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IN BRIEF

Closings

Westland city offices, except for the Bailey Recreation Center, 18th District Court and the William P. Faust Public Library, will be closed on Tuesday, Aug. 3, for the primary election. The city clerk's office will be open for primary election business only. Rubbish pickup will not be affected.

Election news

Hometownlife.com, the website for The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Weeklies, is the place to turn for in-depth election coverage of the Aug. 3 Primary. With Westland's David James facing fellow Westland resident Michael Case for Wayne County Commissioner and interesting races from the top of the ballot to the bottom, our staff is ready to offer blanket coverage of the election. Starting Monday morning, an election guide with every story pertaining to the primary will be on the front of Hometownlife.com. Click on the Election 2010 button and links to more than 100 stories will be just a click away. On Tuesday, check our site for updates as news comes in. Our Thursday print editions will peer behind the results and look ahead to the general election.

Doggie Park

A grand opening celebration will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the Wayne County Parks Dog Park at Hawthorne Ridge on Hines Drive, west of Merriman in Westland. The celebration will highlight several improvements that have been made to the park.

While the park has remained at Hawthorne Ridge, the fencing has been relocated to a more visible location, closer to the bathrooms and running water. Agility equipment for the dogs has recently been added and a new locking system also has been installed.

Wayne County Parks is currently taking registration for the new park. The cost is \$5. Proof of vaccinations and current dog license is required. Forms can be downloaded at www.waynecountyparks.org.

Buyer beware

When it comes to buying property online, Wayne County Registrar of Deeds Bernard Youngblood has a warning: If it's too good to be true, it probably is.

According to Youngblood, multiple complaints have been filed with the nation's First Mortgage and Deed Fraud Task Force regarding buyers of property in Wayne County who have not received their recorded deed.

Investigative questioning has shown that the buyers purchased multiple properties over the Internet from unknown sellers at what they thought was significant savings. Youngblood said that investigations show no transfer of title had been submitted at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office regarding the transactions.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Deeds at (313) 224-5856 or go online to www.byoungbl@co.wayne.mi.us.

Clerk expects low turnout in Tuesday's election

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland voters will take to the polls Tuesday for the partisan primary election, and turnout most likely will be small in comparison to the number of registered voters.

Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart is predicting about 15 percent of the city's more than 60,000 registered voters will go to the polls to decide who will advance to the November general

election in national, state and county races. They also will decide if the city should continue to levy a 0.59 mill tax levy for four years for the Suburban Mobility Authority on Regional Transportation.

"It probably could be 20 percent, but I'm figuring 15 percent," said DeHart. "It's not a particularly exciting this year for the Democrats with what's on the ballot, but it's more interesting for Republicans because they have choices. The governor's race is the only

real contest on the Democratic side and the Wayne County sheriff because Benny Napoleon was appointed and is running for the first time."

Tuesday's primary is a partisan election and voters cannot cross party lines in selecting candidates.

In the governor's race, Mike Bouchard, Mike Cox, Tom George, Pete Hoekstra and Rick Snyder are squaring off on the Republican side while Virg Bernero and Andy Dillon are battling on the Democratic side.

In other races, several candidates are unopposed for the party nomination, which will slate them in the general election for their respective parties.

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will be unopposed in his re-election effort for the 11th Congressional District. He is expected to face Natalie Mosher in November. Glenn Anderson hopes to retain

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Fran Line gets out to watch as workers unload the documents she brought to the Friendship Center to be shredded.

Identity theft makes shredding day popular

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The din of the truck grinding up unwanted personal documents was music to the ears of people like Dorothy and Ross Bohmhauer.

"We're getting rid of stuff so we don't get hit with identity theft," said Dorothy Bohmhauer. "We've been married three years and by combining, we have years of stuff we need to get rid of. We got rid

of a lot of stuff last year, this is the tail end, things like tax statements — his and mine."

The Westland couple were among residents who took advantage of the free shredding available on Thursday at the senior Friendship Center.

"We actually started early, we had people lined up around the lot," said senior resource director Barbara Schimmel Marcum.

This is the second year the center has

hosted the shredding day. Last year's event attracted 160 people and Marcum was hoping for an even better turnout this year. Farmington Hills-based E-Shredder provided a truck that can shred up to 4,000 pounds of paper per hour and hold up to 10,000 pounds. The truck comes with a video display allowing people to see their documents getting ground up.

"This is good for the community, it's good for anybody," said a Westland

woman who declined to be identified. And with good reason. She has been the victim of identity theft.

"A few years ago, someone got my credit card number and went to town," she said. "It was quite a bit."

Careful to remove her Social Security number and other identifying numbers from documents, the woman was making her second trip to the shredder. She

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City, W-W work on green program, ordinance

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While Westland city officials work on an ordinance to regulate alternative energy sources in the city, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district is working its way through the approval process to set up three different wind turbines at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Wayne-Westland was the only school district in Wayne County to receive a \$1 million Renewable Energy Education

Grant from the state of Michigan. The grant is providing the Career Technical Center with three types of wind turbines, a solar array, biodiesel converter and pellet stove, that will be used in its new alternative energy technology program.

The hope had been to erect the turbines at the end of April or May, but it now looks like the installations will be delayed to later this fall or possibly next spring.

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Wyandotte woman faces bank robbery charge

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland police hope to arraign a 32-year-old Wyandotte woman this week on a charge of robbing the TCF Bank in Westland July 23.

The Wayne County prosecutor approved a warrant Friday charging Danielle Evans with bank robbery, a felony punishable by up to life in prison, in the Westland incident. It's believed she may have committed five robberies in Westland, Ferndale, Allen Park and Wyandotte, Westland police Sgt. Todd

Adams said.

She was apprehended by Wyandotte police last week after a relative alerted police.

"Her picture was on the news, a Melvindale police officer recognized her as a relative and turned her in," Adams said. In the Westland robbery, the suspect entered the bank on Warren Road and gave a teller an envelope with "Do not call police, give me \$100, \$50, \$20" written on it. The teller reportedly gave the woman \$1,710.

The teller told police the woman said she was sorry and told the teller to wait until she left before calling

police. The teller, however, pressed the alarm button as the woman left the bank. The robbery occurred at 2:50 p.m. and two other customers and another teller told police they neither saw nor heard anything.

According to Adams, Evans used the money to support a heroin addiction and to pay bills. She has five children under the age of 10, he said. "We only recovered \$20, the rest of the money she said she spent," Adams said. "We estimate it was several thousands of dollars."

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SHREDDING

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praised the city for having the shredding day, saying that more cities should do it.

"I'm glad they have a TV camera so you can see your paper going in and see it being shredded," she added. "I wouldn't feel comfortable leaving it with just anybody."

City employee Rob Ozenghar brought in young people from Westland Youth Assistance and the court work program to help unload the boxes and bags of documents. They were placed in a large plastic trash container that was lifted up and dumped in the shredder.

"It's good to have all this help," said Ozenghar. "This definitely

isn't a one-man project, if it was, they'd still be lined up."

The shredding day followed a week after the center hosted a drug disposal event, gathering up "five huge bags of medicine" that was disposed of by the Westland Police Department.

"They burned everything," Marcum said. "We do that the third week of July every year so people can clean out their medicine cabinets and the shredding the fourth week. That's so people can plan for it. I want the residents to feel safe, the seniors especially. They have years and years of accumulated documents."

Former city Councilman Bill Ziembra stood by his pickup truck watching as his boxes of documents were unloaded. A lot were taxes forms for his mother who had died in 2008 plus some personal stuff.

"I saw the sign out front," he said. "This is a lot easier than one of those personal shredders."

People who stopped by also received a flier for an Identity Theft Seminar that will be held at the center on Newburgh, south of Ford, on Thursday, Sept. 23. The program will be presented by the Senior Brigade, a part of the State Attorney General's Office and will cover how to prevent criminals from getting personal information.

"This all seems worthwhile, people here are interested in protecting their identities," Marcum said. "Knowledge is power, and we know how a criminal works. That's why doing something as simple as this is important."

"I'm glad to see a great turnout today and hope to see this grow every year," she added.

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Westland residents lined up early to have their documents shredded as part of the second annual Shredding Day at the senior Friendship Center. The line was so long that the shredding began before the official 10 a.m. start.

PRIMARY

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his seat as state senator. The Democrat is running unopposed Tuesday, as is his Republican challenger, John Pastor. Likewise, incumbent Democrat Richard LeBlanc is running unopposed on the Democratic side in the 18th state House District. The Republican candidate is Floyd S. Collins.

County races feature an unopposed Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano on the Democratic ticket, with Mario Nesr Fundarski on the Republican ticket. Appointed Wayne County Sheriff incumbent Benny Napoleon is facing a challenge from Daniel Dean Sr., Walter L. Epps, Luke Granberry Jr. and Delbert Martin for a partial term that will expire in 2012. Shelly Milton and Taras Nykoria are seeking the nomination on the Republican side.

In the Wayne County Commission 12th District, incumbent Democrat Joan Gebhardt is unopposed in the primary while Westland residents David James and Michael Case are vying for the Republican spot on the general election ballot.

In the lone nonpartisan race, Susan L. Hubbard, Gary Jones and John J. Sullivan are seeking a non-incumbent six-year term on the Third Circuit Court.

WHERE TO VOTE

With the closing of five elementary schools closed in Westland, City Clerk Eileen DeHart has had to relocate eight precincts. Polling places for the August primary now are:

Precincts 3 and 7: Stottliemyer School, 34801 Marquette

Precincts 4 and 8: Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford

Precincts 5 and 29: Edison School, 34505 Hunter

Precincts 6, 9 and 10: Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer

Precincts 2, 11, 23 and 32: Elliott School, 30800 Bennington

Precincts 12, 25 and 35: Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail

Precincts 1, 13, 18 and 19: Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell

Precincts 14: Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview

Precincts 15: Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct.

Residents who missed this weekend's chance to register to vote by absentee ballot can still apply for one by 4 p.m. Monday, however, they will have to vote at Westland City Hall. Emergency absentee ballots can be requested on Election Day, however, "you'll have to prove it's an emergency," said DeHart.

For voters in eight of the city's precincts, voting will mean going to a new polling place. With the closing of five Wayne-Westland schools in the city, DeHart had has to move precincts to other schools and the Bailey Recreation Center.



Precincts 16: Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.

Precincts 17 and 37: P.D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix

Precincts 20: Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood

Precincts 21 and 42: Johnson School, 8400 Hix

Precinct 22: Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born

Precinct 24: Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan

Precincts 26 and 33: Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman

Precinct 27: Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz

Precinct 28: Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis

Precincts 30 and 31: Hayes School, 30600 Louise Ct.

Precincts 34 and 38: Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette

Precinct 36: Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz

Precinct 39: Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview

Precincts 40 and 41: Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The closings affect precincts that had been housed at Madison, Kettering, Lincoln, Jefferson-Barns and Patchin elementaries. The Madison precincts have been moved to Schweitzer, while voters at the two Kettering precincts now go to Elliott Elementary. The Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns precincts have been moved to Adams Upper Elementary School, and the Patchin precincts are now at the Bailey Recreation Center.

DeHart isn't concerned about confusion as to where to vote, as new voter cards with the new precinct locations were sent out earlier this year.

"Anybody who lives in those areas know those schools are closed," she added.

With working going on at several of the schools to accommodate the district's new configuration, DeHart said parking "will be at a premium" at Elliott and Schweitzer.

"There will be parking on the street, and people will have to walk a distance to the schools," DeHart said.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Voters will need to bring picture ID to show.

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ENERGY

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"We have to go through the approval process, we want to make sure we're doing it right," said center Principal Steven Kay.

And likewise, the city wants to promote the safe, effective and efficient use of wind turbines that are installed in the city. The ordinance aims to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents by minimizing the potential adverse effects that wind turbines and wind energy facilities may have on residential areas and land uses.

According to Mayor William Wild, the city will promote and require careful design, siting, noise limitations and innovative camouflaging techniques. In discussing the proposed ordinance, Wild told the City Council that in addition to the Wayne-Westland turbines, there's discussion about one at the DTE facility.

"We are looking to keep Westland updated with the new energy alternatives," he said. "This ordinance, along with a recent ordinance to encourage and regulate solar energy systems, shows the city's commitment to being environmentally friendly and working towards the long term sustainability of our community."

The proposed ordinance would allow a single roof-mounted turbine in residential districts as a permitted use. It would allow a second roof-mounted wind turbine or a free-standing wind turbine as a special land use in residential districts and would allow wind turbines in nonresidential dis-

tricts as a special land use.

The ordinance also contains specific language regarding setback, height, noise and shadow flicker.

The school district plans to erect a 33-foot tall Skystream wind turbine near the gazebo between the center and the district's administrative offices. A Cascade Swift turbine will be mounted on the south side of the building near the auto technology, while a Bergey turbine, which is four feet tall, will be used in the classroom.

The new alternative energy program will start this fall at the center and, according to Kay, the enrollment numbers "are solid" for the class.

"I think we'll see more interest when we get the equipment up," Kay said. "It's definitely going to be something people can view, experience and explore what's going on with green energy."

School officials are being aggressive in their efforts to be the first of the grant recipients to get the turbines up and running. The William D. Ford is the first career technical center to have the turbines which also are the first such equipment in Wayne County.

Once the turbines have been installed, the center will have an open house to invite the community in to showcase the equipment and the alternative energy program.

"We're still dealing with the applications and the permits, but our goal is to have them installed by the first frost," Kay said, adding that "this is a good program, a timely program and shows the state's commitment to alternative energy and green jobs."

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Coming full circle

Resource center director sees old problems returning

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Life goes in circles. Monica Fulton, the program supervisor at the Family Resource Center housed at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City, has witnessed a full circle back to the problems in Garden City which she saw 15 years ago.

"When I started here, there was a lot of gang activity and substance abuse among adolescents," Fulton said.

When there was a period of prosperity in the community and in the nation in the late 1990s, she saw less gang activity and violence and less substance abuse.

"Now we are seeing more gang affiliation among adolescents," Fulton said. "The economy is just rotten and the parents are out of work, trying to find work and make ends meet. The stress in the home is unbelievable."

That's why she started the wellness programs to help parents and kids cope.

She said that they are witnessing the kids once again wearing the colors of gangs, all red, red and black, and blue and black. "The caps are turned to the right and the pant leg turned up," Fulton said.

She also is seeing what she described as "clandestine" gang activity." Fulton sees just one piece of it, but not the actually claiming of membership in a specific gang.

"It has gone underground," Fulton said. "They know the history and they know the colors that they wear. If you talk to kids, they know the (gang) history."

"It is a high risk situation,



Monica Fulton, program supervisor at the Family Resource Center at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City, is devoted to continuing programs with little financial help from the city.

so it's important for adults to model correct behavior with discussion of values with their children and what they might have done to violate these values, she said. The Life Choices program helps students with delinquent behavior like gangs, curfew violation, shoplifting and stealing cars.

"It has a parent and a youth component," Fulton said. "The families come together and go into a group room."

A community circle of members who work together help to keep each member accountable.

One mom told Fulton that she witnessed effective changes

in her child because of the program.

"We have a less than 10 percent recidivism rate," Fulton said.

The Garden City Police Department likes having a resource to refer families, too, Fulton said.

Serving the overall needs of Garden City families through the Family Resource Center focuses on non-violent resolution. Students explore activities which don't involve alcohol and drugs.

Fulton started her job in September 1995 as a part-time youth assistance coordinator at

age 25. The job went full time in July 2006. She chose the part-time position over two other job offers which were full-time positions with benefits.

"I was intrigued by the newspaper ad which I saw about working with troubled adolescents," she said. "It was an opportunity to develop the program."

She had worked previously for the Wayne County Headstart program for homeless families and at First Step, a domestic violence agency. She is a former Garden City resident who now resides in Livonia.

Fulton graduated from

the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree and a double major in psychology and philosophy. She has a master's degree in clinical psychology from Capella University in Minnesota.

Kim Mitton Hahn, a case manager who works with Fulton, facilitates parent groups and coordinates prevention programs. There are 11 different programs for families and teens at the Family Resource Center. The programs started out funded by the city's general funds. Over the years, Fulton has been able to obtain other grants and

contracts.

"The city's contribution is minimal, 10 percent of our budget" Fulton said. "I'm very in tune with the budget process."

She is aware that her family services could be considered by some as "nonessential services."

"I was diligent about getting outside funding when the economy was tanking," Fulton said. "If we had to scale back, we would be overwhelmed with clients not being able to get services. I was real proactive."

Because the center gets Wayne County funding, it serves all western Wayne County residents.

"We service residents from birth to age 17," Fulton said.

Fulton's services don't just dwell on the negative side of adolescent behavior. The center also offers a welcome baby basket for children less than 1 year old.

Mitton Hahn said that the baskets, personalized to the gender of the child, are available to anyone in Garden City who is pregnant or has a child up to 1 year old.

Information about the center is contained in the Garden City parks and recreation brochure, but "it is a lot of word of mouth," said Mitton Hahn.

She also added that the center is seeing a lot of unemployed families which prevents them from leaving the area to job search elsewhere.

"They are definitely struggling," she said.

Fulton doesn't see a high transition rate in the Garden City community. She has witnessed generations living together.

"What we are seeing are children moving back with their parents and Grandma and Grandpa in the same home," Fulton said. "It can be good or not good if there are substance abuse or violence issues in the family."

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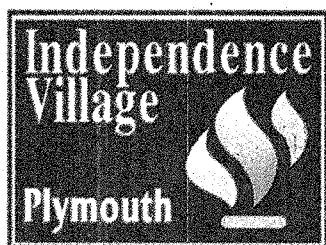
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Ficano seeks 'tools' to manage county's deficit

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is wondering what it will take to get the county out of deficit spending — not just the departments he controls, but all departments, including the Third Circuit Court, the County Prosecutor's Office and Sheriff's Department.

While he is required by charter to submit a balanced budget to the Wayne County Commission, he contends that those three departments see themselves as separate branches of government and operate on their own.

"They don't raise money, they just give me their bills," Ficano said. "One of the egregious units is the court. One chief judge went out and borrowed \$20 million on his signature. The first wind we got of it was when the notice of debt payment came in."

Ficano has nine departments under his direct control. He has cut staffing in those departments by 40 percent and employees have taken a 10 percent pay cut this year and that will continue next year. But Circuit Court and sheriff said no. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees also voted no, forcing the county executive to layoff 200 of its members. Probate Court, however, is a "beacon of light," according to Ficano. Chief Judge Milton Mack does make the cuts.

Ficano would like the county commission to give him the same authority the governor and mayors have so he can rein the deficit spending. He'd also like to see the commission step up to the plate and make the cuts necessary to balance the county budget.

But of late, he has run into

a brick wall in the shape of Commission Chair Edward Boike Jr. who sent out a series of e-mails, going after Ficano for what he called grossly overstating revenue from the Delinquent Tax Fund and attempting to "cook the books" with a "radical accounting change."

Claiming that the county executive failed to make adjustments to reflect no transfers from the Delinquent Tax Fund, adding almost \$27 million to the deficit, Boike stated that "if fiscal integrity is the issue, it would appear that the Ficano Administration has failed the test."

In a budget message to the commission's Committee on Ways and Means, he claimed that "hidden in the administration's numbers are questionable assumptions, overstatement of revenue and wasteful, inefficient and unrestrained spending."

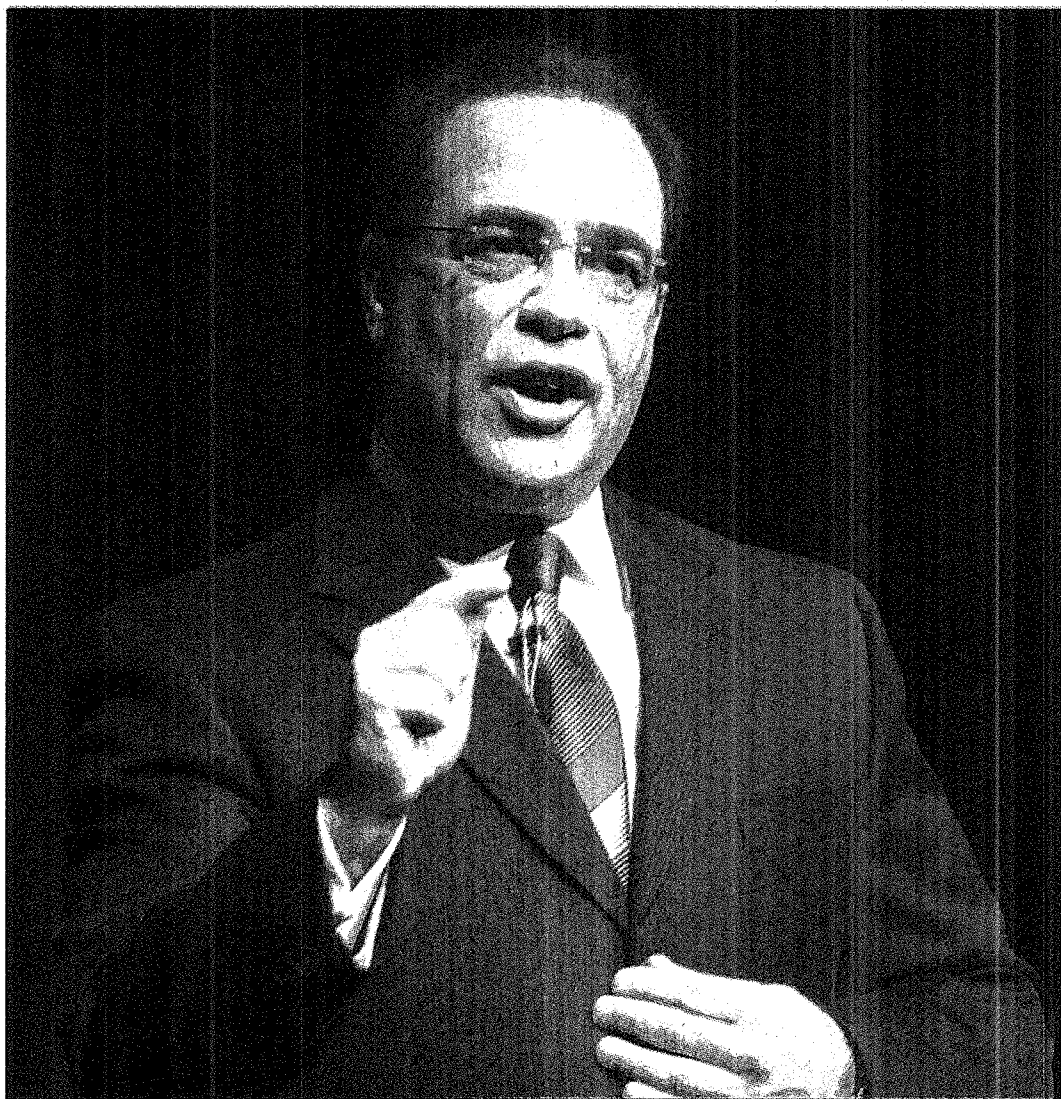
"It appears that the financial strategy of the administration has been to paper over a mounting deficit and hope the economy would rebound," Boike stated. "Clearly, we have reached the point where deep cuts are unavoidable."

And that might be one thing the two men do agree upon.

Ficano and his staff contend that of the deficit spending isn't halted it will seriously affect basic programs like the seniors' Meals on Wheels.

"We're on a crash course unless the people of Wayne County say no deficit spending," said Deputy County Executive Azzam Elder. "That's what the county executive has been advocating. We've managed very well, but we're at the point where it's going to break, but the commission don't want to take action."

Ficano has asked the County



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is looking for help from the Wayne County Commission in reigning in the county's deficit spending, but is finding resistance from Commission Chair Edward Boike Jr.

Commission "straight up" to be allowed to use a multi-year budget that would smooth out the deficit over more than one year. He also would like to commission to level the playing field and use its authority to stop deficit spending.

"Someone has to be in charge in the room, we need eight commissioners," said Ficano. "They need to empower the county executive to stop the deficit spending. There are

commissioners that have stood up and said the commission needs to do the right thing."

Boike's comments have not gone unnoticed by others. Trenton Mayor Gerald Brown who responded in an e-mail to Boike and Greg Eno, a commission public information specialist who posted Boike's e-mails, saying that "I happen to agree with the assessment that Bob Ficano is doing the best he can with what he has been dealt and is a stand up guy. Taking shots at him via the e-mails is rather cowardice

as far as I am concerned. Why don't you and Ed try and be a part of the solution to the county problems rather than point fingers at other people in leadership."

Even County Commissioner Gary Woronchak, chair of the Committee on Audit, took Boike to task on his comments. In a July 23 letter, he stated that "In order for the Office of the Legislative Auditor General to properly do its job, it must remain objective and fair, and foster an atmosphere of cooperation

throughout county government. The Auditor General does not accomplish this by making sensational statements. And it does not serve his office well for others to do so by taking the good works of the Auditor General out of context in such a manner."

Ficano admits he faces a fight over his proposed elimination of the 13th or inflation equity check that county retirees receive. In a July 19 budget message, Boike pointed out that of the county's 5,473 retirees, 60 percent receive less than \$15,000 annually.

"Many of these retirees, on a fixed income will suffer greatly without this 13th check that replaces the former cost of living adjustment," he wrote.

The checks are paid to retirees when there's surplus in investment income, but the retirement board is continuing to pay out the money even though the retirement fund is only funded at a 62 percent level, Ficano said. As a result, it has fallen on the county to cover the costs of the 13th check.

"We have no obligation to pay a \$500 bonus, and that's what it is," he said. "It's become an entitlement and it represents \$34 million the county just doesn't have."

The county has one month left in its budget year and if nothing is resolved the projected \$50 million deficit will balloon to more than \$260 million. Ficano said the commission now faces two choices: Decide it has the power to stop the deficit spending and act on it or give the power to the county executive.

"We need action, not finger pointing," said Ficano. "We have a projected deficit that the commission has not brought in line. I'm not asking for anymore authority than the governor or a mayor has. I asking for tools to deal with this."

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Environment, city benefit from curbside recycling

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's been a year since blue recycling carts started arriving at Westland homes in anticipation of a new curbside collection program kicking off.

Since that time, Westland residents have recycled nearly 11.6 million pounds of materials that otherwise would have gone into a landfill. That means that over the first year of the bi-weekly recycling program, residents have recycled 22 percent of their solid waste.

During the first two months of the recycling program, Westland paid to have the recycled materials taken by Great Lakes Recycling. Since then, the city has been paid for the recycled materials, ranging from \$1.35 per ton to \$22.68 per ton — an average of \$8.82 per ton.

"It wasn't until year three that we expected to see revenue in the program. The recycling market was really in the tank," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "It did a quick turnaround."

With more than \$49,000 received for recyclable materials added to reduced charges for lower tonnage dumped at the landfill, Westland realized a \$178,000 savings.

The city realized a further \$63,000 by taking compost to Taylor Recycling rather than going through the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority. The city is contractually obligated to dispose of trash through CWCSA, but not compost.

Westland is one of five CWCSA member communities, along with Garden City, Dearborn Heights, Wayne and Inkster. Only Westland and Dearborn Heights offer curbside recycling.

Recycling has its rewards

Westland residents have been helping the environment by reducing the amount of material sent to the landfill through the city's curbside recycling plan.

And those who have signed up with RecycleBank are earning rewards based on the amount of materials recycled in their neighborhood.

The city has two districts that have curbside recycling collection on alternating weeks. The recycling cart has a tag that is read when the recycling is collected.

The points earned through RecycleBank can be redeemed at a variety of participating local and national companies or donated to benefit charities.

The top 10 most popular local reward partners include Hollywood Markets, Olga's Kitchen, Bordine's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Palace Supermarket, 7-Eleven, Parisian, Cold Stone Creamery, Dunkin' Donuts and Norman's Market.

In the past year, Westland residents have recycled 11.6 million pounds of materials; saved a total of 667,983 gallons of oil, 81,333 trees and the equivalent of 16,671 metric tons of CO2, according to calculations of RecycleBank.

Part of the CWCSA agreement with Waste Management is an escalator in tipping fees if tonnage decreases 10 percent over three years.

"We're looking at the last three years. We paid \$22.26 per ton last year and over \$23 this year. It's still cheaper to recycle," Wild said.

Last year, the city budgeted \$700,000 for recycling — \$560,000 for Republic Services to collect and transport the recyclables and \$100,000 for the RecycleBank program that provides incentives for recycling, plus payment on 27,000 recycling carts which was financed over 10 years.

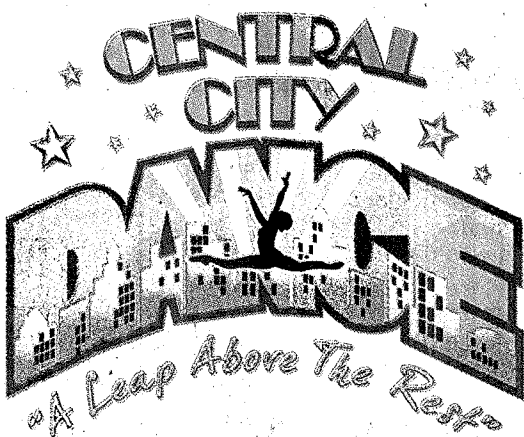
"We offset the cart costs by making the \$240,000 savings (from recycling and compost)," Wild said. "Environmentally, it's the right thing to do and, economically, it makes sense. It may be wishful thinking, but

my goal is to make recycling cost neutral, if the market continues to go up."

The city had budgeted \$500,000 for the second phase of recycling, originally expected to be an extension of the program to condominiums and apartments — phase one included all single family residents. That idea is getting a second look.

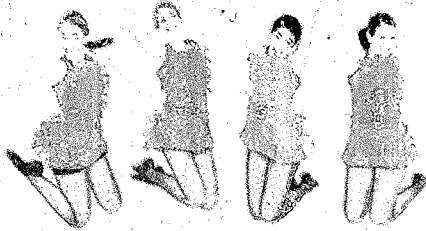
"Does it make more sense to do the apartments and condos or provide a second cart to some single family residences?" said Wild. "People tell us they could fill a second cart — weekly pick up would cost more. We have about 900 carts left. Apartments would be a challenge. We need to sit down with council and make a decision about what phase two would look like."

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Anderson: Oil spill is reason his proposals need to be OK'd

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Glenn Anderson believes that the massive oil spill on the west side of the state should be a wake-up call for lawmakers and residents. Michigan must take steps to protect its natural resources.

"We take it for granted, out of sight, out of mind," said the Westland Democrat. "But this should be more than a warning, it should force us to look at and take the necessary steps to prevent this from happening again."

Anderson was in the Marshall-Kalamazoo area last Tuesday to see firsthand the devastating effect of an oil spill that has polluted the water in Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River when a 30-inch oil pipeline owned by Enbridge Liquids Pipelines sprung a leak in Marshall Township in Calhoun County July 26.

The leak was stopped Tuesday but not before what the Environmental Protection Agency estimates is close to one million gallons of oil escaped into the creek. The oil spill has polluted more than 35 miles of waterways since then and poses a threat of breaching the dam at Lake Morrow and possibly making its way to Lake Michigan.

The pipeline, built in 1969, carries about 190,000 barrels or eight million gallons of oil per day from Griffith, Ind., to Sarnia, Ontario. It slices through 11 Michigan counties, including northern Oakland County.

Anderson has introduced a bill that would permanently ban drilling for oil in the Great Lakes and restore the rights of citizens to protect the state's natural resources. After seeing the devastation, pegged as the worst disaster of its kind in the Midwest, he is demanding that his fellow lawmakers take action on his

proposal to hold polluters accountable for all cleanup costs and damages.

"My plan would help protect our Great Lakes, land and water from a disastrous oil spill like this one, and we need to pass it now," Anderson said. "Neither the state nor Michigan families can afford to pay for corporate negligence like this, and we need to be sure companies like Enbridge Energy Partners, rather than the state's taxpayers, are on the hook for costs associated with the ecological and economic damage they cause in our state."

Anderson has labeled Enbridge's response to the disaster as "totally inadequate." Booms have been set up at eight-10 locations along the creek to steer the oil to the shore where it can be vacuumed up, but a lot of it was still going down the creek to the river.

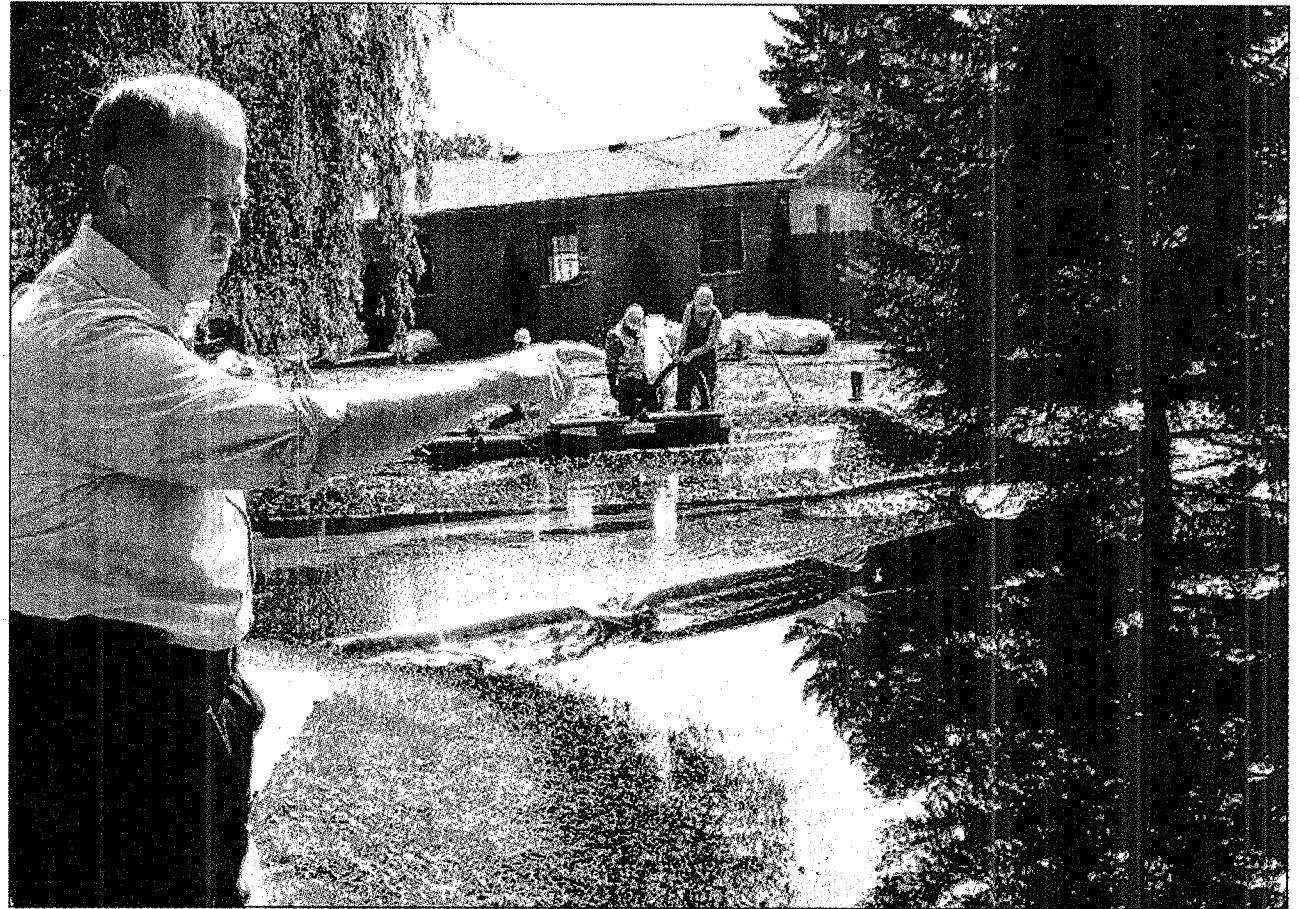
"The big issue is how long Enbridge knew about the leak," Anderson said in an interview Thursday. "I sat in on an update and Enbridge painted a rosy picture that they are making progress. They estimate it could take months to clean up, but I think it could go longer than that. That area will have this problem for one-two years."

Anderson's plan would place three proposals on the November general election ballot, so the protections would become a permanent part of the state constitution. The proposals would:

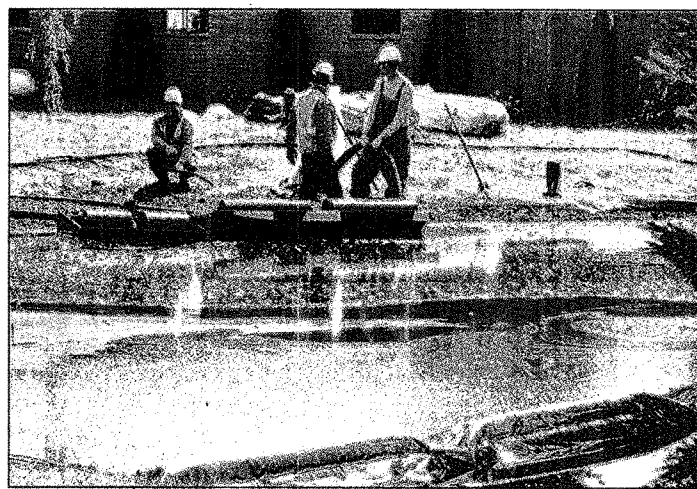
- Ensure that polluters responsible for an oil spill or other environmental damages pay for all cleanup and damage costs, rather than wasting taxpayers' dollars for cleanups

- Permanently ban all oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes, both off-shore drilling and onshore "slant" drilling

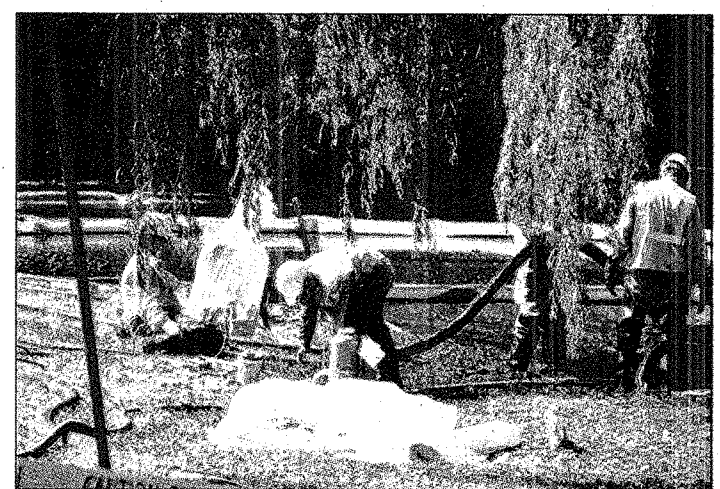
- Restore the legal rights of Michigan citizens to seek



State Sen. Glenn Anderson surveys the cleanup efforts along Talmadge Creek in Marshall Township.



According to State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, the black tarry oil that leaked from an Enbridge pipeline in Calhoun County "is everywhere."



Booms along Talmadge Creek in Calhoun County steer the oil to the shore where workers wearing respirators are vacuuming it up.

compensation for damage caused by corporate pollution.

Currently, there is cap on how much in damages can be assessed, and a Supreme Court ruling that lawsuits must be filed only by those

directly affected. Anderson wants to lift that cap and restore the right to residents to sue for compensation for damages.

"It's such a mess out there. There are some areas where it burns your eyes, and the

benzene level is so high that workers have to wear respirators and Tyvek suits," he said. "Even before I got out of the car at Marshall I could smell it. I was surprised at how bad it was. It was something like you'd see on T.V. You never

expect it to happen here." "I think back here and even in Lansing, they underestimated how bad it was," he added. "There's black tarry oil everywhere."

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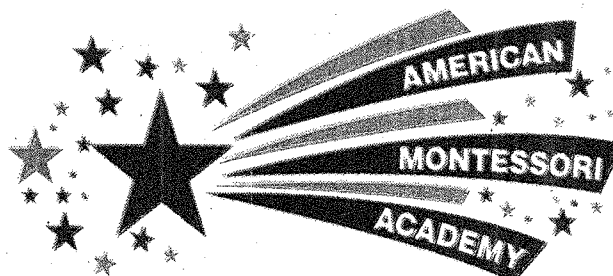
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Car show for vets

The third annual Car and Bike Show for Vets is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1645 Wayne Road, Westland. This is a new location for the show.

Proceeds from the event, which last year raised \$27,000 for the Ann Arbor VA Hospital and the Wayne County Stand Down for Homeless Vets, which benefits local veterans.

Blood drive

The Westland Rotary Club and the Westland Chamber

of Commerce are teaming up to sponsor a Red Cross blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36551 Ford, Westland.

All donors will be entered to win two Cedar Point tickets, and everyone will get a free hat from the Red Cross. People can sign up for a blood donation appointment by calling Mary McGraw at (734) 748-8515. Walk-ins also will be welcome.

Bollywood

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The classes are for age 16 and up although children under age 16 may attend with a parent and with teacher's permission. Upcoming six-week sessions are Thursdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 28 (no class Oct. 14) and Nov. 4-Dec. 16 (no class Nov. 25).

The cost is \$30 for Westland residents and \$35 for non-residents. The drop-in rate is \$7 per person per class. For more information, call the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620.

Spaghetti dinner

If you love spaghetti, then pencil it in on your calendar for Aug. 6. That's when the Wayne Masonic Lodge will sponsor a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser for the Special Olympics of Wayne/Westland. The dinner will be served 4-8 p.m. at the lodge at 37137 Palmer, west of Wayne Road in Westland. The cost is \$6 per person.

For more information about Wayne Lodge Masons visit their website at www.waynelodge112.org.

The Wayne Lodge Masons also will sponsor their free Child ID program 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 28 and 29 at the 2010 Wayne Wheelfest in Goudy Park in Wayne. More information about the Masons' Child ID program is available at www.michigan-childid.org.

Vendors needed

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is looking for sales consultants from direct selling companies to display and sell their products at a sales event Oct. 18.

Rental space is \$20-\$30 for the sale which will be held at the Salvation Army building at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. The event is a fund-raiser for two of the corps' youth groups which are

working toward a week-long trip to the Northwoods Camp in Finlayson, Minnesota.

For more information, contact Sandy Kollinger at sandra_kollinger@usc.salvationarmy.org or Josh Hubbard at joshua_hubbard@usc.salvationarmy.org.

Golf outings

The Westland Veterans Association will hold a golf outing Saturday, Aug. 7, at Inkster Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 per person and includes golf, lunch, two drink tickets and dinner, which will be held at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wayne Road. Hole sponsorships are available at \$100 per hole. The proceeds will benefit the Westland Veterans Association for local veterans needs and the memorial garden.

For more information, call (734) 335-7943.

The Westland Lions Club are hosting a golf outing Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club, 5200 Polo Fields Dr., Ann Arbor. The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$450 for a foursome with sponsorships available. There is registration at 7 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts followed by an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch and beverages at the turn, dinner and door prizes are included.

For more information, call Mack Mayfield at (734) 722-5653, Kenneth Sharp at (734) 595-8305 or George Marvaso at (313) 801-5321.

John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 13th Annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$75 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and light meal after golf. Guests are welcome for the light lunch, which costs \$15.

Contact Coach Bill Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. Information also is available at www.glen-nwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations also are being accepted.

VA consultation

Are you entitled to federal benefits from the Veterans Administration? Are you applying for federal benefits from the VA? Are you fighting for an increase of benefits from the VA? If you answered yes to any of the aforementioned questions, Project SALUTE from the University of Detroit Mercy has the answers.

On Monday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at PLAV Post #166, 39375 Amrhein (at the corner of Echols) in Livonia, free individual consultations will be provided along with a complete presentation of available disability and pension benefit matters. Bring your DD-214 (discharge papers), recent rating decisions and any other documentation which will help attorneys understand and evaluate your current position.

5 Star Expo

The 5 Star Business Group is inviting the public to a afternoon Community Expo 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Roma Banquets on Cherry Hill east of Venoy in Garden City. The cost to attend is \$2 per person.

Come and see what the area businesses have to offer, their products, services and promotions. No reservations required, walk-ins welcome.

Fibromyalgia meeting

Metro Fibromyalgia and the CFS support group will have Dr. Katherine Gothard, a psychologist, speak at its Thursday, Aug. 12, meeting at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The meeting will be 1-3 p.m.

The group has no dues, but donations are accepted. For more information, visit their website at www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

At the market

Stop by the Garden City Farmers' Market Wednesday, Aug. 4, when the Garden City Exchange will be doing a special Gold Exchange program. People 18 years and older with a valid driver's license can bring their unwanted gold to the market and get cash for it. Garden City Exchange will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Garden City Chamber of Commerce.

Garden City Exchange has been buying and selling at their location at 32555 Ford for more than 25 years. While at the market, stop by to buy by fresh Michigan products and connect with local farmers and the community. Visit the Farmers' Market website at www.gardencity.org and click on farmers market to print off a coupon, valid through Aug. 11.

Market hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine. The market is located at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. For more information, call the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at (734) 422-4448.

Vacation Bible school

It's going to be a "High Seas Expedition" vacation bible school at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, and 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. A \$5 donation is requested but not required. Call (734) 427-3660 for registration and additional information.

Stitching social

Stop by Maxwell's Arts and Treasures for its Stitch Away Social 6-8 p.m. the first Monday of the month. Crochet, knitting, hand sewing and needle art welcome. Bring a project that is currently in the works, or get some advice on how to start on something new. The cost is \$5 per person.

Maxwell's is at 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 427-5300, Ext. 7.

Tool Time exhibit

Time is running out to take in the "His & Hers" Tools that are on display on the main floor of the Garden City Historical Museum in

the Straight Farmhouse. The exhibit closes Aug. 8.

If you thought tools were only used by men, think again. Women had tools for their housekeeping jobs, too. You have them. Guess the number of items in "The Box." The closest guess wins an American Tourister bag.

The farmhouse is at 6221 Merriman, north of Ford. It's open noon-3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, call (734) 838-0650.

Preschool enrollment

Garden City Preschool housed in Lathers School has fall openings for children who will be age 3 or 4 by Dec. 1, 2010. There's morning classes two days a week for three-year-olds and morning and afternoon classes two or three days a week for four-year-olds.

The tuition-based program runs for 34 weeks. FIA families welcome. For more enrollment information, call Linda at (734) 762-6362.

The program is also hiring early childhood staff. For staffing information, contact Sonya at (734) 762-8440.

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Flea markets

The outdoor flea market season is in full swing at the Straight Farmhouse where people can sell their goods between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. the second and third Saturdays of the month.

Spaces are available inside the farmhouse for \$15 which includes the table. Outside spaces are \$10 and sellers have to bring their own tables. Sellers can register and pay the day of the sale.

The flea market helps support the Straight Farmhouse, home of the Garden City Historical Museum, and the Maplewood Center. The markets run through Sept. 18.

For more information, call (734) 793-1850.

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Petition #2708-G. Gulyas-34661 Florence
Request for 2 variances (a side location variance & a 1'6i side yard fence height variance) from Art. X of the Westland City Code in order to replace an existing 6'high screening fence in the east & west side yards of the home with a 6'high vinyl screening fence; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yards may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yard fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6i in height.

Petition #2709-M. Grant-6024 N. Karle
Request for a 1'6i side yard fence height variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code in order to install a 6'high privacy fence in the side yard of the existing home; whereas Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yard fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6i in height.

Request #2710-Firestone-5885 N. Wayne Rd
Request for a non-conforming sign variance from Ordinance 248 in order to make a one-time change to an existing non-conforming free-standing sign located at the east side of the site by replacing the panels; whereas Sec. 15-3.6(b)(5) states that a non-conforming sign cannot be changed to any extent without first being brought into conformance with current Zoning Ordinance standards.

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Vote on Tuesday

Don't forget to vote Tuesday, Aug. 3.

The primary election is your chance to let your voice be heard in narrowing the field for the November general election.

Ballots must be cast under one political party. Crossing over and voting for both Republican and Democratic candidates during a primary election will invalidate the partisan section of the ballot. Nonpartisan offices and proposals will appear after the partisan section of the ballot.

Besides voting in the gubernatorial and other regional races, Republican voters in Westland will elect their candidate in the 12th Wayne County Commission District. Residents also will decide the fate of a millage renewal for the Suburban Mobility Authority on Regional Transportation.

In the 12th Commission race, the *Observer* has endorsed **David James** of Westland.

James is squaring off with Michael Case for the chance to challenge incumbent Democrat Joan Gebhardt of Livonia in the November general election. We think James should be that person.

This is the second time he has run for the seat; he narrowly lost his bid two years ago to Thomas Thompson of Livonia. He is back because he believes the Wayne County



James

Commission needs an opposing or alternate viewpoint of the issues.

James has a sound working knowledge of government with his service on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, Westland Planning Commission and Westland City Council. He also has an understanding of the needs of the district, which includes Livonia south of I-96, Westland and Inkster.

His quest to serve on the commission will not be easy. He's a Republican in a predominantly Democratic district, but we believe James is up to the challenge with his message to voters that he is a strong believer in people before politics and in the best idea or solution no matter which party it comes from.

We believe the best choice for the Republicans is **David James** and urge them to vote for him in the August primary.

As for the SMART millage renewal, while we believe a countywide "all in or all out" vote is needed on this regional issue, it would be unwise to vote down the millage renewal at this point. Without the renewal, the SMART system would be cut drastically, or be wiped

out altogether. Work must continue, on the county and state levels, to build a true regional system in the name of economic growth and accommodating the thousands of riders who need the transportation in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties to get to work every day.

The SMART system is not perfect, as its "opt out" options per community in Wayne and Oakland create a checkerboard service area. We think the Macomb model makes more sense and we urge elected officials to explore this option further.

However, residents need to keep SMART around by approving the 0.59-mill property tax renewal, which will cost the owner of a home worth \$200,000 about \$59 a year. SMART serves 75 communities in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties with a 1,200-square-mile service area. Nearly 70 percent of SMART riders use SMART to get to work; another 20 percent use SMART to get to school.

The millage enables the region to collect matching state and federal dollars to support public transportation. SMART received \$28.1 million in matching state funds and \$14.5 million in deferral funds during fiscal year 2010. SMART also received a one-time award

of \$20.2 million in federal stimulus dollars.

Average daily ridership is 39,850 on the fixed route system and 1,594 on the connector service which is curb-to-curb service using smaller vehicles that provide service for seniors and people with disabilities.

SMART is working on service enhancements, communication with local municipalities, environmentally friendly initiatives and system efficiencies. Allow that work to continue by voting **YES** on Aug. 3.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and will be busiest before and after work. Avoiding peak times may help residents vote more quickly.

Voters who need to vote absentee ballot can obtain a ballot in person anytime through 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person Monday, Aug. 2, must vote in the clerk's office.

Voters will be asked to present photo ID at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or forgets to bring it with them can still vote. They will sign a brief affidavit stating that they're not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Snyder is the man

With a besieged economy, diminishing wildlife, and political corruption at many levels, Michigan demands an intelligent leader to direct our state. Rick Snyder is that man.

Focused not merely on fixing, but reinventing, our political and economical systems, I firmly believe Mr. Snyder is the pre-eminent candidate to be Michigan's governor. Though Michigan has encountered mostly empty promises from its political leaders, Mr. Snyder's "Michigan 3.0" is a reachable vision and necessary for the success of our state's economy.

It is intended to create entrepreneurs and innovators, allowing Michigan to compete with our domestic counterparts. I think that this ambition will lead Michigan back to its full economic potential.

An imperative focus discussed in Mr. Snyder's 10-point plan, a list of his top 10 priorities concentrates on the change in attitude vital for success. Michiganders must be proud of their state and representatives, despite the recent economic troubles. This upraise in outlook will re-inspire the citizens of our state to achieve success.

Too few Michiganders have hope for a better economy nowadays. Mr. Snyder is the only candidate capable of guiding Michigan out of these rough times and into a prosperous and reinvented society.

Alec Khouri
Plymouth

Keep SMART buses rolling

Local voters need to vote to maintain our access to public transportation on Aug. 3 by voting for the 0.59-mill property tax renewal. Here are some reasons why.

Many Detroiters and riders in other communities depend on the bus system to get to work. Less than 13 percent of metropolitan area jobs are now in Detroit. A quarter of Detroit households lack cars.

In our current economic environment, all of us need to join together to do everything we can to support employment opportunities for everyone.

It is not just about Detroit. Those of us who live in affluent suburban communities forget that we too have neighbors, friends and co-workers who depend on public transportation. At some point, many senior

citizens no longer drive and this is a growing portion of our population. There are also many, like myself, who cannot drive due to physical limitations and depend on the bus system for access to jobs, appointments, shopping and recreation.

SMART is well run. It has one of the lowest administrative costs of bus systems in the nation - 35 percent lower than the national average last year. Ridership has increased 9 percent since 2002.

Environmental and energy cost issues promise a future in which mass transit will play a more essential part. The bus system will be one piece of the mass transit system needed to help our metropolitan area grow and compete.

Pam DeWeese
Birmingham

Vote for Mosher

As someone who frequently uses Canton Center Road near the library and the Summit, I am very much looking forward to the improvements. The *Observer* reported that this \$4.3 million project is being funded by the federal stimulus program. These

improvement projects throughout the state and the many jobs they create are the result of President Obama's and the Democrats' efforts to reignite the economy.

Sadly, if it were left to our Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, Canton Center Road would remain in a degraded state and many workers would not have jobs. He claims on his website that he wants to get Michigan back to work but voted against the stimulus bill which is doing just that. He even opposed the billions of dollars in tax cuts which the president provided to the American people.

It's time to elect a congressman who deeply cares about the lives of his constituents, it's time to remove Thaddeus McCotter from office and replace him with someone who will get Michigan back to work. For me that person is Natalie Mosher. She is not a career politician like McCotter who has spent too much time in Washington defending the status quo and ignoring the struggling workers.

A vote for Mosher is a vote for the little guy.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
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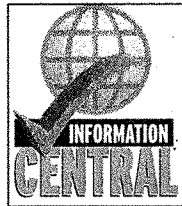


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Check out the International Spy Museum

If you find yourself in Washington, D.C., and want to visit something a little bit different than the usual monuments and museums, you may want to visit the International Spy Museum.



The museum is the only public museum in the United States to focus only on espionage on a global perspective. It features the largest collection of spy-related artifacts and uses film and interactive activities to tell the stories of real-life spies.

There is a small exhibit on spies in pop culture, such as James Bond, but otherwise the main focus is on real spies and their work. Visit www.spymuseum.org for more information about the museum.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland can help you plan a visit to Washington, D.C. Some of the most popular guidebooks to the area include "New York, Washington, D.C., and the Mid-Atlantic Trips," "Business Traveler Guide to Washington, D.C.," "Frommer's Washington, D.C.," "Fodor's Washington, D.C.," and "Mobil Travel Guide: Mid-Atlantic."

You can also check out maps and brochures that are in the Travel Vertical Files.

If you're more of an armchair traveler, the library has materials that might interest you. You can find the James Bond movie collection in the DVD section and the books written both by Ian Fleming and John Gardner in the fiction collection.

But spies are so much more than James Bond. If you're interested in real-life spies, you might be interested in these titles: "Bureau and the Mole" by David Vise, "Denial and Deception" by Melissa Mahle, "Secret War" by Fabian Escalante Font, "Great Game" by Frederick Hitz and "Operation Solo" by John Barron.

Fictional spy stories of interest include "Morning Spy, Evening Spy" by Colin MacKinnon, "Rules of Deception" by Christopher Reich, "Death in Vienna" by Daniel Silva, "Quiet American" by Graham Greene and the "Bourne" series by Robert Ludlum.

To make things easier for you, there are bookmarks available at the Reference Desk that mention the aforementioned titles as well as other titles.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland's summer hours are 9 a.m. to

9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Highlighted Activities

Blood Pressure and Glucose Testing: 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 4

Guest Speaker: Celebration of Annie Oakley, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4
Come celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Annie Oakley, world renowned record setter and star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Bess Edwards, grandniece of Little Miss Sureshot herself, will be discussing the life of, and answering questions about, this amazing woman. Stop by or call the library at (734) 326-6123 for more information or to reserve your seat.

Summer Concert Series: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, The Waco Country Band, ages 14 and up, at the Library Pavilion

A regular on past City Summer Concerts, Dean Stacey brings his Waco Country Band to the library for an evening of covers and originals. Get your boots on and get ready to line-dance!

Friday Night Movie Cult Classics: "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6

Stop by the library every Friday evening during the summer and enjoy a Cult Classic. This week's movie is "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Buffy is an air-head cheerleader who is chosen by a guy named Merrick to fend the world of Vampires. Rated PG. No registration is required. This is an after-hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Fight Foreclosure One-on-One Counseling Session: 5-8 p.m. Aug. 9

Homeowners are invited to schedule a private, 30 minute, one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor, from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Program. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to schedule a session. Space is limited. The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program is a no fee, Wayne County program providing you an expansive network of certified counselors who will help you avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure. Additional dates scheduled in August. Call the library for more information.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Susan Hanson. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

Umbrella liability policy wise for higher wage earners

Q: Dear Rick: My neighbor has a \$1 million umbrella liability policy. I don't have this type of coverage and I don't think I need it. Do you think that an umbrella liability policy is gimmicky or is it something you recommend? I make a nice living but I don't consider myself rich.

A: Umbrella liability insurance provides additional coverage above and beyond your automobile and homeowners' policies.

For example, if you were in an automobile accident and you were at fault, the umbrella liability policy would kick in after the coverage on your auto policy was exhausted. Another example where an umbrella liability policy would come into effect is if someone was injured in your home. If the damages were more than provided for in your homeowners' policy, the umbrella liability policy would activate. The issue for most people is whether they have sufficient liability cover-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

important.

You don't have to "rich" to buy an umbrella liability policy. It is a matter of do you have assets or income that need to be protected.

If your assets are worth more than your current liability coverage, I believe it makes sense to purchase umbrella liability coverage. In addition, if you are a high wage earner (anything over six figures) it makes sense to purchase an umbrella liability policy.

It is possible that if you were in a situation where there was some sort of an

age.

We live in a litigious society and because an umbrella liability policy can also be used to cover legal fees, I believe for many people this type of coverage is

accident, your future salary could be at risk so umbrella liability makes sense.

Umbrella liability policies are not expensive. Typically, for \$1 million of additional liability coverage it costs a couple hundred dollars a year. Of course, someone with substantial assets may need to purchase more than \$1 million of additional coverage.

In most situations, to purchase an umbrella liability policy go through your homeowners or automobile insurance company. It is easier to coordinate coverage when purchased through the same company.

Umbrella personal liability insurance policies, like all types of insurance, fall under the category of risk management. The key is to identify potential risks and then to make an informed decision as to how to cover them. In some situations we are self-insured while in others we purchase some sort of policy to share the risk.

If you are a professional, have a high net worth or high income, the risk of being sued for an accident or any type of mishap increases dramatically. Therefore, to have some type of insurance in place that will protect you is something that I believe is valuable.

Unfortunately, too many people never shop their coverage around and they end up paying higher premiums than necessary. When you speak with your homeowners' or automobile insurance agent about umbrella liability, consider shopping around all of your policies. You may find that even with adding on an additional umbrella liability policy your total premiums are not increased.

Good luck!

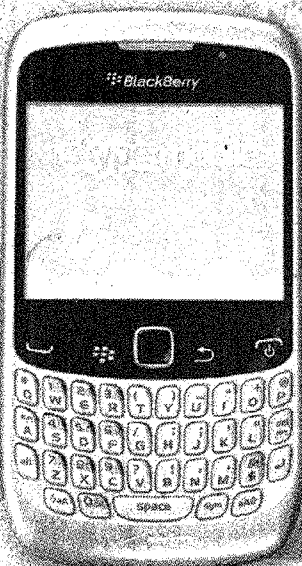
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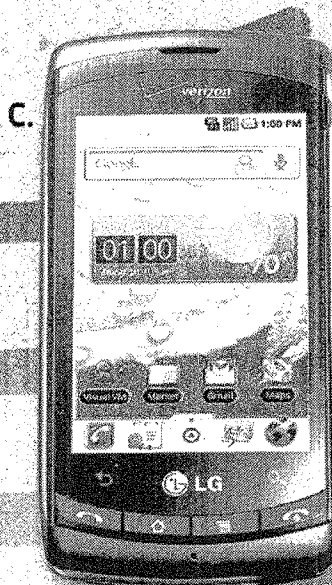
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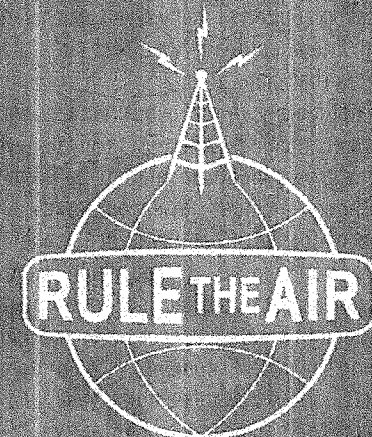
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Foreign exchange

Area youngsters receive soccer instruction from British Soccer coaches

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was just six short weeks ago that England and the United States were about as far apart as two long-standing allies could be. You see, World Cup 2010 was in its infant stages and the two countries were set to embark on the world's most coveted journey in sports.

Their much-anticipated matchup in the early going created a multitude of storylines, but resulted in minimal bragging rights as the contest ended in a 1-1 draw. The way that match played out was the way the rest of the tournament panned out for both teams.

Now, less than two months later, cohesion again exists on the soccer pitch as some of the finest young minds from across the pond have returned to share their experiences and deliver their expertise to inquiring young minds who seek to learn the skills of the game.

"The idea is you want them to have as much fun as they can and also you want them to learn as well," stated Milo Palmer, 21, of Cheltenham, England, who, along with fel-



Camp instructor Milo Palmer works with Ethan Decess of Garden City on footwork. Decess was a return participant to the soccer camp that was offered up by The Christian Youth Soccer Association and British Soccer.

low instructors John Bentley and Darragh O'Callaghan, visited Garden City last week as part of the annual Challenger Sports British Soccer Camps. "There are so many things they need to learn because in England we're given a soccer ball as soon as we can walk. That's what we're trying to get over here — start them as young as we can."

Specifically, the trio was on hand Monday through Friday at United Christian School

working with boys and girls six to 18 on everything from improving fundamentals to building character. Their mission, as stated by Challenger Sports — which has become the largest soccer camp in North America — is to combine consistent high quality and age specific soccer instruction with equally important elements of character, cultural and nutritional education.

Please see **SOCCER CAMP, B2**



Austin Howard, 11, of Garden City works his way through drills during the early stages of the week-long youth soccer camp held at United Christian School in Garden City.

SIDELINES

Ducks sign Fowler

The NHL Anaheim Ducks announced the signing last week of defenseman Cam Fowler of Farmington Hills to a three-year entry-level contract.

Per club policy, no terms of the deal were disclosed.

The 18-year-old Fowler was selected by the Ducks in the first round (12th overall) of this year's NHL Entry Draft.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound Fowler tallied 55 points with a plus-38 rating and 14 penalty minutes in 55 games with the Ontario Hockey League and Memorial Cup champion Windsor Spitfires.

As a member of Team USA, Fowler won a gold medal at both the 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship and 2009 IIHF U-18 World Championship, where he was named the tournament's top defenseman.

O&E golf signup

Registration is still on for the upcoming Observer & Eccentric Open women's and men's golf tournaments.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2 for the O&E women's open, which is set for Saturday, Aug. 7 at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The entry fee for the women's 18-hole medal play is \$50 (does not include cart). You must have a current U.S.G.A. index to participate.

The O&E Men's Open, a two-day, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6 at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively. Entries close at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28 and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included). There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate).

A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information on both tourneys, call (248) 476-4493 or visit www.golflivonia.com.

MU's Moore honored

Madonna University's Patrick Moore was recently selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's Mike Dean Sports Information Director of the Year.

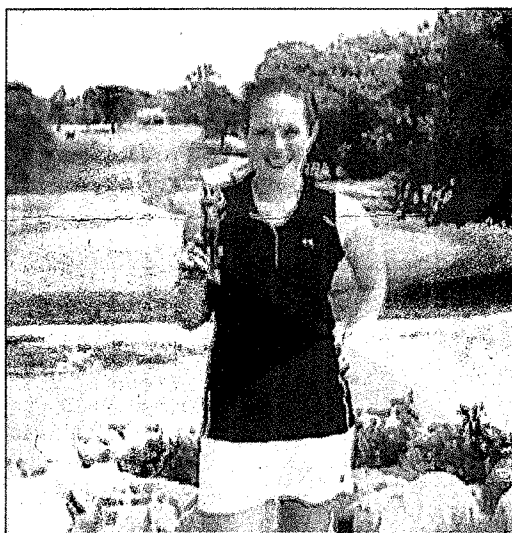
Moore, a 2003 MU grad, serves as the host media director for 10 WHAC championships in addition to multiple NAIA events and developed several conference publications.

The last three MU volleyball media guides (2007, 2008, 2009) have all taken home top national honors from NAIA-SIDA.

"Patrick is the utmost professional," MU Athletics Director Bryan Rizzo said. "His work ethic, dedication and commitment can be seen in his work every day. Madonna is very lucky to have Patrick."



Andrew Ioanou, who will be a junior at Livonia Churchill, captured the Boys 16-17 age division.



Becca Bubenheimer, who will be a junior at Livonia Stevenson, earned the Girls 15-17 age division crown.

Churchill junior Ioanou tops Motor City Jr. Golf field

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Andrew Ioanou knows Whispering Willows Golf Course inside and out.

On Wednesday, the incoming junior at Livonia Churchill put his knowledge to work as he won the Boys 16-17 age division in the Motor City Junior Golf Tournament.

"I'm just trying to make varsity again," said Ioanou, who tied Livonia Franklin senior-to-be Drake Hermann after 18 holes with a 39-37-76.

Ioanou's round included four birdies, which offset a triple bogey on the par-5, 478-yard first hole and a double bogey on the par-3, 214-yard No. 15.

Despite three-putting, Ioanou defeated Hermann in a one-hole playoff on No. 10 for the title.

"My putter was pretty good today and that was about it. I had like 28 (putts)," said Ioanou, who shuttled between the Churchill varsity and JV squad this spring. "I was hitting my drives pretty good. I found the fairway a lot. A lot of the pin placements were hard because they were in the front and on the slope, mostly in the front."

Ioanou's short game was the difference. He gets plenty of advice from his high school coach, Paul Worley, who also serves as the head pro at Whispering Willows.

"I work on putting a lot, because putting is kind of a hard thing to do," he said. "So I try and do that the best that I can. Paul (Worley) emphasizes short game because he's really good at short game."

Please see **GOLF, B2**

Falcons hire new basketball coach

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A veteran of a dozen years in coaching, Terrance Porter is ready for his next challenge at Farmington High School.

Porter, a 35-year-old Redford resident, was hired earlier this summer to replace Steve Norgrove as the boys varsity basketball coach.

Norgrove resigned after eight seasons to take the same post at Rochester Stoney Creek, a school and position closer to his home.

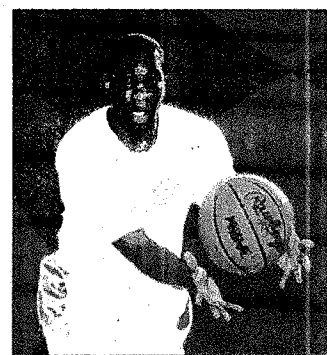
Porter, who was the head coach at Birmingham Groves the past two seasons, is excited about the opportunity he has at Farmington.

"I'm ecstatic; I can't wait to get started," he said. "In the fall, we're going to be preparing for basketball. I'm looking forward to the season."

Porter was hired too late to get the Falcons into a team camp, but he has already begun to prepare his team with summer workouts and games.

"There's definitely some talent there," he said. "There are some pieces there to work with. Now, it's just a situation of getting in the gym and seeing what the skill levels are, expanding their strengths and working on their weaknesses."

"We're trying to develop a comfort level. They're learning



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Terrance Porter, a resident of Redford, offers up instructions on the basketball court during a recent summer camp. Porter, who previously coached at Birmingham Groves, was recently named the new boys basketball coach at Farmington High School.

to trust me, and I'm learning to trust them."

Porter said his coaching style can accommodate a fast tempo and a deliberate pace.

"We like to score easy baskets in transition and also be able to run set plays," he said.

But the real emphasis will be on rebounding and playing defense.

"I'm a big believer in defensive rebounding first and foremost," Porter said. "We have to be able to rebound consistently, and the effort has to be there every night on both ends of the floor."

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Not to be outdone was incoming Novi-Detroit Catholic Central junior David Nietzke, who captured the Boys 14-15 age division with a 38-41-79. He won by three shots over Kevin Luo.

Last spring, Nietzke played on the JV squad as CC's varsity team captured the coveted MHSAA Division 1 team title.

The Farmington native was a regular this summer on the Adams Junior Tour and hopes to crack CC's varsity lineup next season. He shot a 76 in a best ball event earlier this summer at Whispering Willows and teamed up with Farmington High's Jimmy Patterson for a second (67) in a scramble event at Fox Creek.

"There was a lot of wind, but I was keeping the ball in play pretty much," Nietzke said. "I was average on my putts - not good or not bad. Keeping the ball in play gives yourself opportunities and that's all you can hope for."

Capturing the Girls 15-17 crown was Becca Bubbenheimer, who will be a junior at Livonia Stevenson. She shot a 94 to beat Sarah Schneider by a stroke.

Bubbenheimer, who has only one year of tournament experience, has been playing on the Top 50 Junior Tour.

"Neither one of my parents played golf, but one day I went to the driving range and fell in love with it," Bubbenheimer said.

She was satisfied with her round considering the conditions.

"It (94) could have been bet-



David Nietzke of Farmington Hills, who will be a junior at Catholic Central, captured the Boys 14-15 age division.

ter, it's not my best, but it's decent," Bubbenheimer said. "I was driving the ball about 225 (yards) off the tee and I was usually in the fairway. It was really, really hot. I was ready to fall over."

Novi's Kristin Swad, 14, who will be an incoming freshman at Farmington Hills Mercy, posted a personal best low round with a 103 to capture the Girls 13-14 crown, a stroke better than Livonia's Madelyn Omietanski.

"I'm pitching the ball better, my irons are my strength," said Swad, who also plays recreational soccer for the Plymouth Rebels and also swims competitively.

In the Boys 13-and-under age group, Livonia's Matt Flood won with an 86, five strokes better than Livonia's Mike Tokarz.

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SOCCER CAMP

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BACK FOR MORE

The camp has become quite popular among youngsters associated with The Christian Youth Soccer Association, which again this year teamed with British Soccer to make it all possible.

"This is super fun, but I can't wait till the end of the day and we can go to my grandma's and we can finally get to sit in the air conditioning," voiced 11-year-old Austin Howard, of Garden City, during an early-afternoon break on Monday. "This is my favorite sport. I was here last year, too, and I like playing with all my friends."

"I come here to get better at soccer and I come here because it's fun, too," continued Howard, who suits up for the Hornets in the CYSA. "You learn new ways to pass to people and get to the goal and new tricks like the rainbow."

Ethan Decess, 8, also of Garden City, echoed many of those same sentiments.

"Last year I came here and it was really fun and we got to do a lot of activities," said Decess, who said he splits time between playing offense and goal for the Raiders. "They're teaching us how to pick up the ball without using your hands. They're good teachers. You get to learn new stuff and it's fun."

And that is precisely the goal of all three foreign instructors who are in unison in their hopes of seeing the sport prosper in this country in terms of awareness and participation.

"From when I was here five years ago there is a definite increase, I think, from just seeing it on t.v.," said Bentley, 26, who calls Leighton Buzzard, England, home. "And with participation with the kids in these camps it has grown."

"But until it is accepted at the high school level as a serious sport then I think it's always going to be harder for it to reach that main level of acceptance," added Bentley, who won't return home until the conclusion of running these camps sometime in November. "But this will help. These kids learning and playing it now and the generation of kids will keep building."



Claire Hermes, 12, of Redford, shows off some of her soccer skills during the weeklong British Soccer Camp held in Garden City.

JUNIOR GOLF RESULTS

MOTOR CITY JUNIOR GOLF

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

July 28 at Whispering Willows

Boys 15-17: 1. Andrew Ioannou, 76 (won playoff); 2. Drake Hermann, 76; 3. (tie) Cory Dare and Ben Proben, 78 each; 5. Eric Hill, 79; 6. Dominic Dilisi, 80; 7. (tie) Evan Fargo and Kevin Louwers, 81 each; 9. Michael Lee, 82; 10. Nick Proben, 84; 11. (tie) Alex Estes and Jim Patterson, 88 each; 13. Nick Riley, 89; 14. (tie) Dom Accettura and Conner Monroe, 90 each; 16. Andrew Newman, 91; 17. Tim Moran, 92; 18. Mitch Dean, 94; 19. Connor Murphy, 96; 20. Jacob Collier, 102; 21. Jonathan Lee, 106; 22. Justin Mead, no card.

Girls 15-17: 1. Becca Bubbenheimer, 94; 2. Sarah Schneider, 95; 3. (tie) Margaret McGee and Jordyn Shepler, 96 each; 5. Kaitlin Nelson, 99; 6. Imani Gunn, 104; 7. Kathleen Karczewski, 106; 8. Marina Curtis, 110.

Boys 14-15: 1. David Nietzke, 79 (won playoff); 2. Kevin Luo, 82; 3. Matt Goldi, 85; 4. Cameron Tetrault, 86; 5. (tie) Matt Grybel and Chad Macorkindale, 87 each; 7. (tie) Nick Kruczynski and Ryan Linn, 89 each; 9. Brian Sexton, 90; 10. Alex Watson, 93; 11. Ryan Riva, 94; 12. Ryan Gliwa, 101; 13. Vishal Amin, 103; 14. Jackson Norwood, 105; 15. Vincent Petro, 107; 16. Jason Wysocki, 124; 17. Billy Parris, 149.

Girls 13-14: 1. Kristin Swad, 103; 2. Madelyn Omietanski, 104; 3. Mary Peltz, 128; 4. Alyssa Blaskiewicz, 131.

Boys 13-and-under: 1. Matt Flood, 86; 2. Mike Tokarz, 91; 3. Alec Kondrath, 92; 4. Dominic Rea, 93; 5. Matt Robinet, 96; 6. Evan Bell, 104; 7. Pat O'Dowd, 112; 8. Tye Verley, 115; 9. Ian Maccashian, 122; 10. (tie) Kyle Jakacki and Matt Clintock, did not finish.

APPRECIATION ALL AROUND

With more Claire Hermes' running up and down the field the sport would certainly be approaching the levels of popularity enjoyed by this country's three mainstream sports of baseball, football and basketball.

"My mom wanted this to be a birthday present because I really, really love the sport," said Hermes, 12, of Redford, who competes on defense and in goal for the Redford Stars. "I follow it in England where it's a really big thing. My favorite team is Manchester United."

"I saw it back on t.v. once and I thought

it would really be cool to do that," Hermes continued. "I just got into my local team and then learned all the ropes and stuff and soon it just kept going and going until I became the biggest fan."

All of the week's enjoyment wasn't confined to just campers, however, as all three instructors made it known their appreciation given the opportunity to travel and teach something so close to their hearts.

"I really love it because each week you get to meet new faces, new families and see different ways of living," Bentley said. "The families love it as well because they

think 'Oh, wow, we got the coach at our house,' and it's just a good overall experience for them."

"I've been here (U.S.) five weeks now and it's been a bit of a culture shock for me, but I'm absolutely loving it," said the 20-year-old Irishman O'Callaghan. "Back home I've always wanted to be a teacher. But I've come over here and loved it so much I'm thinking about staying."

"The families are so good to us," O'Callaghan continued. "To let a stranger staying in your house must be difficult. But they love it as well. You really appreciate what they do for you."

COACH

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"There are going to be nights when you're not going to make shots, but you can control your effort on the defensive end."

"Defense and attitude are the most important things when it comes to basketball. You control your work ethic, attitude and defensive effort."

Porter, who had a degree in business administration and marketing from the University of Detroit Mercy and a masters degree in sports administration from Wayne

State University, said he will emphasize academics, too.

"I've been put in this position to make a positive impact on these young men's lives, and we're using basketball as the vehicle to prepare them for life."

"I understand a coach's job is to win, but my main goal is for the young men to continue their educations and athletic careers after high school, to be successful on the court and in the classroom."

Porter, who works in private business, played high school basketball at Harper Woods Notre Dame. He continued his career with the UDM Titans.

After three seasons there, he played his final year at Wayne State in 1997-98.

Porter was an assistant coach at Birmingham Brother Rice, U-of-D Jesuit High and Harper Woods. He was a head coach at Harper Woods for half a season before going to Groves.

"I just want to welcome the Farmington community to come out to the games and support the young men, to attend as many home and away games as they can," Porter said. "We want to put a product on the floor that they can be proud of in the community."

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The Michigan Bulldogs Baseball Club, a travel baseball organization based in Livonia, is proud to announce our tryout dates for the 2011 season.

This past season we had three teams competing in league play out of the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association in addition to playing in numerous tournaments, including Cooperstown, NY and Myrtle Beach, Sc.

10 and under (Birth dates after April 30, 2000) - Tryouts Sunday, August 8 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia. For more information, contact head coach Lee Richards at 734-718-8522 or leerichards12@yahoo.com

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13 and under (Birth dates after April 30, 1997) - Tryouts Sunday, August 8 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia. For more information, contact head coach Scott Linsner at 734-740-7498 or coachscott@michiganbulldogbaseball.com

14 and under (Birth dates after April 30, 1996) - Tryouts Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, August 1 at Ford Field in Livonia. For more information, please contact head coach Greg Denomie at 734-765-3897 or via email at sdenomie@sbcglobal.net

For information on 9U and 11U teams or to learn more information about the Michigan Bulldogs Baseball Club, please contact Scott Linsner at 734-740-7498 or via email at coachscott@michiganbulldogbaseball.com

RECREATION SOFTBALL															
REDFORD TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL															
Men's - Upper (Thursday)															
Sandy/Jack/Tom	9	3	0	18	Gabby's	5	6	1	11	Morse M&S	3	9	0	6	
Detroit Drama	7	4	0	14	St. Val's	2	9	1	5	Telway Tow	1	11	0	2	
Michigan Heat	7	4	0	14	Women's - Lower (Monday)										
Sandy/Aurora	5	6	0	10	Livewires	10	2	0	20						
JJ'S Jags	5	6	0	10	Redford B&G	9	3	0	18						
The Avengers	1	10	0	2	Yardbirds	9	2	0	18						
Men's - Lower (Thursday)															
Hal's Auto	11	1	0	22	Duffy's	8	4	0	16						
Crusaders	11	1	0	22	SB W/Attitude	2	10	0	4						
Stables-Mike	8	4	0	16	Scat. Sunshine	2	10	0	4						
Horizon	8	4	0	16	NW Fellowship	2	10	0	4						
Longshots-Jamie	7	5	0	14	COED - Upper (Tuesday)										
Sandy/Shawn	6	6	0	12	The Truth	8	1	2	18						
Redford Moose	6	6	0	12	Stables-Tom	6	5	1	13						
The Hitmen	6	5	0	12	PITA	6	6	0	12						
The Juicers	4	8	0	8	Oak. Plumbing	5	6	1	11						
Mikula Chiro.	3	9	0	6	Stables-Mike	5	7	0	10						
The Rebels	2	10	0	4	Crusaders	5	7	0	10						
Off Base	0	12	0	0	Gabby's	4	8	0	8						
Men's - Upper (Friday)															
MLBD	12	0	0	24	COED - Lower (Tuesday)										
Gabby's	11	1	0	22	Doc's Sport	11	1	0	22						
Fat Kats	8	4	0	16	Sandys/AITLK	9	3	0	18						
Hit Squad	7	5	0	14	Frm. Hills COG	9	3	0	18						
Double J	6	6	0	12	Sandys/Kelly	8	4	0	16						
Allen Decor	6	6	0	12	Strange Brew	6	5	1	13						
Colonial H&C	6	6	0	12	The Saints	6	6	0	12						
Keford's Tow	5	7	0	10	Uncray-Denise	5	7	0	10						
White Rhino	3	8	0	6	Brew Crew II	4	8	0	8						
Badnewsbeer	1	11	0	2	Uncray-Patrik	4	8	0	8						
Morningwood	0	12	0	0	Redford Moose	3	8	1	7						
Men's - Lower (Friday)															
Foul Balls	10	0	0	20	Liquid Chaos	0	12	0	0						
Timberwolf	8	2	0	16	COED - Upper (Wednesday)										
Old School	8	3	0	16	College Park	12	0	0	24						
Sport Gambler	7	3	0	14	Cant. Comp.	9	3	0	18						
Hitters	6	3	1	13	John's Team	6	6	0	12						
Fat Kats 2	6	4	0	12	Btrzup/Sandys	5	7	0	10						
JC Distributor	5	5	0	10	Hit N' Run	4	8	0	8						
Phillies	5	5	0	10	One Under	4	8	0	8						
IPS	3	6	1	7	Doc's Sports	4	8	0	8						
Rusty Gloves	3	7	0	6	Buf. Wild Wings	4	8	0	8						
Don Massey	3	8	0	6	COED - Lower (Wednesday)										
Burton Tree	1	9	0	2	UNC.Rays-Andy	12	0	0	24						
Transformer	0	10	0	0	Ray's Team	10	2	0	20						
Women's - Upper (Monday)															
BMV Doctors	12	0	0	24	Emptypitchers	9	3	0	18						
LadyBlue	9	3	0	18	Thoro-Bredz	6	6	0	12						
Sand's Lounge	9	3	0	18	Don Lora Elec.	5	7	0	10						
					Angry Rhinos	4	8	0	8						
					8 Second Ride	4	8	0	8						
					Bryan's Team	3	9	0	6						
					Tom's Tree Service	1	11	0	2						

Livonia Travel baseball

Tryouts for the 1011 Livonia Travel baseball program will be Aug. 12-15, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

The Tryout schedule includes:

Under-9 - 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (contact manager Matt Fournier at mattfournier22@aol.com)

sbcbglobal.net; or mfournie@livonia.k12.mi.us;

Under-10 - 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mblr1218@aol.com);

Under-11 - 9-11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at mblr1218@aol.com);

Under-12 - 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 12 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (make-up date; contact manager Brian Dewhirst at wd219@aol.com);

Under-13 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday Aug. 15 (make up date; contact manager Bruce Rosen at mblr1218@aol.com).

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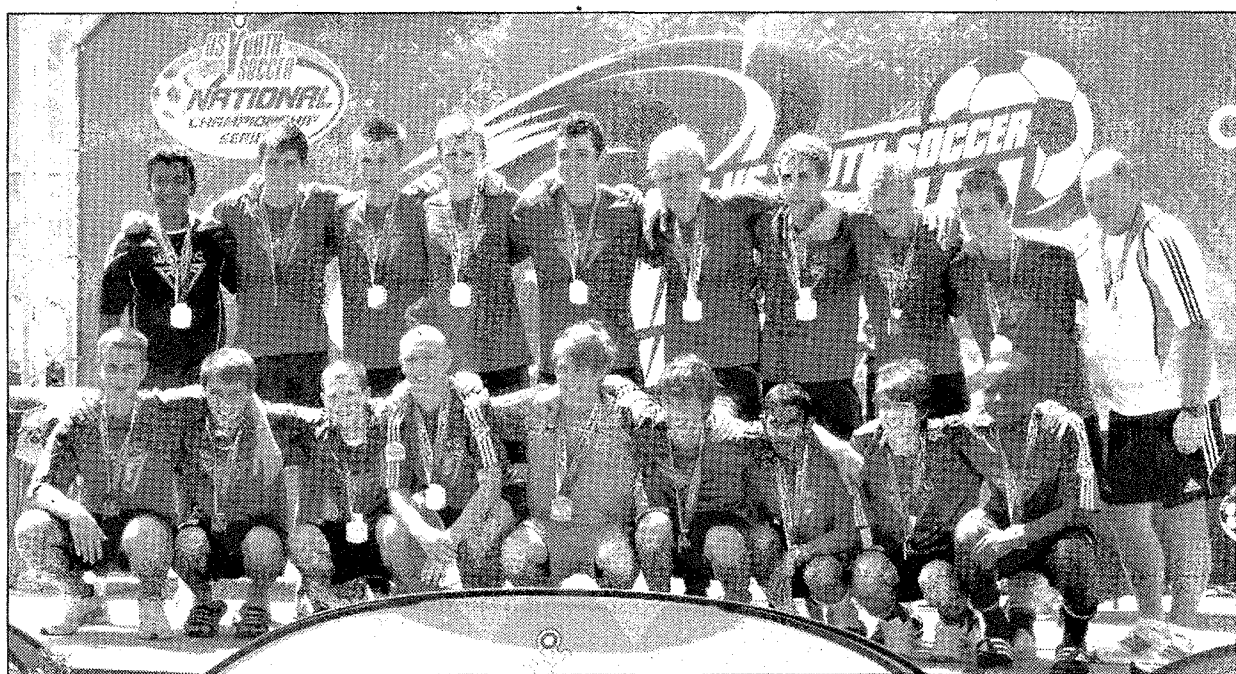
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Bronze for Waza

The Boys Under-16 Waza FC East Black soccer team recently scored a third-place finish at the US Youth Soccer National Championships held in Overland Park, Kan. The squad posted victories over Pennsylvania PSC Coppa 91 (3-1) and Michigan Grand Rapids Crew Jrs. (2-1), but suffered a 1-0 defeat at the hands of California Slammers FC. Pictured above are team members (front row, left to right) Nick Sobczynski, Joey Serra, Jacob Sims, Justin Kane, (center row) Scott Poole, Jeff Thomas (Livonia), Ashwin Vaishnav (Farmington Hills), Jake Finkbinder (Farmington), Adriel Neely (Farmington Hills), (back row) coach/club director G. Chatterjee, Matt DeLang, Alex Serwatka, Jacob Flanigan, Reid Davison, Cameron Roberts (Redford) Lee Elisevich, Erik Kelly, Geno Pasquali and coach Peter Langens.

Crusader flavor

Coach's Corner relies on MU talent in tourney run

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The ultimate destination for Coach's Corner/Canton Sports is the 20-and-under All-American Amateur Baseball Association National Tournament, which starts Aug. 9, in Johnstown, Pa.

But first, the Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League representative must get through this weekend's AAABA regional in Zanesville, Ohio, which includes the host team, Lansing and Youngstown.

Manager Mike George, who guided Coach's Corner to a 28-7 Collegiate League record, has built this summer's team success on players from a predominantly Madonna University squad where he serves as an assistant coach.

Pitching has been the team's forte led by the MU trio of Jeremy Gooding (6-3 record), left-hander Tom Hansen (7-1) and Robert Fraser (6-2).

"They've carried the load this summer," George said. "They won over half our games at Madonna - 27 of the 48 wins were by them. I can run any one of them out there and feel comfortable."

Gooding, a Livonia native from Dearborn Divine Child High, was the scheduled starter in Saturday's AAABA double-elimination regional opener against Youngstown (Ohio) with Hansen and Fraser (Westland John Glenn) set to follow.

The MU pitching trifecta has been backed up by lefty Aaron Saarela (3-0), another Crusader; lefty Erik Wright (3-0), a Canton High grad now at Saginaw Valley State; and Cliff Buttermore (2-0), who plays at Concordia University.

"We have not hurt ourselves defensively, but that's because we've pitched phenomenal," George said. "If you look at the (Collegiate)

league stats, we've allowed only 80 runs - probably only 50 of those earned - in 35 games. We're here because of our pitching."

Coach's Corner also has an everyday field lineup heavy-laden with MU players.

Outfielder Steve Pelletier, a Farmington Hills Harrison grad, leads the team with a .363 average (41-for-113). He has also scored a team-best 27 runs to go along with 17 RBI.

Catcher Drew Adamiec, who splits time with fellow MU teammate Donny Holland behind the plate, is hitting .338 and has scored 20 runs.

Shortstop Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) has a team-high 18 RBI and scored 19 runs to go along with a .321 average.

Garrett Rebain (Plymouth) holds down first base and is hitting .272, while another MU player, Spencer Sarel, is the starter at third.

Only Garrett Gumm (Livonia Franklin), who attends Schoolcraft College, is the only non-MU starter at second base.

Meanwhile, the outfield includes Alex Charles (Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice) and Dan Stoney (Canton), along with former MU player D.J. Jaglois (Birmingham Groves).

"It's a pretty good group of young kids," said George, who was MU's former head coach before Greg Haeger took over in 1997. "The (Collegiate) league allows only six players from one college team. But the other coaches in the league were nothing but a class act and waived that rule for this summer."

"It's an advantage and also a disadvantage. They can go out and pick anyone they want, but we've also been fortunate because we've had some pretty good players come out of Madonna."

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Playing up a Storm: fastpitch team 5-0

So far, so good for girls fastpitch softball team Livonia Storm-Gerou in the USSSA Class B 14-and-under World Series being held at ESPN's Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, Fla.

On Thursday, the Storm improved to 5-0 in the double-elimination tourney with a 1-0 victory over the Rhode Island Lightning East.

Three Storm pitchers - Elaine Gerou, Hanna Warren and Jacquelyn Murphy - combined on the 1-hit shut-out.

Bunt singles by Shannon Watson and Kaitlyn McIntosh, followed by Gerou's game-winning single through the right side of the infield accounted for the only run in the sixth inning.

On Wednesday, the Storm scored a

4-1 win over Sudden Impact, a team from the Florida Panhandle.

Gerou (Plymouth High) struck out three consecutive batters to keep the game tied at 1-all.

In the fifth inning, the Storm collected four straight hits including a slap hit by McIntosh followed by Gerou's RBI double to the right-center field fence. Celeste Fidge and Murphy also knocked in runs as the Storm outthit the Impact, 8-3.

Gerou threw two innings of no-hit relief with four strikeouts to pick up the win.

In the tourney opener on July 25, the Storm rallied from a 4-0 deficit to beat the Ohio Wave, 6-4, keyed by Fidge's 3-run double.

In Game Two on Tuesday, the Storm

downed the Boombahs (Tex.) 12-0 in a three-inning mercy with a 13-hit attack.

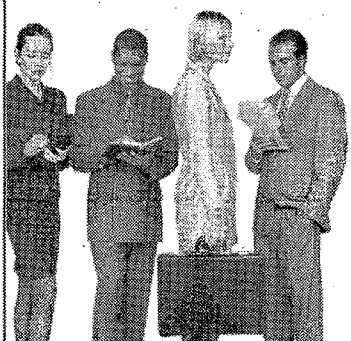
Gerou and Warren combined on an abbreviated no-hitter.

In Game Three, also on Tuesday, Murphy and Gerou joined forces for a 4-hitter as the Storm downed the Mattoon (Ill.) Cobras, 7-4.

The Storm collected 14 hits to beat the JUSSA Illinois champions.

Through the first four games, Gerou is 5-for-6 with a pair of doubles, four walks and two sacrifice bunts in 12 total plate appearances.

As of Friday, the Storm was one of eight teams left in the winner's bracket and was only one of three undefeated teams that remained in the 64-team field.



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Plymouth woman shares her faith at Jordanian camp

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Eron Powers has studied in Vienna and shared the Bible in Nicaragua, but found a real connection with Jordanians at a Amman summer camp earlier this summer.

"I loved the people I got to minister with. We were there to serve, whether that was serving a meal or praying with the camp counselors. I made good friendships there. It was sweet. There's something about faith that enables you to connect quickly. Because you both know Jesus Christ is your savior, you have a connection."

Powers, 30, of Plymouth, was one of nine members of Oak Pointe Church in Novi who took the short-term mission trip to Jordan in late June and early July. She used vacation time from her job as a graphic designer at the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers to attend the overseas camp.

Although Jordan's population is 92 percent Sunni Muslim, according to the Jordan Tourist Board, the Oak Pointe team spent its time at a Christian camp for middle school-aged youngsters, running games, participating in worship services and partnering with local missionaries who served as camp counselors.

Oak Pointe offers short term missions designed to "spread the Gospel and share the love of Jesus Christ" to Jordan and Zambia every year. Missionaries might work with orphans, run medical clinics, build houses, train pastors or engage in one-on-one evangelism.



Eron Powers, (left) Brian Izard and Ernie Minissale in Jordan. They participated in a drama on the first night of camp.

A typical day at the Jordanian camp started with team prayer, followed by breakfast, a staff meeting, group devotional, and individual assignments. Powers ran team-building games for youngsters, before heading off to free time and lunch. Afternoons were spent in prayer with and for the camp counselors. The day ended with a sunset service, dinner and evening message, which included a drama on two occasions.

There was some time for sightseeing in the hot and hilly country that includes Petra, the site of ancient tombs carved into sheer rock face.

POWER OF PRAYER

Powers spent a major part of her time during the trip praying with counselors and forming friendships with them.

"It was worth it. Not only did we get to serve others but we got to experience a new country with great people. It was such a joy. There were two women I talked with the most. One of them was looking for the next step of what God has for her. I can relate to that completely."

"I guess what I got the most out of this trip was the power of prayer. Prayer has the ability to encourage and strengthen. I've experienced that here as well, but it was cool to experience it there."

Although she can't put her finger on one life-changing experience at the camp, Powers said she knows that God stirred something within her.

She encourages other potential short-term missionaries to investigate their options for overseas trips and find a sup-



Friends Deb Stecher, (left) Kristie Reeves, Shannon Hill and Eron Powers. Reeves, Hill and Power all are members of Elevate, a Bible study group at Oak Pointe Church in Novi. They also travelled to Jordan together on a mission trip.

portive group within a local church.

"It can change your life in a good way," she described missionary work.

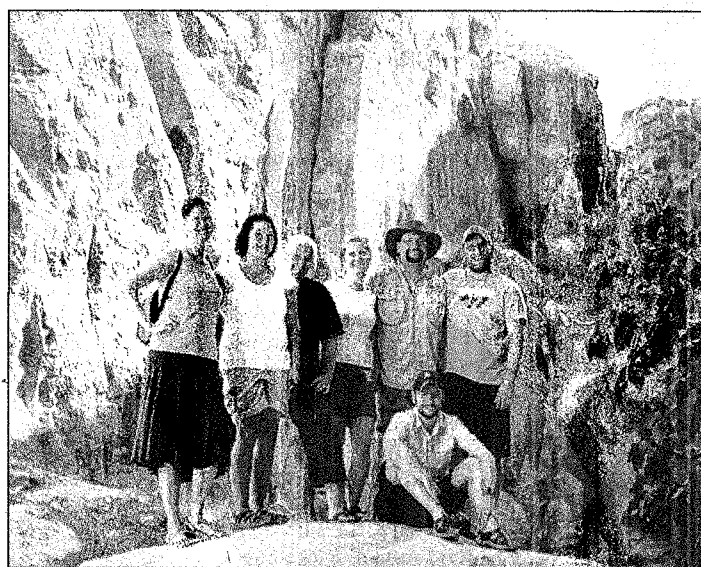
FRIENDS IN CHRIST

With her faith the centerpiece of her life, Powers, who grew up in Brighton and graduated from Hope College, finds camaraderie and strength in "Elevate," one of 140 small study groups within Oak Pointe Church. The group consists of other mostly single young professionals who meet for Bible study and help each other grow in faith.

A few Elevate members, including Powers, moved to Plymouth where they live in close proximity to each other.

"We had a craving for community and we love Plymouth in general," Powers explained. "We get to see each other a couple times a week."

"Spending time with friends



Mission team members Eron Powers, (left) Kristie Reeves, Deb Stecher, Shannon Hill, Ernie Minissale, Joe Snyder, and Brian Izard, (seated) enjoy time together while in Jordan.

is one of my hobbies. I love connecting with people, getting out and being active."

For more about Oak Pointe Church, its "life groups" or short-term mission trips, visit www.oakpointe.org.

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Belleville High School Class of 1971

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Birmingham Groves High School Class of 1975

35th class reunion, Oct. 22-23, will include homecoming game, Friday night, and party, Saturday night, at The Birmingham Community House. Contact groves1975@gmail.com or Groves Class of 1975 - 35th Class Reunion, on

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Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1970

40-year reunion, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at The Community House, in Birmingham. Visit www.seaholmclassof70reunion.com for information and to register contact information.

Bloomfield Hills Andover Class of 1970

Reunion planned 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Heathers; contact Cis Sloan Stokas at Quintop@aol.com.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser Class of 1980

30th reunion, Friday, Aug. 6; for tickets and more information e-mail to Jane Petersen at jane311@msn.com or visit www.lahser1980.myevent.com.

Class of 1990

20-year Class Reunion Weekend is Aug.

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Dearborn Lowrey High School Classes of 1949-51

A joint reunion of all three classes will be held Sept. 26 at the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights. Call Peggy Webster at (313) 383-4699, Bob Rock at (313) 274-8370 or Shirley Vonn at (313) 291-6069. Or e-mail to yankees-outhern@hotmail.com.

Detroit Cody

Classes from 1950-1969

Annual picnic for all '50s-'60s Cody Comets and friends, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, Nankin Mills Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, Westland, BYOB and bring a chair; organizing committee will supply music and memorabilia. The Optomystics will perform. Door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels and music CDs will be available. Free parking for classic cars. No need to register - just show up. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134.

Class of 1965

Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more information call Tim Dunning at (248) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning@wowway.com or call Chris Snopkoski Nashlen at (734) 261-3116.

Detroit Mackenzie

Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166.

Detroit Northwestern

All classes

Classes of 1950-51 are sponsoring an all-class reunion picnic, noon to 5 p.m., Aug. 28, at Oak Park Community Center, shelter #2, 14300 Oak Park Boulevard, west of Coolidge, north of Nine Mile. \$15 per person includes food. Call Marlene (Oleson) Hanna at (313) 937-8233 for more information.

Detroit Pershing

Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest

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Farmington High School Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehnn@aol.com.

Garden City High School Classes of 1950s and 1960s

Reunion events planned for Sept. 17-19. Call Donna at (734) 427-0535 or e-mail to odponte@wowway.com

Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City East

Class of 1964

Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Medwid Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at terifriedman@gmail.com

Garden City West

Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1961

Planning a 50th class reunion for 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-Mail to dbruner@twmi.rr.com or call Don Bruner at (734) 524-0979 to register and for more information.

Plymouth-Canton, Salem

Class of 1980

Joint 30th reunion with golf outing Sept. 3 and evening gathering, Sept. 4. For more information and to register on its website visit <http://home.comcast.net/~1980cantonsalem/site/> Contact the reunion committee at 1980cantonsalem@comcast.net.

Class of 1985

All Plymouth Salem/Canton grads are welcome to attend either or both reunion events celebrating the class of 1985's 25-year reunion. Other classes ('83-'87 are suggested) may attend. The events include a pub crawl Friday, Aug. 13 and casual gathering Saturday,

Aug. 14. The pub crawl runs from 7-11 p.m. and starts at the Rock Bar & Grill, 844 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth. It includes The Penn Bar at 8 p.m., Sean O'Callaghan's at 9 p.m., Doyle's Tavern at 10 p.m. and Ironwood Grill at 11 p.m. The casual gathering will be from 6 p.m. to midnight at Our Lady of Good Counsel Events Center, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. It will include light music, a strolling buffet with Italian, Asian, Southwestern, American and dessert stations, beer, wine, beverages and prizes. Cost is \$50. Get tickets online at <http://www.JimmyMackVacations.com/1985.html>. Questions? E-mail to 1985@JimmyMackVacations.com.

Redford Union

Class of 1960

50-year reunion will be held 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information on the Redford Union reunion, contact Mike and Carol (Geroeff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecarol191500@att.net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

River Rouge High School

Classes of 1960-66

Reunion starts at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 21, at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman, Westland. Cost is \$40 and includes buffet, cash bar, DJ. Mail check to Helen Mihas (Tassi) at Hawthorne Valley. Contact Trisha (Pat) Mihaui, at (313) 843-2415 or e-mail to tmehi@yahoo.com.

Rosary High School

Class of 1966

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffitoo@aol.com

Class of 1970

Reunion planned for Aug. 7 at Claddagh Irish Pub, Livonia. For more info contact Terry Niemiec Simor at (734) 953-2919 or Jen Perron at (734) 502-5243.

Royal Oak Dondero

All Classes

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Royal Oak Kimball

Class of 1960

50-year class reunion for January and June classes, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14, at Red Run Country Club, located on Rochester Road, just north of 12

Mile. \$50 per person includes dinner and valet parking. Make checks out to "ROKHS Class of '60" and mail to Doug Forier, 4089 Glencastle, Troy, MI 48098. Include your full name (and maiden), spouse's name, current mailing address and e-mail to share with your classmates. Mail-in dead line is Aug. 1. For reservations after Aug. 1 or for questions, e-mail to usales@aol.com. The Drury Inn at Big Beaver and I-75 and Hampton Inn, at Stephenson Highway and 14 Mile, in Madison Heights are offering discounts for reunion participants. E-mail to usales@aol.com to obtain a list of attendees and lost classmates and help the organizing committee locate alumni.

St. Agatha

All school

For all graduates, students, teachers, and friends of St. Agatha Grade School and High Schools, members of St. Agatha Parish and St. Katharine Drexel VHS, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Aug. 21 at Capitol Park, 26590 Capitol, Redford. Pack your lunch or bring your grill and baseball/softball gear. There is an area for soccer/football and a skatepark. For more information, or to donate your time/services in getting the word out or by providing something you think may be a welcome addition to this event, contact Jan at aggiesreunion@yahoo.com. Visit the reunion Web site at www.redfordaggies.com.

St. Hyacinth

All school

Saint Hyacinth Grade School and Commercial High School plan a reunion, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the school's closing, at 11 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 19 at St. Hyacinth Church, 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit. Mass at 11 a.m., school open house, snacks and refreshment. For more information, call the rectory at (313) 922-1507.

St. Michael's School, Livonia

Eight grade class of 1976

30-year reunion, noon, Aug. 7, at Camp Dearborn, located off Commerce Road, in Milford. Reunion will be at Pavilions 1 & 2 by the paddle boats. Bring a dish to pass and BYOB. No Glass permitted. For more information, call Barb Colley at (517) 231-3186 or Lori Nehasil at (248) 872-7479.

Troy Athens High School

Class of 1985

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BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

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That includes shaving her head.

One of the founders of Country Cat and City Kitty rescue, Grenier promises to lose her locks in exchange for a \$5,000 donation to the Livonia feline rescue.

It doesn't matter to Grenier if the sum consists of many small donations or a single giveaway.

"If I get \$5,000 in a collective donation, I'll shave my head," she said.

There may be no better place to donate to the organization than at the Purrs & Paws in the Park, its first annual adoption event and craft/vendor show on Aug. 15 at Claude Allison Park, located on Beech Daily north of Six Mile in Redford.

Admission is free and visitors may bring their pets.

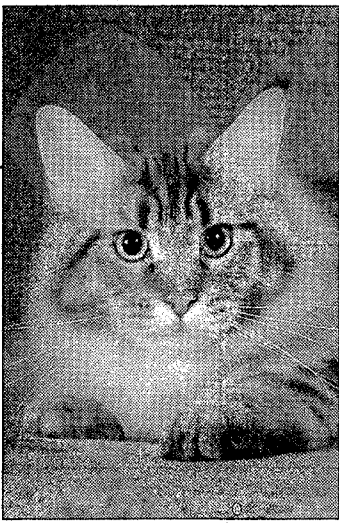
The event will from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and offer a dog agility demonstration, service dog demonstration, cat, kitten, dog and puppy adoptions from rescue organizations including Paws and Whiskers Cat Shelter from



Ohio, Monroe County Bird & Exotic Rescue, crafters and vendors, Purrfect Stitch Embroidery from Garden City, a 50/50 raffle, and pet food and kitty litter drives. A veterinarian from St. Julians Cat Care will be on hand to answer questions and special guest Dana Lundon from 96.3 WDVD will emcee. Patty Perushak of Berwyck Saddle Club in Milford will offer horse and rider demonstrations.

Grenier still is accepting participants. The event is free for rescues. She is asking for a monetary donation of any size from vendors, along with one item that can be raffled.

"There is so much need for animals. Everything and any-



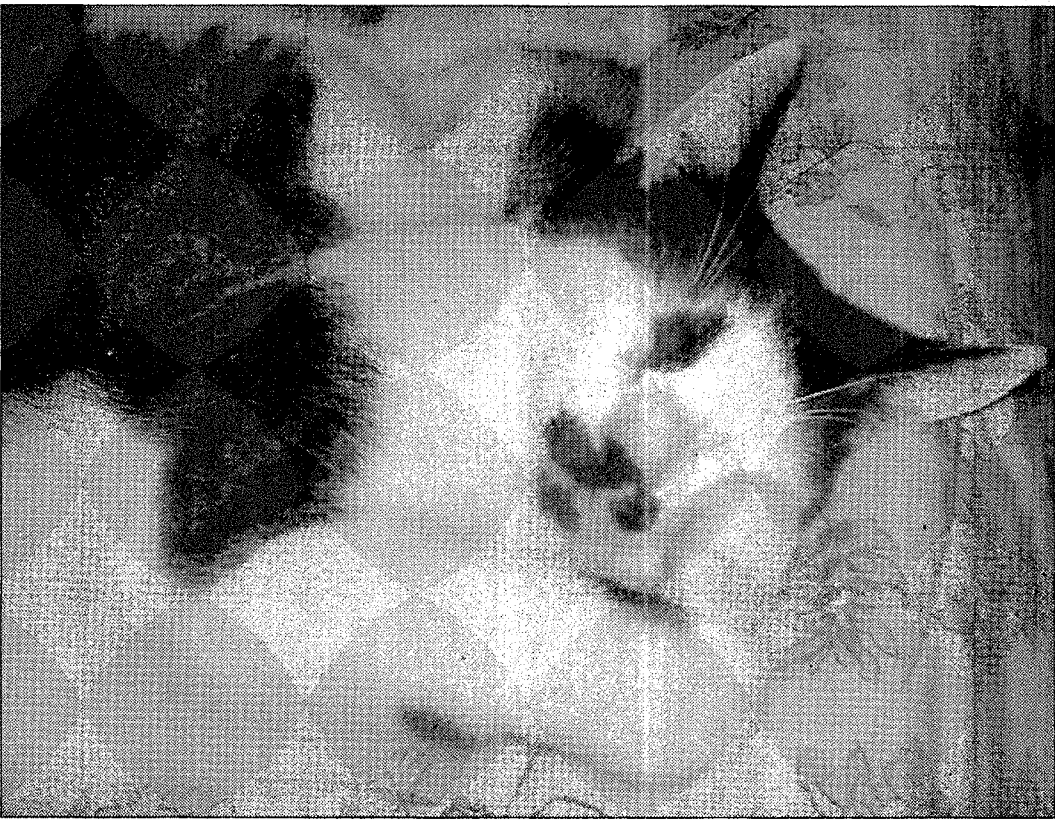
Tony is a brown tabby Maine Coon cat who lives with John Hiemstra of Northville Township. He's Cat Fancier Association's 'Best Cat in Premiership.' See lots of cats in competition at CFA's All Breed & Household Pet Cat Show.

thing needs a home. We're open to all kinds of animals... rabbit rescue, reptile, small and large animals.

"Come, be part of what we hope will be a big pet event."

For more information, or to reserve a place for animal adoption or craft vending on site, call (248) 249-9267.

CATS IN COMPETITION



Noble John is one of many cats looking for a new home through Country Cat & City Kitty rescue. Cats, dogs, birds and other animals will be ready for adoption at the upcoming Purrs & Paws in The Park, in Redford.

After you've adopted a cat at Purrs & Paws in the Park, consider making your feline friend a star.

Cat Fanciers' Association will hold an all breed and household pet cat show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Allen Park Community Center, 15800 White Street Allen Park.

The show will feature one day of judged competition — including a section for "household" cats — in six rings as well as exhibitors and breeders offering close-up views of their cats.

Breeds will cover a wide variety, including Persians, Maine Coons, Orientals, Birmans, Tonkinese,

Ragdolls, Siamese and Bombays.

The show is sponsored by the Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers, a local non-profit cat club.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for children, 5 and up. Parking is free.

GET OUT

ART

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Aug. 7-Sept. 18; opening reception 7-11 p.m., Aug. 7

Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: "Social Realism" photography by Thomas McMillen-Oakley, Shaqe Kalaj, and Julia DeClerck

Contact: (734) 420-0775

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Aug. 6-Aug. 28; artist reception, 6-9 p.m., Aug. 6

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Conversations in Cloth," exhibit showcasing the work of fiber artists

Contact: (248) 344-0497

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside

Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

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: Lachlan Patterson, Aug. 4-7; Andy Hendrickson, Aug. 11-14; Nate Bergatz, Aug. 18-21; Coolaide, Aug. 25-28

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Vince Carone, Aug. 5-7; Dwayne Gill, Aug. 12-14; Kevin McPeck, Aug. 19-21; Kelly Taylor, Aug. 26-28

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Trevor Hall, Aug. 5; Chulrua, Aug. 6; J.D. Souther, Aug.

7; The Goldmine Pickers, Aug. 8;

Ingrid Michaelson, Aug. 9; Joy Kills Sorrow, Aug. 10; The Abrams Brothers, Aug. 11; Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin, Aug. 12; The RFD Boys, Aug. 13; Marcia Ball, Aug. 14; John Lee Hooker, Jr., Aug. 15; The Global Jazz Project, Aug. 17; Open Stage, Aug. 18; Trina Hamlin, Aug. 19; Beth Nielsen Chapman, Aug. 20; Lonesome County, Aug. 21; Suzanne Westenhoefer, Aug. 22; Todd Snider, Aug. 23; Baskery, Aug. 24; Sumkali, Aug. 26; The Siegel-Schwall Band, Aug. 27; Vienna Teng, Aug. 28; Junior Brown, Aug. 29; Sam & Ruby, Aug. 31

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave

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

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: The Ultimate Who Tribute, Aug. 6; The Ultimate Retro Party with the Mega 80's, Aug. 7 and 14; Neon Escape CD release party, Aug. 13; Paul Thorn, Aug. 17; Damage Inc., The Metallica Tribute,

Aug. 20; Jon Anderson, Aug. 23;

Echoes of Pink Floyd, Aug. 27; Leon Russell, Aug. 28

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Time/Date: 8-10:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13

Location: At the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit. Parking available for \$5 at the General Motors surface lot at St. Antoine and Atwater, adjacent to the GM Renaissance Center

Details: Free concerts on at the Detroit River in downtown Detroit. Performers are Gregg Rolie and Salem Witchcraft, Aug. 6 and The Romantics and Steve Kostan With The Eddie Leighton Project

Contact: (313) 567-6700 or visit www.andiamoitalia.com/detroit.

Stars in the Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Aug. 5

Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Summer music series features Austin Scott

Coming up: Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 12

Contact: (248) 473-1848

Take a camping trip to Canton Township

Women and girls may pitch a tent together and sleep under the stars at Canton Leisure Service' "Girls Camp Out" Friday, Aug. 13 in Preservation Park.

Scheduled activities include scavenger hunts, crafts, and games. Participants also will cook over a camp fire and enjoy a gourmet s'mores station. Campers may begin pitching their tents at 3 p.m. and activities are scheduled to kick off at 5:30 p.m.

"This first-time girls only camp out gives the ladies a chance to enjoy nature, breathe fresh air and spend quality time together at a great price," stated Jeanette

Williams, recreation specialist, in a press release. "With the cost of travel, participants won't have the expense of gassing up their vehicles and going to a far off destination to have a great camping experience."

All activities will take place at Preservation Park, located at 500 Ridge Road in Canton, and are weather permitting. There is a per tent fee of \$20 for Canton residents and \$25 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required.

To register or learn more about "Girls Only Camp Out," visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Classes offered for kids

This summer, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington is offering religious education classes for children and youth on Human Rights. Students will explore the rights of every person, as well as learn about their responsibility to protect their own rights and the rights of others.


Based on materials from a variety of internationally known and respected organizations, the curriculum will help

children develop an appreciation for the rights of themselves and others, recognize the effect of individual choices on the lives of others, and be empowered to act in ways that support human rights. They will also develop an awareness of infringements of human rights and empathy for those who are denied rights.

To register or for more information, call UUCF at (248) 478-7272.

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The medical community is rapidly exchanging the paper record for the electronic medical record. However, the market place provides a large number of medical software vendors, each of whose products are incompatible with other competitors. The result is that most doctors with well-functioning electronic medical records cannot communicate information to any other physician unless that doctor is using the same software. Until physicians solve the problem of incompatibility, the promise of the electronic medical record as an encompassing communicator remain a dream.

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AUG. 1-4

CROP walk

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Aug. 2

Location: Geneva Presbyterian, 5835 N. Sheldon in Canton.

Details: Recruiter's orientation meeting for the annual Plymouth/Canton CROP Walk that will take place Sunday, Oct. 17. The Walk raises funds for Church World Service and the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Contact: Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or bfichtenberg@hotmail.com

Teen coffeehouse

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Aug. 1

Location: Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Free coffee house for teens

Contact: (313) 534-9000

Vacation Bible School

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Aug. 1-5

Location: Lola Park Lutheran, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Vacation Bible School for ages 3 through adult, featuring lessons, crafts, singing and snacks

Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523; lolaparklutheran.com

Vacation Bible School

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to noon, Aug. 2-5

Location: Newburg United Methodist, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: "Campground of Miracles" Vacation Bible School for kids, 4-11. They'll explore their faith, enjoy summer activities such as sandcastle building, cooking over a campfire and fishing, make crafts and learn about the miracles of Jesus. \$10 per child

Contact: (734) 422-0149

Vacation Bible School

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 2-6

Location: St. John Lutheran School, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

Details: "High Seas Expedition"

Vacation Bible School; for children age 3 through fifth grade

Contact: (248) 474-0584

AUG. 5-11

Church tour

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 7

Location: St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Fifth annual church tour will visit National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Detroit. Cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch at Pasquale's in Royal Oak.

Contact: Debbie Dufour at (248) 719-2535 or David Conrad at (734) 425-5950, Ext. 203

Vacation Bible School

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 9-13

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, northwest corner of Farmington Road and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Presented by First Presbyterian, Antioch Lutheran and North Congregational for children entering kindergarten through 5th grade. Children will learn about Joseph's time in Egypt, from prison to palace

Contact: Register at www.farmington-pres.org or call (248) 474-6170

AUG. 12-18

Bible text seminar

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 13 and 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Aug. 14

Location: Berean Bible Church, 35375 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia

Details: Dr. Daniel B. Wallace will present "The Gospel According to Snoopy - an interactive seminar on the trustworthiness of the biblical text." The seminar will have something of a CSI quality to it, requiring participants to think carefully, as if they were detectives evaluating evidence. Cost is \$25 per person and \$40 per couple

Contact: Scott at Berean48150@



Memorable tour

Jerry and Sharon Smith of Livonia visited Israel earlier this year on a 10-day tour sponsored by Liberty University of Lynchburg, Va. and hosted by Mike Huckabee, (center) former GOP presidential candidate, and his wife, Jan. Jerry Smith is musical director at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. The Smiths said the tour deepened their belief as "more than spectators in the arena of religious purpose." They added that it expanded their "horizons of belief as seen and experienced by thousands who have walked this land."

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Blood drive

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Aug. 15

Location: St. Damian Community Room, 30055 Joy Road, Westland

Details: The American Red Cross needs all blood types. A pint of blood can save up to three lives. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome

Contact: For more information or to make an appointment call Gary at (734) 716-2057

Rummage and bake sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Aug. 13-14

Location: 30000 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Huge selection to choose from. Free admission. Includes lots of kids' stuff, holiday and household goods, books, records, games, outdoors, sporting goods, appliances, and more

Contact: Beth Hare at ((734) 421-7249

Vacation Bible School

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 16-19

Location: Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth

Details: "Hero Headquarters" Vacation Bible School for ages 4-

12. Program includes Bible study, games, snacks, songs and crafts; free admission. Registration begins Aug.

Contact: Capt. Jolene Hull or Cassie Hull at (734) 453-5454 or e-mail to jolene_hull@usc.salvationarmy.org

AUG. 19-25

Family Fun Fair

Time/Date: 5-10 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19; 5-11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21; and 1-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22

Location: Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: 51st Annual Family Fun Fair with rides, games, Las Vegas-style games in the gym, bingo in the church basement, \$4,999 raffle, craft booths, bake walk, dollar menu food booths. Entertainment includes Terry Bar and the Full Tilt Boogie Band on Friday, Hard Cover and All Wheel Drive on Saturday and Terry Bar on Sunday

Contact: (313) 534-9000

Summer-Fest

Time/Date: Aug. 20-22

Location: Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland

Details: Summer-Fest activities include basketball tournament, 3 p.m. Friday; battle of the bands, 6 p.m. Friday; craft show and sidewalk sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday; Kidzone, 3-6 p.m. Saturday; dinner, 6-7 p.m.; concert, 7-10 p.m.; outdoor worship under a tent, 10:30 a.m., Sunday

Contact: (734) 968-9222 or (734) 458-7301

AUG. 26-SEPT. 1

Financial Peace University

Time/Date: Begins at 7 p.m., Aug. 31

Location: In the fellowship hall at Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Dave Ramsey's financial seminar includes 13 informative sessions on saving, spending, debt and investing.

Contact: www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locate-class/ or call (248) 553-3380.

New church

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Aug. 29

Location: Holiday Inn Express, 46194 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville

Details: Life Pointe Church debuts with worship service, practical preaching, fellowship, food and back-to-school supplies giveaway

Contact: The Rev. Billy J. Hales, (734) 486-3210; RSVP to pastorhales@yahoo.com

Vacation Bible School

Time/Date: Aug. 27-29

Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School; \$5 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family

Contact: Register at (734) 464-0990

SEPT. 2-15

Prayer service

Time/Day: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and well-being of the world, as well as for one another.

Contact: (734) 421-1760; www.unityoflivonia.org

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ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement

Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

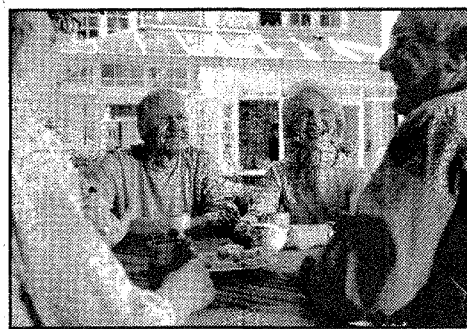
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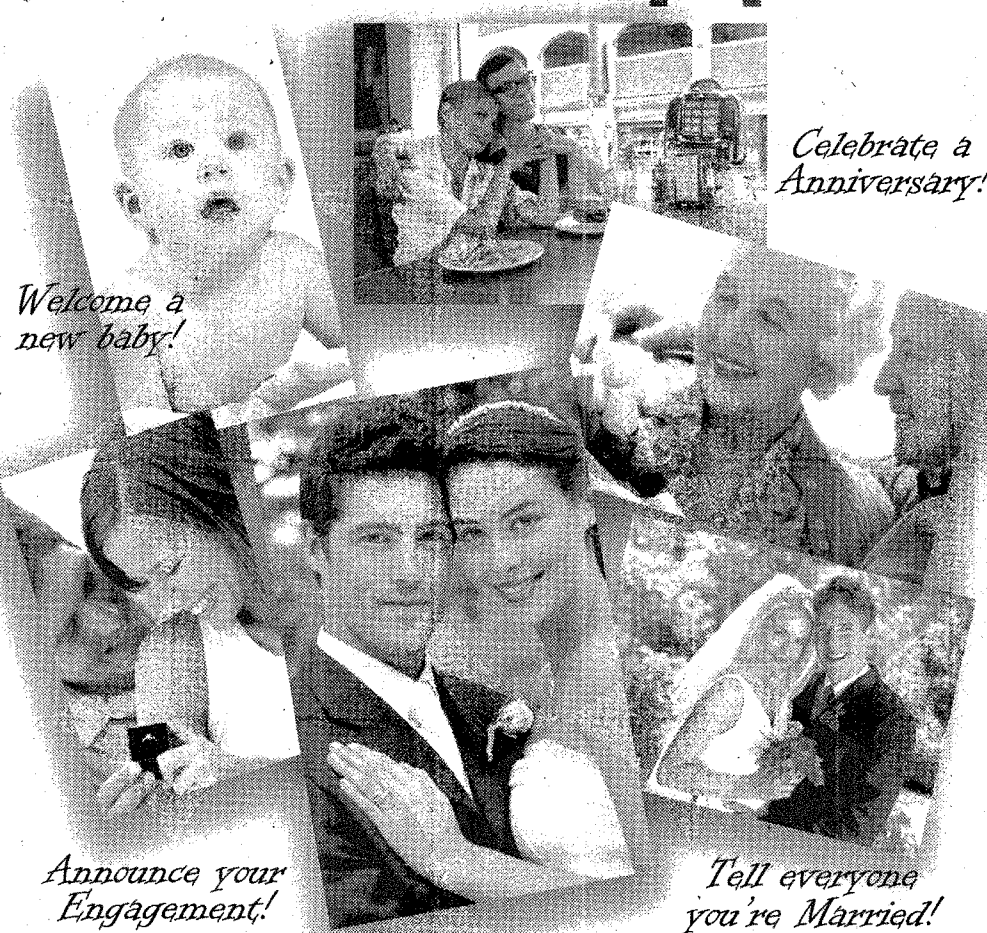
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DERY-BARNES

Andrea Dery and Justin Barnes announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Bob and Deb Dery of Livonia, graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 2003. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in accounting in 2007 and a master of science degree in accounting in 2008, both from Michigan State University. She is a certified public accountant and works for Plante & Moran in East Lansing.

Her fiancé, son of Robert Barnes and Dawn Barnes of Livonia, is a 2002 graduate of Livonia Stevenson and earned his bachelor of science degree in construction management in 2006 from Michigan State University. He is employed by Barton Malow.



Dery-Barnes

An August 2010 wedding is planned at MSU Horticulture Gardens.

CARLSON-BASORE

Kendall Carlson and Joseph Basore announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kenneth and Kelly Carlson of Plymouth Township, graduated from Kalamazoo College with a bachelor's degree in psychology and earned a master's degree in clinical social work from Indiana University. She is a therapist at Bloomington Hospital in Bloomington, Ind.

Her fiancé, son of Randal and Pamela Basore of Kalamazoo, graduated from Kalamazoo College with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and is working on his PhD in analytical chemistry at Indiana University.

An August 2010 wedding is planned at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit.



Carlson-Basore

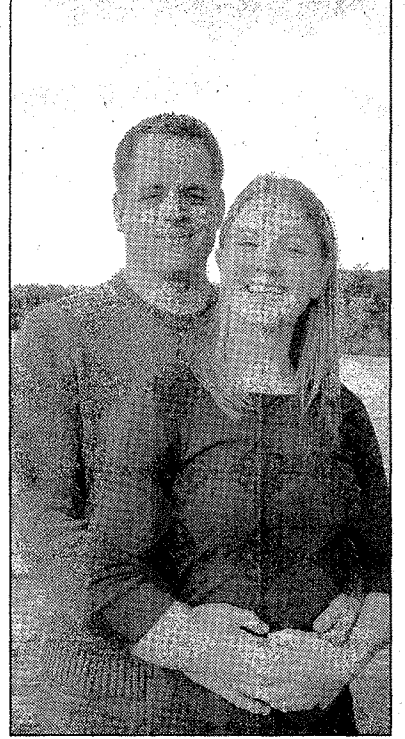
AUGUST WEDDING
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Jennifer Korff and David Seley announce their engagement.

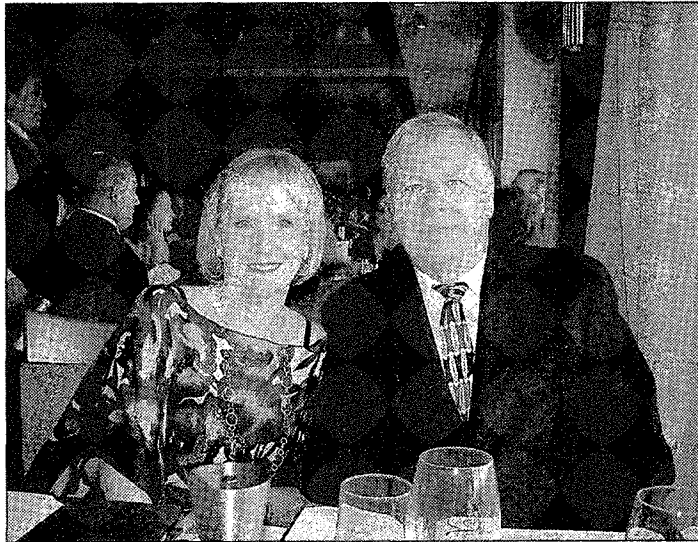
The bride-to-be, daughter of Warren and Mary Korff of Poseyville, Ind., graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 2008. She is a music therapist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of George and Linda Seley of Farmington, graduated in 2007 from Eastern Michigan University and works as an accountant.

An August 2010 wedding is planned in Evansville, Ind.



Korff-Seley



Karen and Rod Vasold of Livonia

40TH ANNIVERSARY

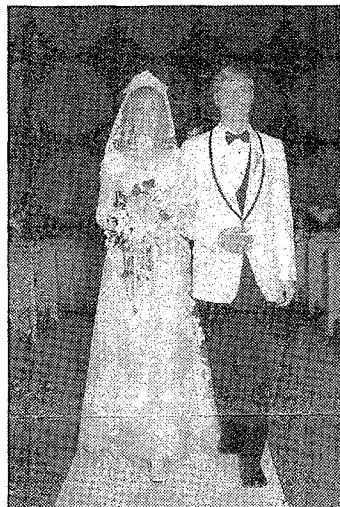
Rod and Karen (Kellogg) Vasold of Livonia mark their 40th wedding anniversary today, Sunday, July 25.

The couple married in 1970 at St. Mathews Methodist Church, in Livonia. Rod is employed at Urban Partitions in Northville. Karen cares for her two grandchildren, Emily and Nicholas Andre.

The couple also have two children, Jennifer (Derek) Andre of Livonia and Andrea Vasold of Livonia.

The couple enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends at their cottage in the summer and tooling around in their 1966 Mustang.

They celebrated their anniversary in April with their good friends Bruce and Karen Cobb in Germany.



Karen and Rod Vasold on their wedding day

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Renato and Rita (DeiTos) Lenardon of Westland recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family. The couple married July 1, 1950, in Detroit.

Their children are Daniel and Robert Lenardon of Northville; Sandra and Thomas Mooney of Minnesota; and Gail and William Start of Missouri. They also have six grandchildren.

Renato is retired from Ford Motor Company. The couple enjoys bocce ball, gardening and photography.



Renato and Rita DeiTos Lenardon of Westland



Woodhurst-St. Charles

WOODHURST-ST. CHARLES

Kristin St. Charles and Mark Woodhurst were married Saturday, July 17 at Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey. A reception followed at Stafford's Perry Hotel, also in Petoskey.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew St. Charles of New Boston, formerly of Westland, is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts in marketing and a bachelor of arts in Spanish. She is a sales representative for General Mills, Inc.

The groom, son of Ken and Carol Woodhurst of Jackson, also graduated from Michigan State University. He holds a bachelor of landscape architecture and is a landscape architect site designer for JJR, LLC.

The couple resides in Chicago, Ill. Kristin and Mark were married July 17, 2010, at Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey, Michigan. The reception was held at Stafford's Perry Hotel also in Petoskey, Mich.



Dean Jacob Kasten

DEAN JACOB KASTEN

Dean Jacob Kasten was born June 8, 2010, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Dean joins his parents, Timothy and Kristen Kasten, and his sister, Heidi Rose, 3 1/2, at home in Plymouth.

Grandparents are Debbie and Dennis Behrendsen of Livonia, Peter and Nancy Foley of Plymouth and Fred and Cathy Kasten of Plymouth.

Great-grandparents are Beth and Bob Doll of Milford, Virginia Kasten of Brighton and Tom and Pat Foley of Applegate.



Granger-Meagher

SEPTEMBER WEDDING
PLANNED

Kelly Anne Granger and Brian Meagher announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Dorr and Nancy Granger of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico, earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Spring Arbor University. She works at Starbucks in Canton.

Her fiancé, son of Chris and Debbie Meagher of Livonia, earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Spring Arbor University. He is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air

Force.

A September 2010 wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

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JERROLD A. ANDREWS JR.

Age 70, passed away on July 6, 2010. He was born on Dec. 13, 1939 in Kenosha Wis. to the late Jerrold & Elizabeth. He was married 47 years to the late Diana, originally of Farmington. Jerrold is survived by son Jerrold (Lama), daughter Julie Mays, 4 grandchildren: Courtney, Zachary, Lindsay & Megan of South Lyon. Memorial Service was Fri. July 30th at First Baptist Church of South Lyon.

EVELYN ANN BIBB

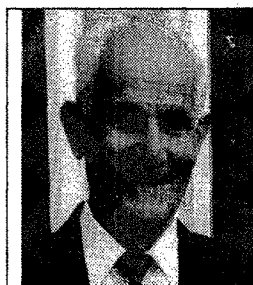
Age 67. Beloved wife for 38 years of Albert Bibb. Loving daughter of Zella Corbin of Waterloo, Ohio. Dear sister of David (Paula) Corbin of Pocatello, Idaho. Arrangements were held by Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly, Redford.

FLORRIE ANN KUHN
(nee: JOHNS)

Age 80, died peacefully July 25, 2010. She was a longtime resident of Birmingham, Michigan, and an active member of St. James Episcopal Church. Daughter of the late Harold and Virginia Johns. Dear mother of Harold (Janice), Paul (Silke), Kathleen Tillson (Roger), and Jennifer Kuhn (Aaron Freed). Loving grandmother of Allison Kuhn (Ted Balowski), Marisa, Andrew (Amber), Darcy, and Jennifer Tillson, and great-grandmother of Brady Theodore Balowski. Sister of the late Patricia Ullenbruch. Funeral services have been held at St. James Episcopal Church. Memorial Tributes to Beaumont Hospice. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

SHIRLEY PAULINE
MEECH

Age 77, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away July 26, 2010. Arrangements by: THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington



ERICH O MEIER

Died peacefully at his home on Sunday, July 25, the 61st anniversary of his wedding to Alice. His death was the result of a brief battle with cancer, a period of time in which he was surrounded by his loving family that includes four children, their spouses and 12 grandchildren. His children include Werner (Chris) Meier, Heidi (Rich) Murphy, Fred (Jennifer) Meier and Helen (Terry) Hock. Known as Papa to friends, neighbors and family alike, Erich lived life to the maximum, serving as the consummate host at any social event, traveling continually (both domestically and internationally) and participating in any and all forms of recreational activity, (including canoeing, tubing, jet skiing, white water rafting and hiking) with his grandchildren. He remained a young man despite his 84+ years, right up until the final days of his life. Erich immigrated to the United States in 1947 after having completing his training as a Specialized Machine Builder as a youth in Switzerland. While aboard ship he met his future wife, the former Alice Buechel, whom he married in 1949. Ever the adventurer and risk taker, he moved his family to Europe in 1960 to initiate a new business venture, returning to the Detroit area in 1961 where he raised his family. He established two small business ventures, E.O. Mar Enterprises and Corvette Restoration Services, Inc. Working in the tool and die trade, Papa retired from Detroit Diesel Corporation in 1993. His skills and talents for things mechanical were widely known, his repair/engineering skills being exploited by everyone from neighborhood children with toys, Boy Scouts with damaged camping equipment, his son's automotive projects, and orthopedic surgeons who were dissatisfied with their specialized equipment. He attended the Church of St. Maurice in Livonia where he served as an usher. He will be most remembered for his zest for life and his dedication to friends and family alike. Visitation was at the Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Road, Livonia. A Funeral was at St. Maurice Catholic Church located at 32765 Lyndon Livonia. Memorial Donations may be made to Angela Hospice

RICHARD J. PESONEN

Age 50, passed away, July 22, 2010. He was born on February 3, 1960 in Detroit, son of the late John & Edna (Hill) Pesonen. A private family service will be held in the future. Online guestbook at: www.Phillipsfuneral.com

LEONARD J. PODSIADLIK

Age 68, of Farmington. Passed away July 28, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington, MI.

JEFFERY J. STUKY

54 of Roscommon died Sunday, July 25, 2010. Jeff was born on March 12, 1956 in Plymouth and graduated from high school in 1974. Jeff was a welder and enjoyed hunting and was a master angler and pro rifle marksman. Jeff will be sadly missed by his beloved wife of 31 years, Sherry, sons, Darrell, William (Amanda) and Douglas (Jenny) Stuky, grandson, Brian Stuky, mother, Esther Stuky, stepmother, Patricia K. Stuky, mother-in-law, Josie Neumann, sister, Susan (Thomas) Poulos, nephews, Michael and Joseph and other family members. Jeff is preceded in death by his father, Joseph C. Stuky. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Services will be announced at a later date. Please visit Jeff's webpage at www.lifestory.net.com and sign the guest book and share a message or memory. Memorial Contributions may be made to a charity of choice or to his wife, Sherry Stuky, c/o Life Story Funeral Home, Traverse City.

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Canton walk on Aug. 7 raises funds, awareness for HHT

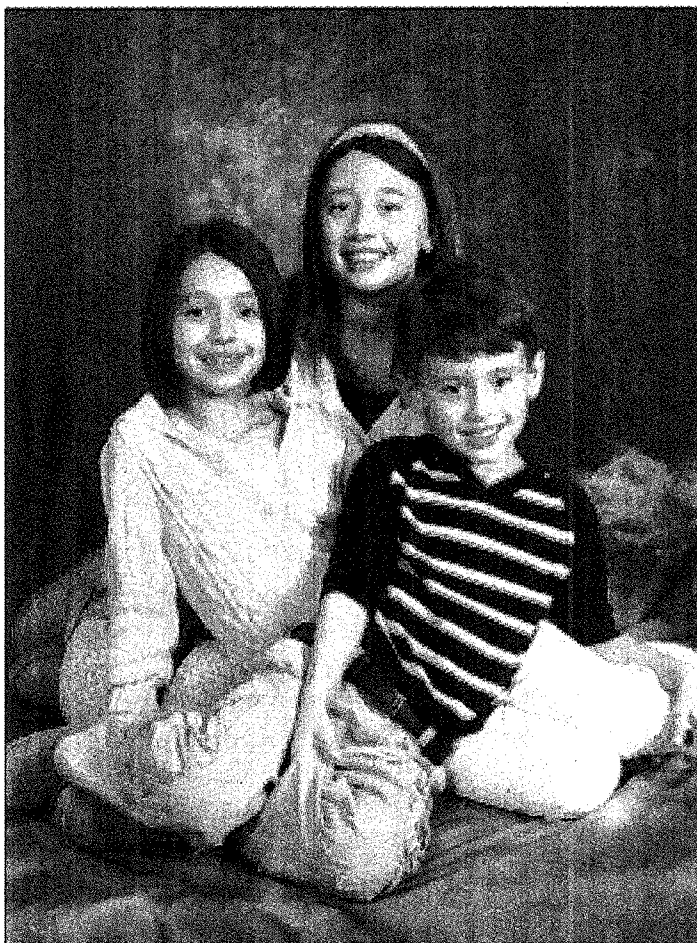
Our Hope Holds the Cure sponsors its first annual Walk-A-Thon for Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia, (HHT), with an opening ceremony beginning at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 7, at Heritage Park, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, in Canton.

Jody Nissan of Canton, whose husband and one of their three children have been diagnosed with the disease, formed Our Hope Holds the Cure to generate funds for the HHT Foundation and its research.

The local organization held a series of fund-raising events — from bowling and golf outings to a spaghetti dinner — over the past few months, leading up to the walk-a-thon, which will include kids activities, walking, a recreation station presented by Canton Leisure Services, performances by Central City Dance, a DJ, food and T-shirt displays and HHT informational displays.

Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia or HHT is a genetic disorder that causes abnormalities of blood vessels. Bleeding in the nose, brain, lungs, stomach, intestines and other organs are symptoms of HHT. Treatment is limited, temporary and currently there is no cure.

"We are still facing new challenges every day with the medical struggles. We will have three other families that are affected by this disease attend the event.



Jody and Clay Nissan's children, Sierra, Sydney and Jared. The family hopes to raise awareness and money for HHT research through an upcoming walkathon.

The family from Chicago has lost their 17-year-old son to HHT a few short years ago," Nissan said. "We are trying to raise awareness as well as donations so the more people we can have attend the better."

The Nissans and two other families will lead the first lap around the pond. Event activities will run

until 2 p.m. Registration is not required for the walk. There is no donation or walk minimums.

"Anyone and everyone is welcome to just show up," Nissan said.

For more about Our Hope Holds the Cure visit www.ourhopeholdsthecure.org

—By Sharon Dargay

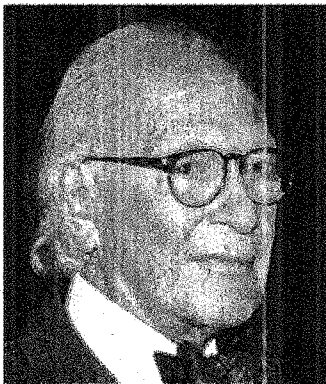
Karmanos Cancer Institute adds two board members

A retired businessman and retired radio broadcaster have been appointed to serve on the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Board of Directors.

Joseph S. Dresner of Franklin, who retired in May as director of Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Inc., and Dick Purtan of West Bloomfield, longtime Detroit radio show host, both will serve three-year terms and help support the ongoing work and mission of the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Dresner has served as chairman of the Highland Companies, a Detroit-area-based developer and manager of commercial, industrial and residential properties, since 1985. He also served as chairman of the board of InterAction Media Corp. since April 1996; director of New Media Lottery Services Inc., where he also chaired the board's audit committee; and is a member of the audit and corporate governance committees of Peninsula Bank, a private company in Englewood, Fla.

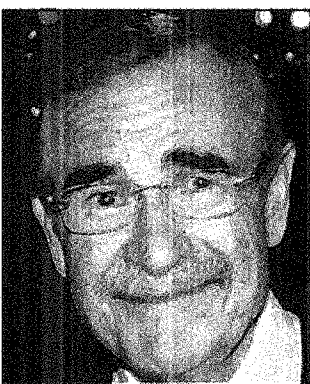
A longtime supporter of the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Dresner recently made a \$2.5 million donation which completes his \$5 million pledge for the purpose of creating the Joseph Dresner Family Bone



Dresner

Marrow Transplant and Hematologic Malignancies Center at Karmanos. Dresner, who currently suffers from myelodysplasia (MDS), a malignant bone marrow disease, created this center to honor Dr. Charles A. Schiffer, head of the Malignant Hematology Multidisciplinary Team at Karmanos. The center will give Schiffer and his medical colleagues a centralized place to research and treat MDS and other related diseases.

Purtan has given his time and talent to raise awareness and millions of dollars to support cancer research and other causes to benefit the lives of others throughout his radio career. Although he's retired — for the past 14 years he was host of Purtan's People on 104.3 WOMC — Purtan



Purtan

continues his commitment to philanthropic causes, including Children's Hospital of Michigan; The Dick Purtan Radiothon for The Salvation Army's Bed & Bread Club program, which has raised almost \$25 million to feed the homeless and hungry of metropolitan Detroit; and the Gail Purtan Ovarian Cancer Research Fund at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, which Dick and his wife Gail established 13 years ago to support research efforts to detect ovarian cancer in its early stages.

In addition to the Karmanos Board, Purtan will serve on Karmanos' Marketing and Outreach Committee. He is also a member of the Children's Hospital of Michigan Board of Directors.

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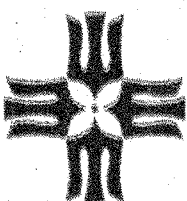
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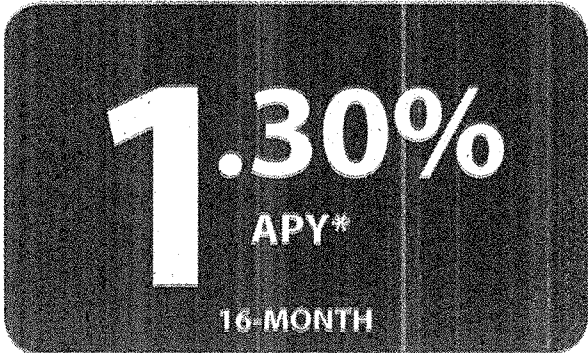
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