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New city hall closer after bond vote

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Westland Tax Increment Financing Authority has been given the green light to sell bonds that will finance three projects in the north end of the city.

The Westland City Council Monday evening approved a resolution pledging the city's full faith and credit to back \$16.5 million in bonds that TIFA plans to sell as soon as next month. The money raised will be used for the city's new administrative offices on Warren Road, a new fire station on Central City Parkway and the Central City Parkway walkway.

"We're a little concerned

about the bond market right now, but we've seen some successes recently with neighboring communities," said Mayor William Wild. "We hope to get the bonds out just after Sept. 4."

TIFA, which recaptures property tax dollars for reinvestment in public improvements within its district north of Ford Road, has been used to purchase the former Circuit City building. The bonds will help cover the cost of turning 63,000-square foot building into the city's new administrative offices.

New fire station

TIFA, which is reimbursing the city for the purchase of the long-closed Service Merchandise

store, also will cover the estimated \$3 million to construct a new fire station around the corner from the city hall site. It will replace the current Station 1 at Ford and Carlson.

It also will fund the acquisition and construction of the linear park that will stretch from Ford to Warren Road. The project will include, but not be limited to removing and demolishing the existing boulevard and adjoining walkways and installing a narrower road with sidewalks, a multi-use path, bike lanes and the linear park.

The bonds will have duration of 20 years and expire in 2034.

In response to Kevin Coleman who asked for transpar-

ency in the development of the city hall property, saying that he has been told about meetings with developers, Wild stressed that "nothing has changed" since he last told residents city hall isn't for sale.

Still planning

"There's no backroom deals, there's no deals being set up with developers," Wild said. "We continue to look at something to do there. We've talked about recreation, but keep in mind we don't want to pinhole ourselves."

Wild said there could be a recreation use that would complement the investment in Central City Park, and it also could be used to further the Ford Road 2020 plan which

envisions a pedestrian-friendly business and residential development along Ford between Wayne Road and Central City Parkway.

The Ford Road 2020 plan calls for development of village green open space areas for special events, farmers markets and civic gathering spaces and parks. It is designed to provide connection along Central City Park up to Westland Shopping Center.

"We're continuing to work together to set the city up for the future and the redevelopment of Ford Road," Wild said.

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Michigan 3-Day walkers find extra energy from the large crowds lining Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

DOING THE 3-DAY

Walkers step out in fight against breast cancer

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day for the Cure drew some 1,000 walkers and 350 volunteer crew members last weekend.

But it also drew thou-

sands of people who came out simply to support the walkers.

Lisa Kubany of Westland was one of them. She parked her car at the entrance to



Lisa Kubany, a three-time Michigan 3-Day walker, spent last weekend traveling around the 60-mile route to support friends who were walking this year's event.

one of the pit stops along the route Friday, and walkers stopped by to sign their names on the car in a show of solidarity.

"I'm doing this out of pure love and hope that one day we will never have to fight this disease again," Kubany

said. "I lost a good friend's mother to this disease, and my mother-in-law is now a five-year survivor. So I do this out of love, and hope."

Kubany, who had a number of friends making the

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Hearing adjourned in Leo's robbery case

Two men charged will have to wait until Tuesday, Aug. 27, for a preliminary hearing on charges stemming from the July 17 robbery at Leo's Jewelry in Wayne.

A hearing scheduled for Tuesday has been adjourned for defendants Quentin Goddard, 23, of Detroit and Jonathan Stalling, 20, of Battle Creek. The two men are being held in the Wayne County Jail, unable to post the \$30,000/10 percent bonds that were ordered by 29th District Court Laura Mack.

Goddard and Stalling have both been charged with armed robbery, larceny from person and larceny in a building in the July 17 incident.

Goddard also has been charged as a habitual offender. He had been sentenced to probation in February for delivery of a controlled substance, marijuana, which was to have ended Aug. 8, according to Michigan Department of Corrections. He also has prior convictions for attempted delivery of a controlled substance and receiving a stolen vehicle.

Police were called to Leo's Jewelry, 34900 W. Michigan Ave., about 1:23 p.m. on a report of a robbery in progress. Four subjects were reported to have come to the store; three entered the location, damaging display cases and stealing an undisclosed amount of property.

The suspects fled on foot, and Wayne police officers with

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The way we cover Wayne-Westland is evolving fast

I started reading a newspaper from cover to cover at about age 10. My older brother, Roy, was a prep football star and my mom got out the scissors every time he made the paper. Dad coached football so it was just about religion in our house. By the time our gridiron hero graduated from high school, that scrapbook was three inches thick and full of memories. I didn't know it at the time, but my mother's devotion to poring over those pages forged a connection to community newspapers that still resonates with me today.



Larry Ruehlen

Our mission of informing and enhancing the lives of readers has been constant, but just about everything else has changed. The biggest difference between then and now is how fast news travels. Papers still arrive at the house and our readers - some with scissors in hand - still want to know who is getting married, which family welcomed a baby into the

house and what business is opening down the road.

But Observer & Eccentric readers also want to know what is going on as news develops, and we are evolving to meet the challenge. In case you haven't noticed, we have even changed the name of our company to O & E Media to better reflect not only what we do, but our commitment to the future of community journalism.

The name of the your hometown paper hasn't changed, but the way our journalists cover the news certainly has. We are committed to breaking news

online and engaging readers as stories unfold through social media. When a beloved prep football star died unexpectedly, Sports Editor Ed Wright reached out to the community, wrote a compelling account of what happened and had it online at our website, www.hometownlife.com, in hours. A link to the story was posted on our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/OEHome town and within two days thousands of people had read the story before it hit newsstands.

Photographer Bill Bresler was shooting video a short

time after a major fire broke out at Marvaso's in Westland. Our digital readers knew that a serious situation was unfolding, and we reported that a firefighter was missing long before other outlets had a sense of what was going on. Again, thousands of our readers were aware of the news as it occurred and many mourned the loss of the firefighter Brian Woehlke on our Facebook page.

Earlier this month, voters defeated a \$222 million bond proposal for Farmington Pub-

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lic Schools and the results were posted online within 90 minutes of the polls closing. By the following Wednesday afternoon, staff writer Aileen Wingblad had updated the story with in-depth analysis of why voters rejected the bond and what would happen next. We also post crime news online every day, not just on Thursday and Sunday.

We cherish every reader who subscribes to one of our 13 newspapers and are proud of the work we do in print. But we also want to encourage people to visit hometownlife.com every day. Our site truly has something for everyone. Our reporters are in the communities they cover, writing about interesting people, events and issues that hit home. We have special sections that focus on women, families, area events and lifestyle.

If there's a community festival in western Wayne or Oakland counties, O & E Media is likely covering it with a story, photo gallery and video. Our devoted readers already know that we have the best prep sports coverage

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around, but they may not know that we now feature college sports online too thanks to our new partnership, Gannett Michigan. Hometownlife.com also has enough state, national and world news to keep readers informed without getting overwhelmed.

And just in case you aren't convinced to make us part of your digital routine, we also give away plenty of prizes like tickets to the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions and just about every concert that comes through town.

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the help of officers from other local police agencies, did a search. They located a Ford Taurus that was attempting to pick up several of the fleeing suspects in Dynamite Park on Michigan Avenue.

Some of the suspects got into the car which then drove into the park. Wayne officers made contact with the suspect vehicle and two suspects ran from the vehicle. With the assistance of a Wayne County Sheriff canine unit,

Goddard was arrested in the park.

The Taurus was reported to have fled the scene after being rammed by a Wayne police vehicle attempting to stop it. The Taurus has not been located.

Other Wayne officers checking in the area located Stalling on Fourth near Ash where he was taken into custody

No other arrests have been made in the incident which is still under investigation by Wayne police. Anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. Matthew Spunar at 734-721-1598.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Community Watch

The Norway Community Watch is holding meetings at the Dorsey Center at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, and at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29.

Still needed are street leaders and captains. For more information, call Brenda Hubbard at 734-729-3833 or Judy McKinney at 734-721-0729.

Free movie

Park-it Family Fun Night Returns to Jaycee Park on Thursday, Aug. 22.

Mayor William Mayor Wild will hold his second community gathering/movie night, beginning at 6 p.m. at the park located at 6210 Wildwood next to the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

The event will include live music provided by the George Brothers Band, bouncy houses, kid's activities and free giveaways, followed by a movie under the stars. The movie will be *Hotel Transylvania* and will start at 8:15 p.m.

Clothing give-away

Light House Home Mission will be giving away winter and back-to-school clothing 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23-24 at the mission, 34033 Palmer, east of Wayne Road, Westland.

Purchase a beautiful Full Gospel Temple bag for \$2 or bring back your FGT bag from the last clothes give-away and stuff it with winter clothing, sizes child through adult.

For more information, call 734-326-3885.

Open house

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne will host a ribbon cutting event and open house to unveil the new Emergency Department at the hospital at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29.

The ceremony will celebrate the culmination of a year-long project to expand the facility to 14,000 square feet and improve efficiency, privacy and safety. The event will take place near the emergency department entrance at the back of the hospital.

Local leaders and Oakwood

executives will be on hand. Refreshments and tours will be provided. The public is invited. Oakwood Annapolis Hospital is at 33155 Annapolis, at Venoy in Wayne.

Teen Programs

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center are hosting a "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 on 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 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.

Waste collection

Wayne County residents can dispose of their household hazardous waste at a collection on Saturday, Aug. 24, in the

parking lot behind JC Penney's at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road.

The collection runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and items that will be accepted include household paints, stains, lawn and garden chemicals, old computers and TVs, antifreeze and several other items. Pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only) and medical sharps in puncture-proof containers also will be accepted. All waste must be from residential sources only. Call 734-326-3936.

Silver Sneakers

The Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department is now offering SilverSneakers at the Wayne Community Center.

This program is covered by many health plans to individuals age 65 and over. A SilverSneakers membership allows use of the Aquatic Area, Indoor Track, Wellness/Fitness Area, Cardio-Theater Area and Dry/Wet Saunas at the Community Center.

Check it out at SilverSneakers.com or call 734-721-7400.

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60-mile, three-day trek and who has walked it three times herself, didn't make the walk. Neither did a Sterling Heights woman, who still managed to provide her own dose of inspiration by traveling the entire 60-mile course without ever setting foot on the path.

JoAnn Thomas, a one-year breast-cancer survivor, spent the entire walk in a wheelchair, the victim of a broken foot suffered just two weeks before the event. Even more impressively, her boyfriend, Frank Woodward, pushed Thomas the entire 60 miles in her wheelchair.

"I wanted to walk last year, but my oncologist wouldn't allow it," said Thomas, who said she immediately began focusing on this year's walk. "Then this (pointing to the large cast on her leg) happened. I was devastated."

Woodward, who said he and Thomas have been dating for some six months, saw the disappointment in his partner's eyes and the answer was simple.

"I couldn't let her miss



Walkers can't help but be attracted to the fountain in Kellogg Park, the water in which is always dyed pink for the occasion.

out on this," he said. Rhonda Miller of Canton, in her first time walking, found the event to be inspirational. Miller walked in honor of her best friend, three-year survivor Amy Siebert, to raise money "so they can find a cure so younger kids don't have to go through" breast cancer. She was moved to

tears by the support shown as the walkers made their way along Ann Arbor Trail through downtown Plymouth, where thousands of supporters lined the streets to offer hugs, water and other support.

"It's just overwhelming," Miller said Saturday. "They're cheering, and I didn't really do anything. All the women who fight (cancer) did something. It's so emo-

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Lisa Kubany Westland

tional, it's an amazing event."

Nearly everyone walking the route was doing so in honor of someone, or in memory of loved ones who've passed away.

Luckily for Alicia Paulina of Milford, her honoree is still battling. Her sister, Angela Horvath of Gregory, is a one-year survivor who couldn't make the walk. So Paulina made it for her.

"I want to support her and all of these other women," said Paulina, who made the walk for the first time. "She's my sister. You do anything for your family."

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Rock and Walk for loved ones lost

Benefit helps TEARS support grieving families

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It has been seven years since Buddy and Shelby Shuh lost their infant daughter. They fight back tears talking about what they and Bella went through after an ultrasound showed she had a severe form of spina bifida, including serious issues with her heart, stomach, back and brain.

The Wayne residents were told their daughter had a 60 percent chance of living at birth and that the most humane thing to do was to terminate the pregnancy.

"I can't do that, this is my daughter," Buddy Shuh recalls saying.

The Wayne residents did not give up on their daughter. She was born on Sept. 30, 2005. Shuh recalls there was an absence of noise when she was delivered by Caesarean section, but when she finally cried, it "was a beautiful sound." And then the infant, whose spine was exposed from her head to the top of her buttocks, did something incredible, she moved her feet.

For months Children's Hospital became the focus of their lives. It was home for Bella, who between putting stents in to deal with the water on her brain and treating respiratory infections, never left. The Shuhs stayed at the Ronald McDonald House to be near their daughter, but after five-six weeks they left.

"It was hard to sit there and hope for your child when the other families were losing their children," said Buddy Shuh.

That hope turned for the worse and on March 6, 2006, Bella died. It was a "horrible moment in their lives."

"There's something inherently wrong in planning your child's funeral," said Shuh.

'Incredible blessing'

Even worse was not having the money \$1,500 to pay for it. Family, friends and their church

ROCK AND WALK

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14
Location: Plymouth Christian Academy, 43065 Joy, west of Lilley, Canton
Details: The walk is to let bereaved families know they are not alone, raise funds to support these families and build community awareness about pregnancy and infant loss. Individuals form teams and collect pledges to walk the track and to "rock" in rocking chairs. Registration is \$10 per person, and the goal is for each walker to raise \$200 through sponsorship. However, fundraising is not required to participate in the event.
Contact: To register, go online to the TEARS Foundation at www.tearsfoundation.org and click on Michigan under the Rock and Walk tab. For more information about the Michigan Chapter, contact Buddy Shuh at 313-942-5457 or at MichiganWalk@tearsfoundation.org.

"out of the goodness of their hearts" helped the Shuhs. It was an "incredible blessing," that Shuh hoped he could do for others some day.

And he can as president of the Michigan Chapter of the TEARS Foundation, a national nonprofit that helps pay the funeral expenses for families who have lost a child between 20 weeks gestation and one year of age.

Shuh shared his story with a small group of people last week in a kickoff of the chapter's Rock and Walk fundraiser planned for Sept. 14 on the grounds of the Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton.

Participants are being asked to form teams and raise \$200 per member for the event. They will walk around a track lined with butterflies, containing the names of infants whose have passed away. There will be an opening ceremony and a hope lap as well as time to spend rocking in a chair in the middle of the field.

"It's similar to Relay for Life, but it's not a



Volunteer Laurie Carpenter (from left) registers Chris Smith, his wife Jodie and son Josh as Team Justin for the TEARS Rocket and Walk fundraiser in Canton Sept. 14.



Buddy Shuh (from left) talks with Scott and Trisha Schlaff of Allen Park.

walking event, it's not even a 5K; it's more of a meander," Shuh said. "It's a time meander and remember. It's a memorial and every family gets an opportunity to sit and rock and remember."

The need for such assistance is great. Shelby Shuh paid a visit to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and learned that there are some 200 infant deaths each year and half of the families affected need help with funeral expenses.

"It's very dear to my heart that I can share with others who are in the same spot we were in," said Shelby Shuh, choking back tears. "It's very healing. It's the way God is going to continue to heal me by doing."

Helps Michigan families

All money raised stays in Michigan to help families in need pay for the burial or cremation of their child. Currently, the chapter has just \$1,200,

of their son, Jesse Curtis Slack in November 2000. Through the loss of her son, Slack decided to turn her tragedy into an opportunity to reach out to other families who have lost a baby and make a positive impact in her community.

It was Slack who contacted Shuh after he shared his story of Bella as a contestant on NBC's *The Biggest Loser*. It was an answer to Shuh's dream of one day helping others.

"I thought that one day I could be on the other side and help people pay for their children's funerals," he said. "Parents are prepared to buy a crib not a casket. An infant's funeral can cost \$1,000 to \$1,500. TEARS wants to help with the casket, a grave marker and grief counseling."

Chris and Jodie Smith of Redford and Scott and Trisha Schlaff of Allen Park can relate to what the Shuhs shared. Twenty-three years ago, the two families both experienced the death of an infant child.

The Smiths' son Justin

died a month after being diagnosed with a heart defect. He was 4 months old.

"My parents helped pay for the funeral and someone helped with the headstone, we don't know who," said Chris Smith as the family registered for the Walk and Rock. Their team be named after Justin and will include their three other children, family members and friends.

"We've wanted to do something for years, this is perfect," said Jodie Smith.

The Schlaffs knew about TEARS through Shuh and attended the meeting to find out more.

"I like that it encourages people," said Trisha Schlaff. "It lets them know they're not alone in their journey, there's someone there to hold their hand. There was nothing like this for us 23 years ago."

"It's a great organization, it inspires, honors and celebrates life," her husband added. "I like that it's just there to help people and make this part of the journey easier. It's a long journey and at least families can give their children a final resting place."

The Shuhs remember Bella is a special way. On her birth date and death date, they return to Ronald McDonald House in Detroit to prepare and serve dinner to the families who are staying there. Their loss will never go away, but they know they are helping other families who are taking the same journey.

"You don't have to have to lose a child to have a team," said Shuh. "You walk to remember someone. I encourage you to go where your heart is."

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Perk up: Coffee roasters campaign for Hatch votes

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

A young Wyandotte couple with roots in Garden City is hoping that the community will help them by supporting them in a metropolitan Detroit contest called Hatch Detroit.

The contest, which ends Aug. 28, relies on the number of votes cast on the website Hatch-Detroit.com to determine the winner.

Amy and Jeremy Duncan hope to soon open HenriettaHaus Coffee Roasters, a small batch coffee roaster and café in Hamtramck.

Duncan is the son of Monica Duncan and the late Earl Duncan, pastor of Morningstar Church who died last year. He is a Garden City High School graduate whose first venture into the business world was years ago as a carrier delivering the *Garden City Observer*, earning the title of Carrier of the Month.

The Duncans are among the four finalists in the Hatch Detroit contest.

One finalist will be selected to receive the \$50,000 prize from Comerica Bank and Hatch Detroit, a nonprofit. Hatch Detroit narrowed the contestants from about 200 submissions to



Amy and Jeremy Duncan, who have roots in the Garden City and Northville communities, are hoping that the public will cast votes for them in the Hatch Detroit contest.

10, then four. The winner will be named Aug. 29.

The concept to help young entrepreneurs with \$50,000 and support services.

"That \$50,000 would go a long way to help us," said Amy Duncan, who grew up in Northville.

The couple purchased the former Kopytko Meat Market at 8609 Joseph Campau in Hamtramck. They plan to both reside and set up a store there.

For more than two years, they have been working out of the Rust Belt Market at Nine Mile and Woodward in Ferndale every weekend, selling the coffee they roast along with Belgian Liege-style waffles. They look forward to having a store of their own after

starting their venture at home many years ago.

They plan to live upstairs in the 100-year-old building they purchased earlier this year. The building had sat vacant for many years.

Monica Duncan, Jeremy's mother, is busy these days getting the word out in the Garden City community about the successful business efforts of her son and daughter-in-law.

"I can't believe they made the top four," Monica Duncan said.

To cast a ballot for HenriettaHaus Coffee Roasters, visit Hatch-Detroit.com

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Vandalism

Sometime after midnight Aug. 14, vandals used a large rock to break the windshield of a car that was parked in the street in the 32000 block of Birchwood.

The owner told police that he isn't having problems with anyone.

Stolen vehicle

A 1999 Harley Davidson Road King was reported stolen Aug. 14 from an apartment complex at 5683 N. Christine.

The owner told police that the motorcycle was stolen between 4:30 and 6:20 a.m. while parked in a carport near his truck.

Break-in

Copper piping was reported stolen Aug. 14 from the basement of a vacant rental in the 30000 block of Grandview.

A contractor, working for the owner, called police after finding someone had gained entry by breaking out a window in the rear of the unit sometime between 6 p.m. Aug. 13 and 10:30 a.m. Aug. 14.

Vandalism

Responding to an alarm at the Venoy Palmer Medical Center Aug. 14, police officers discovered that a window had been smashed out by an unknown object. A Wayne resident who had called police said the damaged happened sometime between 5 p.m. Aug. 13 and 3:50 p.m. Aug. 14.

A resident in the Woodcrest Villa Apartments reported that the windshield of her car was smashed by a rock sometime between 4 p.m. Aug. 14 and 1 a.m. Aug. 15. The owner found the rock on the ground by her car, which was parked and locked in the parking lot of the complex.

A resident in the 2000 block of Venoy reported that someone broke out a window on the west side of his residence. The man told police he saw someone running north behind the

building, but couldn't identify the person.

A St. Clair Shores resident told police that her car was damaged Aug. 14 when a driver struck it while changing lanes.

The woman was in the left turn lane on southbound Merriman near Warren Road, when the driver of the other vehicle attempted to change lanes from a through lane to her lane. The woman said she pulled forward and the driver of the other car continued his U-turn and fled on northbound Merriman.

She told police the other car was a dark green Pontiac Grand Am.

Larceny

A green Huffy mountain bike was reported stolen Aug. 15 from the back yard of a home in the 30000 block of Avondale. The theft occurred sometime between 7 p.m. Aug. 9 and 10 a.m. Aug. 10. The bike was secured, according to the owner.

A Chesterfield Township man reported that 10 tires, miscellaneous fiberglass body parts, an air deflector, two air tanks, three batteries were stolen sometime from his truck between June 10 and June 20 while it was being stored at 38272 Abruzzi Drive.

A Westland man told police someone stole the license plate from his car while it was parked at the Westland Shopping Center Aug. 16.

Attempted break-in

The screens on a rear door and door wall were cut in an attempt to enter a home in 35000 block of Avondale overnight Aug. 18.

The resident told police he went to bed around 2 a.m. and didn't discover the damaged screens until he went outside in the afternoon.

The screen on the rear door was cut by the latch, and the door wall screen had a three-foot cut. Both doors had been locked.

Stolen vehicle

A Garden City woman reported Aug. 15 that someone stole her 1995 Chevy Lumina from the St. Raphael parking lot at 31530 Beechwood in Garden City.

She said that she was only parked there about 15 minutes. The police said that since she left the windows down on the vehicle, there was no difficulty for the thief to gain entry.

The woman added that she has all the keys to the vehicle. She described the vehicle as having accident damage on the driver's side door.

Property damage

The owner of Villa Bakery at 6237 Middlebelt reported at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 15 that someone damaged the roof on the north side of his building.

He believes that the damage, estimated at \$1,000, was caused sometime between 1-8 a.m. Aug. 14.

The police noted in their report that the roof might have been struck by a large truck.

Home invasion

A resident in the 2900 block of Florence reported Aug. 12 that someone illegally entered her home through a northeast corner bedroom window that the owner said she may have left unlocked.

She said that somebody stole her checkbook from a luggage pocket. Nothing else was stolen from the home. She told police that she already transferred

money to another account after she learned about the theft.

Theft

A Garden City man moving to Livonia noticed that his lock box was stolen after movers came to his residence in the 30000 block of Krauter on Aug. 17. He reported the theft to police on Aug. 19.

The movers denied any involvement in the theft of the box which the owner said contained his important papers, according to the police report. They said that they never saw the box that day.

The owner added that confusion ensued Aug. 17 when the scheduled movers arrived earlier than anticipated.

He also complained to the police that he is getting the run around in this matter.

Theft

A 25-year-old Belleville woman said that she only planned to spend a short time Aug. 19 at her boyfriend's house located in the 500 block of Arcola.

She instead fell asleep and when she awoke and went to her car, her purse which she left inside was gone.

The purse was later located under a bedroom window but it was minus her Coach wallet which contained a debit card and a credit card. Cash, which was inside the purse, wasn't taken.

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The catalytic converters are valued at \$900 each

Break-in

A resident living in the 4000 block of Cadillac reported a children's red gas-powered ATV, valued at \$350, was removed from his garage sometimes during the night of Aug. 19. An unknown suspect gained entry by breaking a window in the garage. No other items were reported missing.

No license

An 18-year-old Inkster man was arrested Aug. 19 after he left the scene of an accident at Ford and Middlebelt and admitted to driving a car when he never acquired a driver's license.

The 84-year-old Westland woman involved in the crash took down the license plate of the car after he left the accident site. She said that the man ran into the rear end of her vehicle.

While the police were at the scene, the man returned, spoke to police and admitted that he caused the accident.

Theft

The owner of a BMX bike valued at \$100 reported at 8 p.m. Aug. 16 that someone stole the bike parked in front of the garage of his home located in the 300 block of Middlebelt.

Property damage

An apartment dweller in the 30000 block of Krauter reported finding all four tires flat on her 2008 Pontiac at 11 a.m. Aug. 13.

She said that someone had cut the sidewalls of the tires.

Property damage

A woman who parked her car in the south lot at Schoolcraft College at 1751 Radcliff reported Aug. 15 that someone did damage to the vehicle.

She contacted the Garden City Police Department as well as the school security office at the college which planned to review a video of the area.

—By Sue Buck

Larceny from Auto

32000 block of Michigan Ave
Two catalytic converters were reported stolen Aug. 19 from a business parking lot in the 32000 block of Michigan Avenue.

The business owner reported he closed the business for the night on Aug. 17. When he returned to the location on Aug. 19, he attempted to start the vehicles and they would not start. He then noticed the catalytic converters were missing.

Vandalism

A resident in the 35000 block of Stellwagen reported on Aug. 18 in the morning he parked his vehicle in the driveway. When he returned to the vehicle in the afternoon, he noticed the rear window of the vehicle was shattered, by unknown means.

No other damage was found and nothing was missing from the vehicle. The estimated replacement of the window is \$200.

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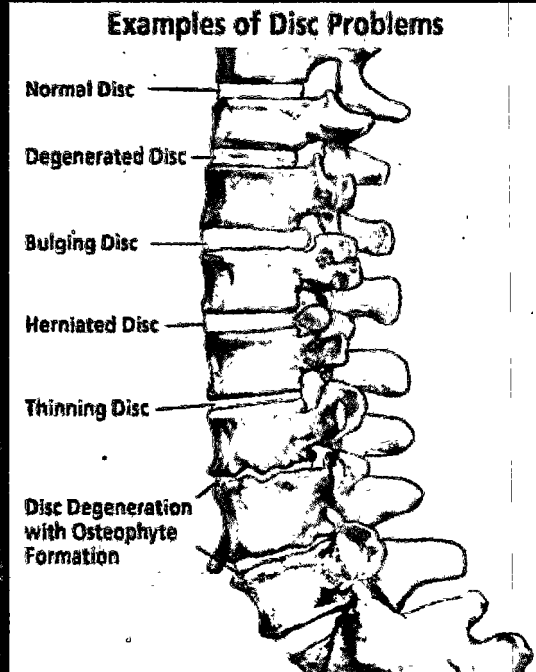
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The Michigan 3-Day begins Friday in Novi as breast cancer fighters stroll along Grand River Avenue west of Beck. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Walkers raise \$2.7 million to fight breast cancer

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Every year, walkers by the thousands join in Susan G. Komen's Michigan 3-Day fight to eradicate breast cancer. This year, the walkers and crew members (some 350 of them) took a big step toward that goal, raising some \$2.7 million toward the cause.

The announcement was made Sunday at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, where a rousing closing ceremony put the finishing touches on the 2013 walk, which wound its way through Novi, Wixom, Lyon Township, Milford, Northville, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland and Dearborn.

The fundraising total probably didn't surprise Dr. Sheri Phillips, Komen's national spokesperson, who has been watching the success of the events for three years.

"I love the fact the 3-Day community is so powerful," said Phillips, in her third year as the spokesperson. "This is my 32nd event, and it feels like the first one. The participation and love is very inspirational."

Rhonda Miller of Canton did her part this year, becoming one of the 1,000 walkers - down from about 1,100 a year ago - to raise money in the hopes of erasing the disease.

"I wanted to raise the money so they can help find a cure so that young people never have to go through that," said Miller, who walked in honor of her best friend. "All of these women who fight (cancer) did something. It's so emotional, and an amazing event."

Seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleaders from St. Michael School in Livonia got to see just how amazing it was up close, handing out "Victory" T-shirts at the finish line in Dearborn.

"The walkers loved seeing the girls waiting at the finish line with their Victory T-shirts and they met a lot of encouraging survivors," said Sabrina Gazzarato, St. Michael cheer coordinator.



Frank Woodward was still pushing JoAnn Thomas' wheelchair on the final day of the Michigan 3-Day. Woodward pushed the chair the entire 60-mile route after Thomas, a one-year survivor, suffered a broken foot two weeks before the walk.

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The varsity cheer team at St. Michael School in Livonia worked the closing ceremonies of the Michigan 3-Day walk Sunday. The seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleaders handed out Victory T-shirts as the walkers crossed the finish line in Dearborn.



Juliana Geckle of Lincoln Park signs one of the ambulances there to support the medical needs of the walkers.

Santa makes a special visit to this year's Susan G. Komen 3-Day walk that went through Livonia. TOM BEAUDOIN



Michigan 3-Day walkers were greeted by supportive signs drawn in chalk all along the path.

How to decide which tablet is right for you

I've spent a considerable amount of time recently searching for the right tablet for my needs. Between the connectivity options (Wi-Fi only, cellular enabled, both) and memory sizes (16gb to 128gb) I was completely overwhelmed. Then I realized how confusing it must be for people who aren't writing a weekly column about technology.

Consider the following my formal apology to all readers who have fretted over tablet purchases over the past few years. I've let you down, but today's column is here to help.

The first step to deciding the perfect tablet isn't actually picking one that is the right price, it is picking one with the features you need. If the tablet doesn't have the features you need or would like to use, it is not valuable at any price.

The second most important decision is what platform you want your device to operate on. The nuances between devices and operating systems aren't as important as matching the operating system on your phone or laptop.

Are you an avid Apple user with a robust iTunes account? Then there's no need to consider any other brand but Apple for your device. Doing so would require downloading the same apps all over again for a new device - and likely paying for many of them too. Similarly, if you are an Android user or Windows Phone user it makes sense to stick with the



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TECH SAVVY

same platform.

Unless of course you are platform agnostic like me. I choose the often unpopular route of streaming my music and movies with Pandora and Netflix, instead of downloading. Therefore, I'm not losing out by not being able to access iTunes. Little known fact: I only use iTunes to back up my phone, which doesn't have more than a few paid apps that I wouldn't use on a tablet anyway.

After determining your features and platform, it is time to start narrowing the selections down.

For business or travel, get something light that is less like a toy and more like a computer. Tablets featuring Windows 8 operating system like the Windows Surface RT and Surface Pro have Microsoft office built in. So does the \$299 Dell XPS 10 and models by ASUS and others.

The biggest benefit to the Surface RT and Pro is that they can be bundled with connectable keyboards for \$100-\$130 and have a memory card slots for more storage and USB ports for storage or to connect a printer or mouse.

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Residents, guests and families enjoyed a strolling reception at the Sanctuary at Villa Marie 35th anniversary celebration garden party.

Sanctuary at Villa Marie celebrates 35th anniversary



Kelly Gasior, vice president strategy and housing operations for CHE Trinity Senior Living Communities, presents resident Frank Karwala with an award celebrating his 30 years of residency at Sanctuary at Villa Marie.

The Sanctuary at Villa Marie, a member of CHE Trinity Senior Living Communities, celebrated 35 years of service to seniors during a garden party Aug. 2.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey gave the keynote speech addressing the residents, family members and community leaders. Associates and residents were recognized for their service over the years, and one resident, Frank Karwala, was recognized for 30 years of residency.

Attendees enjoyed a strolling reception, live music and fellow-

ship. Sanctuary at Villa Marie is located on the grounds of St. Edith Catholic Church. Started by the Ryan Fund, Sanctuary at Villa Marie provides affordable housing to seniors and includes three meals a day, weekly housekeeping, a full activity calendar and transportation.

Residents enjoy freedom, independence and privacy when they choose it - security and extra support when they need it.

For more information, visit www.SanctuaryatVillaMarie.org.

Trust: important ingredient of life

Today's food for thought involves one of the most important ingredients in life. Without it, lives are less joyful and careers are less successful.

The key ingredient is trust.

To get anywhere in business or in life, we

have to be trusted and trustworthy. How? By keeping our word. Trust comes from saying we're going to do something and then doing it. Rinse and repeat. And repeat and repeat... It's that simple.

It's simple but not necessarily easy. Trustworthiness is built on all the "little things," like calling when we say we're going to call, which over time form the foundation for being trusted (or not) with the "big things," like receiving the promotion.

I'm fortunate to work with and have in my life some amazingly trustworthy people. And I try to be equally trustworthy. Since good habits help, I've been trying to avoid using misleading catch phrases like "just a minute," which usually means more like five minutes, or telling my husband I'm "about to



Clarity Newhouse
A SUNNY NOTE

leave" the office, when really I need an hour.

The point? We must watch our words, because trust is hard to establish and easy to destroy. That's why "under promise and over deliver" is good advice, not to impress the boss, but because trustworthiness depends on keeping our promises.

I promise to write to you next week - and I hope you have a sunny day!

Clarity P.S. More food for thought... author unknown:

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your

actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

P.P.S. I always enjoy hearing from you and I thank you for sharing Sunny Notes with others. You can help spread the sunshine by inviting others to subscribe to Sunny Notes at www.joinsunnynotes.com

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Drive-ins

The end of 35mm film exhibition by the close of 2013 could shut down hundreds of drive-in theaters because of the industry switch to digital projection, estimated at \$1,000 plus per screen. Project Drive-In, a newly launched national effort sponsored by Honda to save as many drive-ins as possible, is raising community awareness across the nation, supplying at least five drive-in digital projectors giving people easy access to get involved and ensure that this historic part of American cinema and culture lives on. www.projectdrivein.com, people can determine which drive-in theaters will receive a new digital projector from Honda. The program began on Aug. 9 and ends at 9 p.m. Sept. 9. The five winning theaters will be revealed in September, and each will host a celebration that includes a special screening of Sony Pictures Animation's *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2*, theaters everywhere Sept. 27. Theaters and drive-in theaters go hand-in-hand, and it's our mission to preserve this decades-old part of Americana that such nostalgia for

so many of us," said Alicia Jones, manager of Honda & Acura Social Marketing at American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

Drive-ins first opened in 1933 to mass popularity and reached their peak after World War II during the 1950s and 1960s when there were more than 4,000 across the country.

"We're committed to helping the remaining drive-in theaters flourish with the move to digital projection," Jones said.

The website encourages people to share Project Drive-In with family and friends via social media, pledge to see one movie at their local drive-in and contribute to the Honda Project Drive-In Fund to keep more drive-ins in business. As part of Honda's fundraising efforts, there will also be an online auction that features tickets to the Los Angeles premiere of *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2* as well as additional film-related merchandise.

Honda also will launch pop-up drive-ins at Honda dealerships across the country to help raise awareness and build a groundswell of support, featuring a free screening of the first *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* film.

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Walk provided more than I bargained for

I thought this would be an easy column to write.

Walk 60 miles in three days. Listen to people's stories. Relate those stories. End of column.

But it's not an easy column to write, because nothing is that simple. You try to be the outsider, the journalist along for the walk. The stories don't really affect you and so you think it'll be easy to just repeat them.

Then you listen to the mother whose 27-year-old daughter has been diagnosed with breast cancer or you watch the woman whose oncologist wouldn't let her walk last year, so she prepared for this year's Susan G. Komen 3-Day, only to break her foot two weeks before the event. And you watch her boyfriend push her in her wheelchair the entire 60 miles.

And you can't help but be drawn into the stories. The wheelchair lady, JoAnn Thomas of Sterling Heights, cried her eyes out at Sunday's closing ceremony and she hadn't technically walked an inch. But everyone in the place wanted a piece of her, to be a part of her story, to hug her (and her boyfriend, Frank Woodward).

For years, I've heard how emotional the walk is from folks like Dan Dwyer and Ed Hingelberg and Dorothy Twinney and Deb Madonna and Michele Potter and I'd always jot down their thoughts, relate them in a story and then move on to the next assignment.

After walking the event this year with Potter (OK, technically I walked it far behind Potter), it's not as easy to move on to the next story. This one, I think, will stay with me for a very long time. I will



Brad Kadrich

forever remember the woman whose T-shirt read "Walking in memory of ..." followed by more than a dozen names of friends and family members she'd lost to breast cancer.

Or Alicia Paulina from Milford, walking for her sister, a one-year survivor. And Rhonda Miller of Canton, who cried while walking through Plymouth, affected by the love and support of the gazillion or so people who lined Ann Arbor Trail. Miller's best friend, Amy Siebert, is a three-year survivor, and Miller was walking for her.

Of course, it would be surprising if anyone made it through Plymouth with completely dry eyes. That's something else Dwyer and Hingelberg and Potter have always said: Everyone gets a huge boost of energy and emotion walking through Plymouth.

I always wondered if that was them being "homers." But it wasn't. After walking 20 miles Friday, I listened to a lot of very tired walkers reminding others that Plymouth was coming. I admit to waking up in the wee hours of Saturday morning and drawing my own energy from the presence of Plymouth on the schedule.

And the community didn't disappoint, as it never does. The supporters were great in Novi and Northville, in Wixom and Livonia. But nothing matches the sheer excitement of walking through Plymouth, with its pink-watered fountain and die-hard supporters and

the pure rush of genuine love for what we were doing.

Traci Sincock asked me, "Have you ever had anyone say 'thank you' that much?" and I told her I hadn't and I wasn't sure why they were thanking me. The walk is all about these amazing women (and men) who walk for their own reasons, who hope someday to eliminate the need to have the walk at all. It's not about me. I never wanted my walk to be about me. It's about them.

But when I got up Monday morning and opened my email, I found a note from a Livonia woman who said she'd been diagnosed just a few days ago with breast cancer. She'd read in the *Livonia Observer* that I was walking and just wanted to thank me. It was the first time I felt like — just maybe — it was a little about me.

When we finished up Sunday at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, the walkers all lined up and marched into the closing ceremony. They were followed by breast cancer survivors and suddenly it was clear what the walk was about.

In the 17th mile on the first day of the walk, I was already wondering what I'd gotten myself into, wondering how I'd make it the last three miles. I decided to do it by just putting one foot in front of the other and then it dawned on me.

That's exactly how all of these people are determined to beat breast cancer: One step at a time.

Brad Kadrich, the community editor of the *Plymouth and Canton Observers*, was honored to walk in the Susan G. Komen Michigan 3-Day last weekend. He can be reached at bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

Substance abuse concerns focus of picnic

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

A group trying to raise money to open a substance abuse treatment center in South Lyon is a couple of steps closer to its goal. Organizers are hoping this year's fundraising picnic should do a lot to bring them even closer.

The Constanino Del Signore Foundation is hosting its second annual Tino's Farm Family Picnic fundraiser from noon to 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 25, at Sweet Acres Farm, 55880 Eight Mile Road, in Lyon Township. Tickets are \$10 per person and children 5 and younger will be admitted for free. Barbecue chicken, pulled pork, hamburgers, corn on the cob and hot dogs will be served. No alcohol will be allowed.

Participants will be entertained by the Detroit R&B band The Infatuations, three other bands, a clown, pony rides, hay rides, a bounce house, kids games, balloon artist "The Ballonatic," bocce ball, a bow shooting demonstration with lessons for those who want to learn to shoot a bow, 50/50 raffles and the CDS Foundation's crap shoot for a chance to win a flat-screen WiFi TV.

Live auction items include a dinner for two at Bacco Ristorante in Southfield and an afternoon sailboat cruise and dinner from the Detroit Yacht Club.

Picnic proceeds will go toward opening a substance abuse transition facility in South Lyon in cooperation with Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Botsford Hospital Foundation and Safari Club International S.E. Chapter of Michigan Bowhunters.

"Our first goal of \$500,000 is now one-third complete, within this past year," said Richard Asztalos, CDS Foundation president.

While raising money is a focus of the picnic, the real emphasis is on spreading the message about the importance of drug awareness, Asztalos said. Representatives from Livonia Save Our Youth will make a presentation during the picnic and host a booth providing information.

"Once a family member is in trouble with a substance addiction, the whole family suffers," he added. "We are in an epidemic of substance abuse and lives are being lost from brain damage, suicides and overdoses, resulting in death. Learn what you can do for those you love. Find out what a pharm-party is. Learn

what to ask your children. Parents need to be aware and sometimes they're burying their heads in the sand. It's not their kid, it's the neighbors' kid."

A pharm-party, according to Asztalos, is when kids steal pills subscribed to parents, grandparents or others. The pills are put in a bowl and everyone takes what they want, oftentimes not knowing what they have.

The CDS Foundation's focus on drug awareness began after Tino Del Signore died in a tractor accident three years ago on the farm. Del Signore, the 47-year-old son of John and Lina Del Signore, owners of Laurel Manor in Livonia, was known for his generosity and philanthropic work, Asztalos said.

The Aug. 25 fundraiser is intended to carry on that legacy. Tino Del Signore was among a group of people who started CDS Foundation 20 years ago. Since then, \$475,000 has been donated to various causes like St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Garden City Hospital, Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, Angela Hospice in Livonia, Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit and other facilities, as well as the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, which Tino founded. No money has gone to CDS Foundation members, Asztalos said.

The foundation began when a church in the province of L'Aquila in Abruzzo, Italy, needed a roof. Foundation organizers raised the needed money and decided a lot of other organizations could use help in the United States and throughout southeast Michigan.

CDS board of directors plan to use the Sweet Acres house and 37-acre farm as a substance abuse and transition center for between eight and 10 people, likely teens, recovering from substance abuse, Asztalos said.

Asztalos said he hoped to open the center within two years.

Anyone interested in giving additional foundation support can purchase a gold sponsorship for \$500, silver sponsorship for \$250 and bronze sponsorship for \$100. For more information, go to www.cdsfoundation.net. Tax deductible donations can be sent to CDS Foundation, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Call Laurel Manor at 734-462-0770 for picnic tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the event.

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Oakwood thanks Granholm for saving health program

Several residents in the Oakwood Family Medicine Residency program had a chance to meet — and thank — one of their champions recently.

Former governor Jennifer Granholm — who helped reinstate funding for the program when it was threatened by cuts from the federal government — visited Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne where she heard firsthand the impact the program had on the residents and the community as a whole.

"This is a vital program for us," said Eric Widner, division president of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. "Without these funds we would not have been able to provide these services to the community."

In 2004, with guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Oakwood closed its family medicine residency program at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn and opened a new, improved program at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

Oakwood president and CEO Brian Connolly said there was a great need for primary care physicians in the greater Wayne area, and medical residents would be able to learn in an excellent hands-on environment and serve the community at the same time.

"The whole idea was to bring family medicine practices into a



Former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm receives a "thank you" for helping save the Family Medicine Residency program at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital from Dr. Mark Hannis (left) and Dr. Douglas Gruz.

medically under-served area," he said.

After three years of successful compliance audits, CMS abruptly disallowed the program, canceling funding and taking back millions of dollars already dispersed to Oakwood to train residents.

With help from many members of the Michigan delegation, including U.S. Reps. John Dingell, Gary Peters, John Conyers, Sandy Levin and Dan Benishek, along with Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin and former congressmen Dale Kildee, Hansen Clarke and Thad McCotter, Granholm was able to successfully have the decision reversed, securing the long-term future of the program.

Granholm said it was not an easy task, but the outcome made all the work worthwhile.

"Sometimes, when things are set in motion, it's hard to go back and fix them," she said.

"I'm glad our strenuous advocacy and determination came through in this case. This pro-

gram was not only vital to Oakwood and the Wayne community, but to the State of Michigan as a whole."

The Family Medicine Residency Program at Annapolis trains 30 doctors every year. They typically oversee as many as 26,000 patient visits and have cared for more than 800 babies annually since the program started, according to Dr. Karen Weaver, the program director.

Since 2004, more than 92 primary care physicians have completed the Oakwood Family Medicine Residency Program. A total of 56 graduates stayed in Michigan to practice and 30 of those who stayed in Michigan remained in Wayne County to deliver primary care services to the families of the area.

"Many of those go on to practice in medically underserved areas," said Dr. Mark Hannis, senior vice president and director of medical education for Oakwood Healthcare. "This program has a very rich history."

Pooch parlor pairs pets, owners

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton shop owner Julie Pello has made it her business to give pampered pets a stylish makeover at Uptown Poochie Parlor in Cherry Hill Village.

Now she hopes to find homes for less fortunate dogs housed at the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, or FMAR, in Belleville.

Pello has announced a chance for potential pet owners to pair up with cuddly canines by bringing dogs from FMAR to her shop 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, on Cherry Hill Road east of Ridge, near the Village Theater on Canton's far west side.

Pello said she has volunteered "for years" for FMAR.

"It's a really great shelter and it's a for-real, no-kill shelter," she said.

"If they can save an animal in any possible way or rehabilitate it, they do."

Erin Clemmer, FMAR volunteer, said dogs needing a home will be brought to Uptown Poochie Parlor so they can interact with potential owners.

"It's going to be a meet and greet," Clemmer said.

If aspiring pet owners find a dog they want, she

said, they will begin a process that involves filling out a form and bringing any other dogs they have to the shelter to interact with their potential new housemate.

"They also can take the pet home to make sure everybody there gets to meet it," Clemmer said.

Anyone who rents a home has to show proof they can have a pet.

Clemmer said only dogs will be brought to Uptown Poochie Parlor.

Pello said visitors who stop by are encouraged to bring old blankets, trash bags, dog and cat food, kitty litter, collars and other pet supplies — something she always accepts for FMAR.

In another effort to support the shelter, Pello plans to bring in a photographer from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, for pet portraits, with a \$15 sitting fee going to FMAR.

To sign up, stop by the shop or call 734-495-0145.

For more on FMAR, located at 51299 Arkona Road in Belleville, call 734-461-9458, send an email to shelter1@comcast.net or go to www.fmar1.org.

dclem@hometownlife.com

Some cool stuff: Christmas in July winners announced

Ann Crespi of Livonia said she had never won "anything" until this year's *Observer & Eccentric Media* Christmas in July contest.

The Livonia resident was among the 27 percent of entrants who found all the holiday icons and her name was selected in a random drawing earlier this month.

Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance, presented Crespi with the grand prize — a \$500 gift card to the Canton jewelry store and a bottle of fine wine, courtesy of Showroom of Elegance.

Crespi said she searched *Inspire* cover to cover three times to make sure she found the icons. She said one icon — on page 44 of the July publication — was hard to locate, but

she found it.

Other entrants who found the icons and won a prize in the *Observer & Eccentric Media's* third annual Christmas in July giveaway included:

Carol Banaszak of Northville, second place of a \$100 gift certificate to the Rugby Grill in the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham.

Linda Laird of Farmington won the third-place prize of a \$50 Meijer gift card.

The following fourth-place winners received a movie pass for two to any area Emagine Theatre:

Molly Robinson of Bloomfield Hills, Kathy Steiner of Westland, Louise Doodt of Milford, Michael Webster of Northville, Nicole Memmer of South Lyon, Patricia Shel-

ton of Farmington, Sandra Kalagian of Livonia, Ernesta Cisco of Garden City, Cindi Heintzelman of Canton, Pamela Burke of Northville, Clare Maitland of Milford, B.J. Lay of Southfield, Yvonne Lax of Plymouth, Janice McDavid of Detroit, Roland Makowski of Novi, Jean Ulko of Plymouth, Lewis Underhill of New Hudson, Estelle Wozniak of Redford, Sharon Eby of Wayne and Patricia Czach of Walled Lake.

Contestants could enter via Facebook or by mailing in an entry form. More than 6,000 people either viewed or shared the contest on Facebook. Twenty-seven percent of the more than 345 mailed entries correctly identified pages on which icons were published.



Ann Crespi of Livonia (left) is joined by her husband Gerald Crespi at the grand prize presentation last week by Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance in Canton. CHOYA JORDAN

Twenty-seven percent of Facebook entries also correctly identified all 14 icons.

Pages with holiday icons included the cover and pages 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 24, 30, 42, 44 and 50.

The icons most often missed were on the cover and pages 4, 6 and 44.

Some readers cut out the icons and sent them with entry forms as proof, others took the time to decorate their entries. Others just had a good time searching.

"This was a fun, fun, fun contest in the *Inspire* section of the O&E. Never tried something like this before. It fit my fancy! Thanks *Inspire*," one contestant wrote.

Thank you to the 346 readers who mailed in entries and the others who viewed the contest on our Facebook contest page.

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OUR VIEWS

Back to school: Choices are many in 2013

School starts soon for the majority of students in Wayne, Westland and Garden City.

But back to school in 2013 is a lot different than it was just a few years ago.

Students, parents and teachers have many choices when it comes to education in 2013. While the Garden City and Wayne-Westland school districts continue to be the tie that binds our communities together, charter schools, online schools, home school, year-round schools, private schools and parochial schools have dramatically changed the landscape of K-12 education in recent years.

Charter schools are establishing a large footprint in Wayne, Westland and Garden City while religious schools remain the choice of many. The number of students being home schooled has increased exponentially over the last decade and as technology marches on, online education is attracting many more students.

Private schools have always attracted those with the ability to pay. Oakland County boasts some of the best private schools in the country and they have long been a destination for those seeking an alternative to public schools.

But some public schools - in spite of funding issues - have risen to the competitive challenge. Specialized academies - such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), IB (International Baccalaureate) and others along with an increase in honors and AP classes, and many schools of choice options have provided the choice that many parents were seeking.

Some believe it is the increased competition has pushed public schools to change. Others point to technology and/or political polarization as reasons for change and choice in education.

While most parents already have opted for a school that best suits their child's needs, some are still searching and their choices are many. The quest for the perfect educational environment, however, will never end and that is a good thing.

The issue of quality education must always be at the forefront of any discussion about Michigan.

Charter change won't end Garden City Library

After the fiasco of replacing former Councilman George Kordie who was missing in action for four months, the Garden City Council wisely decided it was time to update the City Charter.

Short of rewriting the entire document, the council opted to amend the document and will ask voters to approve six amendments in the November general election. The amendments will clean up language on how council vacancies are filled and eliminate sections no longer needed like the Garden City Employees Retirement System, which has been replaced with the Michigan Employees Retirement System.

One proposed amendment, to eliminate the Department of the Library, isn't setting well with Paul Werhane, chairman of the Garden City Library Board.

Werhane maintains that even though the library is now supported by a 1-mill tax levy and is overseen by the library board, it is still the city's responsibility.

Mayor Randy Walker, however, has said the department is no longer needed because the library is a separate entity.

While Werhane sees the proposed amendment as the city divesting itself of the library, officials like City Clerk Allyson Bettis say it simply eliminates an unnecessary department. Eliminating the department doesn't stop the city from funding the library or supporting any bonds earmarked for the library.

Werhane has vowed to fight the proposed amendment request - if it makes it to the ballot. He maintains that even though it is residents who are funding the library through the dedicated millage, the city is responsible for all aspects, including financial support.

This seems contrary to what happened two years ago. When the City Council voted to close the library, supporters rallied residents to approve a 10-year, 1-mill tax levy. The supporters successfully wrested control of the library and its finances from the city.

We can understand Werhane's concern that the library would lose the city as its safety net, if the department is eliminated. But the city is no longer responsible for funding the library, that's one of the duties of the library board. The duties are clearly spelled out in Public Act 164. The city collects revenue and deposits it in the appropriate fund. The library board makes the decisions as to how the money is spent.

The library board hires the director and suitable assistants establish their compensation and in general, carries "out the spirit and intent of this act in establishing and maintaining a public library and reading room."

Werhane and the library board are in the driver's seat and have come to a fork in the road. The board must decide if it wants to continue down the road started with approval of the millage or remain to be attached to the city's purse strings.

The board has 10 years to prove to residents that the decision made in 2011 was the right one. It's better to focus on improving the library than clinging to the idea of a department of library. It's time for the library to stand on its own.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you like best about the H2O sprayground?

We asked this question at Tattan Park in Westland.



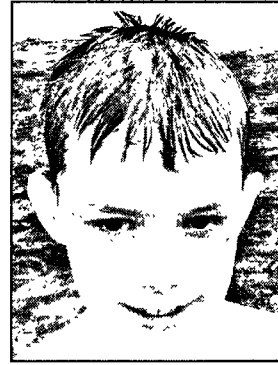
"The bucket. You stand there and dumps water on you. It's so cool!"

Jessica Brown
Redford



"I have a few - the helicopter and the giant bucket. The bucket has a lot of water, and I try to dodge the water as I go under the helicopter."

Alex Baker
Canton



"That giant bucket because it's fun."

Zachary Thomas
Canton



"The bucket. It's really big and it splashes me."

Abby Sullivan
Canton

No-win situation

Your recent editorial on the television programs hit the nail right on the head.

We, too, watch PBS, the news and local sports events. We don't pay extra to watch violent movies or programs. We do tape old movies. During the fall season, we may watch three-four programs on a regular basis.

We have AT&T, and we can't get Hallmark any more because they could not agree on a contract. It seems we pay for a lot of channels but very few are worthwhile. We wonder if they go to a Viewer's Choice, will they package channels and we will still have the same predicament.

It seems to be a no-win situation. But thanks for bringing it to the attention of the world.

Shirley Walmsley
Westland

Thanks for story

You wrote the nicest article in the *Observer* on Aug. 8, regarding my dear Aunt Ruth Malak turning 104. Her only brother, now deceased, was my father.

She has always been a terrific aunt and I still look at books she gave me as a child which were always signed and dated by her. Those go back to the 1940s so they are pretty well-worn but still sit on my bookshelf.

My husband and I live outside Philadelphia so being able to go online and read your article as well as look at the pictures of the party at Westland American House is extremely meaningful to us. Thanks so much for providing a glimpse into her special day.

Beverly Rodda (Aunt Ruth's maiden name) West Philadelphia, Pa.

Freedom of choice, not

A quick response to your editorial on the change to Michigan's helmet law and the resulting increase of more severe injuries would be "duh." However, one might ask how could such

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a smart businessman do such a dumb thing (Snyder signed the law allowing riders to go without a helmet)?

His "rider's freedom to choose" does not hold up because auto drivers are not given that option and they are already safer just in what they drive. By the way, the push to make seat belt use mandatory did not come from some Big Brother politician; it came from the insurance lobby seeking to cut injury cost. So you have to figure they were involved and ran the numbers calculating what would happen with the change. Why didn't they stop Gov. Snyder from making such a costly and unsafe change?

Well I think you found the answer when you mentioned no-fault auto insurance. The insurance lobby, with the help of Republicans, has been trying to end the unlimited catastrophic coverage of the no-fault law for some time now. As you stated, the increase in severity of injury resulting in increased cost will surely be passed on to all driv-

ers. That increase just might be the straw that breaks the camel's back getting drivers to give up coverage in hope of lower insurance cost.

But don't worry: They say if you still want catastrophic coverage after it is no longer the law, insurers provide it and everyone has it, they will gladly sell you something that will cost you more and pay for less if you need it. But, hey, that's "freedom to choose" and, like they say, freedom isn't free. So if you think about it, it's a smart move getting people to drive up their own cost for so-called freedom of choice.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

War on middle class

President Barack Obama talks a lot about the middle class. The truth is he doesn't give a hoot about you because you're not a guaranteed vote. His sweet spot is the working poor and those dependent on government, a voting coalition he's envisioned since 1998 being built right now. Higher taxes and a \$488 billion increase in regulatory costs since 2009 have forced businesses to hike prices, cut hours, freeze wages or put off hiring.

The Gang of 8 immigration bill increases the guest worker program. Guest workers are "Obamacare" exempt, saving employers thousands in health insurance or penalties, giving foreign workers a huge advantage in the middle class job market. The president has doubled food stamp rolls by expanding eligibility well beyond those people the program was designed to help. The middle class will never again prosper until middle class employers are allowed to prosper. That will never happen with policies that favor redistribution over wealth creation. The middle class is not yet part of the president's working poor but he's working on it.

Jack Bellis
South Lyon

GUEST EDITORIAL

Congress threatens Great Lakes health

Toxic algae, Asian carp, invasive mussels, industrial pollution and ... untold millions of plastic litter bits plague our Great Lakes. But add yet another threat: a dysfunctional Congress.

A House subcommittee is proposing an 80 percent cut to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, slashing its funding from \$285 million to \$60 million. The cut would decimate a program that has had unparalleled success in identifying and addressing ecological threats to the lakes, which hold more than 20 percent of the planet's surface fresh water.

The rollbacks are part of a broader spending bill that would implement the second year of "sequestration" cuts required after Congress failed to agree on a budget. The House Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee send the measure to the full Appropriations Committee.

It's one of 12 bills under consideration to fund day-to-day operations of government agencies. It could be revised substantially during negotiations this fall and likely would face a veto threat from President Barack Obama even if it cleared the Democratic-controlled Senate.

In other words, this unthinkable attack on an initiative that has had bipartisan support for the past five years is unlikely to play out.

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But authorization does not include funding, and signals from Republicans in the House are not reassuring. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said in the statement that the bill reflects the hard choices facing lawmakers.

"In order to do more with less, the legislation seeks to

protect vital programs that directly affect the safety and well-being of Americans, while dramatically scaling back lower-priority, or 'nice-to-have' programs," he said.

He went on to credit the bill with holding back overly zealous and unnecessary environmental regulation that will encourage job growth. The gentleman from Kentucky doesn't know what he's talking about.

This money, \$1.3 billion over the past four years, is being spent on cleaning up toxic hot-spots, on cleaning up beaches, on restoring waterways needed for flood control and for reducing polluted runoff.

These aren't "nice-to-have" programs. They are vital initiatives for protecting the source of drinking water for more than 30 million people and for protecting a resource that provides more than 1.5 million Great Lakes-related jobs.

The health of the Great Lakes and the health of the communities around them are inseparable, and both deserve federal protection.

This is an irresponsible proposal that shouldn't have been made. It should be stopped.

This editorial is reprinted from the Battle Creek Enquirer, where it first was published.

'Friends' are vital part of library

The Mini-Golf fundraiser to benefit the children's collection, took place this past weekend. The event was quite a success. The 18 holes were set up throughout the library, each with its own obstacles. Young and old alike participated, playing mini-golf, eating hot dogs and anxiously awaiting the announcement of raffle winners. A great time was had by all.

While there were high and low scores the real winners of the event are the children because all proceeds benefit the children's book and audio visual collection. Thank you to all that came out and supported the library. However, the biggest thank you goes to the Friends of the Wayne Public Library for hosting the event.

"Friends" are a vital part of the library. In addition to hosting the fundraiser this past weekend the Friends are also the main supporter of the Summer Reading Program, adult programs and many of the other events hosted at the Wayne Public Library. Without the Friends and all of our supporters, the library outlook would not be as bright. Please contact the library if you would like to join the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

The Mini-Golf Sponsors were The Winchester Group, Kohl's Cares, Lisa Nocerini, American Jetway Corp., Barry and Donna McEachern, Ed Marman, Employment and Training Designs, Inc., EQ Environmental, Imperial Press, Jim Hawley, Jim Henley, John and Natalie Rhaesa, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara,

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The Summer Reading Program sponsors were Friends of the Wayne Public Library, Wayne Neurology and Dr. Nilofar Nisar, Wayne Civitan Club, Captain Nemo Submarine Sandwiches, Walgreens, Dairy Queen, Northside Hardware, The Henry Ford, English Gardens, Pizza Hut, Phoenix Theater State-Wayne, Zap Zone, Papa Romano's, Target, and Rock of Ages.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Frankenstein Day, Aug. 30: Join us in celebrating the chilling novel that still intrigues audiences around the world 195 years after it was originally published.

There will be prizes for your best Dr. Frankenstein or Frankenstein's monster impersonation. Make-and-take activities in the youth department will be available for children and teens all day.

Wayne Information Central was compiled by the staff of the Wayne Public Library. The library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne-lib.mi.us.



Senior Olympics medal winners pose on the steps of Westland City Hall with Mayor William Wild (center) and Senior Resources Director Barbara Schimmel Marcum (at right).

Westland seniors top medal count at Olympics competition

Westland seniors are continuing their winning ways, walking away with the most medals in last week's Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

"The over 50 crowd really came out for this," said Barbara Schimmel Marcum, director of the city's Senior Resources Department. "We had the highest number of gold and silver medals and the highest number of seniors who participated. We had at least 30 more participants than the other communities."

This was the ninth year for the event which was hosted by City of Belleville and Sumpter and Van Buren Townships. Events were held throughout western Wayne County, including the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park and the Friendship Center in Westland.

Westland fronted a team of 110 seniors and won 70 medals, the most overall, during the four days. At the Friendship Center, with the help of Tommy Vaughn of the Firing Line in Westland, seniors took aim in marksmanship, and also hosted other events like

Wii bowling.

"I'm so proud of our seniors," said Marcum who presented Mayor William Wild with a framed copy of the score sheet for this year's Olympics.

Receiving gold medals were Basil Mullen and Marianne Curran in baking; Ed Henrikowski, Cindy James, Jim Reed and Ken Schell in bowling; Regis Miller, Carol Reynolds, Virginia Sexton and Mike Perrault in golf; James Hilliard, Everlyn Nash, Briar Rose and Mel Tockstein in marksmanship; Bud O'Leary in pinocle; Don Sprague in swimming - backstroke; Mel Tockstein in swimming - breaststroke and freestyle; Jan Armstrong, Dolores Benstead, Virginia Harrington, Jane Healy, Jean Henry, Janet Marano, Evelyn Nash, Julie Somers, Marge Tockstein, Mel Tockstein and Linda Waara in Trivia; Stephanie Molk and Linda Wiseman in Wii bowling.

Receiving silver medals were Ken Schell in bean bag toss; Patricia Erzal, Bocce ball; Richard Best and Maria Kjel-

lin in bowling; Barbara Biles and Evelyn Bledsoe in bridge; Jody Henrikowski and Barbara Thompson in euchre; Richard Best, Mary Lou Demare, Judy Hackerd, Maria Kjellin, Mack Mayfield, Sally Owen, Stanley Prather and Arthur Taylor in golf; Elizabeth Moore in pinocle; Don Sprague in swimming - freestyle, and John Ericson, Jane Healy and Ada Stewart

in Wii bowling.

Receiving bronze medals were James Hilliard in bean bag toss; Marianne Curran and Antonio Giacchina in bridge; Cindy James, Betty Stankoff, L.R. Sullivan and Mel Tackstein in golf; Pat Hillard and Basil Mullen in marksmanship; Basil Mullen and Robin Wright in pinocle and Margaret Green in Wii bowling.

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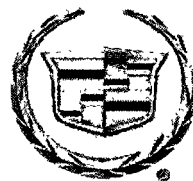
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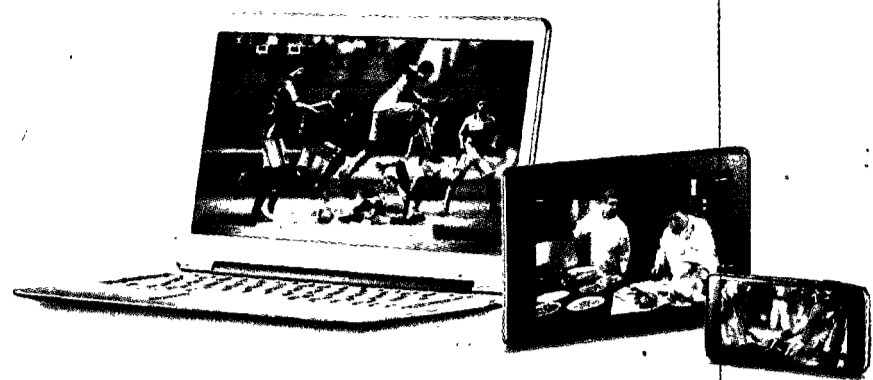
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Wish you were here



Linda Bodnovits, Danielle, Brendan and Todd and Melissa Bigelow strike a pose with their *Observer* during a trip to Hilton Head Island, S.C., in July. "The weather was a tad cooler than the 90s you had here in Michigan but we had a great

time," said Bodnovits whose husband Steve served as the Wish photographer. "We enjoyed swimming in the ocean and the pool and spending time with family." If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your *Observer* and

send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

'Heroes' sought to back Memorial project

Runs aim to raise money to honor first responders

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

A fundraiser to support Wayne County's First Responders Memorial will give ordinary citizens the chance to become heroes of a different sort.

County officials, with assistance from Running Fit Inc., are planning the Heroes on Hines five-kilometer and half-marathon races for Saturday, Oct. 5, in Hines Park. The runs will raise money for the First Responders Memorial under construction in the park and will be followed by an official memorial dedication.

Both races will begin and end at Hines Drive and Haggerty Road, where the memorial is being built, and the course, in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Northville, will include areas not normally open for events. An honor guard of public safety personnel and vehicles will line the course for its last mile.

The long run

The memorial, long sought by Robert Ficano, the county executive and

a former county sheriff, is being built to honor police officers and firefighters who've lost their lives while on duty for a Wayne County community. The \$250,000 cost is being funded through the county parks and recreation millage. Heroes on Hines, which officials hope will become an annual run, is designed to raise money for the memorial's long-term maintenance.

"I'm excited about the uniqueness of the project," said Lawrence Hemingway, director of Wayne County Parks. "The unfortunate piece is individuals losing their lives in the line of duty. It will be a great place for people to come and pay their respects to our first responders."

Hemingway said he hopes to attract at least 500 runners to the event. "With this being the first year, if we get between 500 and 1,000 runners, we'll be well on our way," he said.

Running buddies

The county has partnered with Running Fit, a running shoe and equipment retailer with several stores, including one in

Northville Township, to manage the races. The company, together with the county, decided the course and planned logistics. Running Fit designed the course website, heroesonhines.com, and is handling registration, shirt and finishers' medal designs and run marketing.

"I'm honored that Wayne County came to us to be a part of this project," Randy Step, the company president, wrote in an email.

The 5K race (3.1 miles) is \$29 through Thursday, Sept. 5, then goes to \$34 through noon Thursday, Oct. 3, then to \$40 until race time. The half marathon (13.1 miles) is \$49 through Sept. 5, then \$59 through noon Oct. 3 and then \$70 until race time. All runners will get a running technical shirt, while half-marathoners will get a finishers' medal. There will be medals for overall, age group and team competitions.

For more information or to register, visit heroesonhines.com.

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Read this before you cash out U.S. Savings Bonds

I was talking to a client recently who was going through his safety deposit box and discovered a substantial number of U.S. Savings Bonds he had forgotten about.

He looked at it as found money and figured he would cash out the bonds. However, I told him

there is a strategy to cashing out U.S. Savings Bonds. In addition, before cashing out, he needs to determine the interest.

It would be nice if I could tell you that all U.S. Savings Bonds are paying so-and-so rate of return. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. Your interest rate is determined by when the bond was issued. In fact, some bonds that were issued in the 1990s are still paying upward of 4 percent. In today's world, that is a great rate of return for a fixed-income

investment and probably a bond you should keep.

Keep in mind also, if you have a U.S. Savings Bond that is more than 30 years old, it is no longer paying any interest.

U.S. Savings Bonds pay interest every six months. In addition, the interest is not prorated. In other words, if you have a bond that pays interest in January and July and you cash the bond out in December, you don't receive the five months interest; you forfeit that. Therefore, it always makes sense when you cash out U.S. Savings Bonds to redeem them after interest has been credited to your account.

If you have a U.S. Savings Bond that is no longer paying interest, cash it out. There's no reason to keep it. On the other hand, if you know that you have U.S. Savings Bonds, but you can't locate them, it's time to do something about it. You can search for lost bonds through the U.S. Treasury Department's website (www.treasury-direct.gov). The website will also determine the interest rate that you are receiving.

It's a good idea for everyone to do a lost bond search. After all, let's not forget that particularly for those of us over 40, it wasn't unusual for us to receive those \$25 savings bonds for birthdays and holiday gifts. You may have savings bonds that you have totally forgotten about. The search is easy, quick and certainly worth a few minutes of your time.

One last note on U.S. Savings Bonds. It's a good idea to determine what interest rate they are paying. After all, if you have high-interest rate charge cards and you're receiving very little on a U.S. Savings Bond, why not cash them out, pay the tax on the interest and use the proceeds to pay down your debt?

Whether you use U.S. bonds to pay down debt or just to leave them as is, they are an investment.

Rick Bloom is a financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. Email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



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MONEY MATTERS

Skinner goes out winner at Nationals



In her final meet, Livonia's Casey Skinner won the Junior Elite Women's tumbling title at the U.S. Trampoline and Tumbling Championships held in Kansas City, Mo. CHAMPION IMAGES

Livonia tumbler, 17, retires to attend Grand Valley State

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Most high-achieving athletes are just beginning to launch their careers at age 17, but for Livonia's Casey Skinner, it's time to start a brand new chapter in her life.

The recent Stevenson High grad, however, can say she left her sport on top after capturing the Junior Elite Women's tumbling title last month at the U.S. Trampoline and Tumbling National Championships held in Kansas City, Mo.

Skinner, who captured a silver medal in 2012 and a bronze in 2011, stood in fifth place entering the finals with 63,000 points before leapfrogging four places out of the prelims to win

the gold by scoring a total of 66,100 points.

"Walking into the loaded stadium hearing people scream my name was an unforgettable experience," said Skinner, who trained during her junior years at AGT Flip City in Warren. "With a mind-blowing second pass, I ended up winning in finals by two-tenths of a point. It was literally the happiest and most emotionally overwhelming moment in my life. Not only was I crying with joy, but all the judges, athletes and coaches on the floor were, too. To know that a whole community was behind me was such a blessing."

Skinner, who had represented the U.S. in international competition, headed Monday to Grand Valley State University, where she will study business or psychology.

"It was a hard decision just because they put me on the Ju-

nior National Team this year and that's kind of a future responsibility," she said. "But I had planned before Nationals to retire after my last competition, so I had already planned out that I was going to retire. I thought about it, but I decided college was going to be my number one priority."

Skinner had also secured a spot on the Senior National team, as well, as a result of her winning the tumbling title in Kansas City.

That's why her decision to walk away was so difficult.

"I'll miss all the people that I've met and all that it's taught me just because I've made a lot of really great friends that I know I'm going to stay friends with for my whole life," Skinner said. "I've learned a lot of life lessons like hard work, motiva-

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White hauls in 5 passes

Green Bay Packers rookie free agent wide receiver Myles White (Livonia Stevenson) caught five for 48 yards Saturday in Green Bay's 19-7 preseason victory over the host St. Louis Rams at the Edward Jones Dome.

The 6-foot, 182-pound White played his final two seasons at Louisiana Tech after transferring from Michigan State.

White's twin brother Mitchell, a free agent cornerback, has appeared in two exhibition games with the Oakland Raiders.

O&E men's golf signup

The O&E men's golf tournament, a 36-hole, two-day medal play event, will be Sunday, Sept. 1, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 W. Seven Mile Road, and Monday, Sept. 2, at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20500 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Tee times start at 8 a.m. both days.

The cost is \$95 for two days (power cart extra) with four different flights offered, including championship, first, senior (55-and-over) and junior (17-and-under).

You must have a current USGA Index to participate (maximum handicap of 20).

There will be \$2,500 in guaranteed prizes, including both low gross and net winners.

Entries, open to the first 120, will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

To download a registration form, visit golflivonia.com.

For pairings and starting times, call 248-476-4493 (Whispering Willows) or 248-471-3400 (Fox Creek).

Heroes on Hines races

Wayne County Parks will sponsor its first Heroes on Hines half-marathon and 5-kilometer races Saturday, Oct. 5 with proceeds going toward the creation and maintenance of the First Responders Memorial to be erected at Hines Drive and Haggerty.

The half-marathon starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by Running Fit and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The cost is \$49 (half-marathon) and \$29 (5K) if registered by Sept. 5. The cost is \$34 (5K) and \$59 (half) after Sept. 6 through Oct. 3. Visit www.heroesonhines.com.

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Spartans transition

New coach Micallef likes what he sees thus far

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

With a new coach named July 3, Livonia Stevenson's football program found itself changing on the fly.

That's when Randy Micallef took the reins after two-year head coach Matt Fielder resigned in June for what the Stevenson administration termed "personal reasons."

The 40-year-old Micallef, a 1991 Stevenson grad, had spent the previous seven years as defensive coordinator at Walled Lake Central.



Micallef

He inherits a team that finished 6-4, made the Division 1 state playoffs and shared the KLAA Central Division crown with Northville.

Micallef's most immediate task is to make it a seamless transition, but not without putting his own stamp on the program, which has featured only a total of three head coaches in school history (dating back to 1966).

"It's been interesting, it's exciting," said Micallef, whose team opens the season Thursday, Aug. 29, at Livonia Franklin. "The kids have been outstanding, willing to do just about



Stevenson will be led this season by senior captains (from left) Devin Kelly, Dom Ferrara, J.T. McCallion and C.J. Weiss. BRAD EMONS

anything we ask them to do. So it's been great. There's a lot of support from the administration and the parents. It's a work in progress."

Devin Kelly, a 5-foot-10, 185-pound senior captain who will play slotback, fullback and safety, is starting his fourth year on

the varsity.

He helped Stevenson reach the playoffs last year after catching 27 passes for 344 yards and three touchdowns to go along with 221 yards rushing on 38 carries and one TD. He also stood out defensively with 48 solo tackles, 23 assists and seven

pass breakups.

"I still play my hardest for any coach wherever he has me play and I know my team is behind us," Kelly said. "As a team, we're coming together. We're figuring things out. We've

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Zebras looking to break out of the losing cycle

Grizzell tweaks offense to employ pro-style attack

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Changing a losing culture to a winning culture is the one and only goal for the 2013 Wayne Memorial football team.

Second-year coach Lee Grizzell is determined to have his players buying into that concept, as the Zebras are trying to snap a 30-game losing streak dating back to the 2009 season.

Wayne opens its season Thursday, Aug. 29, at home against Waterford Mott and returning wide receiver and cornerback Davontae Cooper has noticed a difference in train-

ing camp.

"So far we're working hard as a team and everybody is going as hard as they can, no slacking off in drills and stuff like that," the 5-foot-7, 163-pound senior said. "It's a big turnaround because we didn't have that last year. Everybody didn't care about the season."

"I'm going to lead my team as hard as I can, be a leader and work harder from what I usually did. There's nothing else I can really do."

Grizzell is tweaking his offense heading into the season.

"We're going to be a pro-style offense most of the time," he said. "We'll run some multiple formations out of an I-backfield, then we'll go in the shotgun and

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Wayne coach Lee Grizzell (top) will be leaning upon (from left) James Pomerico, J'Lonte Cook and Joe Porter to turn around the Zebras' losing fortunes. BRAD EMONS

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Learn To Skate

Livonia Parks and Recreation will offer a seven-week Learn To Skate (Session I) on Mondays, Sept. 9 through Oct. 21, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile, just west of Farmington Road).

Monday's class schedule includes: 5-5:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1 and intro to synchronized skating); 5:25-5:50 p.m. (Basic 1-8); 6-6:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1-3); 6:25-6:50 p.m. (hockey skills with no sticks or pucks used).

The fee is \$66 (Livonia residents) or \$69 (nonresidents). All classes and time slots are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free skate rental is available.

The registration deadline and early enrollment for last year's skaters is Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154. (There will be a \$10 late fee beginning Aug. 22.) You can also fax to 734-466-2679.

Registration for new students or missed mail-in will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the LCRC.

Other learn to skate classes offered include Session 2, Oct. 28 to Dec. 16 (preregistration deadline Oct. 16); and Session 3, Jan. 1 to March 3, 2014 (preregistration deadline Jan. 1).

Ice show rehearsal will be March 9-29 with show dates on March 28-29. For more information, call 734-266-2412.

Churchill golf outing

The Livonia Churchill Softball Golf Outing will be Sunday, Oct. 6, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35786 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Check-in begins at 9 a.m. followed by a shotgun start for a four-person scramble at 10 a.m. The cost is \$65 (includes lunch and

dinner. Dinner only is \$20. (Checks should be made payable to Churchill H.S.)

To register call Steve Gentilia at 734-776-1716 or Kevin McHugh at 734-748-8520. You can also email churchillssoftball@gmail.com or kmchugh12@yahoo.com.

Pro wrestling card at Westland VFW

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance will be taping four episodes of its Collision card for WMYD-TV (Channel 20) beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, at the VFW Post No. 6896, 28945 Joy Road, Westland.

Doors open at 2 p.m. and the event is free.

The card is scheduled to air Sunday, Oct. 6.

For more information, visit MPWawrestling.com.

CYO soccer signup

The St. Edith athletic program is accepting registrations for its CYO fall soccer teams. Boys and girls entering grades 4-8 are eligible.

The program is open to those who attend St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan and St. Kenneth parishes. For more information, contact Ron Wollenweber at stedithsoccer@gmail.com or visit www.stedithcyo.com.

Try Tami's Tri

PGA professional Tami Bealert will be staging her second annual 5-kilometer run-walk, 20k bike and golf scramble beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

The cost is \$65 (if registered through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through Sept. 24). Included in the cost is two free group golf lessons from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 and Friday, Sept. 27 at Hickory Creek.

The event also includes greens fees (with cart), wrist band, prizes and lunch included on race day. Visit TrainWithTami.com or call 734-731-0238.

ZEBRAS

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pistol occasionally."

Among those who could get their share of touches from the backfield slots are senior J'Lonte Cook (5-8, 181), junior Joe Porter (5-10, 186), senior Rashad Haley (5-9, 180), junior Dametrius Fullilove (5-6, 197) and senior Sam Moody (5-11, 198).

Wayne also has a slew of capable wide receivers in Cooper, senior Brian Williams (6-0, 156), senior Shakkari Hil (5-10, 176), junior Angelo Wiggins (5-9, 171) and senior Carlton Bakeley (5-10, 191).

Tight ends who will be targets in the offense include Shamen Hall (6-3, 172), a senior; Andrew McKenzie (6-6, 178), a senior; Aaron Journey (6-1, 214), a junior; and Josh Hill (5-11, 196), a junior.

"I really think we're going to spread the ball around a bit," Grizzell said. "I don't know if we'll have one guy that does a lot every game. We'll have a lot of guys contribute."

The quarterback job is up for grabs between two seniors - Aaron Hughes (5-9, 158), a transfer from Southfield, and Mike Gossett (5-7, 149).

"They both can throw the ball," Grizzell said. "They like to play-action pass, a little bit of drop-back and some sprint-out stuff, but just execute the offense and make good decisions."

On the defensive side, returning starters include senior James Pomerico (5-11, 198) at inside linebacker, along with Cooper, Porter, Moody and Williams.

"We just want to have 11 hats to the ball and guys fly around and be aggressive and hopefully



Brian Williams, a senior starter at wide receiver and cornerback, returns for the Zebras.

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having some fun," Grizzell said. And so far, Grizzell likes his team's mindset

heading into the 2013 season. "They have a positive attitude and a good,

strong work ethic," he said.

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FAST FACTS

School: Wayne Memorial.

Head coach: Lee Grizzell, second year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).

2012 record: 0-9.

Notable losses to graduation: Abdullah Myles (second-team All-Area); Tyler Casteels, Torrey Cooper.

Returning starters: Davontae Cooper, Sr. WR-CB (5-7, 163); Joe Porter, Jr. TB-FB-ILB (5-10, 186); J'Lonte Cook, Sr. TB (5-8, 161); Shamen Hall, Sr. TE-DB (6-3, 172); Sam Moody, Sr. FB-OLB (5-11, 198); James Pomerico, Sr. OG-ILB (5-11, 198); Brian Williams, Sr. WR-CB (6-0, 156); Thomas Woodward, Sr. K (5-11, 164).

Promising newcomers: Shakkari Hil, Sr. VWB-CB (5-10, 176); Rashad Haley, Sr. TB-OLB (5-9, 180); Wes Jolly, Sr. C (5-10, 205); Andrew McKenzie, Sr. TE-DE (6-6, 178); Josh Hill, Jr. ILB-TE (5-11, 196); Cody Markland, Jr. OT-DT (6-2, 250); Jamond Dickens, Sr. OT-DT (5-10, 265); Angelo Wiggins, Jr. WR-FS (5-9, 171); Aaron Hughes, Sr. QB (5-9, 158); Aaron Journey, Jr. TE-DE (6-1, 214); Carlton Bakeley, Sr. WR-ILB (5-10, 197); Collin Thompson, Jr. OT-DT (6-1, 309); Dametrius Fullilove, Jr. FB-OLB (5-6, 197); Cleophus Robinson, Sr. OG-DE (5-11, 182); Mike Gossett, Sr. QB (5-7, 149).

Grizzell says: "For the last week or so we've been practicing together - freshman, JV, varsity. Part of it is that we have some coaches who are still trying to get their C.P.R. certification completed and part of it is because the offense is new this year and so we want everyone on the same page."

2013 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts): Aug. 29, Waterford Mott; Sept. 6, at Pinckney; Sept. 13, Canton; Sept. 20, at Livonia Churchill; Sept. 27, at Livonia Franklin; Oct. 4, Plymouth; Oct. 11, Westland John Glenn; Oct. 18, KLAAs crossover; Oct. 25, at Belleville.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, Aug. 23
Stevenson at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.
Wayne at Hazel Park, 6 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Franklin, 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Aug. 24
Portage Northern Inv., 8 a.m.
B.C. St. Philip Tournament, 8 a.m.
Ladywood Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Airport Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
W. Bloomfield Inv., 8:30 a.m.
Salem Invitational, TBA.

THURSDAY, AUG. 22

E. Grand Rapids at Lady., 4:30 p.m.
CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 24
S. Lyon Inv. at Island Lake, 9:30 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Saturday, Aug. 24
Stevenson vs. Farm. Hills Mercy at Livonia Comm. Rec. Center, noon.

GIRLS GOLF

Thursday, Aug. 22
Highest Honors Invitational, 7:30 a.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Friday, Aug. 23
S'craft at Oakland CC Tourney, 11 a.m.
MU at UM-Dearborn Early Bird, TBA.

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

Friday, Aug. 23
Cleary Univ. at Madonna, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24
Schoolcraft at Muskegon, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Friday, Aug. 23
Madonna at Taylor (Ind.), 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24
Schoolcraft at Muskegon, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 25

Schoolcraft at Lake Michigan, 3 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 25
Brock (Ontario) at Madonna, 1 p.m.

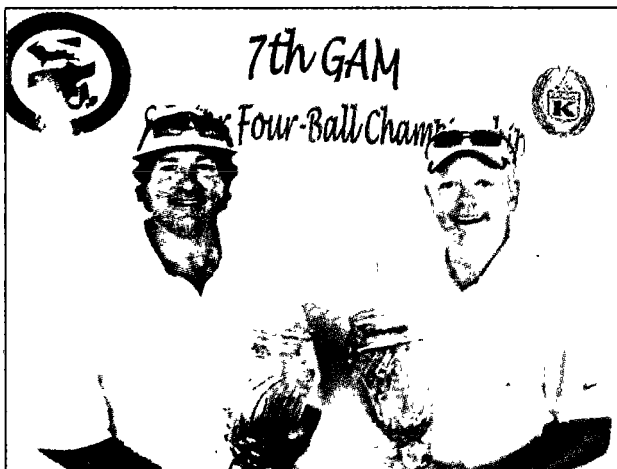
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Raymond, Vaughan capture GAM Senior 4-Ball

Mike Raymond of Jackson and Larry Vaughan, a former Bloomfield Hills resident now living in North Carolina, took turns making good things happen and won the GAM Senior Four-Ball Championship presented by the West Michigan Golf Show.

Raymond, who is 59, and Vaughan, who is 57, teamed up for a final-round 4-under-par 68 Tuesday at Kent Country Club, and matched it with a first-round 63 from Monday for a 131 total. It was good for a two-shot win over Thomas Eberhard and Dan Maudlin of Kalamazoo, who had rounds of 63 and 70 for 133.

"It was awesome,"



Mike Raymond and Larry Vaughan teamed up to win the Golf Association of Michigan Senior 4-Ball Tuesday in Grand Rapids. GOLF ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

said Raymond, whose hot summer has included winning the GAM Senior Match Play title and

qualifying for the U.S. Senior Amateur later this summer. "Last year I played

with Ian Harris and lost in a playoff. This year it worked in Larry's schedule, so we went after it. It feels great to win, and nice to come back from losing in a playoff to win. Larry was a great teammate."

Vaughan said every time he needed help in the tournament Raymond came through, and every time Raymond needed help, he made good shots.

"It was a lot of fun, and we realized after our practice round that it was a great golf course and that the team that mastered the greens would win," he said. "The greens are as difficult as you find anywhere, and we really had to work at it."

Three teams tied for third at 138, including the team of Kurt Hassberger and Fred Cahall of Grand Rapids, the duo of Bill Zylstra of Dearborn Heights and Greg Reynolds of Grand Blanc, and the team of Mitch Wilson and Doug Swartz from Portage.

Super Senior champions (age 65 and up) were also crowned. John Richard of Ann Arbor and Neil McQuarrie of Livonia shot rounds of 67 and 69 for 136, and a one-shot win over Dave Kempner and Claud Johnston, formerly of Westland and now of Ann Arbor, who teamed up for rounds of 67 and 70 for 137.

John French of Bloomfield Hills and John Lindholm (67-72-139) finished third.

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BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW

Chargers bringing veteran cast to the table

Churchill opens season Friday at Stevenson

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

You might have to break out the name tags for the 2013 boys soccer season.

Many area teams are rebuilding, while featuring a lot of new faces.

The one exception to that rule will be Livonia Churchill, which features a veteran lineup.

The Chargers, who open their season at 5:30 p.m. Friday on the road against rival Livonia Stevenson, are expected to be much improved after going 6-11-2 last season under first-year coach Matt Grodzicki.

"They've worked hard in the off-season," Grodzicki said. "We have 11 seniors and it's my second year with them on varsity and fourth year overall. They know the drill, they know what to

do."

The Chargers will be led by second-team All-Observer goalkeeper Colton Robison, along with seniors T.J. DeYoung, Brian Cavicchio, Andrew Smutek, Tyler Piotrowski and Luke Otto (coming off an injury). Junior Alex Jones also returns.

"Our team speed is so much better and our soccer I.Q. is higher than last year," Grodzicki said. "Expectations for me are a little higher for me this year."

Stevenson (11-4-5) was hard hit by graduation as second-year coach Ken Shingledecker looks to replace first-team All-Observer players John D'Agostino (University of Detroit-Mercy) and Dominic Sabatini.

The Spartans will be relying on senior midfielders Billy Werthman



Grodzicki.

and Ryan Schifano to lead the way.

"We are young in some spots, but the talent is

there," said Shingledecker, who guided Stevenson to a 6-2-2 mark in the KLAA's Central Division last season. "I have to believe that this is the first Stevenson varsity team to have six sophomores on the roster."

Another team hard hit by graduation losses is Westland John Glenn (11-8), coming off its best season in school history. The Rockets must replace first-team All-Observer striker Alex Isaevski (26 goals, 14 assists) and second-leading scorer Bobby Mason.

Jeff Parrish, who coached the Wayne Memorial varsity girls for three seasons, has re-

placed Brian Tomlinson as coach.

"We are continuing to build the program to compete in a very strong KLAA (South) division," Parrish said. "If we can get solid goalkeeping all season, this team will be strong."

Glenn's arch-rival Wayne Memorial (2-16) will be led by second-team All-Area forward Martin Ballah, a senior.

"We return 12 players from a year ago and are adding some depth," Wayne second-year coach Jason Dean said. "They are working extremely hard to play a faster tempo and create more possession."

Livonia Franklin (6-12-1) also hopes to move up the KLAA South ladder as the Patriots return second-team All-Area defender Hayden Steinman, a senior.

Goalkeeper Spencer Lewandowski is also

much improved, according to 12th-year coach Vic Rodopoulos.

"We're definitely positive," Rodopoulos said. "We have a lot returning from last year and that helps out. Both (Cooper) Kean and (Dan) Koponen are back after being injured last year."

Livonia Clarenceville (7-9-3), meanwhile, will be jumping into the Western Wayne Athletic Conference after a stint as an independent.

The Trojans will miss first-team All-Observer pick Ma Sambou Jatta, but return three talented players in senior midfielder David Vandekerckhove, fourth-year goalkeeper Evan Gregg and junior sweeper Cameron Fyffe.

"If Clarenceville is going to find success this year, they are going to need many of their young players to step up," said seventh-year coach Jus-

tin Johnson, who graduated nine seniors. "And after joining the WWAC this season, they'll need to grow up sooner rather than later."

Next-door neighbors Lutheran High Westland (4-16) and Westland Huron Valley (3-15) will play each other twice this season as members of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Sam Makki takes over for Bob Regan as Lutheran Westland's coach, with senior midfielder Walter Gembariski as the top returnee. Makki coached the Warrior girls varsity in 2007-08.

HVL, under 13th-year coach Jim Ott, returns starting goalkeeper Adam Hodgson, a junior, while freshman Samantha Golchuk, one of three female members of the team, is expected to provide scoring help up front.

BOYS SOCCER CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Matt Grodzicki, second year.

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's overall record: 6-11-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Michael Murphy (second-team All-Area); Nate Bradford.

Promising newcomers: Ryan Blith, Soph. F-MF; Bobby Mandrinski, Soph. Def.; P.J. McGeary, Jr. MF; Noah Debelso, Jr. MF; Bobby Williams, Jr. MF; Zach Hicks, Jr. MF; Nolan Harris, Jr. Def.

Rodopoulos' 2013 outlook: "We're definitely positive. We have a lot returning from last year and that helps out. Both Kean and Koponen are back after being injured last year. With the newcomers, we've seen to jell together on the field and as a unit. We look solid in the midfield and defense. Spencer (Lewandowski) has improved a lot from last year. He's got the fundamentals down and is more confident in his play."

Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: Ken Shingledecker, second year.

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 11-4-5.

Notable losses to graduation: John D'Agostino (first-team All-Area); Dominic Sabatini (first-team All-Area); Tom O'Brien (second-team All-Area); Ben Stromberg; Brian Smith, Zach Verant.

Leading returns: Billy Werthman, Sr. MF; Ryan Schifano, Sr. MF; Mike Bollin, Sr. GK; Josh Fydziewicz, Sr. F; Jesse Culp, Sr. MF; Gino D'Orazio, Sr. F; Aiden Huerta, Sr. D; Rob Newman, Sr. F; Clayton Greenwood, Sr. MF; Austin Rynicki, Jr. D; Tyler Gregory, Soph. MF.

Parrish's 2013 outlook: "Despite losing 10 quality seniors and the majority of the starting lineup, the overall team looks good. The previous coach, Brian Tomlinson, laid a nice foundation for over the past few years. We are continuing to build the program to compete in a very strong KLAA

division. If we can get solid goalkeeping all season, this team will be strong."

Wayne Memorial

Head coach: Jason Dean, second year.

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's overall record: 2-16.

Notable losses to graduation: Sheldon Crumney.

Leading returns: Martin Ballah, Sr. F; Zakey Hamden, Sr. MF; Jimmy Herdon, Jr. MF.

Promising newcomers: David Lakotos, Jr. MF; Joey Way, Jr. Def.

Dean's 2013 outlook: "One year later our team looks more experienced and comfortable playing in my system of play. If we stay healthy, we should be able to compete in our non-conference games and against the lower teams in the KLAA South (excluding Plymouth, Canton, Churchill). We return 12 players from a year ago and are adding some depth. They are working extremely hard to play a faster tempo and create more possession. The decision-making process is a bit slow, but should gradually increase as we start playing together more."

Livonia Clarenceville

Head coach: Justin Johnson, seventh year.

League affiliation: Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

Last year's overall record: 7-9-3.

Notable losses to graduation: Ma Sambou Jatta (first-team All-Area); Ian Bunker, Matthias Hoffmann, Alec Jones, Collin Orchard.

Leading returns: David Vandekerckhove, Sr. MF; Evan Gregg, Sr. GK; Cameron Fyffe, Jr. sweeper.

Promising newcomers: Armin Andelija, Fr. MF; Jayson Fitzpatrick, Fr. MF-F; Alex Immonen, Fr., Def.-MF; Dante Marzolo, Fr., MF-F.

Johnson's 2013 outlook: "After losing 12 players from last year's squad (nine seniors), the Trojan soccer team enters this year with a number of fresh faces. Nearly half of the roster is underclassmen, and with only four starters returning, this could be a very challenging season. Leading the ways this year will be Vandekerckhove, Fyffe and Gregg, a four-year starter in net. If Clarenceville is going to find success this year, they are going to need many of their young players to step up. And after joining the WWAC this season, they'll need to grow up sooner rather than later."

Lutheran High Westland

Head coach: Sam Makki, first year.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).

Last year's overall record: 4-16.

Notable losses to graduation: Ernie Babon (second-team All-Area); Brandon Wymann.

Leading returns: Walter Gembariski, Sr. MF; Robert Sprague, Soph. MF; Troy Gotchev, Sr. MF; Nick Flanery, Sr. Def.; Daniel Roberts, Sr. F; Noah Huffman, Jr. Def.; Aaron Wentzel, Jr. MF; Mitchell Meyer, Jr. GK.

Promising newcomers: Jeffrey Snyder, Fr. Kyle Downey, Fr. Jacob Kuhn, Fr. Makki's 2013 outlook: "Having players like Gembariski, Sprague and Gotchev will help us a lot. I think our new boys coming to the team will be a nice way to develop them in the future. I like having freshman players that are good young soccer players. This will help develop them

and improve the soccer program in a few years. I did this in 2007-08 when I was the head coach for our school, and in a short time, our girls did a great job as we won more than 20 games in those two years. I hope our boys will be serious, dedicated to the sport. I'm sure we will be way better than the past. There is not enough time to train before our first game, so we have to train hard and know what to do as a team. I'm focusing on the players' skill and, at the same time, how can they play a certain system."

Huron Valley Lutheran

Head coach: Jim Ott, 13th year.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).

Last year's overall record: 3-15.

Notable losses to graduation: Justin Howell, Brian Blackwood, Kyle Schaffer, Brent Skywalker.

Leading returns: Adam Hodgson, Jr. GK; James Brown, Jr. Def.; Jeremiah Stockdale, Soph. Def.; Jacob Kempainen, Sr. Def.

Promising newcomers: Jacob Hodgson, Fr. MF; Noah Schaefer, Fr. MF; Sam Golchuk, Fr. F; Jordan Rundstandler, Soph. sweeper; Joe Lohmann, Sr. Def.

Ott's 2013 outlook: "We're a little bigger and a little more athletic than last year, but we're still pretty young. We've had some pretty good practices this year, so that's promising. Guys understand the game a little better, so it will be fun to see if they can make the transition from practicing well and understanding. It's a good group of kids. We just have to see if it will apply now."

Local bowlers secure gold at AAU Junior Olympics

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Bowlers from the Park literally are knocking-over the competition and it doesn't matter what time of the year it is.

At the recent Amateur Athletics Union Junior Olympics at Super Bowl in Canton, gold-medal-winning boys and girls teams featured a decided Plymouth-Canton Educational Park imprint.

"It's nice to see the kids from the Park do well in these tournaments," said co-coach Karl Brubaker, who during the high school season coaches Canton's varsity boys bowling team. "This was real good competition."

Echoing Brubaker was another tourney co-coach, Kathie Hahn — the Salem varsity coach.

"I think the AAU Junior Olympics is wonderful for kids," Hahn said.

"Especially for high school kids to put on the resume, to say that they've bowled in Junior Olympics.

"We had three teams for Super Bowl, and they all finished wonderful."

There were two Super Bowl entries in the boys 15-and-over division and one in the girls 15-and-over division at the tournament, which took place from July 28-30.

"The kids pretty much pick the teams themselves," Brubaker noted. "We're just here as coaches to help them out. But it's a combination of all the schools in the area. The kids all know each other from other leagues and stuff."

Local ties

The boys team that won gold included Canton's Aaron Madsen, Salem's Steven Cadwell (who both will again bowl for their high schools in 2013-14), Redford Thur-

ston's Nick Bell, Zach Colosimo (Livonia Stevenson), Ryan Winters and Jarrett Cutting.

Colosimo, who will bowl at Siena Heights University, led the way with a 235-236-471 scoreline in regular games.

In the team standings, Super Bowl No. 2 finished first with a total of 4,462 for two regular games and 10 baker games. In second with 4,457 pins was Team Skore No. 4.

Another Super Bowl boys team won a medal for fifth place (4,366 total).

On that squad were Canton grad Kurt Kowalski, Salem alum Kevin Williams, plus Josh Pozan (Canton), Brandon Allison (Salem), Jacob Peltz (Canton) and Nolan Rudis (Salem).

As for the gold-medal winning Super Bowl girls team, which topped the field with 4,194 pins (well ahead of the 3,980

skored up by Team Skore No. 3), members included Salem grad Kristin Larkins (high game of 278), Plymouth's Caitlyn Webb, Sara Schultz (Novi), Allison Morris (Ann Arbor Huron), Maddie Klein (Walled Lake) and Daniella Perez (Belleville).

Both Brubaker and Hahn said it is beneficial for bowlers to stay sharp over the summer in such competitive tournaments.

After high school seasons end, they move over to various travel leagues.

From there, those interested in joining the AAU squad for Junior Olympics begin practicing in late spring, Brubaker explained.

"I think it helps them going into college," Hahn added. "Most of these kids are already on their high school teams. There's a few of them who go to Livonia

Schools and unfortunately Livonia won't recognize bowling as one of their sports for high school.

"But all the other kids are all high school bowlers already or have graduated and going on to college to bowl."

Both Larkins and Williams told their former coach they would be trying out for club teams at Schoolcraft College.

Meanwhile, several PCEP bowlers made their mark in lower age divisions.

Meghan Macunovich, entering ninth grade at Canton, won the girls 14-and-under singles event with a 234. She also was part of the first-place doubles team in that division with Lucy Pugh. They rolled a 170 and 189.

In the boys 14-and-under division, Salem freshman twins Shane and Mitchell Rusinek teamed up to place sec-

ond in the doubles event. They bowled 198 and 162.

North stars

Brubaker, who said this was the fourth AAU Junior Olympics but first in Michigan, said there were 10 boys teams (virtually all from the state) and three girls teams.

One of the teams, from Rogers City (located near Mackinac Island), featured 300 games by Justin Hazel and Nicko Robison.

"These two shot 300 the same game, on pairs next to each other," Brubaker said. "That was something."

Justin Hazel and Robison also won gold in the boys 15-and-over doubles event; Justin's brother, Zach Hazel, won gold in the boys 15-and-over singles event for the second consecutive year.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Schoolcraft women's spikers displaying plenty of promise

By Brad Emons
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Fourth-year Schoolcraft College volleyball coach Rod Brumfield has assembled a potentially potent lineup for the 2013 season — fit to use a pun — that is not to kill.

"The girls I have are significantly more technical," said Brumfield, who guided the Lady Ocelots to a 20-15 overall record in 2012. "And that's important to me. It's not just not athleticism and talent, you've got to be technically sound. And we're getting there very quickly. That's kind of what we've been seeking in this recruiting class. You're going to see an entirely different roster."

Schoolcraft is coming

off a third-place finish (9-3) in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and a first-round setback to Muskegon CC in the quarterfinals of the NJCAA Division II District E tournament.

The most notable losses to graduation were the Kempinski twins from Livonia Churchill, Kara and Nicole, a pair of second-team All-MCCAA picks who will play this fall at Marygrove College.

Two All-MCCAA freshman players, however, return, including 5-foot-11 outside hitter Emily Bondar (Allen Park Cabrini) and 5-6 outside hitter Stephanie Gibson (Brighton).

"They've already rep-

resented very well," Brumfield said. "They lead on and off the court very, very well. They know what their jobs are and part of our initial success will be a result of how they're leading."

Two other sophomores will be on the roster, including 6-1 outside hitter Alyssa Kainz (Wyandotte), a transfer from Concordia University, and returnee Megan Wright (Taylor Kennedy), a 5-5 defensive specialist.

"She (Kainz) needs to get in shape, but she's very hungry and knows college ball, so she should be able to ramp up quickly," Brumfield said.

Meanwhile, the 11-member freshman class is led by 5-10 outside hitter Ajsha Hannon

Romulus.

"She comes to work every day and enjoys the game," Brumfield said. "She's lean and mean and will be an impact player."

Also expected to contribute will be three players with Observerland ties, including 6-foot right side hitter Morgan Copperstone (Livonia Stevenson), 5-9 opposite hitter Cayla Bone and 5-5 setter and defensive specialist Julene Pummill (both of Garden City).

Breanne Rudolph (Waterford Mott) will also play the back row and possesses good jumping ability and a 65 mph jump serve, according to Brumfield.

Other incoming freshmen include 5-9 setter Lindsey Umin (New Bos-

ton Huron); 5-10 middle hitter Katie Summers (Cabrini); 5-10 right-side hitter Sydney Miller (Monroe Jefferson); 5-4 setter-defensive specialist Amber Staudt (Novi); and 5-9 defensive specialist Karlee Harding (Kennedy).

"I think we're going to ramp up comfortably," Brumfield said. "The first couple of scrimmages have been a lot of nerves. We're predominantly freshmen, so everybody is pretty nervous. But we've recovered very quickly and very well, as I've expected with this team. The kids look good. They're healthy and athletic. They have skills and they're getting better each day an inch at a time."

Brumfield has a couple of concerns, however, as the Lady Ocelots open their season Friday and Saturday in the Oakland CC Lady Raider Block City Classic.

"We have to adapt to the level of competition that we play," he said. "The speed and physicality ... we need to adapt. That's our weakness for now."

But the fourth-year coach remains highly optimistic.

"I've watched Schoolcraft between 10 and 15 years and this has to be nicest looking, balanced freshman class that I've seen come in, certainly since I've been here," he said.

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Striking gold on the international stage

Local baseball players power Detroit to Children's Games championship crown

By Ed Wright
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One of the most intense United States vs. Canada athletic battles in recent memory played out Sunday afternoon at Windsor's Mic Mac Park – and (surprise!) there wasn't a hockey puck in sight.

The sport was baseball and the eventual championship team in the International Children's Games wore red, white and blue uniforms and its players call places like Garden City, Canton, Southfield, West Bloomfield and Dearborn home.

In one of the most riveting games head coach Craig Cotter has ever taken part in, his Detroit team edged Windsor, 3-2, in the ICG's gold medal contest.

The Americans' victory avenged an earlier 3-2 setback to the host team in a pool-play classic.

Detroit upended a team from Marion, Ind., 7-0, in a semifinal match-up. Japan and Pakistan were also represented at the tournament. Each team consisted of 14- and 15-year-old players.

"The atmosphere for that championship game was absolutely unbelievable," said Cotter, who is

an assistant baseball coach at Dearborn Divine Child. "It was standing-room only – I'd estimate there were over 1,000 people there. The Canadians' horns were blaring, there were 'USA! USA!' chants. It was so much fun to be a part of."

"The most impressive thing about the entire game was that both teams played like major league teams."

"There was one remarkable defensive play after another. Our kids had a lot of fun with all their free time during their stay there, but when it was time to play ball, they were dead-on serious."

The Detroit entry finished with a 4-1 record in the tournament. Led by Southfield native Amani Godfrey's five-hit, complete-game gem in the title game, the locals yielded just two runs over their final 23 innings of competition.

"We didn't hit the cover off the ball," Cotter said, "but our pitching and defense were amazing."

The four players who represented Garden City – Dakota Mahkimetass, Tyler Kelly, Alex Centofanti and Kyle Wladysiak – all made huge contributions, Cotter noted.



Pictured are (top row, from left) assistant coach Andrew Berger (Dearborn), assistant coach Kyle Blessing (Belleville), Kyle Wladysiak (Garden City), Alex Centofanti (Garden City), Dakota Mahkimetass (Garden City), Amani Godfrey (Southfield), Aakif Lodhi (Commerce), Colin O'Leary (Dearborn) and head coach Craig Cotter (Dearborn); (bottom row, from left) Alex Reinhardt (Dearborn), Robby Cloyd (Dearborn Heights), Tyler Kelly (Garden City), Xavier Warren (Southfield), Ryan Radwan (Canton) and Troy Saruna (West Bloomfield). JIM RADWAN

"Dakota had some timely hits and pitched extremely well in our first game against Windsor," Cotter said.

"Tyler pitched twice and was flawless, while making several great plays in the outfield. Alex gave us solid defense in center, right and left – his versatility was huge. And Kyle is one of the best defensive first basemen I've ever seen at this age."

Canton's Ryan Radwan also played a key role while serving as the team's leadoff batter and

starting third baseman.

An RBI single by Mahkimetass gave Detroit a quick 1-0 advantage in the top of the first before Windsor countered with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

Detroit evened the ledger at 2-2 when Mahkimetass was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the top of the fifth. The eventual winning run scored on Godfrey's bases-loaded fielder's choice ground-out in the sixth.

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Members of the Detroit team celebrate after defeating Windsor, 3-2, in the championship game of last week's International Children's Games. Four Garden City players and a Canton resident played on the team. WINDSOR STAR

D'Angelo returns to the gridiron

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

It's been 14 years since Joe D'Angelo strolled onto the football field as a high school head coach.

But there he was this week barking instructions, teaching drills and sauntering through three-a-day practice

sessions on the picturesque Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood campus, like he did in the old days at Detroit Country Day.

D'Angelo coached for 21 years at Country Day, where he had only one losing season (4-5 in 1997). He led the Yellowjackets to 11 playoff appearances and three

state championship games, which resulted in a pair of state titles.

D'Angelo retired as DCD's head coach following the 1997 season. He stayed away from coaching until last year, when he returned as an assistant coach at Cranbrook Kingswood under then-head coach Steve Graf.

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tion, dedication ... things like that."

The physical toll of all those years of training, however, may have also factored in her decision.

"I was having a lot of ankle, knee, wrist and back issues, but they weren't a big deal compared to how bad I wanted to train, so I just kind of pushed through it," Skinner said.

But to go home with a gut was like putting a cherry on top of the sun-

dae.

"My coach (Peter Roberts) was telling me it was a good way to leave the sport because you always want to retire on a good note," Skinner said. "He said it was smart of me to decide to let that be my last meet. It's better to stop now and while I was in good shape than it is to make my body decide whether to stop or not."

"I'm excited to know I'm going to leave the sport with being a better person because of it."

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Casey Skinner goes airborne during her routine at the U.S. Trampoline and Tumbling Championships. CHAMPION IMAGES

SPARTANS

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got all our faith in coach Micallef."

The transition will be made smoother with the return of the backfield tandem of senior full-back Dom Ferrara (5-10, 200) and junior slotback C.J. Weiss (5-8, 175). The two combined for 854 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns.

Senior Billy Bonanno (5-8, 160) also returns as the team's leading receiver after catching 31 passes for 497 yards and nine TDs.

So it appears Micallef will blend a bulk of the old Stevenson offense with a few new wrinkles.

"Some of it's the same in terms of the philosophy of trap and some of the things they've done in the past here," Micallef said. "Then we're kind of opening it up with the pistol formation and using some of the spread things, option things that we've done in the past in my other (coaching positions)."

The offense, however, will feature a brand-new quarterback as J.T. McCallion, a 6-1, 170-pound senior, takes over for three-year starter and Spartans career passing leader Joe Mims (3,868 yards). Mims enjoyed an outstanding senior season, completing 130-for-226 passes for 1,625 yards and 17 TDs (with only six interceptions).

"He (McCallion) will be good, but you really can't replace Joe Mims," Kelly said. "But J.T. is just as fast, he's got a good arm and he'll lead our team wherever we

FAST FACTS

Schobl: Livonia Stevenson.

Head coach: Randy Micallef, first year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

2012 record: 6-4.

Notable losses to graduation: Joe Mims (first-team All-Area); Matt Rodey (first-team All-Area); Cody Coleman (second-team All-Area); Giovanni D'Agostino, Tommy Orlich, Adam Wheeler.

Returning starters: Devin Kelly, Sr. SB-FB-DB (5-10, 182; second-team All-Area); Dom Ferrara, Sr. FB-LB (5-11, 194); C.J. Weiss, Jr. RB-DB (5-8, 175); Billy Bonanno, Sr. WR (5-8, 160); J.T. McCallion, Sr. QB (6-1, 170); Mitch Deacon, Sr. SE-CB (6-1, 170); Jake Ivey, Sr. OL (5-11, 221); Danny Pocalujka, Sr. DL (6-0, 235); Ben Tabor, Sr. OL (5-8, 187); Jack Cole, Sr. LB (5-10, 170).

Promising newcomers: Austin Petrie; Soph. SB-DB (5-9, 192); Brad Scott, Jr. OL-DL 6-2, 207; Jack Eckerle, Sr. OL (6-2, 219) Connor Vaughan, Jr. DL-DE (6-2, 185).

Micallef says: "There's been a lot of instruction, a lot of walk through, a lot of video, a lot of just showing individual technique type things that are a little bit different than what they've done in the past as far as blocking schemes and things. Our biggest concern is just getting healthy, staying healthy through our scrimmage, because depth will be a huge key as we continue through the season."

2013 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 29, at Livonia Franklin; Sept. 6, Walled Lake Central; Sept. 13, at South Lyon East; Sept. 20, South Lyon; Sept. 27, Northville; Oct. 4, at Novi; Oct. 11, vs. Salem at Plymouth (6:30 p.m.); Oct. 18, KLAAs crossover; Oct. 25, Livonia Churchill.

need to go."

Mims could also run, when needed, as evidenced by his 353 yards and three TDs. McCallion also hopes to be a duel threat.

"J.T. is doing a great job," Micallef said. "Every day is a learning experience. He's doing everything we've asked of him and executing our offense really well."

"He's got some potential there (running the ball). He's learning to trust his legs a little bit more. I think in the past he's been apprehensive at doing that, but now he's starting to be a little more confident with it."

Although Stevenson made the playoffs in 2012 and shared a divisional title, the Spartans were outscored 277-260 and gave up an average of

27.7 points per game.

Two of the leaders defensively this fall will be Mitch Deacon (6-1, 18), a third-year starter at cornerback, and senior lineman Danny Pocalujka (6-0, 235).

Micallef has been pleasantly surprised in training camp with a number of players, led by Pocalujka.

"Dann stands out a lot both offensively and defensively getting off the ball, which I wasn't quite prepared to learn how good he was," Micallef said. "He's been a bright spot. Then, the knowledge of the game the skill kids have, the defenses and fronts and how to attack coverages, which has been great."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

AUGUST CANCER CURE

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25
Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: "Stand UP for a Cure" will honor 3-Day walkers, celebrate cancer survivors, and will include prayers and encouragement for those suffering from cancer. The congregation will ask God to aid in the process of finding a cure for cancer. Refreshments will be served after the worship service
Contact: 248-476-8222

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: 12th annual Charity Car Show will benefit Angela Hospice. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. The entry fee to show a vehicle is \$15. No charge to view the entries.
Contact: 734-427-8743

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24
Location: Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, at Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Car entry fee is \$10. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Prizes will be given to top three cars voted on by spectators. A special prize will go to the fan favorite 1953 model. All makes and models are eligible for the show.
Contact: Shon Murphy at 734-658-0250 or Bob Metzger at 734-732-1718

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills
Details: The church shows the movie "Angels in the Outfield." Admission is free. Hot dogs, chips and ice cream will be available for a donation
Contact: 248-553-3380

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 28
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Details: Early Childhood Program offers toddler, preschooler, pre-K and daycare sessions. It's open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, in a Christian-based center
Contact: 734-513-8413

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 22-23 and 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 24
Location: Fireside Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God" will include water science, crafts, music and Bible fun
Contact: 734-464-0990

SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY



Martha Munizzi performs a benefit concert Sept. 13 for the Salvation Army.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of the month, beginning Sept. 26
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta leads a study of 1 and 2 Peter. The study is open to all, regardless of religious or parish affiliation. Attendees should bring their own Bibles
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or www.livoniastmichael.org

CATHOLICISM PROGRAM

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23-Oct. 28
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: An in-depth study of the program, "Catholicism: The New Evangelization" by the Rev. Robert Barron, focuses on the mission of the Christian church within the boundaries of contemporary culture, including atheism and moral relativity. Barron's series has been seen on many PBS stations. Registration for the program is required and study guide materials cost \$25
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 207 or e-mail swilliams@livoniastmichael.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13
Location: Grace Christian Church, 33801 Van Dyke, just north of 14 Mile, Sterling Heights
Details: Martha Munizzi and the ARC Singers perform a benefit concert for The Salvation Army's Metro Detroit adult rehabilitation programs. Proceeds also will go toward installation of a children's playscape at the women's rehab Romulus facility. Tickets are \$20, available from www.itickets.com
Contact: www.salarmythrift.com; 313-965-7760

EUCHRE NIGHT

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Mass, followed by games
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: The church's singles group for ages 30-60 will attend Mass and play euchre. Board games also will be available. Event organizers ask attendees to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided. Participants may bring alcoholic beverages. The event will be held in the convent basement. RSVP by Sept. 18
Contact: 313-255-6330

WORLD PRAYER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. prayer vigil, 7:30 p.m. worship service, Thursday, Sept. 12
Location: Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Celebrates World Day of Prayer, "Living Well: Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit"
Contact: 734-421-1760

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sept. 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2 and 9
Location: St. Priscilla's Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia
Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop is designed to be prayerful, practical and personal and is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. For more information and registration details, visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at www.goodmourningministry.net or contact Kay at St. Priscilla.
Contact: Parish phone is 248-476-4700; email kay@saint-priscilla.org

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, from Sept. 26-Nov. 21, excluding Oct. 31
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: The eight-week workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," is free and open to anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Call the church for registration information
Contact: 734-427-1414

GRIEF SHARE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 22-Jan. 5, 2014
Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, south of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: This nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally-respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion. The program is designed to offer encouragement, comfort and help with grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend. Participants will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and will receive grief-related handouts each week. Registration fee is \$15, which will include a workbook.
Contact: Pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28
Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Admission \$1, strollers after 10 a.m.
Contact: sttimothypcusa.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14
Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, at Puritan, in Redford
Details: Bargains, including dishes, clothing, furniture, toys, seasonal, and miscellaneous. Baked goods will be available for purchase.
Contact: 313-255-6330

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible Study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491
New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: 734-846-4615
Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. prayer vigil, 7:30 p.m. worship service, Thursday, Sept. 12
Location: Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Celebrates World Day of Prayer, "Living Well: Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit"
Contact: 734-421-1760

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

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SODERHOLM, DONALD J.

Aug. 19, 2013 age 77 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father of Sheryl Soderholm Siddall, Kirsten (Ladonna) Soderholm Lewis, and Erika Holmes. Proud Grandfather of Andrew, Christine, Jordan, and Jonathan. Dear brother of Richard (Betty) Soderholm. Memorial Service Friday, Aug. 23 2PM at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth-Canton Alano Club, 5936 Sheldon Rd., Canton, MI 48187. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

In Memoriam



McQUEEN, NORMA

In Loving Memory
8/28/29 - 8/22/03
Ten years have passed since we lost you. Sometimes it seems like yesterday, other times it feels like forever. We miss you in so many ways but remembering you is easy - we do it every day. The ache in our hearts will never go away but, of course, you will forever be in our hearts.

BAILEY, CAROL A.

Passed away August 16, 2013 at the age of 78. She was born October 19, 1934 in Livonia, Michigan to Melvin and Sadie (Lomas) Clement. She is the beloved mother of Timothy (Beth) Bailey and Lorraine Moore. She is the loving grandmother of Heather McPhail, Shannon McPhail and Carli Bailey and dear sister of Robert (Betty) Clement, Charles "Bill" (Jean) Clement and Edward (Marilyn) Clement. She is also survived by 5 nieces and nephews. Carol was a 55 year resident of Westland having grown up in Livonia and living in Plymouth for a while. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, Midwest Affiliate, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 or at <http://www.heart.org/>
To leave a condolence <http://www.schrader-howell.com/>



ROLLINS, RENE

August 14, 2013, Age 65 of Victorville, CA, formerly of Westland. Beloved wife of Christian. Kind and caring mother of Bradley, and the late Deborah. Funeral Service Friday 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Road, Westland (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Visitation Thursday, 3-9 PM. Entombment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Memorials may be made to Susan B. Komen for the Cure. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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Mark your calendars for Livonia's outdoor flea market

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Stories of finding inexpensive crystal pieces and hard-to-find artifacts are legendary among the bargain-hunters at the Livonia Historical Society's annual fall flea market.

"One of our volunteers has a Waterford sense and she can spot Waterford anywhere. She'll tell you, 'Oh, my gosh, I got this for a dollar or that for two dollars.' Another member found a beautiful footed silver tray for 75 cents," said Linda Wiacek, program supervisor at Greenmead, Livonia's historic village.

"People have been thrilled about what they got. I've seen birdbaths, lawn statues, antique sewing machines, toys — it runs the gamut. I know Olympia Stadium seats have been purchased here."

Robert Legel of the society recalls that a volunteer and Civil War buff once found a coveted "reverse trumpet" at the show.

"It goes over your shoulder and the horn points backwards so that when they were marching, they'd hear the sound," Legel explained. "There's a lot of Civil War stuff, old records, glassware, it's a whole panorama."

They guarantee shoppers will find many treasure-hunting opportunities at this year's show,

set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile. Admission is \$2 for adults; children under 12 are admitted free. Food and refreshments will be available and from noon to 3 p.m. the village will be open for tours.

Wiacek said more than 170 vendors will sell their antiques, collectibles and garage sale items, making the upcoming fall show the biggest yet.

Proceeds for preservation

The fall show is one of two flea markets held annually at Greenmead. The June event benefits Greenmead. The society co-sponsors the fall show with the Livonia Historical Commission, but its proceeds also benefit the historical village.

"Money from the flea market goes for preservation and restoration of the buildings here at Greenmead," Wiacek said. "Our biggest project ever attempted is coming to conclusion — the Simmons Hill house. We've been raising money for that for decades and working on it less than a year."

A restoration company is refurbishing the house from floor to ceiling, fixing plaster, the roof, radiators, upgrading electrical, plumbing, heating, repainting and re-doing floors. Air conditioning was added to help keep the building at



Vendors sell antiques, collectibles and garage sale items at the fall flea market at Greenmead in Livonia.

a consistent temperature in the summer, aiding preservation of artifacts.

"We're not done with the project. The exterior looks fabulous and the interior looks good. We hope to have it open in December."

The June show drew more than 4,000 visitors to Greenmead. Wiacek expects a repeat next month if weather stays dry.

"In June, we had so many people walking out with kitschy-looking artifacts, decorative things you'd find in a home. There was a lot of interesting stuff."

She found a 1940s telephone that reminded her of her childhood. "I was thrilled with it," she said.

For more information about the flea market, call 248-477-7375.



Shopper Judy Opiela checks out pottery at a previous Livonia Historical Society flea market.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ARTS, CRAFTS DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. -
Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to

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

Location: 5200 Woodward,
Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sun-
days; storytelling, performances;

free with admission

Exhibits: Printmaking by Ells-
worth Kelly, through Sept. 8

Contact: 313-833-7900,
www.dia.org

GALLERY @ VT

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 10
a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday,
during public performances and
by appointment. Upcoming
exhibit runs through Aug. 28

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

Details: The Canton Historical
Society shows photos and arti-
facts

Contact: www.cantonhistori-
calsociety.org; 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednes-
day-Saturday, through Aug. 30

Location: 215 W. Cady, North-
ville

Details: "Collaboration and
Continuum: The Carnival Photo-
graphs of Bill Rauhauser and
Carlos Diaz," curated by Mary
McNichols, Ph.D.

Contact: 248-344-0497;
http://www.northvillearts.org

FILM

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

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

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

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

Contact: 734-927-3284

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug.
23, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-
Sunday, Aug. 24-25

Location: 760 Penniman Ave.,
Plymouth

Details: "Man of Steel," admis-
sion, \$3

Coming up: "Monsters Univer-
sity," 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, and
4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-
Sunday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; "The
Internship," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 6-7, and
4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday,
Sept. 8

Summer Matinee: "Chitty
Chitty Bang Bang," Aug. 22;
"The Muppet Movie," Aug. 29.
Movies run at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug.
23 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sat-
urday, Aug. 24

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of
Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: "Jaws," with Richard
Dreyfuss and Roy Scheider, \$5

Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM



Germaine Gebbard is among the comedians, and storytellers that will appear in The UFO Show III, 8 p.m. Aug. 29 at The Mix Studio Theatre in Ypsilanti.



Tovah Feldshuh performs "Golda's Balcony" Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts in West Bloomfield.

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday
and Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

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

Contact: www.plymouth-

history.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tues-
day of the month — except
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Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge
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Plymouth
Details: Tommy Good Quartet performs, with Ray Tini on bass, Jim Ryan on drums and Chuck Smermatro on keyboard, on Tuesday, Aug. 27. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

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

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: Open mic for music and poetry

Friday and Saturday featured artist: Mike Galbraith and Mike Anton, Saturday, Aug. 24; Sentimental Value, Saturday, Aug. 31. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.
Contact: 734-454-0178

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Details: Empty Chair Night, Sept. 8; Singers Sing Seger Songs Tribute with John D. Lamb, Dave Edwards, Al Jacques, Charlie Springer and Bob Monteleone, Sept. 13; The Yellow Room Gang featuring Mustard's Retreat, Annie Capps, Matt Watroba and Kitty Donohoe, Sept. 14; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Sept. 20; The Boogie Woogie Kid Matthew Ball, Sept. 21. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted
Contact: 734-464-6302

VIVACE SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The David Glukh International Ensemble performs improvisation, Yiddish classics, klezmer, and masterpieces by Tchalkovsky, Verdi and Puccini. An afterglow will follow the concert. General admission is \$23; members, seniors and students under 18 pay \$20.
Contact: Joyce Cheresch at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

SOMETHING DIFFERENT CAR CRUISE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25

Location: Hines Drive from Outer Drive to Ann Arbor Trail
Details: Wayne County Parks Cruisin' Hines draws approximately 40,000 classic cars and hot rods. Hines Drive is closed to regular traffic during the Cruise. Cruisers must enter Hines Drive from Merriman. All spectators can enter at Merriman, Telegraph or the Warrendale picnic area in Dearborn Heights. Food concessions will be available at spectator areas
Contact: Wayne County Parks, 734-261-1990; www.cruisinhines.com or www.waynecounty.com

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 8 p.m. Wednesday during the summer

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Zoomance: Designed for the 21-and-older crowd, Summer Zoomance allows grown-ups to relive their fond memories of the Detroit Zoo while creating new ones during a twilight stroll among the animal habitats. The event will feature complimentary carousel rides, tram tours, animal enrichment and zoo-keeper talks. Blues guitarist and vocalist Laith Al-Saadi will perform, and food and adult beverages will be available for purchase. The event runs 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, rain or shine. Admission is \$14. Parking is free for Detroit Zoological Society members and \$5 for nonmembers. Buy advance tickets online at www.detroit-zoo.org.

Run Wild: A 5K run starts at 8 a.m., followed by a 10K run at 8:45 a.m. and an untimed fun walk at 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 15. The event benefits the Zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex and veterinary care. Registration cost is \$25 for the fun walk, \$30 for the 5K race and \$35 for the 10K race. Register at www.detroitzoo.org/runwild until Sept. 11. Register at the zoo Sept. 13-15.

Senior Day: Seniors, 62 and older, from Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, along with their caregiver, will receive free admission, parking and rides on the Tauber Family Railroad, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4. The event includes live music, bingo, tractor train tours, zoo-



Run Wild for the Detroit Zoo offers a fun run, 5K or 10 K race on Sunday, Sept. 15. Sign up at detroitzoo.org.

keeper talks and a senior resource area.

Contact: 248-541-5717

UFO SHOW III

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29

Location: The Mix Studio, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: Emergent Arts presents an evening of standup, storytelling and original songs, featuring Chevy Hungerford, Drew Grimaldi, Germaine Gebhard, Brad Wenzel, Andy Jentzen, Marty Smith, and Marc Holland. Tickets are \$8, available at www.emergentarts.com
Contact: 734-985-0875

THEATER

BERMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 31 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 1

Location: On the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit campus, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Tovah Feldshuh takes on the role of Golda Meir in this one-woman show. Tickets are \$67; \$62 for Jewish Community Center members.
Contact: 248-661-1900; www.theberman.org

FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH PLAYERS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Auditions for "Tarzan The Stage Musical," which will be performed Nov. 15, 17 and 22-24 with two casts performing on different dates. Actors cast in the show pay a registration fee and must attend a mandatory parent meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23, at the Costick Center. Participants may drop in at any time during the audition hours. Auditions are open to both residents and nonresidents. No prior preparation is necessary. Participants should bring a recent school photo with them to the auditions. All other materials will be supplied. Some preliminary materials will be available for review beginning Aug. 23 at WWW.fhgov.com/YouthTheatre.
Contact: The Cultural Arts Division at 248-473-1859

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23-24 and Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 29-31

Location: MacKenzie Fine Arts Auditorium, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn

Details: The college's Humanities and Social Science Division and Theatre Arts Department will present Eric Bogosian's "Drinking in America." Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$12 for faculty, students and seniors. Buy them online at theatre.hfcc.edu
Contact: 313-845-6478

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 13-14, 20-21 and 2 p.m. Sept. 15 and 22

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

Details: The group stages the musical comedy, "Hairspray." Tickets are \$18 for adults, and \$16 for seniors and youth
Contact: www.canton-mi.org/village theater

STILL GOT IT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 23-24 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 24-25

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

Details: The senior troupe performs the musical comedy, "Father Bingo," penned by Dearborn Heights resident Bill Nilsson. The troupe is accompanied by a live orchestra. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors and youth
Contact: 734-394-5300, 734-394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/village theater

TLC PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7

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

Details: TLC Productions presents an anthology of rock and roll music. Performers include Dave Schmidt of Northville, on guitar, John Fitzgerald of Commerce, on bass guitar, Cheryl Chanko of South Lyon, on keyboard, and Bob Espinoza of

Canton, on drums, along with vocalists Tim Chanko of Canton, Maureen Paraventi of Redford, and Kara Fay Cardella of Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$15, call 734-3945300 or 734-394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/village theater or tlcproductions.org. Or buy tickets at the door up to one hour before show time.
Contact: christopher@tclproductions.org or tlcproduction-s.org

Friday Funnies series brings comedians to Wayne Bowl

Comedian Gordon "Big" Dooley will kick off a monthly stand-up comedy series next month in the banquet room at Wayne Bowl in Wayne.

First Friday Funnies will feature comics from Comic View, Last Comic Standing, Def Comedy Jam along with local talent, the first Friday of the month. Doors will open at 8 p.m. and the show will start at 9 p.m.

Charlie Nerwhart, Jason Keacher, Mic Larry and Kevin Zeoli will take the stage on Sept. 6, with Dooley, who's known as "Big Dooley Jokes," hosting the show. Drink and food specials will be available and DJ Keyvd



Gordon "Big" Dooley brings comedians to the stage Sept. 6 at Wayne Bowl, in Wayne.

will be on hand. Dooley, of Ypsilanti, has appeared at the Ann Arbor Comedy Show-

case, Laff Tracks in Novi, and Starter's Bar & Grill in Plymouth, among many other comedy venues in Metro Detroit. He's the founder of Dooley BoyzENT and works as a show host and promoter in addition to performing his own comedy act.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door, or buy three and get one free. They're available at Finishing Touch Hats & Clothier, 35006 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne, and United Konz, 105 W. Michigan Ave. Tickets also are available at bigdooleyjokes.com.

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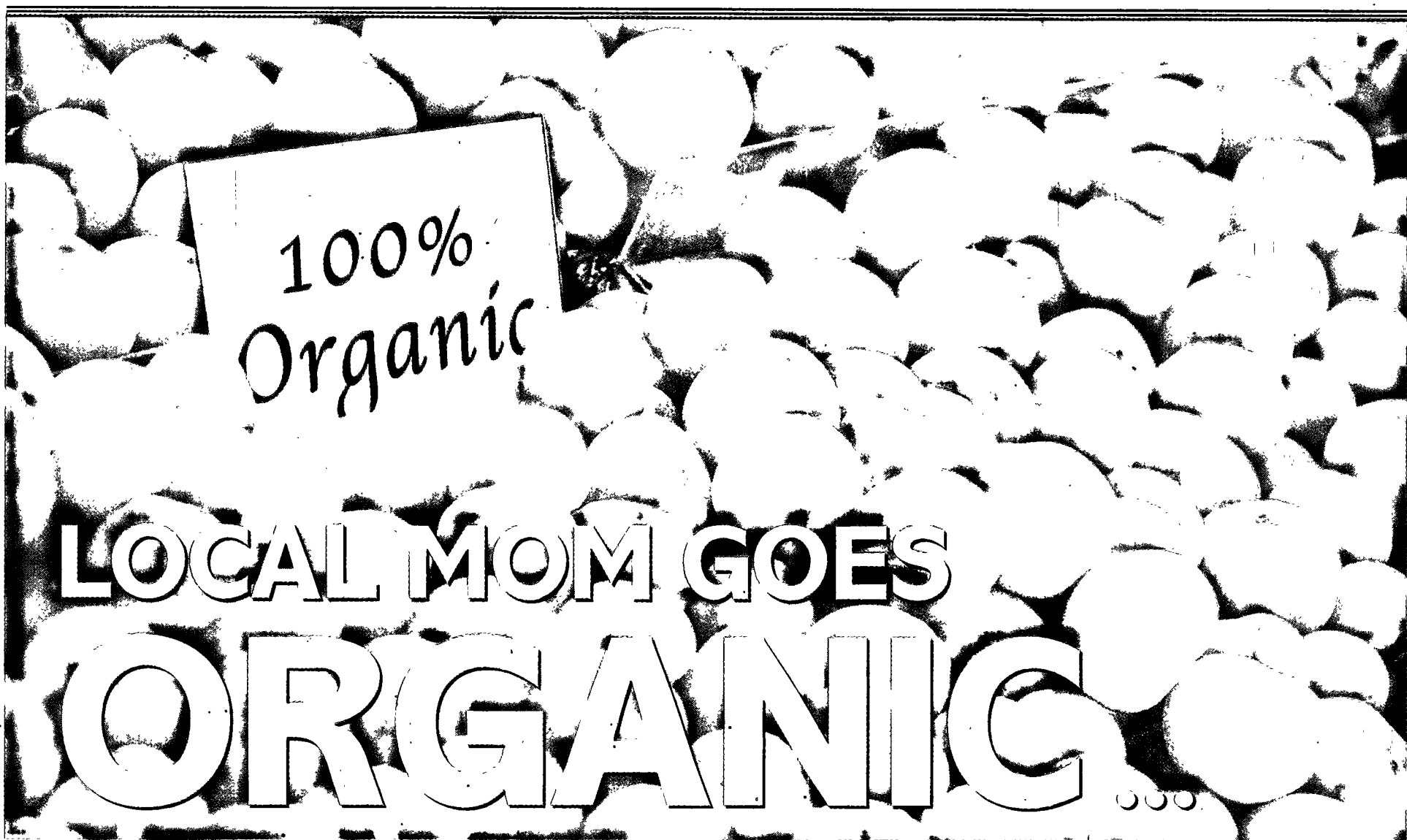
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ON A BUDGET

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

The word "organic" seems to be popping up everywhere. Most grocery stores now offer some organic fruits and vegetables. There's organic yogurt, organic milk and even organic snack foods. It's enough to make a mainstream eater think twice.

Organic, a label regulated by the U.S. Food & Drug administration, means the food was produced with no genetically-modified organisms or other chemical additives. Is it really better? And is it worth the extra money?

Yes, says Julie TwoMoon, a naturopathic doctor and the founder of Seven Directions Center for Restorative Medicine in Plymouth, who feeds her family of five only organic foods.

"The most poignant importance is not eating genetically-modified foods and the residues," TwoMoon said. "They're directly related to dramatic cellular changes," also known as the precursors to diseases like cancer.

Studies on mice have shown the results of eating genetically modified corn. There's immediate bleeding in the digestive tract, and cancerous cells have developed within two years, TwoMoon said.

Granted, it's TwoMoon's business to support organic foods as a naturopathic doctor. But her arguments were enough to win over her office manager, Elizabeth Dunham, a Plymouth resident with a 10-year-old son.

Making the change

"It was something I had been thinking about for about a year," Dunham said. "One day there was that tipping point."

Dunham went all organic last winter. During her first week on the new diet, she paid \$50 more for groceries because she bought staples, including a big bag of organic flour. It turned out that with a little planning, buying organic wasn't nearly as expensive as she thought.

"I was feeding a family of five for \$150-\$200 per week," she said. At that time, her household included herself, her son, her husband, her mother-in-law and brother-in-law.

Dunham's prime sources for organic are Better Health and Pure Pastures in Plymouth, along with some farmers markets.

Coupons are available for 10-20 percent off groceries at Better Health, depending on the day you shop, she said. At Pure Pastures, it's



Naturopathic doctor Julie TwoMoon uses many medicinal herbs harvested from her organic garden.

not uncommon to find a deal that entitles you to a free chicken if you spend \$50.

Dunham noticed one other savings perk. "What I noticed first was I was able to buy less (of the meat) and it went further."

She said the taste of the food seemed to improve — no "soapy after-taste" — and best of all, her health improved.

"When I started working here (at Seven Directions), I was about 100 pounds heavier," Dunham said. "Once I made the switch to organic, I started melting."

It's a phenomenon Dunham attributes to the chemicals in the food she previously was eating. "It would be like putting sugar in the gas tank of a car," she said. Your body just doesn't work as efficiently as it does without those additives, she explained.

And it's not that she isn't eating fat or is consuming only low-calorie foods. Dunham said she is choosing a higher standard — organic — for her food.

Growing their own

Dunham recently collaborated with TwoMoon to create an organic garden that will supply her food and cut costs even more. It's called a hugelkultur garden, and it's poised to yield more produce and herbs than other gardens. It needs little to no water.

Originally developed by Austrian agricultural consultant Sepp Holzer, the garden starts with a trench filled with 200-pound tree trunks and other large pieces of wood. The wood acts as a sponge in absorbing water and continually providing moisture to the soil.

TwoMoon has two such gardens — one in her front yard and one in her back yard — and said they cost next to nothing to build.

The trees and wood came from local companies that were happy to donate them for gardens, rather than pay for their removal. But it does take work to dig the trench.

"Ours is down about a foot and a half," TwoMoon said. "To the naked eye, it looks like a landscape berm," she said.

Since Dunham helped build the gardens, she has "joint custody." As harvest time draws near, she'll have access to free produce. TwoMoon also uses the produce to feed her family, and she harvests herbs like dill, fennel, Echinacea, basil and oregano for cooking and medicinal purposes.

TwoMoon encourages patients to eat organic, but understands it's not easy at first. "I have a philosophy that we're going to take giant baby steps," she said. "It's all about making that choice to start."

TwoMoon recommends starting with meat sources, since chemicals fed to animals can be the most toxic. Seek out grass-fed beef and chicken as well as organic eggs. Next, she recommends moving to organic grains, and then produce.

"We have sources right here in Plymouth," she said. She shops at Pure & Local Food in Plymouth as well as People's Food Co-op in Ann Arbor and Zerbo's in Livonia.

Dunham, for one, is happy she made the switch.

"You're still able to eat normally," Dunham said. "You're just making different choices. I'll still eat a bagel and cream cheese. It's just really the quality of the food."

Ready to eat organic? Try these recipes from Julie TwoMoon, Seven Directions Center for Restorative Medicine, with organic ingredients:

SUMMER SALAD WITH HERBS AND BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

Salad
2 cups red leaf lettuce
1 cup chopped red cabbage
1 cup shredded golden beets
½ cup shredded carrots
1 tablespoon fresh mint
1 tablespoon fresh basil
1 tablespoon fresh sage
1 cup fresh purslane, (this is a common weed best when found in your yard)
½ cup sprouted sunflower seeds
½ cup raw, smoked cheddar or any other raw, grass-fed cheese
Dressing:
2 cloves garlic
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
½ cup balsamic vinegar
½ cup olive oil
½ cup flax oil (cold pressed)
½ tsp sea salt

Combine dressing ingredients in a mason jar. Once together, place lid on jar and shake to combine. For a light vinegar taste adjust oil and vinegar to your liking. Toss salad ingredients together with dressing and enjoy!

SUMMER BLUEBERRY QUINOA MUFFINS

2 cups quinoa flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons arrowroot powder
½-¾ cup maple syrup
¾ cup yogurt
¾ cup water
½ cup melted coconut oil
1 ¼ cup blueberries

Preheat oven to 400. Mix dry ingredients. Mix melted oil with maple syrup, yogurt and water. Blend dry and wet ingredients until smooth. Add berries and spoon into muffin cups with paper lining or oil pan with coconut oil. Bake for 20 minutes.



A red kuri squash and a butternut squash grow in the organic hugelkultur garden.

CITY BITES

Sample 12 restaurants

Plymouth — Tickets are available for the annual Penn-TasteTic Downtown Plymouth Restaurant Crawl, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17. Adult tickets are \$20 and tickets for children, 10 and under, are \$15. "Crawlers" will taste samples and treats from Cupcake Station, E.G. Nicks, Greek Islands, Ironwood Grill, Jay's Stuffed Burgers, Kilwin's, Nico & Vali, Panache 447, Sardine Room, Sweet Afton Tea Room, Yogurt Palooza, and Zin Wine Bar & Restaurant. Attendees will get a chance to vote for their

favorite taste and restaurant. Get tickets from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and at Sun and Snow, 388 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Penn and the Chamber of Commerce. www.plymouthmich.org.

Food Truck Rally

Northville — The Downtown Northville Food Truck Rally, 1-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, will include live music by JustPushPlay from 1-3 p.m. and The Shawn Riley Band, 6-8 p.m.,

a "Bier Garden" and nine food trucks, all at Wing and First Street. The food trucks scheduled to be on site are El Guapo, Treat Dreams, Grindhouse, Kona Ice, MacShack, Meen Weenie, Ned's Travel Burger, Rollin/Stone Wood Fired Pizza, and Time2Chill. Each truck will have a minimum of two menu items that will be offered in conjunction with a suggested beer pairing from the Bier Garden which will have brews from Right Brain Brewery and Sierra Nevada on tap. Admission to the Rally is free, but trucks will charge for food and beverages. Wristbands

for admission to the Bier Garden will cost \$2. The Bier Garden will be open from 1-9 p.m. Trucks will serve food from 3-8 p.m.

Benefiting MDA

Nationwide — Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, with locations at 6427 N. Canton Center Road, in Canton, 29619 Plymouth Road, in Livonia, and 48010 Grand River Ave., in Novi, is accepting donations through Sept. 3 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Anyone who donates \$1 or more to the cause will receive a 15 percent off coupon.



Good to know good neighbors in times of need, joy

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Denise Semion of Plymouth Township values neighbor Joanne Wibright.

"When I'm gone, she waters my pathetic little garden," said Semion, who lives by Wibright in the Lake Pointe subdivision in northern Plymouth Township. "She has a magnificent garden. She's bringing over a bounty of tomatoes soon."

Semion, communications manager for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, and her husband alert the Wibrights when they're out of town. "It's always a comfort to know you've got somebody to depend on," Semion said.

The women also talk over the fence, gaining emotional support. Semion had a medical issue with her mom. "We talked for a while and she gave me a hug," she said.

Semion moved to the neighborhood in 1994, Wibright shortly after. Semion will give Wibright leftover cake for their three kids at home (there's another off at graduate school) to reciprocate.

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"I think Lake Pointe has always had a good reputation for nice houses and nice people," Semion said of her purchase. She also considered freeway access for commuting.

Realtor Bob Bake of Plymouth, with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, has been in the business since 1967. Bake, who grew up in Northville, agrees good neighbors matter when buying.

"I don't think buyers give enough attention to who might live behind them or next to them," he said. He knows Plymouth and Northville well, but still encourages prospective buyers to ask a neighbor or two about living there.

"It makes sense to make an inquiry privately with a neighbor," he said. The prospective buyer can ask about schools.

"It can really help the buyer make the right judgment," Bake said. "I think neighbors are important. They are to me."

You can even visit the local police station to check reports on any safety

issues. "I think that's a good step to do as well," he said.

Due diligence on buying includes schools for those with children. "Schools are always a major influencing factor for young families," Bake said. Walkability and bus stop location are key.

He encourages a visit to the local elementary, middle or high school to check it out.

Bake has been in his Plymouth home 25 years. "Yes, I'm very fortunate," he said of neighbors. "I really had a high comfort level before I made the transition." His work gave him that knowledge.

He knows others who've been adjacent to a lighted, pro basketball court in the rear yard. "It's a real noise-maker," Bake said. "You really have no privacy on your patio or terrace."

That can happen with a backyard pool, too, he said, although the season is much shorter.

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Expect to pay in Rome

Q: Are residential housing prices any more reasonable in Rome than has been the case in the past?

A: Generally not, since the availability for building new residences is limited by strict new residential municipal regulations. If you want to purchase an apartment or house overlooking the city, perhaps 20 minutes away from the Coliseum, it can be even more expensive, similar to Paris or New York. As in the U.S., you should retain a lawyer, along with an experienced real estate broker, before you sign any agreement.



Robert Meisner

Q: I am thinking about buying a villa either around Sienna, Italy, or Florence, Italy. Am I better off buying a condominium or a villa and where?

A: Both cities are quaint and majestic and offer housing at relatively reasonable costs depending, of course, on the location. If you want a reasonable apartment, you can find one in Sienna near the center of town at a reasonable cost, but in Florence you will have to go outside of the core city if you want anything resembling a high rise. As to a villa, anywhere in Tuscany can be lovely, but more pricey, look carefully before you leap!

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Seminar

The Meisner Law Group announced that Robert M. Meisner will conduct a four-week course Tuesdays in October from 7-9 p.m. covering "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation."

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information, contact The Meisner Law Group at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

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

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

Free foreclosure tours

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

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations. RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Investors

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

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 15-19, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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31085 Rivers Edge Ct \$284,000
30220 Stellamar St \$277,000

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1641 Fairford Dr \$290,000
1281 Fox Chase Rd \$600,000
1736 Hamilton Dr \$235,000
1237 Lone Pine Rd \$425,000
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2685 Warwick Ct \$255,000

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5611 Blackmoor St \$80,000
201 Bobolink Ave \$92,000
9499 Chaumont Dr \$145,000
8581 Golf Lane Dr \$155,000
1879 Union Cir \$475,000

5056 Wavewood Dr \$399,000

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28882 Kendallwood Dr \$200,000
23460 N Stockton Ave \$95,000
31880 Nottingham St \$156,000
30986 Pine Cone Dr \$275,000
32701 W 13 Mile Rd \$175,000
36111 W Lyman Rd \$160,000

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50229 Grant St \$268,000
50319 Grant St \$327,000
43590 Hanford Rd \$200,000
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1515 Manton Blvd \$178,000
6172 Meadowview Dr \$299,000
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1438 Wagon Wheel Rd \$189,000
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32251 Elmwood St \$42,000
5651 Gilman St \$55,000
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36796 Angeline Cir \$130,000
38971 Ann Arbor Trl \$120,000
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27615 Bentley St \$128,000
32015 Bretton St \$173,000
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11985 Chase Blvd \$213,000
38888 Donald St \$145,000
18948 Doris St \$130,000
15926 Ellen Dr \$195,000
30021 Fairfax St \$114,000
20305 Hugh St \$125,000
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18361 Norwich Rd \$120,000
29509 Nottingham Ct \$96,000
29538 Pickford St \$147,000
14368 Ramblewood St \$145,000
20125 Rensellor St \$105,000
37571 Saint Martins St \$365,000
44456 Broadmoor Blvd \$370,000
16860 Dover Dr \$130,000
39468 Edgewater Dr \$2,000
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15561 Prestwick Ct \$785,000
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50447 Elmwood Ct \$330,000
40320 Gilbert St \$172,000
46041 Green Valley Rd \$321,000
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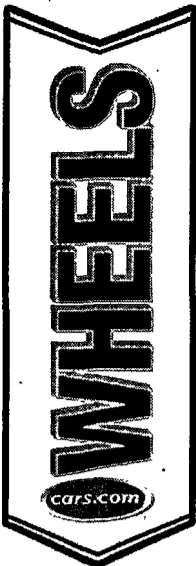
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17714 Kinloch \$55,000
19958 Lennane \$30,000
18284 Lexington \$35,000
14225 Marshall Dr \$166,000
9944 Nathalie \$65,000
20565 Negaunee \$15,000
9621 Seminole \$68,000
11396 Virgil \$65,000
26345 W Six Mile Rd \$66,000
12831 Winston \$32,000

WESTLAND

36050 Abbey Dr \$135,000
6356 E Morgan Cir \$95,000
30400 Ledgecliff Ave \$115,000
32248 Melton Ln \$65,000
34871 Poplar St \$100,000
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