



More work on tap for W-W students

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

As the sale of a home constructed by Wayne-Westland students nears completion, plans are already under way for projects in the 2013-14 school year.

The home on Second Street in Westland, built by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Construction Technology Program, has been sold and was expected to close last week. And the Westland City Council recently approved the ongoing partnership between the city and the program for

the upcoming school year. The next new construction project is planned for 499 Hix, where students will build a three-bedroom home with two full baths, a basement and a garage. When completed in May 2014, the house will be sold to an eligible buyer, bringing new homeowners to the city and adding to the tax base.

The annual new construction projects are handled by students who attend classes during the day. Students from the evening classes also participate in the partnership, working on rehabilitation projects. "The night-time students

from the school program did a house on Alberta this year and will renovate a home on Saginaw in the fall," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell, who oversees the city's side of the program.

Both the Alberta and Saginaw properties were acquired by the city through a Wayne County Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant, federal funds administered by the county.

Under the partnership, Westland provides materials through federal NSP allocations while the program pro-

vides the labor as students learn construction skills. The city has acquired blighted homes through NSP or other programs providing a vacant lot for a new home or a home in need of rehabilitation.

"We have had nothing but positive feedback on this partnership. It has truly made a positive impact on the community by making use of vacant homes and land and creating stronger neighborhoods. And all the while, our youth are learning a viable trade," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

This partnership first began in 2009, when the city was

allocated funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Neighborhood Stabilization Program, which was established for the purpose of stabilizing communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment.

With the July 1 start of the fiscal year, Westland will have an additional \$188,000 available to acquire and demolish nine additional blighted properties, Campbell said.

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Reenactor Geoff Blair represents a soldier in the 102nd U.S. Colored Troops, which fought for the Union in the Civil War.
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FIGHTING FOR THE UNION

REENACTOR TELLS STORY OF NORTH'S COLORED TROOPS

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Of one thing Geoff Blair is 100-percent certain: Abraham Lincoln couldn't have won the Civil War without black soldiers.

A reenactor and president of the U.S. Colored Troop/Black History Group, Blair offered the observation

in talking about the 1st Michigan Colored Regiment, formed in July 1863, and 102nd U.S. Colored Troops which served in the Union Army during the Civil War. His presentation last Saturday was part of the Wayne Public Library's current Civil War 150 exhibit.

The USCT/BHG was founded in 1986 for Michigan's sesquicentennial.

It's dedicated to fostering and preserving the history of the Civil War by enhancing the public's understanding of Michigan's African-American contributions.

"The thought Abraham Lincoln put forth was that the war was to preserve the Union; he was ambivalent about freeing the slaves," Blair said. "But his plans went horribly wrong. A majority of the battles were won by the South in 1861 and 1862. Robert E. Lee was wiping up the floor with every general Lincoln put in front of him."

According to Blair, the political tone of the war changed with the Emancipation Proclamation. When it took effect Jan. 1, 1863, it didn't end slavery completely. It applied only to states that had seceded from the Union, leaving slavery untouched in the loyal border states. It also exempted parts of the Confederacy that had already come under Union control. It did, however, open the door for the inclusion of

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Woman sentenced in son's death

Father of 2-year-old found guilty by jury

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland woman has been sentenced to 18-40 years in prison for the death of her infant son in 2011.

Nicole Susanne Roberts, 20, was sentenced Wednesday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Craig Strong. She had earlier entered a guilty plea to second-degree murder and first-degree child abuse in the death of Kayden Brandon, age 2 1/2.

The sentencing came a day after the baby's father, Antonio Pepalonia Brandon, 23, was found guilty by a jury of first-degree murder and two counts of felony child abuse. One abuse count was for injuries suffered by Kayden's surviving twin, Cameron.

Facing a mandatory sentence of life in prison without a chance of parole, Brandon is scheduled for sentencing July 15 before Strong, who presided over the trial.

Kayden died Dec. 5, 2011, of asphyxia and blunt force trauma, according to the autopsy. He was unresponsive when paramedics arrived at the Westland Meadows mobile home park, where the family was living.

Roberts and Brandon have been jailed in lieu of bond since being arrested shortly after Kayden's death.

Testimony from the Wayne County medical examiner found the infant had a range of fresh and healing injuries, including deep tissue bleeding in his arms and neck muscles,

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Norwayne group recognizing homeowners for nice yards

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

If you live in Norwayne and keep your yard extra nice, you might be getting some recognition in the mail.

As part of Norwayne beautification efforts, thank you notes from Westland Mayor William Wild and Hank Johnson, Norwayne Community

Citizens Council chairman, will go out to homeowners when their names and addresses are submitted. Included will be a \$5 gift certificate from McDonald's.

"Anyone can nominate someone. None of these have gone out yet. We probably have about 20 or so we are getting ready to send out," Westland Community Development Di-

rector Joanne Campbell said.

This is the latest in ongoing efforts to clean up and beautify Norwayne to make it a community of choice.

Norwayne Neighborhood Watch organizer Brenda Hubbard is looking for a donation of 1,500 trash bags that can be provided to residents to encourage a community cleanup.

For her part, Campbell is

ordering signs from the city's sign shop to be posted on city-owned vacant lots in the community. The signs will highlight Norwayne beautification, while also providing notice that the vacant lots aren't for parking vehicles or dumping trash. "My idea is to plant a tree or some perennials next to the sign to make it look pretty," Campbell said.

The city owns 24 vacant lots in Norwayne - three other vacant lots have been sold to adjoining property owners. The lots were the site of blighted homes, duplexes and quadruplexes that Westland acquired and demolished largely through the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

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blacks in military ranks legally.

"A few states were ahead of the curve," Blair said. "The smaller states not meeting their quotas of troops like Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Delaware jumped on the idea."

Important to war

The black troops were an important part of the war effort. As the war dragged on, they became a way of replenishing the ranks. In all, 180,000 blacks served in the Union Army. By the end of the war, one in 10 soldiers was black. It was even higher during the Reconstruction years.

Henry Barnes, publisher of the *Detroit Advertiser* newspaper, used the power of the printed word to bemoan the fact that blacks who wanted to fight for their country couldn't because of the color of their skin. With the blessing of Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, states began forming colored regiments in May 1863. Barnes, a colonel, set out to recruit blacks for the 1st Michigan Colored Regiment.

"There were 1,500 blacks in Wayne County



Bobby Patterson of Detroit and Shari Welch of Wayne listen to Geoff Blair's presentation at the Wayne Public Library. STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

unofficially, so he sent feelers across the river to Canada to North Buxton, Ontario, where many free slaves had settled," Blair said. "He told the folks that it was an opportunity to fight for those who were still slaves."

Three hundred fifty men came from Canada to join the regiment, but Barnes was still short the 1,000 men needed to form a regiment, so he loaded Company A on a train and did a tour of south-

ern Michigan, stopping in towns like Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and Niles and places believed to be stops on the Underground Railroad.

By the end of 1863, Barnes had his full regiment housed in barracks "no better than tar paper shacks" at Camp Ward in Detroit. A historical marker sits on the site, which is now the playground of Duffield Elementary School.

The regiment joined the Union Army in February 1864 when it was given a new name, the 102nd U.S. Colored Troops. It reported to Annapolis, Md., and was sent to South Carolina. It saw action in South Caro-

lina, Georgia and Florida, with one of its finest moments displayed in battle at Honey Hill, S.C.

Noting that "you won't see many mentions of colored troops in history books," Blair said that at Honey Hill the colored troops were given the task of tearing up rail lines and cutting off Confederate supply lines in support of Sherman's march to the sea.

"This was a Union defeat. Orders may have been given, but they weren't necessarily followed," Blair said.

As a result, a battery of cannons was caught between the two battle lines. Lt. Orson Bennett led 30 men from the regi-

ment to rescue a battery from being captured by the Confederates. As a result, Bennett received the first Congressional Medal of Honor for the unit.

Beyond footnote

With the end of the war, the 102nd was dismissed and disbanded in October 1865, becoming "a footnote in history."

The members of the USCT/BHG portray actual people and several members of the group trace their lineage to original enlistees. Ross Fowler, one of the founders of the group, is a descendent of Alfred White who, in 1864, left his home in Cheshire Township in Allegan County and walked to Kalamazoo to enlist.

Blair, who joined the group in 1998, has portrayed Isaiah Doorman, who rode with Gen. George Custer and was the first soldier killed in the Battle of Little Big Horn. His goal is to one day teach history at a community college.

"Our goal is to get this untold story told of the sacrifices of the colored troops," Blair said. "Lincoln began the war by fighting with his hand behind his back. When he brought out the other hand, he started to win the war. Lincoln couldn't have won this war without the help of the blacks. Of this, I'm 100-percent sure."

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"The disposition plan for the lots is three-fold: we hold them as open space like the Community Garden. Some aren't buildable lots," Campbell said. "We sell them to the adjoining property owner. Third, we hold them for future redevelopment for affordable home ownership opportunities."

Unfortunately, Campbell said some neighbors are illegally using the vacant lots to park vehicles or dump trash.

"One guy is running a business from a city-owned lot - he's parking his work vehicles there," Campbell said.

The signs will feature the city logo, as well as a Norwayne logo. Other efforts to enhance the Norwayne community include the renaming of the former Dorsey Park as Liberator Park, recognizing the B-24 bomber built by World War II-era workers who lived in the community.

Norwayne is also on track to have a historical designation and commemorative marker by October, when the community will celebrate its 70th anniversary.

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broken ribs and bleeding in his chest cavity.

The autopsy also found Kayden had bruises and fingernail abrasions on his face that would be consistent with an adult hand being placed over his mouth and nose, suffocating him.

Brandon and Roberts told police that they

would place a hand over the face of Kayden, as well as Cameron, when the baby cried. Once the crying stopped, the couple told police Brandon would bite the baby to startle him into breathing again.

Cameron, who was removed from the home, was found to have suffered injuries, including a broken femur.

A second Westland infant died in December 2012, resulting in charges against those parents

also.

In April, Joshua Wilson, 21, was sentenced to 27-60 years in prison for the beating death of his 3-month-old son Joshua Wilson Jr., who was found to have died of blunt force trauma to the chest. Wilson had pleaded guilty to a charge of second-degree murder.

The baby was described in court testimony as having been severely beaten, with bruises from head to toe and broken bones.

Wilson and the baby's mother, Kelli Worth-McBride, 21, had been charged with felony murder and first-degree child abuse.

A criminal responsibility competency referral has been granted for Worth-McBride. She is scheduled July 8 to be before Wayne County Circuit Judge Edward Ewell.

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Norwayne citizens ready to watch

Residents meet with police officers about program

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Blight, drugs and crime are issues the newly formed Norwayne Neighborhood Watch plans to address with the help of the Westland police and transform the subdivision into a community of choice.

Concerned residents and city officials met last week to hear from Westland police officers about the program and take the first steps in forming a watch.

Norwayne resident Brenda Hubbard, who helped organize the meeting held at the Dorsey Center, was tapped to head up the watch and residents were urged to sign up to be block captains.

"We have to take back our community, so you are our best friends," said Hubbard, referring to Officers Burke Lange and David Archambeau who do community policing in the community. "It's your program, you set it up the way you want," said Archambeau. "You're going to be the team to work on this. It's a team effort. You have us here to help you."

A subdivision has 1,500 residences and is a large area for a watch program.

Archambeau recommended that the group look at having one or two watch commanders, then dividing up the community alphabetically, with captains each taking a letter, such as the E courts like Emerson and Eagle.

"Basically, you need to improve the community appeal and the best way to improve the appearance is street light-

ing, clearing up abandoned cars and blight," he said.

"You need to be vigilant but not a vigilante. I don't want vigilantes, but be vigilant, walk your neighborhoods. If you see a light out, let us know."

The officers encouraged the group to walk the streets and get to know the people, get their phone numbers and email addresses. It's legwork that needs to be done by residents.

"If you know everyone on the block then you can talk to them if you see someone climb in a window or go into a garage, you'll know they're not supposed to be there," said Lange. "The reason it's called a community watch and not community police is because you're there to watch."

Residents at the meeting raised concern about speeding on some of the streets, including Alamo Court which has a large number of children.

They also talked about less than desirable renters and the issue of drugs and blight.

"We can't tell them who to rent to, we can't penalize landlords because of bad tenants," said Archambeau.

Traquis Edward, who has lived on Delta Court for three years, offered another view of renters, telling the group that she cares about where she lives.

"I'm a renter and I take care of the place where I lay my head," she said. "I have seen people come and go. I've been here three years, I'm happy to be here. My house isn't mine, but I like it."



Judy McKinney listens as Westland Police Officer David Archambeau talks about forming a Neighborhood Watch program in the Norwayne community. PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF WESTLAND

Hank Johnson, a member of the Norwayne Citizens Council, pointed out he has "made a commitment the last three years to be a change agent for good in the community to make it a new community of choice."

"A lot of what we have done is prioritizing," he said. "We've seen a lot of houses taken down. It's being done to make Norwayne a good solid community again. We don't want to focus on what's bad, we want to focus on what's good."

Hubbard told residents the next step will be to sit down and compile a list of issues to present to the city.

"What I'd like to do is make up a letter to the City Council with our concerns," said Hubbard. "We can settle each issue together."

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» **Derek Brickan**, the son of Karoline Brickan of Garden City, was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in psychology during commencement ceremonies June 9 at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis. Brickan is a 2006 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

» **Matthew McComas Mueller** of Westland has been named to the spring semester honor roll at the University of Oklahoma.

Students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale to be included on the honor roll. Students in the College of Architecture are recognized with a 3.3 or better, while students in the College of Engineering are recognized with a 3.0 or better. They must be enrolled full time in at least 12 credit hours.

» **Samia Alkatie** of Westland, a student at John Glenn High School, was among 25 students who received scholarships from the Arab American and Chaldean Council during its recent 11th annual Golf Outing and Scholarship Awards Dinner at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield.

"The ACC hopes to ensure the academic success of deserving students through our Scholarship Awards and Youth Programs," said Dr. Haifa Fakhour, president and CEO of the Arab American and Chaldean Council.

"Thank you to all of the sponsors, businesses and individuals who helped to make this the most successful Awards Dinner yet."

» **Amy Michalek** of Garden City was awarded the bachelor of science degree in architecture at Lawrence Technological University's 81st commencement exercises May 11.

Lawrence Tech's class of 2013 included some 900 graduates. About 5,000 students, their families and guests attended the event.

» Named to Wayne State University's winter 2013 Dean's List for academic excellence were Garden City residents **Aubrey Brousseau, Jason Frederick, Vanessa Hardrick, Katie Murphy, Gregory Parker, Amanda Stephens, Jody Tidwell and Daren Wamsley.**

» Westland resident **Bane Jonathan**, 11, is among 90 youths from Michigan to be recognized by the Kohl's Cares® Scholarship Program for having made a positive impact in their communities through volunteerism.

He will receive a \$50 gift card and recognition certificate from Kohl's to honor his community service efforts. He also has qualified for the chance to receive a \$1,000 regional scholarship for higher education, which Kohl's will award in July. Of the nearly 200 regional winners, 10 national winners will each receive a total of \$10,000 in scholarships, and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on each national winner's behalf.



Students at Stevenson Middle School show off the rockets they designed with the help of the staff and students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

MATH + SCIENCE = ROCKET SCIENCE

It is rocket science! That's what the students at Stevenson and Franklin middle schools found out as they flew their handmade rockets in a competition at the athletic fields.

More than 480 students from Stevenson and 260 from Franklin spent a week researching, building and then flying their creations. Sharon Wasik, Jim Schirmer and Mary Hermatz, the innovators behind the project, were trying to tie math and science skills into a hands-on project so that the students could see some tangible (and flyable) results.

"I was astounded at the enthusiasm of the kids on this," Wasik said.

Students in seventh- and eighth-grade science classes built the rockets from scratch, using paper, tape and card stock. They had to design

the components, using math concepts, geometry and good old common sense.

"This is an excellent way to blend science and math to excite the students about engineering," said Julie Nicastr-Tankard, who along with fellow science teacher Brion Anderson spearheaded the project at Franklin Middle School.

Students from the Automotive Technology Class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center went to Stevenson and Franklin equipped with tools to prove the rockets' mettle. They had designed a launching rig and a measuring tool using trigonometry to see how high the rockets would fly.

And fly they did. Using an air compressor and an inclinometer, they flew more than

1,500 flights, some reaching as high as 350 feet.

Career Tech senior graduates Travis St. Clair and Karl Ptasysanski - along with a host of juniors - loaded, launched, measured and repaired rocket after rocket as the students followed each flight into the sky.

Students would launch and measure their height, then go to "rocket repair" to tweak their creations, trying to improve their performance.

"The students worked hard to improve their design of fins and aerodynamics after each launch and it showed in the performance," said Jim Schirmer, auto tech instructor at William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

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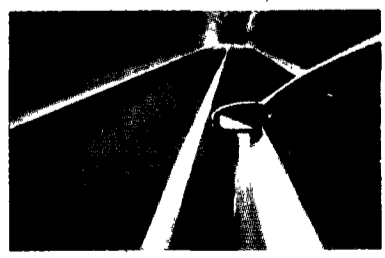
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Summer Festival arrives Wednesday

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There will be fun and activities for all ages at the 43rd annual Westland Summer Festival, which kicks off at 4 p.m. Wednesday on the grounds of Westland City Hall at Ford and Carlson.

As always, the festival will run through Sunday, ending with the traditional fireworks display over Thomas Brown Central City Park.

And it wouldn't be the summer festival without carnival rides and a midway provided by Wade Shows.

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The advance armbands can only be purchased online at www.wadeshows.com. There is a limit of one armband per person per day. Ride height restrictions apply. The purchaser named on the order must be present for redemption and bring valid photo identification.

There will be live entertainment daily during the festival:

» Margaritaville, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band, will perform 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday.

» Beatles tribute band Toppermost will perform at 2 p.m. Thursday, with country music from Annabelle Road 8-11:30 p.m.

» The Journey tribute band Escape will be featured 9-11:30 p.m. Friday.

» Look for Impact Seven performing 8-11:30 p.m. Saturday.

» Classic rock from Second Wind will be the featured entertainment 7-11:30 p.m. Sunday as the festival draws to a close.

Along with daily petting zoo, exotic animals and a horseshoe contest, fundraising activities are also part of the festival.

» On Saturday, the Miles for Memories walk for the Alzheimer's Association will begin at 10 a.m. Call 734-968-9236 for information.

» To benefit juvenile diabetes research, a Zumbathon will be held on the stage from 11 a.m.

to 1 p.m. Saturday. Preregister for \$10 per person or \$15 at the event. For information, call Kevin Coleman at 734-751-6321 or Maria Alijandro at 734-444-9174.

» On Sunday, a pancake breakfast will be held 9-10:15 a.m. to benefit Hope 4 Western Wayne County. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information, visit www.Hope4WWC.com.

» A Community Bake Sale will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Nonprofit groups are invited to participate in the bake sale. Call 734-578-5025 for more information or to sign up.

Free shuttle parking is available at Westland John Glenn High School on Marquette or the William P. Faust Library on Central City Parkway.

For more information on the festival, call 734-595-0697 or visit www.westlandfestival.org. The festival information also is available on Facebook@Westland Summer Festival.

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Police Department awards scholarship

Wayne resident Stephanie Rainey has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Wayne Police Department Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship is annually awarded to a Wayne Memorial High School student with strong personal character, academic achievement and community involvement.

"We had three or four applicants and all were very good students," said Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright, who presented Rainey with the scholarship at a recent Wayne City Council meeting.

The department's citation board, which approves departmental awards, selects the scholarship recipient. In



Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright (left), scholarship recipient Stephanie Rainey, her mother and Wayne Mayor Al Haidous.

case of tie, Wright casts the deciding vote.

"She (Rainey) was a unanimous choice," Wright said, adding that Rainey has a 3.8 grade-point average, has been involved in JROTC and its color guard, student council and as a mentor. The scholarship is to

benefit a student intending to pursue a career in law enforcement. Rainey hopes to become an FBI agent. She is making a college choice from among Yale, Michigan State, Central Michigan or Ferris State universities.

Fun for children on tap at summer day camp

Enjoy games, playground fun, field trips, swimming, physical education and nutrition and more at the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation summer day camp.

The camp is for children ages 7-12 and is held at the Wayne-Westland Community Center. The camp is open 7:30 a.m. to

5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday through Aug. 30.

There will be no camp Thursday and Friday, July 4-5, and Monday through Friday, July 29 through Aug. 2.

There are weekly themes and field trips. Rates are \$20 per day for residents and REC members and \$30 for nonresi-

dents. Campers must pay \$5 for field trips. Registration is 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the community center.

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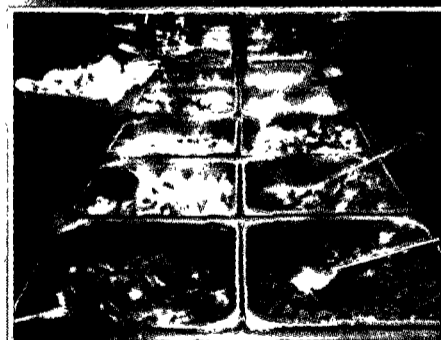
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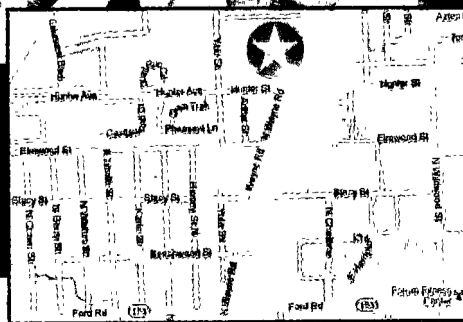
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Civitan's present 4 scholarships

Three Wayne-Westland students were the guests of honor when the Westland Civitan's gathered recently for a dinner meeting.

Held on June 21 at Mr. Mike's Grill, the club celebrated 35 years of service to the community by honoring three of the four winners of its scholarship awards. For the first time, students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center were included in the scholarship program.

The winners of the scholarships were Aaron McClendon, Erica Wilson and Steven White, who were at the dinner, and Izabella Birsanescu.

Each year, the club gives four scholarships to deserving students of the Westland community. Two are from John Glen High School and two from the Career Technical Center.

The students submitted essays and parts of those essays were read during the dinner. Each student present also had a chance to speak.

"It was interesting to hear what these students had done to earn these scholarship funds," said Civitan Patrick Quinn. "It was fascinating to hear what these students had to say and to hear what they plan on doing in the future. They were well

deserving of the gifts. We also heard about the missing student and what she has accomplished so far in outstanding."

Also present at the meeting were several of the members of the club who were charter members. They are all still active in the club even though two of them have moved from the area.

The Civitan's are a civic group that primarily deals with the physically and mentally challenged citizens of the community.

The group helps with projects in the community and is part of an international organization.

Golden Hour Club turns 60

It was the glitter of diamonds as the Wayne Golden Hour Club celebrated its 60th anniversary and the installation of officers June 20.

The 2013-14 officers are Sharon Piper, president, Edythe Stephens, vice president, and Alice Herbst, secretary. The oath of office was issued by Nancy Wojewski-Noel, Senior Services supervisor, with the assistance of Nathan Adams, Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation director.

As part of this celebration, flowers were giving to new members, as well as tenured members. Special recognition in the form of a floral bouquet was given to Ellen Snell and Martha Franz for being the longest tenured members with 34 years.

Carnations also were given as a thank you to the volunteers of the Kitchen/Dining Room Committee, Calling Com-

mittee, Bingo Committee and Ticket Sales/Badge Fund Committee.

Thirty-nine attended, and a special thanks went to Lucy Sanborn, Golden Hour coordinator, for the event.

It was Peg Huband who suggested to the Wayne Parks and Recreation that it join other communities in sponsoring a program for people who had reached retirement age. After some research, Huband and Mildred Cunningham came up with a list of people in the Wayne area that would be eligible.

With the help from a new service club, the Soroptimist, the first meeting was held Sept. 3, 1953. The Soroptimist assisted in transportation needs. The club met at noon the first Thursday of the month and in the evening the third Thursday of the month.

In the 60 years, the Golden Hour Club has seen many members

come and go, has moved its meeting place three times and worked with four senior directors.

The club currently meets 11:15 p.m. every Thursday at the Wayne Community Center for a potluck luncheon and business meeting. In addition to the luncheon meeting, they also celebrate members' birthdays on the first Thursday of each month. On the second and fourth Thursday, after the meeting, they host bingo at 1 p.m., which is open to the public. This is the club's main fundraiser.

On the third Thursday of each month, they host a "Something Different Day," which changes each month. Some members also stay after of the first and third Thursdays to play pinocle.

For more information about the Wayne Golden Hour Club, call the Senior Services Office at 734-721-7460.

Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program to Out-of-District Students

**Four seats are open to students entering 7th grade in fall 2013
Limited Registration window: July 8 - 31, 2013**

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Middle School Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (MACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2013-14 school year. This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will open from July 8 - 31, 2013

Application materials and program information is available at the Livonia Public Schools Administration building at

15125 Farmington Road, Livonia MI 48154 (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. M - Th)

All candidates MUST meet the MACAT selection testing criteria.

Contact Steve Archibald, Director of Secondary Programs at 734-744-2520 with any questions.

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2789-Apple Ventures LLC-36475 Warren Road

Req. for a prohibited sign variance from Ord. 248 to install a 21 sq. ft. LED panel to the existing sign at the Warren Rd. site of the site; whereas Sec. 15-3.2(r) indicates that signs that are not specifically authorized by the Zoning Ordinance, such as LED Board signs, are prohibited.

Publish: June 30, 2013

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Suite raffle

Are you a Detroit Tigers fan? Would you like to win a suite for 20 people at Comerica Park to see the Tigers play the White Sox at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4?

The Westland Rotary Club is offering you a chance to do just that and help your community at the same time! The suite also includes a \$300 Food Credit, three parking passes and your name on the scoreboard.

Tickets are \$10 each and available from the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Juenemann Insurance Agency or

from any Westland Rotarian. The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. July 18, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Proceeds will go to the Wayne/Westland Salvation Army, Westland Rotary Scholarships and Charities and the Westland Rotary Club.

For more information, call Jeff at 734-261-5010.

Sports camps

HYPE Athletics is offering several sports camps during July.

Its Youth Football Camp will be Tuesday-Friday, July 9-12, for children ages 6-14. Former pro and collegiate players will lead the

camp that will be held at the Wayne-Westland Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne. The cost is \$50.

An Elite Baseball Camp also will held Tuesday-Friday, July 9-12, at the Attwood baseball diamond. The class is for children ages 8-14 and also costs \$50. The training clinic will have a staff with more than 30 years experience.

A Summer Basketball Camp will be offered Monday-Thursday, July 15-18, at Wayne Memorial High School. The cost also is \$50. Visit Hypeathletics.org or call (313) 436-0043.



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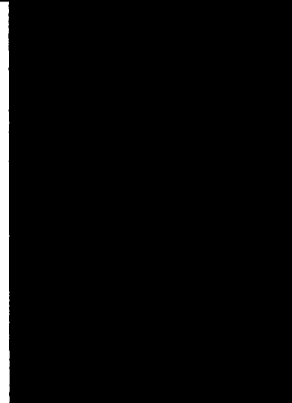
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Firefighters hold benefit for Woehlke family

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There have been a lot of fundraisers to benefit the family of fallen firefighter Brian Woehlke since he was killed May 8.

Now his fellow Wayne-Westland firefighters are hosting what may be the biggest fundraising event so far 4 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 6, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, Westland.

"We're hoping for a good showing. We're selling tickets for \$20, including dinner, beer and wine. People can buy the tickets at the door," said Kevin Tomaszewski, general secretary of the Western Wayne Professional Firefighters Local 1279, which is sponsoring the event.

Firefighters are hoping to draw 1,000 to the event which will feature live music, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.

"The auction packages will be amazing. We have a (2012-13) team signed Red Wings jersey and a signed (Steve) Yzerman jersey," said Tomaszewski. "We have hunting and fishing trips, gift certificates to stores and restaurants and golf packages all over the state."

The Firing Line has donated a specially designed engraved tactical handgun valued at \$1,800 which will be auctioned separately with tickets selling for \$20 apiece.

The July 6 date – falling on a holiday weekend and during the Westland Summer Festival – was the only date available for the full hall at the Hellenic Cultural Center until the fall. The Hellenic Cultural Center is donating the hall for the fundraiser.

"Vendors have donated food – we're only paying for the chicken and the staff who are working," said Tomaszewski. "I would love to raise \$60,000.

People have been amazing and really lifted us up. People walk up to the station with donations. It's been so nice."

All donations received from this benefit will go into a trust fund for Woehlke's 15-month-old daughter Ava.

There have been many different fund-raisers to benefit Woehlke's wife Jennifer and daughter Ava. A Highland Park firefighter sold T-shirts and raised \$7,000.

Wayne-Westland fire officials have not yet released the official cause of the May 8 fire that destroyed Marvaso's Italian Grille and the Electric Stick. Woehlke, 29, died of smoke and soot inhalation while fighting the fire.

For tickets to the benefit, contact a Wayne-Westland firefighter or call 248-910-0525.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Financial Peace

The Garden City Family Resource Center is offering Financial Peace for Teens, a five-week program to help teens ages 14-17 learn the proper tools to be wealthy at any income level.

There will be videos and discussions and snacks will be provided. The classes meet 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, July 9 through Aug. 8.

Space is limited. Sign up at the Family Resource Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Martha Griggs at 734-793-1860.

No coffee hours

No coffee hours will be held in Westland and Garden City during the months of July or August for Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, state Sen. Glenn Anderson or state Reps. David Knee and Robert Kosowski. Coffee hours in both communities will resume in September at their normal times

and locations.

Golf outing

The Lyman Foundation will hold its 34th annual golf outing, benefiting Burger School for Students with Autism, Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Hickory Creek Golf Club, 3625 Napier, Superior Township.

The Lyman Foundation was named in honor of the late Garden City police Officer Gary Lyman who became associated with Burger School students and staff through his visits to the program. He held the first golf outing to raise money to provide community experiences for the students.

The golf outing is the foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. Golf is \$100, including meal and drink tickets. There will be two starts at 7:15 a.m. and 1:15 a.m.

Golf registration information can be obtained by contacting Sharon Lundie at 734-728-4919 or 734-788-1290 or www.lymanfoundation.org.

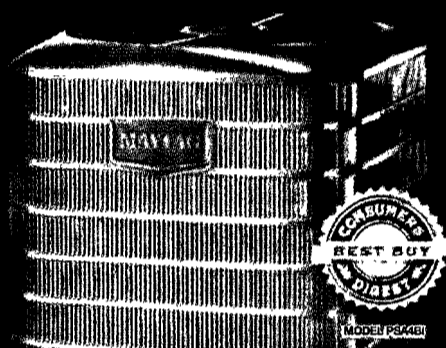
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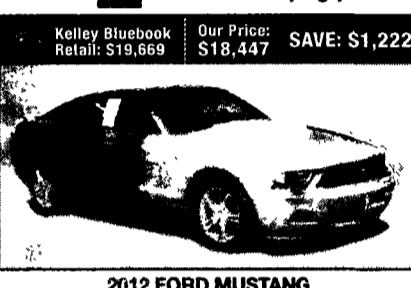
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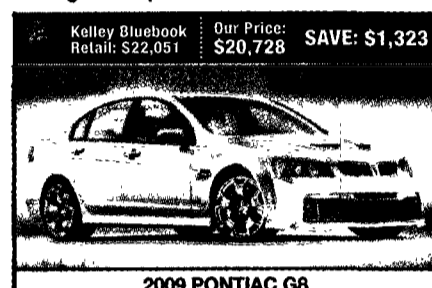


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Modano arena to get LED lighting

A bid to install LED lights throughout the Mike Modano Ice Arena has been approved by the Westland City Council.

The energy-efficient lights are expected to save the city \$10,000 per month on electric bills, allowing it to recoup the initial cost in less than 11 months.

City administration recommended that the bid be awarded to Douglas Electric for a professional service fee of \$107,000. The cost will be paid from the Energy Improvements budget line item, as well as Ice Arena Improvements Trust and Agency Fund.

"This latest investment in our city is not just an advancement for recreation or the ice arena itself, but it's another step forward in the city's long-term environmental sustainability," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

Mike Modano Ice Arena is the home of the Westland Hockey Association and the Westland Figure Skating Club, as well as a recreation spot for residents.

The lighting project is the latest in a long list of recent improvements at the arena. To date, the improvements include an energy-efficient com-

pressor and air handling system, radiant heaters above the bleachers, a completely remodeled and updated concession area, a business-sponsored and remodeled locker room, a front lobby plasma television that streams a live feed of the ice arena and a renovated ice resurfacing machine.

LED lighting has proven to be the most energy efficient, cleanest and eco-friendly way of illumination. In line with the goal of becoming the greenest city in the nation, Westland began an LED lighting transformation throughout the city last year.

The city received Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds to install LED lighting street lamps in the historic Annapolis Park subdivision. That effort was followed this year with the installation of upgraded energy-efficient streetlights, partially funded through DTE Energy grants, around Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail.

"We are proud to be becoming an energy-efficient city and we will continue to invest in our community, our sustainability and our future," Wild said.

Trees stolen

A Canton man told police June 19 that someone had stolen four maple trees valued at \$400 from in front of a commercial building he owns at 2066 and 2118 S. Wayne Road. The trees were last seen June 16.

The building is under construction and there have been several larcenies previously.

Larceny

Two boys bicycles valued at \$300 were reported stolen June 21 from the yard of a home in the 1400 block of Elias. One was described at a 26-inch blue bicycle, the other a 20-inch yellow and green bike.

Larceny from a vehicle

On June 19, a resident in the 2000 block of Steiber told police that someone had stolen all four hub caps from her 1997 Cadillac Deville. All four tires were cut and the driver's door

had been damaged.

Larceny

A PlayStation 3 and a Galaxy tablet valued at \$350 were reported stolen June 21 from a home in the 2100 block of Ackley. The owner told police that the items were stolen while he was gone for about three hours. He said he didn't lock the front door since he doesn't have a key.

Vandalism

On June 18, a Belleville resident told police that someone had smashed the rear windows on his 2001 Chevrolet Blazer while it was parked at an apartment at 37434 Willow.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Farmington Hills man told police June 20 that someone had stolen his wallet from under the seat of his unlocked vehicle June 16 while it was parked at the Westland Municipal Golf Course, 500 S. Merri-

man.

There was no money in the wallet, the man said, but he later learned his credit union account was in arrears due to \$740 in fraudulent purchases and overdraft fees.

Attempted break-in

A resident in the 34000 block of Farragut told police that she arrived home June 20 from a hospital stay to find that someone had cut a hole in a screen to a bedroom window. No entry had been made to the house.

Vandalism

An employee of Borics, 2430 S. Wayne Road, told police June 18 she arrived to find the glass broken in the front door. An officer checked the building and found no one inside. Nothing was reported missing.

Suspicious circumstance

Two residents reported someone had turned

on their outside water for several hours overnight into June 22.

A resident in the 6600 block of Caribou told police June 22 that about 3 a.m. she heard noises outside. She said she looked out a window, but saw nothing.

The woman told police that she heard water running and thought it was her air conditioning unit.

The next morning, she said she found someone had disconnected her garden hose and turned on the water spigot, allowing the water to run into the ground for four or more hours. It was unknown if it was a prank or someone was attempting to steal her hose and coiling box.

A resident in the 8100 block of Gary told police June 22 that he came outside about 8 a.m. to find someone had turned on outside faucet, flooding his front yard.

- By LeAnne Rogers

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Holiday closing

Westland and Wayne city offices will be closed Thursday for the July 4 holiday. Westland City Hall will reopen on Friday but Wayne City Hall is normally closed to the public on Friday. Westland's Friendship Center will be closed for the holiday also and will reopen on Friday.

The William P. Faust

Public Library will close early at 5 p.m. Wednesday and be closed on the holiday, as will the Wayne Public Library. Both will reopen on Friday.

Westland 18th District Court and Wayne 29th District Court will both be closed Thursday for the holiday.

The 18th District Court will be open on Friday, but the 29th

District Court will be closed that day.

There will be no Westland Farmers Market on Thursday but the market will return Thursday, July 11.

Trash collection will be delayed one day due to the holiday. Emergency services will be unaffected.

Community bake sale

Area nonprofit groups are invited to set up a booth and participate in a Community Bake Sale beginning at noon Sunday, July 7, as part of the Westland Summer Festival. For applications or

more information, contact Pam Martin at 734-595-0697 or aumtp@wow-way.com.

New Library hours

As a reminder, the hours of operation for the Wayne Public Library will be changing after July 1.

The only day affected will be Thursday. The new hours on Thursday will be from noon until 5 p.m.

The library will continue to be open until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

No coffee hours

No coffee hours will be held in Westland and Garden City during the months of July or August for Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, state Sen. Glenn Anderson or state Reps. David Knezek and Robert Kosowski.

Coffee hours in both communities will resume in September at their normal times and locations.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Re: Trust of HENRY P. ROKICKI, Deceased

All creditors of the decedent, who lived at 39201 Joy Road, Westland, MI 48185, and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's trust, including un-matured contingent or un-liquidated claims, must file their claims to 16883 Dover Drive, Northville, MI 48168 within 3 months after the date of the first publication of this notice. Thereafter the trust will be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

All claims not filed within this time will be forever barred. The date of first publication this Notice is June 23, 2013.

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Executive secretary to the past four Westland mayors, Lorrie Reddy has retired after 21 years with the city.

Lorrie Reddy retires after 21 years

A familiar face greeting visitors to Westland Mayor William Wild's office will no longer be there as Executive Secretary Lorrie Reddy retired Thursday after 21 years with the city.

"Lorrie has been the secretary of the last four Westland mayors and has provided exceptional customer service to the residents of Westland," Wild said. "We are all sad to see her go, but wish her the best as she moves on to this new chapter in her life."

Wild thanked Reddy

for her more than two decades of service to the city of Westland and wished her much happiness in her retirement. Along with working in the mayor's office, Reddy also had worked for the Department of Public Works and the Finance Department.

"To be a part of all of the talented mayors, past and present, dedicated, hard-working employees and over 80,000 residents has been an experience I will never forget," Reddy said. "I have enjoyed watching Westland turn

into the 'All American City' it is today and, with the onset of my retirement, I'm excited to see what the next few decades have in store for the city of Westland.

"I look forward to spending more time with my husband, family and friends. Thank you, Westland, for the memories," she added.

Reddy is married to retired Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy and is stepmother of the current Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy.



Pastor James W. Lawson, with his Sarah and daughters, Olivia Grace and Emily Joy, is celebrating 15 years as pastor of Community Free Will Baptist Church of Westland.

Service honors pastor's 15th year

The Community Free Will Baptist Church of Westland will be honoring their pastor of 15 years, James W. Lawson, with a celebration service at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 14.

Pastor Jimmy, as he is referred to by his congregation, is from

West Virginia. He married Sarah Ange of North Carolina on Sept. 26, 1998. They have two daughters, Olivia Grace, 7, and Emily Joy, 5.

During Pastor Jimmy's pastorate, the church has grown. The church offers Sunday School at 10 a.m., morn-

ing worship at 11 a.m., evening worship at 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study on Wednesday.

The public is invited to attend the services. Community Free Will Baptist Church is at 33031 Cherry Hill, just west of Venoy, Westland.

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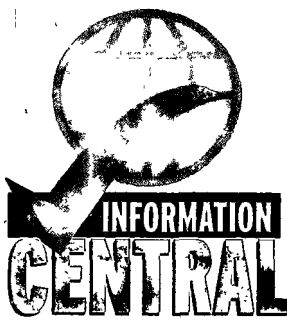
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Remembering the Civil Rights Act of 1964

On July 4, we celebrate Independence Day with fireworks and other expressions of patriotism. But did you know that this week also is the anniversary of the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964? On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act into law, an important milestone after years of work by citizens to change the segregated practices that were commonplace in the decades leading up to this legislation.

If you walked up to a set of drinking fountains in the South in 1960, you would have had to make a choice: the fountain marked "White" or the fountain marked "Colored." Segregation required African-American people to use separate, often inferior, facilities from white people.

The laws that relegated African Americans to the status of second-class citizens were known as Jim Crow laws. Jim Crow laws put in place the systematic segregation of public schools, public places and public transportation and the segregation of restrooms, restaurants and drinking fountains for whites and blacks. The United States military was also segregated.



In the 1950s and 1960s, millions of Americans came together to organize protests, boycotts and marches. The goal was to end racial segregation and discrimination against African Americans. These combined efforts are now known as the Civil Rights Movement. People like Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were key figures and are still well-known today for their contributions to the movement. They held up the values of non-violent resistance, facing intimidation and violence from political leaders, police officers and everyday people who believed in the established methods of segregation throughout the South.

The Civil Rights Act was called for by President John F. Kennedy in his civil rights speech of June 11, 1963, asking for legislation "giving all Americans the right to be served in facilities which

are open to the public — hotels, restaurants, theaters, retail stores and similar establishments" and "greater protection for the right to vote."

After President Kennedy's assassination, his successor President Johnson dedicated his presidency to passing civil rights legislation into law. Along with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ended decades of segregation and discrimination against African Americans in the South.

The library has a variety of materials related to the Civil Rights Movement and the passage of the Civil Rights Act. If you're looking for books, try *Judgment Days: Lyndon Baines Johnson, Martin Luther King Jr. and the Laws that Changed America* by Nick Kotz or *The Civil Rights Movement: an Illustrated History* by Brenda Wilkinson. If you're interested in video, try the *Eyes on the Prize* series, an award-winning documentary series about the civil rights era. For children, check out *Nobody Gonna Turn Me 'Round: Stories and Songs of the Civil Rights Movement* by Do-reen Rappaport or *Speaking Out: The Civil Rights Movement, 1950-1964* by Kevin Supplies.

If you'd like to learn more about the history of

the Civil Rights Movement, the Civil Rights Act or how laws are created, visit the library's website at westlandlibrary.org, give us a call at 734-326-6123 or stop by the reference desk.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Highlighted activities

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. July 5

Friday night movies roll on into the summer months with a variety of concert movies, summer blockbusters (of the Spielberg variety), and great foreign films. Tonight's movie, *Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away*, is a narrative created from the famed Las Vegas circus/acrobatic show. This movie is rated PG. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the movie starting promptly at 7 p.m. Snacks, refreshments available (suggested donation).

Write On! A Space to Write: 10 a.m. to noon July 6

Join local writers in need of quiet space and time to write. Bring your own work or use one of our prompts to get your writing started. Refresh-

ments provided. This program will continue through August on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

Parenting Workshop/ Training: Kitchen Art Fun (#25), 9:30 a.m. July 8

Starfish Family Services' Early Learning Communities presents "Kitchen Art Fun." Learn to encourage art development in young children and strategies to talk about children's art. Attend five workshops and your child is eligible to receive free books from the Imagination Library! Free childcare provided for children of participants.

Dig into Reading" with our Pirate Themed Activities: July 1-6

Ahoy, mates! Sail over to the Youth Department to dig up some library treasure with our pirate activities going on all this week. Ages 0-12.

Family Matinee Movie: 1 p.m. July 6

Join us for the viewing of *The Pirates! Band of Misfits*. This movie is rated PG and runs approximately 90 minutes. No registration required. Light refreshments. Children under age 10 must have an adult present. Please call the Youth Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 for more information.

Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m.

Saturdays

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. The library offers One-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

The library will close at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, and be closed Thursday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day. We will resume our scheduled hours Friday, July 5.

Information Central was compiled by Katie Dover-Taylor. 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.

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Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN A. SMITH,
Defendant.

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JOHN A. SMITH
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Westland, Michigan 48185

ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
At a session of court held in the courthouse in Caro, Michigan, on June 4, 2013.
Present: Honorable Amy Grace Gierhart, Circuit Court Judge

Plaintiff filed a verified ex parte motion regarding service of process. After reading the motion, the court finds that Plaintiff has shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendant John A. Smith by the methods provided in MCR 2.105(A), in that service by personal delivery and by registered mail have not been successful. The court further finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(I), in that service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Plaintiff may serve process on Defendant by publishing the following notice once each week for a period of three consecutive weeks in a newspaper, as defined in MCR 2.106(F), that is published in the county of Defendant's last known address:

"An action for divorce has been commenced by Plaintiff, Janice L. Smith against Defendant, John A. Smith in the Tuscola County Circuit Court for the State of Michigan, and Defendant must answer or take other action permitted by law within 28 days after the last date of publication. If Defendant does not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against him for the relief demanded in the complaint."

2. Plaintiff must mail a copy of this order, along with a summons and a copy of the complaint, by first class mail to Defendant at his last known residence.

Date: June 4, 2013
S/Amy Grace Gierhart
Amy Grace Gierhart (51305)
Circuit Court Judge

Prepared by:
Gregory H. Bringard (P45657)
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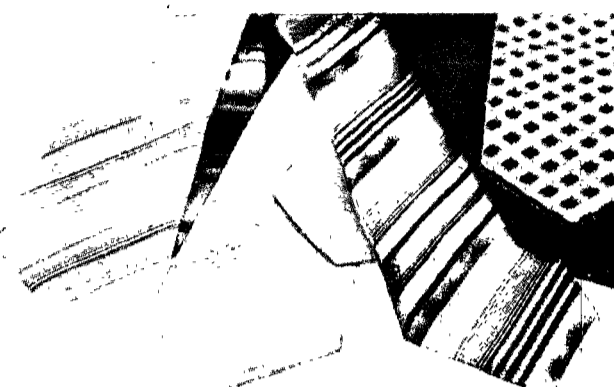
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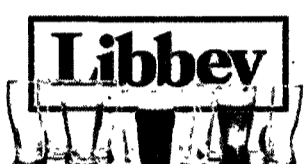
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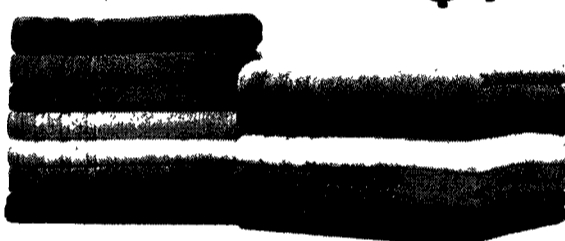
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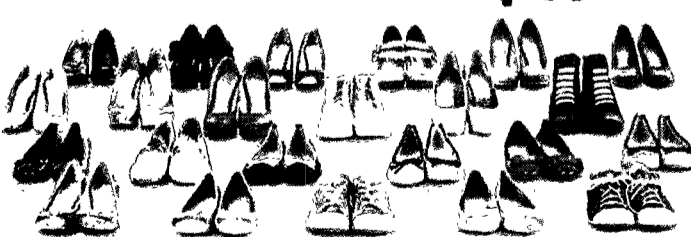
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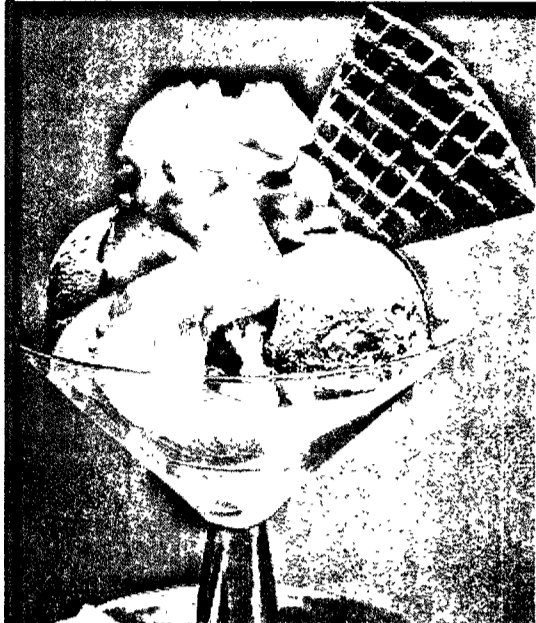
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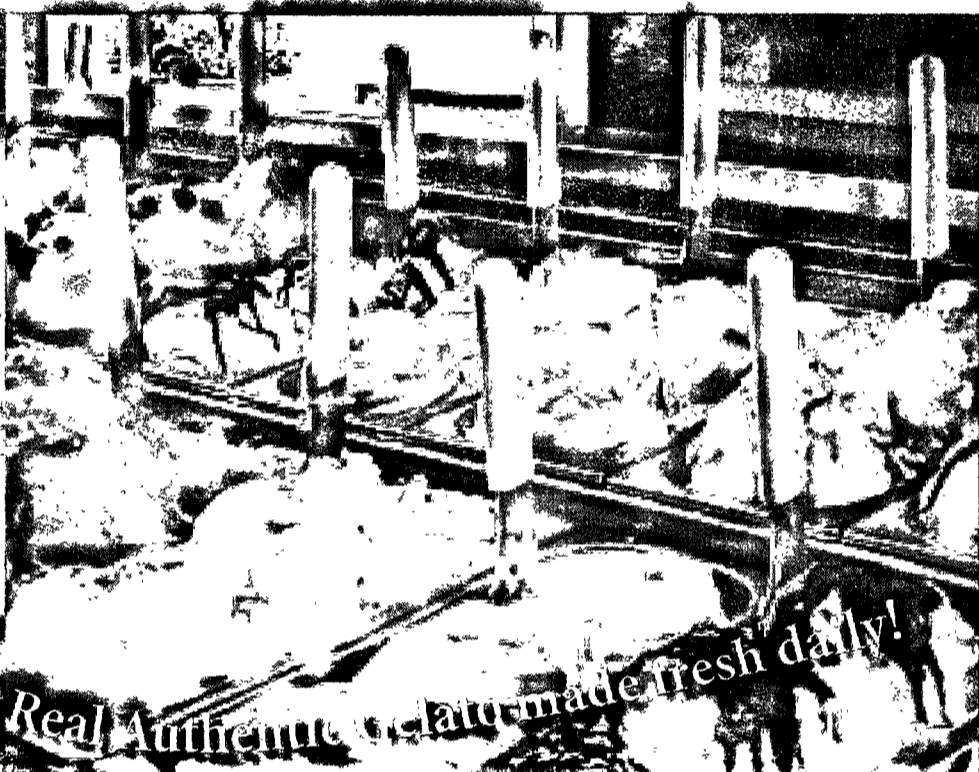
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Despite leukemia, Clarenceville coach Moody remains resolute

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Amanda Moody's hair is significantly shorter than normal. But it's only a small sacrifice for the long and difficult journey the Livonia Clarenceville girls soccer coach has endured after being diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia on July 27, 2012.

Moody, who originally went to the doctor's office for a sore throat and a slight fever just four days earlier, was just 21 when a bone marrow biopsy procedure revealed she had acute promyelocytic leukemia.

Her world was turned upside-down and Moody said she'll

never forget the words of her doctor at Beaumont Hospital. "You have leukemia," Moody recalled. "Just like that. Like it was so simple to say. I laid in my bed, frozen. My first reaction was, 'What do I have to do to nip this in the butt?' I couldn't break down just yet. I couldn't do anything about it since it was already in my body. I wanted to get rid of it. I still thought the questions: How? Why? I'm 21, exercise daily and have always been healthy. How did this happen? I never felt the cancer in my body. That's why it was the strangest thing. I still felt healthy and that nothing was



Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody (third from left) and her family including mother Laura, brother Jimmy and father Jim participated in a benefit walk last fall for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Ann Arbor.

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Glenhurst ace

Canton resident Don Rauch registered his second career hole-in-one June 19 at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford Township.

Using a 6 iron, the 66-year-old Rauch knocked his tee shot in the cup on the 144-yard 17th hole. Rauch, who has been playing golf for 30 years, carded a 44 for his nine-hole round.

MWGA results

Three Observerland-area golfers performed well at the Michigan Women's Golf Association tournament played June 22 at Huron Meadows Metropark Golf Course in Brighton.

Eleven four-women teams competed in the event with prizes being awarded for low gross and low net team scores.

Plymouth's Barbara Coury joined forces with Yvette Gagnon, Debra Horning and Nancy Serra to place second in the low-net standings after they carded a score of 161 (120 net).

Plymouth's Jane Kersjes and Farmington's Pat Shelton teamed up with Unha Murray and Carol Rudder to finish third in the low-net standings with a round of 163 (127 net).

Coury also won a prize when her tee shot on the 151-yard 12th hole came to a rest just 26 inches from the hole.

Redford Soccer club sign-ups

The Redford Soccer Club is hosting a summer camp from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day July 22-25 at Bell Creek Park, Inkster and Five Mile roads in Redford.

Current Marygrove College coach and former Detroit Ignition coach Matt Johnson will lead the camp for players ages 5-18.

The camp will teach all the essential skills necessary for success on the soccer field.

Johnson will be assisted by former Ignition players and current Marygrove players.

Youth participants should bring shin guards, a ball, a water bottle and be dressed to play.

The camp costs \$85 per player and includes a T-shirt. For more information, contact RSC vice president Jim Gibbs by July 15 at 313-995-4234.

HALF-PIPE HAVENS

Local skateboarders enjoy hobby's laid-back appeal

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With the noise of the world blotted out by the tunes blaring from his headphones, 24-year-old Charles Mott glided over and above the ramps and half-pipes of Westland's Concrete Jungle skate park with ease and precision Wednesday afternoon.

With his board following around the soles of his black and neon-green Nikes like a shadow, Mott erased the cares of his day — at least for an hour or so — while getting a high-energy workout on a partly cloudy, mostly humid summer afternoon.

"I love this because there are no rules and it's peaceful," Mott said. "I'm older now, so I pretty much just cruise around. I have a job, so I don't want to get injured and have to miss work."

"Once in a while I'll try a different move or something, but for the most part I'll just come over here before work and get some exercise. It's relaxing."

An estimated 10 million people in the United States list skateboarding as a hobby. The sport can be both calming and edgy, depending upon how each boarder attacks it.

Sparked in part by the surging popularity of ESPN's X Games, skate parks like the Concrete Jungle have been popping up with regularity throughout the Detroit area, serving as proving grounds for boarders who are in relentless pursuit of perfecting moves like switch-foot pogos and street plants.

In addition to Westland, you can find skate parks in Garden City, Redford and Farmington.

Gathering spot

On Wednesday afternoon, five teenagers from three different neighboring communities converged on the nine-month-old skate park in Garden City to share some laughs and sharpen their 360-degree flips.

Among them was 15-year-old Garden City resident



'I love this because there are no rules and it's peaceful.'

CHARLES MOTT

Charles Mott gets some air while relaxing at the Concrete Jungle skate park in Westland. ED WRIGHT

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Park golfers shine at 35th Junior Amateur

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Murphy's Law nearly presided at this week's 35th annual Michigan Girls Junior State Amateur tournament at Forest Hills West Golf Course in East Lansing.

Plymouth's Kelsey Murphy advanced to the championship match in the grueling four-day event before falling to Brighton's Hannah Pietila, 3-and-2.

Murphy, who will be a freshman at Eastern Michigan University in the fall, is no stranger to success in the tournament as she blazed a trail to the final match in 2011 before making it to the semis last year.

"It's not that I played poorly in the last match, but the girl I was playing played really well," said Murphy. "We both played shot-for-shot most of the day, but she stuck a few

closer than I did."

Murphy was one of three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park golfers who advanced to the 16-player match-play portion of the tournament. Canton senior-to-be Kelsey McDougall's 36-hole score of 156 earned her the eighth seed heading into match play.

Recent Plymouth graduate Sarah Thompson was the 10th seed after firing rounds of 76 and 81 in Monday and Tuesday's qualifying rounds.

Two other Observerland-area golfers - Farmington's Sophie Kollin and Plymouth's Sydney Murphy - did not qualify for match play. Kollin, who carded rounds of 81 and 80, missed making the match-play cut by one shot. Sydney Murphy finished tied for 33rd with rounds of 88 and 84.

Kelsey Murphy, who entered match play as the No. 3



Plymouth-Canton Educational Park golfers (from left) Kelsey McDougall, Kelsey Murphy and Sarah Thompson.

seed, ousted Jordan Duvall, 7-and-6, and Kaitlyn Watkins, 5-and-4 on Wednesday before edging Sarah White, 3-and-2, in Thursday's semifinal match.

"I played the best golf I've played in a while on Wednesday," said Murphy, who recorded seven birdies in 14 holes. "The putts weren't dropping in

my second match (on Thursday)."

McDougall won her first match-play contest, 2-and-1, over Jamie Greene before dropping a 5-and-4 decision to No. 1-seeded Hailey Hrynewich.

"I thought I played OK, but I always think I could have played better," said McDougall. "My goal coming into the tournament was to make it to match play because last year I didn't play so well and finished 39th. I was in the top 10 after the stroke play, so I was happy with that."

"Match play is completely different than stroke play. There's a totally different mindset in that you only have to think about beating the person you're playing on each hole. It was intense, but it was fun at the same time."

Thompson had high expectations given that Forest Akers West is one of her favorite courses, but an early deficit led to a 2-and-1 setback in the first round of match play against Lily Pendy of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"After the first day (when she shot a 76) I felt pretty good," Thompson said. "There were some weather issues the second day (including two lengthy delays) and I didn't play as well as I would have liked. I felt relieved when I found out I made the top 16."

Thompson pulled to within two after 16 holes, but her downhill eight-foot putt on 17, which would have extended the match to the 18th, didn't find the mark.

"I love the course, which is one of the reasons I felt pretty good coming in," she said.

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Farmington's Aaron Howell places fifth at junior nationals

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

The USA Track and Field junior national championships were good preparation for Farmington's Aaron Howell as she gets ready to begin her collegiate career.

Howell, who will be a heptathlete at the University of Michigan, placed fifth in the seven-event competition June 19-20 at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

It was just the second heptathlon for Howell, who won the New Balance outdoor national championship last summer.

"I'm excited but also a little scared at the same time," Howell said about moving to the next level. "When I get there, I don't want to feel like I can't compete with anybody."

"Going through this meet was good. I think I've got enough down on my plate, so I can feel more confident going to college. I'm feeling like I'm not a newbie at the sport. I'm feeling more confident in making a way for myself."

Howell was squarely in the middle of the pack after two

events, finishing seventh in the 100-meter hurdles (14.53) and high jump (5-4.5) among the 14 athletes ages 16-19 in the heptathlon.

She followed that with a sixth place in the shot put (35-4) and ended the first day with an 11th-place finish in the 200 dash (26.09).

"She got a great start with the hurdles," Farmington coach Charles Bridges said. "She was a little off in the 200. Twenty-six seconds is not her. I don't know if the heat got to her. She wasn't on top of her game. We talked with her that night."

"Thursday morning she was ready to go and had what I thought was a great second day, especially with the first day not going as she had hoped. I thought she bounced back really well and showed great character."

Howell, who was the Division 1 state runner-up in the long jump the last two years, began the second day of competition with fifth place in that event (17-9.5).

Then, she had her best finish of the two-day meet, getting second place in the javelin with a throw of 122 feet even. In the



Aaron Howell placed fifth in the girls heptathlon June 19-20 at the USA Track & Field junior national championships.

last event, Howell ran a time of 2:26.54 in the 800 meters and finished sixth.

"Going into the second day, I wasn't too happy with my performance," Howell said. "I was really determined. I didn't get a PR in the long jump, but I did better than I have. I was proud of the score I got."

"I just felt really good going into the javelin. That's where most people are their weakest. I moved up a place after the

long jump, and I got two PRs that day (in the last two events), which was pretty nice."

Though it's not a high school event and Howell has had little practice time with the javelin, it has become one of her favorite and best events.

"That's only my second time throwing it," she said. "It's pretty fun. I'll enjoy it a lot in college. It's just my experience prior (that makes her a natural in that event). I've played a lot of sports."

"I played softball, which helped. It's pretty much the same thing (throwing motion). It's like playing the outfield, which is what I did in my freshman year."

Coincidentally, Howell scored the same amount of points (5,071) as she did a year ago at the New Balance meet in Greensboro, N.C.

Kendall Williams won the competition with 5,481 points. The other three ahead of Howell were Kendall Gustafson (5,189), Nikki Larch-Miller (5,123) and Ashlee Moore (5,082).

"Most of them are from college," Howell said. "You can tell they've been doing it for a

while. It was tougher but I like having tougher competition. I can push myself a lot harder."

Howell just missed qualifying for the Pan Am Games Aug. 23-25 in Medellin, Colombia. The top four get to go. Howell was 100 points away from the qualifying standard, which she might have hit with a little better first day, according to Bridges.

"All in all, I thought she did very well," he said. "She enjoyed being there and being around the top kids in the country, the professionals and top college kids. Overall, it was a great experience for her."

One of the other top athletes was Bettie Wade, another former Farmington High standout and heptathlete who just missed making the U.S. Olympic team last year.

Wade was in Des Moines for the senior nationals at the same time, and Howell had a chance to spend some time with her between their competitions.

"She was really nice," Howell said. "She told me to treat it just like a regular track meet and have fun. She said it was nothing to stress about because I've done it all before."



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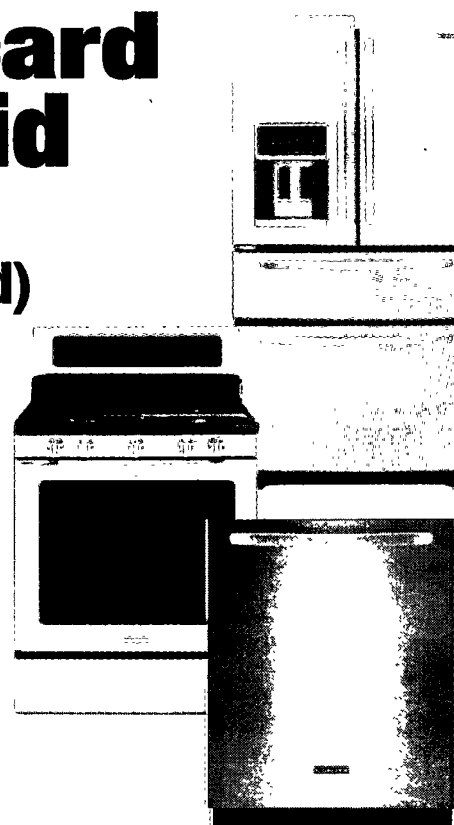
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Catherine Porter, sr., Canton: The catcher was a key factor in Canton's season, which featured Division 1 district and regional championships.

Porter led the team in batting average (.533) with 12 extra-base hits (.787 slugging percentage) and drove in 20 runs to earn all-conference, all-district and all-region honors.

"Catherine is what Canton High School represents," coach Jim Arnold said. "She's a hard worker, she's extremely dedicated to the program and she will be very successful at the next level."

A solid performer behind the plate, she committed just two errors while calling all the pitches for her battery mates.

Porter will play college softball at Trine University.

Brooke Senkbeil, jr., Plymouth: For three seasons, the catcher has been an offensive and defensive spark plug for the Wildcats.

This season was no different as she batted .480, scored 40 runs, clubbed five home runs and drove in 47 while posting an impressive .998 fielding percentage.

"Brooke was our leadoff hitter for the past two years and our quarterback on the field at catcher," coach Bev McManus said. "It takes a special player to be confident enough to start every game as the No. 1 hitter and (be the) one to get thing started."

Senkbeil earned all-conference and scholar-athlete honors, as well as Plymouth's Unsung Hero Award.

Andria Gietl, sr., Ladywood: The first baseman, who has signed with Northwood University, hit .452 with 14 doubles, 32 RBI and 34 runs scored for the district and regional champion.

Gietl, who batted cleanup, is a three-time all-district, all-region and all-Catholic League selection.

"Andria is a true captain and leader," coach Scott Combs said. "Her hitting prowess protected Celeste (Fidge) and made teams pitch to her. She has had a great career, a state championship and three Final Fours."

Alex Sobczak, soph., Mercy: The third baseman was the leading hitter on a team that set a state record with 51 home runs. Sobczak hit 17 of those dingers and knocked in 52 runs.

Her 57 hits included 13 doubles and three triples and her team-best average was an impressive .613. She also scored 58 runs and had just two strikeouts in 117 plate appearances. Her on-base and slugging percentages were .692 and 1.366, respectively.

"Alex is a once-in-a-lifetime player to be able to coach," coach Brandon Malinowski said. "You can put her pretty much anywhere and she's going to make a difference in the game."

"It's going to be great to see what she can do in the next two years, because she already has done so much. I look forward to seeing how far she can take it."

Katlyn McIntosh, jr., Garden City: She was a top-of-the-order spark plug for the Division 1 semifinalist Cougars. Batting in the No. 2 hole, she hit a robust .433 with a .587 on-base percentage. In addition to providing solid glove work at second base, McIntosh scored a team-high 44 runs and knocked in 24.

"Mac is a very versatile player who has developed into one of the premier second basemen in the state," coach Barry Patterson said. "She's one of those players that can do it all. She bunts both right and left, hits for average, hits with power when needed, has great range defensively, a strong and accurate arm, aggressive and smart on the bases and most of all she comes everyday with a smile on her face and just loves playing the game. She is truly a privilege to coach."

Nicole Salloum, sr., Churchill: The shortstop, headed to Madonna University, earned Division 1 all-state first-team honors with a .600 batting average, 11 homers and an astounding 77 RBI.

The team's cleanup hitter, Salloum also earned all-district, all-region and all-KLAA honors.

"Nicole hit a ton with an unbelievable amount of RBIs," coach Steve Gentilia said. "She's a great player and does everything right. She did a lot of good things for us."

Celeste Fidge, sr., Ladywood: The third baseman, bound for the University of Toledo, hit .500 this season with five homers, 18 doubles and 35 RBI for the Division 2 state semifinalists.

Fidge, a three-time first-team all-stater, earned Miss Softball Field Player of the Year honors for 2013.

"Celeste is Ladywood's second straight Miss Softball (joining Briana Combs), which has never been done by any school," Combs said. "She is, according to most



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Canton



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Mercy



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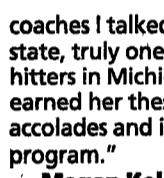
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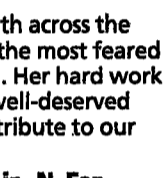
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Plymouth coach

coaches I talked with across the state, truly one of the most feared hitters in Michigan. Her hard work earned her these well-deserved accolades and is a tribute to our program."

Megan Keller, jr., N. Farmington: The shortstop makes her second appearance on the All-Area first team after hitting .449 and driving in 40 runs for the Raiders (25-10-1).

Keller, who has committed to Boston College to play hockey, had a dozen doubles, six triples and two home runs, including a grand slam against Mercy in the district tournament, among her 48 hits. She had just three strikeouts in 107 at-bats, stole 10 bases and scored 28 runs.

"It's a coach's dream to have a kid like her on your team," coach Dave Brubaker said. "She's just a complete, all-round ballplayer. She can do it all."

"There really are no weaknesses in her game. If she wasn't an all-world hockey player, she would have been heavily recruited for either softball or basketball."

Sarah Gutknecht, sr., Farmington: Gutknecht completed an outstanding four-year varsity career and made the coaches association's Division 1 all-state first team. She started at shortstop for three seasons and moved to third base this year.

Gutknecht, also an All-Area volleyball player, was the D-1 nominee for the Miss Softball Award as a position player, and she has a softball scholarship to Michigan State.

She batted .598 with 58 hits, which included 14 doubles and 14 home runs. She had just two strikeouts in 97 at-bats, scored 36 runs and had 44 RBI. Gutknecht hit .556 in her career with 232 hits and 134 RBI. Her total hits include 55 doubles and 24 home runs.

"Sarah is by far the best athlete I have ever coached," coach Stefanie Volpe said, adding Gutknecht's number will be retired. "Her work ethic cannot be matched. Her determination to succeed and reach her achievable goals is something that cannot be taught. With all those qualities, it's easy to say she will only achieve great things at the next level."

Haley Lawrence, jr., Ladywood: The shortstop, a three-year starter, earned all-state first-team honors in Division 2 along with all-district, all-region and all-Catholic League.

Lawrence batted .402 with six homers and 32 RBI.

"Haley worked for everything she is getting now," Combs said. "She made herself a shortstop, has started for three years and is a great captain."

Abby Joseph, soph., Garden City: Joseph swung a potent bat in the heart of the Cougars' batting order. She recorded a team-high 42 RBI, while hitting a sizzling .400. Garden City's primary third baseman, Joseph blasted two home runs, six doubles and six triples.

"A year ago as a freshman, we asked Abby to catch and she was outstanding," Patterson said. "This year we asked her to play third base and the results were the same. This is just an example

total hits and scored 43 runs.

Murphy, who will play at college ball at Loyola (Ill.) University, was Mercy's primary pitcher for much of the season, too. She was 13-1 with six shutouts and a 1.76 ERA. She led the team in innings pitched (83 2/3) and strikeouts (78).

"Over the four years, I don't think you can find anybody who defines 'team first' more than she does," Malinowski said. "There is so much you can say about her in a non-softball aspect – the way she leads and handles things."

"And then you see what she can do on the field. She's another one who can play anywhere and make a difference. After those things, then you get to her hitting. She hits for power and average. She has a great softball IQ."

Alexa Cherney, fr., N. Farmington: The pitcher had an outstanding rookie season for the Raiders, starting 32 games and compiling a 21-9 record. Cherney posted a dozen shutouts and had five one-run games. She recorded 233 strikeouts and just 37 walks in 182 innings. She faced 756 batters, held the opposition to 134 hits and 44 earned runs and had a 1.69 ERA.

"She totally blew us away this year as a coaching staff," Brubaker said. "We were extremely thrilled with the way she played like a seasoned veteran. She had never played at the level of competition she got to see this year and I think she handled it extremely well."

"She had poise and command of her pitches. She wasn't afraid to challenge players and she did a great job at fielding the position for a freshman."

Elaine Gerou, sr., Plymouth: An outstanding four-year career had a winning final chapter as Gerou went 16-2-1 on the mound (1.82 ERA) and helped the offense big-time with a .405 batting average along with a .437 slugging percentage.

She was named to the all-KLAA, all-district and all-region teams, garnered team MVP honors and earned kudos as a scholar-athlete.

Gerou's pitching really made a big difference for the Wildcats. In 119 innings, she gave up just 96 hits and walked 25 while striking out 115 batters.

"It has been a treat to have coached Elaine over the past four years," McManus said. "She has touched the lives of many of us with her ability to make others laugh and just go with the flow."

... Elaine is not only effective in the circle, she is very strong both as an infielder and outfielder."

She will play softball at Concordia University next year.

Hanna Warren, jr., Canton: She proved her immense value to the Chiefs time and time again throughout the 2013 season.

Featuring a varied repertoire and good control, Warren went 15-4 with a 1.74 earned-run average, pitching Canton into the D-1 state quarterfinals. She walked just 22 while striking out 107.

She also was a spark plug for the offense, batting .392 with 11 extra-base hits.

Her efforts were rewarded with selection to the all-KLAA, all-district and all-region teams. She also was honored as an all-state scholar-athlete.

Abby Krzywiecki, fr., Mercy: The pitcher and first baseman had an immediate impact for the Marlins and made a significant contribution. Krzywiecki shared the pitching load with 62 1/3 innings worked. She was 10-1 with a 1.57 ERA; she recorded 37 strikeouts against 11 walks.

She was equally effective with the bat, hitting nine home runs with a .419 average. Krzywiecki counted 13 doubles among her 39 hits, had 33 RBI and scored 27 runs. Malinowski knew the first day of practice she was going to be a good player.

"She didn't disappoint us at all," he said. "It was not only the way she hit the ball, but the way she played the field. Then she pitched."

"You can always tell when watching somebody swing in practice. The first pitch – she just smacked it! From there we knew she was somebody who could help the varsity. She's going to be a superstar."

Casey Bias, sr., Churchill: The fourth-year catcher, headed to Ferris State, earned first-team All-Area honors for the second straight year after hitting .426 with six homers and 28 RBI.

The nine-time scholar-athlete was an all-district at-large selection.

"Casey is one of the best defensive catchers you'll see," Gentilia said. "Hardly anybody got a steal attempt off her. She's just a great kid, good student and good athlete."

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Brandon Malinowski, Mercy: Malinowski's first year as head

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C – Casey Bias, sr., Churchill
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P – Elaine Gerou, sr., Plymouth
P – Hanna Warren, jr., Canton
PINF – Abby Krzywiecki, fr., Mercy
COACHES OF THE YEAR
Brandon Malinowski, Mercy
Bev McManus, Plymouth

SECOND TEAM

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INF – Leah Koulouras, sr., N. Farmington
INF – Meghan Tarrance, sr., Mercy
INF – Bri Giordano, sr., Plymouth
INF – Brittney Miller, soph., Plymouth
INF – Jordan Smith, sr., Canton
INF – Jessica Webster, sr., Canton
INF – Sarah Cramton, soph., Franklin
INF – Brooke Kuehn, jr., Huron Valley
INF – Kayla Reagin, sr., Plymouth
INF – Chandler Davenport, sr., Luth. Wld.
INF – Erica Selakowski, jr., Ladywood
INF – Nikki Wald, jr., N. Farmington
OF – Julia Cavagnini, jr., Churchill
OF – Jamie Squires, jr., Salem
P – Roslyn Price, jr., Ladywood
P – Rachel Bommarito, sr., Garden City
P – Morgan Copperstone, sr., Stevenson
P – Julie St. John, soph., Huron Valley

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coach was a good one. After three straight runner-up finishes, the Marlins won their first Catholic League championship since 2003 and another district title, too. Mercy finished with a 29-3 record and set a state record with 51 home runs.

"It was a great year," Malinowski said. "We broke the 10-year drought in the Catholic League and won some big-time tournaments. We did some great things."

The Marlins lose three seniors, all of them starters – Jacquelyn Murphy, Meghan Tarrance and Elizabeth Carlson.

"Those three will be tough to replace," Malinowski said. "They started from day one as freshmen and have been in the lineup every game for the last four years."

With everyone else slated to return, the future looks good for the Marlins, according to Malinowski, who will have to be content with being a spectator next year. He has since taken an administrative job in the Catholic League office.

"It's a dream job and I couldn't pass it up," he said, adding he'll help with scheduling, assigning officials and overseeing different sports. "I'm definitely going to miss the coaching."

"These girls were a great group to coach. There will be a void there, but it'll be fun to watch them from the standpoint of a league administrator."

Bev McManus, Plymouth: McManus had a triumphant first season at the Plymouth helm.

After a long tenure as the top assistant coach for former head coach Val Canfield (who left for Oakland University), McManus stepped right in and the Wildcats did not miss a beat, finishing 31-5-1.

Plymouth was ranked No. 7 in Division 1 and captured the KLAA South Division, Kensington Conference and overall association championships – a trifecta never previously reached by the team.

A team batting average of .427 and a team motto of T3 (Trust, Together, Team) sparked the continuous run of victories, stopped only by the eventual regional champion Canton Chiefs in the district.

"These championships show accomplishment, but my true focus this season was more about self accomplishments," McManus said. "As head coach, I taught them the real importance of believing in who they are and what they are capable of. They are in charge of their own destiny both on and off the softball field."

McManus said being named All-Area coach of the year is "a tremendous honor (and) I'm so very thankful for this team and grateful for having the opportunity to coach them."

She also credited the contributions of assistant coach Dave Senkbeil and team managers Allison Raylean and Karen Reagin, who augmented her own efforts to give the Wildcats "the tools necessary to becoming successful."

Runners triple their pleasure in annual Father's Day run

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

While many fathers were enjoying breakfast in bed June 16, East Lansing resident Josh McAlary was gobbling up the competition in the Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run's marquee event.

The 23-year-old McAlary won the event's challenging "Triple," which requires runners to complete one-mile, 5K and 10K runs in one grueling morning.

McAlary's combined time of 53 minutes, 4 seconds bested runner-up Matt Fecht of Warren by a healthy 45 seconds.

East Lansing's Rachel McFarlane won the tightly-contested women's "Triple" title when she outdistanced Fenton's Lisa Veneziano by 3:08. Kylene Cieslak placed third.

John Graham won the

master "Triple" crown when he edged second-place Joel Kozlowski by less than two minutes.

The 48-year-old Veneziano was the women's masters "Triple" champion.

Derek Gielarowski and Liam Cardenas, both of whom starred in cross country at Plymouth High School, placed fourth and ninth, respectively, in the "Triple."

More than 2,200 runners between the ages of 5 and 80 competed in the annual event that features a shady, picturesque course that runs through the streets of Plymouth.

The highlight of the race for many competitors is crossing the finish line with a parent or child.

The final 100 yards of the course is routinely lined with cheering well-wishers, who provide a surge of adrenaline for fatigued runners.



The father-daughter duo of Al and Lindsey Johnson near the finish line of the 34th annual Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run 5K. ANDY RUBENSTEIN, M.D.

'Cheer'ful performance



The Redford Union cheerleading team performed at the fifth annual Run for the Ribbon 5K Run/Walk at the Detroit Zoo on June 16. Over 1,600 participants received encouragement from the cheerleaders during the final leg of the event.

COACH

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wrong."

Moody, who was a three-sport athlete at Clarenceville, relied on her sports background to help her get through numerous months and rounds of chemotherapy.

"I think it had a lot to do with it because of my determination to just keep going and trying to win the game made me think of it as a cancer perspective - to keep going and not let it get to me mentally, to keep exercising and keep walking around, and not letting it get to my head," Moody said.

Hail to Victors

After transferring from Beaumont to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to begin treatment, Moody is grateful and happy to report that she's been in remission since Sept. 12, 2012.

"They (U-M) had a specialist that specialized in leukemia rather than at Beaumont that didn't have one doctor that specialized in what I had," Moody said. "The doctor that I have now (Dr. Dale Bixby) has seen rare cases like mine, and has cured them."

"It's a rare type. With APL, two chromosomes usually mutate and switch with each other, but only one of mine mutated. It was just gone and that's what made it even more rare because there was only one of them. I'm the first one in my family to get it. I can't pass it down to my children. It's not genetic, but it just kind of came out of nowhere."

"It's fast moving in your bone marrow, but it can kill you quicker than like a chronic leukemia. They said I probably had it three to four weeks prior than when I went into the hospital."

Moody said there are only five other known cases of her form of leukemia in the country, so there were many complications at the start.

"Right when I got transferred, I was getting worse," Moody said. "I started getting



In remission from leukemia, Clarenceville girls soccer coach Amanda Moody is getting stronger every day.

102-degree fevers. I had pneumonia in my lungs, my blood count were dropping and the leukemia was spreading so fast that it was getting into my eyes."

Difficulty seeing

Moody's vision even became blurred.

"I could only see outlines of people and objects, I couldn't tell who a person was or see the TV or my phone," she recalled. "At this point it was getting scary. I knew that if more treatments weren't going to happen soon, my body was shutting down. It was my birthday, turning 22 and starting chemo. Not the best birthday present, but I was ready to live to my 23rd."

Moody could barely walk, see or move. And the day after her 22nd birthday she noticed her hair was falling out.

"That was probably more difficult than chemo," she said. "Getting my identity taken away from me was one of the hardest things to watch or go through."

But Moody had a strong support system starting with her mother, Laura, along with her father, Jim, and brother Jimmy, who got a tattoo in her honor. They formed an even stronger bond.

Laura even took a leave of absence from her job as an pharmacy technician at CVS.

"She was there all day, all night, 40 days straight in the hospital," Amanda said. "She never left my side. She helped me through the night, through the days. She's considered my hero throughout it."

Stay the course

Moody, an assistant volleyball coach at Clarenceville, took the fall off from coaching, but continued to take two classes at Eastern Michigan University where she is majoring in early childhood education.

And she made her daily visits to U-M, Monday through Friday, receiving an additional 10 weeks of chemotherapy.

"It got better," Moody said. "There were days when I wanted to have my moment and flip out, but I didn't. I had to stay focused and know that the chemo was helping me at the same time, so I just had to chuck through it."

After the initial shock of being diagnosed with leukemia, Laura Moody could only step back and admire her daughter's intestinal fortitude.

"Her attitude was incredible," Laura Moody said. "She refused to let herself get down. She refused to even go that way. I can say she was my inspiration in there. She had the best outlook from Day One on this. She's very strong-willed, very determined. With this she just took it head-on and just said, 'What are we going to do? Let's get going so I can get out of here.'"

Moody eventually returned to the bench in January, serving as Clarenceville's assistant girls basketball coach. She also began her first semester of student teaching. Her last chemotherapy treatment was March 7, although she'll be on prescription drugs for another year.

Ridding itself

But no more orange Kool-Aid.

"I knew that poison would never run through my body ever again," Amanda said. "I take 112 chemo pills a month

until next April. I'll do that any day over chemo."

In February, Moody was back with her varsity girls soccer team for conditioning at Clarenceville. On May 5, the Trojans played Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a match to help promote cancer awareness.

"They (the team) would text me, send gifts to me in the hospital," she said. "They wore ribbons in their hair for me and wore different things for their jerseys like the soccer orange game that they had. We wore orange for leukemia."

Moody said Clarenceville may be a small school district, but it has a huge heart. The outpouring of prayers, cards and visits from friends and family made quite an impact.

"It's very overwhelming because they were there emotionally and physically," she said. "They supported me throughout the whole thing. (Athletic director) Kevin Murphy was there every step of the way, organizing things, sending out letters for me. They were all there for me."

On Tuesday, Moody visited her doctor from a three-month check-up and all signs are pointing in the right direction.

"She is getting there," Laura Moody said. "She's more tired than she wants to be, but the doctor tells her it can still take her a few more months. She had a lot of chemo. She hates feeling tired and feels like she's being lazy. But she's definitely on her way. I've seen more energy in her these last couple of months than I've seen in a long time."

Amanda also believes she has turned the corner.

"I feel like I'm getting there now," she said. "I'm slowly, but surely getting there. By the end of the summer I'll feel more like myself."

But one question remains. What about the hair?

"I'm going to keep growing it down to my butt," Amanda declared.

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SKATEBOARD

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Nick Bullard, who picked up the sport six years ago after his dad - a former skateboarder - bought him a board for his birthday.

"I work a lot, but I try to get up here as much as I can," Bullard said. "I like to do back-side flips and front-side spins. Sometimes there are people up here with cameras and they put us on videos."

Bullard said he and his fellow boarders often have to share the concrete with kids with similar, yet different, interests.

"They let anything with wheels on this, so you'll see kids riding BMX bikes and scooters," he said. "They're usually smaller kids, so it's not too bad. There are other parks around where the kids don't respect the skateboarders, but not here."

Dearborn Heights resident Patrick O'Leary made sure he packed his skateboard during his recent cross country move to Michigan from San Francisco.

"Skateboarding is bigger in California; you'll see huge, million-dollar parks out there," he said. "The parks are smaller here and not as many people are into it, but I like that it's more localized. Skateboarders here are dedicated to local shops, which I like. It's bigger out there, but that doesn't mean it's more fun."

Band-aids needed

The activity comes with built-in hazards, especially for the daring teens who are trying to sharpen their moves at an accelerated rate.

O'Leary learned about the risks first-hand when he took a bone-jarring tumble a few weeks ago.

"I'm still waiting for my eyebrow to grow back together and there's a small hole in my forehead from a fall I took," he said. "We super-glued the cut shut and I was back out here the next day. There's still some blood over there on the quarter pipe from my fall."

One of the hobby's primary appeals is its low cost. Most skate parks are free of charge, which leaves only the purchase of a basic skateboard (and possibly some super glue) between a potential boarder and the half-pipes.

"My actual board was about \$50, my trucks were \$50, the wheels are about \$50 and the bearings are \$10 a piece, so I've put about \$150 to \$200 into it," Westland resident Derek Carpenter said. "I can usually get a few months at least out of the board, but my bearings are busting constantly."

"When you add up all the fun you get out of it, buying the parts is totally worth it."

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Westland resident Derek Carpenter reaches the top of the quarter-pipe at the Garden City skate park Wednesday afternoon. ED WRIGHT



Mike Cavanaugh grabs his board after scaling the quarter-pipe at the Garden City skate park. ED WRIGHT

Teacher marks Civil War battle by recalling two Livonia brothers

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Tim Gabel can't help but think about John and Alfred Ryder whenever he drives past Newburgh Cemetery.

During the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, he hopes others will, too.

"I think that people in Livonia should know that this important national historical milestone is part of our history as well," said Gabel, a Plymouth resident who teaches social studies at Livonia Stevenson High School. "Union soldiers from Livonia were in the thick of the action, but no story is more compelling than the Ryder brothers."

John Ryder was 20 years old and an infantryman in the 24th Michigan when he was killed in action July 1, 1863 at Gettysburg. His brother, just two years older and a corporal in the cavalry, was wounded in action July 3 and died from his wounds three weeks later.

They initially were buried in a German Lutheran graveyard, but then were sent north.

"Their father arranged to have their bodies shipped home and they left Gettysburg for Livonia on the same day Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address," Gabel said. "It was expensive to do that. Most families just did a historical marker. John had a good friend, Forest Brown, who was killed at Chancellorsville. His grave is known to no one. He is buried in Virginia, but there is a marker in Newburgh Cemetery."

Gabel became interested in the brothers two years ago, after discovering that Civil



Livonia Stevenson teacher Tim Gabel has researched the Ryder brothers, who fought at Gettysburg during the Civil War. This is their family plot.
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War soldiers from the 24th Michigan regiment were buried at Newburgh Cemetery. "I stopped in there and

that's what got me going. There is a good-sized family grave. There is a monument to the

Ryder brothers," he said, referring to a special marker placed at the site long ago by the Grand Army of the Republic,

a fraternal organization for veterans of the Civil War.

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Summer: A good time to take stock, vacation

With temperatures rising into the 80s the past week, there's no mistaking what season it is. Summer has arrived.

Psychologically, most of us equate summer's beginning with Memorial Day weekend, even though it officially starts June 21. For most, this season is synonymous with vacation time, being out of school, having a break from work and an abundance of neighborhood garage sales.

For many, summer time gives a chance to reflect and take stock in our lives. We can re-evaluate our balance between work and leisure.

Too much work

In Greek mythology, the character Sisyphus was portrayed as having been condemned for eternity to work. His job was to push a large, heavy ball of clay up a steep

hill. No matter how close he came to the top, he would always backslide and have to start over again, forever.

The problem for poor Sisyphus and ourselves is that this excessive work and pressure to produce cause stress. And stress kills. One antidote to stress is to give oneself a break from it. For many this takes the form of vacation. By destressing, we build our resiliency and adaptive self-care. This starts and fosters positive attitudes and is the foundation for embellishment of other helpful ways of thinking about ourselves, our work lives and our down time.

Travel anxiety

For some people, down time will include traveling. Unfortunately, traveling can be an anxious and worrisome event for some people, whether by air, land or sea. While there may be deep-rooted factors that account for such anxiety, there is also a more current and conscious concern about foul weather. We have had much news lately of devas-

tation from tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and the like. We have been inundated with news portrayal of horrific tornadoes in states designated as "Tornado Alley" to our southwest. In late May, tornadoes in nearby Fenton were simply "too close for comfort and too close to home!"

Preparedness

Some practical ways to deal with stress associated with travel can be to arm oneself with tools (emotionally) to take with us on our trips. A good source of anxiety reduction techniques can be found in the inexpensive paperback book *Feel the Fear and Do it Anyway* by Susan Jeffers. This provides readers with steps to take to manage anxiety and face one's fears.

Another resource to increase one's preparedness for untoward events while vacationing is, in fact, the American Red Cross. Whether we are vacationing away from home or staying put for rest and relaxation, it is important to have a realistic awareness



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of danger from our environment. We can keep informed without becoming obsessed with the forecasts and the occurrence of storms and potential dangers and hazards. With increased awareness one can "keep a weathered eye out."

The website for the Red Cross is www.redcross.org. Scrolling to its store, one finds a wealth of resources such as preparedness kits, emergency suggestions and supplies. Its very thorough list also gives one ideas about common household items with which to

make a personal "home bag" or "go bag." The "go bag" can accompany you regardless of your mode of travel and is often best kept in your automobile. Just as we can supply ourselves with emotional and psychological tools for our travel attitudes and stress reduction, we also can provide ourselves with appropriate and reasonable physical items which aid our preparedness and offer an increased sense of security. This can only lead to greater enjoyment of our much needed time to "get away from it all." Happy summer to all from "Our Mental Health."

Columns are archived at www.farmlib.org/heritagecollection/newspapers.html.

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Salvation Army thrift stores open July 4

The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center family thrift stores will celebrate Independence Day with an annual Fourth of July sale. All 34 metro Detroit thrift stores will keep their doors open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, July 4.

In addition to saving 50 percent on clothing, shoppers will have opportunities to pick up deals on accessories, home goods and other items during bonus sales announced each hour.

"America is the land

of the free and the home of the brave," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "The Fourth of July sale is our way of celebrating the community that makes America great, and by shopping at The Salvation Army you're helping the brave men and women facing their addictions at our rehabilitation centers."

Proceeds benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center, an independently funded,

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CLASSES FROM THE 1970S

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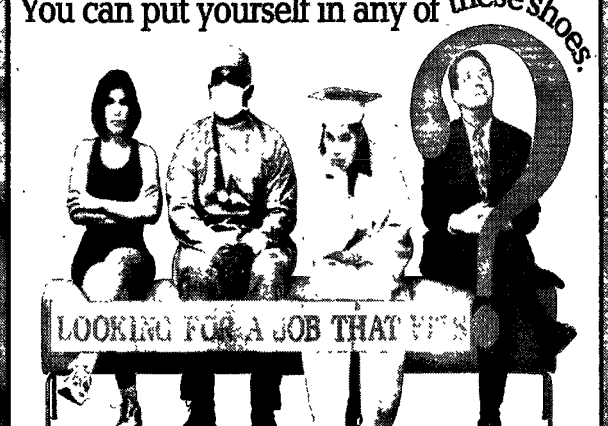
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Michelle Dillon (left) of Plymouth and Sandy Nida of Rochester Hills wear their best chapeaus at Suite Dreams Project's popular Hats Off Luncheon, held at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills. Suite Dreams has brightened the homes and bedrooms of sick children and area hospitals for 12 years. JULIE YOLLES

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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Flower show

The Livonia Garden Club presents "Spellbound," a small standard flower show, 3-5 p.m. July 19 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 20 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3277 Five Mile, Livonia. The show will include numerous displays of design and horticulture. All exhibits are provided by members of the Livonia Garden Club. There is no admission charge.

English Gardens

» Garden experts will share their list of best garden perennials and will provide tips on selecting plants and caring for them throughout the season, during "Perennial Gardening 101," a free presentation at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 and 10 a.m. Saturday, June 29.

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» Learn to attract birds and butterflies to your garden at a free presentation, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13.

Keep pets safe in summer heat

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

I know exactly where my two dogs will be July 4 while I'm out watching my favorite fireworks display—home.

And that's where the Michigan Humane Society suggests pets should be when pyrotechnics light up the sky.

MHS suggests that dog owners resist the urge to take their four-pawed friends to fireworks displays and points out that "even those who are normally unflappable may be frightened by sudden, loud noises and may run off."

Dragging your dog to a fireworks display, near fire crackers or sparklers is an accident waiting to happen. I've watched owners pull their dogs, tails between legs—and, in one case, limping—through crowded fireworks viewing areas. I've seen family dogs share a backyard where kids waved and tossed sparklers. I know if my dogs weren't leashed during evening walks, they'd bolt at the first sound of fire crackers that seem to go off every other day during the summer months.

For your pet's sake, take the advice from MHS to heart this Fourth of July.

» Keep pets inside and secure. Frightened animals may jump tall fences, bolt out gates or run through screens



Dogs love to cool off in the water on hot summer days, but make sure they are supervised.

during fireworks displays in order to "escape."

» If you know your pet is afraid of loud noises, confine him in a safe, quiet room with his favorite toy and comfortable bedding.

» If your dog shows signs of distress, give him a peanut butter-stuffed toy to help distract him and calm his nerves. Playing soft music may also help relieve the animal's stress.

» Make sure your pets are microchipped and wear up-to-date tags.

MHS also offers advice on keeping pets healthy on hot summer days. It suggests keeping dogs home on hot days if a car ride might include some time locked inside the vehicle while it's parked.

The organization says that "even on a relatively mild 85-degree day, parked in the shade with the windows cracked, the temperature inside a car could reach 102 degrees in just 10 minutes."

If you see an animal

kept outside without adequate food, water or shelter, call police or animal control. You'll likely save the animal's life.

At home, MHS suggests that animals go inside during hot or humid weather. Make sure they have access to fresh, cool water and if you open windows in your home, make sure screens are secure. Never leave pets unattended around pools and avoid walking dogs during the heat of the day.

For more, visit www.michiganhumane.org.

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A GOOD LOOK AT BAD BACKS
There is good news about bad backs. The good news is not for all bad backs, but only those people who experience inflammatory back pain.
To be in that inflammatory back pain group, a person needs to be between the ages of 18 and 45. The back pain needs to be located in the low back, be worse in the morning, improve with activity and then return at night. Finally the back pain must keep this pattern for at least three months or longer.
The good news for men and women with inflammatory back pain is that therapy exists that can control and even end that pain. The drugs known as the anti-TNF alpha group were developed to treat rheumatoid arthritis, but investigations revealed that these same medications are excellent in treating inflammatory back pain.
But not exactly. Further experience indicates that individuals with inflammatory back pain and other conditions along with the back pain such as psoriasis, colitis or Crohn's disease are the ones who do well when treated with anti-TNF alpha drugs.
It is not clear what rheumatoid arthritis and inflammatory back pain have in common that allows the same anti-TNF medication to treat both conditions, but the success of such treatment is consistent with studies done in the United States, Europe and in Asian countries such as China and Singapore.
The key to treatment is early diagnosis; medical schools and conferences of medical societies are sponsoring lectures to bring to the attention of the medical community how to make an early diagnosis and initiate timely therapy.

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TEACHER

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"What fascinates me is that at one time, these guys would have been prominent in Livonia."

Personal letters

Gabel spent the next seven months researching the pair — with a focus on John Ryder — and then penned a novel, *Borne A Thousand Times*. It became available as an ebook at barnesandnoble.com earlier this year.

He read all of John's letters and skimmed Alfred's journal, items available from the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan.

Then he matched John's letters to incidents described in Orson Blair Curtis' book *History of the Twenty-fourth Michigan of the Iron Brigade, known as the Detroit and Wayne County regiment*, written in the late 1800s.

Gabel describes the older brother as "more thoughtful" and philosophical in his writings.

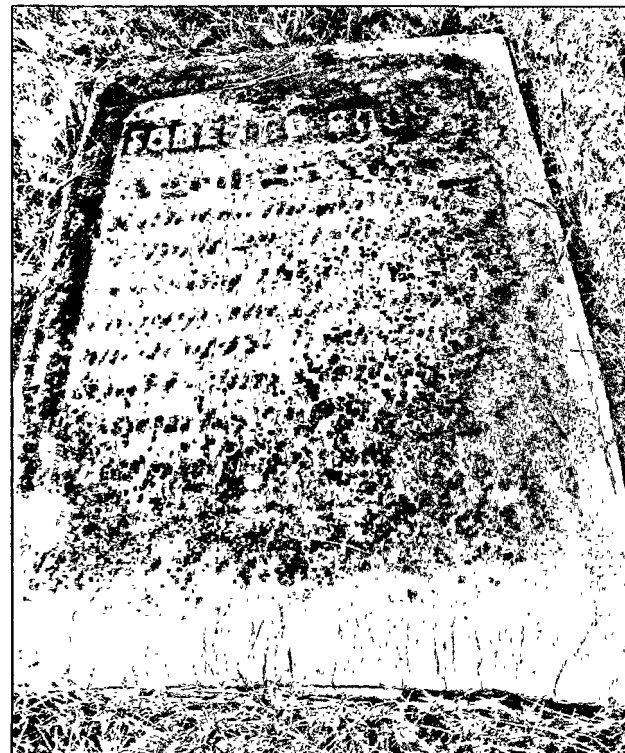
Alfred attended the State Normal School (now Eastern Michigan University) in Ypsilanti before quitting in 1861 to join the cavalry.

He was captured at Second Bull Run in August 1862, but like many prisoners at the time, was paroled and allowed to return home.

"Initially in the war, they would take prisoners after battle, but no one wanted to hold prisoners," Gabel said.

"They'd let the guys go and then the leadership would sit down and say, here are 5,000 you captured, here are 5,000 we captured and they would be exchanged like swapping baseball cards."

Alfred returned to the cavalry and served mostly in the Washington, D.C., area. As an infantryman, John saw more battles and offered more "nitty gritty" details in his letters.



The original memorial stone for Forest C. Brown is badly deteriorated. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Rueben Farwell, though wounded, survived the Civil War. In hospital, Farwell met the poet Walt Whitman, serving as a nurse. Whitman later wrote a letter to the U.S. government, helping to secure a pension for Farwell.

"They slept in the open and the food was terrible. They got childhood diseases that city people would be immune to and the hospitals were terrible," Gabel said.

Chance meeting

Although the brothers hadn't seen each other in two years, they both ended up at one of the most important battles of the Civil War.

"In June 1863, Robert E. Lee could see he was running out of guys and he wanted to do something dramatic," Gabel said. "He took the fight to (the Union) and invaded the North. It was the biggest battle fought in

North America — 150,000 men (were involved). Robert E. Lee was like a gambler who put his chips on the table and lost. From there, it was downhill."

John spotted his brother as Alfred's cavalry brigade rode by the 24th Michigan.

He secured a pass to visit the cavalry's encampment, where the brothers sat by the campfire and reminisced about home for the last time.

A few days later, John was killed in action and his brother was mortally wounded.

Gabel said writing about John Ryder was recreational, but also "felt voyeuristic" after reading his letters.

He'd be thrilled if Livonia officials named something in the city after the brothers or if motorists driving by Newburgh Cemetery simply paused to think about the pair.

"These are a couple of young men that are part of the historical heritage of our community," he said.

"They should not be forgotten."

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Amanda Sitler and David Bierkamp announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Thomas and Marisa Sitler of Livonia

and Donald and Cynthia Castelli of White Lake, is a graduate of Oakland University. She received a degree in general management with a minor in human resources management.

Her fiancé is son of

the late David Bierkamp and the late Debera Stevens. He attends Schoolcraft College and plans a career in nursing.

A July 2013 wedding is planned in Las Vegas, Nev.



Jack Wilson and Jackie Madgy with Vista Wilson, Jack's German shepherd.

Madgy-Wilson

Vista Wilson announces the engagement of her dad, Jack Wilson of Plymouth, to Jackie

Madgy of Farmington Hills.

Madgy is a teacher at a charter school in Detroit. Wilson is an automotive account manager.

Vista, Wilson's German shepherd dog, has been busy spreading the word around town that an August 2013 wedding is planned.



Heller-Reynolds

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Lauren Heller and Thomas Reynolds announce their engagement.

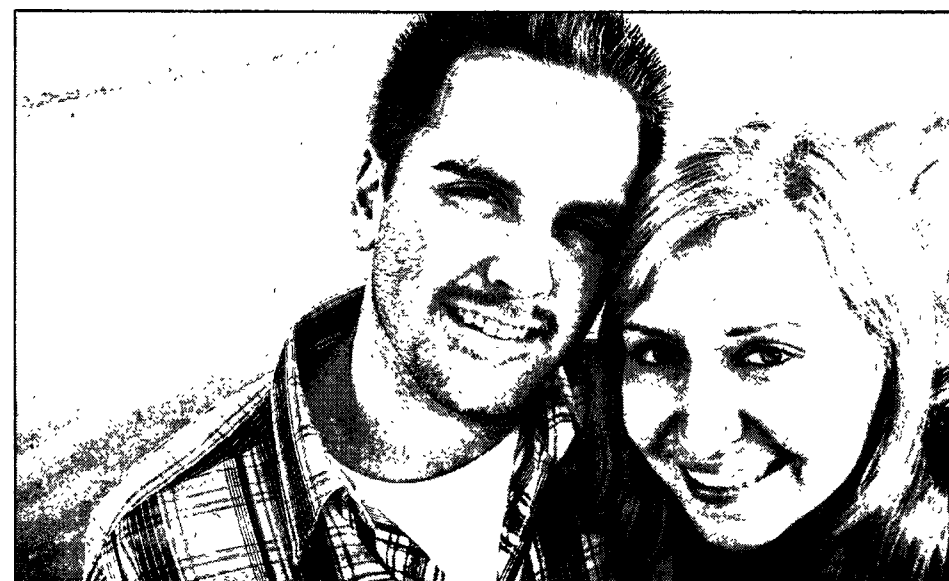
The bride-to-be, daughter of Steve and Joan Heller of Lorton, Va., holds bachelor of music and master of music degrees in music education from the University of Delaware and a doctor of music arts de-

gree in wind conducting from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. She currently is director of bands at Central Connecticut State University.

Her fiancé, son of Brad and Mary Reynolds of Farmington Hills, earned a bachelor of music degree in music education/bassoon performance from the Univer-

sity of Michigan and a master of music degree in bassoon performance from University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. He currently is a petty officer first class in the United States Coast Guard Band as co-principal bassoonist.

An October 2013 wedding is planned in Alexandria, Va.



Misiolek-Tertin

Misiolek-Tertin

Autumn Marie Misiolek and William Edward Tertin announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Paul and Tammy Misiolek of Livonia, is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and the University of Detroit Mercy, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree. She holds a juris doctor degree from Western New England University School of Law

in Massachusetts. She is a July 2013 New Hampshire State Bar candidate.

Her fiancé, son of David and Diane Tertin of Browntown, Wisc., is a graduate of Black Hawk High School in Wisconsin and Winona State University in Minnesota, where he earned a bachelor of science degree. He is a composite materials engineer at Albany Engineered Composites in New Hampshire.

A September 2013 wedding is planned in Hamtramck.

Sullivan-Bieligk

Beverly J. Sullivan of Canton, along with David J. Sullivan of St. Clair Shores, Cindy M. Hollingsworth of Springfield, Va., and Louis H. Bieligh, III of Woodbine, Md., happily announce the engagement of their children, Lindsey E. Sullivan and Jeremy A. Bieligh.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of the University of Michigan, School of Dentistry, is employed by Aesthetic Dentistry of Lorton as a dental hygienist. Her fiancé is a graduate of Virginia Tech University with a computer science degree and is employed as a property account manager with New Year Tech, Inc. of Virginia.



Sullivan-Bieligh

A June 2014 wedding is planned on Mackinac Island.

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AGINIAN, VIRGINIA

Age 94, a resident of Birmingham, MI, passed away on Saturday, June 22nd with her family by her side. Beloved wife of the late Hrnt. Loving mother of Richard (Diane) Aginian, Robert (Jeanette) Aginian and Michael Aginian. Cherished grandmother of Dawn Aginian, Marla (Eric) Whaley, Julie Aginian, Andrew and Alex Aginian and great-grandmother of Raffi Simon Whaley and Aren Rees Whaley. Also loved and will be missed by nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral services were held Friday, June 28th at St John Armenian Church, Southfield. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Family requested memorial gifts in her memory be made to St John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075.

Arrangements entrusted to the Edward Korkoian Funeral Home Spiller Spiller Chapel, Royal Oak, 248-541-8325

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**KELEL, ANITA ELIZABETH (NEE SHERRON)**

Age 92, of Farmington Hills, MI. Wife of MG Naiff H. Kelel (deceased), mother of Kathie Kelel Brown, James Kelel and Robert Kelel (Cynthia). Grandmother of Tanya, Jerry, Jeni, Jason, Jim, John, Ross, Katie and Kim and great grandmother of Matthew, Alex, Jesse, Gunner, Jacob, Cameron, Kirsten and Skyler. Other surviving family members are sisters Patricia Ringswald, Louisville, KY, Rose Strickland (George), Jeffersonville, IN and Joan Hoffman (Emil), South Bend, IN. Called Sharon by family and friends, she was born in McQuady, Kentucky on the family farm, attended high school at Mount St. Joseph Academy for Girls in Owensboro, KY and graduated as a Registered Nurse from St. Joseph Infirmary in Louisville, KY. She joined the Army Nurse Corp in 1944 and was stationed at Fort Benjamin in Harrison, IN and Crile General Hospital in Cleveland, OH. As a First Lieutenant, she served in the Pacific Theatre in the Philippines as Chief Nurse of the 2nd Field Hospital and was transferred with the hospital and the occupation forces to Japan after the war. While in Japan, she served at the 2nd Field Hospital in Hiro, 365 Station Hospital in Kyoto, 165th Station Hospital in Kobi and the 42nd General Hospital in Tokyo. She was released from active duty in November 1946. Sharon and Naiff married at Ft. Sheridan, IL on November 23, 1946 and through the next 63 years continued to enjoy traveling to many countries around the world. She enjoyed her summer cottage at the Old Club on Harsen's Island for 25 years, and was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club, Detroit Athletic Club, Bloomfield Hills Country Club and the Beaumont Hospital Foundation. When spending winters in Fort Lauderdale, FL, she was a member of the Coral Ridge Yacht Club, Oak Tree Country Club, Gold Coast Jazz Society and a life member of the Ft. Lauderdale Philharmonic Society. Sharon was President of Sherron Enterprises and AEK, Inc., Past President of the Michigan Reserve Officers Association (Ladies), Director of the Pacemakers Association of Michigan, a member of the Presidents Club at Oakland University and a Gilder of Meadowbrook Hall, Rochester, MI. She enjoyed gardening, golf, bowling and reading. Funeral Mass was held Thursday 10:00am at Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington Hills.

View obituary and share memories at: DesmondFuneralHome.com

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**MICKLASH, LULA L.**

Age 72, of Farmington Hills, died Tuesday, June 25th. Beloved mother of the late Richard Bowers (d. 1997), Robbin Micklash, Renee (Mark) Storms and Rodger "Char" (Bonnie) Micklash; loving sister of Barbara Linley; devoted grandmother of Melanie, Christina, Ammie, Renee, the late Gary, Doug, Blake, Jenny, Erika, Justin, Joey, Cassie, Charles and Destiny; and cherished "GGma" to 27 great-grandkids and 3 granddogs. Additionally, Lula was preceded in death by siblings, Sonny, Mary, Larry and Bob. Funeral services were Friday, June 28th, 11:30 am, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia, followed. Memorial gifts suggested for the use of the family, heeney-sundquist.com

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MOLNAR, FAY IRENE

June 25, 2013, Age: 90

Beloved wife of the late Ernest. Loving mother of Sandra (Terry) Ciesielski, Carol Crisler and William (Clarice). Also survived by 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Resting at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (S of Ann Arbor Trail), Monday 4-9 p.m. Instate Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 9415 Merriman Rd. (N of Joy Rd), until time of service at 10:30 a.m.

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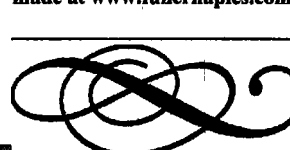
Age 49, of Vermilion, died Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at Mercy Regional Medical Center, Lorain after a sudden illness. He was born May 19, 1963 in Royal Oak, MI and had been a Vermilion resident for the past 13 years moving from Traverse City, MI. Craig graduated from Wylie E. Groves High School, Birmingham, MI and attended Oakland County Community College for culinary training. He worked as a gourmet chef at Ric's in West Bloomfield, MI for eight years and several other restaurants in Michigan, the Florida Keys, and Little Palm Island. He is survived by his mother, Gretchen (nee Kishman) Neiding of Vermilion; sister, Karin N. Hoover of Mt. Juliet, TN; Aunt and Uncle Karin and Dave Rathbun; Uncle Roger Kishman; nephew, Richard Paul Lentz; numerous cousins including, D. Drew Rathbun DDS, Shelly Innes, Teri Howe, Monica Jenkins DMD, and Ashley Kishman; and many wonderful friends including, Dave and Mary Paul of Vermilion. Graveside services will be held Thursday, July 5, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at Brownhelm Cemetery, Vermilion. Reverends Louis Bertoni and Bob Richardson will officiate. The family suggests memorial contributions to the United Church of Christ Congregational, 990 State Street P.O. Box 228, Vermilion, OH 44089. Online condolences may be made at: www.riddlefuneralhome.com

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PHILLIPS, CHARLES EDWARD

Also known to his family and friends as Charlie, 75 of Naples died June 26, 2013. He was a graduate of Xavier University where he played basketball and was an ardent fan. Charlie, was formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan retired from the Ford Motor Company in 1994, moved to Florida in 1995, residing in Bonita Springs then moved to Naples in 2011. Charlie loved his family, survived by his wife, Judy, three daughters, Lisa (Brian) Parker of Cincinnati, OH, Pattie Gardner of Collierville, TN, and Kathy Drysdale of Bellefonte, PA. He was a beloved grandfather survived by six grandchildren, Lauren (Michael) D'Errico, Morgan Parker, Brian Parker II, Sean Gardner, Shaella Gardner, and Dereck Lively II, and great granddaughter, Eva D'Errico. A memorial mass will be celebrated in his honor Wednesday, July 3, at 11:00 am at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples FL. Inurnment will follow in the church columbarium. Donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Support Network, 660 Tamiami Trail North, Suite 21, Naples, FL 34102. Their love, support and valuable guidance was so helpful the past few years.

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and underlying healthy tissue."

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These growths occur 15 times more frequently in highly pigmented people, such



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as persons of African, Asian or Hispanic descent.

Keloidal lesions can cause significant pain, physical disfigurement, itching or burning, secondary infection and psychological distress.

They may not improve in appearance over time and can

limit mobility if located over a joint.

Medical insurance companies have accepted this new treatment and have been covering radiation therapy for keloids.

Botsford Cancer Center is a part of the Botsford Hospital campus in Farmington Hills.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JULY CANCER SURVIVORSHIP

Living With, Through and Beyond Cancer is a free program that offers information from leading oncology experts to help those coping with cancer. Presentations will be followed by a question and answer period with doctors and health care providers. The four-part series will be held July-October at Josephine Ford Cancer Institute (JFCI) sites. The first session, Communicating with Your Health Care Team, is set for 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Columbus, 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi. For more information about the series, call Ted Varkas at 734-479-1007, Mary Rewers at 586-263-2237 or Gwen Roediger at 248-344-6696.

CONTROLLING JOINT PAIN

Henry Ford Health System's Joint Preservation Program offers free classes on ways to slow down the progression of joint pain without surgery. The focus is on the knee and hip joints. Participants learn how the joints work, self-management of pain, medical treatments, physical therapy, how and exercises to strengthen joints. Classes run 10 a.m. to noon July 11 and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 15 at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn, and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 22 at Henry Ford Medical Center-Columbus, 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi.

JOINT REPLACEMENT

Jeffrey Mendelson, M.D., will answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy's Center for Joint Replacement, located on the hospital campus at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. To register, call 734-655-2345.

LUPUS SUPPORT

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a support group meeting 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, at Providence Hospital, Conference Room C, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. The meeting is for individuals with lupus, their families

and friends. For more information, visit www.milupus.org or call 800-705-6677.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Annette Carron, geriatrics specialist, will talk about understanding and improving memory to sharpen your mind and boost your brainpower, during Botsford Hospital's monthly Walk with a Doc, noon Thursday, July 18, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on the west side of Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Meets rain or shine. Call 877-477-3621, option 1, to register.

ONGOING AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and non-members of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Mall, 35000 Warren Road, Westland; 9 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights; and 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community

Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. For information, call 734-458-4330.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. All leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at 734-895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday of each month at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue, Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon the second Thursday of each month; the evening group meets 6-8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Cornan at 313-843-2550, ext. 233.

CHOIR THERAPY

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Times and dates of sessions in January vary. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For information, call 734 458-7251.

CPR CLASSES

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call 248-937-3314.

DIABETES SUPPORT

An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion will facilitate. Discussion topics will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies. Call 734-454-0859.

FOOD ADDICTS

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous is a recovery program for people having trouble controlling the way they eat. It's based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. 248-320-6842; www.foodaddicts.org

HEALTH PROGRAMS, SUPPORT

The Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center offers classes designed to strengthen your heart after a cardiac event. It also offers an array of fitness classes, such as yoga, tai chi, zumba, hula and polynesian aerobics to keep you moving or to help you relax. For information, call 734-458-3242.

GCH Community Education offers classes in CPR (adult and infant), first aid, and diabetes self-management education. The hospital hosts various support groups including Nar-Anon, Alzheimer's, Alcoholics Anonymous, Focus on Living and Diabetes, which are held monthly. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION

The Western Wayne Chapter provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact afcrack@comcast.net or 734-664-3297.

INCEST SURVIVORS

"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St. Paul of the Cross, 2333 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at 313-971-4747 or Cheri at 586-489-1785.

LOW VISION SUPPORT

Meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at 734-453-0750, Ext. 232.

LYME SUPPORT

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, except January, July and September, at Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; 248-354-4488. For more information, visit the Michigan Lyme Disease Association website, www.mlda.org, or call 888-784-LYME.

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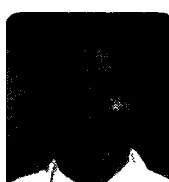


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Q: What is bone loss?

A: Bones may seem like hard, lifeless structures, but in fact they are living tissues like muscle. They respond to exercise and a healthy diet by becoming stronger. Throughout a person's lifetime, old bone is broken down and new bone is added to the skeleton. When more bone is broken down than is added, bone loss occurs. Bone loss can lead to low bone density, weakness of the bone, and eventually osteoporosis. Osteoporosis, a serious disease in which bones become weak and fragile, affects millions of people worldwide.

Q: How can bone loss be prevented?

A: A number of factors may lead to bone loss. Some, such as age, cannot be controlled. However, there are some rather simple steps you can take to prevent or slow bone loss, such as:

Eat a Diet High in Calcium - Not getting enough calcium significantly increases the risk of developing osteoporosis. A diet low in calcium is associated with low bone mass, rapid bone loss, and broken bones. Vitamin D is also very important for the body to absorb calcium from the diet. Without enough vitamin D, people are unable to absorb calcium from the foods they eat. When not enough calcium is absorbed from foods, the body has to take calcium from the bones, causing bone loss and weaker bones.

Exercise - Physical activity during childhood and adolescence increases bone density and strength. Children who regularly exercise are more likely to reach their peak bone density, which usually occurs by age 30, and are less likely to have significant bone loss or osteoporosis.

Limit Alcohol Intake - Regular consumption of 2-3 alcoholic drinks a day may be damaging to bones, even in young women and men. Heavy drinkers are more likely to have bone loss and fractures.

Don't Smoke or Quit - Smoking is bad not only for the heart and the lungs, but also the bones. Women who smoke have lower estrogen levels compared to women who do not smoke. Lower estrogen levels lead to increased bone loss. Women who smoke often go through menopause earlier. Remember, bone loss is most rapid in the first few years after menopause, but it continues even in the postmenopausal years.

Take a Bone Density Test - A bone density test shows the amount of bone a person has in the hip, spine or other bones. It is routinely recommended for postmenopausal women and men age 50 and older.

Read more from Dr. Barbat about bone health and bone density in the online Summer 2013 issue of GCH's Health Generations magazine at GCH.org. To schedule a bone density test at GCH's Center for Breast Care, call 734.458.3471.

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The fastest growing allied healthcare careers

By Nancy F Higgins
Contributing Writer

Some of the fastest growing professions in the country are allied healthcare occupations. But what exactly does allied healthcare mean and how is it different from healthcare? Allied health refers to the services outside of the three main healthcare disciplines of medicine, dentistry, and nursing.

Allied healthcare covers a whole gamut of services including physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, home health aide workers, dental assistants, medical sonographers, speech pathologists, laboratory technicians, etc.

The list is by no means comprehensive and there are tons of other allied health professions that are growing in demand. However, there are a few that stand out because of their minimal training requirement and immense potential. Some such fast growing allied healthcare careers are:

Medical Transcription: Medical transcriptionists held about 95,100 jobs in the year 2010.* The medical transcription practice involves listening to recordings of doctor dictations and converting them into factually and grammatically correct written reports. Being able to understand medical terminology, typing efficiency and editing skills are the

core competencies required for this job. Medical transcriptionists may work at hospitals, offices of physicians, or firms that provide transcription services. Many of them are also self-employed and work from home.

To start a career in medical transcription, it's important to complete a postsecondary training program in the field. It's also desirable, though not mandatory to have a Registered Medical Transcriptionist (RMT) or Certified Medical Transcriptionist (CMT) certification awarded by the Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI).

Pharmacy Technician: Pharmacy technicians are professionals who assist licensed pharmacists in performing a number of clerical, administrative and pharmacy-related tasks. A typical work day for a pharmacy tech includes completing tasks like helping pharmacists in filling prescriptions, responding to patient queries, mixing medications, maintaining patient profiles, managing cash register, packaging and labeling bottles, etc.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the projected growth in employment of pharmacy techs in the 2010-20 decade is 32 per cent**, much faster than average for all occupations. Formal training requirements are none, but completing a pharmacy tech course and

getting certified will definitely provide aspirants to this career a competitive edge in the job market.

Medical Coding and Billing: Medical coding and billing specialists use various classifications systems to assign codes to treatments, diagnoses, tests, and other clinical procedures performed on patients. These coded documents are used for healthcare reimbursement purposes as well as to maintain patient records, medical histories and hospital databases.

According to the Department of Labor data, the annual median pay of medical coding and billing specialists in 2010 was \$32,350.*** Postsecondary medical billing and coding training and professional certification from organizations like the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) are the credentials typically required for gaining entry in to the field.

Medical Assistant: There are fast growing allied healthcare professions, and then there are real fast growing professions. Medical assistance belongs to the second category. According to the Labor Department, the occupation is likely to add 162,900 jobs in the 2010-20 period.****



Medical assistants provide a range of administrative and clerical services to physicians, chiropractors, podiatrists and other healthcare practitioners. Depending on the state they are employed in and their training, medical assistants may also perform basic clinical tasks such as taking vitals, recording patient histories, administering drugs and injections, removing sutures and dressings, etc.

But their primary responsibilities are to welcome patients in to a facility, help them fill forms, get them ready for examinations, explaining to them the procedures to be performed, maintain patient records, handling billing related tasks, follow up on insurance claims, manage inventory, etc.

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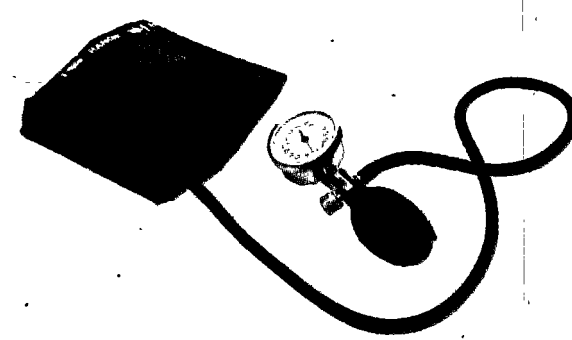
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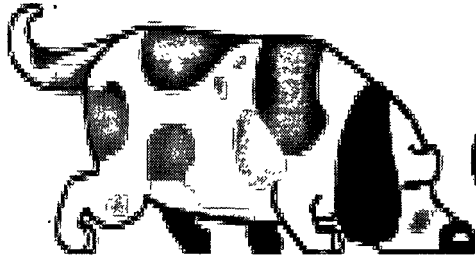
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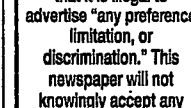
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Car Report

Acura doubles down in new campaign for the luxurious 2014 MDX



By Dale Buss

Acura wants to elevate itself to the first tier of luxury brands, and so the Honda-owned marque is betting its biggest-ever marketing campaign on its most important vehicle in the effort.

The brand has unveiled a new multi-channel advertising initiative for the 2014 MDX sport-utility vehicle which brand stewards said will be its most expensive effort ever, comprising more than double Acura's estimated spending of \$39 million on a campaign for its new RDX SUV last year.

"For us to create five video ads isn't something we've done in the past," Gary Robinson, manager of Acura national advertising and the brand, told journalists, calling the push "the biggest launch in Acura history in terms of scope and dollars."

Acura year-to-date sales through May were ahead of 2012 by 10 percent, and the brand has been overhauling its lineup and its marketing for the last couple of years. But Acura essentially has remained outside the top tier of US luxury marques consisting of the German brands and Lexus, and Honda wants to change that proposition for the short and long term, starting with this campaign for the vehicle that often has been its volume-leading nameplate.

More than the unprecedented dollar outlay alone, Robinson believes that Acura also is finally taking the right tack in terms of positioning the brand. "We stumbled on to identifying a really interesting niche within luxury that we believe is untapped: a new generation



The new 2014 MDX is an important vehicle for Acura.

of very technology-oriented kind of doers out there that are quietly out there changing the world," he said.

"They have a lot of money but they aren't interested in the traditional trappings of luxury. [They're a] new kind of young, affluent class that is interested in the finer things in life but not for the sake



Image from the "Made for Mankind" campaign.

of showing off, but looking for things that are highly functional and highly part of their lives."

To that end, Acura's new campaign takes an oblique approach to promoting the new MDX that it calls "Made for Mankind." Seeking to highlight the "synergy between man and machine," the first 60-second TV spot in the campaign, "Hu-

man Race," features dreamlike images of people scuba-diving in underwater caves, scrambling up large trees and gazing at starlight. The ad consumes 40 seconds before it even shows an MDX.

"Man is a determined creature," the voiceover says. "No matter the circumstance, opposition or even understanding, there is an inherent calling to seek, push, improve, transcend. It's a perpetual process, a necessity of the human spirit, that inspired our own evolution. Because if your quest is to build the world's smartest luxury SUV for mankind, you must hold yourself to the standard of mankind."

Whether such flattery of the target market sells the new MDX remains to be seen. It's the first campaign produced by Mullen, Acura's new agency, and actually stemmed directly from the pitch that Mullen made to land the account in March from incumbent RPA.

The campaign "gets less of the intellectual part going, which is well known and accepted with this target, and actually makes them start to feel something," Peter Rosch, Mullen's executive creative

director, told journalists. "It's a little bit of [creating] a gut feeling that I want to get myself into that car."

But as abstract as the first ad is, Robinson and Rosch promised that the campaign also will highlight the practical manifestations of the new mood in the MDX, such as a design shift from 41 buttons for the infotainment controls down to just nine, with a touchscreen. "The direction is simplicity and ease of use," Robinson said. "While there are lots of people doing different things with touchscreens, we think ours works well and is intuitive."

In other "video concepts" that are central to the campaign, Acura gets more practical. "Re-Invention" depicts how the MDX has been completely rethought and improved to the point that the only remaining component of the previous-generation model is a small metal bracket.

And "Choose" focuses on the 2014 MDX's all-new system that offers "sport" and "comfort" driving modes in addition to normal, adjusting steering effort, throttle response and other aspects of the ride and environment to suite the tastes of the driver.

Robinson said that Acura's previously announced partnership with Jerry Seinfeld also fuels the kind of vibe it's attempting to create with the new MDX campaign. Acura is the sole sponsor of the Seinfeld online-only video series, Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee.

And although Seinfeld spends a lot of time in an old Volvo station wagon on the show that features interviews with David Letterman, Alec Baldwin, Carl Reiner and others, Robinson called the deal with Seinfeld "smart and efficient in terms of how to use advertising."

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