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Kroger closing store at end of year as Wayne Industries expands

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The public hearing was about a request for an Industrial Development District to aid the expansion of a Wayne business.

But for several people, the

big news about the Wayne Commons request was that longtime tenant Kroger would be closing its Wayne store at the end of the year. Representatives from Kroger did not respond to request for comments.

"Oh, no. I hadn't heard. I

don't like going to the big one on Michigan Avenue (at Merriman). I don't know where things are there," said Wayne resident Kris Nitzel, as she loaded groceries she had just purchased at the Wayne store. "I'd be very upset if they closed the store. I guess I'd

have to go to Michigan Avenue (and Merriman). I like Kroger."

Wayne Commons, which owns a 4.2-acre parcel at 36111 E. Michigan Ave. and a parcel nearly the same size at 36121 E. Michigan Ave., is owned by Wayne Industries.

In 2013, the city approved a site plan for the expansion of Wayne Industries, which is located immediately west of the other two parcels, which include Kroger and a Family Dollar store. The eastern par-

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Bright Futures Rocket Scientists — Lenard Snell (from left), LaVontae Reid, DeAja Mitchell and Kamryn Jackson — proved they had the right stuff in winning an elementary design competition sponsored by NASA and the U.S. Department of Education.

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Norwayne holding Homefront Victory Celebration

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

On Aug. 14-15, 1945, World War II came to an end with surrender of Japanese forces to the Allied Powers. The surrender came a little over three months after Germany signed an unconditional surrender, ending the war in Europe.

Seventy years later, residents and alumni of the Norwayne community are coming together Friday to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the war's end and the role the Westland subdivision played in making Detroit the "Arsenal of Democracy."

"We want to celebrate the achievements of the Greatest Generation as well as celebrate the contribution of our community in assisting in the victory of the Second World War," said Henry Johnson, president of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, which is hosting the event. "We have pride for our veterans, we have pride for our defense workers and we have a great pride for our Norwayne community."

The Homefront Celebration is set for 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey. The event is being put on by the council and includes bouncers for kids, a special showing of the *Story of Willow Run* and a free picnic lunch with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks.

The celebration will begin with a ceremony presided over by World War II veteran Jim Parks who will provide the blessing for the event. He served in the Pacific theater during the war as a chaplain on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff.

Alena Kourkouliotis will sing the national anthem and members of American Legion Post 32 will post the colors and participate in the dedication of a new flagpole at the center. There will also be a 21-gun salute and taps will be played.

The guest speaker will be Westland Mayor William Wild who will share his vision for Norwayne and outline ongoing plans for the revitalization of the community that was built

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THE RIGHT STUFF

Wayne-Westland student 'scientists' show NASA they have the right stuff

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The may be too young to know what the right stuff means when it comes to space, but four students from Hix Elementary School proved they had that when it came to designing a MPCV, multiple purpose crew vehicle that would return astronauts home safely.

Dubbed the Bright Futures Rocket Scientists, DeAja Mitchell, Lenard Snell, Kamryn Jackson and LaVontae Reid designed the vehicle, did testing and created a five-minute video that put them on top in a pilot NASA/U.S. Department of Education Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Challenge for elementary students.

Twenty teams from Michigan and Wisconsin partici-

pated in the elementary challenge, and the Bright Futures team was selected to present their challenge solution during a virtual showcase event at the 2015 21st Century Community Learning Centers Summer Alliance Conference in Dallas, Texas.

"This was a way to engage students," said Maria Mitter, assistant director of Eastern Michigan University 21st Century Community Learning Centers which provides the Bright Futures after school program in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. "They did real work and realized how exciting science can be."

STEM projects

Started in 2013, NASA and the U.S. Department of Education developed an innovative pilot collaboration intended to pair the extensive reach and infrastructure of the department with NASA's access to world-class subject matter experts and content in support of the shared goal of increasing and supporting the public engagement of youth in STEM.

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Blues, Brews and Barbecue returns Friday

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Last year's Blues, Brews and Barbeque drew about 10,000 people over two days.

"I expect the numbers to be better with the weather; we had some weather problems last year," Westland Mayor

William Wild said.

It's the fifth year for the event, which kicks off at 6 p.m. Friday and continues Saturday. Along with live music, Blues, Brews and Barbecue also features barbecue, other food and beer.

The popular opening band from last year, the Blues

Brothers cover band the Soulmen, have moved up to the Saturday night headliners.

"We've been marketing the event, and the Soulmen have been marketing it to their fans, too," Wild said. "They should be as big draw on Saturday night."

Held at the Westland Farm-

ers and Artisans Market Pavilion, 1901 N. Carlson, adjoining Central City Park, admittance is free. Tickets are sold for food and beer.

On Friday the event kicks off at 6 p.m. with performances by two bands: Dirt

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Rec Center set to reopen on Aug. 17

The Wayne Community Center is scheduled to reopen Monday, Aug. 17, under the management of HYPE Athletics.

Due to budget constraints, the center had closed Aug. 2, but city officials were hopeful it would be a temporary shutdown until an agreement was reached with HYPE.

In a letter from HYPE founder and CEO Ali Sayed, the reopening was announced. Current Wayne Community Center members

can use the HYPE Dearborn Heights facility until Aug. 17 or receive credit on their memberships.

The closing time will be used to do renovations, cleaning and bringing in new fitness equipment. The pool will reopen, but the ice arena will be converted into basketball courts.

The council had approved the concept of leasing the facility to HYPE contingent on an agreement being resolved by the city attorney.

NASA

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During the 2013-14 school year, NASA collaborated with three states — Colorado, Michigan, and Virginia — to provide STEM Design Challenges to students in the 21CCLC afterschool programs. NASA provided challenge resources, training and assistance and technology-based support to participating sites.

Building upon successes and key lessons

identified in the first phase of the pilot, NASA and ED partnered to implement an elementary phase during the 2014-15 school year.

The students constructed their MPCV, using aluminum foil a heat shield, bubble wrap, a paper bag for the capsule and pipe cleaners and wood strips for the seats. Once it was built, they had to test the design to see how well it did in one-, two- and three-meter drops.

"The hardest part was the drop test," DeAja

said. "It failed four times. At one meter, it didn't work; at two meters, it worked. The three-meter drop failed so we had to go back to work."

Surviving the fall

On the second drop test done on the school's playscape, the MPCV survived the two-meter fall, but rolled over and was considered a failure at three meters.

"The second model is what we worked with," said Kamryn who found the hardest part of the project was remember-

ing what the letters MPCV meant. "We improved it. We took off the bubble wrap."

The students did a YouTube video of their work that was presented to a panel that included NASA Astronaut Doug Wheelock who award the students a team spirit award for their attention to detail, specifically DeAja telling her fellow scientists to put on their safety goggles.

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cel also had been rezoned from commercial to industrial use.

Established in 1989, family-owned Wayne Industries/Steel Pro is a steel distribution center. At 600,000 square feet, it is the largest integrated warehouse for steel products in the U.S. Wayne Industries effectively is a storage facility provide on-demand steel and aluminum to automotive and other manufacturers.

"The Kroger store

had been at breakeven for years. Kroger sent us a letter saying they are closing the store at the end of the year," said Paul Russo, president of Wayne Industries. "They have not been doing well this year."

Conversely, Russo said this is the first stage in the expansion of his business, in part due to the increased demand for aluminum.

The large blocks that border the Kroger/Family Dollar Store are likely to remain, Russo said, to help screen the outdoor aluminum storage. It's expected that part of the commercial building

would be demolished but part would be utilized in the expansion.

Council voted to approve establishing the Industrial Development District. With the Industrial Development District established, Wayne Industries needs to file a separate request for the actual tax abatement. If approved, the abatement would provide a 50-percent tax abatement on new investment.

Some residents were concerned about the appearance of the property while others complained about truck traffic using side streets. "Where the trucks

travel, you pollute our air and we breathe it. You don't need to go through the center of the city and on the side streets," resident Nancy Pride said.

Partly due to difficulty getting truck drivers, Wayne Industries Vice President/General Manager Michael McIntosh said the business transports most supplies by rail. The business is served by both the CSX and Norfolk Southern railroads

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to house workers at the Willow Run Bomber Plant and later housed

returning veterans.

State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, also will announce the receipt of a \$175,000 state grant to create a sports complex adjacent to the community center.

Johnson fully expects a big crowd for the event. When the council had its event, Johnson went out with a bullhorn to invite people to the free party. Four people showed up.

"Those days are over;

they hear we're having a party and they come," he said. "This is for alumni of Norwayne, all veterans, all Westlanders and anyone who has a passion about World War II. It's open to everyone."

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Basement Blues from 6-7:30 p.m. and the Randy Brock Group from 8-9:30 p.m.

On Saturday it's an all-day event from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday's band lineup:

» Noon to 1:30 p.m. — the Front Street Blues Band.

» 2-3:30 p.m. — the Alligators.

» 4-5:30 p.m. — Broken Arrow.

» 6-7:30 p.m. — the Boa Constrictors.

» 8-9:30 p.m. — The Soulmen.

On Saturday there is the BBQ Throwdown sponsored by the Westland Area Jaycees. It's a new event this year.

Unlike some similar events, the businesses make some money at the event, as do local service

and community organizations, which provide volunteer labor during the event.

Another change from previous years is that the event will be handling beer sales, something handled by Ashley's in the past. The event committee already handles food sales.

"One of our goals is to try to buy things that we have to rent each year like the stage and tents, temporary fencing," Wild

said. "The stage is a big expense. We will be able to raise more money with the event handling beer sales. We can use the profits to buy these type of things. These items could be used for other events."

For more information, visit www.cityofwestland.com/play/blues-brews-bbq.

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Michigan Court of Appeals tosses open meetings lawsuit against Livonia City Council

By David Veselenak
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The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled that a Macomb County couple waited too long to file an Open Meetings Act lawsuit against the Livonia City Council and has thrown out their case.

The opinion, which came last month, states that Shelby Township residents John and Pauline Holeyton could not amend their civil suit against the city and the then-seven members of

the city council and it was properly dismissed by the Third Circuit Court in Wayne County. The ruling was posted on the Court of Appeals website.

The couple filed a lawsuit against the city in January 2014 over claims that the council improperly did not allow them to speak at council and committee meetings back in 2012 during audience communication. The two were there to speak on the issue of "smart" meters, technol-

ogy being used by DTE Energy that has attracted much attention from some area residents.

The Court of Appeals wrote the statute of limitations for cases for such lawsuits had passed and the Holeytons could not make amendments to their lawsuit filed in circuit court.

"We conclude that plaintiffs' equitable claims for injunctive and declaratory relief under MCL 15.271 — filed almost two years after defendants' last alleged

violation of the OMA — were stale and untimely," the opinion states. "Equity aids the vigilant, not those who slumber on their rights."

The attorney for the couple filed a motion with the court Saturday to reconsider its ruling.

The Court of Appeals did partially rule in their favor — the court stated the couple could amend their lawsuit against the city to name the police officer who they say removed them from a committee meeting in

March 2012.

Because their motion was in February 2014, less than two years after the alleged incident, the court ruled the couple could be allowed to add the police officer as a defendant to the case. The Court of Appeals opinion stated the circuit court denying the addition of the police officer to the suit was incorrect. The court remanded the suit back to circuit court for further proceedings.

"The period of limitations is two years for

claims alleging assault, battery, false imprisonment, and false arrest," the ruling states. "Accordingly, the amendments pertaining to the Livonia police officer and the proposed claims against him were not barred by the applicable limitations periods and would not have been futile."

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Livonia YMCA gives kids place to go after summer school

With the help of funds donated by the Livonia Kids and Families Foundation, 65 children attended summer camp at the Livonia Family YMCA after summer school let out each day for four weeks, from July 6 to July 30.

The Livonia Kids and Families Foundation provided \$11,000 to kick off this program this year. The foundation and the Y teamed together with the goal of preventing Title I summer school students from going home to empty houses when they get out of school at noon and to encourage them to engage in summer camp at the Livonia Y instead. The funds covered the cost of staff time, snacks, crafts, camp games and other supplies.

"This program was born out of the idea that normally these kids would go home after the summer school program ended at 12 p.m. That means either parents had to get out of work to meet their children or potentially they would be going home to an empty house," said Brian Wolverton, Executive Director of the Livonia Family YMCA.

For more information, visit ymcadetroit.org/livonia.

Kellogg Park murder mystery helps Tail Waggers

Tail Waggers 1990, a local nonprofit organization, is inviting the community to join them for a Murder Mystery fundraiser at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

The Broken Time Machine is a benefit to help prevent pet overpopulation and support the spay/neuter program. This "completely different, truly entertaining" event will have teams of four people racing through downtown Plymouth.

Taking place entirely on foot, the night will feature real actors, riddles, scavenger hunting and problem solving.

Grab a team of four — individuals are also welcome — and be part of the fun. This event is only open to 25 teams/100 people and features prizes for the winning team and a rockin' after-party at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth.

The cost is \$25 per person. Register at www.tailwaggers1990.org or contact the office at 734-855-4077 and include the names of the participants. All registrations must be paid and received by Sept. 15 or contact Tail Waggers to make special arrangements.

Kroger ranked first in 24/7 Wall St. Hall of Fame

The Kroger Co., with stores in Livonia, Wayne, Westland, Garden City and Redford, gained first-place recognition among supermarkets and fifth place overall in 24/7 Wall St.'s annual 2015 Customer Service Hall of Fame.

Kroger made its debut on the list this year, placing with such notable names as Amazon, Chick-fil-A, Apple and Marriott. The Customer Service Hall of Fame list recently appeared on USA Today online.

According to Jayne Homco, president of The Kroger Co. of Michigan, the Customer Service Hall of Fame recognizes companies that truly stand out by creating a positive experience for



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their customers.

Results were based on a collaborative effort between 24/7 Wall St. and research survey group Zogby Analytics, which polled more than 1,500 adults regarding the quality of customer ser-

vice they received at 151 of America's best-known companies in 15 industries.

"We are very honored to have Kroger top the supermarkets on this prestigious list," Homco said. "Customer service

is not just a philosophy but a commitment we emphasize every day."

Research participants were asked to rate each company's service as excellent, good, fair or poor. More than 77 percent of survey respondents reported a good or excellent experience with Kroger.

Survey respondents provided various reasons as to why they ranked a company's customer service at a certain level, but most responses directly related to the person's interaction with a company employee.

"Customer service continues to be our focus as we strive to deliver an in-store experience that exceeds customer expectations during every

visit," Homco said. "We invest in our great people and provide the training and resources necessary to help associates provide world-class yet personal service that encourages customers to choose Kroger."

Incorporated in Michigan in 1909 and headquartered in Novi, The Kroger Co. of Michigan includes 19,000 associates, 129 Kroger stores, 64 fuel centers, 103 pharmacies and the Michigan Dairy.

Kroger employs more than 375,000 associates who serve customers in 2,640 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 34 states and the District of Columbia under two dozen local banner names.

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WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
This is one of two suspects being sought by Westland Police in connection with a shoplifting incident at Macy's.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
This is a shoplifting suspect identified by Westland Police.

Police release photos of suspects in shoplifting case

Westland Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying subjects wanted in connection with a retail fraud at the Macy's store inside Westland Shopping Center.

The two selected different items and the male then left the store, police said.

A short time later, the female collected the items and began to walk out of the store without paying, police said. When the female was ap-

proached by loss prevention personnel, she ran out of the store and into a Chrysler Sebring with faded red paint, driven by the male suspect, police said.

If you can help identify these suspects, call the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600, Sgt. Jeff Kavanaugh at 734-467-3189 or leave a message at the Westland Police Community Partnership Facebook Page.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

A resident in the 35000 block of Florence told police Aug. 8 that he discovered someone had stolen two metal fence gates valued at \$500. He said the gates were there the night before when he went to bed.

Vandalism

A resident of Colonial Village Apartments, 8181 N. Wayne Road, Aug. 9 told police overnight that someone had smashed the windshield on his 2014 Ford Fusion. He told police he has no proof but suspects his brother was responsible.

Break-in

On Aug. 9 a resident of the Barclay Apartments, 7231 Lathers, told police she was sleeping just before 6 a.m. when she heard a noise and someone jiggling the handle to her door. She said she ran to the window, armed with a large knife, and yelled at a man wearing fatigue shorts.

She said he was not able to get in and didn't recognize him.

The officers responding to the call weren't able to locate the suspect. The officers did find the glass to main entry door had been broken.

Larceny from a vehicle

» A resident of the Riverbend Apartments, 6896 N. Merriman, told police that overnight Aug. 5 someone had stolen all four tires and rims from her 2015 Lincoln MKZ. The car had been left on cement pavers, which police noted caused body damage on both sides.

» All four tires and rims were reported stolen from a 2015 Buick Verano parked in the 33000 block of Krauter. The owner said the tires and rims were taken overnight. Police said the car was left on cinder blocks, which damaged the car rocker panels. The stolen items were valued at \$1,000.

» On Aug. 10, a resident of the Warris Farms Apartments, 37135 McKinney, told

police that overnight someone had stolen all four tires and rims from her 2015 Chrysler 300. The stolen items were valued at \$4,000.

Fraud

A Flat Rock man told police Aug. 3 that someone had used his Best Buy credit card to charge \$800 without authorization. He said he didn't come to Westland and had no idea who could have made the charges.

Larceny

Two adult bicycles and one children's dirt bikethanks, valued at \$400, were reported stolen Aug. 3 from a home of in the 39000 block of Surrey Heights. The owner said the bikes had been leaning against a shed unsecured.

A resident in the 34000 block of Donnelly told police Aug. 2 that someone had stolen a bike she had purchased for her son. She said it was parked in the backyard and valued at about \$80.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Attempted break-in

Resident in the 6000 block of Harrison told police that sometime between 7:45 and 10 p.m. Aug. 10 someone attempted to pry open a back door on the east side of the residence. The man said he noticed the door handle was loose and that there were small pry marks on the door frame.

He told police he believes a friend from school who had been over recently might have been responsible. Police were unable to obtain any evidence since the resident had tightened the door handle before calling police.

Larceny from a vehicle

» A resident at an apartment at 31471 Block reported that someone stole a bag containing six prescriptions and diabetic test strips from

the front seat of his car.

The man told police he parked his car and was unloading groceries when the bag containing the prescriptions was taken. The man had just filled the prescriptions that included Metformin, Lisinopril, Glipizide, Lexapro, Nerotin and Lorazepam.

» A Garden City woman told police that sometime overnight Aug. 5 someone stole a TomTom GPS unit from her unlocked car parked in the driveway of her home in 30000 block of Sheridan.

Stolen vehicle

A Garden City woman reported her 2000 Dodge Neon stolen sometime overnight Aug. 9. The woman had parked the car on the street across from her home in the 200 block of Harrison at 9

p.m. The car was unlocked and the spare set of keys were in it.

Shoplifting

Two men made off with an estimated \$600 worth of liquor from the Rite Aid, 29447 Ford. Aug. 9. The store manager told police the men entered the store and walked to the liquor is stored. Four minutes later they left multiple bottles of Jack Daniels and Jagermeister.

A surveillance video showed the men using the store's hand baskets to remove the bottles from the shelves and leave the store. The manager said the suspects set off the theft alarm when they walked out. They got into a gray or silver early model four-door Ford or Mercury, possibly a Sable.

By Sue Mason

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Protest urges church to soften view on homosexuality

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Protesters calling for the Catholic church to soften its stance on homosexuality picketed and sang hymns Tuesday morning outside a church-sponsored international conference on gay and lesbian Catholics.

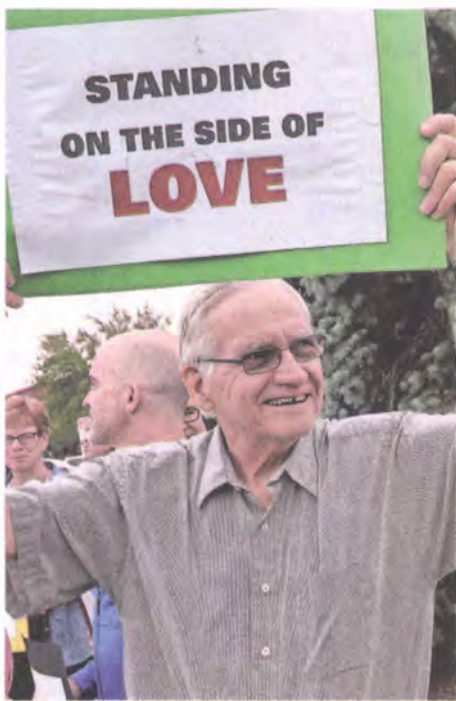
Some 25 people stood outside the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township for about 90 minutes as people arrived for the second day of "Welcoming and Accompanying Our Brothers and Sisters with Same-Sex Attractions," a three-day conference organized by Courage, a church ministry for gays and lesbians.

The conference, which began Monday, featured talks on ministering to those with same-sex attraction, the psychology of homosexuality, and homosexuality and the family; speakers included priests, ethicists, psychologist Timothy Lock, philosophy professor Deborah Savage and lesbian Catholic author Eve Tushnet.

Protesters outside said the church should go further in accepting lesbian and gay Catholics by accepting homosexual relationships. The church teaches that homosexual acts — not homosexuals themselves — are sinful, but protester Janice Laesser of Macomb Township said not all Catholic parents of gays and lesbians agree that sexual abstinence is "right or natural for our kids or loved ones" and that it "shouldn't be the only alternative."

'Jesus would'

"I don't expect the church to accept gay marriage as a sacrament," said a man who declined to give his name, "but I expect the church to accept gay people as Jesus would."



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Jerry Anderson is from Detroit.



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The group begins the morning protest with prayer.



Tuesday's protest was organized by Fortunate Families Detroit, an organization of Catholic parents and allies of LGBTQ — for lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning — people. The local chapter of PFLAG, an organization for family members and

friends of gay and lesbian people, and Dignity Detroit, an organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Catholics, were also represented. Protesters Tuesday carried signs that said, "God created our kids gay," "God speaks in our life experiences," and

"We love our gay kids," and sang the church hymns *All Are Welcome* and *Let There Be Peace on Earth*. Protester Kit Blevitch of Plymouth Township, who has a gay son, said the church needs to take a softer tone with its language on homosexual-



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(Above) Thomas Zerafa leads a prayer. At left, Judy Davids of Royal Oak.

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The group met at 7:30 a.m. to begin the protest.

ity. Homosexual acts are called "disordered" and "contrary to the natural law" in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. "They've already kicked our kids out," said Blevitch. "Just tired of the right-wingers in the church," said Larry Parks, a mem-

ber of Dignity Detroit. "I'm not inherently disordered, as they say." Parks said he attends different churches in the Flint area, where he lives, but that "it's never a place where I feel welcome." Parks converted to Catholicism in 1990 because his partner was Catholic, he said.

Church spokesman: Welcoming is goal

Joe Kohn, a spokesman for the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, a sponsor of the Courage conference, said the event's title, "Welcoming and Accompanying Our Brothers and Sisters with Same-Sex Attractions," speaks to its goal.

"We want people to know that the church is there to support and to minister to those with same-sex attraction," said Kohn. "We believe we can do so in a way that is true to nature and true to God's revelation."

Kohn said the archdiocese appreciated that protesters were courteous and prayerful. He suggested conference organizers and protesters have much in common.

"We want the same thing. We want them to know that the church loves and embraces their loved ones with same-sex attraction," Kohn said.

However, Kohn said, church teaching is that any couple outside of marriage should remain celibate.

About 400 people had signed up for the Courage conference, Kohn said, representing 38 U.S. states and several countries around the world. Archbishop Allen Vigneron, leader of the Detroit archdiocese, was to celebrate the conference's closing Mass on Wednesday afternoon.

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Joyce and Gary Swain of Westland spent 12 days in Alaska. "Neither of us have been here before," Gary said. "Lots of gorgeous scenery."

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Wish You Were Here

Places as far away as Alaska, Parris Island, S.C., and Pidgeon Forge, Tenn., as close as Toledo, Ohio, were family destinations where our readers said Wish You Were Here with their *Observer*.

Mary Ann Wozniak brought her *Observer* to her granddaughter's graduation from boot camp and Wish regular Linda Bodnovits took us to Hilton Head Island where she and husband

Steve vacationed with their daughter and grandchildren.

And Joyce and Gary Swain went the farthest, showing off the sights in Alaska with their *Observer*.

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. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.



Mike and Carol Garrett of Garden City recently took a day trip to Toledo to visit the National Museum of the Great Lakes and have lunch at the Original Tony Packo's Cafe. "We managed to take a copy of our *Observer* with us and took pictures of each other. Had a great time and a delicious lunch."

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Al Buckner of Garden City was at the Dollywood Theme Park in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., on June 20 for Eagle Day, sponsored by Dollywood Theme Park. This was the 20th year anniversary for Eagle Day. "I go there every year for this event. Dollywood has one of the largest eagle habitats," Buckner said. "I also was fortunate enough to have my picture taken with Challenger the Eagle who been doing events all over the United States for 25 years. The White House, 9/11 memorial and NFL football games are just a few of his stops."

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"Here we are once again at Hilton Head Island. The weather was hot. The heat index one day was 114, but spending time with family is wonderful no matter the weather," said Linda Bodnovits of Garden City. She was joined by daughter Melissa Bodnovits and grandchildren Danielle and Brendan Bigelow. Husband Steve Bodnovits "as always took the picture."

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Mike Garrett poses with his *Observer* in front of a large ship's propeller at the National Museum of the Great Lakes.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Back-to-School Day

InsideOut Church will be hosting a "Back-To-School Day" in noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, in Garden City Park at Cherry Hill and Merri-man.

This free fun-filled day will be held at the park's Red Pavilion next to the playground. The church will be offering free lunch, face-painting, hair-cuts, a 54-foot inflatable obstacle course and free backpacks full of school supplies. Space will be limited.

For more information, call 734-983-8376.

Yard Sale

Lighthouse Home Missions is looking for donations and volunteers to help an hour or two with a yard sale planned for 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 28-Sept. 5. Volunteers also are needed to help with set-up on Aug. 25-27.

Donations of small appliances, housewares, furniture and clothing also are being accepted. Lighthouse Home Missions is located at the Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer, east of Wayne Road, Westland.

For more information, call 734-326-3885.

Casino Trip

St. Mel Women's Club is sponsoring a trip to Motor City Casino on Sunday, Sept. 20. The cost is \$30 and includes deluxe motor coach transportation and \$25 in Reward Play, plus beverages, snacks and Share the Wealth on the bus.

The bus will depart the parking lot of St. Mel Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights, at 11:45 a.m. and depart from the casino at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available in the Parish Office or by calling 313-274-0684. All proceeds benefit St. Mel Parish.

Business Alliance

The Garden City Business Alliance meets on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at the Golden Feather Restaurant, 29633 Ford, Garden City.

This meeting will mark the GCBA's one year anniversary. For more information, visit gcbiz48135.org, email gcbusinessal-

liance@gmail.com or call 734-788-9319.

Vendor show

A vendor show to raise money for Florence Park improvements will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merri-man, in Garden City. Vendors included Pampered Chef, 31, Scentsy, Paparazzi Jewelry and Jamberry.

Festival/craft show

Attention crafters and vendors: Applications are being accepted for the St. John's Episcopal Festival and Craft Show that's set for Saturday, Sept. 12. There is a large indoor space and electricity is available. The church is located on Wayne Road in Westland with great traffic flow.

The festival hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; the craft show runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (set-up is at 9 a.m.). For more information, call 734-721-5023 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

School premier

St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan

Ave., Wayne, is inviting parents to a premier from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20.

Meet the principal, teachers, other parents and classmates. Tour the school, receive information on upcoming programs and hear a special presentation by the principal at 6 p.m. There also will be a special scavenger hunt for new students at 5:45 p.m.

Chili Cook-Off

The Westland Democratic Club will host its annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center, located on Grand Traverse, east of Venoy.

The club is looking for chili cooks and volunteers. Call Debra Fowlkes, secretary of the Westland Democratic Club at 734-326-9242 for more information.

Customer appreciation

Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness will host an Appreciation Picnic from

1-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. The studio, 30942 Ford Road, will provide free hamburgers and hotdogs. There will also be bounce houses and an American Kenpo demonstration at 3 p.m. All members of the community are invited.

For more information, call the studio at 734-266-0565.

PATH Class

A free Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) workshop will be offered beginning Aug. 25 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis in Wayne.

The fun, interactive, six-week workshop is designed to provide skills and tools to help people living with Type 2 diabetes and their support system live a healthier life. The workshop will be 6-8 p.m.

For more information, call 800-543-WELL or visit oakwood.org/classes.

Veterans' lunch

World War II and Korean War veterans are invited to a luncheon in their honor from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the

Bova VFW Post #9885, 6440 N. Hix, Westland. Veterans may bring a family member to the lunch. It is free, but reservations are required. Call Dorothy at 904-625-4689.

Golf outing

AMVETS Post 171 is holding a golf outing Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Warren Valley Golf Course, 26116 Warren Road, Dearborn Heights.

Registration is 7:30-8:30 a.m., with the full-course shotgun scramble starting at 9 a.m. The cost is \$80 per player and includes golf, cart and beverage cart. Lunch will be served at the turn, and dinner will be at 3 p.m. in the AMVETS Club Room. There also will be contests, including skins, closest to the pin and longest drive.

The golf outing is a fundraiser for Veterans Haven, and sponsorship opportunities are available. Registration can be complete by Aug. 15 at the AMVETS Post, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland. For more information, contact Michele Nail at amvetsaux-post171@gmail.com.

Athletes take their best shot at Senior Olympics

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Beverly Powell, 66, clutched the basketball, eyed the rim and fired her best shot.

Swish.
Powell made five of 10 shots, enough to earn her the women's gold medal in the 60-69 age bracket Monday afternoon during the weeklong, 11th annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

She earned her medal in Canton's Summit on the Park gymnasium mere hours after she clinched gold among her age group during a Frisbee-tossing contest in Westland.

"I enjoy socializing with the people. We laugh and have a lot of fun," Powell, a Sumpter Township resident, said. "It keeps us young."

Canton's basketball



Jo Andes of Belleville warms up before competition begins. The Summit's Pam Cameron offers a few tips.

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shoot was among scores of competitions as hundreds of seniors touted their skills in a softball throw, soccer, euchre, volleyball, baking, bocce ball, photography, billiards, horseshoes and other events.

Hassan Darouie, a 71-year-old Canton man who has accumulated 36 medals over eight years in bocce ball, volleyball, tennis, basketball and soccer, didn't let shoulder surgery in April keep him from Senior

Olympics, even though he is still healing.

Darouie said it's important to stay healthy mentally and physically and "be positive about life."

Michele Matuszewski, who signed up in Plymouth for Senior Olympics, won a silver medal in basketball in the age 70-79 age bracket, as did her husband, Rich, in the men's division. She was competing for the first time.

"Last year I was watching all the other ladies and they were having so much fun, I decided to try it," she said.

Seniors from Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Livonia, Wayne, Westland, Redford, Garden City, Northville, Northville Township and other communities participated.

Even before this week's contests, Canton resident Janet Brady, 57, already had won 100 medals in Senior Olympics, most recently earning silver for her horseshoe talents during a national competition in Bloomington, Minn.

"It's a good feeling," she said. "It's a lot of work."

Pam Cameron, Canton senior sports coordinator, said the senior games help keep the athletes healthy and active "while they enjoy the camaraderie" that the events bring.

And make no mistake, they are competitive. "They are very serious about their games," said Susan Doughty, Canton senior specialist.

Harold Shanks Sr., 69, clinched the bronze medal Monday in men's basketball in the 60-69 age

group. He said he also competes in events such as bowling and billiards.

"I used to play a little basketball with my son," he said, noting that his son, Harold Shanks Jr. used to play for Salem High School.

Shanks said it's important to stay physically fit and mentally alert while interacting with others. So, he not only competes in Senior Olympics but is a regular at Summit on the Park's fitness center.

"It's a nice place here," he said.

Seniors are expected to wrap up their Olympics competitions Thursday. They are set to receive their medals during a luncheon Friday at Burton Manor in Livonia.

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Westland couple celebrates 70th wedding anniversary

Westland residents Paul and Juanita Diefenbach celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Aug. 4.

The couple are longtime residents of the area, having moved to Nankin Township in 1960.

Paul Diefenbach worked for the City of Westland's Building Department from 1964 until his retirement in 1987.

He has been a member of the AMVETS Golf League at Westland Municipal Golf Course since it moved to it from Shady Hollow, and he still golfs at the Westland course.

Juanita Diefenbach worked for the J.L. Hudson's store in the Westland Shopping Center until retirement.

After her retirement, she volunteered at the Oakwood Annapolis Hos-



Paul and Juanita Diefenbach in their wedding photo.



Paul and Juanita Diefenbach recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

pital's gift shop, is a member of their auxiliary and still volunteers for the Dorsey Center/Jefferson Barns food distribution program.

The couple's five chil-

dren — Kathleen, Paul, Diane, Carol and Nancy — are all graduates of the Wayne-Westland Schools. They also have 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

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The City of Wayne continues to participate in the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as administered by the County of Wayne.

Objectives The City's program objectives are the following: A) To provide the benefits of CDBG funding to persons of low and moderate income and to areas where at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the residents are of low to moderate income. B) To eliminate slums, blight and blighting influences. C) To enforce the laws. D) To facilitate and support private investment, reinvestment and development. E) To conserve and improve the housing stock. F) To improve public facilities, including but not limited to parks and streets. G) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG projects.

City Council: On August 4, 2015, the City Council amended the proposed use of funds through specific transfers and reprogramming as listed below.

| 2013-14 ACTIVITY | Location | Amount | Amended |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Code Enforcement, Police | Eligible Area | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 10,560.00 |
| Public Facilities, Streets | Eligible Area | \$ 78,089.00 | \$ 78,089.00 |
| Public Services, Seniors | City Wide | \$ 16,000.00 | \$ 16,000.00 |
| Housing Rehabilitation | City Wide | \$ 4,900.00 | \$ 2,340.00 |
| Administration | | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Total: | | \$109,989.00 | \$109,989.00 |
| 2014-15 ACTIVITY | Location | Amount | Amended |
| Code Enforcement, Police | Eligible Area | \$ 90,731.19 | \$ 94,731.19 |
| Public Services, Seniors | City Wide | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Housing Rehabilitation | City Wide | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ -0- |
| Administration | | \$ 12,192.35 | \$ 12,192.35 |
| Total: | | \$121,923.54 | \$121,923.54 |
| 2015-16 ACTIVITY | Location | Amount | Amended |
| Code Enforcement, Police | Eligible Area | \$ 119,444.58 | \$ 123,444.58 |
| Public Services, Seniors | City Wide | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Housing Rehabilitation | City Wide | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ -0- |
| Administration | | \$ 2,923.00 | \$ 2,923.00 |
| Total: | | \$141,367.58 | \$141,367.58 |

Program Income Current program income, in the approximate amount of \$9,539.56, received by the City of Wayne as a result of the repayment of existing CDBG deferred loan liens; as well as future program income from such liens, if any, in an estimated annual amount of \$25,000.00, will be used for Code Enforcement - Police.

Inquiries: Peter J. McInerney, Community Development Director, (734) 419-0118.

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New medical building opens on Five Mile

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic and Spine Specialists practice was on the cusp of leaving Livonia several years ago.

CEO Michael Beaubien said the practice was in dire need of more space. They originally attempted to obtain the property where the old Frank's Nursery sat across Five Mile from St. Mary Mercy Hospital, but couldn't arrange a deal with the property owner.

They found some land in Northville Township they planned to build on, but Beaubien went back to try and negotiate for a new building again at the former Frank's Nursery site, citing a desire to remain in Livonia. With just days before the deadline, the practice struck a deal. Their newly constructed building, the Mendelson Professional Building located at 36622 Five Mile, opened for patients Wednesday.

"I said, 'I want to talk to this person one more time,'" he said. "We were able to connect with her. 'It was very close. We always wanted to be in



The new Dr. Herbert Mendelson medical building is open for business.

Livonia. Livonia's been our community for 35-40 years."

Beaubien said it appears everything has gone smoothly with the transition Wednesday from their former office across the street at the hospital, especially with patients finding their way around.

"I didn't hear that anybody got lost," he said.

The new facility, named for Dr. Herbert Mendelson, is a 42,000-square-foot, two-floor building that houses Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic and Spine Specialists, as well as house additional operating areas for St. Mary

Mercy Hospital and Lakes Urgent Care, both of which will be operational later this fall, Beaubien said.

"Opening this new outpatient center not only provides efficiencies and a better patient experience, it allows us to expand our surgical program, which was at capacity," said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in a statement. "With the expansion of our ambulatory surgeries offsite, more complex cases can occupy the hospital campus operating rooms."

With the additional thousands of square footage, Beaubien said

there's more room to treat more patients and bring on more staff, which have already started the employment process.

"In anticipation of this opening, we've brought a number of people on," he said. "At the end of the day, between physical therapy, MRI center and our office, I'm looking at between 25 and 30 new people," he said. "And that's just the first floor."

More space

Some of those employees will take advantage of the new physical therapy center in the front of the building, which has already begun sessions with post-surgical pa-



Jurgen Jansen, the director of rehabilitation for Mendelson Kornblum in the new physical therapy facility.

tients.

Jurgen Jansen, director of rehabilitation, said they've been able to increase the number of patients his staff can see on a regular basis, going from as low as 280 in their former space to as many as 450-500 patients now, and in a larger space.

"We set up an open clinic, so that the front desk is integrated into the treatment space," he said. "That means that everybody can see the patients are here."

Beaubien said the city

was a great partner in helping get the project together, praising several people who helped make the building a reality. An open house for doctors, business leaders and others will take place Sunday, and another grand opening is planned for the public later this fall.

"I couldn't be happier with how this turned out," he said.

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Former Fitness USA site getting new life as strip center

A long-closed workout facility in Westland will soon be getting new life as a strip center.

The city council has approved a revised site plan for the former Fitness USA building on southwest corner of Wayne Road and Cowan. Much of the property fronts along the south side of Cowan.

"It's been vacant for a number of years. We are very pleased to bring forward these plans," Westland Planning/Building Department Director Bruce Thompson said. "The after picture really tells the tale."

The building will receive a new brick facade as it is transformed into a four-unit strip center.

"There will be a driveway to Wayne Road. The applicant has negotiated shared access for the Wayne Road access," Thompson said.

The applicant had also recently renovated the building at Ford and Wildwood that now includes a Tim Hortons restaurant.

By LeAnne Rogers



A rendering of a strip center that will be housed in the former Fitness USA building at Wayne Road and Cowan.

Establishing a living trust

The other day, I received a call from a friend who had questions regarding estate planning. His parents are in the process of having a living trust completed. My friend is an only child and he is the only beneficiary. His parents' assets consist of their bank account, a brokerage account and their home. Both his parents receive a pension but that will terminate upon their death. They have a will but, my friend thinks they were talked into doing a trust. His asked if they need a living trust.

A living trust is not for everyone. The two main reasons to do a living trust are to reduce or eliminate estate taxes and avoid probate.

I explained to my friend that in his parents' situation, there would be no estate tax. Currently, if



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

you add up the value of all their assets, including the home, it's about \$600,000. Therefore, there are no estate taxes. One of the main reasons for doing a trust does not exist.

In his situation, there are easy and certainly less expensive ways to avoid probate than the trust. Since my friend's name is already on the home and the checking account, the only issue from a probate standpoint is the brokerage account. Since the account is already in joint names, husband and wife, all my friend has to do is to have his parents add him on as a beneficiary and the account would

avoid probate. If my friend's parents still decide to do the trust, who should be the trustee of the trust? The attorney suggested that mom, dad and the attorney all be co-trustees. Upon the death of both mom and dad, the attorney would be the sole trustee.

My friend asked if that was appropriate. My answer was, no because my friend doesn't need a trustee over his money. His mom and dad should have been co-trustees and upon both their deaths, the son should have been the trustee. There are reasons to have a professional trustee, however, it is not the norm.

As far as I'm concerned, the first choice in naming trustees should always be in the family.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor.

Maximize your wireless speed

Are you paying for premium Internet service, but not receiving premium Internet speeds?

Poor performing wireless Internet doesn't mean your provider is giving you less than you are paying for. It could be you aren't following best practices when it comes to equipment and network set-up. Follow these tips to ensure you are getting the most out of your Internet.

1. Remove old devices from Wi-Fi.
An old phone, tablet or computer might be a nice toy for your kids, but it could be slowing down your entire network. Older hardware could be using an extra amount of "juice," so to speak. If you have an old smart phone or original iPad, for instance, it might be time to disconnect it from your Wi-Fi to benefit your other devices.

2. Have a proper router.



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

Online gaming, streaming movies and recording HDTV shows on your DVR are just a few ways you are clogging up bandwidth via your router. If it is an older model, it could be having trouble keeping up. You have two options here.

First, you can buy your own router online or in a local big box store. A solid router can meet just about anyone's needs for about \$50 or less — unless, of course, you are running a business.

The second option is to call your service provider and see that you have the most up-to-date equipment. It might be willing to upgrade you to new equipment for free. Often times, service

providers will charge you to rent a router from them. This is more costly than purchasing your own (in the long run), but by renting through a provider, you get the benefit of new equipment, installation and troubleshooting. For some people, the peace of mind is worth the extra couple of bucks a month.

3. Lock your network.
Are neighbors or passersby mooching off your wireless Internet? You should password protect your wireless network to keep your hard-earned Internet for you. Locking down your wireless network also prevents people from accessing your devices and taking your data, such as passwords or financial documents.

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6:00 p.m. - Dirty Basement Blues
8:00 p.m. - Randy Brock Group

Saturday
12:00 p.m. - Front Street Blues
2:00 p.m. - Alligators
4:00 p.m. - Broken Arrow
6:00 p.m. - Boa Constrictors
8:00 p.m. - The Soul Men (Blues Brothers Tribute Band) with the Paradise Band

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

GREENMEAD SUNDAY TOURS

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, 23, 30.
Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia.

Details: All tours start at the Gift Shop, the building closest to the stop sign, about in the middle of the park. "Ice Cream" Sundays will be held Aug. 30 and Sept. 27. The Livonia Historical Commission will be treating guests to an ice-cream novelty at the AJ Geer Store; just show your paid admission pass. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. Tours will also be held in the fall on Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6 and Dec. 13.
Contact: 248-477-7375.

WIDOWED MEN & WOMEN

Time/date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12.
Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group, invites those widowed to come for dinner/games/friendship. Must RSVP by Aug. 8. Cost is \$15 cash payable at the door. The group cannot accommodate walk-ins or late comers.
Contact: Cookie at 248-367-2183 or Chet at 734-459-4316.

WIDOWED MEN & WOMEN

Time/date: 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19.
Location: Eastside Mario's, 31630 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer support group, invites those who are widowed for lunch and friendship. There will be six items to choose from; unlimited salad or soup and



FILE PHOTO

The historic Wilson Barn in Livonia is one of several Farmers Market in the area. It's open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 10. The Westland Farmers Market is open 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 8 in Central City Park, and the Wayne Farmers Market is open 3-7 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 28 in Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall.

much more for \$15. Meet new widowed friends in a safe setting.
Contact: RSVP to Elaine at 734-717-0303.

GLUTEN FREE PICNIC

Time/date: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22.
Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

Details: The Tri-County Celiac Support Group is hosting a Gluten Free Picnic at the pavilion in Heritage Park. Gluten free hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. Bring your own paper products, drinks, eating utensils and any side dish you wish to eat. Bring bathing suits, and there is a children's playground also. There is a \$5 fee per family at the door.
Contact: RSVP to Ellen Hechler at ellenhec@hotmail.com.

CRAFT SHOW

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: Tables available for \$25 each. Sponsored by St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women.
Contact: Mary Allstead at 425-

4421 (vm#10).

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.
Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Details: Hosted by the Women's Guild, this Holiday Bazaar will feature crafters' tables with new handmade craft items. Homemade baked goods, raffles and lunch during the day. Some tables will be available for rental.
Contact: 734-464-0476.

FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 10.
Location: Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia.

Details: Locally grown produce, honey, home-baked items and American-made crafts. Free activities this year include pony rides from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 8 and a Kids' Corner with special craft projects from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 29. The market will be closed for the holiday Sept. 5.
Contact: www.wilsonbarn.com.

FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Thursday, through Oct. 8 (no market Aug. 13).

Time/date: 2-3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month.

Location: Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne.

Details: Hospice of Michigan grief groups provide a safe and supportive environment for participants to express their feelings and better understand the grief process. These services are offered at no charge to any member of the community mourning the loss of a loved one. The group meets in Conference Room 2 on second level. Park at west entrance.
Contact: To register, call Margie Martin, Grief Support Services manager, at 734-769-5821.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Time/date: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Location: Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Details: T.O.P.S. is a nonprofit weight loss support group. Everyone is welcome.
Contact: Peggy Frankie at 734-730-1325 or frankiepeggy055@gmail.com.

LIVONIA CAMERA CLUB

Time/date: 8-9:30 p.m. the first two Thursdays September through May.
Location: McKinley School, 9100 Hillcrest, Livonia.

Details: A group of photographic enthusiasts dedicated to promotion of photography through displays, competitions, critiques and education.
Contact: Dennis Gelarden, president, at 734-591-2589; livoniacameraclub.com.

MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

Time/date: 7:30-10 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month except December.
Location: Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Visit the largest metal detecting club in Michigan. See displays, finds of the month, hear guest speakers and more.

Contact: Tom Klisz, 734-422-6345 or michigantreasurehunters.com.

LIVONIA SAVE OUR YOUTH

Time/date: First Wednesday of each month; time rotates monthly between morning (9-11 a.m.) and evening (6-8 p.m.).

Location: Livonia City Hall Annex Conference Room, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia.

Details: The Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition exists to educate and empower the community regarding the health and safety of our young people, with a focus on the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse. The public is welcome to attend monthly meetings — a light meal is served.
Contact: kbonanno@livonia-saveouryouth.org; 734-338-9580.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Details: Widowed men are invited to attend men's breakfast and learn about other co-ed activities.
Contact: Dick at 313-534-0399.

CO-ED WIDOWED BREAKFAST

Time/date: 9 a.m. first Thursday of each month.

Location: Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth Road at Eckles Road, Plymouth.

Details: All widowed welcome. Come and meet new friends.
Contact: To reserve a seat, call Carol at 734-464-2833.

WIDOWED MEN & WOMEN

Time/date: 9 a.m. third Thursday of each month.

Location: Annie's, at 33427 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Details: All widowed welcome for great, reasonably priced food, good conversation and laughs.
Contact: Tom at 734-927-0610.

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SUBMITTED

Rick and Ann Gignac of Livonia and Katie and John Wilson of Plymouth took a land/cruise trip to Alaska. This photo was taken July 10, the day they toured Denali — the location of Mount McKinley, the highest peak in the United States. The mountain is directly behind them. Unfortunately the apex was clouded over, but the tour guide conveniently had a picture John is displaying. The top of Mount McKinley is only visible 30 percent of the time. "If you ever have the opportunity to travel to Alaska, seize it," says Ann. "The people are welcoming and friendly, the state is pristine and the scenery is breathtaking!"

St. Mary Mercy offers Tai Chi, exercise classes

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation, is offering exercise classes for adults of all ages.

A general exercise program is set for 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 8 through Nov. 5, and Tai Chi classes from 11 a.m. to noon. Both will be held in the Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

In addition, an advanced Tai Chi program will be held from 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays for individuals who have previously completed the general Tai Chi Program.

The exercise program is for individuals with arthritis and other related diseases. The program uses gentle exercises to increase joint flexibility, range of motion, muscle strength and overall stamina.
The Tai Chi program

also is for individuals with arthritis and related diseases. The program uses sun-style Tai Chi, which is supportive of joint health using agile steps, high stances, gentle movements and relaxed breathing.
The general exercise

and Tai Chi classes are free of charge, but registration is required. The advanced exercise program has a fee of \$5 per session. Space is limited in all classes. To register, call the St. Mary Mercy Wellness Center at 734-655-1310.

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-23 August 4, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. MEMBERS PRESENT: Hawley, Monit, Rowe, Rhaesa, James, Miller. MEMBERS ABSENT: Damitio. Presentation by Junior Main Street Pgm. Public Hearing held for establishment of Ind. Develop. Dist for 36111 & 36121 E. Mich. Ave. APPROVED: minutes of spec. & reg. mtgs. of July 21; establishment of Ind. Develop. Dist for 36111 & 36121 E. Mich. Ave; Wayne Rd road closure for Homecoming Parade, fund transfer from home rehab to code enforcement-Police; deal contingent upon lease w/City Atty & Hype Athletics; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

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Jennifer A. Wagner Deputy City Clerk

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City of Livonia - 7/20/2015 Regular Meeting Synopsis

- Present: Scheel, Nash, Kritzman, Pastor, Meakin, Toy, Brosnan
Absent: None
Public Hearings Announced - Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 7PM submitted by the Kroger Company of Michigan, appeal of a denial and submitted by O Chi Massage Spa/Oriental Chi., LLC, appeal of a denial. Items were received and filed.
- #204-15 Approving the minutes of meeting on 07/08/15.
 - #205-15 Approving a request to hold a block party from Colleen Witherspoon for 8/8/15.
 - #206-15 Approving a request to hold a block party from Nicole Bush for 7/25/15.
 - #207-15 Approving a request to hold a block party from Donna Nowicki for 8/8/15.
 - #208-15 Approving a request to hold a block party from Stephanie Myers for 8/15/15.
 - #209-15 Approving a request to hold a block party from Jeanine Miller for 7/25/15.
 - #210-15 Approving a request to hold a block party from Rebecca Faszca for 8/22/15.
 - #211-15 Refer the subject of LED signs for churches to the Legislative Affairs Committee.
 - #212-15 Approve request from Danny Fitzgerald, Classic Building Co to waive the sidewalk requirement.
 - #213-15 Approve the appointment of Michael Marihugh to the Local Officers Compensation Commission.
 - #214-15 Approve the appointment of Dillon Breen to the Local Officers Compensation Commission.
 - #215-15 Accepting the bid of Dearborn Lithograph, Inc. for the printing of the City's Newsletter.
 - #216-15 Accepting the quote of ESRI Inc. to provide software maintenance for the GIS.
 - #217-15 Approve wage increase for temporary classifications to comply with MI Minimum Wage Law.
 - #218-15 Accepting the bid of Walkers Heating & Cooling to replace ductwork at the LCRC.
 - #219-15 Authorize the execution of contracts for the Newburgh Village expansion.
 - #220-15 Approving the Stabilizing Neighborhoods Action Plan.
 - #221-15 Approving a two year contract extension for Contract 11-H.
 - #222-15 Authorizing an expenditure from the Road, Sidewalk and Tree Fund.
 - #223-15 Approving The Health & Fortune, LLC to operate a massage establishment.
 - #224-15 Approving Panda Express to construct and operate a full service restaurant.
 - #225-15 Referring the matter of traffic speed on Gable to the Traffic Commission.
 - #226-15 Referring the subject of revising the current sign ordinance to the Legislative Affairs Committee.
 - #227-15 Approve the request from Enrico Soave, Kucyk, Soave & Fernandes, LLC to waive the sidewalk requirement.
 - #228-15 Approve request from Danny Fitzgerald, Classic Building Co to waive the sidewalk requirement.
 - #229-15 Move Petition 2015-05-SN-01, submitted by Target Corp. to the next regular meeting.
 - #230-15 Setting the Public Hearing date of October 7, 2015 for the Annual Budget.
 - #231-15 Referring the subject of the Annual Budget to the Finance, Budget & Technology Committee.
 - #232-15 Accepting a Grant of Easement from Infinity Acquisitions, LLC.
 - #233-15 Suspend the rules.
 - #234-15 Authorizing to exercise the City's statutory right of first refusal with respect to property offered by the County and conveyance of said property to Daniel and Deborah Ross.
 - #235-15 Approve the request from Bridget Holton to waive the noise ordinance for 8/8/15.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.
Susan A. Hoff
Livonia City Clerk
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August 19, 2015 at 6 pm

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Nancy and Patrick Rhatigan of Livonia visited Reykjavik, Iceland, in July. Here they are pictured in front of Hallgrímskirkja, the largest church in Iceland and sixth tallest architectural structure in Iceland. While there, they also traveled the 300-kilometer Golden Circle, visited the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa and went inside the second largest glacier in Iceland, Langjökull. Of course, they took along their Observer.

Westland outdoor movie night set for Aug. 25

Westland's second community gathering is set for Tuesday, Aug. 25, in Central City Park, 1901 N. Carlson. Park It Movie Night begins at 6 p.m. with a showing of Disney's G-rated, animated comedy *Big Hero 6* on a large inflatable screen at 8:30 p.m. "Our first Community Gathering at Corrado Park was a huge success, with over 700 in attendance," Mayor William Wild said. "Events like these give my administration and the Westland City Council an opportunity to meet residents infor-

mally, hear their thoughts and ideas about improving the community and allow our families a chance to enjoy fun and free activities at Westland's beautiful parks." The George Brothers Band will provide live music. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Free popcorn will be provided by the mayor. The city will have information on hand about its programs, services and upcoming events and city officials will be in attendance to answer questions or offer assistance.



The Novi Concert Band's next performance at Fuest Park begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Novi Concert Band performing 'fun' Thursday

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The Novi Concert Band's next performance is slated for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Fuest Park (southeast corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads). "The theme is 'fun,'" said Diran Kochyan, assistant director. "It's all upbeat music, with only one or two slower numbers. It's all audience-oriented." He said the band will play some show tunes by Irving Berlin, songs from *Mama Mia*, a Pennsylvania polka, a Finish rhapsody and marches. The symphonic wind ensemble's roots date back to 1982, when it was created by the city of Novi's Parks and Recreation Department to offer adults an opportunity to join in musical performances throughout southeast Michigan. The Novi Concert Band repertoire ranges from standard band literature (Sousa and Karl King marches) to movie music arrange-

The Novi Concert Band repertoire ranges from standard band literature to movie music arrangements, big band jazz and seasonal favorites.

ments, big band jazz and seasonal favorites. The all-volunteer group of instrumental musicians - hailing from southwest Oakland County and western Wayne County - is made up of musicians from advanced high school students through octogenarians. They include music teachers, doctors, engineers, writers, accountants, computer programmers and lots of retirees. Although Scott Cramer is the director, Kochyan handles the majority of the band's eight or so summer performances. This past June, he retired from the Garden City school district after 22 years as a music teacher. Cramer, who is a teacher at John Glenn High School in Westland and is currently teaching a band camp in Charlevoix, came on board as

conductor in the 2005-06 season, bringing two degrees from Western Michigan University - a master's in music conducting and a bachelor's of music in music education. Cramer is an accomplished percussionist, having performed with numerous ensembles, including the Kalamazoo Symphony. He is member of NEA, MEA, MSBOA, Phi Eta Mu and Phi Mu Sinfonia. Cramer's wide range of expertise includes directing multiple music ensembles (band, orchestra, choir) for the Wayne-Westland Schools. His has taught primary education through the college level as a clinician/consultant on a large number of high school bands through summer instructional programs. The band rehearses 7:30-9 p.m. weekly in the

Novi High School band room and performs nearly a dozen annual concerts throughout the area. Thursday's show, the Novi Concert Band's third of four scheduled at Fuest (the last is Aug. 27), will run approximately one hour. About 50 members, including a clarinet ensemble, will perform. The previous show featured a brass ensemble. A Sept. 24 show at the Novi Public Library is slated for the facility's patio, but will be held inside if the weather is inclement. This Saturday, the brass ensemble will play at the International Festival in South Lyon. Kochyan said he's waiting to hear if the Novi Concert Band will play at the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi over Labor Day weekend. Follow the group on Facebook, email noviconcertband@live.com or go to noviconcertband.org.

stone@hometownlife.com
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On August 19, 2015 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 10:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

| YEAR | MAKE | MODEL | VIN | DESCRIPTION |
|------|------------|----------|-----|--------------------|
| 2000 | CHRYSLER | CONCORDE | 4D | 2C3HD36J5YH322525 |
| 1997 | MERCURY | COUGAR | 2D | 1MELM6249VH634533 |
| 1997 | SATURN | SL2 | 4D | 1G8ZK5271VZ285409 |
| 2001 | FORD | WINDSTAR | SW | 2FMZA51441BA19522 |
| 2011 | HYUNDAI | SONATA | 4D | 5NPEC4ACXBH055185 |
| 1995 | BUICK | REGAL | 2D | 2G4WB12L7S1499819 |
| 1999 | SUZUKI | 1000 | MC | JS1VVT52AXX2100924 |
| 1992 | CADILLAC | SEVILLE | 4D | 1G6KS53B8NU840530 |
| 1996 | FORD | EXPLORER | SW | 1FMDU35P6TUC90959 |
| 2001 | HONDA | CIVIC | 4D | 1HGES26753L025545 |
| 2005 | CHEVROLET | EQUINOX | SW | 2CNDL73F556016965 |
| 2001 | OLDSMOBILE | ALERO | 4D | 1G3NL52E01C245187 |
| 2004 | FORD | TAURUS | 4D | 1FAFP55S04G149332 |
| 2002 | MERCURY | SABLE | 4D | 1MEFM50U62A626517 |

***All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION BID ADVERTISEMENT

MCNAMARA TOWERS ROOFING AND WINDOW REPLACEMENT 2014-2015 HUD CAPITAL FUND PROGRAMS

The Livonia Housing Commission, Livonia, Michigan, will receive sealed bids in its offices at 19300 Purlingbrook Road, Livonia Michigan 48152 until 11:00 a.m. local time, on August 27, 2015. A public opening will take place at that time. Any bid received after this time will not be considered. All work shall be performed pursuant to the plans and specifications prepared by Design House Architects and Designers, LLC, 10484 Range Line Road, Berrien Springs, MI. Bid work shall consist of roofing and window replacement and minor repairs of associated work. All bids shall be executed on forms provided in the specifications or approved equal provided by the bidder. A special board meeting date will be determined to award the contract.

Each bid must include a "non-collusion" affidavit and fully enclosed HUD 5369-A form, and a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid. This bond will be forfeit in case of any failure to enter into the contract at the bid price after notification of acceptance of such bid.

Section 3 Performance as well as all other forms as outlined in the specifications must accompany all bids. Both the Architect and Housing Commission desire all prime contractors submitting bids to encourage all minority subcontractors to perform any portions of the work which will not be performed by the contractor's forces or could be performed by the minority subcontractor. Bidders must submit written evidence that they have solicited quotations from qualified Section 3 subcontractors at the time the bidder submits its bid to the Housing Commission for all portions of work the bidder is not proposing to complete with its forces. The Architect and Housing Commission also desire that the prime contractor will make an attempt at the hiring of those housing residents that can perform any function of the work successfully. All bidders shall comply with HUD Section 3 Clause of regulation 24 C.F.R. part 135. Department of Labor, Davis-Bacon Wage rates shall apply to this project.

The Livonia Housing Commission is in no way obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid submitted and reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Livonia Housing Commission also may waive informalities in any bid if it determines to do so and to defer the acceptance or rejection of such bids until the financial arrangements for the project bid are completed.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from: The Livonia Housing Commission, 19300 Purlingbrook Road, Livonia Michigan 48152 on or after August 10, 2015. A deposit of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars is required of Prime Contractors for each set of Drawings and Specifications up to a maximum of three (3) sets. The deposit is refundable in full only if:

1. The Drawings and Specifications are returned within ten (10) days after the bid date.
 2. The Drawings and Specifications are in useable condition as determined by the Architect.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11:00 am, August 18, 2015 at the Livonia Housing Commission office. Additional site visits will be by appointment only and made through the Housing office by contacting Mr. James M. Inglis at 248-477-7086 ext.5.

Contractor awarded the project will provide an acceptable Performance and Payment bond equal to 100% of the contracted price. These bonds shall conform to the forms prescribed by the State of Michigan. Plans, Specifications, and Instructions to Bidders are on file at the Livonia Housing Commission and Design House Architects and Designers, LLC, 574-276-1411.

James M. Inglis, Executive Director
Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor

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Auction Aug. 20, 2015 1:30 p.m. Cash Only Howard's Towing & Collision 35830 Van Born Rd., Wayne, MI 48184

| YEAR | MAKE | SERIAL NO. |
|------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1998 | PONTIAC | 1G2WP52K7WF204757 |
| 2000 | PONTIAC | 1G2NF52T8YM805875 |
| 1999 | MERCURY | 2MEFM75W3XX623563 |
| 2008 | PONTIAC | 2G2WP552881141156 |
| 2000 | FORD | 1FAFP5523YA185864 |
| 2002 | CHEVROLET | 1GN0713S222139041 |
| 2005 | CHEVROLET | 2G1WF52EX59188563 |
| 2004 | FORD | 2FMZA50694BA32225 |
| 2001 | DODGE | 1B4HS28231F520989 |
| 2005 | BUICK | 5GADX22L55D209482 |

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND FIFTEEN DAY WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (FISCAL YEAR 2014)

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Livonia has prepared a preliminary draft of the consolidated Plan Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) as part of the requirements for receiving funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CAPER consists of an explanation of resources made available to the City during the performance period, how those resources were utilized, other actions taken and an assessment of annual performance as compared to goals and strategies outline in the 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan.

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, August 24, 2015 AT 6 P.M. in the Community Development Office at 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Written comments will also be accepted for a period of fifteen (15) days, but not after September 8, 2015. Written comments regarding the CAPER may be directed to Tracey Emmanuel, Community Development Supervisor, Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Draft copies of the CAPER are available for review by interested citizens between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Community Development Office of the Livonia Housing Commission (10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150). Copies are also available at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or about September 27, 2015.

James M. Inglis, Housing Director
Jack Kirksey, Mayor

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 15 8/3/15

- Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves
109: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 7/20/15.
- JGHS Homecoming Parade 10/2/15.
- Independent One "Turn the Town Teal" Campaign 9/1-9/30.
- Bid for Ice Arena Maintenance to Serv-Ice Refrigeration; amt. \$7,200/yr. for 5 yrs.
- Contract w/R. Half Technology for IT Staffing; rate btwn. \$30/hr & \$50/hr.
- SMART Contract allocating City's \$82,726 in municipal & \$109,843 in community credits to Nankin Transit.
- Appr. Phase 2 DTE LED Light Conversion Project Agrmnt.
- Appr. Agrmnt. to Assign Wholesale Customer Water Service Contract w/City of Detroit, the Great Lakes Water Authority, and City of Westland re. water services.
- Adopted Resolution re. Assignment Agrmnt. w/City of Detroit & the Great Lakes Water Authority.
- Adopt. LD Resolution, PID #56-028-04-0043-002 & #56-028-02-0005-000, 6000 N. Hix Rd.
- Adopted Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan Resolution for 2016 fiscal yr.
110: Appr. req. for closed study session.
113: Appr. of Atty. Recommendation for settlement of pre-litigation matter.
114: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. Building & Site renovations, 7677 N. Wayne Rd w/ contingencies.
115: Appr. checklist: \$ 2,375,769.84.
Mtg. adj. at 7:55 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHavill-Schoof, CMC
City Clerk

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Canton Lions corn roast expected to draw hundreds

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton, once dubbed the Sweet Corn Capital of Michigan during its more rural past, still enjoys a good corn roast.

Just ask Bill Van Winkle.

He said 700-800 corn lovers are expected when the Canton Lions Club hosts its annual corn roast to raise money to buy eyeglasses, hearing aids and other devices for hearing- and vision-impaired people who can't afford the price tag.

The corn roast happens 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, near the Cady-Boyer Barn in Preservation Park, off Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill on Canton's west side.

"It's a real community favorite," said Van Winkle, a longtime Lions Club volunteer. "It's quite



Corn lovers will be returning to Canton's Preservation Park for the annual Lions Club corn roast.

an event." For some, the corn roast stirs memories of a time when Canton had many more cornfields, before large subdivisions and shopping centers changed the landscape.

Local historians say Canton was once touted as the Sweet Corn Capital of Michigan. Dave Curtis, one of those historians, said the title was earned for the amount of corn grown and sold

from about 1950-70. "The soil was good for the sweet corn," Curtis said.

Moreover, he said, Canton was close to warehouses owned by the big grocery store chains - places where Canton's corn could be easily delivered and sold.

Van Winkle said Canton still has a hearty appetite for corn.

That said, the Canton Lions Club is charging no admission for its all-you-can-eat roasted corn, served along with hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, ice cream, cotton candy, snow cones and beverages during the annual event.

The club does, however, ask for donations so it can support its charitable efforts. Gift baskets and a 50/50 raffle also are slated that day.

Among the highlights: » The Canton Concert

Band, the resident ensemble of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, will perform.

» The Canton Historical Society will show what life was like in Canton's past.

» Canton-based Ear Center Audiology will offer hearing tests for those attending.

» Eversight, formerly the Michigan Eye Bank, is expected to attend. It assists donors who want to provide the gift of sight.

» Face-painting and balloon-twisting for children, along with a bounce house, will be available.

» Leader dog school representatives will be hand to explain the services they provide.

» A petting farm has been organized.

» Project Kids Sight will be there to help identify potential vision problems in children.

» Seedling Braille Books, which provides books for the blind, is expected to join the corn roast.

» A group called Sisters of the Union are set to wear Victorian-era attire while they cook.

» Village Wellness Center is set to provide massages for those with tired backs.

» Wood carvers are expected to create sculptures from wood.

The 45-member Canton Lions Club serves Canton and Belleville. It meets once a month at Rose's Restaurant in Canton. For more information on becoming involved, call Van Winkle at 734-254-9404, send an email to govbill@wow-way.com or go to www.cantonlions.org.

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Children's author shares 'growing up' foibles tale

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Author Mary Kaye Rhee is proud of the book she's self-published for children, *Elwood Doberman, Jr.*

"I do a lot of writing. I like to do it as a hobby," said Rhee, who's called Northville home for almost 40 years. Illustrator Elisa Chavarri previously lived in Northville.

"I had a real good illustrator with this one," Rhee said of Chavarri, who now lives in Alpena. "I told the illustrator to make it like Northville. It's got Victorian houses. Way in the distance, you can see the clock. It's really cute."

The story is about a rebellious pup who learns that growing up involves a few missteps.



Mary Kaye Rhee of Northville is a children's author who wrote "Elwood Doberman, Jr."

Rhee, mom to four grown children and grandma to four, recalled her husband reading the *Northville Record* a few years back and spotting an item on Chavarri.

"I was looking for an illustrator for my book,"

Rhee said, noting the book is geared mainly to children ages 4-8 with the Northville name changed to "Furry Hill." She was pleased when Chavarri agreed to illustrate her book.

The women met to work out details. "She lived on Main Street at the time with her husband," Rhee said. It took them about two years to complete *Elwood Doberman, Jr.*, and after the Alpena move, technology helped them work together.

"I always tell people it's a book based on a true story," Rhee said. "Growing up always involves some missteps and tumbles along the way."

Puppy Elwood manipulates his parents and ultimately must go to West Pointer Academy,

"which is a doggie boot camp where he kind of thinks it over." The book has a happy ending.

"It's really a comment not only on parents, but also children," Rhee said.

She wrote it years ago and put it aside. "But I didn't have an illustrator and I didn't know where to go," she said. "That was really fun to work with her," she added of Chavarri.

"Everything was done over the computer, all the files and everything. That technology is all so advanced now," the author said.

Chavarri on most days can be found working from her studio in her home she shares with her husband, her cat and dog, and her daughter, Lucia. She has previously illustrated *A Smart Girl's*

Guide: Boys and Puzzle Palooza for American Girl, Fairly Fairy Tales for Simon & Schuster and *Fly Blanky Fly* for Harper Collins. Chavarri is a native of Peru.

Rhee and her husband, in addition to the children, their spouses and grandchildren, have a dog, four "granddogs" and a "grandcat."

"I did some teaching years ago in Taiwan," she said. She began to write at age 50 and now, at 65, thought about self-publishing. After receiving her bachelor's degree in English from Calvin College, Rhee completed her master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan.

She and Chavarri are working on another children's book for the same age group, as well as

children's parents and grandparents. Stories she writes relate to growing up, including sibling rivalry and how we don't always want to accept faults in our loved ones.

She's got a number of stories she's worked on. "I hope to get at least 10 by the time I'm on the other side of the Jordan," Rhee said.

Her dad was a preacher. "I grew up with parents who read to me constantly," said Rhee, who followed suit with her children when they were young. Her family also watched *Sesame Street* together and learned its lessons while having fun.

Elwood Doberman, Jr., is available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble.

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OUR VIEWS

Don't be a crime victim by not protecting yourself

There's nothing worse than going on a nice long summer vacation — or even taking a quick weekend trip Up North — and returning home to find your house had been broken into or your vehicle on blocks.

Unfortunately, those instances are far too common in the summer months as criminals seek to prey on victims when they are away.

Wayne, Westland and Garden City have had their fair share of home invasions and larceny from automobiles the past few months, putting a

damper on summer for many people.

And while there is no sure-fire way to prevent these crimes from happening, there is a lot residents can do to protect themselves.

First, it starts with their mindset. Too often, people read about crime in the newspaper or see it on television and think that it won't happen to them because they live in a safe neighborhood and lock their doors most of the time.

There's no doubt that this area is a safe place to call

home, but it doesn't mean people should be negligent when it comes to protecting themselves. It always seems like the one time you don't do something it happens, so it is imperative you have a safety checklist to help prevent slip-ups.

A lot of the items on the checklist are common sense, but the list itself, if followed, can go a long way to ensure your safety.

The key is not being a target. Don't let the mail and newspapers pile up when you

head out of town, install timed lights inside and outside, make sure the landscaping is kept up, and don't leave the garage door open — even when you are home.

The smart criminal (if there really is such a thing) tends to keep an eye out for these things, especially the open garage door that tends to serve as a showroom for a later visit.

Another helpful tactic is enlisting the eyes and ears of your neighborhood. There tends to be success in numbers, so having a group of peo-

ple looking out for each other is a critical element of having a safe neighborhood.

And most importantly, be vigilant. If you see someone or something suspicious, do not hesitate to call the police. That is what they are there for, so let them be the ones to determine whether the suspicious person or scenario warrants action.

Summer is one of the best times of the year in this state. Don't let it be ruined by not doing your part to protect against crime.

OUR VIEWS

When oversight becomes busy work

Finding the balance between responsible oversight and wasteful micromanagement can be a challenge. Yet putting oversight on auto pilot is no path to success.

Unfortunately, many will think that's what the Michigan Legislature has done over time as lawmakers mandate hundreds of reports from state agencies, yet apparently pay little attention to what many of those reports say.

Case in point: 20 years after the Michigan School for the Blind closed, the Michigan Department of Education is still required by law to send not one but two reports on the school to the Legislature. Has no one noticed for 20 years that a report comes in saying there is nothing to report because the school has closed?

Fortunately, the act of reporting nothing doesn't waste much in staff time or tax dollars. It does, however, push the ridiculous factor to record heights. And it doesn't stop there, because there are two additional reports that MDE must regularly file about other discontinued programs.

Over at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, folks have studied the impact of the many mandated reports and found many unnecessary. They calculate that it takes the equivalent of one full-time employee working more than eight months to gather data and prepare just those unnecessary reports. Example: a report on Canadian trash exported to Michigan, a problem fixed years ago by legislation.

Michigan.com state government/investigative reporter Justin Hinkley surveyed every state department to learn how many mandatory reports there are and what, exactly, they achieve. Officials say some have produced beneficial results. Monitoring bovine tuberculosis, for example, raised awareness of that problem.

Better news for taxpayers, though, is awareness that the unneeded reports must be addressed. The state's Office of Regulatory Reinvention is looking into the matter, and lawmakers say they are open to change.

Start by writing sunset provisions into laws requiring such reports. Then if lawmakers don't vote to renew the report, it dies. Another option is just making more data available online so interested lawmakers — or members of the public — can look it up. And since some data is requested by both lawmakers and the federal government, aligning state requests with federal reports would add efficiency.

No one is suggesting that lawmakers abandon their oversight role. But requiring reports that have no useful purpose is not meaningful oversight.



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LETTERS

Where were the voters

We've lived in Westland over 40 years and have seen growth, success, failure, political unrest at council meetings, high taxes, low taxes, good city service, bad city service, police and fire success and failure. Some good ups and bad downs, but it always seems the voters come up short when change is needed or new life is to be breathed into the city.

That takes me to the just held primary election.

We have over 60,000 registered voters and just over 5,000 voted according to the figures I've seen. Give or take a few, that's only 7.75 percent of who can vote. With the chance to replace various positions with candidates that could have fresh ideas and maybe putting Westland in a new direction and not down the same old road, you didn't. You let 7 percent dictate the direction of the city for the next four years.

We have three new names and one that's been there before long ago along with four incumbents. Now you tell me what four are possibly going to be voted in?

This November it'll be a name recognition vote. Seems that happens a lot. Nothing more and nothing less. No thought, no mistake, no one to remember what's been done, what's not been done. Oh, I remember that name so I'll color that dot or pull that lever. Maybe because of this, less lawn signs will be placed around the city. Then after the election in November on to the council meeting to express your dissatisfaction on what's being done or not being done.

Now doesn't scream term limits being a law. You've got term limits every time, if and when you vote in any election.

Now the march to November begins. Well 7 percent maybe marching and all others will be sitting on the curb waiting for candy to be tossed their way.

Don S. Petre
Executive Director (Retired)
Thomas F. Taylor Towers

Thank you for editorial

Thank you for your editorial in the Aug. 6 *Observer*, entitled "Parents need to keep children's vaccines current."

Your editorial reminded me that in every corner of the world, parents have the same dream for their kids. All parents want their kids to grow up healthy and to thrive. Unlike many of the world's problems, this is one that we can solve.

Did you know that in the last 30 years, we have cut preventable child deaths around the world in half? Regrettably, today alone, 17,000 children will still die from treatable causes like diarrhea and pneumonia.

For the first time in history, experts and scientists agree that it's possible to stop these avoidable deaths. There are low-cost solutions, such as vaccines and antibiotics, that could make the difference.

One hundred and seventy two nations around the world have committed to this plan. The United States must continue to do its part as a global leader. When Congress returns from the August recess, they should take action to ensure passage of The Reach Every Mother and Child

Act. This legislation encourages our tax dollars to be spent more effectively in saving millions of children's lives.

Yvonne Wyborny
Westland

Vaccines save lives

From Michigan to Malawi, the birth of a baby is an exciting event. Thank you for the Aug. 6 editorial regarding "Parents need to keep children vaccines current." As the mother of two children and a former Head Start educator, I understand how important these low-cost, effective interventions are in saving children's lives. Yet, for too many, this hope is cut short. Congress has an unprecedented opportunity to change this forever.

In the last 30 years, preventable child deaths have been cut in half. Unlike many of world's problems, this is one that we have the power to solve. But with 17,000 children still dying each day, mostly from treatable causes, there is still some work that remains. We have all the tools, such as vaccines. We just need to take the action.

Thanks to Sens. Peters and Stabenow for all of their previous support of maternal and child health. When they return from the August recess, I ask that they and other members of congress cosponsor The Reach Every Mother and Child Act (S. 1911).

Congress can make sure that every single child in the world has a chance to not only survive, but to thrive.

Mary Albertson
Northville

GUEST COLUMN

Stabenow expands mental health care

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., has been a champion for quality mental health care throughout her political career — and her efforts paid off for the one-in-four Americans impacted by a serious mental illness with the passage of the Excellence in Mental Health Act.

Thank you, Ms. Stabenow, for adding value and helping to make a difference.

Her efforts are personal and professional. Her father struggled from bipolar disorder and went undiagnosed for nearly a decade when she was growing up. That drove her passion to seek change. Her dad didn't get the treatment he needed for years and it affected her entire family.

Like the senator's father, far too many people who need treatment don't receive it. We know with proper diagnosis, treatment and support, people with serious mental illnesses can recover and thrive. It is critical that as a nation we do more to help people with serious mental illness and their families.

Last April, President Barack Obama signed into law Stabenow's Excellence in Mental Health Act, which was cosponsored by Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo. This new legislation is one of the most significant steps forward in community mental health funding in decades.

The Excellence in Mental Health Act will increase Americans' access to community mental health and substance use treatment services, while improving Medicaid reimbursement for these services. This new legislation will provide assistance for so many deserving people.

"Mental illness touches every family in some way," Stabenow said. "We need to treat illnesses above the neck the same as we treat illnesses below the neck.



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

This is the first concrete step in decades to change the tide and make sure communities in Michigan and across the country have the resources they need to help individuals living with mental illness."

The Excellence in Mental Health Act provides \$25 million in funding that will be available to states as planning grants to develop applications to participate in the two-year pilot program. Only states that have received a planning grant will be eligible to apply to participate in the pilot program. Eight states will be selected to participate in the two-year pilot program. Michigan plans to compete aggressively to be one of the states selected.

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Board, staff and provider network are excited to partner with the state of Michigan to apply for these new federal funds to help create a better life for persons with mental illness and substance use disorders.

Opening minds, ending stigma

We need to stop stigmatizing people who seek mental health care. There is still a stigma attached to seeking treatment for mental illness. The National Institute of Mental Health describes "depressive illness" as a "disorder of the brain" — not a personal weakness. We need to break down the stigma of seeking treatment for mental disorders, get people the treatment they need and support them in their road to recovery.

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority partnered with

the Ethel and James Flinn Foundation in producing *Opening Minds - Ending Stigma*. This 30-minute documentary shown on CBS shines a light on the treatable nature of mental illness, which ranges from major depression to bipolar and obsessive compulsive disorders. It addresses the challenges faced by those with mental illness, which impacts every ZIP code, race and socio-economic status, yet unfairly carries stigma and shame as a barrier to treatment.

Stabenow is featured in this documentary, along with Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, First Lady Michelle Obama and Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Nick Lyons. View the video at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VhWkdo03z74>

A champion

I have known and have worked with Stabenow for more than 30 years. If you look up the words "tenacious," "persistence," "determination" and "decency" in the dictionary, you will find a picture of her. We collectively commend her for making the Excellence in Mental Health Act possible and seeking ways to expand health care to all Americans.

For more information about Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority's programs and services and statewide efforts in the Excellence in Mental Health-care Act, go to www.dwmha.com

If you or someone you know is in a mental health crisis, contact the DWMHA 24-Hour crisis helpline at 800-241-4949.

Northville resident Tom Watkins is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (www.dwmha.com). He has served the residents of Michigan as state superintendent of schools and state mental health director. Follow him on Twitter @tdwatkins88.



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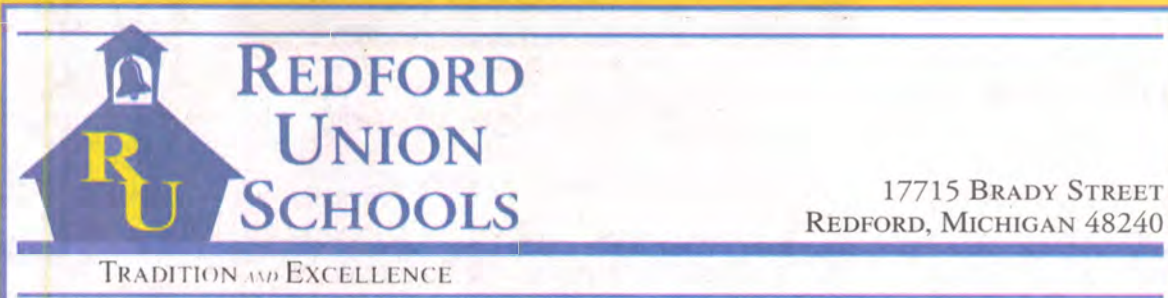


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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SAFETY

Tech bolsters concussion battle

New tools added to help recognize head injuries

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In the ongoing war against sports-related concussions, high school athletic trainers like Garden City's Brandi Hildreth are on the front lines.

Thanks to a recently implemented Michigan High School Athletic Association pilot pro-

gram, Hildreth and her colleagues across the state will be armed this season with new, head injury-detecting weapons: the King-Devick Test and MHSAA-issued computer tablets.

Beginning with the fast-approaching fall sports season, athletes at Garden City and several other schools across Michigan will be asked to complete the King-Devick Test, which is a rapid-eye movement screening evaluation that re-

quires them to read single-digit numbers displayed on a tablet computer.

The test takes just two to three minutes for each athlete, Hildreth said.

"The athletes read the numbers as quickly as possible and a baseline is created that we store, along with their name, birth date and other information," Hildreth said. "If, for instance in football, I see a player involved in a hard hit, I will bring them over to the

sideline and have them re-take the test. If the time it takes them is even one second longer than their baseline or if they skip a line or miss a number, there's a chance they may have suffered a concussion."

Hildreth said the athletes she's worked with so far this summer haven't had a problem with taking the baseline-establishing test.

"It's quick and easy and

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JUNIOR OLYMPICS



Valadian Pallett of Farmington is the 12-year-old AAU national champion in the discus.

Farmington girl is AAU national champ



Valadian Pallett proudly displays the AAU medals and badge she won at the national meet.

Valadian Pallett wins discus competition in 12-year-old age bracket

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Valadian Pallett knew her goal was within her reach and made it a reality at the AAU Junior Olympics last week in Norfolk, Va.

The 12-year-old Farmington girl won the national championship in her age group with a career-best discus throw of

103 feet, 2 inches.

"I'm really excited, because I've been working on it for six years," Pallett said. "I've taken second place in the past, so it's always been my dream to get that gold medal."

It was the fifth consecutive AAU national competition for Pallett, who will enter the seventh grade at East Middle School in a few weeks. With the benefit of those previous competitions, she knew how to approach the event and had the mental discipline to stay cool throughout it.

Every one of her six throws with the one-kilogram discus

exceeded 92 feet. Her winning throw ranks second in the nation for 12-year-olds, according to eliteyouth.net.

Pallett has been the top seed at previous AAU national meets and was ready for this one.

"I knew I had some really good competition, so I didn't want to get my hopes too high," she said. "I've seen some girls get overly confident and get crushed when they didn't win."

"I think some of the girls would get distracted. I felt like

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Ace golfers

» Livonia resident Christine Murphy registered a hole-in-one Friday, Aug. 7, on the 95-yard seventh hole at the Lower Huron Par 3 Golf Course.

Murphy, who has been playing golf for 15 years, used a 7-iron on her memorable shot and carded an 18-hole score of 65.

It was her second career ace. The shot was witnessed by Thom Bales.

» Renee DiPonio of Livonia recorded her first hole-in-one Monday at Farmington Hills Golf Club. She used a 9-wood to ace the 97-yard 13th hole.

DiPonio has been playing golf for 10 years. Her feat was witnessed by Susan Prasali and Peggy Raymond.

Soccer referee training

The United Federation of Officials is offering a soccer referee training class Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Southgate Public Library, located at 14680 Dix Toledo Rd.

The target audience for the class includes high school juniors and seniors, who will be a part of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Officials Legacy Mentoring Program. Interested adults can also take the class.

The fees for the class consist solely of MHSAA registration fees.

Those who complete the course will be eligible for officiating high school, junior high and CYO soccer matches beginning with the fall 2015 season.

For more information, contact Byron Beattie at 734-281-3461.

Churchill 'Meet the Team' night

Livonia Churchill will host its annual "Meet the Team" night Wednesday, Aug. 19, for all students who will be participating in the Chargers' 2015-16 athletic programs.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. in Churchill's James P. Carli Auditorium.

The event is for all fall, winter and spring athletes and their parents.

Several topics will be covered that are pertinent to both Churchill High School and MHSAA athletics.

For more information, call the Churchill athletic department at 734-744-2650, ext. 46117.

COMPETITIVE SKATING

Livonia teen rolls to impressive medal haul

Smyser's willingness to work at sport fuels her success

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Just a couple of years after learning how to roller skate backward, Livonia's Amanda Smyser is skating circles around many of the top competitors in her sport.

A senior-to-be at Livonia Franklin High School, Smyser returned from last month's USA Rollersports Champi-

onships in Albuquerque, N.M., with three medals – one gold and two bronze – that reflect a diligent work ethic and deep love of the challenging activity.

"I'm not exactly sure why, but I have a deep passion for artistic roller skating," the personable 17-year-old said, minutes before a three-hour practice session with hall of fame coach Vickie Hudson was about to begin at Canton's Skatin' Station II. "I want to do this for the rest of my life. After I'm done competing, I'd like to coach."

Smyser's golden perfor-

mance at last month's national event came in the no-room-for-error figures competition, which requires participants to meticulously skate around a circle with three incredibly-observant judges watching your every move.

"Figures is all about edge quality, posture and how you look," said Hudson, a longtime coach who lives in South Lyon. "If you go off the line even a little, you're out of the game. There were six figures Amanda had to do and she won them all."

Smyser out-skated approximately 35 competitors from

across the United States. All of the participants at the national competition were required to qualify at one of nine regional events.

"The only thing that is really hard for me when it comes to roller skating are the nerves I get before I compete," Smyser said. "It can be super nerve-racking, but I take a few deep breathes before I go out there and I focus on what I have to do."

Smyser practices up to four hours every day, a regimen Hudson said is instrumental in

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Livonia resident Amanda Smyser practices her figures during a Monday afternoon practice at Canton's Skatin' Station II.

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AAU TRACK AND FIELD

Intensity Track Club athletes get it done

Five members of area track club win medals at AAU Junior Olympics

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

They went, they conquered, they returned with medals.

So it went for the Wayne Memorial-based Intensity Track Club at the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics Aug. 2-8 at Norfolk State University in Virginia.

Five of nine Intensity athletes who competed in the age 17-18 division found their way onto the podium. Montel Hood (Wayne Memorial) and the 3,200-meter relay team of Hood, newcomer Zach Gray, Andrew

Chant (Wayne) and Will Jackson (Hartland) garnered silver medals.

Intensity head coach Jamal Johnson, who also coaches the varsity boys track and field team at Wayne (where the AAU club practices), said Hood and the relay team missed winning gold medals by less than a second.

Hood clocked in at 1:54.71 in the 800 (the first-place winner finished in 1:54.11) while the 3,200-meter relay team finished with a mark of 8:01.92 — topped by Wil-lingboro Track Club's time of 8:00.96. Westland John Glenn's Caroline Mahalak placed seventh in the racewalk.

"This is a huge step for us as a team, seeing as we walked away empty handed in our first year last summer," Johnson said. "For the people



Intensity Track Club's 3,200-meter relay team of (from left) Zach Gray, Montel Hood, Andrew Chant and Will Jackson narrowly missed winning a national championship at the AAU Junior Olympics.

who didn't medal, they still competed very well and had some great PRs. I was extremely proud of the entire team."

Other team members included Anavia Battle (Wayne), Ledell O'Bryant (Wayne), Shiann Proffitt

(John Glenn), Alyssa Johnson (Wayne) and assistant coach Jana Hughes.

The team made the trek to Virginia with the help of a bowling fundraiser at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia.



Intensity Track Club members enjoy the atmosphere at Norfolk State University, where the AAU Junior Olympics took place.

UPCOMING TRYOUTS

Garden City Gators

The Garden City Gators fast-pitch softball program offers fall ball, indoor winter training, spring/summer leagues and tournaments, along with hitting, pitching and catching camps for four age levels: 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U.

Tryouts will be held Aug. 22-23 and 25-26 at Garden City High School's "Lighted Field," which is located at the intersection of Maplewood and Hartel.

The times of the tryouts Aug. 22-23 are 9-11 a.m. for 10U and 12U; and 12:30-2:30 p.m. for 14U and 16U.

The Aug. 25 tryout day will feature a 6-8 p.m. slot for 10U and 12U, while the Aug. 26 day will feature a 6-8 p.m. time block for 14U and 16U.

Players are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled start of each tryout.

For more information, contact Barry Patterson at 734-635-2388 or gcsoft-

ball@mi.rr.com. You can also check out the program's Facebook page by searching for "Garden City Gators Fastpitch Softball."

RU soccer tryouts

The Redford Union boys soccer team will be holding tryouts 5-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at MacGowan Elementary School, just north of the high school.

All student-athletes trying out for the team must bring their own water.

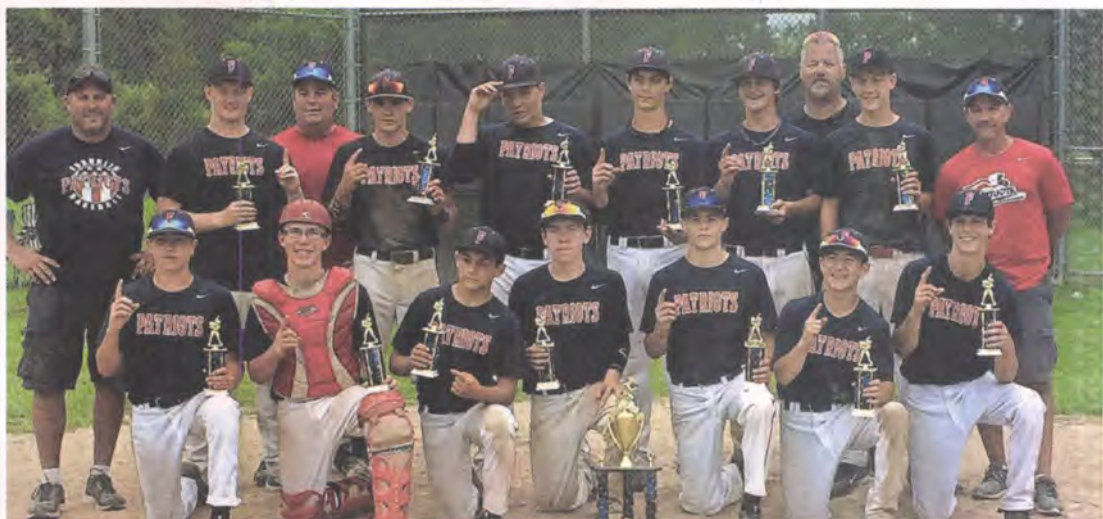
For more information, contact coach Jim Gibbs at 313-995-4234.

GC tennis tryouts

Tryouts for the Garden City boys varsity tennis team will start 9-11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17.

All student-athletes will need a racquet and a physical in order to try out. The tryouts will be held rain or shine.

Patriots roll to title



The Livonia Patriots 16U travel baseball team won the End of Summer Classic that was held July 25-26 at Eastern Michigan University. The Patriots, who also captured another tournament crown earlier this summer, are made up exclusively of student-athletes who attend Livonia Franklin High School. The Patriots upended Northville twice (6-2 and 7-1) and Brighton once (12-1) in pool play before taking down Brighton, 12-2, in the championship game. Team members include (front row, from left) Ben Raisch, Trey Gorman, Johnny DiPonio, Alec Gorman, Jake Giacobbi, Chris Berrelez and Nick Hoyer and (back row, from left) coach Metzler, Riley Flaherty, coach Merrill, Colin Metzler, Ryan Celmer, Jon Montie, Harrison Merrill, coach Celmer, Keegan Flaherty and coach Raisch. Also on the team is Jacob Mass.



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COMPETITIVE ROLLER SKATING

RASCals roll out championship performances

Riverside
Arena-based team
shines in New Mexico

The RASCals, a team representing the Riverside Arena Skating Club in Livonia, brought home six top placements at the USA Roller Figure Skating Championships held in July in Albuquerque, N.M.

The top Riverside skater, Ian Heersink of Livonia, earned a spot on the team that will represent the United States at the upcoming World Roller Skating Championships in Cali, Colombia.

The Riverside club members, who practice up to three hours a day, four to five days a week, perform in a variety of disciplines, including compulsory team and solo dance; creative dance; figures; freestyle; pairs; and precision skating.

Thirteen club members participated at the championships, with four receiving medals.

Leading the way with three placements was Heersink, who earned a gold medal with partner



Members of the Riverside RASCals brought home several medals from the USA Roller Figure Skating Championships held last month in Albuquerque, N.M.

Anna Cao of Waterford in the Sophomore A Team Dance Division. Heersink also won the World Class Men's Figures and placed third in Junior

World Class Men's Figures. As a result of his qualification, Heersink will compete in the Junior World Class Figure cate-

gory at the World Championships in September. Also winning multiple awards was Joshua Stadler of Livonia, who, with partner Miranda Esser of



Plymouth's Chloe LaMay won a bronze medal in Open A Inline Creative Solo Free Dance.



Miranda Esser of Northville and Joshua Stadler of Livonia won a pair of medals in the pairs competition.

Northville, won gold in the Juvenile/Elementary B Pairs event, as well as a bronze medal in Juvenile/Elementary B Singles.

Closing out the top placements was Chloe LaMay of Plymouth, who captured a bronze medal in Open A Inline Creative Solo Free Dance.

Also participating in the championships were Livonia residents Christine Asai, Emma Chappell and Ryan Heersink; Northville's Tina Stadnik and Andrew Esser; Chloe King of Garden City; Arhianna Stokes of Dear-

born Heights; Tanvi Karkare of Canton; and Kiera Trinity of Redford.

The Riverside team is led by coaches Lawaun Modrich and Jillian Heersink.

Riverside, which has a 75-year history of supporting competitive roller skating, is owned and operated by Lionel and Debbie LaMay.

The Riverside RASCals Skating Club has been active for six years. It started with five club members and grown to more than 30 at its peak.

For more information about the Riverside Arena Skating Club, go to riversidearena.com or riversiderascals.org.

SAFETY

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there's no memorization, so I think they like it," she said.

Garden City football head coach Scott Murray said he's all for any additional tool that can help trainers and coaches recognize concussion symptoms.

"Ideally, we never have to use it, but if we do need it, the test is a good gauge of where a kid's at in terms of thinking," Murray said. "It seems like every year they're coming up with new ways to prevent and recognize concussions, so that's a positive sign."

The King-Devick Test was developed by doctors at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

"The first and most critical step in managing concussion in the youth athlete is to recognize when one has occurred, which is not always a simple task," said Dr. David Dodick, professor of neurology and director of sports concussion services at the Mayo Clinic. "The King-Devick Test helps take the guesswork and subjectivity out of the sideline evaluation in a rapid, accurate and objective way."

The MHSAA supplied each of the participating schools with five tablet computers to distribute among their coaches.



Garden City athletic trainer Brandi Hildreth holds the MHSAA-provided tablet she will use throughout the upcoming school year to help detect when an athlete has suffered a concussion.

RECREATION SOFTBALL

'Dream' season



Greater Dream Church recently won the Women's Christian Softball League for the second consecutive season. Team members include (front row) Brody Perez; (second row, from left) Justine Woodard, Julene Pummill, Rachel Perez, Joye Clenney and Kathy Stella; (third row, from left) Justine Pummill, Jaclyn Williams, Maresy Vesley, Rebekah Pummill and Amanda Caudill; and (fourth row) Ron Pummill and Chad Williams.

SMYSER

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her success. "She wants to be a world-class skater someday, so she does what it takes to get there," Hudson said. "Plus, she is lucky enough to have a mom (Brenda) who is 100 percent behind her. "To be good in this sport, you have to practice enough so that as nervous as you get, your practice habits take over and Amanda definitely puts in the time it takes to achieve this."

Smyser started skating recreationally at the age of 13 at Riverside Arena in Livonia.

"A couple years ago, I took lessons to learn how to skate backward and it went from there," she said, discussing her introduction to competitive roller skating. "Somebody told me about artistic roller skating and I thought it sounded like fun."

Smyser's path to multiple medals hasn't always been easy. She thrives despite dealing with the effects of epilepsy - she suffered a seizure just two days before her gold medal-winning effort - and Chiari malformation, a rare neurological condition that required Smyser to undergo brain surgery in 2009.

"Neither her neurolo-



Multiple medal winner Amanda Smyser is pictured with her coach, Vickie Hudson, prior to Monday's practice at Skatin' Station II in Canton.

"A couple years ago, I took lessons to learn how to skate backward and it went from there. Somebody told me about artistic roller skating and I thought it sounded like fun."

AMANDA SMYSER
competitive roller skater

gist nor her neurosurgeon like her to skate and it has been suggested more than once that she quit," Brenda Smyser said. "This just

makes her more determined to show them otherwise.

"She is my hero."

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PALLETT

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I was focused in during the competition and trying my best and not talking to friends."

Pallett owes a great deal of her success to her father and coach, Toby, a former collegiate thrower who runs the Magsig-Pallett Throwing Club.

"I like having my dad as my coach," Valadian said. "That way he knows more about me and how I work. Sometimes, I do need to be pushed a little harder; otherwise, I might not go to practice."

"He got me into track and field, where most girls my age don't know what a shot put, discus or javelin is. He's inspired me to do it. I've seen him throwing and seen how far the shot and discus go for him. He has inspired me and I want to impress him."

Pallett's older brother Vonn was a two-time all-Observer thrower at Farmington High School and will continue in the sport at Grand Valley State University.

"He juggles multiple sports and still keeps his grades up," Valadian said. "I want to do the same in high school."

Pallett earned three medals at the Junior Olympics for the second year in a row, pushing her total over five years to 10. Including districts and regionals, she has close to 30.

She also was fourth in



Valadian Pallett was center stage on the awards platform with runner-up Sarah Mavin (left) and third-place finisher Johtavia Shaw.

the six-pound shot put at 35-10½ and fifth in the turbo javelin with a throw of 90-7.

Pallett's throws with the discus and javelin are personal records. In the shot put, it remains 37-8. Her previous best in the discus was 100-9.

Not surprisingly, Pallett's favorite event is the discus, because she does the best in that one, she said.

"Since I'm 5-foot-9 at age 12, I'm taller and have longer arms than most girls, so there's an advantage in your height," she said.

Pallett also won the AAU regional but, ironically, not the district. The defending national champion, Sarah Mavin of Gaines, Mich., also was in those meets.

She was the runner-up to Pallett at the next two levels. Mavin won the

national title in the shot put.

"The district meet was one of my first meets of the season and I was a little more nervous," Pallett said, knowing Mavin would be there, too.

As for the near future, Pallett's goal is to set the East record in the shot put. She'll have to be content with that since there is no discus competition in middle school.

In addition to Pallett, Joe Ghafari of Farmington Hills placed fourth in the discus in the 17-18 division with throw of 164-11 and also was 10th in shot put.

Ghafari, a 2014 graduate of Farmington High and a former all-Observer thrower, was all-state and owns the school record in the discus.

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Fire safety advice is key for students headed off to college, says veteran firefighter Tom Kiurski, a lieutenant with the Brighton Area Fire Authority who's retired from the Livonia Fire Department.

Sending kids off to college? Practice, heed fire safety tips

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

When Tom Kiurski and his wife sent their daughter off to Central Michigan University, they had the usual advice about studying, personal conduct and more. Kiurski, who's been in the fire service since 1981, had additional fire safety advice he also shares with other college-bound students.

"I made sure she had a smoke alarm," said Kiurski, who's retired from the Livonia Fire Department and a lieutenant with the Brighton Area Fire Authority. She also took along a carbon monoxide detector.

"We talked about fire safety exits," he recalled. He acknowledged, "It's going to be crazy when you move in."

The couple's daughter just graduated from CMU with

her bachelor's degree in education, and her firefighter dad is glad to share his knowledge with all students and their families.

"It is improving and that's a good thing. Dorms are being built with sprinklers now," Livonia resident Kiurski said, referencing past tragedies in which students have died in college/university housing. Some other schools are retrofitting their older housing, he said, with federal grants available to help with installing sprinklers there.

"Many times, it's their first taste of freedom," he said of students away from home. The young adults may have relied on parents for knowledge of using a fire extinguisher or testing a smoke alarm.

"We can't forget safety because that's No. 1," Kiurski

said.

The university's resident adviser, or RA, can help with pointing out where alarms are, conducting fire drills, and locations of extinguishers.

"You're probably not going to be able to have a hot plate," he said, noting schools provide a list of what's allowed for cooking. Candles are likely also a no-no for dorms. "Some are better than others," he said of the orientations done by resident advisers. "They're going to be able to show you the exits."

On campus, housing will have alarms, but in off-campus and Greek housing, "the college might not have much say there," Kiurski said. When his daughter lived on a second floor off campus, he showed her the safe route to a lower roof and way out.

"I think you run the gamut," he said of off-campus housing. "Some do a good job. You kind of have to check it out yourself."

Some students will disable an alarm, he noted. "Sometimes, it just happens," and isn't the fault of a management company, Kiurski said.

"Once humans are out, everything can be replaced," he said of a fire. "It might not be easy."

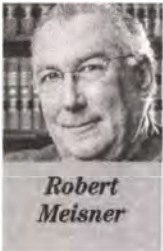
He hopes college instructors and professors would be understanding of students in such circumstances who've lost term papers with their other valuables.

"Not worth the risk. If you get out, stay out," Kiurski emphasized, both as a firefighter and dad.

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Consult your attorney on disability question

Q: I live in a condominium and suffer from a medical condition that causes muscle spasms in my back. My association declined to allow me to install a hot tub on my outside deck to address the issue, but I put one in anyways. Even though I provided a letter to the association from my doctor indicating that hydrotherapy helps my condition, I still received a letter telling me to remove the hot tub. Do you think I have to remove it?



Robert Meisner

A: The association must consider whether declining your request violates Fair Housing Act (FHA) provisions that allow a resident full enjoyment of a unit to accommodate a disability by making necessary structural modifications to a common area. Your doctor may be able to provide certification that you are indeed legally disabled and that, as a result, you require the hot tub on your outside deck as a reasonable accommodation. However, before you speak to your doctor, I would suggest that you first seek the advice of a qualified attorney to determine your eligibility in regard to these factors and, how the letter from the doctor should be framed to accomplish the result intended.

Q: Do you know anything about privacy laws as they relate to the use of drones? Most companies offering insurance policies for commercial drone use exclude privacy claims due to lack of data, uncertainty over how drones work, and how legislation protecting privacy from drone surveillance will behave towards violators.

A: These are all legitimate questions, but I can tell you that in Florida, the newly minted Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act went into effect on July 1, 2015. The law prohibits a person, state agency or political subdivision from using a drone to capture the image of a privately owned property or anyone on the property with the intent to conduct surveillance. Those who wish to use drone technology in this manner must have written consent from people on the property. While the law allows an exception for drone use by a business licensed by the state, it does not apply to professions that regularly obtain information about a person's identity, whereabouts, what habits are or associations. Those who feel their privacy has been violated under these terms may sue for civil damages and injunctive relief. It is obviously something that Michigan and other states should consider undertaking.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 23-27, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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| 22719 N Nottingham Dr | \$573,000 |
| 20155 W 13 Mile Rd | \$365,000 |
| BIRMINGHAM | |
| 651 Davis Ave | \$685,000 |
| 997 E 14 Mile Rd | \$325,000 |
| 269 E Southlawn Blvd | \$297,000 |
| 640 Henley St | \$815,000 |
| 1661 Maryland Blvd | \$445,000 |
| 1842 Maryland Blvd | \$340,000 |
| 1133 Westwood Dr | \$900,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD HILLS | |
| 1455 Lochridge | \$1,150,000 |

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| 2786 Hunters Way | \$577,000 |
| 4568 Kirkcaldy | \$160,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP | |
| 2852 Courville Dr | \$281,000 |
| 2735 Middlebury Ln | \$300,000 |
| 3975 Oakhills Dr | \$475,000 |
| COMMERCE TOWNSHIP | |
| 5624 Lancaster Ln | \$375,000 |
| 3061 Massena | \$85,000 |
| FARMINGTON | |
| 22746 Power Rd | \$138,000 |
| FARMINGTON HILLS | |
| 29625 Bradmoor Ct | \$635,000 |
| 30157 Briarton St | \$207,000 |
| 34634 Bunker Hill Dr | \$226,000 |
| 29510 Eastfield | \$168,000 |
| 38917 Holsworth Ct | \$265,000 |
| 21400 Jacksonville St | \$54,000 |
| 20820 Middlebelt Rd | \$144,000 |
| 30241 Mirton Dr | \$280,000 |
| 22271 Ontaga St | \$119,000 |
| 39066 Plumbrook Dr | \$310,000 |

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| 29307 Regents Pointe | \$190,000 |
| 30982 Westwood Rd | \$365,000 |
| 25260 Wylshire Rd | \$226,000 |
| FRANKLIN | |
| 27190 W 14 Mile Rd | \$364,000 |
| HIGHLAND | |
| 2097 Addalee Rd | \$490,000 |
| LATHRUP VILLAGE | |
| 18800 San Diego Blvd | \$135,000 |
| MILFORD | |
| 31220 Bailove | \$43,000 |
| 910 Duke | \$135,000 |
| 939 S Duck Lake Rd | \$318,000 |
| 1312 Yossemitte Valley Dr | \$309,000 |
| NORTHVILLE | |
| 21204 E Glen Haven Cir | \$85,000 |
| 46875 Elmsmere Dr | \$370,000 |
| 52177 Pierce Dr | \$125,000 |
| 20922 W Glen Haven Cir | \$124,000 |
| NOVI | |
| 44578 Ellery Ln | \$234,000 |
| 44767 Ellery Ln | \$138,000 |

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| 40438 Guilford | \$226,000 |
| 22473 Moorgate St | \$375,000 |
| 23615 N Rockledge | \$99,000 |
| 24823 Portsmouth Ave | \$343,000 |
| 21702 Siegal Dr | \$237,000 |
| 41351 Todd Ln | \$244,000 |
| 23218 W Le Best | \$180,000 |
| 24045 Wintergreen Cir | \$510,000 |
| SOUTH LYON | |
| 61662 Fairland Dr | \$209,000 |
| SOUTHFIELD | |
| 23200 Evergreen Rd | \$135,000 |
| 15803 Fairfax St | \$167,000 |
| WHITE LAKE | |
| 21440 Gilmorra St | \$200,000 |
| 27401 Red Leaf Ln | \$132,000 |
| 25582 Saint James | \$110,000 |
| 24340 Sunnyside Dr | \$25,000 |
| 49 Glandon Dr | \$149,000 |
| 1245 Park Dr | \$190,000 |
| 9104 Sussex | \$210,000 |

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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| CANTON | |
| 2322 Arcadia Dr | \$139,000 |
| 42942 Arlington Rd | \$194,000 |
| 46119 Bartlett Dr | \$280,000 |
| 44112 Brandywyne Rd | \$175,000 |
| 284 Dartmouth Ct | \$228,000 |
| 49691 Division St | \$60,000 |
| 43703 Fredericksburg St | \$150,000 |
| 817 Glenulline Dr | \$189,000 |
| 47063 Hidden River Cir S | \$295,000 |
| 45585 Holmes Dr | \$230,000 |
| 1319 Kensington Dr | \$340,000 |
| 43487 Laurelwood Ct | \$170,000 |
| 41342 N Maplewood Dr | \$177,000 |
| 252 N Village Way | \$181,000 |
| 47478 Parkgate Ct | \$410,000 |
| 2120 Pinacraft Dr | \$140,000 |
| 46853 Polo Dr | \$263,000 |
| 795 Queens Way | \$215,000 |
| 1886 Rector Ct | \$173,000 |
| 6158 Stonetree Dr | \$202,000 |
| 576 Tyler Ln | \$179,000 |

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| 2131 Vine Way Dr | \$115,000 |
| GARDEN CITY | |
| 32615 Alvin St | \$104,000 |
| 28644 Beechwood St | \$25,000 |
| 6861 Burnly St | \$112,000 |
| 32154 Cambridge St | \$75,000 |
| 151 Clair St | \$115,000 |
| 6163 Gilman St | \$85,000 |
| 6906 Helen St | \$70,000 |
| 6906 Helen St | \$75,000 |
| 33495 Pierce St | \$60,000 |
| 29851 Windsor St | \$100,000 |
| LIVONIA | |
| 36645 6 Mile Rd | \$166,000 |
| 14605 Arden St | \$115,000 |
| 28672 Bayberry Ct E | \$140,000 |
| 11027 Blackburn St | \$145,000 |
| 32056 Bretton St | \$220,000 |
| 37754 Bristol St | \$296,000 |
| 20521 Chestnut Cir | \$400,000 |
| 10047 Deering St | \$108,000 |
| 15524 Deering St | \$92,000 |
| 17639 Dolores St | \$135,000 |
| 11842 Farmington Rd | \$123,000 |
| 28606 Jacquelyn Dr | \$138,000 |
| 31222 Kendall St | \$170,000 |
| 36730 Kingsbury St | \$185,000 |
| 20079 Maplewood St | \$158,000 |
| 38351 Mason St | \$176,000 |
| 16948 N Stanmoor Dr | \$146,000 |

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| 29571 Nottingham Cir | \$112,000 |
| 9338 Patton St | \$215,000 |
| 11684 Rosellinda Dr | \$245,000 |
| 19962 Sunbury St | \$119,000 |
| 31140 Westfield St | \$115,000 |
| NORTHVILLE | |
| 41201 Aldea Dr | \$413,000 |
| 16585 Cottonwood Ct | \$390,000 |
| 46401 Crystal Downs W | \$573,000 |
| 16539 Mulberry Way | \$409,000 |
| 19687 Northridge Dr | \$109,000 |
| 20149 Silver Spring Dr | \$122,000 |
| 16938 Sycamore Ct | \$398,000 |
| 39477 Village Run Dr | \$315,000 |
| 44494 White Pine Cir E | \$556,000 |
| PLYMOUTH | |
| 13124 Anselmyer Dr | \$300,000 |
| 13500 Cambridge Ct | \$310,000 |
| 41340 Crabtree Ln | \$193,000 |
| 42111 E Ann Arbor Trl | \$220,000 |
| 44960 Joy Rd | \$220,000 |
| 498 Maria Dr | \$140,000 |
| 42145 Mill Race Cir | \$125,000 |
| 156 N Holbrook St | \$153,000 |
| 1127 Palmer St | \$376,000 |
| 10030 Spies Ct | \$185,000 |
| 585 Virginia St | \$244,000 |
| REDFORD | |
| 20114 Centralia | \$60,000 |
| 9578 Hazelton | \$84,000 |

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| 9906 Inkster Rd | \$60,000 |
| 26740 Joy Rd | \$30,000 |
| 18432 Kinloch | \$40,000 |
| 8994 Rockland | \$65,000 |
| 9310 San Jose | \$91,000 |
| 14133 Sarasota | \$77,000 |
| 9630 Virgil | \$64,000 |
| WAYNE | |
| 38681 Meadowlawn St | \$137,000 |
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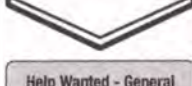
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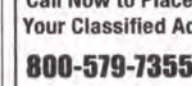


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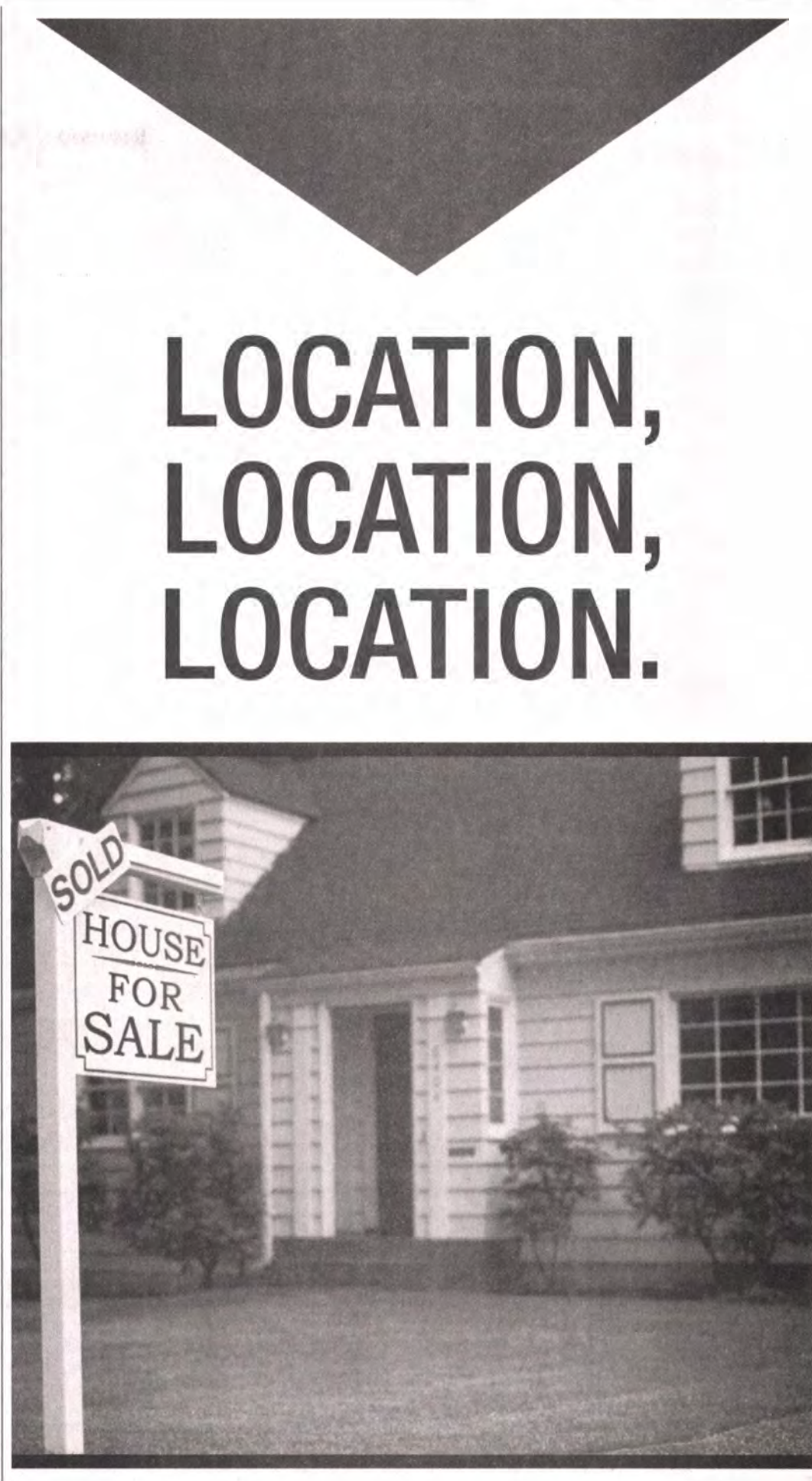
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RELIGION CALENDAR

AUGUST

BACK TO SCHOOL DAY

Time/Date: Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29

Location: Garden City Park, at the northeast corner of Merriman and Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: InsideOut Church will offer free lunch, face painting, hair cuts, an inflatable obstacle course, and backpacks full of school supplies.

Contact: 734-983-8376

BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 22

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Backpacks with basic school supplies will be available to those in need

Contact: 734-522-6830

DEMENTIA SERIES

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26

Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Fourth session on dementia in a series of educational meetings sponsored by the Northwest Wayne Vicariate, focuses on ending the social stigma and isolation of someone with dementia and empowering the person who still is there

Contact: Sue Massey at 734-455-5910; smassey@sjncanton.org

FREE STUFF

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15

Location: Union of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Clothes, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys and more. Take what you need. No charge

Contact: 734-421-1760

MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Time/Date: Building tours at 9:30 a.m., ride departs at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22

Location: The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Ride for the Red Shield is a motorcycle ride to benefit the Salvation Army of Plymouth and Downriver. The group will depart from Plymouth and ride to the Downriver Corps in Wyandotte. Cost is \$25 per rider, and \$15 per passenger. Includes a T-shirt

Contact: Sandy Kollinger at 734-453-5464, Ext. 24

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 23

Location: Grounds of the Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds worship services in a casual, outdoor setting. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton

Contact: 734-459-3333

SHABBAT DINNER

Time/Date: Follows 6 p.m. services, Friday, Aug. 28

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Havurah-style dinner will be prepared by Beth Ahm volunteers in the Sisterhood's dairy kitchen. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, 5-12. Maximum cost per household is \$36. Reservations by Aug. 26

Contact: 248-851-6880; ablau@cbahm.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Aug. 24-28

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Open to children of all ages. Dinner is included. No charge, although registration is required by Aug. 19

Contact: 734-453-0190; stjohnsplymouth.org

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

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

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

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

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

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

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket

Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Synagogue with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit

www.DueSeason.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14

Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church

Actress Susan Isaacs brings humor, wit to spiritual quest

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

In 2003, Susan Isaacs took God to couples counseling. It had been a tough year for the film and television actress. Her father had died and her mother had suffered a stroke. Her acting career had fizzled in New York and subsequently tanked in her native California, just as four of her best friends got big acting breaks. Her boyfriend of three years had left her with a broken heart,



Isaacs

and to make matters worse, her four friends had all gotten married. Isaacs, who was raised a "Bible-believing, Jesus-loving Lutheran," was angry and blamed God for her troubles. So, when a church friend suggested that relationships with God were like marriages, Isaacs couldn't wait to get the Almighty on the therapist's couch.

The imagined counseling sessions are sprinkled throughout her humorous spiritual memoir, *Angry Conversations With God*, published by FaithWords in 2009. Isaacs will perform selections of the story, Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 15-16, at the Penn Theatre in Plymouth as a part of the annual Heartbeat of Plymouth festival. The program, which will start at 12:30 p.m., also will include Brian Hardin, who podcasts daily Bible excerpts. Tickets are \$10 and available through the festival's sponsoring churches. Visit heartbeatofplymouth.com.

Isaacs, who "divorced" God a few years after considering couples therapy, re-connected when she traded her false gods — the God in her mind, the kindly Jesus in the painting on the wall — for the real thing. Her spiritual quest, chronicled from childhood to midlife crisis, included anorexia, an alcohol problem, and recovery. She also explored a variety of churches, from Pentecostals to Slackers for Jesus.

Healing time

"I got led to a church and was counseled by a woman there (for anorexia) for two years," Isaacs said, in a phone interview with *The Observer*. "For two years I had to write down all the food I ate, and give her information about my finances." Isaacs became embittered by the authoritarian approach and with advice from a roommate, a graduate student in counseling, she severed ties with the counselor and began to make her own decisions. The move enraged the counselor.

"She gave out Biblical curses. She said, 'God will



Susan Isaacs will perform at the Penn Theatre during the Heartbeat of Plymouth festival.

HEARTBEAT OF PLYMOUTH

What: Five churches present Christian music, guest speakers, children's activities and community service projects
When: 1-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 and 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16
Where: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth; guest speakers at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
At the Penn: Actress and author, Susan E. Isaacs presents portions of her one-woman show, "Angry Conversations With God," and Brian Hardin, founder of the daily audio Bible, will talk about assumptions, spiritual hearsay, and Biblical misconceptions, 12:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Tickets are \$10 and available through First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 734-453-6464; Our Lady of Good Counsel, 734-453-0326; Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 734-453-1525; Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 734-453-5280; and Praise Baptist Church, 734-455-2300
Kellogg Park Main Stage: You Shine Through, 3 p.m., James & June, 4:15 p.m., Saltz & Beck, 5:45 p.m., and I Am They, 7:15 p.m., Saturday; Chosen, 3 p.m., Kingdom Come Alive, 4:30 p.m., and 6th Day Made, 6 p.m. Sunday
Acoustic Music Tent: Sarah Dalton, 4 p.m., and Timbre of Cedar, 5:30 p.m. Sunday
Other activities: Children's activities include face painting, origami, science experiments and more, 1-6 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Teen activities include Nine Square in the Air, Gaga Pit, Velcro wall, board games, 1-8 p.m. Saturday, and 1-6 p.m. Sunday. Teens also can make greeting cards for Children's Hospital of Michigan, rubber band bracelets and origami, 1-6 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.
Community service: Participants will package food for Kids Against Hunger on Saturday, and will make fringed fleece blankets for patients at Mott's Children's Hospital on Sunday. Both activities run 3-5 p.m. at The Gathering, 736 Penniman.
Contact: heartbeatofplymouth.com

curse your career.' I was so traumatized. I felt God had betrayed me. God led me to her and then she controlled me. It wasn't until I was in the process of writing about it that I felt God spoke and said 'I knew you'd blame me, but at least you'd be alive to blame me.' There was so little in the conversation about eating

disorders at the time. God was willing to take the fall for that."

At another church, she found congregants "barking in the spirit."

"Even in how weird that was, God used that as a time to heal," she said.

In Plymouth, Isaacs will perform an abridged version

What if you could take God to a therapist?



ANGRY CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD
THE SOLO SHOW

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Susan E. Isaacs takes God to couples counseling in her one-woman show. She'll perform an abridged version at Heartbeat of Plymouth.



A SHARPLY BUT AUTHENTIC SPIRITUAL MEMOIR
ANGRY CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

"Angry Conversations With God," was published in hardcover in 2009 and as a paperback (shown) in 2011. Writer/actress Susan Isaacs also tells her story on stage.

of the 120-minute stage show that she has staged for both secular and church-going audiences. She'll take the show to a major theater festival in New York City, N.Y., and to several other venues across the country this fall.

"I think everyone is spiritual. Everyone is trying to connect with God," she said. "This is my specific journey. I'm telling you what happened to me. But the thing that is most satisfying is when people walk in off the street and say they grew up (in the church) and left it and the show made them rethink their connection with God."

Shaping the story

Isaacs workshopped her story in a writers group as a stage performance before writing it as a book, and then creating a one-woman show. "I had to learn how to make

it honest and vivid so people would say, wow, I've never thought of that. If I can get someone to rethink or reopen or reconnect to God — and get them to laugh — I've done my job. God is working everywhere. It makes me happy that someone who would in no way darken the door of a church would go to the show, laugh and reconsider."

Isaacs was cast in roles on *Seinfeld*, *My Name Is Earl*, *Scrooged*, *Parks and Recreation*, *Trains, Planes and Automobiles*, and other television shows and films. She was a member of the improvisation theater, *The Groundlings*, and earned a master of fine arts degree in screenwriting from the University of Southern California. She teaches at Azusa Pacific University and lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Larry Wilson, their two dogs and a cat.

From October through January she enjoys turning old sweaters into brooches, tea cozies, and hot sleeves for coffee cups. She calls her passion for felting a "seasonal craft disorder."

"At the last show, I sold as much felt as I did books." She's working on her next book, which will focus on her last few years of being single — including crazy dating experiences — and her first few years of marriage.

In the meantime, she hopes church-goers, especially those with anger, tension and wounded feelings, will find their way to the Penn Theatre this weekend and discover "they are not alone."

"For people who call themselves spiritual but not religious, I hope they'll know it will be a safe place. That it's a 'yes and ...' thing," she said, "and not a 'no, but ...' thing."

Canton engineer portrays quirky DJ in 'Memphis' musical

Dan Clair of Canton will play the central character in the musical, *Memphis*, Aug. 14-16 and 21-23 at the Crosswell Opera House in Adrian.

Clair, an engineer by trade, "fell in love with the music and then the storyline itself," when the musical's first national tour came through Detroit.

"It's a piece of showing what music has done for American society when it comes to racial segregation, and the impact that music has had," Clair said.

Clair's character, Huey Calhoun, is based on Dewey Phillips, the first radio DJ to play Elvis Presley's music. Calhoun loves the rhythm and blues that he hears in the nightclubs of Beale Street in the heart of Memphis' African American community, where he falls in love with a talented

young singer.

Calhoun is eccentric, quirky and a loudmouth, but he also has heart.

"Even though he can be big and obnoxious, there's always an opportunity in the script to pull him back to the love story or to the things he's passionate about," Clair said.

Although *Memphis* is Clair's first show at the Crosswell, he's been cast in many plays throughout southeast Michigan, including as Clyde in Ann Arbor Civic Theatre's *Bonnie and Clyde*, in the title role of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, at Monroe Community Players, as Claude in *Hair*, at St. Dunstan's Theatre in Bloomfield Hills, and as Bobby Strong in *Urinetown*, at Avon Players in Rochester Hills.

Memphis is at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, at the Crosswell, 129 E. Maumee Street in downtown Adrian. Tickets are \$15-\$35. Call 517-264-7469 or visit crosswell.org.



Clair

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and 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
Wild Summer Nights: Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. and include Detroit Children's Choir, Aug. 19; Candy Band, Aug. 26
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through August
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "New Horizons," a solo exhibit by painter Barbara White
Contact: 248-344-0497 or www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through September
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: "Tell Me, Berenice Abbott," is a fine art digital photography exhibit by Tim Ruane
Accepting entries: Deadline to enter the 23rd annual Canton Fine Arts

Exhibition is Aug. 24. The exhibition will run Oct. 2-31. Prizes are \$750 for Best of Show, \$500 for second place, \$300 for third place, \$100 each for honorable mentions, and \$50 each for merit awards. Interested artists can visit CantonVillageTheater.org or call 734-394-5300, Ext. 8
Contact: 734-394-5300

AUDITIONS FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. registration, 7 p.m. start, Aug. 19-20
Location: Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Auditions for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* are Aug. 19 for youth, ages 12-16, and Aug. 20 for ages 16 and over. Participants will sing a short excerpt from one of the songs from the play. They'll learn a short dance combination and will audition the dance moves in a small group. They'll also read a monologue from the show
Contact: farmingtonplayers.org

OAKLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Time/Date: By appointment, Sept. 1-7-18. Current openings include violin, viola, and bass in the Studio String Orchestra and the String Orchestra; trumpet, french horn, and trombone in the Philharmonia; and violin, viola, bassoon, french horn and trumpet in

the Symphony. Sign up for audition time online

Contact: oyomi.org

BOOK SIGNING GREEN BRAIN COMICS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15
Location: 13936 Michigan Ave., Dearborn
Details: Multimedia artist Steven Cerio signs his new book, *Sunbeam On The Astronaut*
Contact: greenbrain.biz

COMEDY EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 9:30 p.m. Aug. 15
Location: The Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron, Ann Arbor
Details: The Laugh Riot Dolls present all-female cabaret-style comedy show; \$10
Contact: 734-985-0875; emergentarts.com

FILM PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15; and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 16
Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: "Inside Out," \$3
Coming up: "Me And Earl And The Dying Girl," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23
Summer Cinema: "Willy Wonka and

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the Chocolate Factory," Aug. 13; "The Goonies," Aug. 20; "The Muppets Take Manhattan," Aug. 27

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

POPCORN TUESDAY

Time/Date: Tuesday through Aug. 25

Location: MJR Digital Cinemas, including Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Any size popcorn is free; includes one refill

Contact: mjrtheatres.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 11 p.m. Aug. 15
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

Details: "Pulp Fiction," \$5

Coming up: "Forrest Gump," 8 p.m. Aug. 21 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 22

Contact: 313-898-1481

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Films screen at dusk, nightly through Sept. 6

Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

Details: Double features on three screens. Visit summerdrivein.com weekly for updated film list. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under.

Contact: 734-927-3284

HISTORY

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17. Free museum admission for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day

Exhibit: The Fair That Changed America runs to Nov. 1, and focuses on the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, Ill. Many contemporary, commonplace objects were introduced at this World's Fair, including the Ferris wheel.

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor



Maika Van Oosterhout and David Kiley perform a scene from "Urinetown." Penny Seats Theatre Company stages the play Aug. 13-15 in Ann Arbor.



ARCHIVE PHOTO

See Rick Eva of Canton in the Michigan Shakespeare Festival's productions of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Aug. 15-16, and "Henry IV" Aug. 13 and 15, at the Village Theater in Canton.

Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

CANTON COLOR TOUR

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 21

Location: A different parking lot each week along Ford Road in Canton

Details: Charles & Gwen Scales



The portrait by Jan Brown won the 2014 Best of Show for the annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition. Entries are being accepted through Aug. 24 for this year's show. The top artist will win \$750.

perform Aug. 14 at JCPenney, located between Morton Taylor and Sheldon. Urban Jazz Coalition, Aug. 21, will be at Kroger, at Ford Road and Canton Center.

CANTON CONCERTS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13

Location: Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Public Library on the campus of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: The Dan Rafferty Band, Aug. 13

Contact: cantonfun.org

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Ramona Collins Quartet performs Aug. 25. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

JAZZ IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, through August

Location: Band shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Three different jazz acts perform each week at this free concert

Contact: jazzinthepark.org

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Aug. 29

Location: Grand Circus Park in Detroit in August

Details: Mowtown, Mamma Mia and More! will celebrate the music of the 1960s-'70s by such artists as The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, The Rolling Stones and The Temptations. Local vocalists, Kathryn Calzone, Lauren Norris and Taylor Wallis, will join the Michigan Philharmonic on the "Mamma Mia" finale. Concerts are free.

Contact: 734-451-2112; michiganphil.org

MUSIC FROM THE HEART

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, through Aug. 27

Location: Livonia Civic Center grounds, Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies, Aug. 13; Cosmic Groove Band, Aug. 20; Thomas & Kentucky Strait, Aug. 27

Contact: ci.livonia.mi.us

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. Friday through Sept. 4

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Phoenix Theory, Aug. 14; The Randy Brock Band, Aug. 21; Magic Bus, Aug. 28; Steve King & The Ditties, Sept. 4

Contact: plymouthmich.org

MUSIC IN THE PARK CHILDREN'S SERIES

Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 26

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 19; Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, Aug. 26

Contact: plymoutharts.com

RHYTHMS IN RILEY PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 28

Location: Downtown Farming-

ton

Details: Hullabaloo, Aug. 14; Twisted Root Revival, Aug. 21; Thirst Coast Kings, Aug. 28

Contact: downtownfarmington.org

STARS IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday through Aug. 27

Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 13; Kathy Kosins, Aug. 20; L'USA, Aug. 27

Contact: 248-473-1848

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: Open Stage, Aug. 18; Martyn Joseph with Jan Krist, Aug. 14. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

BETTER THAN EVER PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 27-29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30

Location: Enter through door #13 at Plymouth Parks and Recreation Complex, 650 Church, Plymouth

Details: The group performs "Palliser Suite," a comedy by Caroline Russell-King. Tickets are \$15

Contact: betterthaneverprod.wix.com/btep or call Jeanne Pruett at 734-306-7883

MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Time/Date: Aug. 13-16

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

Details: Final weekend of the season includes "A Midsummer Night's Dream," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16; "Henry IV," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15; "The Rivals," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14. Tickets from \$16-\$40

Contact: cantonvillagetheater.org; 734-394-5300

PENNY SEATS THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 13-15

Location: The West Park band shell, 215 Chapin, Ann Arbor

Details: Tickets are \$7 and \$10 for *Urinetown, the Musical*.

Contact: pennyseats.org

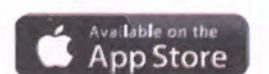


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BRISKET

GRILLED LEFTOVERS MAKE TASTY BREAKFAST, LUNCH

Although brisket is generally regarded as a cool weather dish, you may be surprised how this ultimate comfort food works in delicious recipes that help you hang on to the fading days of summer.

A traditional Barbecued Beef Brisket prepared low and slow over a charcoal grill is sure to be a crowd pleaser for a backyard tailgate or a casual gathering with friends. Leftovers can help warm up a cool morning with a decadent serving of Barbecue Benedict, and you can look forward to a Grilled Greek Salad Pita with Beef Brisket for a tasty midday meal. All recipes are by Chris Lilly, world champion pitmaster.

For more great grilling ideas, visit Kingsford Charcoal's website at www.kingsford.com.

Courtesy of Family Features



BARBECUE BENEDICT

Makes: 6 servings
Prep time: 45 minutes
Cook time: 7 minutes

1 white onion cut into ½-inch-thick strips

Onion Marinade
Barbecue Benedict Sauce
3 English muffins cut in half
1 pound leftover beef brisket
6 poached eggs

Onion Marinade:
9 tablespoons soy sauce
3 tablespoons lemon juice
6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
6 tablespoons water
6 teaspoons dark brown sugar
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
¼ teaspoon black pepper

Barbecue Benedict Sauce:
3 egg yolks
1 teaspoon vinegar
1 teaspoon water
1 cup butter, melted
¼ teaspoon salt
Pinch of cayenne pepper
3 tablespoons of your favorite KC Masterpiece barbecue sauce

In small bowl, mix onion marinade ingredients. Pour marinade into resealable plastic bag and add onion strips. Let marinate for 30 minutes.

For sauce, place egg yolks, vinegar and water into stainless steel bowl and vigorously whip until mixture is thickened and doubled in volume. Place bowl over sauce pan containing barely simmering water (just below boil), making sure bottom of bowl does not touch water. Whisk continuously, making sure eggs don't get too hot or they will scramble. Very slowly drizzle melted butter into mixture while whisking rapidly until mixture thickens and dou-

bles in volume. Remove from heat and stir in remaining sauce ingredients. Build charcoal fire for direct grilling. Place onion strips in grill basket and cook directly over hot coals (approximately 450°F), stirring often for 5 minutes or until onions brown and start to soften. Remove onions from grill and set aside.

Place English muffin halves directly over hot coals for 2 minutes or until toasted. Remove each from grill and top with leftover beef brisket, grilled onions and a poached egg. Drizzle with Barbecue Benedict Sauce.



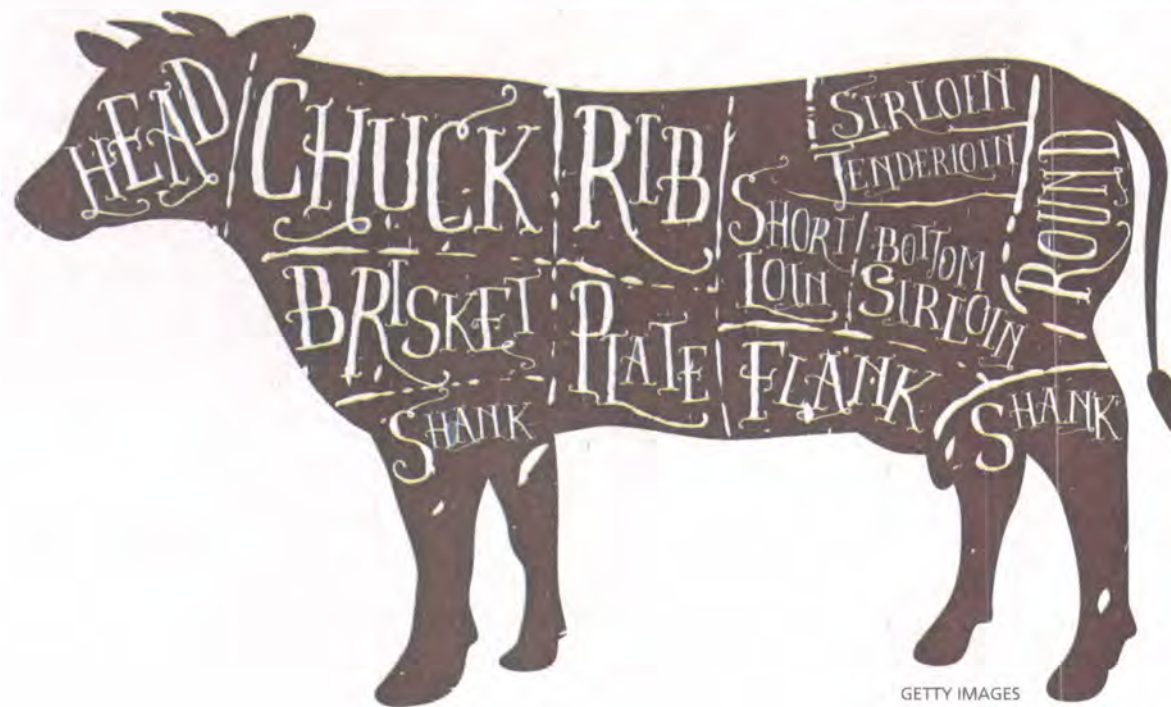
GRILLED GREEK SALAD PITA WITH BEEF BRISKET

Makes: 8 stuffed pitas
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 6 minutes

Greek Dressing:
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 ½ tablespoons Kalamata olives, minced
4 ½ teaspoons lemon juice
½ teaspoon dried oregano
½ teaspoon black pepper
4 pita bread rounds, cut in half forming 8 pockets
1 cucumber, cut into ½-inch slices
1 tomato
½ red onion, cut into ½-inch slices
2 cups romaine lettuce, cut into 1-inch pieces
¼ cup feta cheese
1 pound leftover beef brisket

In small bowl combine all Greek dressing ingredients. Set aside. Build charcoal fire for direct grilling. Place pita bread directly over hot coals (approximately 450°F) and cook for 1 minute on each side or until grill marks are visible. Place cucumbers, whole tomato and onion directly over hot coals (approximately 450°F) and cook, turning once, for 4 minutes or until they brown and start to soften.

Remove vegetables from grill and dice. Place vegetables into medium bowl and stir in dressing. Let mixture stand for 5 minutes before adding romaine lettuce and feta cheese. Fill each pita pocket with leftover beef brisket and grilled Greek salad.



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BARBECUE BEEF BRISKET

Makes: 8-10 servings
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 5-6 hours

1 beef brisket flat (5-6 pounds)
1 aluminum beef bouillon base
Dry Rub
1 cup beef broth
Dry Rub:
½ tablespoon salt
½ tablespoon paprika

½ tablespoon black pepper
½ tablespoon sugar
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
¼ teaspoon onion powder
¼ teaspoon oregano
¼ teaspoon ground coriander

Build a charcoal fire for indirect cooking by situating coals on only one side of grill, leaving other side void.

Cover entire brisket with beef bouillon base. In small bowl, mix dry rub ingredients and coat brisket with rub. When cooker reaches 225°F, place brisket on void side of grill and close lid. Cook for 4 hours, until internal temperature reaches 160-170°F. Remove brisket from grill and place in shallow baking dish or disposable

aluminum pan. Pour beef broth over brisket and cover pan with aluminum foil. Place baking dish in cooker for an additional 1-2 hours, until internal temperature reaches 185°F. Remove baking dish from grill and let meat rest undisturbed for 20-30 minutes. Slice brisket across grain and serve.