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## Donations pour in for referee's family

Westland man died from injuries after assault

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer



John Bieniewicz

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the 1980s, has helped establish a website to help collect funds to help his family during this time of need.

"It's been unbelievable," said Acho, a Livonia attorney who has served as the family spokesman this past week. "The outpouring of support is amazing and it's been humbling."

Acho and his brother set up a fund shortly after Bieniewicz, who was 44 and lived in Westland with his family, was assaulted by a soccer player he was ejecting from a match last weekend at Mies Park in Livonia. Knowing he did not have a good chance of survival, he knew Bieniewicz's wife and two children would need financial help to cover burial costs, as well as future living expenses. Since the site launched last week, more than \$87,000 has

been pledged from around the globe, as of early Thursday afternoon. Donations continue to come in at all times of day, and have come from places such as Italy, England, China and Indonesia, Acho said. Donations have also come in from many professional sports officiating groups from leagues such as the NFL, NBA and MLB, as well as the United States Soccer Federation. "The outpouring of support is amazing and it's been hum-

bling," he said. "It really bolsters your faith in humanity. People are generally good and care."

He said the support has most likely been amplified by the world's attention on soccer with the World Cup tournament currently taking place in Brazil and their desire to help out an official's family.

It has garnered attention for those looking for soccer-related

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## Bugging out: Teens build creepy, crawly robots

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

When the sun came out, the bugs moved. They weren't your run-of-mill insects. These bugs came dressed up in beads, feathers and googly eyes and jiggled along on paperclip legs powered by a tiny motor and solar cell.

Welcome to robot bugs, an activity offered at the William P. Faust Public Library as part of the teen summer reading program, aptly named Spark a Reaction.

"I really enjoy building things, this is exactly what I want to do," Kylie Morton said. "I actually have done a robot. I have a LEGO one at home. It really works."

The Garden City teen was among more than 20 teens who dropped by the library to try their hand at building a robot.

Using funds provide by the Friends of the Library, teen librarian Jody Wolak purchased the kits from Brown Dog Gages. She constructed one herself to see how they worked and then enlisted the help of adult literacy program coordinator Tara Scott in working with the teens.

"There's no on-and-off switch; if the sun hits it, it will go," she said. "There's strip of solar cells on the top. If you cover them up, they won't go."

The activity was limited to teens in seventh-grade and up. They received a small baggie containing the parts to make a basic bug. A table was set up where participants could customize their insects with feathers, seed beads and glittery "gem stones."

Wolak manned the soldering table, attaching the motor and connecting the wires to the solar cell. Scott manned the glue gun, attaching the paperclip legs and pieces of wire for antenna.



See ROBOTS, Page A2 Chris Hepfinger, 15, of Westland, describes the robot bug. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Council OKs deficit reduction measures

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

With budget amendments approved Tuesday, Wayne has reduced its deficit for the new fiscal year to just under \$700,000.

"When will we meet again to whittle on the rest of the deficit?" asked Councilwoman Susan Rowe.

City Manager Joseph Merucci responded that he and Finance Director James Ghedotte talk about the budget all the time. "When we have more recommendations for council (there will be a meeting). Probably in about three weeks," he said.

The budget cuts and one added revenue to cut the deficit to \$691,527 include:

- » \$184,139 from not replacing two firefighters who recently resigned.

- » A \$339,776 rebate from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, the city's self-insured insurance provider.

- » \$2,200 saved by dropping the city's membership in the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

- » \$16,028 in savings from a position in the Finance Department not filled due to the city's hiring freeze.

Council had earlier cut \$253,190 off the deficit through spending cuts and additional revenues due to charging residents for the full street lighting assessment costs and adding a slight millage increase that will cover televising city council meetings.

With council having approved the sale of the State Wayne Theater, which has operated with a general fund subsidy, the large unresolved question for the city is what will be done with the Wayne Community Center, also subsidized in its current operation.

Plans were presented to partially or fully close the facility. Merucci, who only came on board as city manager in May, asked for additional time to talk with private entities about getting involved with the community center operation. As a result, the city has delayed implementation of the plan closing over half the building, which was to take effect July 1 for about 120 days.

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## Police, fire millage language under review

By LeAnne Rogers  
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A ballot question seeking Wayne voters approval to renew a five-year, one-mill levy to fund police and fire services is likely to appear on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Council voted last week to send the ballot language to the Michigan Attorney General for approval since the millage is levied through the city charter.

Voters approved the one-mill levy in 2010. In order to be legally considered a renew-

al, the ballot question would amend the charter for a 10-year levy, beginning in 2010 or five years from a practical standpoint.

"The 2010 language is identical," said City Manager Joseph Merucci, who corrected his comments last meeting that the ballot language didn't require Attorney General approval.

When the police-fire millage was approved in 2010, Merucci noted the one mill generated about \$670,000. Due to subsequent drops in property values, one mill generates

about \$370,000 in Wayne.

After the millage was approved in 2010, it wasn't added to the existing police and fire budgets to increase their allocations. Instead, the millage revenue maintained spending levels for police and fire while freeing up general fund money that was allocated to parks and recreation.

"I know people had been upset that this was approved (in 2010) and we took money out of the general fund for parks and recreation," Councilwoman Susan Rowe said. "I want to make sure this millage

(is for police and fire) plus what is already allocated in the general fund."

The administration recommends to council, Merucci said, while council makes the decisions.

Voters will also be asked to approve five mills for five years to fund police and fire retirement costs. That would provide funding so the retirement costs wouldn't need to come from the general fund.

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**DONATIONS**

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news, making headlines across the globe in soccer-hungry cities, he said.

"This story was the top story on the London Daily Mail two days ago," Acho said.

Several fundraisers are in the works, he said, including at local Livonia eateries such as East Side Mario's. More details are expected after Bieniewicz's funeral, which was not scheduled as of press time.

Folks looking to help donate can do so at any Huntington Bank branch in Michigan by mentioning his name, as well as drop off donations at the Livonia Police Department. Folks can donate to his family through the site Acho's family has established, johnbieniewicz-memorial.com.

**Waiting on organ donation**

Mary Mazur, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services, said the county had not yet received the remains of John Bieniewicz, who was declared dead by doctors at Detroit Receiving Hospital Tuesday morning.

She said the remains were being maintained so that organ donation could take place.

"He was scheduled to undergo an autopsy (Wednesday) morning," she said. "Due to the fact he is involved in an organ donation procedure ... They are still in the process."

"They have deemed his organs as being fit for transplant purposes."

Acho said he believed the organs would be collected sometime this past Thursday, but was unsure of the exact schedule.

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Tim Makinen is spokesman for Gift of Life, a statewide organization based in Ann Arbor that coordinates some organ donation.

Speaking about the practice in general, Makinen said there are more than 3,300 people on a wait list for organ transplants in Michigan, mostly for kidneys. He said organ donation can be the "silver lining" to any tragic loss of a loved one, knowing many others may continue living with their loved ones' organs.

"It's just an awesome gift," he said. "(Families are) looking beyond their own tragedy and saying 'How can I help others?'"

Bieniewicz worked with pediatric dialysis patients at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and had officiated soccer at various levels, including professional and collegiate matches.

The man who allegedly assaulted Bieniewicz during the match, 36-year-old Dearborn resident Baseel Abdul-Amir Saad, was charged Monday with assault to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony. Since Bieniewicz's death, the charges could change, though Wayne County Prosecutor's Office spokeswoman Maria Miller said there was no update as of early Thursday afternoon.

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**Wayne City Council approves sale of State Wayne Theater**

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Moviegoers can look forward to new upgraded seating at the State Wayne Theater now that it is under new ownership.

With some changes, an agreement to sell the State Wayne Theater to a company connected with current operator Phoenix Theaters was approved by the Wayne City Council Tuesday.

"It has always been my endeavor to see the theater remain permanently open without fear that it will ever close," Councilman James Hawley said. "It is the most important building in the downtown."

Hawley and Councilman John Rhaesa visited the Phoenix Theater in Monroe and met with Phoenix owner Cory Jacobson.

"Some things we found we were very excited about. The company is much better financed than I expected," Hawley said. "They can afford new seats for the theater. That's really important to making the theater profitable."

**New seating**

Owning the theater allows Phoenix to le-



Insight Holdings II LLC is taking over ownership of the State-Wayne Theater, which features a historic marquis that has 1,600 light bulbs and dates back to 1946.

verage the property to finance installation of new luxury seats, Jacobson said. The seats have already been installed in the Monroe theater.

"In two months, attendance is up 52 percent in Monroe. We will spend \$230,000-\$250,000 for the chairs," Jacobson said. "We will fully carpet. It will dramatically change the movie going experience."

There will be fewer seats in the theaters, Jacobson said, but they attract more customers. He noted other amenities, including state-of-the-art digital projection equipment that had already been installed in

the theater.

No cash will be paid with the \$60,000 sale price consisting of unpaid monthly management fees owed by the city to Phoenix Theaters. Those fees were owed prior to April 1, and monthly fees owed since then will be paid by the city.

Wayne acquired the State Wayne in 1991, and for some years operated the theater showing films along with live theater. Over the past decade, the city has spent nearly \$1.4 million on the theater in operating subsidies and capital outlay.

Maintaining the status quo would have cost the

cash-strapped city nearly \$140,000 annually. Closing the theater would have triggered an immediate liability of \$333,600, largely to pay for existing digital equipment leases.

**Maintaining mural**

At an earlier meeting, council had insufficient votes to approve the theater sale. Among the concerns were maintenance of the mural on the side of the theater and what would happen if new owner Insight Holdings II LLC which is related to Phoenix Theaters-Wayne LLC, decided to sell the theater.

Additional language was added to the contract to allow city maintenance of the mural through an easement and to allow the city to make an offer to buy the building should Phoenix wish to sell.

"It's very important that Wayne has the option to buy it. Whether we can afford it or not (isn't known)," Hawley said.

Jacobson commented that he hoped the new luxury seats will be installed at the State Wayne by September.

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**July is Parks and Recreation Month**

July is Parks and Recreation Month. The oldest state park in the U.S. is Niagara State Park in New York, established in 1885. Niagara State Park contains the American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and a portion of the Canadian Falls.

Georgia's Indian Spring State Park has been maintained since 1825, but it did not receive the official "state park" designation until much later. In 1895, Mackinac Island State Park became the very first park to be named a "state park."

Michigan has some of the best parks of any state. Most local parks have no entry fee, but many state parks do have a cost to enter. You can purchase a Recreation Passport for \$11 from the Secretary of State when you renew your license to gain access to over 100 state parks.

Don't want to spring for the Recreation Passport? Here at the Westland Library, we encourage you to play outside this summer, and thanks to MI Big Green Gym, you can visit parks and recreation areas for free. The MI Big Green

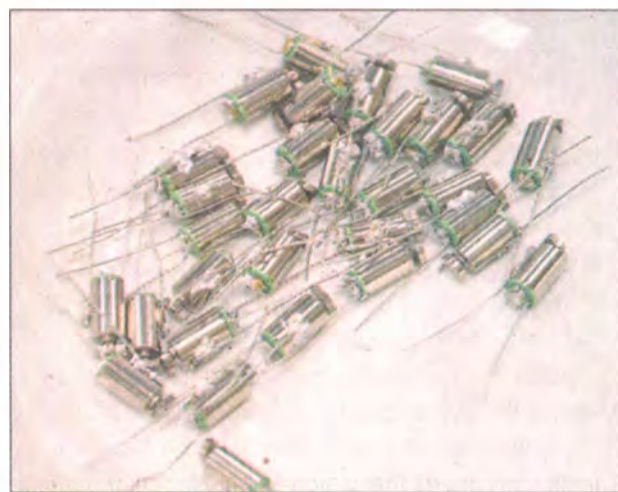
Gym initiative is a partnership between Michigan Recreation and Park Association, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The program is designed to promote overall well-being and a healthy

lifestyle through use of parks (mrpaonline.org).

Visit the Circulation Desk to check out a free pass good for a one-day visit to a state park or any location requiring a Recreation Passport.

If you're interested in more information on MI Big Green Gym, visit westlandlibrary.org or call us at 734-326-6123. For books on the topic of Michigan parks, try *Michigan State Parks: A Complete Recreation Guide or Hiking Michigan*. As a Westland resident, you also have access to digital magazines using an app called Zinio, including *Backcountry, Outdoor Life, and Outside Magazine*.

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



A tiny motor with an asymmetric flywheel, powered by a solar cell, causes the robot bug to dance around. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**ROBOTS**

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"I've already been burned once, I can show you my burn," she said.

**Feather head**

A regular at the library since she was young, Lola Schoemaker of Westland was waiting in line to get a pink feather attached to the head of her bug.

"The wire on the motor has been soldered on, so I got the trial-and-error part out of the way," said Schoemaker, an eighth-grader at Cabrini High School. "This looked cool and interesting; there are always fun things to do at the library."

It was Michael Robinson's mother who sent him to the library. She told him he needed something to do. He used two

paperclips to create his bug's legs and was debating on customizing it. "This is kind of cool ... this whole solar powered thing," he said. "I like science."

The activity had Chris Hepfinger seriously considering joining the Robotics Club at John Glenn High School in the fall. He found his bug didn't move well on the bumpy patio stones, but moved quite a bit when he put on a smoother surface — his cellphone.

Upcoming activities for the teen summer reading program, Spark a Reaction, include a theatrical sword combat demonstration on July 10, a Sci-Fi Expo on July 17 and a Stop Motion Animation Workshop on July 24. For more information, call the library at 734-326-6123.

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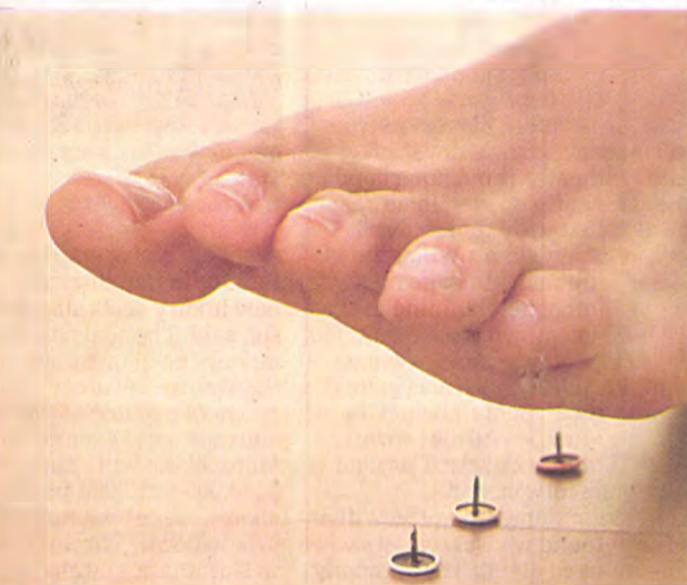
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## New legislation brings opportunities for W-W career, technical programs

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Sue Wilk couldn't have been happier to see Gov. Rick Snyder sign legislation revising the Michigan Merit Curriculum to allow school districts the flexibility to enhance career technical education programs.

The outgoing assistant principal at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland, Wilk has seen how the rigorous high school curriculum has affected the center. The opportunity to add core academic curriculum to different classes will "certainly open up opportunities for students."

"This is definitely advantageous for students in the career technical field," she said. "It also recognizes the fact that there are rigorous academics in career and vocational education. We're excited that the legislature and the governor support career and vocational education that meets the needs of the students, the employers and Michigan in expanding the state's economy."

The governor recently signed into law two bills that will assist more students in



Former student Jason Akerley was able to meet an algebra II requirement because the curriculum was embedded in the welding class he took at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. FILE PHOTO

taking courses where they can obtain technical, employable skills that lead to good jobs.

### Fulfill requirement

Public Act 208 amends the Michigan Merit Curriculum to allow students to fulfill the algebra II requirement by completing a career and technical education program that has the material embedded into lessons. Public Act 209 requires that students be informed about potential career and technical education options and streamlines the

process for students who wish to pursue the personal curriculum option.

"We want to make sure students have options for career-oriented courses that include material from rigorous subjects and that maintain high educational standards," Snyder said. "We know that a strong public education is an important part of Michigan's comeback. Career-technical classes play an important role in developing talent and helping open opportunities for students for jobs of today and tomorrow."

When the Michigan Merit Curriculum was instituted in 2007, the center saw a drop off in enrollment. The program has come back, but there is a concern about this fall, when the new group of students will be required to take a foreign language, Wilk said.

At the William D. Ford Center, four classes have been offered with algebra II embedded in the curriculum — the first year of Construction Technology and Welding, as well as Electronics and Robotics and Alternative Energy. However, because the algebra II is embedded in the classes, it took four semesters to earn

the required credit and reduced the amount of time students were in their career technical program.

"The kids coming out of our career and technical programs move into college and careers," she said. "We do a study a year after they complete the program and find we have a very high number, 90 percent, of our completers who go into post-secondary education, careers or the military."

### Beyond algebra II

She added the center can now look beyond algebra II in incorporating other core academics into other classes.

"We are anxious to look at all opportunities that we have to offer core academic credits in career and vocational education," she said.

The new laws also are being praised by the Michigan Manufacturers Association for maintaining rigorous standards while allowing for more flexibility so that more students achieve a high school diploma that is applicable and relevant to the jobs and careers of the 21st century.

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## ACHIEVERS

**Jasen Dockter** of Garden City has been named to the Dean's List for the winter 2014 semester. To achieve the Dean's List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

**Stephen Bowman** of Westland will receive a scholarship prior to Metro Detroit Youth Day at Belle Isle's athletic fields on Wednesday, July 9. Bowman plans to attend the Art Institute of California in Los Angeles.

The scholarship is part of the Metro Detroit Youth Day Prize Coalition, set up to encourage youth to pursue a college education, and help reduce the financial burden of those who can't afford higher. More than 150 submissions were received this year.

**Thomas Wisniewski** of Garden City has been named to the University of Iowa's Dean's List for the 2014 spring semester.

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering, and the Tippie College of Business who achieve a grade-point average of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more during a given semester and who have no semester hours of incomplete or no grade reported during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the Dean's List for that semester.

**Alexis Baker** of Westland, a student at the Nexus Academy of Royal Oak, will be one of a select number of students from across the country traveling to Stanford Law School in California this July for a 10-day program called Intensive Law and Trail for high-achieving high school students interested in a career in law.

Baker, who ultimately would like to become a prosecuting attorney, will be staying on Stanford's campus July 17-26. As part of the program, she will learn the foundation of law from preeminent legal professionals, including listening to Stanford Law School professors on the practice of law, legal rhetoric and ethics.

## Movie making fun for all starts July 7 at Madonna

Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun of movie-making at Madonna University during the eighth annual Project Accessible Hollywood - PAH-fest. There will be free video contests from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 7-11, and anyone can participate. No experience is necessary. Madonna students and staff provide tips, coaching and equipment for all of the contests. Representatives for the festival will be in the uni-

versity's Franciscan Center Studios, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

This year's contests include:

**Cell Phone Art** — involves making a one-minute video about the topic of the day using cellphone videography.

**Digi-Portraits** — create a two-minute video portrait of yourself or someone else. Complete your video in Madonna's digital editing suites.

**Tone Poems** — are created

using a flip camera to record images that visually express your original music.

Winners of these contests will be awarded cash prizes during the award ceremony Sunday, July 13, and their videos will be posted online.

Created by Hollywood's Christopher Coppola, PAH-fest provides a venue for everyday people to tell their stories through video. Throughout the week, teams of ordinary people from all walks of life, will

be shooting and editing their six-minute MobiFlicks movies that will premiere at the award ceremony on Sunday evening.

Other activities include the screening of the movie *Sand Castles*, a coffee house where anyone can perform or just enjoy the performers, and a panel discussion with actors about how they made it in the movie industry.

To register, visit [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu) and click on PAH-fest under Events.

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The annual outdoor concert series Music From The Heart draws 300 to 400 people every Thursday night to Civic Center Park in Livonia. FILE PHOTO

## Music from the Heart starts Thursday

Music From the Heart, the free outdoor concert series sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission and the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department, starts Thursday with a performance by Toppermost, a Beattle tribute band. Concerts are held 7-9 p.m. every Thursday during July and August

on the steps of Livonia City Hall located at Five Mile and Farmington roads.

Following is the schedule:

- » July 10: Toppermost - Beattle tribute
- » July 17: Pete and the Parrot heads - Jimmy Buffet music
- » July 24: The Earth Angels - dance

» July 31: Midnight Special - The Classic Rock Experience - '70s rock

- » Aug. 7: Motor City Soul, LLC - classic rock
- » Aug. 14: Sinjon Smith with special guest Steve Nickel - country
- » Aug. 21: Matt King - Elvis impersonator
- » Aug. 28: Steve King & the Dittiles - oldies

## DIA offers free rides for Wayne County Day

The Detroit Institute of Arts is providing free bus transportation to and from the museum Saturday, July 26, for Wayne County residents. This is the second Wayne County Day hosted by the DIA.

Visitors can browse the collection, take part in an art-making activity and view the free photography exhibition *Detroit* - Bruce Weber.

Shopping and eating are always part of a fun day, and the DIA has plenty of both. Café DIA offers entrees, a decked-out salad bar, grill station, sandwiches and scrumptious desserts. Kresge Court diners can enjoy gourmet snacks, sandwiches, salads and desserts.

Both restaurants offer a variety of beverages, including Starbucks

coffee, beer and wine. The museum shop carries a selection of art-related items, many of which cannot be found in other area stores.

Convenient parking is available at each departure location. Round-trip transportation and admission is free, but reservations are required. To reserve a spot, call 313-833-4005 or visit tickets.dia.org. The western Wayne County locations and schedule are:

» Westland Public Library, 6123 Central Parkway, Westland. Bus departs library at 9:30 a.m. Bus departs DIA at 2 p.m.

» Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia. Bus departs recreation center at 9:30 a.m. Use Five Mile parking lot east of rec

center entrance. Bus departs DIA at 2 p.m.

There also will be stops at the Downriver Council for the Arts, 81 Chestnut, Wyandotte; Matrix Human Services Center, 13560 McNichols E., Detroit; Don Bosco Hall, 19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, and the Brownstown Event Center, 23345 King Road, Brownstown.

Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. General admission (excludes ticketed exhibitions) is free for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county residents and DIA members. For all others, the cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors age 62 and older, and \$4 for ages 6-17.

# Redford joins push to stop county from selling sewer system

By Beth Jachman  
Staff Writer

Redford Township is adding its voice to a group of communities opposed to Wayne County's plan to sell a wastewater treatment system to eliminate a budget deficit.

The reason: Officials don't think Wayne County owns the system.

The leaders of the majority of the communities think the Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System, according to Redford Township Department of Public Services Director John Selmi.

The communities that use the system plan to seek a court ruling on who owns it. Redford's Board of Trustees approved joining the group at a special meeting Tuesday prior to a scheduled conference call among the communities this coming week.

The Rouge Valley system communities are also looking at joining with the Downriver system communities to fight this, Selmi said, as the county is also proposing the sale of the Downriver system.

The Rouge Valley system is part of the Wayne County Rouge River Watershed Wastewater Facilities, which consists of 15 communities: the cities of Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, River Rouge, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne, and Westland and Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, and Van Buren townships.

*"This is a big decision. I think we have to have the opportunity to look through this,"*

PAT MCRAE  
Township trustee

### Deficit elimination

Wayne County, earlier this year, presented a plan to eliminate a \$175 million deficit or face appointment of an emergency finance manager. Close to \$120 million of that money is to be raised by selling the wastewater treatment systems.

The county's trying to eliminate a deficit on the backs of the people in Wayne County, township attorney Jeff Clark said.

The primary revenue comes from the rate payers, township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz said.

If the systems are sold to a third party, whoever purchases them would want to recoup their costs, probably meaning higher rates, Kobylarz said.

Some 90 percent of the township's waste goes to the Rouge Valley system, Selmi said.

Trustee Jay Johnson said the scenario sounded like a bank manager deciding he owns the bank because he managed a branch.

But if the communities don't do something, the county will gain legs to stand on, Johnson said.

Township Trustee Pat McRae questioned vot-

ing to go forward without knowing what the specific cost would be. "We should know if it's \$30,000 or \$200,000," he said.

"We don't know that cost, but what's the cost if we don't go forward," Selmi said.

Clark assured the board they could pull out later if needed. The communities want to ask a court to say Wayne County doesn't own the system so they can't sell it, Clark said.

### Fast decision

"This was just handed to us," Trustee Michael Sullivan said. "I just don't feel comfortable making this decision today."

"This is a big decision," McRae said. "I think we have to have the opportunity to look through this," he said of the paperwork.

The vote is to explore the idea and the township has the right to withdraw, Johnson said.

"I don't think the group is looking for all the communities to sign a blank check," Clark said.

The group is looking for a consensus and the division of costs can't be decided until the group knows how many communities will join in, he said.

"I feel we should put our hat in the ring," Township Treasurer Lily Cavanagh said.

"Our voice together is a bit stronger," she said.

"At this point there's no lawsuit," township Clerk Garth Christie said. "We oppose (part of) the deficit elimination plan."

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## Hospital auxiliary seeks holiday card art

The Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary is now accepting artwork submissions for its annual holiday greeting card fundraiser. Original artwork submissions are accepted from children to adults, and amateur to professional artists.

Holiday cards will be available for sale in the fall with the chosen artwork displayed on the front and information about the artist displayed prominently on the back. The winning artist will also be awarded \$100.

Proceeds from the holiday cards go to support the Auxiliary's mission of caring for pediatric patients and their families. More than 10,000 cards are sold annually, and more than 500,000 have been sold to date. Once published, the cards will be available for purchase at childrenshospitalofmichiganauxiliary.org, the Something Special Gift Shop inside the Children's Hospital of Michigan and select retailers.

In 2013, the artwork celebrated the life of Natalie Thomson, a pediatric patient who lost her battle against renal disease just before her first birthday. Natalie's sisters, Claire and Lucy, created the design to honor her life and those who cared for her.

For entry to the contest, artwork must be dropped off or mailed to Something Special Gift Shop, located at 3901 Beaubien Detroit, MI 48201, by July 31. To obtain a form with contest details and entry requirements, visit childrenshospitalofmichiganauxiliary.org.

Established in 1949, the Auxiliary is focused on raising funds to support the care, education and well-being of pediatric patients and their families throughout the region. Since 1990, the Auxiliary has raised and donated more than \$4.5 million to various projects and programs through the holiday card fundraiser and Something Special Gift Shop. For more information call the Something Special Gift Shop at 313-745-5425.

# Timeshares not greatest investment

**Q: Dear Rick: We've been to your seminars and we read your column, however, we've never heard you discuss timeshares. My wife and I just returned from a vacation where we looked at a timeshare. After sitting down with a representative of the company and going through the numbers I believe whether we use the timeshare for our vacation or rent it out, it would be a good investment. My wife disagrees. I hope you can persuade her to go my way. The timeshare we're thinking of purchasing is in Hawaii.**

**A: I hate to burst your bubble but I agree with your wife. Timeshares are not good investments. A timeshare may be good for future vacations but it's not an investment where you can hope to make money.**

An investment is something that's going to generate



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

income on a regular basis or appreciate in value when sold. Unfortunately, timeshares don't fit those criteria.

It is very difficult to sell timeshares. Even though the Internet has made it easier, there are still a lot more sellers than buyers. Historically, when you look at what timeshares have sold for on the secondary market, they're generally selling for less than half of what people originally paid. Timeshares are not good investments for the long run.

In most timeshares you can sell your allotted time. So, if you have a week in Hawaii you could sell that week. However, selling a particular week is not necessarily the easiest thing to do.

In addition, when you look at the prices you're receiving they are not that favorable once you factor in the commissions. Look at some of the resale sites. It's not unusual to pay upwards of 30 percent in commissions.

If someone was thinking about buying a timeshare I would tell them to focus on quality of life not on investment potential. In addition, as opposed to buying directly from the developer, I would look at purchasing one on the secondary market. In many situations you can buy a timeshare for one-third of the price on the secondary market.

Whether you buy a new timeshare or one on the secondary market, it is important to understand your rights and responsibilities. Remember, not all timeshares are the same. Do your homework so you're not buying into a property that's not maintained and

managed properly.

In addition, it is important to know what you are going to pay on a yearly basis. Not only do you purchase the timeshare upfront (typically, somewhere in the \$20,000 range), you have an obligation to pay a yearly maintenance fee.

I have known many people who have purchased timeshares, some think they made the right decision, others have regretted it. However, one thing I have yet to see is anyone who's made money by selling their timeshare.

Look at it as investment in your future vacations, not as an investment for your retirement.

Good luck.

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New pavilions, benches and landscaping are among the improvements at Westland's popular Tattan Park, home of the H2O Zone Spray Park.

## Popular H2O Zone reopens after park makeover

A popular Westland city park has reopened to the public after a multimillion dollar upgrade.

The new and improved Tattan Park on Carlson, south of Ford Road, reopened Thursday, just in time for the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Improvements to Tattan Park and the adjacent Central City Park, where a pavilion is being built to house the weekly Farmers Market, were made possible through funds from the Westland Downtown

Development Authority.

"I'm thrilled that the long-awaited reopening of the park is here," Mayor William R. Wild said. "Tattan Park, home to Play Planet, one of the largest play structures anywhere in the United States, and the H2O Zone Spray Park are among the city's finest amenities."

The nearly \$4 million capital investment includes several new park pavilions, with electricity, that are available for rent. There's also a 1,000-

square-foot concession area that will open for business in mid-July. Family-friendly restrooms, also will be available in mid-July. In the meantime, portable toilets will be available at the park. Other amenities include park benches and improved shade areas.

Residents can enjoy the park and spray zone free of charge until Aug. 1, at which time the city will begin charging a nominal fee for access to the H2O Zone Spray Park. Fees will be earmarked to offset

costs associated with park maintenance and rangers who will be on site.

The fee will be \$3 per resident per visit to the Spray Zone. Family discount passes will be available. Non-Westland residents shall be charged a fee of \$10.

"Residents love these parks and for those enjoying their summer in our All American City, I can think of no better place in which to enjoy a warm, lazy summer afternoon," Wild said.

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Classics, hot rods and customs will be participating in the cruise on Wayne Road in Westland and along Michigan Avenue in Wayne. SUBMITTED



Classic cars parked on the lawn of the Westland Historical Village Park as part of the inaugural All American Cruise last year. PHOTO BY STAN SHELTON

# Cruisers ready to roll through Wayne, Westland

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Classics, customs and hot rods will take over Wayne Road in Westland and Michigan Avenue in Wayne as the two communities stage their annual cruises Saturday, July 12.

In Westland, the cruise will start with a kickoff party Friday evening along Warren Road between Newburgh and Wayne Road to "bring business to Westland businesses" and move over to Wayne Road from Joy on the north to Glenwood on the south on Saturday.

"My ultimate goal is to make Westland the cruise capital of Wayne County," said Don Nicholson, who is organizing the event. "We estimate we had 9,000 cars for the inaugural cruise based on the number of green paper All American Cruise street signs that were given out. I'm looking for 15,000 this year. That would make me happy."

This year's cruise will start at 8 a.m. and have two "epicenters" — the Westland Historic Village Park, where commemorative dash plaques will be given out to the first 100 classic cars (at least 25 years old) that come in and park, and at the Wayne Ford Civic League.

The Westland Historic Village will be doing a fundraiser and passing out commemorative dash plaques to the first 100 cars that stop by. They will also be hosting some vendors like MotorCities National Heritage Area and the Detroit Grand Prix car.

### Pull in and park

Both locations will have vendor areas and room for cars to pull in and park and pop the hood. There will also be vendors at the Wayne Ford Civic League. All vendor fees will go directly to each location. Both the village and

the Civic League will be giving out the free green mini cruise signs — Nicholson has 10,000 of them to pass out — while official cruise T-shirts and tank tops will be on sale at the Civic League for \$20 each.

There also will be plenty of places along Wayne Road for spectators to watch the cars as well as areas where cruisers can stop and watch themselves.

"Last year, one of the hubs seemed to be Town 'n Country Lanes where people pulled in and parked," he said. "It didn't hurt that Howe Collision was giving away free hot dogs next door."

Last year, businesses set up tables and gave out free samples, and Nicholson expects that to happen this year. It's a good way for people to get to know them, he said.

Vendors can still get a spot at the cruise by calling Nicholson at 734-658-5296 or by email at Don@DonNicholson.net.

### In downtown Wayne

This is the second year for Cruisin' US12 in the city of Wayne. For five years, it had been part of the Cruisin' Michigan Avenue event.

"I hope we have more cars than last year; we had thousands of cars cruising and parking along Michigan Avenue," said John Goci, who is leading the all-volunteer committee that is putting on the event. "This is the biggest single-day event in downtown Wayne."

It kicks off at 10 a.m. and runs until midnight. The cruising will stretch from Merriman on the east and Newburgh on the west. There's no need to register for the event, just show up and cruise, Goci said.

There will be plenty of areas along the route for cruisers to park and show off their cars and for spectators to watch. Back for a second year



Cruise fans will again get to see a Detroit Grand Prix car on display during the All American Cruise in Westland. PHOTO BY STAN SHELTON

will be the Just Hearse'N Around car club from Hell, Mich.

Also returning will be The LEGO Man, who will set up his LEGO city in town, and venues along the route will have entertainment and activities.

The cruise will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Ford Mustang, and many Mustang car clubs have been invited to attend. Car clubs interested in securing specific spots to show off their cars can call Goci at 734-637-1430.

"I'm excited that this year's cruise will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mustang, considering we have one of the biggest Ford Plants in the world right here in Wayne — the Michigan Assembly Plant," volunteer Misty Dubois said.

Volunteers have been passing out fliers to promote the cruise. Goci was Downriver last weekend, inviting cruisers in the Downriver Cruise along Fort Street to stop by Wayne this weekend.

"The appeal of Wayne is that it's a great place to

take the kids and watch the cars," he said. "It's a great way to view the classic cars. Downtown Wayne is the perfect venue for a cruise. It is very walkable and great

for cruisers — four lanes with great turn-arounds."

For more information about the event and volunteer opportunities, visit [cruisinus12.com](http://cruisinus12.com) or call Goci at 734-637-1430.

More information about Cruisin' US12 can be found on its Facebook page.

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# Knezek proposes bill to allow holding elections by mail

A western Wayne County lawmaker recently introduced legislation that, if approved, would provide election administrators with the tools they need to hold elections by mail.

"House Bill 5693 takes an innovative approach to encouraging more participation among the electorate, saves our local communities money and dramatically improves administrative efficiency," said State Rep. Knezek, D-DeARBorn Heights. "Michigan voters expect their legislators to develop creative solutions to complicated problems. This proposal would allow local clerks to hold an election, if they so choose, by replicating the absentee ballot process for every registered voter — eliminating the costs associated with poll site rental fees, training and poll worker salaries." HB 5693 provides the

Michigan Secretary of State and local clerks with the necessary legislative framework to allow for elections by mail, if the local election administrator chooses. The proposal outlines how ballots should be prepared, handled and delivered, while still allowing for administrative rules for proper implementation.

"One of the most important aspects of this proposal is that it goes to great lengths to secure the validity of our elections, which is a concern for many. Among other protections, election workers are required to compare every ballot signature with the signature on the voter's registration card," Knezek said. "The proposal also includes important language that allows the Michigan Secretary of State to promulgate rules so that this new tool can

be put to its best use."

"There are 17 states who offer some form of election by mail, so there is a wealth of knowledge and information available about how to best implement this proposal," he said.

After looking at how Washington, Oregon and Colorado have implemented this type of an election statewide, Knezek said it was easy to see the benefits.

"According to a recent study, the costs associated with conducting elections by mail are one-third to one-half as much as traditional polling place elections," he added. "As revenue sharing for municipalities has been slashed across the state, it is of absolute importance that we are providing local officials with the tools they need to be efficient and save taxpayer dollars whenever it is most feasible."

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# COUNTDOWN IS ON TO MUD DAY 2014

Wayne County Parks will be making mud, lots of mud this week in preparation for the 26th annual Mud Day in Hines Park.

A popular summer event for youngsters and adults alike, Mud Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, in the Nankin Mills area of the park.

Parks workers will be creating a 75-foot by 150-foot mud pit where fans can splash in it, sit in it and cake on their bodies. There will be games where youngsters will be separated into age categories to test their skills at "Mud Limbo" and wheelbarrow races before the 2014 King and Queen of Mud are crowned.

Parks officials recommend that children

wear old clothes and shoes and bring a clean change of clothing. There are no showers on-site; however, a cleanup area is available with hoses to aid in rinsing off the mud, courtesy of the Western Wayne County Hazmat team which uses the event for training purposes.

It's also recommended that parents bring a supply of towels. Plastic bags will be provided for dirty clothes.

The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For more information on Mud Day or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit the parks website at [parks.waynecounty.com](http://parks.waynecounty.com).



It's mayhem in the mud as kids run into the mud pit at the 25th annual Mud Day celebration at the Nankin Mills picnic area of Hines Park. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Livonia World War II veteran Joseph Girolamo, in front, is surrounded by family members at the award presentation: nephew Joe Girolamo of Redford, Mike and daughter Joyce Hermann of Plymouth, and niece Dona and Roger Black of Livonia.

JOYCE HERMANN

## Livonia veteran first to be honored in new program recognizing Greatest Generation

World War II veteran Joseph A. Girolamo, 93, of Livonia was honored June 26 by the Sons of the American Legion at Livonia's American Legion Post 32.

He is the first World

War II veteran to be recognized in a new monthly program honoring America Legion Post 32 members who are among America's Greatest Generation.

The program was

initiated by Charlie Wagner, chaplain for the Sons of the American Legion.

The group decided to honor a WWII veteran once a month by presenting the veteran with a plaque in recognition and honor of their service to this great county. During the summer months the event is taking place at the Thursday night car shows hosted by the post and will continue at the Sons of the American Legion meetings in the fall.

Girolamo enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. He was a staff sergeant and combat engineer who served in Africa, Italy and France during the war.

Girolamo gave a short speech about a few of his

WWII memories and about his time as the drill instructor for the Post 32 honor guard. The event was attended by proud family members, including daughter and son-in-law Joyce and Mike Hermann of Plymouth, nephew Joe Girolamo of Redford, niece Kristina and husband Greg Zub with daughters Allie and Bella of Livonia and niece Dona and Roger Black of Livonia.

A plaque was presented to Girolamo. It will hang at Post 32 until a new honoree is named next month.

For more information regarding Sons of the American Legion, contact Charlie Wagner at [cwagner@flexibleplan.com](mailto:cwagner@flexibleplan.com) or 248-642-6640, ext. 160.

## Zoo offers visual guide for guests with autism

ROYAL OAK — The Detroit Zoo is taking another step in its effort to accommodate diverse audiences by offering a visual guide for guests with autism. The online guide — which helps set expectations for animal habitats, rides, attractions and other experiences at the zoo — was prepared in collaboration with the Autism Alliance of Michigan.

The 31-page downloadable guide, called "The Zoo and Autism," provides information about the Detroit Zoo experience along with pictures and fun facts. The narrative also advises individuals with autism about certain characteristics of the habitats and attractions that might concern them — for example, unfamiliar sights and sounds or proximity to free-ranging animals — and it provides guidance on how to respond.

According to Stacie Rulison, secretary of the Michigan Autism Council and author of the guide, the images that accompany the narrative are intended to reinforce the visual learning aspect of individuals with autism.

"Visual aids are beneficial in that many individuals with autism have difficulty with communication and may use visuals as a primary or supplemental communication method," Rulison said. "Visuals communicate

a level of expectation and routine for a social outing and assist in acclimating or mediating unknown or potentially unpredictable or stressful situations."

In addition to the visual guide, all full- and part-time Detroit Zoo staff and seasonal employees, as well as 90 individuals from 32 local public safety and social services agencies, attended Michigan Autism Safety Training at the zoo. The training covered the do's and don'ts of working with guests with autism as well as tips on how to assist the guests' caregivers.

"We want all of our guests to have the best possible zoo experience, so we have been working through a series of initiatives addressing the needs of various audiences to make that happen," said Alexis Means, guest relations director for the Detroit Zoological Society.

To download the visual guide and view other special-needs accommodations at the Detroit Zoo, visit [detroitzoo.org/Plan/special-needs.html](http://detroitzoo.org/Plan/special-needs.html).

The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic habitats, the Detroit Zoo is located at 10 Mile and Woodward Avenue off I-696 in Royal Oak.

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**NAILS**  
I am talking about fingernails. They are as much a part of the hands as the joints and the palms and provide physicians much valuable information.  
For example, the nails may show transverse ridges, that is lines in the nails that go right to left, called Beau's lines. These ridges appear after severe illness or following chemotherapy; physicians seeing these lines know before asking a question that the patient has experienced recent physical stress.  
A person with psoriatic arthritis is well aware of his or her nails. Nail pits are a feature of psoriasis; the dermatologist will invariably inspect the nails to assess if current treatment is successful.  
Possibly the most famous nail feature is clubbing, so called because the nail changes its form, becoming higher and larger at its base, somewhat in the fashion of a club. There is a hereditary form of clubbing, but it is rare. Physicians most often associate clubbing with serious lung or heart conditions, particularly lung cancer.  
The finger nail plays an important role in Berger's Disease, Raynaud's Phenomenon and Scleroderma. In Berger's disease, the digital arteries of the hand are extremely sensitive to tobacco, even a single cigarette puff can cause digital artery spasm sufficient to start gangrene at the nail line. In Raynaud's, digital spasm causes the area in and around the nail bed to turn white; in Scleroderma, the nail bed area is susceptible to small ulcers that often become infected.  
Other ways that nails reflect disease is with spoon nails in iron deficiency and blue lines seen in arsenic poisoning.  
It is with good reason that physicians prefer the unadorned hand. Too much is hidden from medical inspection with nail polish or the addition of false or manicured nails.

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Curious puppies play in the backyard.



These are fun times for the puppies, but they'll be working dogs for Leader Dogs for the Blind when they grow up.

# LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Local family plays host to Leader Dog pups

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

When they were younger, Alexa and Colette Cichon always wanted a dog.

They certainly got what they wanted – and more.

Later this week, their Canton family will watch five more dogs, the latest litter of their Golden Retriever, Polo, walk out the door on their way to lives of service with Leader Dogs for the Blind (www.leader-dog.org), the Rochester Hills-based group that provides free guide dogs to blind or visually impaired people.

That makes three dozen puppies the Cichons have bred with Polo, the Leader Dog breeder they've fostered for the last five years or so.

"It's a wonderful program," Michelle Cichon, mom to Alexa and Colette, said of Leader Dogs. "Everything they do is free, they put so much time and energy into it. (Leader Dogs) gives these people the freedom to go out in the world and provides that independence for them."

The Cichon family got into the Leader Dog business after dad Scott Cichon talked to a Leader Dog volunteer in the Canton McDonald's years ago. The kids had been wanting a dog, so Scott and Michelle agreed to take in Ginger, the first Leader Dog pup the family fostered.

But the pups only stay in the family for a year, during which time the host family trains the pups, teaches them to socialize and gets them ready for their future. At the end of that year, Ginger had grown on the girls.

"It was really hard to give Ginger up," Alexa said. "Being attached to her for the whole year – it was difficult. We loved her."

Polo, meanwhile, had been fostered by a family in Chicago. When that family couldn't keep her, Polo was brought to Canton and into the Cichon family. Polo has birthed five litters totaling 36 puppies, the latest five of which are headed to Rochester Hills later this week.

As the routine – and the emotion – became more familiar, the "giving them up" part has gotten easier. Part of that has to do with the responsibility – feeding five puppies, taking them outside, helping them learn.

"They're a lot of work, so it's not that hard any more to let them go," Alexa said, though she said it with a smile.

Though it's hard work, it's work for Leader Dogs for the Blind officials appreciate. The group depends heavily on host families as a means for properly training their dogs.

With host homes, Leader Dogs for the Blind would have to



Michelle Cichon, center, with daughters Colette and Alexa, Golden Retriever Polo and Polo's five puppies. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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**BIRTH**

**MILESTONES**

**LAVERNE STEVEN PRYCE**

LaVerne Steven Pryce was born June 5 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

His parents are Steven and Kyle Pryce of Plymouth. Grandparents are Wayne and Mary Kay Pryce of Northville and Randy and Sue Woods of Fowlerville.



LaVerne Steven Pryce

**ANNIVERSARY**

**MILESTONES**

Charles and Margaret (Sirola) Drury of Redford will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary

July 9. The couple married in 1949 in Detroit. They've lived in Redford for 65 years.



Charles and Margaret Drury on their wedding day in 1949



Margaret and Charles Drury of Redford

**BIRTH**

**MILESTONES**

**JACOB ADAM GEISER**

Jacob Adam Geiser was born June 5, 2014, at Botsford Hospital in

Farmington Hills. Jacob joins his parents, Josh and Tracey Geiser, and his sister, Kylee Marie, 2, at home in Plymouth.



Jacob Adam Geiser

**ANNIVERSARY**

**MILESTONES**

**CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE**

Robert and Nancy (Kinjorski) Jones will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary July 24. They were married in 1954 in Livonia.

The couple has lived in Livonia 48 years. Their children are Laura of Brighton, Robert of Westland, Larry of Gar-

den City, Donna of Livonia, Diane of Fowlerville, John of Howell, Don of Bear Lake, and the late Greg Jones.

They also have 20 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Robert has been retired from Brewer Roofing for 13 years. Nancy is a homemaker.

They plan to celebrate their milestone anniversary with a family dinner.



Robert and Nancy Jones on their wedding day in 1954.



Robert and Nancy Jones of Livonia

**ENGAGEMENT**

**MILESTONES**

**PIVETTA-SWANSON**

Jessica Pivetta and Steve Swanson announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Amy Pivetta and Walter Pivetta, Jr., of Livonia, is a Midwest regional trainer for Outback Steakhouse and has a B.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Rena Swanson of Commerce Township, is a tax analyst for Ilitch Holdings and has a B.S. degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He also has his CPA



Jessica Pivetta and Steve Swanson

license. Their wedding is planned for August 2014 at Shrine Chapel at Our Lady of Orchard Lake.

**JULY**

**CAR WASH**

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City  
**Contact:** 734-427-3660

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** Branches Band will perform sacred and secular music  
**Contact:** 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655

**CROONING IN THE COURTYARD**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. July 9 and 31  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Details:** Sing-along and karaoke event; bring your own chair, instruments  
**Contact:** 734-427-3660

**DVD SERIES**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Wednesday, began July 2  
**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** View a 36-part series, "Holy Land Revealed" on biblical archeology by Jodi Magness, a professor in the Department of Religious Studies at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Free  
**Contact:** Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931 or email nancyklen879@att.net

**FILM**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 and 16  
**Location:** St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Free movies are *The NeverEnding Story*, on July 9 and *Gravity* on July 16. Refreshments provided and a brief discussion will follow the screenings.  
**Contact:** RSVP to 734-425-5950

**MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 26  
**Location:** Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Levee, Redford  
**Details:** Free festival with Christian music performances by This Fire Within, The Repeat Offenders, Bekah Greenman, Aaron Lucas and Co., Connor Roy, Heavenly Embers and more. Crafters and vendors will be on site 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Contact:** 313-937-2424; www.HosannaTabor.org

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 16  
**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Bag sale, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday; scrap metal collection runs July 14-18  
**Contact:** 734-427-2290

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. July 15-17  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City  
**Details:** An ice cream social will be held in conjunction with the sale on July 16. Cost for ice cream is a goodwill offering  
**Contact:** 734-427-3660

**SERMON SERIES**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday through summer  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** Sermon series on The Lord's Prayer  
**Contact:** 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655

**SOCCER MINI-CAMP**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. July 21-24  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** For children, 5-12, of any skill level; \$20 per student includes T-shirt, instruction, snack and take-home soccer ball  
**Contact:** 734-522-6830; info@christoursavior.org

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon July 7-11  
**Location:** St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The "Workshop of Wonders" is open for potty-trained 3-year-olds through students entering sixth grade. Includes songs, crafts, snacks, science, recreation and interactive Bible stories. Cost is \$10 per child; \$30 for families of 4 or more.  
**Contact:** 734-422-6038

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. July 21-25  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Contact:** 734-427-3660; groupvbbs.com/vbs/ez/goodhope

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. July 28-31  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran

**RELIGION CALENDAR**

Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne  
**Contact:** 734-728-1950

**YARD SALE**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia  
**Details:** Runs rain or shine and includes gently used items, craft supplies, baked goods, and baskets — wrapped and ready for gift-giving — with cat, comfort, car, soothing and child-pleasing themes. Proceeds fund mission team trip to South Dakota  
**Contact:** Mary at 248-471-1322 or Melissa at 734-466-8694

**YOGA CLASSES**

**Time/Date:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. July 8, 15 and 22  
**Location:** St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** Lauren Burtell teaches a Tuesday yoga class. Walk in each class for \$10  
**Contact:** Burtell at 313-671-7909

**ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY**

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

**Our Lady of Loretto**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000

**St. Michael the Archangel**

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.  
**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

**Ward Presbyterian**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** 248-374-5920

**FAMILY MEAL**

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

Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

**MOMS Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

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**BARR, ISABELLA**

Age 101, of Farmington Hills, died June 26, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Joseph (d. 1998); devoted mother of Patricia (Leo) Zacharski, and Barbara (Dennis) Smith; cherished grandmother of Paul (Deanna) Zacharski, Jane (Tim) Selberg, Ann (Scott) Strobel and Stephen (Meagen) Smith; and great-grandmother of Angela, Emma, Jenna, Zoe, and Archie. In addition to her husband, Isabella was preceded in death by her son Alan. Funeral service Sunday, July 6, 3:00 p.m., at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Sunday 1-3 p.m. Memorial gifts suggested to Sweet Dreamzzz, Farmington, MI, sweetdreamzzz.org.  
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**GEHRINGER, NORMA**

Funeral services for Norma Gehringer, age 79 of Bottineau, North Dakota, were held on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nero Funeral Home in Bottineau. Officiating at the service was the Reverend Desiree Uhrich. Nancy Olson was the organist and the congregation sang selected hymns. Casket bearers were all family and friends in attendance. Burial was at the Oak Creek Cemetery in Bottineau. Norma Gehringer, a daughter of Elias and Hilda (Hagen) Dunderland was born on September 18, 1934 at Bottineau. She was reared there and later graduated from Bottineau High School. She then went on to receive her degree in nursing in Minot. She went to Chicago for a time and then she moved to Colorado Springs. In 1961, she married Don Gehringer at Livonia, Michigan. This marriage later ended. She worked as a nurse at a nursing home in Livonia for over 30 years. In 2000, she moved to Bottineau and she worked part time at St. Andrew's Hospital until she retired due to her health. Norma passed away on Friday, June 27, 2014 at a Bottineau hospital. She is survived by her son, Doug Gehringer of Lake Oswego, Oregon; grandsons, Drew and Luke Gehringer; sister, Adeline (Gordon) Wettlaufer of Bottineau and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Robert; one brother, Ellsworth Dunderland and two sisters, Marlene Harms and Anne Smith. Arrangements were with Nero Funeral Home in Bottineau. Friends may sign the online register book at  
www.nerofuneralhome.net



**EDDLEMON NARVELLE N.**

Age 90, of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Eugene for 39 years. Loving mother of Billy Ray (Linda) Eddlemon. Cherished grandmother of Lori, Michelle (Hank) Flynn, Kara, and Brad. Great grandmother of Rory and Blake Flynn. Dear sister of Bonnie Morris, Alfred (Arlene) Smithson, and Joan Howard. She leaves behind many other loving family members and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Sunday 1-8 p.m. Interment will take place in Hombeak, Tennessee. Please share memories at fredwoodfuneralhome.com  
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**HALE, MARGARET V.**

Age 91, of Portland, Maine passed away on June 29, 2014 at The Cedars in Portland. She was born, Margaret Viola Erdelyi, on August 8, 1922 in Delray, Michigan, a daughter of Baylis and Rebecca (Lengyel) Erdelyi. She was raised in Plymouth, Michigan, where she met and married David V. Hale, also of Plymouth. Margaret was a proud veteran of the United States Navy and served in World War II. She was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling and was an active, employed office manager well into her 70's. Most of all, however, Margaret loved her family. Margaret is survived by her sisters, Alice Hale and Barbara "Pidge" Case, her children David J. Hale, Kristin Hale, Terri Hale, John Hale and Martha Hale. She is also survived by her grandchildren; Kimberly Matthews, Jefferson Hale, Laura Guerrero, Sara Hale and Jake Hale. Arrangements are under the care of Coastal Cremation Services, Portland, Maine. To share memories and condolences with the family, please go to: [coastalcremationservices.com](http://coastalcremationservices.com)

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## Seniors meet stroke robot at aging conference

Seniors and their caregivers listened to clinical experts on a variety of health topics, browsed exhibits and participated in free health screenings at the fourth annual Healthy Aging Conference, held June 28 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

"I've attended the Healthy Aging Conference in the past," said Patricia Krolikowski of Plymouth, in a news release. "Every year, there's something different that I find interesting and helpful. I learned about the health screenings and immunizations I should be having as an aging adult, and the free exercise classes offered at the hospital."

Krolikowski was one of more than 100 seniors who participated in the free event. After learning how to reduce the risk of a stroke and recognize warning signs in the first of four seminar presentations, attendees were introduced to the stroke robot.

Through the Michigan Stroke Network's Remote Presence Robotics, St. Mary Mercy Livonia and a select group of Michi-

gan hospitals are able to offer advanced stroke care.

"The robot was amazing," said Margo Gerber of Northville, a volunteer who took part in the robot demonstration. "I could not believe the stroke specialist from St. Joseph Mercy Oakland was evaluating me through the robot. It was just wonderful to see how advanced and comprehensive care can be."

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland and St. Mary Mercy Livonia are members of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and partners with the Michigan Stroke Network.

Other seminar presentations advised seniors on how to maintain independence, access community resources and eat healthy. Clinicians were available for specific health screenings, including memory, balance, mental health, podiatry and weight.

For more information about the senior services offered at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, visit [stmarymercy.org/seniorservices](http://stmarymercy.org/seniorservices).



Margo Gerber (right) of Northville participates in a demonstration of the Michigan Stroke Network's Remote Presence Robotics, which allows St. Mary Mercy Hospital and a select group of Michigan hospitals to offer advanced stroke care. The robot was part of the "All About Stroke" presentation by Gail Schramek, nurse practitioner (center), at the Healthy Aging Conference Saturday, June 28, at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. The robot allows a remote physician to speak, see and interact with patients. Jim Aldrich, physician services, holds a microphone for the robot.

## Stick with your meal plan to stay healthy

Making healthy food choices is the key to staying healthy, feeling better and managing and preventing diabetes. Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, and by controlling it, most cases of kidney failure can be prevented or delayed. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan offers these tips on eating healthy while still enjoying the many foods summer has to offer:

» At a summer buffet, scan the table. Fill your plate with vegetables and whole grains. You can include meat dishes, but the portion should be limited to the size and thickness of a deck of cards. If you choose to eat meat, stick with lean meats such as poultry or fish instead of high fat meats, like barbecued ribs. Choose grilled chicken (remove the skin)

instead of something fried.

» Look for high-fiber foods, such as dried beans and peas, lentils, and dark green vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, spinach, and kale. Dishes with green beans, black beans, and black-eyed peas are always good choices, as are whole grain foods such as brown rice, couscous, and whole wheat bread and pasta.

» Watch out for fatty foods. Limit dishes with a lot of mayonnaise, sour cream, and butter. Choose veggies that are light on dressing and cheese by using your own dressing made with a little olive oil and vinegar. If you make a sandwich, use whole wheat bread with mustard or salsa instead of mayonnaise.

» Try to drink water, unsweetened tea, or diet soda with your meal. If you drink

alcoholic beverages, limit yourself to no more than one drink (for women) or two drinks (for men) a day.

» Have fruit for dessert. This is a great opportunity to get in some of your daily fruit intake. Everyone — including people with diabetes — needs three to four servings of fruit a day. An occasional small slice of pie or cookie is OK if you can work it into your meal plan.

Summer is a time to enjoy family, friends, and life. It's also a great time to refocus on feeling better, eating healthy foods, and controlling or preventing diabetes. For more information on diabetes, or kidney disease and kidney failure, contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at 800-482-1455 or visit [www.nkfm.org](http://www.nkfm.org).

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» Chef Rebecca Wauldron of Busch's Fresh Food Market, will demonstrate grilled dishes and a Botsford Hospital dietitian will give tips on keeping the recipes healthy and nutritious, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$15 and includes a \$5-off-\$50 coupon, giveaways, recipes, samples, and more. Seat-

ing is limited. Registration is required. Call 734-779-6100 or visit the guest service counter at the store.

» Learn ways to make desserts that won't derail your health goals in a workshop with a dietitian from Botsford Hospital, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, at Busch's Market, 33300 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Cost is \$5 and includes a \$5 Busch's coupon, recipes, and samples. Registration is required. Call 248-539-4581 or visit the guest service counter at the store.

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## Understanding that your soft skills are a very important skill set

Watch out, hard skills and technical know-how: You've got competition. According to a new CareerBuilder survey, the vast majority (77 percent) of employers consider soft skills just as important as hard skills when it comes to evaluating candidates for a job, and 16 percent even say they're more important.

By Mary Lorenz  
CareerBuilder writer

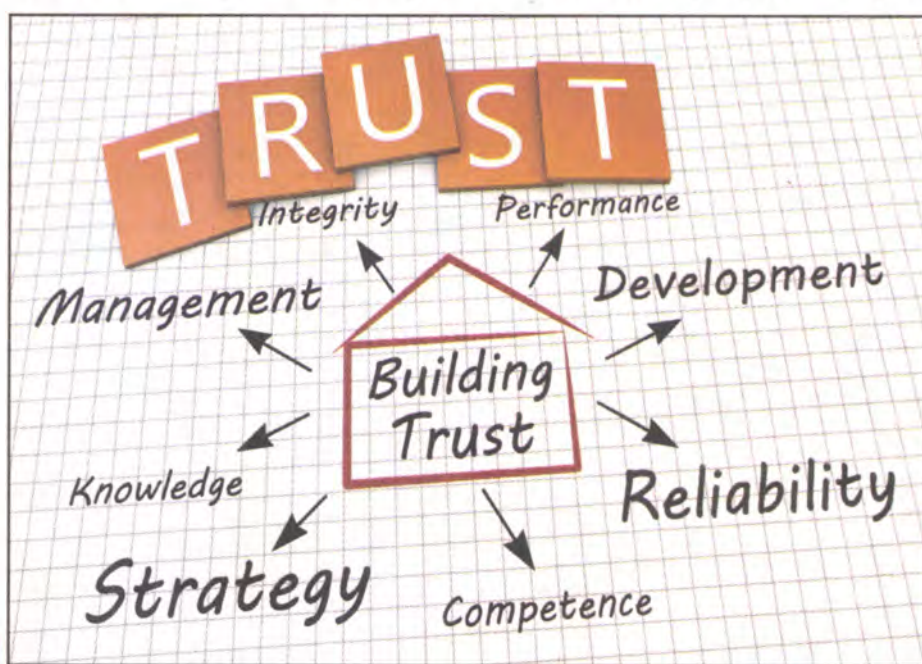
### What are soft skills?

As my colleague pointed out recently, soft skills typically describe "communication, leadership, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, team skills, relationship management and a long list of other so-called intangible traits." Though they are hard to measure quantitatively, soft skills remain a sought after trait and recognized business differentiator among employers.

Perhaps the heavy focus on soft skills has to do with the fact that employers have been struggling to find candidates

with the hard skills they need (particularly when it comes to technology skills and big data expertise). Many employers have even reported that they've started focusing on cultural fit and potential over skills, figuring they can train them on-the-job with the necessary hard skills.

According to the survey of more than 2,000 hiring managers nationwide, the top ten most popular soft skills companies say they look for when hiring include:



around potential behavior, candidates are more likely to say what they think you want to hear.

By asking for real-life examples, you'll get more insight into candidates' soft skills, such as how well they work under pressure, how they communicate and their work ethic. Some more examples of behavioral interview questions include:

— Describe a time when you had a problem with a supervisor and what you did to resolve it.

— Give me an example of how you handled a very tense situation at work.

— Tell me about a time when you had difficulty getting others to work together on a critical problem and how you handled it.

— Tell me about the best leader you have worked with, why you felt this way, and what you learned from that person.

— Describe a problem you faced that was almost overwhelming and how you got through it.

Keep in mind, of course, that these questions are not full-proof there is no "magic bullet" when it comes to hiring, says Newell however, behavioral interview questions are your best bet for finding employees with the soft skills your organization values most.

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### Evaluating soft skills:

The one type of interview question you must ask Whether through pre-employment testing or during the interview process, using behavioral interview questions is one of the most effective ways to evaluate a candidate's soft skills. Behavioral interview questions are those that center around real-life experiences the candidate has had, as opposed to hypotheticals. For example, instead of asking, "What would you do if...?" ask "Tell me about a time when..." or "Give me an example of..."

There are two main reasons behavioral interview questions work:

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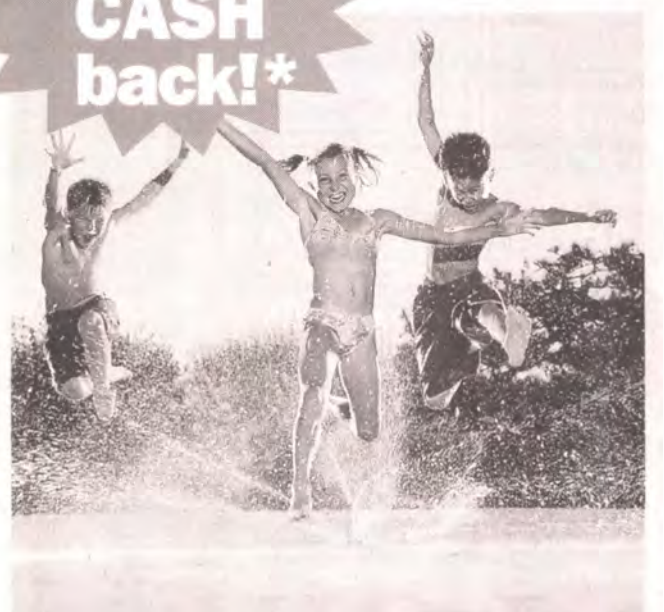
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P	U	U	E	O	T	T	A	O	L	T	Y	C	N	O	K	F	N	B	G
S	L	D	Y	R	O	S	N	T	S	W	E	A	E	R	I	A	L	T	E
F	E	T	A	R	E	B	R	E	V	E	R	T	S	A	C	E	L	E	T
E	F	A	N	P	Y	T	P	S	P	A	R	K	L	E	R	S	A	I	W
B	E	X	P	L	O	S	I	O	N	I	S	O	U	N	D	D	V	A	V
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B	A	R	G	E	M	K	E	Y	T	Y	I	K	B	Y	U	B	A	N	G
O	V	M	H	P	O	W	E	R	S	V	I	L	I	G	H	T	S	N	
C	I	G	P	U	H	D	P	C	I	N	H	C	E	T	O	R	Y	P	T

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

2	6	4	9	5	7	8	1	3
1	9	8	6	8	4	7	2	5
5	7	8	7	2	3	1	2	9
6	8	7	4	3	6	2	5	9
3	4	2	7	9	5	1		