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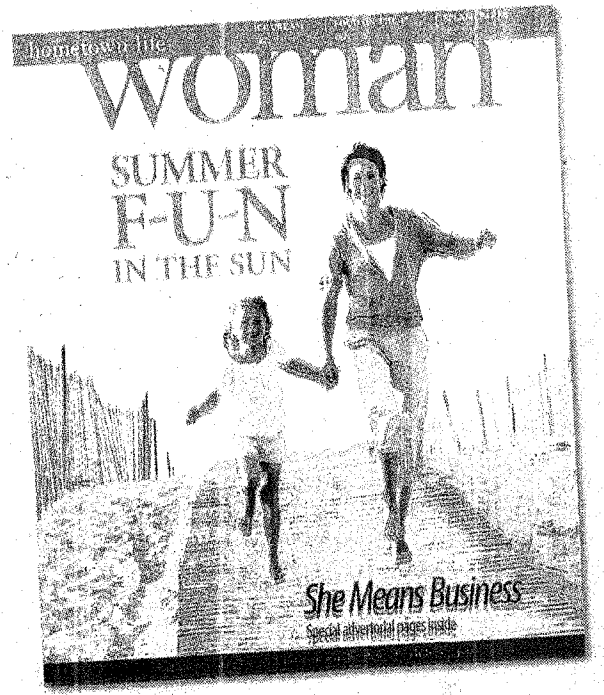
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## IN BRIEF

### Texting ban

Michigan joins 28 other states today in banning texting while driving. The law makes texting while driving a primary offense, which means a police officer can pull over a driver observed texting.

"You see it (texting while driving), mostly on alcohol enforcement. They will think it's a drunk driver because they are all over the road," said Westland Police Traffic Bureau Sgt. Patrick Corby. "They will be texting or on the phone."

The texting ban will need some interpretation, Corby said, since it bans texting in a moving vehicle. Does that mean texting at a red light is OK? That's one of the issues that will be need clarification.

"The spirit of the law is proper, distracted driving is one of the largest causes of crashes," Corby said. "Eliminating distractions is good. The way this is written just leaves it open to interpretation."

Texting while driving tickets carry a \$100 fine for the first offense and \$200 for additional violations.

### Holiday closings

Due to the July 4 holiday, Westland city offices and the 18th District Court will be closed Monday. Trash collection and emergency services will be unaffected. The Bailey Recreation Center will be closed Saturday and Sunday. The Bailey Pool will remain open with normal hours on these days.

### Road closing

To accommodate Westland Summer Festival fireworks, on July 4, Carlson will be closed between Marquette and Ford after 1 p.m. Ford between Newburgh and Carlson will be closed after 6 p.m. The fireworks are scheduled for dusk or approximately 10 p.m. Sunday.

Motorists should expect heavy traffic in the area all of July 4 due to the Westland Summer Festival. The Wayne-Ford Civic League on Wayne Road south of Ford will offer festival and fireworks parking, beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday. The cost is \$5 per car with all proceeds to benefit Wayne-Westland Special Olympics.

### Scholarship winners

Two John Glenn High School graduates have received \$1,000 scholarships from Quality Dining Inc., local Burger King franchisee.

The recipients are Brandi Burns, who plans to attend Cornerstone University, and Jessica Gabbard, who plans to attend Eastern Michigan University. The awards were among 115 Burger King continuing education scholarships of \$1,000 each for high school seniors in Michigan and Indiana.

Since 2001, Quality Dining has funded over \$1,065,000 in continuing education scholarships for deserving high school seniors. The scholarship was designed to recognize students who work part-time and experience success on the job as well as maintain academic standards and are also involved in co-curricular and/or community service activities.



Cody Murphy and his father Jerry use a gas-powered auger to drill holes in the posts for benches erected at the library pavilion.

## Boy Scout provides library pavilion seats

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Cody Murphy expects the benches he built for the Westland's William P. Faust Library will be enjoyed for the next 15 to 20 years, at least. The John Glenn High School senior plans to regularly reapply the dark mahogany stain to the seating so it lasts a long time.

A Boy Scout, Murphy chose to

design and construct the eight benches — six with backs — for a project to earn his Eagle Scout rank. He stained the wood before assembly to protect it from the elements.

An important part of the project was planning. It rained the day the benches were assembled and installed. The wolmanized, stained lumber should weather well.

"I wanted to build something

and was looking for places and decided on the library because there are concerts there and a lot of people could use them," said Murphy, 17.

The Scout also built two bat houses and hung them as well.

"It's near a stagnant pond," said Murphy. "Hopefully, it will lessen the amount of mosquitoes."

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## Westland man assaulted during robbery in garage

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man was seriously injured after being assaulted and robbed in the garage of his home June 22.

The man, 51, told police that he was in his garage in the 35000 block of Pardo about 10 p.m. with the door open when he was approached by two men.

The pair asked for money, the man said. When he told them he had no money, the resident said one of the men hit him over the head which caused him to fall. Both men then continued hitting and kicking him around the head and upper torso, the

resident told police.

The men then took \$45 the resident had in his waist band, a cell phone and holder from his belt and a silver chain with a St. Christopher medal.

The resident, who had moved into the home two weeks earlier, told police he didn't know either man. He said he didn't have transportation that evening to go to a hospital and didn't call 9-1-1.

On the following morning, the resident was driven to Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis by a friend. He was later airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital.

Hospital staff told police the

man had suffered a closed head injury, three or four broken ribs and damage to the aorta.

One suspect was described a white male, 22, 5-foot-8, 170 pounds with short brown hair and mustache. He was described as wearing a black T-shirt.

The second suspect was also described as a white male, 22, 6-foot-2, 180 pounds, with blond shaggy collar length hair. He was described as wearing brown corded jeans and white T-shirt.

Anyone with information about the assault and robbery is asked to call Sgt. Kevin Wojcik at (734) 722-9600.

## Toastmasters club holds open house

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you're afraid of public speaking or just want to improve your speaking skills, the Westland Easytalkers want to meet you.

The local Toastmasters chap-

ter is hosting an open house 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind Westland City Hall on Ford at Carlson.

The program will include a Toastmasters meeting 6-6:45 p.m., followed by an awards program. Light refreshments

will be served.

"People can mingle, see the meeting and mingle after," said Bill Tremper, who handles publicity for the 18-member group.

The open house will be held upstairs at the recreation center

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## Police, fire unions face reality of concessions

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It sounds too good to be true — make more money retired than you did when you were working.

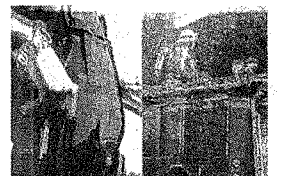
That is the case for many Westland police and firefighters whose final average compensation is pushed up with add-ins such as banked vacation and sick days. As part of the recent agreements with the police and firefighters' unions, the pension calculation was changed for new hires eliminating the roll-in of banked days.

"My predecessors on the council and the mayors gave away the farm. We have corrected it for the future," said Council President James Godbout. "We can't correct all the sins of the past, it is what it is."

The pension calculation begins with an averaging of the employee's three years of highest earnings. That final year income can be pushed up with the addition of the banked days. New hires will lose the banked days and pay 5 percent towards their pension for a significantly lower pension despite the addition of overtime that isn't currently credited.

"We figured it (the annual pension) would be about \$25,000 less. In my opinion, it was a huge concession on our part," said Ed Hosmer, president of International Association of Firefighters local 127. "(State) revenue sharing had dried up. Would the system be able to flourish in the years to come? We didn't like to give this up for

### PENSION PLANS



Example of Westland police and fire pensions

Westland police sergeant	
Base Salary:	\$74,321
Holiday pay:	\$4,717
Uniform allowance:	\$1,222
Weapon allowance:	\$978
Senior patrol allowance:	\$3,000
Total:	\$85,738

Three years average	
final compensation:	\$257,214
Maximum 1200 banked	
sick days:	\$42,878
Maximum 912 banked	
vacation time:	\$32,586.90
Total three years average final compensation with roll-ins:	\$332,678
Annual wages for pension calculation:	\$110,892
Pension (70 percent with 2.8 percent multiplier):	\$77,624

Source: City of Westland

the future hires."

Westland Police Officers Association President Norm Brooks agreed that the poor economic conditions forced the concessions, including the changes in pension for new hires.

"I'm not happy at all about it, I'm even less happy with what is going on now," said Brooks. "The reason we agreed to so many concessions on new hires, including expanding our (wage) scale from five to seven years and cutting wages was to hire people. They're not hiring anyone."

In fact, other than a couple vacant clerical positions, a

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# Fund performance contributes to tax hike

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While property values decreased 16 percent in Westland, homeowners will pay higher taxes due to an increase in the millage levied to fund the police and firefighter retirement fund.

With the budget approved by the council that goes into effect today (Thursday), a 1.5 mill increase from 3.35 mills to 4.5 mills will be required to generate enough revenue for the fund. Voters had approved the levy of millage to fund police and firefighter pensions and retiree medical expenses. The amount of millage isn't specified — the city is to levy what is needed to operate the fund — and it has no expiration date.

For the owner of a home with a \$60,000 State Equalized Value — which is half the expected true market value — the cost for the police and fire-

fighter retirement fund would be \$270. That's \$69 more than last year. The increased millage will appear on the summer tax bills that are already arriving in mailboxes.

"We get an actuarial report each year and that tells us how much we need to fund for the next year," said Westland Finance Director Steve Smith. "There are a lot of factors that go into it — the investment performance, if it is worse than expected we would need more millage. The taxable value also affects the millage rate."

There would have been an increase needed this year, Smith said, due to a lower return on the fund investments — the 3.5 mills had been unchanged for the past six years. Additionally, there were agreements to allow city workers to purchase generic time and retire early. There were 13 firefighters and 16 police

officers who retired under the offer.

The retirements take expenses for those workers out of the general fund, which was projecting a \$3.5 million deficit at the end of the 2010-11 fiscal year.

"A lot of people went into the fund due to early retirements but the millage increase has more to do with the fund performance," said Smith, adding that without the millage levy, the city's general fund would have to pay for the police and fire retirement fund.

The actuarial report projected the fund would require an additional \$2 million once all of the police and fire retirements are completed. The police and fire pension fund is about \$130 million currently. In 2008, the pension fund for other city workers was at \$56 million.

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## PENSION

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water department superintendent and a budget director, the city seems unlikely to do any hiring.

The council recently withdrew a resolution calling for a one-year hiring freeze that would have been effective July 1 with the start of the fiscal year.

The resolution wasn't

needed, Mayor William Wild said, since the adopted budget didn't provide funding for a lot of new hires.

"There was nothing to say they couldn't fill a position except the head count in the budget. If someone retires, like two employees, they could hire three people at the wages," said Godbout. "That was the intent of trying to put a freeze on hiring. I don't want to see us do anything that will cause layoffs in the future. We're not out of

the woods (financially) yet."

Without the concessions from employee bargaining units, including the early retirements, Godbout said the city would have been forced to lay off large numbers of city workers, including about 20 lower seniority police officers.

"I wanted the freeze for at least one year, so for a year I wouldn't have to hear we need more police officers or firefighters," said Godbout. "Without the freeze, we'll keep hearing we need more people. They will be hitting the media and residents. That's why I wanted the freeze — we haven't even started the fiscal year yet."

Firefighters and police officers built up the pension benefits over 40 years of contract negotiations, said Hosmer.

"It was a priority and we got a little bit each time we negotiated. When times are tough, they want us to give it all back," he said. "People will leave or not want to work for Westland. Am I naive enough to think we'll get it back? Maybe the pendulum will swing back."

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## PAVILION

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Murphy came up with idea for the project last October. His first thought was to build a shed for Habitat for Humanity but was unable to connect with the nonprofit. Next, he went to Westland Mayor William Wild who put him in touch with Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski.

"I told him I wanted to do a community service project for the city. He gave me ideas and we met again."

Murphy then met with Library Director Cheryl Napsha.

"He involved us in the process, even brought a prototype of the bench to see if they were comfortable," said Napsha. "We've been using the pavilion a lot for programming but there was no seating. We had to bring our own chairs. Now we have comfortable seating."

In addition to the city concerts at 7 p.m. Thursdays, the library programs include poetry readings and open mic nights.

"We're trying to make good use of space," said Napsha. "We're seeing patrons taking a book and going out to read. The benches make it a much more comfortable outdoors space for people. It really finished off the space. We didn't realize what was missing."

Napsha and Murphy spray-painted the grass beforehand for placement of the benches. Then for the next couple of weeks, the Scout went to businesses, family and friends to raise \$1,200. Murphy estimates he's invested 600 hours of time since starting the project. The planning alone totaled 112 hours. Murphy had to document the process to obtain his Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank in Boy Scouting.

"There was a lot of paper work to do. The project had to meet certain standards and guidelines. I would go to my adviser and he would have to revise it," said Murphy. "I did it to become an Eagle Scout and it looks really good on a college resume. It's something I really wanted to do."

Murphy didn't complete the project alone though. About 35 to 40 parents and Boy Scouts from Troop 743 joined Murphy and his father Jerry, mother Patty, and brother Austin, 14, also a Boy Scout, to assemble the benches.

Cody Murphy enjoys working with wood. At the family cabin up north, he helped build a



Volunteers watch as Jerry Murphy (in camouflage jacket) and Dan Bihn, Troop 743 scoutmaster of troop, drill holes in the frame of the last of eight benches erected at the library pavilion build day.



Austin Murphy, Cody Murphy's younger brother relaxes on a completed bench.

shed and stairs.

"I like creating stuff," said Murphy. "I like to draw, too. I made up the design myself. It was neat to see my design built and people use it."

Jerry Murphy is proud of his son, Cody who's been in scouting since second grade. About 5 percent of Boy Scouts attained the Eagle rank in 2009.

"It's a big achievement," said Jerry Murphy, one of the leaders of the troop. "You have to go through the planning process in detail. It's a head start on what a career job would be. You have to be approved by the Scoutmaster. It's to teach you something about real life. You never get it right the first time."

Murphy is required to attend a conference with the Scoutmaster to talk about his years in scouting then meet with the Eagle Board of Review. His application for the rank is then sent to nationals.

Jim Hodgson advised Murphy throughout the project.

"It's one of the requirements of the rank," said Hodgson, a Canton resident. The troop, based in West Middle School, is made up of boys from Plymouth, Canton and Westland. "The service project has to make something better

for a community or an organization, where community in general might gain some benefit."

It was Hodgson's responsibility as an adult mentor to make sure the project met criteria the Boy Scouts of America sets forth.

"He, not me, had to figure out how to fund and accomplish this," said Hodgson. "It's a big project for a young man. He took on one of the bigger projects we've seen in a while. I cautioned him on the resources it might take to complete. You want to make sure the Scout doesn't bite off more than he can accomplish. He did a fine job and it just didn't entail benches, but two bat houses for insect control so it could be someplace someone would want to go and sit."

The project was definitely a learning experience for Murphy.

"In certain points of the project he was rushed. I told him it was important to plan ahead and attack the issues," said Hodgson. "He really impressed me with his level of maturity. Any lessons learned are based in Scout Law, living a life of integrity, helping others, everything you want a good person in society to be. As an Eagle Scout he's in a very elite group."

listening skills, constructive evaluation skills and leadership skills.

During the open house, there will be a brief prepared speech, three impromptu speeches called table topics and a poem.

"This is the first time in a long time that we have had an open house," said Tremper, noting the club is celebrating its 23rd anniversary.

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, will present the awards, including the President's Distinguished Award, the highest award given by Toastmasters International, which the club is receiving for the first time in

eight years.

Other awards to be presented will include:

- The Advanced Communicator Bronze Award to Edgar Bork and Pat Brannon.
- The Advanced Leadership Bronze Award to Curt Gottlieb.
- The Competent Communicator Award to Richard Insko, Bill Tremper and Mike Wysner.

Tremper will also be awarded the Competent Leadership Award.

No advance registration is needed and everyone is welcome to attend.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND - ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

#### July 1, 2010 NOTICE OF NO FINDING OF SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT and HOME PROGRAMS

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:  
On or about June 28, 2010, the City of Westland will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for the following projects:

##### USE OF CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

CDBG (\$1,254,900 Estimated Grant + \$9,862 Reprogrammed Funds):

• CDBG Administration	\$ 214,862
• Rehabilitation Administration	\$ 178,510
• IT Administration	\$ 1,000
• Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 30,000
• Rental Rehabilitation	\$ 65,000
• Housing Acquisition-Rehab/Demolition	\$ 45,000
• Senior Programs	\$ 160,000
• First Step	\$ 5,000
• Youth Assistance	\$ 27,000
• Outreach Ordinance Code Compliance	\$ 105,000
• N'hood Resource/Code Compliance Officer	\$ 116,000
• City Projects	\$ 47,335
• Potential projects: Friendship Center improvements, etc.	
• Samuel B. Ware Community Center	\$ 14,000

##### HOME Program (\$350,382 + \$10,000 Program Income)

• HOME Administration	\$ 35,038
• Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 117,500
• Housing Acquisition-Rehab/Demolition	\$ 157,844
• Homebuyer Program	\$ 50,000

The City of Westland will utilize \$250,000 of CDBG funding to remediate Central City Park in accordance with the plan proposed by the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and for which an Environmental Review Record has been completed.

The Environmental Review Records are available for public examination at the Housing & Community Development Department, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI. 48186, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. No further environmental review of said projects is proposed to be conducted prior to Request for Release of Federal Funds. All parties disagreeing with the decision may submit written comments for consideration by the City of Westland. Such written comments should be received by 5:00 p.m., July 8, 2010. All comments will be considered and the City will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the above projects prior to July 8, 2010.

CERTIFICATION: The City of Westland will undertake the projects described above with CDBG and HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-387). The City of Westland certifies to HUD that the City of Westland and Mayor William R. Wild, in his capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, and administrative action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Westland may use the CDBG and HOME funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is one of the following basis:

- a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the applicant or other officer of the city; or,
- b) That the applicant's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates an omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process.
- c) Other specific grounds cited in the HUD Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at the 17th Floor, McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48226. Objections to the release of funds on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after 5:00 p.m., July 26, 2009 will be considered by HUD.

William R. Wild, Mayor  
City of Westland

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## OPEN HOUSE

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— the club meets weekly in the lower level of the Bailey Center. Toastmasters work to develop confidence when speaking in front of a group, impromptu and prepared speech skills,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold. Registration fees apply.

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# Fireworks safety message delivered with a bang

BY PAT MURPHY  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the fireworks season in full swing, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has a message for revelers: Enjoy the festivities, but be mindful of the dangers.

Over the next four weeks or so, as many as 8,000 people in the United States — including hundreds in Michigan — will be injured by fireworks, Ficano told a group of youngsters and adults gathered at Bell Creek Park in Redford. The message was delivered in Redford, but the lesson was intended for a much broader audience.

"Research shows that typically 60 percent of fireworks injuries occur" from the end of June through the last weeks of July, said Ficano, who has delivered similar warnings to promote fireworks safety for 15 years or longer, going back to his time as Wayne County sheriff.

Some people will have fingers blown off, he said, while others will lose an eye or part of their face. Still others will suffer



AFT Agent Donald Dawkins and Zerine Sultana of Hamtramck inspect a mannequin damaged as part of the fireworks safety message delivered by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

burns, the executive warned, and seven or eight will die.

Many fireworks are illegal in Michigan, Ficano cautioned.

Even those that are legal — flat paper caps, toy noise makers, sparklers, cone and cylinder fountains and toy smoke devices — can burn or cause injury if not handled with caution. Part of using fireworks responsibly, he said, includes keeping water handy, either in a bucket or through a garden hose.

The best way to avoid injuries, cautioned Ficano and ATF agents, is to let the professionals do the detonating. Enjoy displays like the recent one in Detroit or others supervised as the nation commemorates its birthday. But stay away from people with illegal fireworks like cherry bombs, comets, M-80s, bottle rockets, Roman candles, M-250s and M-1000s, torches and wheel-type devices.

To illustrate the danger, agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), set off a series of fireworks — including

one that blew much of the hand off a mannequin. That could be your hand, cautioned Agent Yvonne Meyer.

Some of the fireworks failed to go off. But even that was an object lesson, Meyer said: Duds are dangerous. "NEVER relight a dud," Meyer said. Wait 20 minutes and douse the dud with the water.

Meyer thought the message about fireworks safety resonated well. "I don't know if any of them will be setting off fireworks," she said, gesturing toward the young audience. "But they will be around people who do," she said, "and we want them to remember these safety tips."

Tiara Lewis, 13, of Hamtramck was one of the estimated 70 at the display. "I learned an important lesson," she said, looking at the mannequin with the mangled hand. "Fireworks are fun, but they can be dangerous."

Another youngster, Ray White of Redford, said he knew fireworks could be dangerous. "But this was a good reminder."



It's the one day a year where youngsters get as muddy as they like. It's the Wayne County Parks' annual Mud Day, planned for Tuesday, July 6.

## County invites kids to get muddy

Squish, squash ... That's the sound you hear when there's mud stuck between your fingers and toes.

On Tuesday, July 6, there will be plenty of squishing and squashing as children ages 12 and under go for the glory at the Wayne County Parks' annual Mud Day.

The parks system will transform its Hines Park Nankin Mills Area in Westland into one of the messiest playgrounds southeastern Michigan has ever seen when it mixes more than 200 tons of topsoil and more than 20,000 gallons of water to ensure that the mud is just right for the event which runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All youngsters will be separated into age categories for events, like Mud Limbo and wheel barrow races, and at noon, Mr. and Mrs. Mud will be crowned.

Parents should make sure that their children are wearing old clothes and shoes. Children also need to bring a clean change of clothes. An on-site cleanup area will be provided, and the Westland Fire Department will be on hand with hoses to aid in rinsing mud off the children.

Parents also should bring a supply of towels, as there are no showers on site. The county parks also will provide plastic bags so dirty clothing is properly contained for the trip home. The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. This event is being co-sponsored with the Westland Fire Department, ITC Holdings and Community Alliance Credit Union.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

## Bank, charge card offers need careful review

Congress passed legislation in May 2009 that dealt with banks and credit cards — the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure (CARD) Act of 2009.

Like most new pieces of legislation, the implementation is staggered over time.

In February, new rules went into effect that prohibit credit card companies from arbitrarily changing the payment due date from one month to the next. In addition, credit card companies cannot increase the interest rate or fees (APR) on your existing balance for one year after the account is opened.

Banks and credit card companies are not taking the changes lying down. They are constantly looking for loopholes and ways to take advantage of the law. One example is when the charge card companies raised the interest rates on many consumers before this part of the legislation took effect.

It is important that when consumers receive something

from a bank or charge card company, they read it thoroughly and do not just arbitrarily sign a document and send it back.

Consumers who have debit cards are starting to receive notices from banks, credit card companies and even from credit unions with regard to overdraft protection on debit cards.

When reading some of the language about overdraft protection on debit cards, it seems financial institutions are looking out for our best interest. After all, just like overdraft protection protects us from bouncing a check with a checking account, with a debit card it allows us to purchase items even if we don't have the money in our account.

### OVERDRAFT PROTECTION

On the surface, it sounds good. However, as far as I'm concerned, by allowing overdraft protection on your debit card you're giving your financial institution the right to charge you excessive fees.

When you pay for an item using a debit card, the bank immediately withdraws money from your account (unlike a check that may take a week to clear).

Many people prefer debit cards to charge cards because it prevents overspending. After all, if you don't have the money in your account you can't buy the item. That is not true with charge cards.

Because of how a debit card works, I am fearful that if people sign up for overdraft protection they will find themselves in the same situation as with charge cards — over-spending.

Just like fees on charge cards can be excessive, I have no doubt that fees for overdraft protection will be substantial. In addition, when financial institutions such as banks and charge card companies try to sell me something, my radar automatically goes up.

Under the new legislation, not authorizing overdraft protection means if you use your debit card to purchase an item and you do not have the money to cover the purchase, your purchase will be denied.

Therefore, for most consumers, when they get that letter from the bank, charge

card company, or credit union offering overdraft protection, my advice is to ignore it.

Solicitation offers for disability insurance, mortgage insurance or life insurance are numerous. Almost always couched within the terms is the suggestion that the coverage is inexpensive and will protect your family if something unexpectedly happens to you.

However, in the great majority of cases, consumers are being sold an unnecessary product.

When looking at some of the deals from banks, it is true that they are relatively inexpensive. However, the issue is do you need them?

When you get an offer — whether to buy insurance or overdraft protection — be very careful.

Good luck!

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### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 15 06/21/10

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves  
133: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 06/27/10.  
-Appr. req. from Village of Westland to have "Garage Sale" & set up tent on 7/24/10.  
-Appr. bid for 4 underground fuel tank inspections to The Oscar W. Larson Co.; amt. \$11,000.00.  
-Approved 1 yr. MSB contract for Golf Course Mgmt. to 6/30/11, amt. \$141,567.00.  
-Approved 1 yr. MSB contract for Crossing Guard Mgmt. to 6/30/11, amt. \$92,000.00.  
-Approved 1 yr. MSB contract for Ice Arena Mgmt. to 6/30/11, amt. \$141,567.00.  
-Approved Prof. Serv. Agrmt. w/Community Media, to 6/30/14, amt. for yr. 1 & 2 \$398,486.00, yr. 3 \$406,455.72, and yr. 4 no less than \$359,720.  
-Approved YAP contract to 6/30/14; amt. \$165,170 for yr. 1 & 2, yr. 3 \$168,473, and yr. 4 \$171,842.86.  
-Appr. MHS contract to 6-30-11, amt. \$7,291.67 flat fee for primary boarding/handling.  
-Appr. contract w/A. Matthew Publican & Assoc. to collect City's delinquent personal property; fee to be interest and penalties on City's portion.  
-Appr. Glenwood Rd. Project Construction Engineering contract w/Jarret-Mills-Schon for roadway resurfacing, transmission water main & distribution water main project; amt. \$523,745.32.  
-Appr. 4th pmt. to Bidigare Contractors for Sanitary Sewer Rehab project; amt. \$92,692.24.  
-Adopted prep. resolution to participate in SEMCOG Sustainable Community Recognition Program.  
-Adopted prep. resolution approving Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan.  
-Adopted prep. resolution to use NSP funds to purchase 5 properties.  
138: Appr. Prop. Land Division, 35020 Donnelly, PID #042-02-0280-300.  
139: Appr. checklist: \$625,825.51 & Prepaid: \$1,344,549.93.  
Mtg. adj. at p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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#### (APPENDIX A)

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## Police confiscate illegal fireworks

### Illegal fireworks

Police arrested a resident in the 35000 block of Sheridan June 27 for possessing and using illegal fireworks. The officer reported that he noticed several very large bright and loud fireworks, so he began checking the area to find the source. The officer then received information that fireworks had been shot off throughout the day and caller to the police department was very upset, wanting the fireworks to cease.

### WESTLAND

As the officer drove onto Sheridan, he said the man was in the middle of the road with launching tubes and other debris which was blocking the street. The officer said he had to wait for the fireworks the man was lighting to discharge before he could proceed down the street. After the man was arrested, the officer said he spoke to the man's wife and she denied there were any additional illegal fireworks at the home. The woman's children told the officer where there were more fireworks. He noted the woman scolded her children for telling him about the fireworks.

The woman then turned over a couple of box sets of mortar style fireworks, the officer said, but continued to deny there were more devices. The officer and other officers who arrived eventually confiscated 39 packages of illegal fireworks valued at \$1,000.

The woman was ticketed for possession of fireworks.

### Vandalism

Three people reported windshield smashed and other damage to their vehicles.

A resident in the 34000 block of Florence told police June 23 that he had found the windshield on his Chevrolet pickup truck severely cracked with grass and dirt on it. He said there were also kick marks on his door where there were dents.

A second resident in the 34000 block of Florence also reported June 23 that someone had jumped on the hood of his Ford pickup truck and kicked in the windshield. Muddy footprints were left behind.

Also on June 23, a resident in the 32000 block of Genesee Court told police that someone had smashed the windshield on his Mercury Cougar while it was parked on the street. A witness described the suspect as a white male about 6 feet tall driving a silver car, possibly a Ford Taurus. The witness was able to provide the officer with partial license plate number.

On June 26, a Westland woman told police that someone had broken the driver's side mirror on her Ford pickup truck while it was parked in the 33000 block of Creston.

Garden City police also received a number of similar van-

dalism reports.

### Wallet stolen

On June 23, a Westland woman told police that she was shopping at Kroger, 36430 Ford, on June 17 when her wallet, containing \$300, identification and credit cards, was stolen from her purse. Reporting the theft had been delayed, she said, because she had to get on a plane for a trip when the theft occurred.

### Break-in

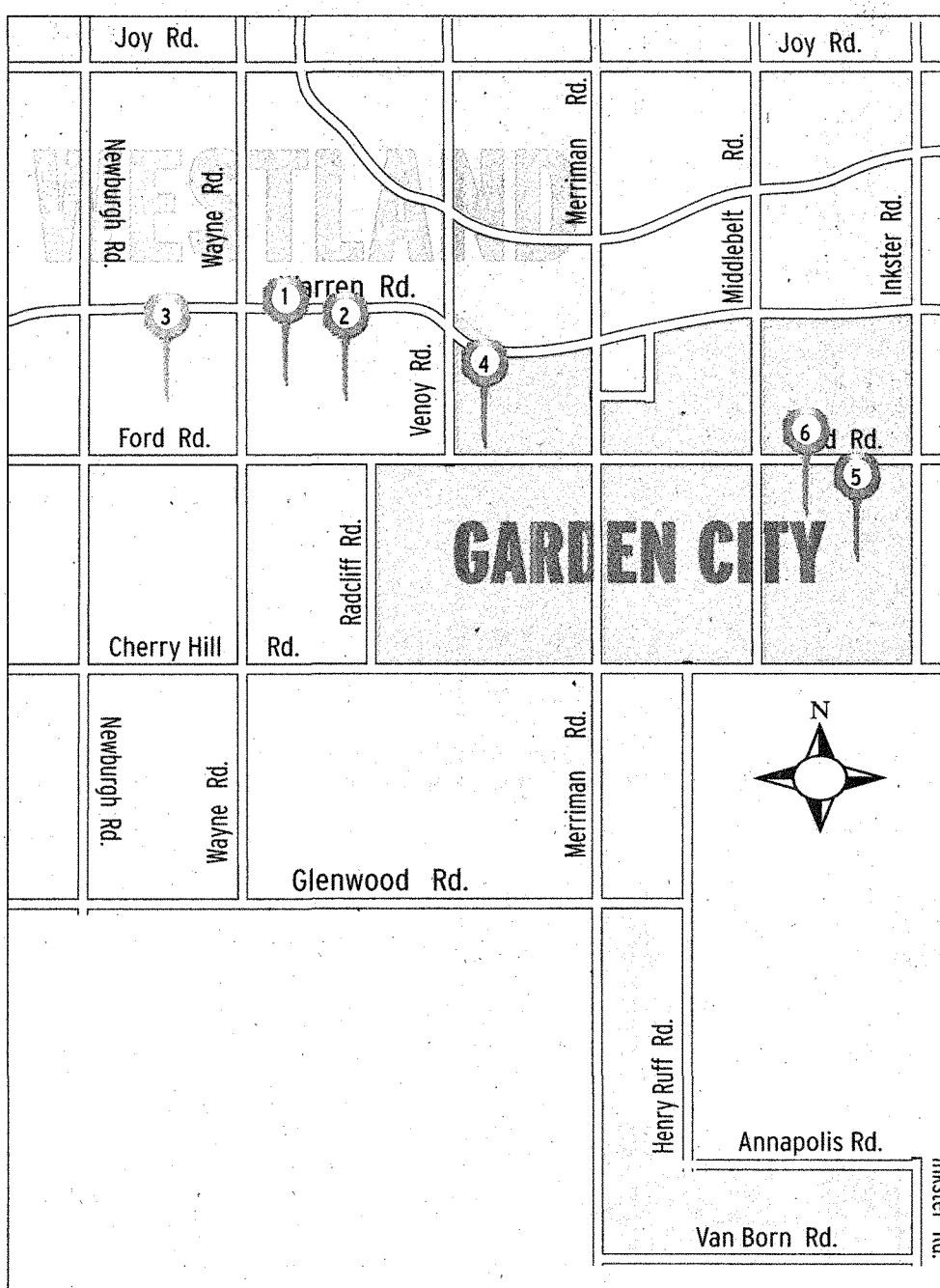
An employee at Ashford Court Apartments, 37501 Joy, told police June 23 that someone had kicked in the door at the maintenance garage. Reported missing was a power washer valued at \$600. Damage to the door was estimated at \$100.

### Larceny

A Garden City woman told police June 23 that someone had stolen her purse while she was using the restroom at Meijer, 37201 Warren Road. The woman said that the hook on the restroom stall door was broken, so she put her purse on the floor and it suddenly disappeared.

The purse was reported to contain a checkbook, prescription sleeping pills and various identification. The woman said she checked around the store before coming to the police station but was unable to locate her purse.

-By LeAnne Rogers



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## Police arrest man on gun, drug charges

### Drug possession

The police arrested a man that they stopped in the Ford-Venoy area about 12:24 a.m. June 25 on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm, possessing a stolen firearm, driving while his license was suspended and for possession of marijuana.

The man's girlfriend called the police after he pushed her down at her home in Garden City. She described him as someone with a bad temper.

"My girlfriend is hysterical," the 37-year-old Garden City man reportedly told police when they pulled him over.

On top of some clothing in the back seat, the police found a .41 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun loaded with 13 live rounds in the magazine. He reportedly told police that he purchased the gun new and had it a long time. He didn't have a concealed weapon permit.

While further checking out the 1991 green Chevy Corvette before releasing it for impound, the police also found a marijuana cigarette in the center console.

The man had a 1997 felony conviction in Monroe for a controlled substance less than 25 grams.

### Home invasion

A man who lives in the 900 block of Garden reported that someone broke into his home about 11 a.m. June 28.

He said that he was in the back yard working in his garden when his dog barked. He didn't go to check if something was wrong until he went into his home about noon.

He found that someone slit the front, locked screen door near the door handle to gain entry.

The 31-year-old Garden City man reported that the thief stole his \$350 engraved watch which was a gift from his parents and 70 tabs of 75 mg oxycodeine, 16 tablets of morphine sulfate, two sample packages of Crestor and a sleep aid.

### Break-in

A storage garage located at 29233 John Hawk was broken into sometime before June 23 after someone was able to access the code to the garage door. Several tools were stolen,

including a plasma cutter, circular and reciprocating saws, a drill and flashlight.

While the thief chose to remove these items, other things like two generators outside of the garage weren't taken.

### Theft

The owner of an outside storage garage located at 32293 Ford Road made a delayed police report for the theft which occurred June 13-14. A padlock was cut off in order to gain entry and couldn't be located on the premises.

Stolen were a Hobart mixer and commercial size appliances like a deep fryer, six burners and cook top, a steel table and shelves and a warming oven.

### Property destruction

When a resident in the 200 block of Arcola told her boyfriend who lives in Lincoln Park that he couldn't spend the night at her home June 26, she believes that he went outside and put a large dent in her 1997 Ford door by kicking it. She told police that her boyfriend has a bad temper.

A resident in the 29100 block of Sheridan reported that someone damaged the side mirror on his 1995 GMC pickup sometime June 25-26.

An owner in the 31000 block of Bock reported that the side mirror on her 2008 Dodge Charger was damaged after she saw several juveniles drive past about midnight June 27 in a 2003 Lincoln Town Car but she couldn't get a license plate number. Her car was parked in the street.

### Drunken driving

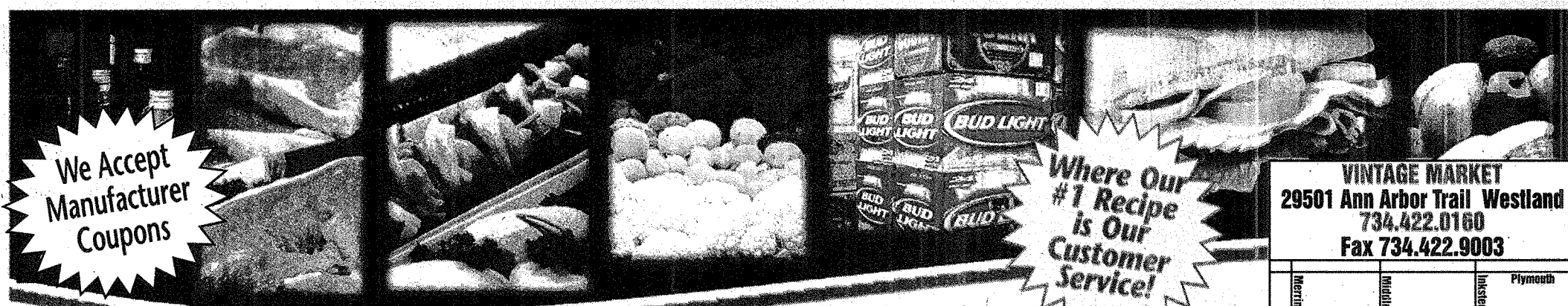
The police arrested a 25-year-old Inkster man for drunken driving and driving without his license was suspended about 2:30 a.m. June 27. He said that he was coming from Albert's on the Alley at Middlebelt, north of Ford when he hit a curb in his 1996 Ford in the 570 block of Brandt. The accident drew a group of people.

The man registered a .18 on the preliminary breath test.

The police also arrested the 24-year-old woman who was with him for obstructing a police officer because she, at first, tried to take the blame for the accident by telling police that she was the driver.

-By Sue Buck





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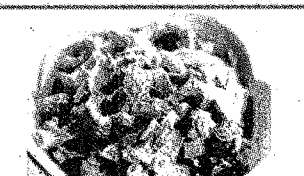
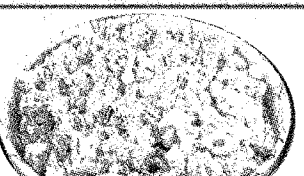
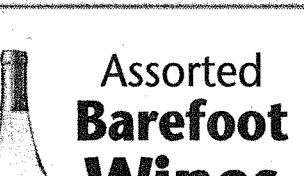
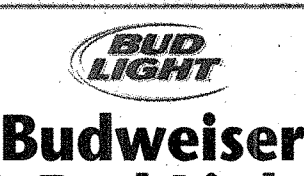

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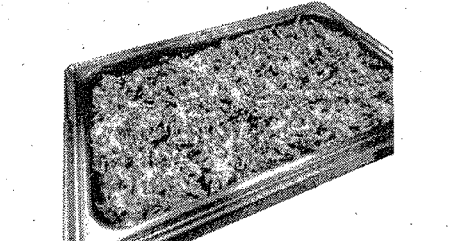
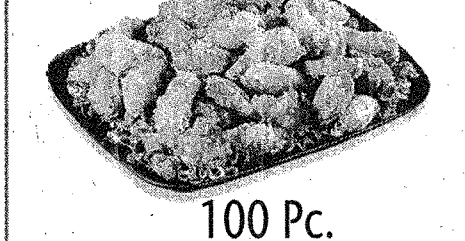
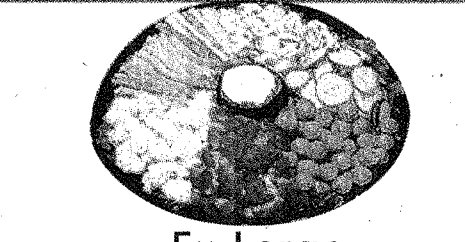
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## OUR VIEWS

# A time for pride

## Democracy proves worthy of efforts to preserve it

Jacob Turbett knew it. He knew this country was founded on the basis of freedom, that it was a concept and an ideology worth fighting for.

In fact, Jacob Turbett, a Marine corporal from Canton, knew it so deeply he dreamed from a young age of defending those freedoms, as many of his family members did, as his sister is doing now. He felt it so deeply he was willing to die for it.

And, in February, that's exactly what he did, killed serving his country in the war in Afghanistan.

It's what our military members have been doing since Thomas Jefferson authored — and members of the Second Continental Congress signed — the Declaration of Independence. It took a lot of courage, first writing and then signing that document.

**Our independence must be nurtured aggressively, if it is to continue. That doesn't mean agreeing with everything that comes out of Washington; it does mean passing along the memories and the message of the Declaration of Independence.**

Clearly, they had worked to resolve their differences with the British. The list of disputes in the document is extensive.

But given the alternative, the document declares, the signers have the gumption to go to war. That's pretty tough talk, but it is also thoughtful and well-reasoned.

All people have rights, unalienable rights, Jefferson reasoned as he wrote. That means those rights come from a higher order and can't be abolished by any person — not a king of England, an egomaniacal tyrant in Iraq or a common thug hiding in a cave. Nor can any group of men — whether the British Parliament or Al Qaeda — disband those rights.

"Look, we tried," says the document in so many words. "But you folks are taking away our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our safety is threatened, so it seems better to just go our own way."

That we did and the rest is history. It's a living history being renewed daily, whether by citizen groups such as the League of Women Voters or by men and women serving — and dying — in Korea and Vietnam, in Afghanistan and Iraq.

It's been 234 years since 56 men from 13 states put pen to paper. But we still carry that independent streak declared July 2, 1776, as the British fleet entered the New York harbor. It was declared again on paper two days later.

Independence is inbred in us, part of our genetic makeup.

That's why we bolt upright at attempts to abridge our civil liberties, and growl over things like foreclosures and the price of gas that threaten our happiness.

Our independence must be nurtured aggressively, if it is to continue. That doesn't mean agreeing with everything that comes out of Washington; it does mean passing along the memories and the message of the Declaration of Independence.

What better way to do so than by taking time on the Fourth of July to celebrate what we have achieved and to renew our will to protect it.

From parades to flying the U.S. flag, there are ample ways to renew our patriotic spirit. Parents will want to go to [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov) for everything from recipes from First Ladies to activities for children and teachers.

We have another right — the right to be proud of who we are as a country. It's the best democracy around, and our history proves it.

## Safety first on Fourth of July

Use common sense when lighting fireworks this holiday weekend.

- Never use fireworks in an area where flammable materials, such as dry leaves or dead grass, are present or where they could ignite overhead obstructions.

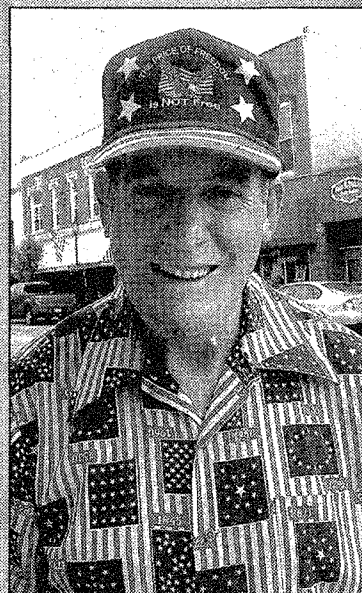
- Don't let young children play with fireworks under any circumstance.

- Always keep water nearby in case of an emergency.
- Never attempt to make homemade fireworks.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at a public display conducted by trained professionals.



Boy Scouts traveled the parade route bearing the American flag during the 2010 Canton Liberty Festival parade.



Lee Clair, 73, loves the American flag.

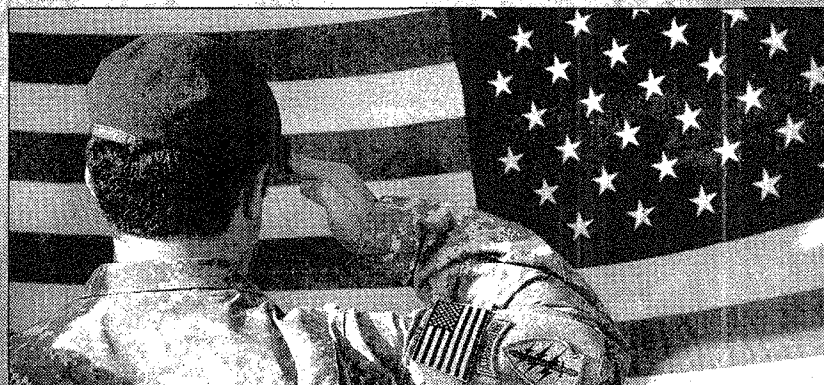
## Happy 4th of July

The cement of this union is the heart-blood of every American.

—THOMAS JEFFERSON



Twenty-month-old Mary Dunn waves a flag for the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade as she is held by her mom, Lori Dunn.



Army 1st Sergeant Robert Stants of the 414th Civil Affairs Unit salutes the flag during the National Anthem in Farmington in 2009.

## LETTERS

### Israel protecting itself

I really get a charge out of some of the letters in your editorial column. One especially criticized Israel in violation of maritime law by extending its authority beyond the limits of its undefined border.

This writer should stop and think how President Kennedy blocked Russian ships that were in the process of unloading rockets in Cuba. Everyone praised Kennedy for taking bold action even if it meant starting World War III. I was not a big admirer of JFK especially when he got us in a war in Vietnam, even though he was warned by outgoing President Eisenhower not to get involved in a land war that eventually cost us 59,000 lives. Israel is doing everything possible to protect themselves just like John F. Kennedy. This writer who wrote this article had better wise up because he's the type who loses wars.

I was raised during the Depression and so many people are under the impression that Franklin D. Roosevelt got us out of the Depression. History and economists will tell you that it was the war that got us out. Obama and Roosevelt both believe that by spending huge amounts of money and getting us in a hole that you will pay for the rest of your life is the solution. These people are in the words of Karl Marx "useful idiots."

By the way, I am of Polish heritage and proud of it. After World War II, Roosevelt and Truman turned Central and Eastern Europe over to the Russians. Like Pope John Paul said, "We had seven years of Nazi rule and thanks to America, we had the next 50 years of Communist rule."

Robert J. Siedlik  
Livonia

### Don't raid school aid

I am writing to express my deep disappointment and outrage over the proposed "raiding" of School Aid monies to balance other areas of the state's budget. I agree that more fiscal responsibility is needed in this state. I agree that post secondary education is important. But, not on the backs of children.

If we neglect the education of our children, the community colleges and universities will become even more engaged in remedial education than they are today. K-12

education has taken enough hits over the past few years. Stop "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

I have lived in Farmington for eight years. I do not have children in this school system, nor have I ever. But, I am an educated and voting citizen. I read the papers and am engaged with my neighbors, who do have children in this system. FPS is an outstanding example of quality education. In spite of drastic cuts, Farmington has maintained high standards. The innovations and diversity provided by the leadership and teaching staff is second to none. I am horrified at the slashing K-12 education funding. It is unconscionable for Farmington and all the school districts that are suffering.

Following the soap opera of state government is appalling. The childish squabbles are tiresome and have had no effect on Michigan's horrendous budget problems. Legislators need to talk straight to the electorate. No thinking person can continue to believe that cuts alone will make up the budget deficits we are encountering. Elected officials need to tell it like it is ... "Michigan residents, if we want to maintain, sustain, and grow we need new sources of revenue, including tax increases. Let's come up with real, creative ideas for improving the revenue stream in this state. Let's step up to our responsibilities as citizens and do what is right. We cannot continue to cut and expect to retain the quality of service that has existed in this state."

To be clear, I am a 64-year-old senior citizen, living in a middle class neighborhood and driving an eight-year-old car. I live on my pension. I will feel any tax increase. But, I am willing to make some sacrifices. I've had my time. I received a good education and worked hard to be successful in my career. Now it is the children of this state who are entitled to their turn.

Cheryl Willette  
Farmington

### Better role models

My daughter loves going to Plymouth's "Music in the Park," throwing money in the fountain and cruising into the toy store.

My husband and I are very proud to be part of the Plymouth community. It is evident

that business owners in Plymouth make an effort to connect with their customers and we support local business wholeheartedly. Plymouth offers a safe place to raise a child as well as some of the best schools in Wayne County.

As a teacher, this is an important aspect we considered when moving to the area. Further, as a teacher I have looked forward to summer so my daughter and I can go for stroller rides into town. Recently, we were stopped at a train. Rather than read the graffiti on the train cars I read a shop window in reference to the BP Oil Spill that said, "Screw their pensions," "Lies!"

Based on what I have seen as a Plymouth resident and hard-working American, no one is satisfied and/or unaffected by the tragedy of the oil spill. From what we read and see on a daily basis no American citizen advocates millions of gallons of oil harming our environment. This is common sense.

I consider Plymouth to be a green community. Prior to seeing this poor taste of propaganda, I also consider Plymouth's business owners to model smart community. That is, if one chooses to use their shop front windows to display propaganda then surely they can assume the youth of Plymouth to read it.

As adults, we have a responsibility to inform our youth. Further, we have a responsibility to encourage our youth to find something worth standing up for and how to effectively convey that passionate message to many people. I was disappointed to read this phrase; if I wanted to read profanity I would have expected it from the passing train, not an established business in our community.

For now, my daughter is too young to read. However, when I take her out in Plymouth, I, as well as many other members of our community, expect the businesses in which we spend our money to model good judgment and supply useful knowledge and products.

There is a discerning way to articulate opinions based on facts and not emotions when it comes to current events. As adults, we should consider that what we say and write has value to impressionable youth of our community. We can be dissatisfied with the oil spill and yet choose to do so tactfully.

Rachel Melville  
Plymouth



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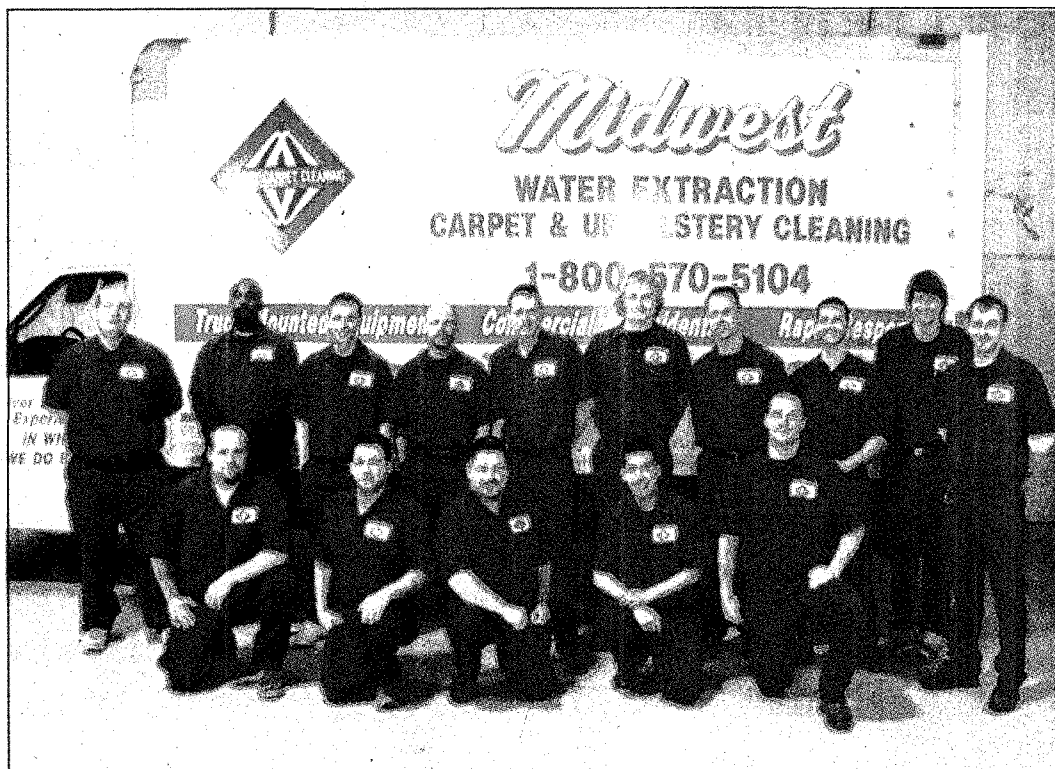
## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Midwest builds reputation on service

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

**Midwest Carpet:** We do carpet steam cleaning, emergency water extraction, carpet repairs, carpet protection and deodorization, upholstery cleaning (steam or dry clean), expert stain removal, tile and grout cleaning and revitalization and auto and RV carpet cleaning. Our emergency on-call service is available 24/7. **Observer:** How did your business start?

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The employees of Midwest Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning in Westland are building a reputation based on service to both residential and commercial customers.

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**Midwest Carpet:** We offer

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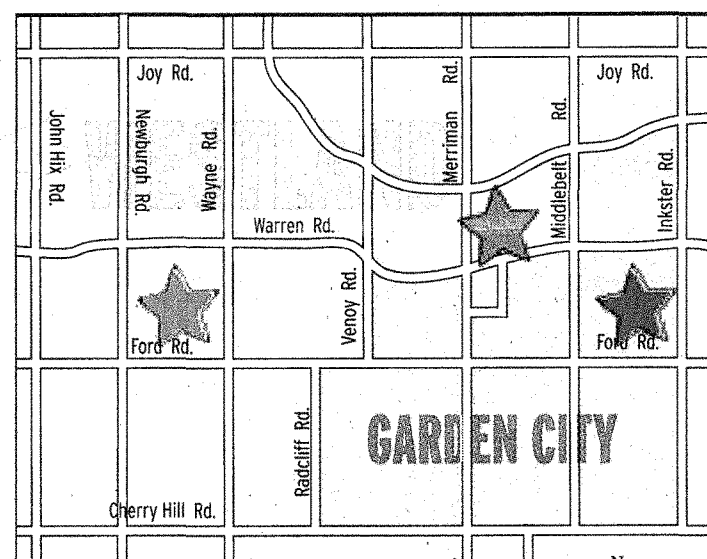
**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

**Midwest Carpet:** Our customers are always setting the bar higher and higher which has allowed us to meet and exceed expectations, setting the stage for what is come in the industry of commercial and residential carpet and tile cleaning.

**Observer:** What's your business philosophy?

**Midwest Carpet:** At Midwest, we believe in not only providing a high quality service to our communities, but being active in all parts of the communities in which we live, work and serve. From donating our time helping out in soup kitchens to donating items, such as blankets and coats to families in need, our corporate philosophy is to make an impact in whatever we do. We firmly believe in being leaders and being the best at what we do to set a positive example. With Midwest, not only will you get excellent services, you will get excellent people performing those services.

## MILESTONES



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### Marketing course

**Time/date:** 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 22, or Aug. 19.

**Location:** Schoolcraft College's Small Business and Technology Development Center on the main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile. **Details:** The course presents practical applications of marketing concepts designed to help small businesses grow. It covers basic marketing tools including market analysis and research, target marketing, assessing competitors, and key marketing implementation tools. A strategic, well planned approach to marketing is demonstrated with several examples of effective hands-on marketing techniques.

**Reservations are required. Cost is \$40.**

**Contact:** (734) 462-4438

### Barbecue buffet

**Time/Date:** 4-8 p.m. Fridays

**Location:** Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, north of Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** Enjoy all-you-can-eat ribs chicken, pork, corn on the cob, corn muffins, potatoes, vegetables, salads, fruit and dessert table for \$12.99 per person, dine in only.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 422-3440.

### Restaurant Rally

**Time/Date:** 6-10 p.m. July 27

**Details:** The Westland Chamber of Commerce's annual Restaurant Rally is coming up fast. Make sure that you get your tickets now to enjoy

food from a record number of 13 restaurants - Applebee's Restaurant, Ashley's Beer & Grill, Beaver Creek, Biggby Coffee, Longhorn Steakhouse, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grille, McDonald's at 38481 Ford, Olga's Kitchen, Papa Romano's-Mr. Pita, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Texas Roadhouse and Vizzy's Pizza Palace. Tickets cost \$25 each.

**Contact:** Call the chamber today at (734) 326-7222 for tickets.

### Laugh it up

**Date:** Wednesday-Sunday, July 28-31

**Location:** Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, in Livonia

**Details:** Joey's Comedy Club is hosting HBO movie star/comedian BT, best known from the critically acclaimed HBO movie "Suckers." BT has appeared on everything from "Friday Night Videos" to Syfy's "The Black Scorpion." For more information about the shows, visit www.kickerscomplex.com.

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### Sweet dates to remember

**Date:** Thursday, July 9

**Location:** Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Did you know July 9 is National Sugar Cookie Day. Stop by Mary Denning's and get six free cookies with the purchase of six cookies. Also stop by on July 30 for National Cheesecake Day. Purchase a New York Style Cheesecakes and get \$5 off.

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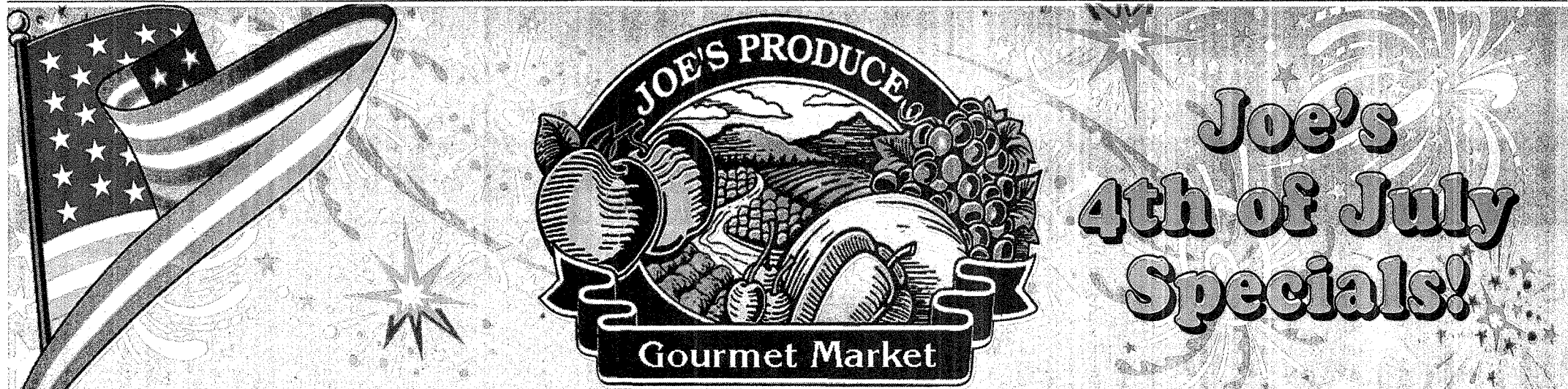
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# Camp Shaw

## Chicago Bears' linebacker returns to old C'ville gridiron

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tim Shaw was back on the football field where he first launched his NFL career.

And the grass at McDowell Field at Livonia Clarenceville High was never more lush, green or soft as nearly 120 camp participants went through the paces of a four-hour free clinic held Saturday afternoon under the hot, bright sun.

"I would tear this field up right now," smiled the special teams standout from the Chicago Bears. "I'd run up-and-down, and just have a great time. It does look great."

Shaw returned to his alma mater to give back to a Clarenceville community that practically idolized him. It's a place where he once wreaked havoc as a prep football standout, setting MHSAA records — at the time — for career touchdowns and career yards rushing.

"I have a lot of great memories here," said the Penn State grad. "Big playoff games, stands packed, and just really the excitement in the school and in the city. This field means a lot to me. There's a lot of great times here — a lot of sweat, a lot of hard work, but a lot of great memories."

Some of Shaw's former high school teammates came back to work the camp including his younger brother Pete, Kenny Hall and Walter Ragland.

Former assistant coach Kevin Murphy, now Clarenceville's athletic director, along with new varsity coach Ken Fry, also were on hand to help coach the young campers.

NFL players Gerald Cadogan (Colts) and Landon Johnson (Lions) also made appearances.

Cadogan, a massive offensive lineman who stands 6 feet, 5 inches and weighs 314 pounds, roomed with Shaw at Penn State and made the trip from Indianapolis.

"Tim is one of those great guys," Cadogan said. "We've



Bears linebacker and Clarenceville grad Tim Shaw (far right), along with Colts offensive tackle Gerald Cadogan, get the campers fired up for the next drill.

been best friends since college, and continue to be best friends throughout our pro careers. It's a blessing and a privilege to have somebody that understands what you're going through.

"What makes him stand out is his personal relationship with God, his parents, he's a family man. He's real humble and his work ethic is definitely what separates himself from other people."

Campers, ages 7 through high school, each received "Dream it, Do it" grey T-shirts and tote bags courtesy of Eastbay. Granola bars, bananas, Gatorade and ice cream (at the end) also helped fuel the campers.

There were also plenty of water breaks on the hot day

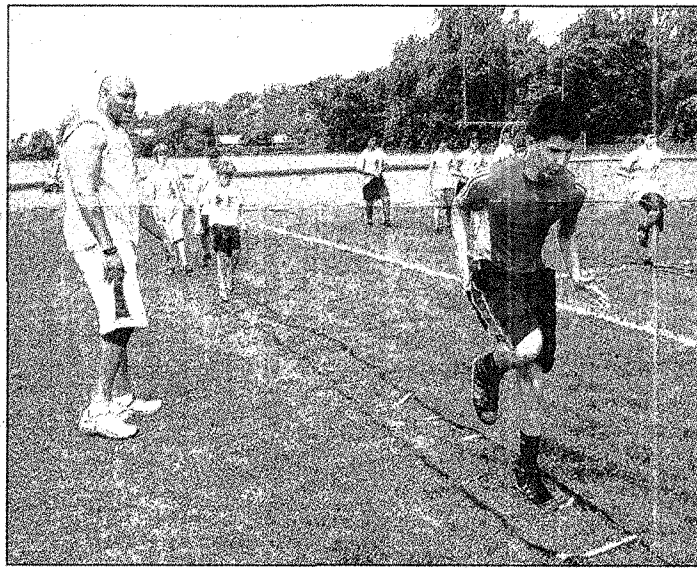
as Jim Kielbraso, Director of the Total Sports Performance Training Center in Wixom, put the them through various conditioning and agility work.

"There's a lot of nice drills to practice for the upcoming season," said Shawn Cummings, who will be a junior this fall at Clarenceville. "I'm going to play D-end and somewhere on the O-line. I went to CMU camp a few weeks ago. We run a lot of same drills. You just have to give your all on every play."

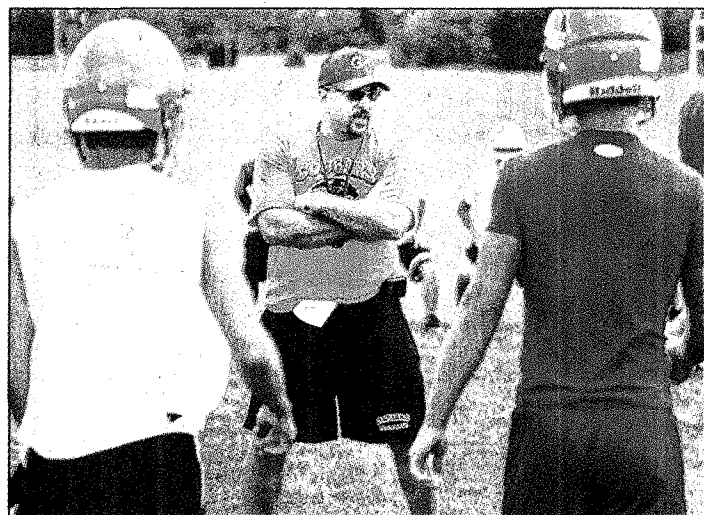
Shaw not only talked to the campers about football, but also about life and taking responsibility for your own actions.

"We are the boss of our-

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Colts lineman Gerald Cadogan (left) watches Doug Wible run a drill during the Tim Shaw Football Camp. Wible lives in Farmington Hills and is a student at Clarenceville.



Under the watchful eye of head coach Scott Murray, the Garden City football program is seeking to turn matters around this fall. With more player input and contributions from various clubs and organizations, Murray has seen a spike in participation and adjustment in attitude.

## Cougar gridders look to get jump on reversing fortunes

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Certainly no games have been played yet and the official start to the boys high school football season is still some six weeks away. But when you're coming off a winless season — like the Garden City Cougars are — it's never too early to set plans in motion in anticipation of reversing fortunes and achieving the level of success all teams seek.

First-year coach Scott Murray has been on a mis-

sion to do just that ever since he was hired in to direct the program on March 2 of this year. Murray and his staff have spent countless hours during the first half of 2010 trying to separate current members of the program from the hardship that befell the Cougars in 2009 when they failed to win a game in nine starts overall.

"We're going to look forward and not back," said Murray, who served as an assistant under Mike Salter for the

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## Hurricanes take Whalers' defenseman in 3rd round

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Austin Levi plans to give it best effort and be better for the experience if nothing else when he goes to camp with the Carolina Hurricanes.

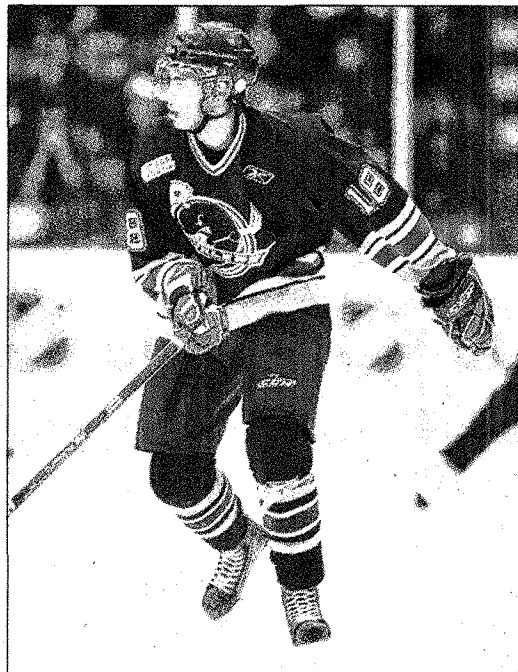
The 18-year-old defenseman from Farmington Hills was selected in the third round of the NHL Entry Draft Saturday.

After one full season with the Plymouth Whalers, Levi figures he'll have everything to gain and nothing to lose at the upcoming Carolina camps.

The first is an orientation camp for all draftees and rookies on July 7. That will be followed by a prospects tournament in Traverse City and the main Hurricanes camp.

"I wouldn't sign anything until after that," Levi said. "That's obviously my goal — to sign a contract. Over the next couple years, that's something I'm going to take seriously and make the most of the move."

"That's up to the Hurricanes association, head coach and general manager. I'd love to play in



Austin Levi of Farmington Hills and the Plymouth Whalers was a third-round draft pick of the Carolina Hurricanes.

the NHL next year. That's up to them.

"I'll definitely be at the camp and trying out for the team. Wherever that takes me is where I go with it."

The 6-foot-3, 192-pound Levi, who had three goals and nine assists last season, will have competition. The Hurricanes, who had two picks in the third round, drafted three other defensemen ahead of him.

"Something they tried to do in this draft was add depth to the blue line for years," Levi said. "It'll be competitive. I'll work hard and try to be better than the other guys. Everyone is just pushing for jobs."

Levi considers himself a stay-at-home defenseman and believes his appeal to the Carolina scouts was his

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## SIDELINES

### Calka at USATF meet

Livonia Stevenson graduate Courtney Calka, who recently completed her freshman year at Eastern Michigan University, reached the finals and finished ninth in the 1,500-meter run for Junior Women in 2010 USA Track & Field Championships held Saturday at Drake Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa.

Calka

Calka placed fifth in Friday's preliminary heat with a time of 4:34.13, and then clocked 4:40.46 in the finals, which was won by Oregon freshman Jordan Hasay in 4:26.38.

This spring, Calka earned a fifth in both the 1,500 (4:33.79) and 5,000 (17:00.33) races at the Mid-American Conference Championships.

During the fall cross country season, the freshman placed 17th in the Great Lakes Regional (21:33.68 at 6K) after a sixth-place finish in the MAC Championships (22:35.6) to earn first-team All-Conference honors.

She was also voted Eastern Michigan's team MVP in cross country and was named a U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic honoree after being one of nine in the nation to compile a cumulative 4.0 grade-point average (majoring in Exercise Science).

### Kollin qualifies

Max Kollin of Farmington Hills shot 76-74 last week at Davison Country Club to qualify for The Optimist International July 27-Aug. 1 in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Kollin, who completed his sophomore season with the North Farmington golf team, is one of four Michigan boys in the 16-18 age group who will compete at the PGA National Resort & Spa.

### Evans at ODP camp

Farmington High School soccer player Kirsten Evans has been invited to attend the USA Region II Olympic Development Program camp in July at the DeKalb (Ill.) Soccer Complex.

Evans, a junior midfielder for the Falcons this year, has accepted a verbal scholarship offer to play for Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

She chose the Commodores over Michigan State, Northwestern, Ohio State, Illinois, Clemson, Iowa and Indiana State.

### Youth football

Redford Catholic Football is holding registration for the fall season from 7-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, at Our Lady of Loretto (Six Mile Road and Beech Daly) for players in grades 2-8 who are registered parish members of Christ the King, Our Lady of Loretto, St. Alexander, St. Genevieve, St. Gemma, St. John Bosco, St. Mary of Redford, St. Priscilla, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Scholastica and St. Valentine.

A fee of \$135 is due at time of registration. Fee for additional siblings is \$110 each. Registration forms may be obtained by emailing lancer-reg@gmail.com.

Practices begin in early August with games scheduled for Saturday or Sunday from right before Labor Day through the middle of October.

For more information, contact John Hebner, football director, at (734) 819-1321 or john.hebner@stryker.com; Julie Kimball-Kubiak, Parent Board president, at (248) 345-2410 or kjkubiak@yahoo.com; or Gail Magdowski, registrar, at (734) 775-3629.



## COUGARS

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majority of his 13 seasons as head coach. "We've changed a lot of things already and it is making a difference."

At the top of the alterations list for the upcoming campaign is a new-look jersey and helmet that Garden City varsity players will don once the season kicks off Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. against Dexter.

"What we have done as a staff here is to give kids ownership of what is going on at Garden City," Murray said. "We have stressed to them that no one is bigger than the program, including me. It's their team and they do have input. They were the ones who had input and decided what the home uniforms and helmets would look like."

"They are the ones who have

been busy working hard," Murray said. "When you give kids ownership of the program and they are able to make decisions of what is going on around them, and they see you have been there everyday from day one working hard, then they can buy into it."

Murray said the Garden City community has also been actively involved as area dealerships, restaurants, recreational venues, and even alumni, have contributed in their respective ways.

"We've held fund-raisers that have been set up through parents and we've also had a former player here at Garden City (Mike Butcher) get involved and donate money for camp t-shirts," Murray said. "We've been blessed to have a fantastic alumni, a great central office of officials, and even the grounds guys taking care of the field."

That show of support has

certainly rubbed off on the nearly 100 campers who have shown up each of the past two weeks to partake in offensive and defensive instructions at the high school.

"You can see it in how hard they are working," Murray said. "We gutted and revamped the weight room shortly after I took over and we've seen probably 80 kids a day in there working out. Back in the day we would be lucky to get 35."

Anyone interested in viewing just how determined the Cougars are in turning matters around can visit the team's website at [www.gccougarscountry.com](http://www.gccougarscountry.com). Located near the top of the home page is a running clock counting down the days, hours, minutes and seconds till that opening-day kick-off.

"I'm living the dream right now," Murray said. "This is what I've wanted to do."

## CAMP

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selves," he said. "We make our own decisions of what we're going to do, when we're going to do it, and how hard we're going to try. That's all on us. Self discipline is a way to achieve your goals."

"I talked the other day with my first roommate in college, Tamba Hali, a first-round pick of the Kansas City Chiefs. We saw a lot of guys around us that could have done what we did, but he and I decided to do it. We had the self discipline when others going to parties, we didn't need to go party because we wanted to play in the NFL. We decided that when we were too tired to study and get our homework done - we were going to get it done - because we wanted to get college degrees. We said we were going to do it back then

and we did it. Have the self discipline to say you're going to do it."

Shaw went on to stress that football is all about commitment.

"If you want to make the varsity football team at Clarenceville, you just can't decide to roll out of bed, not work out and not run, and not stay in shape," he said. "That's not going to happen guys. That's a lack of self-discipline. That's just floating with the wind. It's about making choices. It's about what's important and what's not important. It's deciding which people are good to be hanging out with you, and those who aren't good with you to hang out with. Those are decisions we all can make - and it's all on you."

The Bears linebacker and former fifth-round draft pick of the Carolina Panthers was pleased with the response and hopes the camp will become an annual event.

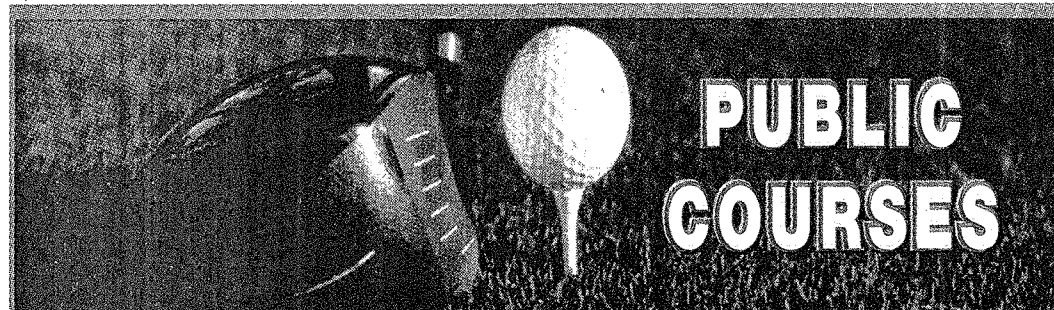
"The turnout has been amazing and it can do nothing but get better," he said.

Meanwhile, Shaw still harbors fond memories when he led the Trojans all the way to the Division 5 state championship game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

He credits his former coach, Greg Hudkins (now at East Kentwood), for making him never feel satisfied.

"I just remember that he made me set higher goals for myself," Shaw said. "One thing is that he taught me was never settle for being the best. I was better than most kids in high school, and he made me never settle for that, and just be what I was. He pushed me so far above and beyond of what I thought I was. The biggest thing I took from him was just not settling, not settling for what I was, but to really reach higher."

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## LEVI

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ability to take care of his defensive responsibilities.

If he doesn't make the Hurricanes team or sign with them, Levi said he'll return to the Whalers next season and use the time to work on his offensive potential.

"This coming year, with more playing time, is going to be valuable to show I have an offensive upside and can handle that part of the game as well," he said. "But I'm a defensive guy first, getting the puck out of the zone and being physical."

Levi expected to be drafted and was in Los Angeles with his family for the two-day draft at the Staples Center.

"I just didn't know when or where," he said. "I was a complete nervous wreck Saturday morning. After I was drafted, I was ecstatic. It was a great experience. I'm glad I went and got to experience what the draft is really like."

"I didn't really expect to be drafted by the Hurricanes. While I was texting (Whalers teammate Scott Wedgewood), my name was called."

"It was shocking, incredible. It was probably one of the best moments of my life."

I'm looking forward to this opportunity."

Levi, who was born in Columbus (Ohio), and his family moved to Colorado when he was 4, and he started playing hockey during the 10 years he lived there.

He's been in Michigan since then, attending the University of Detroit Jesuit High School for two years and graduating this June from Plymouth High.

After playing for the Compuware midget minor team, he split time in 2008-09 between the midget major team and the Whalers, and he played in all 68 games with the Whalers in 2009-10.

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# Pitchers turn in magical seasons in leading area softball teams

**FIRST TEAM**  
**Briana Combs, Soph. P. Liv.**  
**Ladywood:** The right-hander earned first-team Division 2 All-State, All-Region, All-District and All-Catholic League honors.

Combs finished up 29-8 with 24 shutouts and an earned run average of 0.24.

Combs, who led the Blazers to the Division 2 state championship game as a freshman, finished with a total of 326 strikeouts during her sophomore year.

Opponents hit only 0.51 against her.

"She was our co-MVP," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "She shut down even the biggest teams."

**Kayce Nieto, Soph. P. Mercy:** Nieto rebounded from surgery on her non-throwing shoulder to have an outstanding season. She had a 19-4 pitching record with 339 strikeouts and 26 walks, using the 3-2 count in the Catholic League. She pitched 178 innings and had a 0.45 ERA. Nieto threw one perfect game, five no-hitters and six one-hitters. She batted .488 with 16 doubles, three triples and two home runs among her 59 hits. Nieto had 22 RBI and a .719 slugging percentage.

"She was definitely the leader of our team as far as performance goes," coach Fred Marinucci said. "She exceeded all of our expectations. We knew we had a player on our hands, but we had a big concern as to what her capabilities would be (after the surgery). We started her off slowly and built her back into game shape. We look forward to a couple more good years from her."

**Katy Severson, Soph. P. N. Farmington:** Severson was the No. 1 pitcher for the Raiders (24-12-1) for the second straight year and a big reason they've won 20-plus games each season. She was 16-8 this year with 175 strikeouts and 20 walks in 147 innings. Her ERA was 1.14. Severson was one of the top hitters, too, with a .429 average. She had 52 hits, including eight doubles and a triple, and 24 RBI. Severson fielded her position for a .939 rating.

"She's quite a competitor," coach Dave Brubaker said. "She comes ready to play. Her pitching is stellar; her hitting and fielding are outstanding. She gives 100 percent every time she steps on the field. She goes out there with the attitude she's going to shut the other team down and be one of our best hitters."

**Kelsey Susalla, Soph. P. Garden City:** The sophomore class of contributors at Garden City was truly outstanding this spring and Susalla was certainly among the best. Taking over full-time duties on the mound, Susalla led her teammates to a stellar 28-6 ledger and berth in the Division 1 state semifinals. Susalla's mastery on the mound resulted in a 19-4 won-loss mark and 3.13 earned run average. She struck out 168 batters and walked only 35. One of nine sophomores on the roster, Susalla was a force at the plate as well, clubbing opposing pitchers at a .596 clip from the lead-off position. She slammed 53 hits and drove in 43 runs.

"She really stepped up both from the pitching standpoint and as the leader of our offense," Garden City coach Barry Patterson said. "She was very, very dependable and led by example. She set the tone for us out there each game and really had an incredible season. It was a joy to watch her blossom this year."

**Amy Dunleavy, Sr. P. Canton:** The dedicated, talented Dunleavy did it all again in 2010 for the Chiefs, earning team MVP honors after finishing with a 16-5 record, 1.40 ERA and 186 strikeouts while walking just 17. She provided potent offense, too, with a .451 batting average and .634 slugging percentage.

For her efforts, the National Honor Society member and scholar athlete collected All-District, All-Conference and All-Region honors. "She worked hard her whole high school career and all the hard work and extra effort she put in has paid off," said Canton head coach Jim Arnold. "She's had a great career (54 victories) and earned herself a scholarship to Ferris State."

**Briana Lee, Jr. P. Salem:** The third-year varsity starter sparked a successful Salem season (24-12), shutting out Livonia Stevenson in the district semifinals before losing an extra inning 1-0 heartbreaker to Plymouth for the district title.

Lee blew pitches past hitters all year. She finished 18-9 with 283 strikeouts and an ERA of a mere 0.84, good for All-Conference and All-District honors.

She also sparked the Rocks' offense, with a .414 average, eight doubles, six homers and 19 RBI. She was named Salem's offensive MVP.

"Briana is by far one of the most talented pitchers in the area," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland. "She has a natural ability and talent. She is also a huge threat on offense, with six homers this season."

"When Briana sets her mind to it, she can pretty much take away any team's offensive game."

**Bianca Vasovski, Sr. C. Harrison:** Vasovski was a four-year starter for the Hawks, moving from shortstop to catcher this year to fill a need at that position. She batted .410 with 45 hits, which included 14 doubles and five home runs. She drove in 35



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runs and scored 26. Vasovski had a .673 slugging percentage and graded .933 on her fielding.

"Bianca is by far the best athlete I have had the privilege of coaching," coach Kristen Zabalavicius said. "Her hard work and love of the game make her enjoyable to be around and a model to her teammates. I know Bianca will make a very positive impact on the Ferris State softball program next year and will surely be missed by her Hawk softball family. I am very excited for her!"

**Shelbie Wilson, Sr. C. Liv. Stevenson:** The senior earned All-Conference, All-District and All-Region honors hitting .388 with 22 runs scored.

"Shelbie definitely saved the best for last," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "She has capped off her four year with us with her best year on both sides of the ball. She pounded the ball offensively. She was a wall behind the plate; there were not many teams that would gamble stealing any bases."

Wilson also earned team MVP and Defensive Player of the Year honors for the Spartans.

"Shelbie is extremely athletic and competitive, and it showed in every game she played in. She played with such a high level of intensity that it was tough to get a ball past her. Shelbie was the catalyst of our team and without her we would not have been as successful as we were. "We'll definitely miss her."

**Alyssa Gietl, Sr. 1B, Liv. Ladywood:** The senior captain, who hit .421 with 15 doubles, earned first-team Division 2 All-State, All-Region, All-District and All-Catholic League honors.

Gietl is headed to play at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She will also represent Ladywood in the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-Star Game.

"Alyssa was our co-MVP, our leader," Combs said.

**Megan Lawrence, Sr. 1B, Mercy:** Lawrence, a three-year starter at first base, is a repeat selection for the first team after helping the Marlins to a 31-8 season. She batted .363 with 41 hits and 29 RBI. She had seven doubles, two triples and two home runs as the No. 3 hitter. Lawrence had a .982 fielding percentage and is a two-time, all-state player.

"We're going to miss her competitiveness, her fire, her leadership and her infectious smile," coach Marinucci said. "I thought of it as the smile of an assassin. She's one of those players you want to have on your side. She can be fierce with the opponent. We'll miss the aggressiveness she was able to bring for our side. She was a tremendous leader, too."

**Stacey Klonowski, Sr. SS, Plymouth:** Nothing got past Klonowski at shortstop and she made life miserable for opposing pitchers, too, with a .460 batting average and

.760 on-base percentage.

Plymouth High School's top female athlete of the year, Klonowski also made first-team All-State, following conference, district and regional honors. Her contributions were big reasons why the Wildcats finished 27-13 and advanced to the Division 1 regional final.

A top academic performer as well (3.92 GPA), Klonowski will play softball at Northwood University, where she has a full scholarship.

"I can't imagine Plymouth without Stacey as she'll be making her way towards Northwood and being very successful there," said Wildcats head coach Val Canfield. "Stacey is a dedicated and talented player that any coach would hate to say goodbye to."

**Ashley Lynn, Soph. SS, Garden City:** A First Team All-WWAC selection, Lynn was stellar both in the field at shortstop and at the plate hitting from the No. 2 slot in the order. Her .557 batting mark was second only to Susalla on the squad and she totaled 24 RBI and 31 runs scored. Competing in her second varsity campaign, Lynn finished as the team leader in stolen bases with 15.

"This was her second year and she really emerged as an offensive player for us," Patterson said. "Defensively she is as steady a shortstop as you will find, but her biggest leap was learning how to drive the ball a lot better. If she can improve as much next year and take it to the next level, it will certainly be a bonus for our team."

**CarolAnn Sexauer, Jr. SS, Canton:** Whenever the Chiefs needed a big hit or defensive play, it seemed that Sexauer delivered, helping Canton compile a 24-8 overall record.

Sexauer finished with a .456 average and 35 RBI and made only four errors in 93 chances (.956) and finished with All-District and All-Conference kudos.

"She's a natural athlete and plays with a lot of determination and a lot of heart," Arnold said. "She makes other teammates try to play up to her level, which helps the team."

"She's that type of kid, a good leader. And with her talent as a junior, she has got an academic and athletic scholarship to Central Michigan."

Arnold noted how hard Sexauer has worked to get back on the team after tearing an ACL during her freshman year.

**Amanda Burnard, Sr. 3B, Plymouth:** Burnard's best friend is Klonowski, and she did her best to keep up — batting .430 with a .620 on-base percentage, coming up with key hits and sparkling defensive plays and being named to the All-State first team (as did Klonowski).

She also singled in her friend with the winning run in the Wildcats' district semifinal knockout of campus rival Canton.

Now gearing up for a college career at Wayne State University (on a softball scholarship), Burnard's excellent prep career also wrapped up with selection to the All-KLAA, All-District and All-Region squads.

"Amanda will be missed and Wayne State is very lucky that she'll be coming into their program," Canfield said. "She was a stellar athlete for Plymouth High School."

"She always gives her all towards softball and more importantly, life."

**Sam Bellovary, Soph. OF, Garden City:** Championships are often won with superb play in the middle of the field and this center fielder proved as stellar as any. Cool and collected in making routine plays and confident and reliable in executing the fundamentals with difficult chances, Bellovary turned in an extraordinary second season of play for the Cougars. Hitting out of the clean-up spot, Bellovary hammered opposing pitchers at a .452 batting clip and finished with a .616 slugging percentage.

"She was kind of the unexpected this year for us and she exceeded anything we could have hoped for," Patterson said. "She started out as an infielder and we had been grooming her to play the outfield. This year she really came on and solidified our outfield and made some huge catches for us down the stretch and came up with a lot of key hits as well."

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### COACH OF THE YEAR HONORABLE MENTION

**Churchill:** Katina St. Pierre, Nikki Saloum; **Franklin:** Chelsea Williams, Mariah Barcus, Maggie Leins, Jessica Emery; **Stevenson:** Becca Zaras, Ashley Avery, Anna Plumley; **Livonia:** Clarenceville: Val Sochacki, Kelli Ankiel, Stephanie Bishop, Joanna Burling, Chelsea Gehan, Megan McLaughlin, Reba Bibik; **Farmington:** Kaitlin Lock, Emily Siskosky, Kim Toth; **Harrison:** Emma Williams, Marilyn Cannell, Cassandra Allen, Samantha Lalonde; **Mercy:** Megan Harris, Olivia Silvestri; **N. Farmington:** Katie Creighton, Amelia Mittelbrun, Haigan Tcholakian, Kaitlyn Kendall; **Lutheran Westland:** Allison Guse, Marisa Hahn, Erica Killian, Hannah Conley, Sam Roberts; **Ladywood:** Jennifer Rohn, Gina Sykes, Julie Bushart, Alyssa Kashat, Celest Fidge; **Westland:** John Glenn; **Claire Truskowski, Brandi Holbrook, Danielle Saunders; Wayne Memorial:** Shelby Hooper; **Canton:** Kaitlyn Mattson, Lauren Leskovitz; **Plymouth:** Kayla Reban, Tessa Heidmeyer, Elaine Gerou, Lauren Smith; **Salem:** Kelli Janiczek, Mary Johnson, Lizzy Mazorowicz; **Garden City:** Carley Snattleroe; **Redford Union:** Kendyl Weekley; **Ply. Christian:** Bethany Hale, Katie McCormack

**Makenzie Coulter, Jr. AL. N. Farmington:** In her first season with the Raiders, Coulter solidified the infield at shortstop and provided them with another quality pitcher. She helped with her bat, too, hitting .371 with 45 hits in either the third or fourth spot.

Coulter had eight doubles, three triples, three home runs and 20 RBI. She was 8-4 as a pitcher with a win over Troy and a 1.61 ERA. She struck out 106 batters and walked 30 in 87 innings.

"She's not only a quality pitcher; she's an outstanding shortstop and one of the top hitters on my team," coach Brubaker said. "She's leading the Compware 18 team in hitting and is the No. 1 pitcher at this point. Our team was a better team defensively with Mak at shortstop and Katie on the mound."

### COACH OF THE YEAR

**Barry Patterson, Garden City:** Entering his 24th season at the helm of Garden City softball, veteran coach Barry Patterson wasn't sure quite what to expect from his youthful Cougars. Even after the first 20 games of the 2010 campaign, 19 of which resulted in victories, Patterson was unsure just how good his squad really was.

It wasn't until state district play when the Cougars prevailed in a pair of fierce battles with Redford Union and Livonia Franklin that Patterson felt his club was capable of achieving something special for the second time in three seasons.

"We had started out 19-1 and I had been telling the girls that it would take more from them if we wanted to do something really special," said Patterson, who guided the 2008 Cougars to the Division 1 state championship.

"The turning point for us, ironically, came in a double-header loss late in the season to Trenton and (Livonia) Ladywood. The girls realized at that point it just wasn't enough and that they weren't where they needed to be to compete with the best teams. We needed a big push to pick up the pace down the stretch and we got it."

The Cougars advanced all the way to the Division 1 state semifinals before seeing their dream season end with a tough 1-0 loss to eventual state champion Hudsonville. In directing the Cougars to within one game of the championship contest and a 28-6 ledger overall, Patterson has been selected as Observer Coach of the Year.

"It was an enjoyable year for all parties involved with Garden City softball," Patterson said. "I want to thank my assistants Al Russell, Frank Torok and Chuck Drewicz because they did a fabulous job all year working with the girls. I definitely feel as a team we did what we were capable of doing and under pressure we played our best softball down the stretch."



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Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets

with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.

In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice. www.ssdfighter.com



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## Fireworks, parades usher in Fourth of July

Celebrate summer with festivals, parades and fireworks. Check out these weekend events in Wayne and Oakland counties:

### THROUGH JULY 4 Westland Summer Festival

The 2010 Westland Summer Festival is held on the grounds of Westland City Hall (south side of Ford Road, east of Newburgh). The 40th annual event includes musical entertainment, children's activities, arts and crafts, a beer tent and more. The annual fireworks are scheduled as a finale on July 4. Visit [www.westlandfestival.org](http://www.westlandfestival.org).

### JULY 1-4 Greenfield Village Salute to America

Walnut Grove historic district is transformed into a sea of red, white and blue as the

Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents an evening of music under the stars. Come early and bring a picnic or dine on midsummer favorites from The Henry Ford's award-winning chefs. An entire Fourth of July program of musical Americana topped off with Tchaikovsky's awe-inspiring 1812 Overture and a lavish fireworks display. Kids activities include 19-century lawn games and a special visit from members of Greenfield Village's historic baseball teams. Gates open at 6 p.m. Visit [www.thehenryford.org](http://www.thehenryford.org).

### JULY 3 Birmingham Fireworks

The Birmingham fireworks display will be held at Lincoln Hills Golf Course, 2666 W. 14 Mile. Enter through the gates at the corner of Lincoln and Cranbrook. Gates open at 7 p.m.; fireworks begin at dusk, approximately 10 p.m.

Parking will be available at Seaholm High School across from the golf course. Admission is free. Rain date is

### JULY 5. CAMP DEARBORN BEACH BASH

Camp Dearborn's annual



Who doesn't love fireworks? There will be plenty to mark Independence Day weekend in Metro Detroit.

summer tradition, the Beach Bash, is held in celebrate of Independence Day in Milford at 1700 General Motors Road. The event features an open-air concert by Fifty Amp Fuse from 6-10 p.m. followed by

a fireworks display over the lake. The camp features picnic sites equipped with tables and grills, a half-mile swimming beach, paddleboat rentals, fishing and mini golf. Visit [www.campdearborn.com](http://www.campdearborn.com).

### Wolverine Lake Tiki Night & Fireworks

Fireworks are launched from the center of Wolverine Lake, located between Benstein and Commerce Roads in Walled Lake.

Admission is free. Visit [www.wolverinelake.com](http://www.wolverinelake.com).

### JULY 4 Plymouth Fourth of July Parade

The Good Morning USA Fourth of July Parade is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth. Parade begins at 7:30 a.m. on Main Street from Theodore to Harsough. Visit [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us).

### Whitmore Lake Fireworks

Whitmore Lake hosts its annual Thunder Road Car Show & Cruise through downtown, followed by an Independence Day parade. A ski show starts at 7 p.m. followed by the Parade of Lights, where thousands gather on the lakefront to see boats float in their glory. Visit [www.twp.northfield.mi.us](http://www.twp.northfield.mi.us).

### JULY 5 Clawson Parade & Fireworks

The Clawson Fourth of July Parade has been a community tradition since 1932. An Arts & Crafts show will be held in Clawson City Park (picnic area on West Elmwood) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The day includes a Firecracker Mile Race, concessions and evening fireworks. Visit [www.clawson4thofjuly.org](http://www.clawson4thofjuly.org).

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July 23	John E. Lawrence	Lowe's Ford Rd. Between Morton Taylor and Sheldon	3
July 30	The Kris Johnson Group	JC Penney Ford Rd. Between Morton Taylor and Sheldon	4
August 6	RYZ Featuring Gerard Gibbs	Willow Creek at Michael's Ford Rd. Between Haggerty and Lilley	5
August 13	Randy Scott	IKEA Ford Rd. and Haggerty	6
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August 27	The Brothers Groove with Chris Codish	Home Depot Ford Rd. and Lotz	8

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## Dance for the Detroit Pistons next season

The Detroit Pistons dance team Automotion will hold auditions for team members for the 2010-11 season at 3 p.m., Monday, July 26 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Finalists will be announced at the end of the night and callbacks will run July 27-29.

New to this year's audition process will be the addition of a live performance held on July 29 at the Crowfoot Ballroom located in downtown Pontiac, sponsored by WRIF radio. All finalists are required to participate in rehearsals and perform in the live Automotion audition finals show in order to be considered for the team. The final team will be announced live at the end of the show. Friends and family be a part of the audience. The live Automotion audition finals will be open to the public.

To audition, female candidates must be 19 or older by October 1 and are required to show proof of ID along with their registration. There is a \$25 registration fee. The fee includes the auditions and a ticket to a select Pistons game during the 2010-11 season. Candidates are required to bring a recent photo and may bring a business/entertainment resume. Aspiring Automotion dancers should have a strong work ethic and strong business and communication skills as a complement to their dancing abilities.

The audition staff will choreograph the session. Dancers should wear dance tops, shorts and tights and be dressed to impress with performance-ready hair and makeup.

Automotion members will serve as ambassadors of the Detroit Pistons and will represent the organization both on and off the court for the 2010-11 season. Automotion team members are required to dance during every Pistons home game and to represent the organization throughout the year at various team and charity functions. A flexible schedule is a must for selected dancers.

For more information about the Automotion tryouts call (248) 377-0100 or log onto [www.nba.com/pistons/dance/automotion.html](http://www.nba.com/pistons/dance/automotion.html) for all the pre-audition details and to register for the auditions.

# Summer concerts are zoo-rific

BY DIANA WING  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You can't beat a summer concert in the park. And when you add lions, tigers, and bears, oh my, you're in for a wild adventure. Pack a picnic cooler, lawn chairs and a blanket, and head to the main picnic grove at the Detroit Zoo for the Wild Summer Nights concerts, 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays, July 7-Aug. 25. This year's lineup of local artists includes folk, rock, Americana, and children's performers, with many returning favorites.

Michigan rockers The Verve Pipe will kick off the concert series, July 7, with family-friendly songs from *A Family Album*, a CD that debuted last fall. Veterans of the kids' music scene, Candy Band performs high-energy, punk-style tunes at the Zoo, July 21—a gig that Paula "Almond Joy" Messner of Royal Oak calls a favorite.

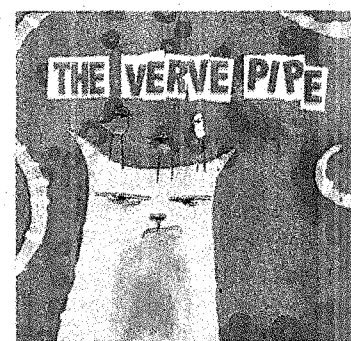
"A lot of cities have weekly concerts, but the zoo, everybody loves it. When we play, it's just packed," she said. "It's fun to be at the zoo after hours. The animals are actually awake."

Patricia Janeway, communications director for the Zoo, said the animals are more active in the evening, in part because temperatures tend to be cooler.

"I think they're curious. They have their routines, and I think some of them can sense people are in the park a little bit later than usual," she said. "We have an enrichment schedule on Wednesday evenings and that encourages them to hunt around



Candy Band performs July 21 at the Detroit Zoo, as part of the Wild Summer Nights concert series.



The Verve Pipe kicks off the Wild Summer Nights concert series, July 7 at the Detroit Zoo, singing tunes from their family-friendly CD.

in their habitats for treats that the enrichment staff have planted for them. Enrichment encourages behaviors that certain animals would exhibit in the wild, like foraging, stalking, and hunting."

You might see bears "playing with toys," or red pandas searching their habitat for grapes frozen in ice cubes. It's fun to watch the animals' antics, but not all enrichment treats are appealing to people.

"You might see a tiger playing with a piñata in the shape of a zebra," Janeway said. "Tigers are very scent-oriented so sometimes inside the piñata there will be meat, but sometimes it could be something as simple as rhino poop because that would very much interest them in the wild."

If you've never been out for a Wild Summer Nights concert,

Messner offers some advice.

"Get there early and claim your spot with your blanket if you want a close-up seat. A lot of people get there at five o'clock, lay out their blanket and then they visit the zoo and come back at six-thirty," she said. "People bring pizzas and Kentucky Fried

Chicken, but the zoo also sells food, and their food's really good. Their burgers are really good and they have beer and wine, too."

The Zoo offers a Sunday concert in August as well. The world beat music of Zebula Avenue can be heard 2:30-4 p.m., Aug. 29.

Zoo concerts are free with regular Zoo admission. Visit [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org) or call (248) 541-5717 for more information.

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**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Comedy festival July 1 and July 7-10; Bill Bushart, July 14-17; Greg Lausch, July 21-24; BT, July 28-31  
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**Time/Date:** Friday Night Live con-

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**Time/Date:** "The Goonies," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 1  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** \$3 admission  
**Coming up:** "Pee-Wee's Big Adventure," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., July 15; "Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 22  
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**Location:** 17360 Lahser, Detroit  
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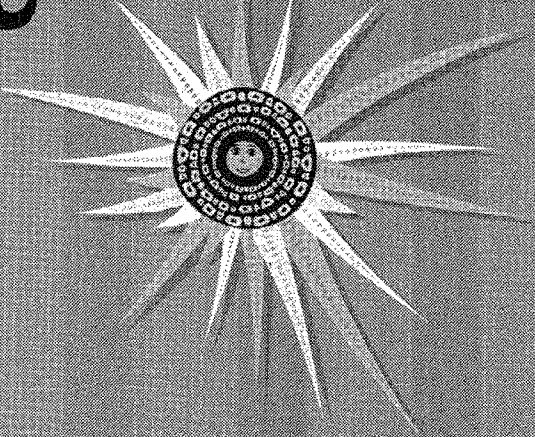
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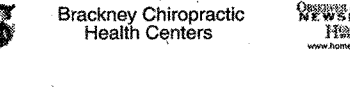
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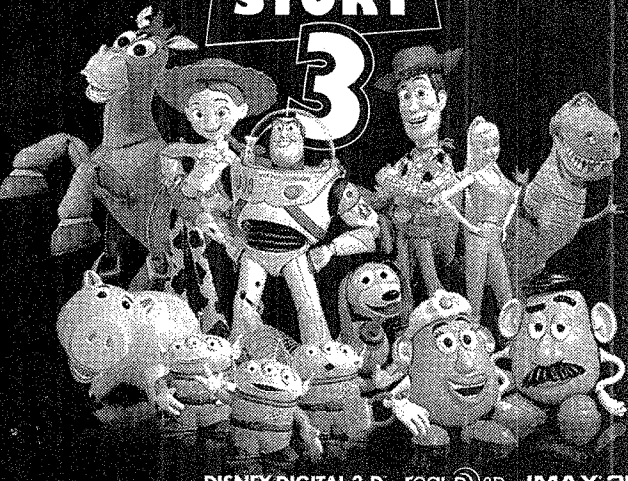
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## LOCAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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**Location:** 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** For preschool through grade six. No registration fee.  
**Contact:** (734) 421-0749 or register at [www.ChristTheKingLivonia.com](http://www.ChristTheKingLivonia.com)

**Orchard United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 12-16  
**Location:** 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Age 4 through those who have completed fifth grade. The fee before July 1 is \$25 per child (family maximum of \$65). Contact: Julie Wright at (248) 626-3620 or (248) 626-3620

**Newburg United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-5  
**Location:** Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia  
**Details:** Cost is \$10 per child (other children from same family are \$5 per child.) Reservations needed by July 31.  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0149

**St. Edith Catholic Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 2-6  
**Location:** St. Edith Parish Hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Children 4-10 are welcome. (Those 11 and older are invited as helpers). Cost is \$5 per day/\$25 for the week. Space is limited to 125 participants. Closing date for registration is July 28.  
**Contact:** Register by e-mailing

info to: [dseim@stedith.org](mailto:dseim@stedith.org). Call (734) 464-2020. Fees must be paid by the first day.

**St. Paul Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. to noon July 19-23  
**Location:** St. Paul, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** \$5 per child for the week  
**Contact:** Call the office for registration information or Kathy Potter at (734) 422-1470, Ext. 17. [christian-educator@sppc-email.org](mailto:christian-educator@sppc-email.org)

**Bell Creek Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. to noon July 26-29  
**Location:** McKinley Elementary School, 9101 Hillcrest St., Livonia  
**Contact:** To register, call (734) 367-4632.

**Fair Haven Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-8:30 p.m. July 19-23.  
**Location:** Fair Haven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette, Westland  
**Contact:** Go to [www.fair-haven.org](http://www.fair-haven.org) to register or call (734) 728-4549. Registration deadline is July 19.

**St. Damian Catholic Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-8:30 p.m. July 12-16  
**Location:** St. Damian Church, 30055 Joy, Westland  
**Details:** Grades pre-K (ages 3 and 4) to grade 6  
**Cost:** \$20 per child (note, families of three or more children are \$15 per child.) Call (734) 421-6130.

**St. Maurice Catholic Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30  
**Location:** St. Maurice Church, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia  
**Details:** Call (734) 522-1616. Bible

school is planned for children grades kindergarten-fifth grade. Fee: \$20 - one child; \$35 - two children; \$45 for three or more.  
**Contact:** Religious Education Office at (734) 421-5240

**First Presbyterian Church of Farmington**  
**Antioch Lutheran Church**  
**North Congregational Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 9-13  
**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road (at 11 Mile), Farmington Hills.  
**Details:** Children entering kindergarten through fifth grades in the fall of 2010 are eligible. Cost is \$15 per child for registration received before Aug. 4; \$30 after deadline.  
**Contact:** (248) 474-6170 or [www.farmington-pres.org](http://www.farmington-pres.org)

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6:15 p.m. Aug. 2-6  
**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Classes for everyone, from preschool to adult. One of the biggest groups is the teen class.  
**Contact:** Call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

**Friendship Church**  
**Crosswinds Community Church**  
**New Hope Free Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. July 18-22  
**Location:** Friendship Church, 1240 N. Beck, Canton  
**Details:** Admission is free to children in the community. Registration deadline July 18.  
**Contact:** (734) 710-9370

## Kids discover Bible class is fun

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
 CORRESPONDENT

For the first time, three Livonia churches — St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Holy Cross Lutheran and Faith Lutheran — joined efforts to provide one Vacation Bible School.

"St. Matt's usually does the same theme as we do, so we decided to do a community Vacation Bible School and pull from the three congregations," said Tammy Wojcik, Holy Cross VBS director.

"It's all Christian-based, so

it doesn't matter what religion you are. It cuts down on costs, because we're dividing in thirds."

A combined church service was planned for a recent Sunday at St. Matthew's to celebrate the unity of the churches.

About 120 children, from preschool to sixth grade, were signed up for the program. Since VBS students often bring friends it's expected that a lot of different churches also were represented.

Students collected nonfood items for families in need and made blankets for children in

hospitals among other outreach projects during the weeklong program.

Sarah Channey, 11, said she learned about Jesus.

"It's really fun," she said. "I love coming to it in the morning and doing crafts and stuff."

Emily Ivey, 10, liked spending time with her friends.

"I learned a lot of things about the Bible and a bunch of songs," she added.

Jonathan Schlack, 10, said he learned that the Word is "comforting, surprising and life-changing. It's also for everyone."

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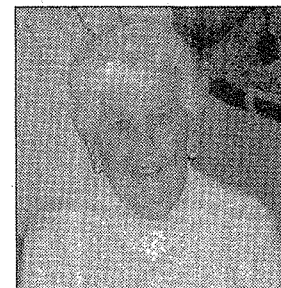
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**BERNICE H. FUNK**  
 June 29, 2010, age 94. Beloved wife of the late Paul. Dearest mother of Ron (Suzanne) Funk and Roger (Kris) Funk. Grandmother of Eric Funk, Michael (Kimberly) Funk, David (Amy) Funk, Michelle (Anthony) Crossley, Angie (John Gonzalez) Funk, Heidi Funk and Tony (Christina) Funk. Great-grandmother of Ryan, Britney, Alan, Kyle, Derek, Justin and Jenna. Sister of Lucille (Robert) Stremich. Visitation Thursday 2pm - 8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Visitation will continue on Friday from 9:30am until time of funeral mass at 10am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road at Beck, Plymouth. Interment will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.



**PATRICK G. BUTLER**

Peacefully passed away Saturday, June 26, 2010. Beloved husband of the late June for 61 years. Loving father of Joanne, Kathy (Wes) Butler-Vincent, Patrick (Elizabeth Jane), Mary (Gary) Gorecki, Julie (Sanford) Altschul, Susan, Laura (Ed) MacGregor and Bill (Bonnie). Proud grandfather of Jennifer, Justin, Sean, David, Casey, Hannah, Megan and Emily. Pat was born on August 29, 1924, in Grand Rapids, MI. A WWII veteran, he married June Martin and they raised their family in Plymouth. Pat was known for his quick wit and his love for books. He had a degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan. After working as a high school English teacher, he was selected to be the first director of Schoolcraft College Library in Livonia. Over the years, he has written dozens of essays for the Saturday Review, the New York Times, the National Observer and various professional journals and digests. Many wonderful memories will keep him close in spirit and thought. He will be deeply missed. A memorial service was held on June 29. Memorials may be directed to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



**EDITH E. TIDWELL**

Age 97, June 27, 2010 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Travis. Survived by nieces, June Laurence, Noma Orlan, Marna Richardson, Carol (William) Pierce, Alta Mae, Ellen Kearby and Susan (Greg) Allen; nephew, Roy (Shirley) Walker and numerous other nieces and nephews. She was a beautician at Hudson's for 30 years and she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Visitation and funeral services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (between Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Memorial Contributions to the Church of Christ-West would be appreciated. To share a memory please visit [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**BEVERLY J. DAVIS**  
 June 28, 2010, age 63. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Janet Davis. Dear daughter of Virginia Mika and the late Samuel. Sister of the late Samuel Mika Jr. Visitation Thursday 10am until time of funeral mass at 10:30am from St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. Contributions suggested to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Share your special thoughts and memories at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



**DEBRA JEAN DANIEL**  
 Age 56, June 27, 2010. Born Jan 2, 1954. Beloved daughter of James and the late Louise Daniel and sister of Denise Daniel and the late James David Daniel. Loving mother of Deena Cullum. Proud grandmother of Gage and Jackson Cullum. Dear aunt of James and Megan Daniel. Visitation Tues 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Wed 1:00 PM at the funeral home. Entombment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. Memorial Contributions to Westland Free Methodist Church or to Angela Hospice would be appreciated. To share a memory please visit [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**GARY F. NADOLSKY**  
 of Northville, 6/28/10. Son of the late Leonard and Tillie. Brother of Geraldine (John) Fusco, Ron (Mary Ann), and Evelyn Halas. Uncle of 8 and great uncle of 9.  
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**HAROLD BROOKS**  
 Age 73, June 25, 2010. Beloved husband of the late Marian. Dear father of Michele Rutter. Grandfather of Jonathan and Justin Rutter. Visitation and Funeral Service were Wednesday at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Memorials suggested to American Diabetes Association or American Cancer Society. [www.santeiu-funeralhome.com](http://www.santeiu-funeralhome.com)

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## Go bananas

Easy ways to grill up something surprisingly good

Bananas aren't just for breakfast or lunch anymore. By grilling this popular fruit, you can add a whole new flavor dimension to a dinnertime recipe and turn a basic dessert into something wow. Adding bananas to your summer grilling routine is a fun way to eat fruit. You can grill them in their peels while the BBQ coals are still hot or add peeled slices to a tasty kabob — it's that simple. From kid-friendly desserts to grown-up dishes with a tropical twist, make it easy on yourself and go bananas on the grill.

### ISLAND KABOBS WITH TROPICAL FRUIT SALSA

*Preparation: 10 minutes*  
*Grill Time: 10 minutes*  
*Makes: 4 servings*  
2 ripe, firm bananas, peeled, each cut into 6 pieces, plus 1 ripe banana, peeled and diced  
12 chunks Dole Tropical Gold Pineapple  
16 extra large or jumbo shrimp, shelled and deveined  
1 green or red bell pepper, cut into 8 pieces  
2 tablespoons lime juice  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
½ teaspoon ground allspice  
1 mango, peeled and diced  
1 tablespoon chopped mint  
1 green onion, minced  
2 to 3 teaspoons minced jalapeño pepper

Thread banana pieces, pineapple, shrimp and bell pepper pieces equally onto skewers. Whisk together lime juice, oil and allspice in small bowl. Brush 2 tablespoons over kabobs. Combine remaining marinade with diced banana, mango, mint, green onion and jalapeño pepper; place in a serving dish.  
Grill kabobs over medium high heat 8 to 10 minutes, turning once or until the shrimp are opaque. Arrange the kabobs on top of the salsa.



Island Kabobs with Tropical Fruit Salsa

### GRILLED BANANAS

*No prep needed.*  
*Grill Time: 10 minutes*  
*Makes: 4 servings*  
4 bananas, unpeeled  
Assorted favorite dessert toppings  
Place unpeeled bananas on grill over medium high heat. Grill 4 to 5 minutes on

each side until peels blacken and soften. Insides will be custard-like. Serve warm or chilled with your favorite toppings such as fresh fruit, chopped nuts, miniature marshmallows, chocolate bits, caramel or frozen yogurt.

### GRILLED CARIBBEAN FRUIT SALSA

*Preparation: 10 minutes*  
*Grill Time: 8 minutes*  
*Makes: 4 servings*  
½ fresh Dole Tropical Gold Pineapple, peeled and sliced vertically  
1 large, ripe firm banana, slice in half vertically  
1 mango, skinned, peeled and sliced in half vertically  
¼ cup olive oil  
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice  
¼ cup red onion, minced  
¼ to ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

2 kiwi, diced  
Combine pineapple, banana and mango slices with the olive oil and lime juice. Brush to coat the fruit. Place fruit on grill. Grill fruit 4 to 5 minutes each side, remove and cool slightly.  
Roughly chop the grilled fruit, reserving juices. Combine fruit and reserved juices with the red onion, red pepper flakes and kiwi. Serve warm or room temperature. Great with grilled chicken or fish.

### TERIYAKI PORK CHOPS WITH GRILLED BANANAS

*Preparation: 20 minutes*  
*Grill Time: 20 minutes*  
*Makes: 3 to 4 servings*  
¼ cup dry sherry  
2 tablespoons soy sauce  
1 tablespoon packed brown sugar  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1 pound boneless pork chops (3 to 4)

2 large firm bananas, peeled  
½ teaspoon cornstarch  
2 cups hot cooked rice  
2 tablespoons sliced green onion  
1 tablespoon toasted sesame seed.  
Combine sherry, soy sauce, brown sugar and oil in small bowl. Remove 2 tablespoons sherry mixture and

brush on pork chops and bananas.  
Grill pork 8 to 10 minutes on each side until cooked through. Grill bananas 2 to 3 minutes on each side until heated through. Cut each into 1-inch pieces.  
Combine remaining sherry mixture and cornstarch in small saucepan; cook, stirring until thickened.

Arrange pork and bananas over rice on serving plate; drizzle with sauce. Sprinkle with green onion and sesame seed.

— Courtesy of Family Features

## Turn frozen treat into tea, snack

Although National Bomb Pop Day (June 24) has passed, you can raise a glass of Bomb Pop Bubble Tea or serve a platter of jigglers in honor of America's birthday this weekend.

Blue Bunny Ice Cream daily churns out about 300,000 Bomb Pops, a six-finned, red-white-and-blue frozen treat available at supermarkets in flavors like cherry, sour power and watermelon. Most customers enjoy eating them whole, but the frozen confection can be used to create other desserts, drinks and even entrees.


Try these Blue Bunny Bomb Pop recipes:

### BOMB POP JIGGLERS

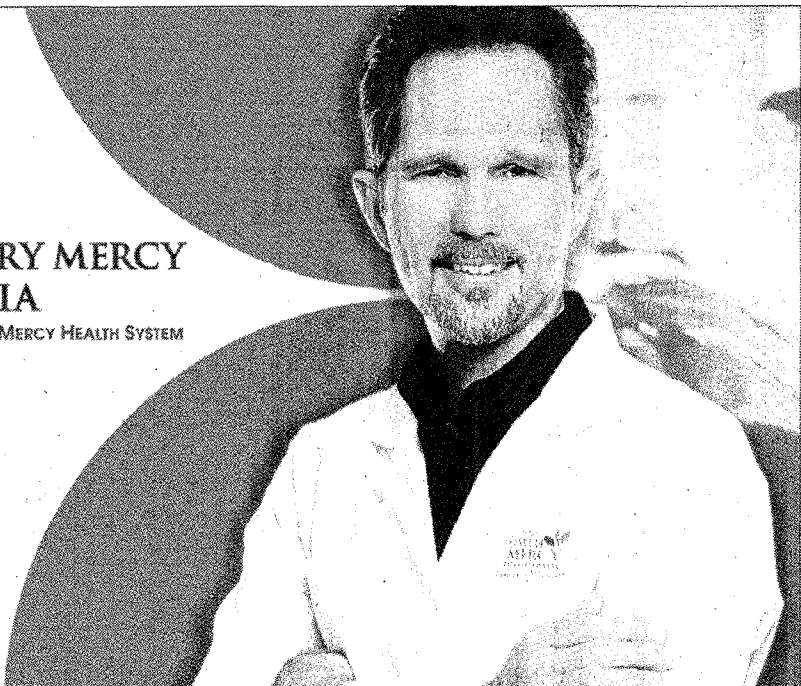
**Ingredients:**  
One box Bomb Pops such as Blue Bunny Lemonade Bomb Pops  
Two packets gelatin  
**Preparation:**  
Remove Bomb Pops from box and wrapper. Melt them in a sauce pot on low heat discarding the sticks as the Bomb Pops start to melt. Add gelatin and stir in completely until dissolved. Pour liquid into baking dish and transfer to refrigerator. Makes eight to 14 jigglers.

### BOMB POP BUBBLE TEA

**Ingredients:**  
For Tapioca Pearls: seven cups of water; one cup of Tapioca Pearls; two Blue Bunny Bomb Pops, melted.  
For Smoothie: four cups prepared green tea, chilled; four Blue Bunny Bomb Pops melted, chilled; eight strawberries; quarter cup raspberries; quarter cup blueberries.  
**Preparation:**  
For Tapioca Pearls: Bring the water to a boil and add pearls. Boil for 30 minutes covered. Remove from heat and let sit for 30 minutes. Strain water and mix tapioca balls with melted Bomb Pops.  
For Smoothies: In a blender mix tea, melted Bomb Pops, strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. Blend until smooth. Add tapioca balls and serve chilled. Serve in a clear glass with a wide straw in order to enjoy the tapioca pearls that sink to the bottom. Makes four servings.



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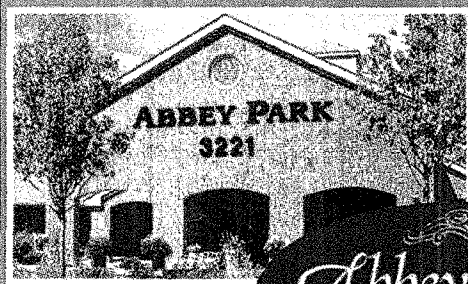
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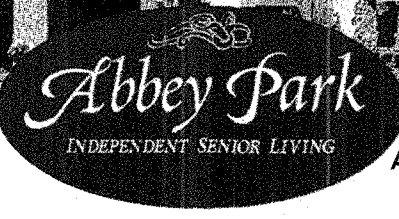


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