unit, water heater and copper plumbing. Entry had been made through a rear door. The items were reported to have been stolen May 18-June 24.

Vandalism

Two signs at Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, were reported damaged June 28. Police said it appeared that someone kicked a wooden sign and an electric sign multiple

times, causing \$2,000 damage.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Highland Park man and a resident of the Westland Colonial Village Apartments, 8181 N. Wayne Road, told police they returned from an evening of metal scrapping about 2 a.m. June 27. They parked a truck in the lot and went inside.

The Highland Park man told police he went to his vehicle an hour later to find someone had taken prescription bottles of Xanax and Loricep.

In addition, he reported a wallet, containing \$80 and belonging to a third man who was not present, was missing. The wallet was located under a nearby vehicle but the prescriptions were not found.

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She aims to put respect back in the 'r-word'

Remember the old adage, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me?" Sounds great in theory, but names and words do hurt and Livonia resident Roxanne Riggio knows that all too well.

"People in my past used to bring me down with words, especially the 'r-word,'" Riggio said. "But not anymore. I have accomplished almost everything people said I wouldn't be able to because of my disability. I've gotten my driver's license, my own credit card, participated in sports and taken college classes.

"I don't want my peers to be hurt by unkind words, so I'm going to advocate for them and turn the 'r-word' into RESPECT," she added.

The concept to start her movement to ban the "r-word" came to her while sitting in class at Schoolcraft College. The teacher was describing a horrible story about a boy with Down syndrome who was being verbally bullied.

Needless to say, it upset Riggio and tugged at her heart.

The teacher talked with Riggio later and mentioned she thought she would be an ideal advocate to start a campaign educating the public about why not to use such negative and hurtful words.

With the help of her parents and support staff, she created a Facebook page called "Help Me Ban the R-Word," built a website called "Rockin' Respect" (www.rockinrespect.weebly.com) and organized several small fundraisers.

She decided to donate



Roxanne Riggio has created a Facebook page called "Help Me Ban the R-Word" and a "Rockin' Respect" website, www.rockinrespect.weebly.com.



Ron Riggio (from left), his daughter Roxanne, wife Patty and Community Living Services staff person Emily Graf show off Roxanne's "R-Word" poster.

the proceeds of those sales to Special Olympics and the Best Buddies program at Eastern Mich-

igan University. She also created a poster that has hundreds of names on it, supporting her campaign

and taking the pledge to ban the "r-word."

"We're extremely proud that our daughter is such a strong advocate for people," her mother Patty said.

"People with or without disabilities can relate to what she's saying - you can rise above what people say and not let them be an obstacle to achieving your dreams. We're here to help her spread her message any way we can."

Riggio is 25 years old, just graduated from the Livonia Transition Program at the Western Wayne Skills Center and has taken classes at Schoolcraft College. She

has a part-time job at Community Living Services through a grant from Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board as a Spirit of Support Advocate and trainer. She trains direct care staff about treating people with disabilities with respect and dignity and she encourages people to use "People First" language.

Riggio volunteered at two Livonia schools, Jackson Early Childhood Center in the day care program and also at Perrinville Center, helping with special-needs children. Her future plans include going to college to become an elementary school teacher for special-needs students and to buy a Shelby GT 500 blue Mustang.

She is enjoying her summer catching up on sleep, spending time with her family and friends and going for long walks with her dog Sambuca.

CLS has provided support coordination and budget services through the self-determination process for Riggio since 2006.

CLS is a nonprofit organization providing support and services to seniors, veterans and people with developmental, physical and intellectual disabilities living in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Library to host Ford pension buyout seminar

A free Ford Pension Buyout Seminar featuring *Observer & Eccentric* financial columnist Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management will be held

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Rick Bloom

At this seminar, Bloom will provide Ford retirees with information to help them make an informed decision regarding the Ford buyout offer.

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JANICE L. SMITH Plaintiff,

v. JOHN A. SMITH, Defendant.

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ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

At a session of court held in the courthouse in Caro, Michigan, on June 4, 2013.

Present: Honorable Amy Grace Gierhart, Circuit Court Judge

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

IT IS ORDERED:

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

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

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

Date: June 4, 2013
S/Amy Grace Gierhart
Amy Grace Gierhart (51305)
Circuit Court Judge

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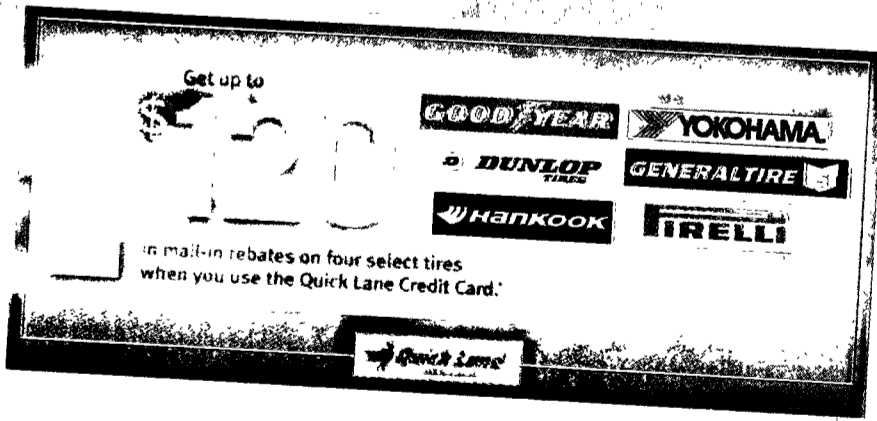
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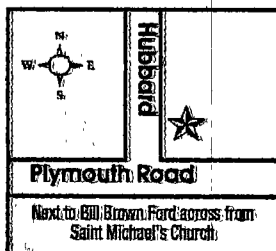
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Gebhardt leads SEMCOG for 2013-14

A trustee of Schoolcraft College has been elected 2013-14 chair of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Joan Gebhardt, the college board's treasurer, was elected to lead the organization at SEMCOG's annual General Assembly meeting on June 20. She is the first chair representing community colleges in the 45-year history of the organization.

In accepting the position, Gebhardt said she is honored to be first chair of SEMCOG from a community college and "proud of the ground I am breaking." "I'm honored to be elected SEMCOG chairperson," Gebhardt said. "I love to learn and I am committed to lifelong learning. I look at my participation in SEMCOG from this perspective."

Gebhardt added that she feels "very fortunate" that educational institutions - community colleges, intermediate school districts, universities - are a part of the membership of SEMCOG.

"I commend the SEMCOG founders who had the foresight to recognize the importance of the education community and include educational units in our organization," she said. "It was important when SEMCOG was founded in 1968it's even more relevant today."

"Creating a work force that is ready to succeed in the 21st century is the most important role of education

today," she said. "A work force educated and trained for today's and tomorrow's jobs is a part of SEMCOG's economic development strategy. The role of community colleges - developing specific training for the new jobs in the new economy - has elevated the importance of education even more."

Gebhardt was appointed to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy in January 2007. She went on to win the seat in her own right the following May.

Since 2007, she has been an active and supportive member of SEMCOG, and was elected vice chair in 2009. She has served on the Education Bloc, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Committee, and Legislative Task Forces.

Gebhardt also served two terms on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners representing Westland, Inkster, and south Livonia in District 12. Her core career was that of a public school teacher and administrator.

Also elected SEMCOG officers were:

» Kathy D. Vosburg, a Macomb County commissioner, as first vice chair. She will become the chair in 2014-15.

» Robert Clark, mayor of Monroe, vice chair.

» Rodrick Green, a Superior Township trustee, vice chair.

» Jeffrey Jenks, Huntington Wood commissioner, vice chair.

» Phil LaJoy, Canton Township supervisor, vice chair.

» Michael Sedlak, Green Oak Township clerk, immediate past chair.

Use insurance to cover risk

Q: Dear Rick: I just had a meeting with my life insurance agent to discuss coverage. During the discussion, he recommended that I consider buying life insurance for my two children ages 15 and 13. He said that when you get a policy at a young age, if something ever happened in the future where they became uninsurable, they would at least have this policy. He also pointed out that the policy could operate as a savings account and that the premiums at their age would be rather inexpensive. What are your thoughts on buying life insurance for a teenager?

A: I believe that insurance is a means of covering risk not an investment. Whenever someone is thinking about buying any type of insurance whether it is auto insurance, boat insurance or life insurance, the question is: If a loss occurs, will there be a financial loss? If so, is it a material loss that needs to be insured.

We don't insure all our losses - only those



Rick Bloom
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that will have a material effect. For example, I don't have golf ball insurance, not because I won't lose golf balls when I play, (because I do every time). However, there's no material financial loss. I can afford the buck a ball if I lose one.

With regard to children, the first issue is will there be a financial loss if unfortunately, something happens to one of your children. The answer for the great majority of families is no. There certainly would be pain and suffering as I can't think of anything worse than losing a child. However, it would not necessarily be a financial loss.

If you had a child who for some reason was a major breadwinner for the family, then the need for life insurance may

be greater; however, in most situations that is not the case. From an "Is it needed standpoint?" I would say no.

With regard to life insurance being a good investment, the answer is no. Life insurance is not an investment even though sometimes it is sold as such. I never think it is a good investment if I have to die to collect. Of course there are other ways to collect on a life insurance policy such as borrowing against your own policy or canceling it and taking the cash surrender value. However, both those ways are expensive and the costs are high.

The high fees alone make it an inappropriate investment. If you wanted to make an investment for the kids, buying a mutual fund will reap more benefits than buying a life insurance policy.

Lastly, the idea that by purchasing life insurance your kids will have some life insurance in

the future may be true; however, it's sort of like purchasing a car for your newborn child today because you know they'll need it in the future; that just doesn't make sense. The same thing can be said with life insurance.

In addition, if you projected how much life insurance they would need in the future, purchasing that today would be cost prohibitive. Therefore, save your money.

My advice if you have a few extra dollars is to put money aside for their education. A contribution to something like the Michigan Education Savings Plan would be much more effective and beneficial to your children than putting money into a life insurance policy.

Good luck.

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

Canton hopeful about Ford Road fix

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Stung by four rejections from U.S. transportation authorities, Canton officials are hopeful they will succeed in their fifth attempt to secure federal dollars to alter traffic-snarled Ford Road.

For the first time, however, the proposal centers on converting Ford Road into a boulevard from I-275 to Sheldon - a departure from a now-shelved plan to reshape the Ford/I-275 interchange itself.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said local officials expect to learn this fall whether the U.S. Department of Transportation will allocate \$15.8 million to convert Ford Road to a

boulevard - a plan touted as the best traffic-easing option by state officials.

Canton, supported by the Michigan Department of Transportation, has refused to back down despite four failed attempts to receive money from a federal program dubbed TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

Canton's latest proposal has scaled back the amount requested, which had topped the \$20 million mark on earlier attempts.

"We're hoping we'll have a better chance of getting it by not going so high," Faas said.

The grant, if approved, would boost the Ford Road project esti-

mated by MDOT at \$36 million or more, though state and local officials would have to find matching dollars to pay for the work.

Canton faces competition as it seeks to secure the latest grant. In all, Faas said, 568 applications have been filed to compete for \$474 million in fifth-round TIGER funds.

A move to turn Ford Road into a boulevard from I-275 to Sheldon emerged in late May as the preferred alternative from MDOT for easing traffic congestion and reducing crashes along the bustling thoroughfare.

The plan calls for separating westbound and eastbound Ford Road

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

The plan also calls for adding a third westbound lane from I-275 to Lilley, a third eastbound lane from Haggerty to I-275 and paving Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill.

MDOT's decision to pursue the boulevard plan coincided with the fifth round of TIGER grants.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Financial Peace

The Garden City Family Resource Center is offering Financial Peace for Teens, a five-week program to help teens learn the proper tools to be wealthy at any income level.

The program is for youth ages 14-17. There will be videos and discussions and snacks will be provided.

The classes meet 3:30-4:30 Tuesday and Thursday, July 9 through Aug. 8.

Space is limited. Sign up at the Family Resource Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, Garden city. For more information, call Martha Griggs at 734-793-1860.

Summer Camp

Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness will host a Street Ninja Summer Camp July 15-19 for youths age 6 and up. Street Ninjas will learn ninja skills like self-defense, tumbling, fitness, focus, walking staff, map reading and leadership skills.

No more than 30 ninjas will be in training camp and the first 10 students signed up with a \$50 deposit will also receive a free Walking bo-staff. Street Ninja Summer Camp is \$159. Camp runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Street Ninja T-shirt, lunch and activities included.

Preregistration is required. Space will be limited.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, Guardian Martial Arts will host a Women's and Girls' Self-Defense Class from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The course will cover assault prevention and practical self-defense that is easy to use and remember.

The three-hour course will be taught by senior chief instructors Kelly and Shelby Perkins, who have more than 40 years combined martial art experience.

Students will gain hands on experience practicing the self-defense taught in this class.

Included are a take home booklet and a pervert poker. The course is \$29. College students with I.D. will receive \$5 off the course. Pre-registration is necessary.

Street Ninja and the self-defense course will be held at Guardian Martial Arts, 30942 Ford, Garden City. To register, contact Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness at 734-266-0565.

No coffee hours

No coffee hours will be held in Westland and Garden City during the months of July or August for Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, state Sen. Glenn Anderson or state Reps. David Knezek and Robert Kosowski.

Golf outings

The Lyman Foundation will hold its 34th annual golf outing, benefiting Burger School for Students with Autism, Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Hickory Creek Golf Club, 3625 Napier, Superior Township.

The Lyman Foundation was named in honor of the late Garden City police Officer Gary Lyman who became associated with Burger School students and staff through his visits to the program.

He held the first golf outing to raise money to provide community experiences for the students.

The golf outing is the foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. Golf is \$100, including meal and drink tickets.

There will be two starts at 7:15 a.m. and 1:15 a.m.

Golf registration information can be obtained by contacting Sharon Lundie at 734-728-4919 or 734-788-1290 or on the foundation website at www.lyman-foundation.org.

Garden City Hospital will host its 21st annual Golf Outing Tuesday, Aug. 20, at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford.

Registration and continental breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. There will be lunch and cocktail reception following play. Golfers should bring extra business cards for the door prize drawing.

The cost is \$225 per player or \$900 per foursome. Sponsorship opportunities also are available. Player and sponsorship registrations must be sent to Garden City Hospital no later than Friday, Aug. 9.

Funds raised for this year's golf outing will go toward the \$1 million complete renovation of Garden City Hospital's Family Birthing Center.

For more information, contact Lynn Giovannini at 734-458-4259 or by email at LGiovanni@gchosp.org.

Health Coach

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

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

Zumba class

Zumba fitness is back at Merriman Road Baptist Church, on Merriman just south of Ford, Garden City.

The class is for women age 18 and older. Class time is 8-9 p.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Girlfriends of Grace Ministry at Merriman Road Baptist Church, the class will be held on Thursdays at the church.

Donations will be taken at the door to cover the costs of the instructor.

For more information, call 734-421-0472.

Museum fundraising

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum are continuing their fundraising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlour for social and business occasions. The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

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

The museum is located in the Straight Farmhouse at 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road, Garden City.

Call 734-838-0650 for more information or visit www.sfhonline.org.

Community Chat

Join host Kerry Partin and his co-hosts every Thursday night at 9 p.m.

It's the Internet talk show dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City and the surrounding communities. Share your events, fundraisers and comments with other listeners.

Call-in live at 724-444-7444 enter call ID 82757#, or visit in the chat room at http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757.

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For more information, contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts at 734-646-2237.

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GC's firefighters work on their PALS

Lifesaving skills learned on manikin

By Sue Buck Staff Writer

Garden City firefighters recently practiced their lifesaving skills on a child-size manikin.

The firefighters completed a re-certification course for Pediatric Advance Life Support.

The course is designed to meet the needs of pediatric patients who may require advanced life support.

"The course was in-house here at the station," Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman said.

They used a manikin, which is the property of the trainer.

It had to represent, in size, a child at least several years old, she said.

The certification lasts two years.

"If we re-certify, the course is shorter," Harman said.

"If we expire, it is about 16-20 hours."

Children can't be considered smaller adults, Harman said.

"There are some anatomical and physiological differences that this training address-



Garden City Fire Capt. Gary Gallo, Lt. Daniel Neault, Chief Catherine Harman, Capt. Derek LaPerriere and Engineer Mike Terch work on their PALS recertification.

es," she said. "The training included a lot of hands-on drills, as well as written and practical exams. There were practical drills, or codes, each member had to pass. Each member rotated every position, sometimes being the team leader, or performing any of the techniques necessary in order to properly treat a pediatric cardiac patient."

The pediatric manikin is designed to read the specific cardiac problems and the feedback of the treatment.

The instructor, Bob Jennison of Jennison Services, put the firefighters through multiple challenging scenarios. "We used our monitors and equip-

ment during the course," she said. "The instructor gave our department very positive feedback on their skill and knowledge level. I'm very proud of this department for their dedication to the community and commitment to their education."

Retired Garden City Fire Chief Bill Forbush set the foundation and steered the course.

"It is our mission to continue to provide the highest quality service to the community," Harman said. "We achieve this through training, education and experience."

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Fireworks: Bamboo to big booms

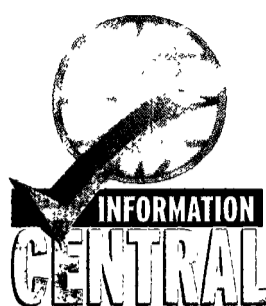
Fourth of July fireworks celebrate our nation's independence just as pyrotechnic displays celebrate special holidays in many places around the world.

It is believed that the first firecrackers came to be thousands of years ago in China when people threw bamboo into a bonfire and were surprised by the loud cracking or popping that resulted. On the Lunar New Year, the ancient Chinese used the popping bamboo to frighten away Nian, an evil spirit. Over the years, the bamboo "firecrackers" became more prevalent and were used to ward off evil at weddings, funerals, and births.

Pao chuk, or "burst bamboo," evolved into more official firecrackers after the discovery of gunpowder. Chinese alchemists began experimenting with gunpowder as early as the 7th century. A 9th century book entitled *The Classified Essentials of the Mysterious Tao of the True Origin of Things* described gunpowder and the dangers of using it.

Firecrackers spread throughout Asia and in 1292 Marco Polo sent a large stash of firecrackers home to Italy. Their popularity exploded in Europe. In the 1830s, the Italians first discovered that adding trace amounts of certain metals and other additives to firecrackers made for brightly colored explosions. For example, green is produced using copper chloride, orange comes from calcium salts, and white comes from white-hot metal flakes.

Learn more about the history of fireworks at the Westland library by checking out *Firecrackers: The Art & History* by Warren Dotz, Jack Mingo, and George Moyer or *Fireworks: The Art, Science, and Technique* by Takeo Shimizu. For more information, visit the Reference Desk or call 734-326-6123. You can also search



our online catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org.
HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Parenting Workshop/ Training — Kitchen Art Fun (#25): 9:30 a.m. July 8
Starfish Family Services' Early Learning Communities presents "Kitchen Art Fun." Learn to encourage art development in young children and strategies to talk about children's art. Free childcare is provided for children of participants. All parents, teachers and childcare providers are encouraged to attend.

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting: 2 p.m. July 9

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

Medicare Fraud: 7 p.m. July 9

Get the details, learn the facts, and see just how important you can be in the prevention of Medicare fraud. Everyone is welcome. No registration is necessary.

Hands on Geology: 1 p.m. July 10, Ages 7-12

Children will learn about plate tectonics, volcanoes and earthquakes. They will also participate in hands-on mineral testing and make a rock collection to take home. Presented by a naturalist from the Wayne County Parks. Registration is required. Call 734-326-6123 or sign up online at westlandlibrary.org/kids.

Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting: 7 p.m. July 10

The Library Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month in one of the library's meeting rooms. Board meetings are open to the general public.

Baseball Card Collecting: 6:30 p.m. July 10

Join Mr. Kless as he discusses the history of baseball cards from the mid 1860s until today. He will also show you how to start, keep and sell collections, including using eBay. At the end of the program, Mr. Kless will appraise small collections.

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. July 12

Friday night movies roll on into the summer months with a variety of concert movies, summer blockbusters (of the Spielberg variety), and great foreign films. Tonight's movie is *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*. "(a) meek and alienated little boy (who) finds a stranded extraterrestrial. He has to find the courage to defy the authorities to help the alien return to its home planet." This movie is rated PG. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the movie starting promptly at 7 p.m.. Snacks and refreshments will be available.

Beginners Computer Lab: 2 p.m. July 13 (second and fourth Saturdays each month)

During this two-hour drop-in lab, we will provide guided activities and librarian assistance to help you become computer literate for today's digital world. Topics include using a mouse and keyboard; selecting, copying and pasting; navigating the internet; and learning what you can do with email.

Writers Club: 7 p.m. July 15

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

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

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No sign-up is required.

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library for more information. The library also offers one-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

Information Central was compiled by Liz Waun, Adult Literacy Program Coordinator. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or visit westlandlibrary.org.



Participants line up for the "pink glove dance" at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club.

Golf outing benefits Oakwood cancer programs

The rain was falling, but spirits were soaring at the recent Oakwood Women's Healthcare Classic golf outing last month.

The event, presented by Drs. Harris, Birkhill, Wang, Songe & Associates and Karen Colina Wilson Smithbauer, is in its 21st year. Dolores Pfeffer of Grosse Ile and Bob Zakar of Dearborn co-chaired the event; Smithbauer of Grosse Ile and Dr. David Yates of Northville served as honorary chairs.

The fundraiser was held simultaneously at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club and at the Dearborn Country Club. Golfers, donors and sponsors generated \$370,000 to support breast cancer programs at Oakwood Healthcare. The funds will help uninsured and underinsured women receive breast cancer screenings, transportation, wigs, education and support they otherwise may not have available to them.

"It's such a special event because every dollar we raise goes to women in the community who need it the most," said Brian Connolly, president and CEO of Oakwood Healthcare. "These services can change the quality of their lives, particularly in the face of a devastating diagnosis."

In addition to golf and both live and silent auctions, the event this year featured an appearance by Bob "the Bachelor" Guiney, a Riverview native, who appeared on the reality-based dating show, as well as on the *Hoda & Kathy Lee* segment of *The Today Show*.

"It was an honor to be here," Guiney said. "I don't think you can look around and see someone who hasn't been affected by cancer."

Janet Baracy, a Westland resident and 10-year cancer survivor, was the keynote speaker. Baracy stressed the importance of early detection. She said she initially thought she had a pulled muscle, but then felt a lump during a self-exam and decided



Nancy Sakar, Dolores Pfeffer and Carla O'Malley, executive director and president of the Oakwood Foundation, present a check to Oakwood President and CEO Brian Connolly. The donations have since increased to about \$370,000.



Janet Baracy of Westland, a 10-year cancer survivor, stresses the importance of early detection in her keynote speech at the Oakwood Women's Healthcare Classic.

to go to the doctor right away. She was diagnosed with Stage III cancer and underwent chemotherapy within weeks.

"Don't ever feel like you can't make time," she told the crowd. "If I had waited another three months for my next regularly scheduled appointment, it would have been too late for me."

Now 10 years cancer-free, Baracy thanked the team at Oakwood that has compassionately cared for her since she was first diagnosed and lauded events like the Women's Healthcare Classic, which help women who need those services.

"I'm living proof that it works," Baracy said.

Since it was founded 21 years ago, the Women's Healthcare Classic has generated nearly \$5.4 million in donations. Carla O'Malley, executive director and presi-

dent of the Oakwood Foundation, said the funds have helped thousands of women throughout the two-decade history of the event.

"We are truly humbled by the financial support, event leadership and participation from many who have been personally touched by breast cancer," O'Malley said. "Dr. Yates is a great friend and passionate supporter of Oakwood, and his family has been personally touched by breast cancer, and Karen Smithbauer is a 10-year cancer survivor."

Because of Smithbauer, the Nurse Navigator program was established at Oakwood's breast care centers in Wayne and Trenton, in addition to the existing Nurse Navigator program at Oakwood's Dearborn facility.

The Nurse Navigator program provides ongoing guidance and support to cancer patients, their families and significant others, accompanying them through every aspect of their cancer journey and ensuring access to the information necessary to make the best possible decision about treatment choices and therapies and provide counsel and advice to improve the patient's quality of life.

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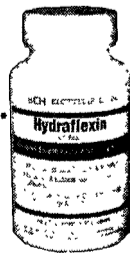
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FOOT PAIN

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That the patient notes foot pain, and the physician on examination sees little if any swelling in the foot, means that the physician will take an x-ray looking for a slight crack in the bones of the foot or a cyst in one of them. However, in many instances of foot pain, the x-rays come up normal.

These findings will lead the physician to order an MRI examination. The MRI makes use of the properties of powerful magnets to reorient the body's hydrogen molecules; when the electrons change molecular orbit, they give off energy that becomes a signal that computers can change into an image. Furthermore, the magnetic changes that generate a signal allow imaging within the bone on a scale that x-ray and CT imaging cannot achieve.

This ability of MRI to scan deeply and clearly allows physicians to see changes in bone not previously possible. One discovery was the presence of bone marrow edema in the foot as a cause of pain when x-rays showed nothing and physical examination revealed no swelling.

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Hippo attack didn't mar his spirit

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

In 1996, Paul Templer found himself head-first down the throat of a hippo in a vicious confrontation on the Zambezi River in southern Africa.

The attack left another man dead and cost Templer his entire left arm. Yet looking back, he'll tell you in many ways it made him a better man.

Seventeen years later, he's married and raising a family in Beverly Hills. He's formed a nonprofit called the Templer Foundation that supports disabled and chronically ill children, along with veterans affected by PTSD.

He's also a motivational speaker and runs his own consulting firm, Opus Dynamic. Plus, he's an author with a dry sense of humor — his autobiography is titled *What's Left of Me* (Hawkins Post).

Most of all, he's a dad — another part of his life that might never have happened were it not for the hippo.

"My kids are the funniest," said Templer, 44. "They're the ones who put this in perspective. Every Christmas, that song *I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas* comes on and they just think it's the funniest. They love to give me grief — my daughter Kate will go, 'What if you hadn't been eaten by the hippo? Then you never would have met mom and we never would have been here.'"

Templer met with *O&E Media* and shared his remarkable story.

Fast times in Africa

He grew up in Rhodesia (now called Zimbabwe) and left his home at an early age to join the British military and travel the world. After a few years of adventure, Templer returned to Africa and became a safari



Paul Templer of Beverly Hills fought a terrific battle — and lost an arm — with a hippo in an African river.

guide, taking tourists along the crocodile-infested Zambezi River. He was 27 at the time.

On March 9, 1996, three canoes and a kayak journeyed down the river. Each canoe carried a guide and two tourists. Templer was steering the lead canoe. Everything was unfolding just the way it was meant to, until they came upon a bend in the river.

As the third canoe negotiated the bend, a rogue male hippo weighing approximately 8,000 pounds attacked the boat and knocked the guide into the river. Templer immediately turned back to rescue the man, Evans Namasango. He was reaching over his canoe to grab Namasango when the hippo came between them.

"Get between a hippo and water, not good," Templer said of the encounter. "Get between a hippo and their young, not good. Get anywhere near an angry old male, not good. There's a bunch of ways things can go wrong."

The hippo literally plucked Templer from the boat and dragged him into the river. It took him a moment or two before he realized what was happening.

"I could feel that my legs were wet," he said. "The top part of me wasn't dry, but it wasn't water wet, either. There was this huge pressure crushing down on me and I couldn't move — except for my hand. I started to feel around and I touched the bristles on the hippo's snout. So I knew exactly where I was: head first, up to my waist, down a hippo's throat."

Survival mode

Even given the bizarreness of the situation, Templer said rational thinking kicked in and he tried to focus on survival. After a bit of underwater thrashing, the hippo spit him out. Templer managed to reach the surface and grab a few gulps of air before the hippo bit him again — this time by the leg — and dragged him down.

"I had a .357 Magnum revolver with me and I tried to get a hold of it, but no success," he said. "I remember wondering which one of us could hold our breath longer. He kept shaking me back and forth and I'm holding his tusk as it bore into me so my flesh wouldn't tear so much."

"Then things went a little bizarre. At one point, he just sat on the bottom of the river with me in his mouth."

The hippo released Templer, only to attack him a third time in the river. When the giant beast spit him out again, one of the other guides bravely managed to get close enough in his canoe to grab Templer and drag him to safety. "Safety being relative," Templer said. "It was a cluster of rocks in the middle of the river. My arms are barely attached and part of my lung was exposed. My leg was a mess and there's an angry hippo just off the rocks. We have six cli-

ents, two canoes, a kayak and one paddle. It was dusk and we knew it would be hours before anyone missed us."

A decision was made quickly that one of the guides and Templer would take one of the canoes to go for help.

A winding river

Fortune then smiled on Templer, as a shock trauma specialist happened to be nearby. He was stabilized and transported to a hospital in Zimbabwe, where his arm was amputated during surgery.

Three days later, authorities found Namasango's body floating in the river without a scratch.

"In the hospital I'd like to say I was this deep and profound bloke who was all about recovery. But really, I was this pain in the neck," Templer

said. "I felt sorry for myself, took heroic suffering to a whole new level and was kind of a jerk actually."

"Then one day my doctor walked into the room and gave me a priceless gift. He looked me right in the eyes and said, 'Hey, Paul, always remember this: you're the sum of your choices. You're exactly who, what and where you choose to be in life.' At first I'm thinking that's easy for him to say, considering he's the doctor and I'm the patient. But he planted a seed and I knew he was probably right."

Templer parlayed his new-found fame to raise money for other amputees in Africa. Two years after the attack, he tried to do something that had never been done before, kayak the Zambezi from source to sea. Wright & Filippis, a Michigan-

based company and one of the largest providers of prosthetic devices, built him a kayak paddle that could be maneuvered with one arm.

While preparing for the trip, he met Carrie through her brother Chris Walton, a former *Detroit Free Press* writer who was planning to cover the expedition. They fell in love and decided to marry and build their lives together in Michigan.

"When I first had my run-in with the hippo, a lot of the stories seemed to end with 'Man who was attacked by hippo is maimed for life.' I kind of wanted my story to have a different ending," Templer said. "But I knew before that could happen, a whole lot of life needed to be lived."

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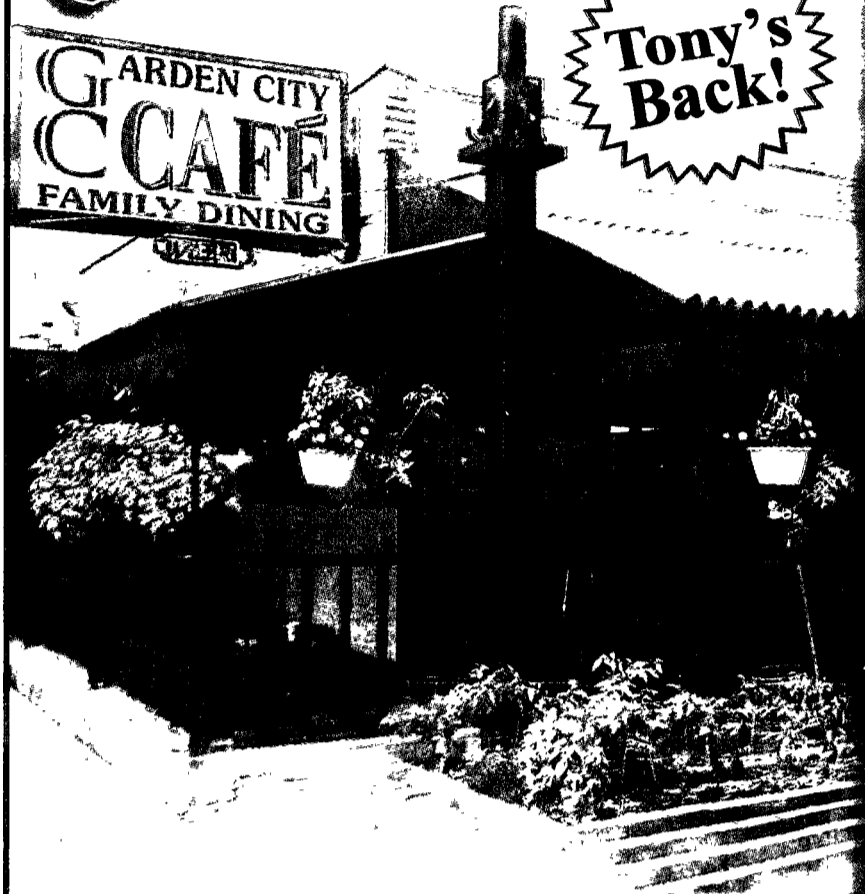
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YOUTH BASEBALL

LEAGUE OF HER OWN

Canton Little Leaguer Hines proves she belongs

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

While Ypsilanti's Carolyn King was the pioneer for girls in Little League Baseball, 40 years later Canton's Rachel Hines has certainly left quite an imprint.

Hines, a left-handed pitcher and second baseman for the 12-and-under Major League Pirates of the Plymouth Canton Little League, has turned more than few heads because of her talent level.

She'll play Monday night in Tecumseh representing the PC Little League All-Stars. She was

an obvious choice after hitting .667 with an earned-run average of 2.76 with four victories this summer.

Hines has also been chosen to play for the Sparks, an elite all-girls team that will compete for the 11th consecutive year against a field of 103 boys teams, Aug. 2-9 in Cooperstown, N.Y., in the shadow of the Baseball Hall of Fame at Dreams Park.

Hines, who will be an eighth-grader at Discovery Middle School in the fall, remains modest about her accomplishments.

"It went pretty good," said Hines, who also plays the clarinet and maintains a 3.78 grade-point average. "We went undefeated. I think I won four or five games and I think I struck out 11 batters in one game."

So what has she proven and why does she play in virtually an all-boys league?

"To maybe show that girls can play, too, and not just boys," she said. "I think that it's more competitive and it's just more fun."

The 5-foot Hines, who throws in the low 50s mph, will more than likely toe the rubber Monday night for the PC All-Stars.



Canton's Rachel Hines is hitting .667 and throws in the low 50s mph for the Major Pirates of the Plymouth Canton Little League.

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Murphy 2nd in Girls Am

Two Brighton golfers, Hannah Pietila and Julia Dean, were champions at the 35th Michigan Girls State Junior Amateur held June 27 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers Golf Course in East Lansing.

Pietila captured the 16 & over division defeating Kelsey Murphy (Plymouth High) 3-up, while Dean topped Jami Laude (Ann Arbor), 7-5, for the 15 & under title.

The Pietila-Murphy match was tight until after the turn, when Pietila started building on her 1-up lead. After 12 holes, Pietila was 3-up and held that lead throughout the match.

Murphy was the MHSAA Division 1 medalist who led the Wildcats to the 2012 team championship last fall, while Pietila took fourth at Forest Akers (East Course).

MU pitcher 2-hits Rams

Former Madonna University ace Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) allowed just two hits over six innings Wednesday to lead the Michigan Bulls to an 8-0 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League win over the Michigan Rams at Ford Field.

Gooding struck out eight and walked two, while Rams starter Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson/Wayne State) took the loss giving up six earned runs in 2½ innings of work.

Jeremy Robinson belted a three-run homer for the Bulls (16-4), while Alex Borgline and Theo Piccirilli each had two hits and an RBI.

Trent Drumheller and Matt Avromov had the lone hits for the Rams (9-10-2).

Bucks play to 0-0 draw

The Michigan Bucks ran their season unbeaten streak to eight games with a hard-fought 0-0 draw Tuesday against the host Chicago Inferno at Wheaton (Ill.) College.

The point keeps the Bucks in first place (7-1-2, 23 points) over idle FC London (6-2-1, 19 points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Micallef takes Stevenson football job

Fielder steps down after two seasons

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

In a sudden turn of events, Matt Fielder's stint as Livonia Stevenson varsity football coach has ended after two seasons.

It's curious timing, to say the least.

Fielder resigned two weeks ago because of "personal reasons," according to athletic director Lori Hyman.

His replacement is former Stevenson quarterback Randy Micallef, who most recently served as both offensive and defensive coordinator the past seven seasons under Bob Meyer at Walled Lake Central.

The announcement came Wednesday in a press release by Hyman, who said she "had an inkling" that Fielder might step down.

Fielder, who went 8-11 in his two seasons as the Spartans head coach, could not be reached for comment.

After the job posting ended July 1, Hyman, along with Stevenson Assistant Principal Pete Mazzoni, interviewed five outside candidates for the vacant position during the first round of interviews. Three other selection committee members were added for the second round of interviews, including two student-athletes and a sub-varsity coach already on the staff.

Micallef, a 1991 Stevenson grad, emerged as the front-runner and accepted the position.

"Randy has 19 years of coaching experience," Hyman said. "He's a Stevenson graduate, a long-time community member. He grew up in the house that he currently lives in, so he has a very good pulse on the community. He is a teacher. He's been an offensive and defensive coordinator. He's ready to be head coach and this is the job that's he's always wanted, so his pride and passion is with Stevenson football."

The 40-year-old Micallef, a graduate of Western Michigan University, is math department chair at Banks Middle School in Walled Lake. He served as Walled Lake Western's defen-

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EAST-WEST ALL-STAR GAME



Harrison Wenson of Farmington Hills was the starting catcher for the East all-star team at Comerica Park. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

All-star game is 'hit' for catcher Wenson

Farmington Hills players on winning team at Comerica Park

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

In his first two times at bat Monday night, Harrison Wenson's all-star experience was a lot like his senior season at University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

The Farmington Hills catcher was hit by the first pitch each time in the 32nd annual Michigan High School Baseball

Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

On the second occasion, Wenson, who was drafted last month in the 38th round by the Detroit Tigers, loaded the bases before scoring a run in the East's 9-4 victory.

"The first pitch was right at my back; the second nipped my jersey, but I tried to get out of the way," Wenson said. "I don't

think I crowd the plate, but people like hitting me for some reason. It happens, though; it's part of the game. But I was used to it this year."

The 6-foot-3, 220-pound Wenson estimates he was plunked by a pitch 15-20 times during the recent high school season.

"It probably led the state; it was unbelievable," he said. "In

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the last seven games in my high school career, I was hit by a pitch and sometimes multiple times in a game.

"I don't believe most people hit me on purpose, but I do believe they were trying to pitch me inside. I don't know why, because I love inside pitches. If I turn on it, it's going to go."

In his third plate appearance Monday, Wenson was determined to put the bat on the ball, if at all possible.

"I was swinging out of my shoes, because I wanted to make contact," he said. "I popped it up high in the air (for an out). I was 0-for-1 and got hit twice, but I was happy to be on base to help the team."

Wenson also started behind the plate, played four innings and caught two pitchers - Nick Deeg of Lake Orion and Connor Fannon of Grosse Pointe Liggett.

"It was a great experience and I was happy I was able to do it," he said. "We were there for two days, spent a night in a hotel and got to hang out with the guys. I was really honored to be part of it."

"I've been able to play at Comerica Park and work out there, so it wasn't new. But whenever you go and play on that field, it's an unbelievable experience and I'm really blessed to be able to do it."

Wenson, who has a scholarship to Michigan, played in the 2012 Catholic League championship game at Comerica Park, and he participated in a pre-draft Tigers workout there this spring.

"I wasn't expected to get drafted, because I didn't go to a lot of the showcases down South like a lot of guys did," Wenson said. "To get drafted was a dream come true. It was the 38th round, but not many high school players can say they were drafted by a major league team; so it was quite an honor."

"(The Tigers) haven't told me what the signing bonus is yet. I know and they pretty much know I will not be signing. I'll be going to college and playing for the University of Michigan. But it's still awesome to say I was drafted by the Detroit Tigers."

Wenson didn't have any putouts or assists in the all-star game, but he nearly threw out a runner stealing second base from his knees.

"Hector Gutierrez (Detroit Western, U-M) said he was out, but the ump called him safe," Wenson said. "It was a good throw and right on the money, but the ump called it right away."

Mohr sidelined

Wenson's good friend and former teammate in summer baseball, Connor Mohr of Farmington High School, also was a member of the East all-star team.

Mohr was unable to play, however, due to a broken right hand. The injury occurred a couple of days beforehand when the left-handed Mohr was hit by a pitch while batting for his College Connect team.

"Connor and I talked the whole game," Wenson said. "It was a bummer he was not able to play for the last time he and I might have been on the field together."

"We'll be playing against each other the next four years. I'm excited about that, but our friendship definitely won't change."

Mohr, a speedy center fielder who can hit for power and average like Wenson, will continue his playing career at Michigan State.

Still a fun time

"I wish I would have been on the field," Mohr said. "I still had a good time, being in the dugout and participating in everything that was going on. It was hard (not being in the game), but I enjoyed talking with everyone who was on the team and listening to stories about where they're going to school and stuff like that."

Mohr will have surgery later this week to put two metal plates in his hand. Incredibly, his recovery is expected to be quick, as well as complete.

"Actually, I should be ready to go when fall ball starts (Sept. 1)," he said. "It wasn't the best time for the injury. It's not a big deal. I'll just work as hard as I can to get back and be ready for the fall. I'm pretty excited. I look forward to competing for a starting job for next year."

Until this year, Mohr and Wenson had been teammates for the past eight summers.

"It'll be a lot different, being on opposite sides of the field, but it'll be a lot of fun to face him," Mohr said. "I'm sure we'll stay pretty good friends."



Farmington's Connor Mohr tips his hat during the pregame introductions. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PREP BASEBALL

Berryman credits wife for baseball accolades

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Going back 20 years, Rick Berryman can't remember the first varsity baseball game he ever coached at Redford Union High School.

"Don't have a clue, don't have a clue," Berryman said.

But it's a safe bet his wife June was right by his side.

The Livonia Stevenson coach, who was among seven inductees Sunday night into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, knew immediately who to thank during his five-minute speech at Zuccaro's Country House in Chesterfield Township.

That's because behind every good man, there's a good woman.

"When I got up there, I said, 'It's nice that my name is on here, but it's unfortunate that I can't include June's name on the plaque, because in the 652 high school games I've coached, June and I have done that together,'" Berryman said. "The whole speech was thanking her. Some guys thank their wives, but June's contribution is more than just a wife who shows up and be supportive."

"She'd been in the dugout 10 years at Redford Union, she'd literally show up at practice and run stations. She keeps scores. When I come home, my stats are totaled. She keeps pitch counts. She keeps where the ball is hit at what count. I'm spoiled."

In 20 seasons of coaching high school baseball, Berryman is 391-261, including a 176-126 mark at Stevenson in nine seasons and a 215-135 record in 11 years at RU.

Berryman, who lives in Canton, has captured two district, one regional, one conference and two division titles at Stevenson. He also earned five Mega White crowns and two district championships at RU.

"I was touched and flattered," Berryman said. "Like I tell people, you go into it for the love of the game and never realize of getting to this pinnacle. It's truly a nice honor. It's truly nice to be recognized, but that's not why I went into it."

After compiling a 19-6 record as a pitcher at Eastern Michigan University (1966-69), Berryman went into teaching special education before becoming an assistant



Stevenson's Rick Berryman, at Comerica Park, was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. TONYA SHADE



June Berryman (left), at a Stevenson game this spring with granddaughter Lexi Shade, has been a fixture keeping score at high school and summer collegiate games. TONYA SHADE

principal for 24 years at RU's Hilbert Middle School then retiring from education three years ago.

Meanwhile, June, his wife of 30 years, started out as a hearing-impaired and fourth-grade teacher before going on to administration as an elementary school principal. She is also retired.

"Youth, college and high school, June and I have been together over 1,700 games - that's a few," Berryman said. "She's not a supporter, she's involved. She was at the Connie Mack World Series when I went out there in 1995. It was a big to-do out there because we go to a manager's meeting. There's me, Lou Pirronello (his Stevenson assistant coach) and June. They said, 'What she's doing here?' I said, 'She's coaching.' The media went with it and she got interviewed on TV. She

got written up as the first female coach in the history of the Connie Mack World Series in Farmington, N.M.

"I have not just done it. Her and I have done it together."

And the apple doesn't fall far from the family tree, with daughter Tanya (Shade) close by for much of the diamond action as well.

The 66-year-old Berryman, who also coaches the 22-and-under Michigan Rams of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, doesn't plan on leaving the dugout anytime soon.

"I see people wanting the coveted Stevenson job," said Berryman, who led the Spartans to a 24-13 record along with KLAAC Central Division and Division 1 district titles this spring. "I said, 'I'm not dead yet, I'm still coaching.'"

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MICALLEF

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sive coordinator under Chuck Apap in 1999, when the Warriors captured the MHSAA Division 1 state championship.

Micallef also coached from 1999 to 2000 at Western under Mike Zdebski and was reunited with Apap the next year, when he took the Walled Lake Central job serving both as offensive and defensive coordinator.

With the start of preseason football practice scheduled for Aug. 12 and the first game Aug. 30, Micallef is scrambling to put together a staff.

"I would like to build upon the traditions that have been set and work on the strengths of our athletes," he said. "But with getting a late start on things my No. 1 priority is to meet the young men and to build with them some of the strengths they have. We played them (Stevenson) early in the (2012) season. I have some idea of some of the kids that are returning based on last year's film, but it's still getting to know them a little more personal and building upon what they've already been working on in the off-season."

Micallef said he has learned from Rich Rodriguez's failed experience at Michigan that he's going to have to incorporate some of the past Stevenson philosophy.

In Fielder's second season, Stevenson finished 6-4 and earned a spot in the Division 1 state playoffs.

"I think we're going to try and be hybrid, at least for the first year," Micallef said.

Micallef, who only becomes the fourth Stevenson varsity football coach in school history, said he hopes to keep two members of Stevenson's staff on board, including former 16-year head coach Tim Gabel, who has served the past two seasons as Stevenson's JV coach, along with John Nichols, a varsity staffer.

"We're in a process of figuring all that out," Micallef said. "The problem is we have a lot of people on vacation right now, so the timing isn't ideal. But we're working on putting all the finishing touches on things and getting things organized this week. A number of the current Stevenson staff members are out of town as well. I'm hoping to meet with everybody this week, settle on a staff and get things organized."

Micallef's bloodlines run deep at Stevenson. He played for Jack Reardon, the school's first head coach who stayed 30 seasons before handing over the reins to Gabel, who guided the Spartans to 2007 MHSAA state championship final. Gabel was also Micallef's freshman football coach.

Micallef's wife Michelle, a nurse, is a 1992 Stevenson grad. Micallef has four children - two girls and two boys (including an incoming ninth-grader).

Stevenson Principal Jim Gibbons had the final say on Micallef's hiring after receiving a recommendation from Hyman and Mazzoni. Gibbons said he had a brief conversation with Fielder before he resigned.

"He (Fielder) just said 'personal reasons' in our conversation," Gibbons said. "He had mentioned to Lori and I that he had been thinking about it prior to when he did it. You're going to have to talk to him about why he did it."

HINES

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"What makes her stand out the most is she's got all three - she can pitch, she can field and she can hit," Pirates coach Wade Figley said. "To be able to do all three - I can put her anywhere on the infield and she's one of my best pitchers."

"She's got a curve. She's got a changeup. She can hit the ball out of the park with the 200-foot fences. She hit one out as an 11-year-old with my team last year, too."

Figley said Hines was more than deserving of an all-star berth and she's not just merely a token pick.

"They take only 12 players from the whole league," he said. "She made the all-star team the last two years and is one of the starting pitchers. She pitches and bats second. She stays in the game, the whole game. Usually in an all-star game you come in and out with the other three because you can only play nine, but she's one of the five that stays in the whole time."

But Hines has heard some sexist comments from time to time, some in jest.

"We played in Tecumseh last weekend and one kid

said, 'You want to put on some nail polish?'" said Hines, who counts Justin Verlander and Miguel Cabrera as her favorite major leaguers.

Figley has also heard it, too.

"The funny thing is they'll be some snide comments when she takes the mound and then it's dead silence," he said. "The (opposing) coaches always say what a great job she did after. The other kids will say, 'It's a girls, it's a girl,' then it's cold silence when she goes one-two-three, one-two-three. She sits them down after they're mouthing off."

Figley, in fact, can't find enough superlatives for Hines.

"This is my 10th year of coaching and she's in the top five," he said. "There are only four boys that are better than her, including three pitchers who are starting for their high school teams right now."

Hines' nickname has become "Sunshine" around the local diamonds.

"She's an awesome kid," Figley said. "We call her 'Sunshine' because she's always smiling and she's already ready to play."

And Hines has an intense passion for the game, as well. She comes from a baseball family. Her father Jerry

played in high school. She also has a brother Ryan, 10, who plays baseball and a sister Amy, 11, who plays softball.

"That's what nice about her," Figley said. "She absolutely loves the game of baseball. She knows more about baseball than half the kids on the team and half the parents. She follows baseball. We're lucky because we probably only have her for two more years of baseball because when she hits high school, she'll probably play softball. There aren't any girls baseball players in high school and that's the sad thing. She could play freshman and JV, but varsity is a whole different world. But I could see her playing until 10th grade in baseball and giving it up. For any girl to get a scholarship it's going to be softball, which is the sad thing about it."

In two years, Hines will be attending Salem High School.

"They put on clinics every year, a couple a year," her mother Stacie said. "I've had her to those as long as I've known about them. They're aware of who she is. We're hoping that once she gets to high school, there's not going to be any discrimination."

In 1973, King tried out for a spot in the Ypsilanti Amer-

ican Little League despite a rule that Little League had that specifically prohibited girls from trying out. The league president allowed her to try out anyway, and the manager of the Orioles selected King for his team. When Little League International officials in Williamsport, Pa., found out about her participation, they threatened to pull the Ypsilanti American Little League's charter if she took the field in a game.

Meanwhile, the Ypsilanti City Council threatened to revoke Ypsilanti Little League's charter and use of the city's fields and King was ultimately allowed to play under the intense scrutiny of the national media.

"I save every article I can find on girls playing baseball," Stacie Hines said.

"There are girls that have gotten college scholarships to play. She's just keeping her options open and hoping she doesn't face any kind of discrimination so they can just watch her and seeing what she can do, instead of saying, 'Oh, no, it's just a boys game.' Another girl name Kate went from Canton went to Cooperstown last year. I hope she paved the way as well."

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ALL-AREA BOYS GOLF TEAM

Top golfers reach dizzying heights

FIRST TEAM

Kyle Rodes, Sr., Plymouth: There was no disputing that Rodes was the main man on an ultra-talented Plymouth team this season, a fact underscored by his individual state championship at the Division 1 state finals at the conclusion of a three-hole sudden-death play-off.

Yet that success, at MSU's Forest Akers West, only continued Rodes' season-long script.

He averaged 71.4 for 18 holes throughout the year and was medalist at Indianwood, Birmingham C.C. and Forest Akers East while nabbing all-conference, all-district, all-regional and all-state accolades.

Plymouth coach Nick Brandon touted Rodes for his physical and mental makeup, not to mention tireless drive to excel.

"He has that rare mix of excellent talent and outstanding work ethic that is all-too-rare in athletics," Brandon said. "Kyle has earned every ounce of every accolade and accomplishment that he got during an unforgettable senior season."

Rodes will golf next year at Eastern Michigan University.

Donnie Trospier, Soph., Canton: If the best is yet to come, the rest of the KLAA and Division 1 had better brace for the impact.

Trospier averaged 37.8 for nine holes and 74.4 for 18 holes, garnering medalist kudos at three of six dual matches along with winning the Farmington Invite (74) and Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite (71).

A catalyst for the Chiefs qualifying as a team for the D1 finals, he followed that up with 75 at the KLAA conference meet to make the first team and placed second at regionals with 71.

Then at the state finals, his scoreline of 77-129 was good for a sixth-place tie, giving him two all-state selections in two years.

"Donnie is a very talented golfer," coach Tom Alles said. "He is remarkably consistent. He hits fairways and greens with phenomenal accuracy."

"He has two more years to work on achieving his goal of being the best high school golfer in the state. I wouldn't bet against him."

John Tatti, Jr., Plymouth: On most teams, Tatti would get the headlines. On Plymouth, he merely is one of five elite players who pulled the chain to victory, averaging 77.1 in tournament play.

He also was all-regional with 74 at West Shore, shot 73-76 at the state finals to place fourth individually at Forest Akers West and tied for medalist April 15 at the Detroit Golf Club Invite with 74.

His coach said Tatti brings a picture-perfect swing to the golf course, not to mention a mix of poise and confidence that grew throughout the season.

"His 74 at Detroit Golf Club in our first event of the season sent a message that he was ready to go to the next level, and he proved that time and time again during the season," Brandon said. "Tatti's achievements in the postseason are a big reason why Plymouth golf needs a bigger trophy case after the 2013 season."

Eric Attard, Jr., Stevenson: He enjoyed another highly productive season, finishing 11th at both the district and regional with 77 and 79, respectively.

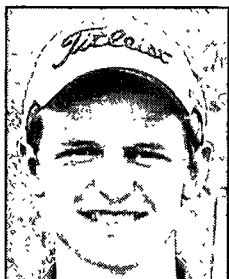
Attard, who also tied for seventh in the Kensington Conference tourney with 77, boasted 18- and nine-hole averages of 77.4 and 38.3, respectively, both team bests. He also shot 72 to place third in the Walled Lake Invitational.

"As a junior, Eric lead the team with the lowest scoring average," coach Dave Higham said. "Eric gave us some good scores this year to help us win some big matches. He has all the tools to take his game to the next level and I expect good things from him next year."

Chris Kozler, Jr., Plymouth: Another cog in Plymouth's golf machine, Kozler averaged 78.3 in tournaments, was regional medalist with 73 at Pine View and tallied a 78-74-152 scoreline at the D1 state finals.

He demonstrated a knack for long drives off the tee and never wavered when tough putting situations cropped up.

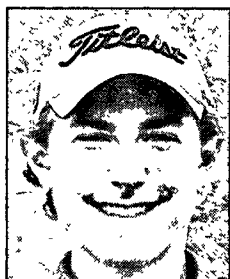
From the team's No. 3 spot on the scorecard, Kozler's precision on the greens proved that he is one of the best "up and down" players in the state,



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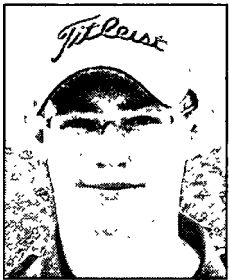
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Ryan Rieckhoff
Plymouth



Nick Brandon
Plymouth coach

Brandon noted.

"Chris plays the game with great confidence and has a true love for the game," Brandon said. "And this made him a great teammate and a key part of all of our successes."

Austin Alexander, Soph., N. Farmington: Alexander makes his second appearance on the All-Area squad, moving up from the second team a year ago. He led the Raiders with a tournament average of 78.4, and he was the leader in nine-hole scoring with 36 strokes per match.

Alexander set a school record with 4-under-par 31 at Glen Oaks Golf Course. He shot sub-80 scores in seven of nine tournaments with his best being a pair of 76s.

"Austin has a great head on his shoulders," coach Bruce Sutton said. "He's a very, very positive player. He really never has a down moment. Austin will accomplish a lot in his golf career and I think he has the ability to play at the next level."

"He just seems to be able to scramble, to get a decent score. I know he was disappointed in a couple of his rounds, but he had an excellent round when he shot that 31. He was in a zone that I haven't seen before."

Evan Chipman, Jr., Plymouth: His athleticism and clutch performances in high-stakes tourneys were essential components of the team's ride to the state finals, Brandon said.

Chipman averaged 79 in tournament play, highlighted by his 73 at regionals — good for second place.

"He emerged during the postseason as a consistently unflappable and clutch performer who likes the big stage," Brandon said. "Chip is one of our most electric players in terms of birdie potential."

"Chip has a gift for playing par-5s, as his exceptional distance always gives him the chance at an eagle."

Brandon added that Chipman has the talent and desire to "take another huge step this

off-season toward having a shining senior season."

SECOND TEAM

Alec Kondrath, Jr., Churchill: He was an individual state qualifier, shooting 86-80-146 after placing eighth at the regional with 75.

Kondrath, who had an 18-hole average of 81 and a nine-hole average of 43.7, was also the Brighton Invitational medalist with 71 and took 15th in the Kensington Conference tourney.

"Alec's hard work and dedication to his golf game this year has paid great dividends," coach Paul Worley said. "Having played at states this year has only inspired him to get better and be a more consistent player for his senior season. Alec's smarts around the golf course starts in the classroom, where he has been a scholar-athlete these past two years as a varsity player."

"Alec will be an impact player next year for the Chargers."

Tyler McMahan, Sr., Canton: He made some big contributions for the Chiefs as the team marched all the way to the D1 state finals.

McMahan averaged 39.6 per nine holes and 81.7 per 18 holes, with 80 at the Kensington Conference meet to garner all-conference honors.

He also shot 78 at regionals and followed up at the state finals with a scoreline of 86-81-167.

"Tyler had a successful senior season," Alles said. "His overall game is solid. He has an excellent short game. He has exceptional touch around the green, which enables him to frequently get the ball up and down."

Matt LeGault, Jr., Farmington: One of three Farmington juniors on the second team, LeGault averaged a team-best 79.2 in tournament play and helped the Falcons to a runner-up finish in the Huron Meadows district and a Division 1 regional appearance at Lyon Oaks.

His best score was 74 at the

Berkley tournament. LeGault shot 75 at the regional and would have been a state qualifier, but a misunderstanding about a rule resulted in him being disqualified. He also had a sub-40 average in dual matches.

"He really worked on his game this year and had some stellar events," coach Dennis Zaleski said. "He played very consistently. He's playing in tournaments this summer and looking forward to next year. He's real consistent with his irons and his putting is his strong point."

Nick Heffron, Jr., Farmington: Heffron came on late in the season to average 75 in the team's last four events. His season average in tournament play was a solid 79.6, and he helped the Falcons qualify for the Division 1 regional at Lyon Oaks. Heffron averaged 39 in dual matches.

"As he came off the hockey season, he didn't have much time to practice golf," Zaleski said, adding Heffron picked up steam as the season progressed. "He's another we hoped would have gone to the state finals, because he was playing so well at the end of the season."

"He's consistent with the irons and his short game. He had one event where he was in the 40s on the front nine and shot 32 on the back. He might start slower, but he's really a great 18-hole player."

Matt Goldi, Jr., Farmington: Goldi is a repeat member of the All-Area second team after another fine season in which he averaged 79.4 in tournaments. His solid play contributed to the Falcons winning a share of the OAA White Division crown and advancing to regional play. Goldi also averaged 38 in dual matches.

"At the beginning of the season, he played really well," Zaleski said. "He was the team medalist in almost every event we had at the beginning. He had a little down part in the middle of the season, but he kept his cool and knew those things happen."

"I think his demeanor (is an asset). He doesn't get real excited and he doesn't get real upset. Usually, I can tell a player's score by the way he's walking. With him, he just keeps his cool and that's a real good thing."

Mike Maiden, Sr., Garden City: A four-year varsity standout, Maiden was a model of consistency for the Western Wayne Athletic Conference champion Cougars. He led the team with a 38.5 nine-hole stroke average and 79.5 average for 18 holes. Maiden, who is also an accomplished hockey player, fired a stellar 79 at the Division 1 regional tournament in Grosse Ile, missing qualifying for the D1 state meet as an individual by just four shots.

"Along with having a lot of skill, Mike has the perfect demeanor for golf," coach Ron Pummill said. "When you watch him walk down the fairway after hitting a shot, you don't know if he's 12-under (par) or 12-over. With his outstanding attitude and talent, he's been a pleasure to coach the past four years."

Ryan Masell, Soph., N. Farmington: Masell is the other half of a young 1-2 combination for the Raiders, providing a complement to teammate Austin Alexander. Masell averaged 79.7 strokes per tournament and was a Division 1 regional qualifier with 77 at the Huron Meadows district. His season best was 74 at the Walled Lake Invite. Masell shot an average score of 39.2 in duals.

"Ryan has a lot of ability," Sutton said. "He seems to tinker with his game throughout the season, then he comes on strong right at the end. I would label Ryan my late charger. His strength is he scrambles."

"He's always trying to make an adjustment in his game, trying to get a little more out of it. Sometimes, he may over-correct a little bit, but it's almost a given that he will get it together at the end of the year."

Austin Harris, Sr., Stevenson: He sparked for the Spartans with 18- and nine-hole scoring averages of 79.7 and 39.1, respectively.

Harris shot 74 to place seventh at the Huron Meadows district and added a seventh with 76 at the Kensington Conference tourney. He also shot 79 at the Walled Lake Invitational.

"Austin was another senior that had a great year," Higham

ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF FIRST TEAM

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COACH OF THE YEAR

Nick Brandon, Plymouth
HONORABLE MENTIONS
Churchill: Brian Sexton, Doug Simpson; Franklin: Tyler Gerhard, Josh Dudek; Stevenson: Michael Blasser; John Glenn: Andy Snyder; Wayne: Austin St. Peter; Canton: Alex Champagne, Brent Perry, Noah Lindbauer; Plymouth: Kyle Melnick; Salem: Brian Patterson, Brady Cole, Connor Cole; Harrison: Kyle Coscarelli, Eric Chappell; North Farmington: Neal Kedharnath, Jon Pierrat; Farmington: Vishall Amin; Garden City: Sean Hackman, Joe Pummill, Chad Berger, Justin Swisher; Thurston: Andrew Lapins, Alex Williams, Logan Charlton, Joe Beauchamp; Redford Union: Kyle Gross.

said. "Austin was one of our most consistent players all year. He works hard at his game and that will help him out playing college golf wherever he decides to play."

Connor Humitz, Sr., Stevenson: Headed to Madonna University, he parlayed a stellar hockey season as a starting goaltender on the Division 2 championship team by posting season averages of 39.8 (nine holes) and 79.5 (18 holes).

Humitz also placed 15th at both the district (78) and regional (80).

"Connor had a great season as a senior," Higham said. "He was a captain this year and showed great leadership throughout the year. Connor improved his game throughout the year and I think his best golf is still to come."

Ryan Rieckhoff, Sr., Plymouth: His consistency and competitive edge helped the Wildcats both in dual meets and tournaments.

"Ryan stepped up in the KLAA Conference Championships and MHSAA districts to help lead Plymouth to wins at both events," Brandon said.

Rieckhoff averaged 82 and enjoyed a round of 78 on Day 2 of the D1 state finals as the runner-up Wildcats came within a tiebreaker of winning the championship.

"He was a very steady performer in match play and his experience and focus was infectious to the rest of our team," Brandon said. "A terrific competitor, Ryan never stopped fighting and grinding during his senior season."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Nick Brandon, Plymouth: What a rookie season it was for Brandon, who took over Plymouth's team from Chris Moore, the only other head coach in program history.

Brandon guided the Wildcats to a 10-0 record in the KLAA South Division, along with tournament victories at the DGC Invitational at Detroit Golf Club and the Milliken Millwork Invite at Indianwood.

Plymouth also captured the KLAA Kensington Conference championship, won the district and finished second at the MHSAA regional in Grosse Ile before coming within a tiebreaker of winning the D1 state championship at Forest Akers West.

The Wildcats finished in a deadlock with Battle Creek Lakeview with a 601 tally, but lost the fifth player tiebreaker. Still, it was the first time in program history that the Wildcats were state runners-up.

"The theme for the season was to hang a banner in the Plymouth gym that will forever recognize the best team in program history," Brandon said, "and this special team earned the right to do that with our finish at the state finals."

Another source of pride for Brandon was coaching Kyle Rodes, who ultimately won medalist honors at the finals.

Now Brandon will turn the page and begin looking toward the 2014 season, when senior returnees John Tatti, Chris Kozler, Evan Chipman and Kyle Melnick will look to spearhead a winning encore.

"I look forward to building a new team next season and continuing the outstanding tradition that Plymouth golf has built during the past decade," Brandon said. "Next year we will be led by an incredible group of seniors that our underclassmen will play and practice hard (against) for every day that we're together."

"It's all about sending our seniors out the right way — as champions."

TWENTY YEARS OF CELEBRATING BEAUTY

Six lovely gardens to be featured on annual walk

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

It was 20 years ago when the members of the Country Garden Club decided to host their very first garden walk in Northville. Kathryn Novak's garden was featured that first year. She wasn't a member at the time, but she was hooked by the event.

Novak joined the group, which has about 40 members mostly from Northville (though there are some from Novi and Livonia), and is now coordinating the event for the club. And this year is a big one, she said.

"This is our most exciting event of the year, and because this is our 20th year, we really wanted to put together something special to mark the anniversary," Novak said. "We think people will really love what we've got planned."

The 20th Annual Northville Garden Walk takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 10. It will feature six gardens, all in the Northville community, including both large and small gardens. The most impressive gardens on the tour are those owned by Mike and Anne Renucci on Seven Mile Road and Tim and Maggie Otto, who live on Autumn Ridge. The two gardens are side by side, and include an array of features.

"They are very impressive," Novak said. "People will just fall in love with them."

In addition to the gardens themselves, members of the Country Garden Club will be headquartered at the historic Mill Race Village where there will be live music from noon to 4 p.m. provided by several graduates of the University of Michigan music program, and nearly a dozen vendors set up selling products and plants specifically aimed at the gardening crowd.

And if that's not enough, club members will be set up in



The well-maintained grounds of Tim and Maggie Otto's beautiful home off of Seven Mile is the highlight of this year's garden walk.

the Cady Inn, where they will be providing refreshments.

"All of our members bake cookies for the event, and we'll be serving iced tea and lemonade," Novak said.

Like in years past, the Cady Inn will also be decorated according to the event's theme, which this year is "Four Seasons."

"We decorate it really nice, all in flowers. People really look forward to what we do. It's always a bit of a surprise," Novak said.

The Country Garden Club — one of three garden clubs based in the Northville community — is part of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, which promotes agricultural and horticultural interest through membership in divisions and branches throughout the U.S.

"We take money that we make from the garden walk

and we use it for local and state projects, including organizations that set aside green space," she said. "All the money we earn is donated."

Another way the group spends the money from the garden walk is to fund an annual scholarship for a Northville High School student, who pursues a degree in horticulture or related field.

The group meets monthly, and brings in speakers who give advice on different aspects of gardening or that are of interest to gardeners. They are also very active in the community. In addition to putting together floral arrangements each week for hospice patients, members also care for gardens at the library, Post Office and at the Hunter House in Mill Race Village.

However, Novak said the garden walk is the event everyone looks forward to each



Those attending the garden walk will find plenty of surprises in the Otto garden.

year. She said it's a lot of work to plan, but club members always take great satisfaction in it.

"It's just a lot of fun. We're real proud of our garden walk. We like to think it's one of the best around. It attracts people from a lot of different communities because people enjoy coming to Northville. We have

some beautiful gardens, but it also gives people a chance to see our downtown and enjoy lunch at one of our great restaurants," Novak said. "It's just a great way to spend a day, especially if you love gardening like we do."

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Church members ready the barbecue at a previous Wow Jam.

Annual church event offers freebies

Cornerstone City Church in Wayne is planning a party and everyone is invited.

The church's annual "Wow Jam" is set for 4-8 p.m. Friday, July 19, at Goudy Recreational Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.

"Cornerstone City Church has been hosting Wow Jam for three years but our network of cornerstone churches have been hosting for 20 plus years," said Denise Hunt, a church member who is involved with publicity for the event. "We just want to be a blessing to the community."

Hunt said the outreach event drew 2,000 individuals to the church parking lot last year. Organizers hope to more than double the number of participants

this year by moving Wow Jam to Goudy Recreational Park.

According to the Winning Our World (WOW) International website, Wow Jams are an evangelistic outreach designed to "love people in practical ways" by offering free services, goods, entertainment and food.

Stephen and Linda Tavani created the events with a mission to "bring the church to streets and the streets back into the church." Through WOW, they've led Wow Jams in more than 40 cities, engaging local churches in the process. Stephen Tavani has been involved in music, preaching and urban ministry since childhood. His wife is a singer who was the "Peaches" half of the

recording duo, Peaches and Herb.

The Tavanis will perform at the Wow Jam in Wayne. Along with live music and evangelism, the Cornerstone City Church Wow Jam will give away free groceries, haircuts and manicures, family photo sittings, bike repair, potted plants and hot meals. Children's activities include games and a bounce house. In addition to prize giveaways, the winner of a singing contest will walk away with \$100.

The church welcomes volunteers and donations for the event. For more information email denisehunt17@gmail.com or info@cornerstonecitychurch.us.

— By Sharon Dargay

Plymouth museum offers scholarships for history camp

Registration continues for Plymouth Historical Museum's upcoming History Kids' Kamp, but there's a new twist to the program for those who have difficulty paying the fee.

Scholarships are now available, thanks to an anonymous donor. Families that need help with the \$30 per child fee can call 734-455-8940 for more information.

History Kids' Kamp is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday July 27. The camp gives children the opportunity to experience what life was like during the Civil War. They'll dress in period clothing, get their picture taken, race to finish chores and old-fashioned

tasks, and participate in a scavenger hunt. Children will be able to chat with Civil War soldier reenactors who will answer questions, demonstrate marching, and more. Every child will receive a commemorative T-shirt to wear for the day, and the boys will be given the opportunity to "enlist" in the army.

The backdrop for this fun event is the Plymouth Historical Museum's special exhibit "B4TV," which focuses on leisure activities before technology took control of society. It runs through Nov. 10.

Tickets purchased by July 19 are \$30 per child; after that date, tickets are \$35. Or families may

renew or buy a new Daisy membership to the Plymouth Historical Museum, which will allow two children to attend for free.

The target age for campers is 6-12, although children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours or can be purchased using Paypal on the Museum's website www.plymouthhistory.org. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-455-8940 or email secretary@plymouthhistory.org.

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English Gardens

English Gardens stores in metro Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners.

» Kids can make leaf and flower prints at a free workshop, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 9.

» Learn to attract birds and butterflies to your garden at a free presentation, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13.

» Get tips on selection and care of hydrangeas at a free presentation, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20.

» Experts offer a list of what should be done in the summer garden to keep it looking great, at a free presentation, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 27.

» The store will supply

everything needed to make a fairy garden to take home at a workshop, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Cost is \$49.99. Sign up online at englishgardens.com.

Area English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

Kids and nature

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

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

Pruning workshop

ReLeaf Michigan sponsors a hand-on workshop on proper pruning, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13, at Ypsilanti City Hall, 1 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti.

Participants will learn the basics of pruning, including the biology of a tree, proper timing for pruning, and how to make a proper cut. Safety will be stressed as well as debunking some pruning myths.

An "Ask the Arborist" session will be held from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Participants can bring in plant material and ask specific questions about their trees and shrubs. The cost for the pruning workshop is \$15 for ReLeaf Michigan members

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ADOPTABLE DOG

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's adoptable dog of the week is a "lovable, 55 pound lap dog."

Max, 4, a German Shepherd/Labrador Retriever mix, gets along with everyone — cats, dogs and kids — according to Sandra Mezza, president of the Livonia-based rescue.

"He is an all around loving, happy, energetic boy. He was living alone in a foreclosed home after the owner was evicted," Mezza wrote in an e-mail to the *Observer*. Mezza said Max lived at the house alone for approximately three months "with food being thrown through the window every now and then, by the owner that left him."

"He is looking for a family to love and to have fun with. He is active and needs a family that will run and play with him and has a fenced in yard."

Max is micro chipped



Max is looking for his "forever home."

and up to date on shots. He has been with Guardian Angel Animal Rescue for almost one year.

Interested in Max? Call 734-788-6857 to set up an appointment or meet him during the organization's adoption

events, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at Pet Smart in Think Max is the dog for you? Set up an appointment to meet him or he is being shown at PetSmart, 385 Haggerty, Commerce Township.

Gatsby gals



Even though Tom Schoenith's actual birthday was July 4, Michael, Mary Kay and John Schoenith threw their dad, the Roostertail impresario, a 70th birthday bash, a la *The Great Gatsby*, at their stomping grounds last Wednesday, The Roostertail, of course. All decked out and ready to party were Bloomfield Hills residents Cheryl Hall Lindsay, Bonnie Jobe and Renee Godin of Farmington Hills. JULIE VOLLES

PET PROJECTS

Bowling for homeless pets

The annual Bowl-4 Animal Rescue returns Aug. 10 to Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile, Farmington Hills.

The eighth annual event, presented by Aleta Sill's Bowling World Pro Shop, is accepting registration for bowlers, non-bowlers and sponsors. Michelle Mullen and Aleta Sill created the event to raise awareness of homeless animals and funds to help them.

Bowl-4 Animal Rescue will run 7-10 p.m., with all proceeds benefiting Friends of the Dearborn Animal Shelter and Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Cost to bowl is \$30 and

includes three games of nine pin and food. Non-bowlers may register, raise funds and join the fun.

Activities will include a tin can auction, 50/50 raffles, music and karaoke, shopping, and hand writing analysis.

Register to participate or donate online at www.bowl4animalrescue.com.

Night at the shelter

Pets and Pajamas Movie Night is a fun way for youngsters to spend an evening watching a film, while learning about their furry friends at the same time.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley offers the monthly event for ages 5 and up. The youth

program includes a vegetarian dinner, animal-themed movie, popcorn and interaction with some of the shelter's residents.

Children can wear their pajamas and lounge on their own sleeping bag and pillow. Cost is \$35 for the first child and \$15 for each additional sibling. Registration is underway for the next two movie nights:

» 5-9 p.m. Friday, July 19, *Dolphin Tale* and a spaghetti and salad dinner.

» 5-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, *Bolt*, and a pizza and salad dinner.

Register at hshv.org. Click on the link to programs, and scroll down to youth.

REUNIONS

DETROIT CENTRAL CLASS OF 1953

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

DETROIT MACKENZIE '50S AND '60S

Third annual picnic is set for those who attended Mackenzie High School in the '50s and '60s. The event runs noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines park, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, near Farmington Road. It will include music, memorabilia, and camaraderie. Participants may bring their own picnic or buy Michigan-made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream at the event. T-shirts, sweat-shirts, and music CDs also will be available. Seating will be available under the shelter, or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. No need to pre-register. Questions? Call Janet Cable at 734-377-4009 or e-mail

mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com. Visit the website at <http://www.classcreator.com/Detroit-MI-Mackenzie-1960>.

CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion for the January and June classes of 1963 is set for Saturday, Oct. 19, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia. For more details or a registration form visit the website of party planner Celebrations To Remember at www.celebrations2remember.com click on the reunion section. Or call 734-261-3264.

GARDEN CITY CLASS OF 1983

A reunion is set for Sept. 21 at Roma Banquet Hall, Garden City. Cost is \$50 per person. Make checks payable to Karen Boyd and mail to her at 28445 Bock, Garden City, MI 48135.

LIVONIA BENTLEY CLASS OF 1958

A 55-year reunion is set for Aug. 10 at Mama Mia's on Plymouth Road in Livonia. For more information call or e-mail: Ellen (Baumgartner) Dorman, emdorman@juno.com, 734-218-1655; or Eldon Dillon, 248-207-2942; or Jane (Faries) Hopper,

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CLASS OF 1966

A birthday reunion will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 North Laurel Park Drive, Livonia; (734) 462-3100. Check in and cash bar at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and DJ. Cost is \$65 per person. E-mail to kathy55@charter.net.

CLASS OF 1973

A reunion is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 13, at Livonia Marriott, located at Six Mile and Newburgh. Tickets are \$60 for alumni and \$50 for teachers. The event is open to other classes, as well. Contact Marcia Elliott at 269-327-0657 or e-mail to mickey55@charter.net for ticket information.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL CLASS OF 1978

The 35th class reunion is set for 7 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, at The Tin Cup Bar & Grill at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20500 Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets are \$31.25. Contact Peter Smith at petemsmith@att.net for ticket information.

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Dentists help manage sleep disorders

Healthy teeth, healthy gums and now ... healthy sleep? For those who have never consulted a dentist about treatments for sleep apnea and snoring, it may be time to make an appointment. Dental sleep medicine is a growing segment of dentistry that manages snoring and sleep apnea with oral appliance therapy — an effective alternative to the standard continuous positive airway pressure machine and mask.

According to the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, up to half of sleep apnea patients don't comply with or tolerate CPAP. CPAP therapy is still considered the gold standard for severe apnea but if patients don't tolerate it they deserve op-



Anjoo Ely

tions. Dental sleep medicine focuses on managing sleep-disordered breathing like snoring and obstructive sleep apnea using oral appliance therapy, a relatively unknown but very effective treatment option.

Oral appliance therapy uses a mouth guard-like device worn only during sleep to maintain an open, unobstructed airway. OAT devices prevent the airway from collapsing by either holding the tongue or supporting the jaw in a forward position. For many, oral appliance devices are more comfortable to wear than a CPAP mask.

The devices also are quiet, portable and easy to care for. Research suggests that oral appliance therapy often can equal CPAP in effectiveness and offers a higher patient compliance rate than CPAP. There are more than 100 different styles of oral appliance devices that have received FDA clearance.

Working with a dentist

Dentists trained in dental sleep medicine work in conjunction with a sleep physician and recommend a specific oral appliance device based on a patient's needs. The dentist will assess the need for tongue space, whether the patients sleeps with his/her mouth open, whether the patients grinds the teeth, etc. The

important thing for patients to remember is that effective oral devices are always custom fit by a dentist and may need adjustments over time to ensure maximum effectiveness. It is important to see a dentist trained in dental sleep medicine.

AADSM recommends oral appliance therapy for people with mild to moderate obstructive sleep apnea. Once a patient is diagnosed with primary snoring or obstructive sleep apnea by a board-certified sleep physician, a dentist trained in dental sleep medicine can treat with OAT. Often the patient can be sent home with a portable sleep test, that can be done in the privacy of their own home

Obstructive sleep apnea

According to the AADSM, at least 12-18 million adults in the U.S. have obstructive sleep apnea, which causes them to stop breathing hundreds of times a night for anywhere from a few seconds to more than a minute. Sleep apnea is a potentially life-threatening condition that can increase the risk for serious health problems, from congestive heart failure, stroke, high blood pressure and heart disease to diabetes, obesity, depression and impotence, if left untreated.

Oral appliance therapy also is recommended for severe sleep apnea patients if they are unable to tolerate CPAP. The side effects of oral appliance therapy are

generally minor, including excessive salivation, muscle and tooth discomfort and, occasionally, joint discomfort, and most improve within a few weeks. Major adverse effects of OAT are uncommon but can include slight tooth movement, permanent changes in a patient's bite, ongoing muscle soreness or loosening of dental restorations. Medical insurance often covers oral appliance therapy. Please feel free to contact our office for more information.

Anjoo Ely, D.D.S., is a member of the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. Her office is located at 24275 Novi Road, Novi, 248-347-3030. Visit her website at www.sleepapneadental.solutionsofnovi.com.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JULY

BARIATRIC SURGERY

The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers free monthly educational seminars about laparoscopic bariatric surgery by Tallal Zeni, M.D., Director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery. Presentations will be offered from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11, Aug. 1 and Sept. 12 in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. For more information, call the Institute at 877-949-9344.

CANCER SURVIVORSHIP

Living With, Through and Beyond Cancer is a free program that offers information from leading oncology experts to help those coping with cancer. Presentations will be followed by a question and answer period with doctors and health care providers. The four-part series will be held July-October at Josephine Ford Cancer Institute sites. The first session, Communicating with Your Health Care Team, is set for 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Columbus,

39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi. For more information about the series, call Ted Varkas at 734-479-1007, Mary Rewers at 586-263-2237 or Gwen Roediger at 248-344-6696.

CONTROLLING JOINT PAIN

Henry Ford Health System's Joint Preservation Program offers free classes on ways to slow down the progression of joint pain without surgery. The focus is on the knee and hip joints. Participants learn how the joints work, self-management of pain, medical treatments, physical therapy, how and exercises to strengthen joints. Classes run 10 a.m. to noon July 11 and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 15 at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn, and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 22 at Henry Ford Medical Center-Columbus, 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi.

JOINT REPLACEMENT

Jeffrey Mendelson, M.D., will answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy's Center for Joint

Replacement, located on the hospital campus at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. To register, call 734-655-2345.

LUPUS SUPPORT

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a support group meeting 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, at Providence Hospital, Conference Room C, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. The meeting is for individuals with lupus, their families and friends. For more information, visit www.milupu.org or call 800-705-6677.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Annette Carron, geriatrics specialist, will talk about understanding and improving memory to sharpen your mind and boost your brainpower, during Botsford Hospital's monthly Walk with a Doc, noon Thursday, July 18, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on the west side of Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Meets rain or shine. Call 877-477-3621, option 1, to register.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Dr. Paul Makela, M.D., director of Gynecological Robotic Sur-

gery, will present a series on women's health topics 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, Aug. 21 and Sept. 18, in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Pelvic pain is this month's topic, followed by bladder dysfunction in August and pelvic prolapse in September. Light refreshments will be provided. Presentations are free but registration is required. Call 734-655-1980.

ONGOING AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim

to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE

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

Township. For information, call 734-458-4330.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

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

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

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

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Dr. Winters
Geriatric Medicine

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Q: I am in my early 70's, active and in good shape. Last week while walking through the park, I took a spill and scraped my leg. I don't exactly know why I fell. Is this common for adults and should I see my doctor?

A: As we get older, physical changes, health conditions and sometimes even the medications we're taking make falling more likely. While the fear of falling doesn't need to rule your life, you should make an appointment to see your doctor. He or she can best determine if this was a random occurrence caused by the terrain or if there is a greater likelihood you will fall again. Being physically active can go a long way to preventing falls by keeping your strength, balance and coordination at its peak. I also recommend anyone over the age of 65 begin a fall prevention plan by seeing a physician. Here are a few other tips to prevent a fall:

1. **Wear the right shoes** – High heels, flip flops and shoes with slick soles can make you slip, stumble and fall. So can walking in your socks. Choose lace-up shoes instead of slip-ons. If you have trouble tying laces, select footwear with fabric fasteners. Also, replace old worn out slippers with a proper fitting pair with nonskid soles.
2. **Have regular eye exams** – Age-related vision diseases can increase the risk of falling. Cataracts and glaucoma can alter depth perception, visual acuity, peripheral vision and susceptibility to glare. Young people use visual cues to perceive an imminent fall and take corrective action. Older adults with visual impairments do not have this advantage to the same extent.
3. **Make your home safer** – More than a third of all falls happen at home and involve things like tripping over objects on the floor, loose rugs, poor lighting, and those icy sidewalks we experience every winter. Take whatever steps you can to create a safer home environment, including the addition of handrails if needed.
4. **Stay active** – Failure to exercise regularly results in poor muscle tone, decreased strength, and loss of bone mass and flexibility, which can contribute to falls and intensify the severity of injury.
5. **Regulate your vitamin intake** – Reduce your risk for injuries from a fall by maintaining the appropriate amounts of vitamin D and calcium in your diet. Your physician can help you determine what will work best for you.

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

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