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Wayne blight getting enforcement attention

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The Wayne Food Center on Michigan Avenue has been closed for awhile. An indication of just how long is a tree taller than the building growing in the former store's dumpster enclosure.

And a couch and a patio table are among the debris illegally dumped by someone in the enclosure.

Weeds, broken windows, peeling paint — there are plenty of examples of unkempt properties in downtown Wayne. With the shift of ordinance enforcement duties to the Wayne-Westland Fire Department, residents and business owners may soon see some blight reduction citywide.

"There is a lot of erosion on different levels. In the past, departments had

their own fiefdom," Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief John Adams said. "Now, it's everybody (working together). We're all agents of the community. We'll get something done."

Adams recently toured the part of the city's commercial district with Councilman John Rhaesa, who wanted to point out some areas of particular blight concerns. At a recent council meeting, Rhaesa showed a 6-foot tall weed he had pulled from the parking lot of a closed downtown business.

Dirt and debris

The issues ranged from large piles of sand, dirt and litter collected in the corners of the Downtown Development Authority streetscape on Wayne Road to tires and other debris dumped down into a wooded area leading to the Rouge

River from a car wash parking lot.

"It's not fair to other businesses who are putting money into their businesses," said Rhaesa, pointing out blighted conditions at the former Wayne Food Center, the former Save a Lot and vacant storefront buildings. "These are big. They create the idea that if it's OK for them, it's OK for other places."

An ordinance violation/blight sweep has been done and complaints are starting come in through the ordinance enforcement link on the city website — the same process used in Westland — as well as telephone calls.

"We want those (complaints). We all need to be stewards of the community. I would encourage all citizens that if they see something, don't just go home and

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This deteriorating sign stands in front of an empty strip center on Michigan Avenue that used to house a Save a Lot store.

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Ruth Malak gets help of Angie Kadowaki of American House with blowing out the candle on her cake at her 104th birthday party. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

104th birthday 'amazing'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

There was a difference of 101 years between the birthday girl and one of her guests.

Three-year-old Chaslyn Garver of Plymouth played in the sitting room at the American House on Joy in Westland Friday as her great-great-aunt blew out the candle on her 104th birthday cake.

Five generations of Ruth Malak's family, including sisters Jean Arid of Farmington Hills, 96, and Catherine Shay, 92, of Livonia, were at the celebration held two days in advance of

her official birthday — Aug. 4. They ate cake and listened as Malak was honored by state, county and local officials for the milestone event.

"Think about what she has seen in 104 years," said state Sen. Glenn Anderson, who presented Malak with a proclamation signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, state Rep. Robert Kosowski and himself. "When I think about what has taken place during that time and imagine what you have seen and the changes in your life, it's amazing."

"I heard that your favorite president was Wilson," said Mayor William Wild in extending a birthday

wish on behalf of the city. "I won't ask who your favorite mayor was."

Turning 104

Malak doesn't like to think about turning 104. She knew there would be a birthday celebration — "They always do that."

Wearing a tiara, Malak got help in blowing out the candle on her cake and said her birthday wish was for good weather.

"There's been too much hot weather," she said. "I always like good weather for my birthday. And

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Campaigning not wanted at the Friendship Center

Westland residents watching Monday's council meeting might have thought there was a primary election the following day.

Barbara Marcum, the city's senior resources director, said she had asked permission to make some personal comments regarding complaints she had received about campaigning at the Friendship Center by council candidate Kevin Coleman.

"I called him and asked to meet with him privately," said Marcum, adding she explained that since 2000 the Friendship Center has prohibited political campaigning, including candidate signs and buttons.

"After that he (Coleman) introduced himself as a candidate at two more events," said Marcum. "One of the seniors also gave me some of his campaign literature, listing himself as a volunteer at the Friendship Center. He never did (volunteer at the center)."

Elected officials, due to their positions, attend events at the Friendship Center, she said, allowing residents

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Norwayne gets Historic District designation

Developed to house workers supporting the war effort at the Willow Run Bomber Plant and other nearby factories, the Norwayne Subdivision has been designated an historic district and included in the National Registry of Historic Places.

"I'm so excited, we've worked two years on it," said Henry Johnson, chairman of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council. "I think it gives the community a sense of pride. A lot of people are proud to be from Wayne. It adds to community spirit."

A 70th anniversary of the development of Norwayne by the National Housing Agency is planned for October. The historic marker recognizing Norwayne will likely take a year to be prepared and not be ready for the ceremony.

The historic designation requirements included a photographic record of each building in the community. A

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complain," Adams said. "Let us know about the problem. I've met with landlord groups and residents."

Some property owners don't respond when contacted about the poor condition of their buildings while other take minimal corrective action.

"At Save a Lot, we contacted the owner and the broken windows were boarded up. They painted them the same color (as the building)," Adams said. "We want it re-glazed."

Correct the problem

Rather than issuing tickets for uncorrected

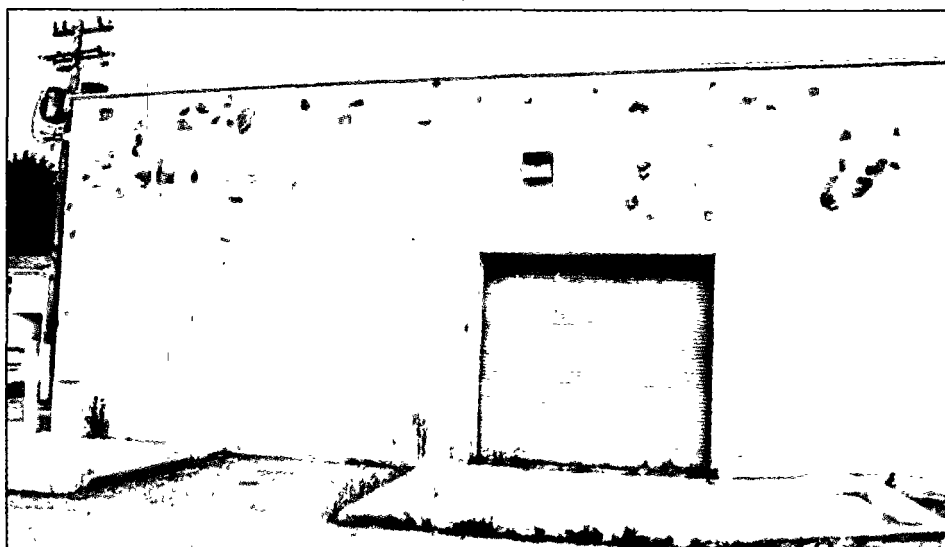
ordinance issues, which brings the matter to a standstill while it moves through the court process, the fire department will have the issue corrected at the property owner's expense.

For example, if property owners — commercial or residential — don't mow their grass, the city will use a contractor to correct the violation and bill the owner.

"We have assigned more services like grass cutting in Wayne than in Westland," Adams said.

With residential blight, Adams said the issue can be that an elderly homeowner has lost the ability to maintain the property.

"Each case is individual. Once we have identified the problem, we'll help. We have discussed their needs and what they



Peeling paint can be found on a vacant commercial building in downtown Wayne. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

can do, we'll get a contractor to assist them," Adams said.

And Adams is looking at getting some communi-

ty service workers from 29th District Court assigned to help clean up the trash dumped on property leading to the

Rouge River.

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Wayne works with Realtors to market city

By LeAnne Rogers
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Wayne will be joining the Main Street program in an effort to revitalize its downtown area.

That's one element for attracting businesses along with cleaning up blight and making the area more attractive.

"There are no benches or bike racks downtown. We need to make it more inviting," said Wayne Councilman John Rhaesa. "You wouldn't invite people to your house and have no place to sit."

Local families are sponsoring flower pots in the downtown areas and many businesses provide landscaping. The Downtown Development Authority has funded streetscape improvements, but Rhaesa points to rusting light poles and weeds, litter and dirt accumulated in the streetscape.

"Our basic strategy is to work with real estate companies to make it easy to do a real estate deal," said Wayne Economic Development Director Peter McInerney.

Online directory

The city maintains an online list of commercial and industrial properties available in Wayne.

"I'm not a broker or in competition. It's just information on property that is available," McInerney said. "It used to be hard copies. We create tools. We need staff time to keep it as current as possible — it runs a little behind time. It's a good place for anyone looking at coming to Wayne."

McInerney agrees that Wayne needs property to be maintained. One of the city's most successful programs was eliminating eyesore buildings that couldn't be rehabilitated.

"Several buildings were removed using the dangerous building ordinance," said McInerney. "It doesn't mean it's public property. Weeds, broken windows are coming under the Fire Department jurisdiction."

Some properties are acquired by the city through tax foreclosure and those with buildings are usually listed with a commercial real estate agent for sale, he said.

"If it is vacant land, the city wants to know what it will look like (developed)," said McInerney. "We don't set a price on vacant land. We don't want it bought to sit there."

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direct access to their representatives but do not campaign.

'Second home'

"Seniors vote. People should be able to come into the center without having campaigning," said Marcum. "It's their second home."

Another council candidate, Bill Campbell, responded saying the Friendship Center is a public building and as a result it isn't legal to say someone can't go there.

Marcum spoke under the public comments section of the meeting. Coleman had already spoken so he wasn't able to respond during the council meeting.

Following the meeting, Coleman provided a response in writing.

"I've done absolutely nothing wrong. I'm not passing out any literature at the Friendship Center. I have the time, I have the ability, and I enjoy being around the seniors there when I've volunteered," Coleman said. "If Barb Marcum has gotten false informa-

tion and thinks I've passed out literature inside that building then she is blatantly wrong. This makes me wonder if it's considered campaigning when council members and other politicians are there working the crowd."

Regarding his volunteerism at the center, Coleman said he was a demonstrator for the Zumba Gold class and played piano for the seniors' enjoyment.

"There are pictures online and also in my possession from the day I volunteered," he added.

No campaigning

During his comments, Councilman Michael Kehrer agreed that the Friendship Center members don't want campaigning in the building. Kehrer recalled his mother was physically put out of the building by other seniors when one of his campaign buttons was spotted on her purse.

"Yes, I attend events at the Friendship Center, I'm a volunteer server. I don't campaign," Kehrer said.

Coleman also denied that while campaigning, he told residents that incumbent Councilman

Dewey Reeves was attempting to get rid of the Nankin Transit Commission director so that Reeves could fill the position.

"Concerning the rumors about Nankin Transit - I make a concerted effort not to discuss what I've heard about the other candidates," said Coleman. "When I knock on doors I stick to the issues, and people know that."

Reeves stood by his version of the story. "I got a call from a person he (Coleman) told that to," said Reeves, who is running for re-election.

Voters will be filling four council seats in November with the top three finishers earning four-year terms and the fourth-place candidate gets a two-year term.

Incumbents seeking re-election include Reeves, Kehrer, Christine Bryant and Meriem Kadi. Along with Campbell and Coleman, Donna Stottlemeyer-Beaupre are the challengers.

Westland Mayor William Wild is opposed in his bid for re-election.

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\$6,000 donation from former resident Rick Styers funded the recording of the buildings.

A \$5,000 donation from the Wayne Ford Civic League will pay for the historic district marker, the installation and some flowers to be planted on the site. The eventual location for the marker hasn't been determined yet.

Working together

After the Civic League provided assistance to the Norwayne Community Garden, President Vic Barra offered other needed assistance to Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell.

"Joanne mentioned the historic marker. I said I'd take it to the (Civic

League) board," said Barra. "First of all, community pride is one of my passions. When the community works together and helps each other out, good things come from that."

Norwayne is generally bounded by Palmer, Wildwood, Glenwood and Merriman roads and Wayne County Lower Rouge Parkway.

The historic registry application notes that some of the characteristics of the Norwayne subdivision, such as having the east/west Grand Traverse as the main trunkline road bisected by smaller cross streets.

Half-circle courts extend from the cross streets. Some of the cross streets connect Grand Traverse Road to a larger trunkline street, such as Wildwood or Glenwood.

Homes in Norwayne face the cross streets and courts rather than the main roads. The courts in Norwayne were all named for Michigan counties and towns, such

as Kalamazoo, Oscoda, Lenawee and Manistee.

Alphabetical naming

To keep the project organized, the court were named in alphabetical groups — for example, all of the "C" streets are grouped together: Calhoun, Cheboygan, Charlevoix and Chippewa.

Originally, the Norwayne housing project had 1,189 residential buildings which contained 1,900 dwelling units. The buildings ranged from four-unit single-bedroom row homes, now called quads, two-story side-by-side duplexes and single-family two-bedroom units.

All the homes are of frame construction on concrete slabs and originally all duplexes and quads had flat roofs. The single-family homes were constructed with gabled roofs.

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Five generations of Ruth Malak's family gathered at American House for the party. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

BIRTHDAY

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the best part of a birthday is presents."

Malak was born Aug. 4, 1909, in her grandmother's house in a small mining town in the Upper Peninsula. She grew up in the Detroit area and studied at the Detroit Teachers College. A certified teacher, she worked in the Detroit schools for 37 years before retiring, leading to one great-great nephew's observing she's been collecting a pension longer than she taught school.

Married to Steve Malak, the couple lived in Detroit for 55 years. They had no children and when he died, she went to live with one of her sisters for awhile, but eventually moved to American House where she has been a resident for 11 years.

Music maker

A gifted musician, she plays the piano and organ, although not as much as she once did.

"She learned to play when she was young," said Arid. "We had a piano at home and she really enjoyed it. She used to play her for activities. A lot of times she played with sheet music, but if it was something special, she'd play it a few times and know it."

She also enjoyed playing tennis, bowling and roller skating, and especially likes baseball. In fact, the invention she appreciates most is the radio so she can listen to Detroit Tigers games.

The celebration at American House served as the family gathering. Her sisters made sure to bring presents.

"What a wonderful day," said Malak. "Am I really 104? Isn't that amazing?"

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Kim Fix, of Hospice of Michigan, talks about hospice care during a program at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hospice offers terminally ill 'comfort care'

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Death is inevitable but the people of Hospice of Michigan want people to know there's nothing to be afraid of with hospice services.

"Many times we find that people come to us when they are in a crisis mode," said Kim Fix, a representative who markets the service and educates the public.

Fix was the facilitator at a recent lunchtime program at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. She spoke to a small group of people who gathered in the community room.

Fix, who was formerly employed in a corporate setting, said that she loved her job but woke up every morning feeling that she could give more to the world. She found a job at Hospice of Michigan.

"I don't think of it as a job," Fix said. "I think of myself as an advocate."

People often need to make quick decisions and they don't know where to turn. There are many different hospices in southeastern Michigan.

"Hospice is a philosophy of care that offers comfort care," she said.

For terminally ill

Its goal isn't to cure because the service is offered to terminally ill patients who have a diagnosis of six months or less to live, if the disease runs its normal course.

Fix, who doesn't have a medical background, said that during hospice, a physician will come to examine the patient. A patient plan is developed and a nurse will come in during the week.

It's the little things that count that make the patient feel good at this time.

"I will go in and many times I will see the little ladies with their nails painted and they are so thrilled," she said. "It's the little things which make them seem so thrilled."



Edward Browning and Michael Curran listening to the presentation.

Sometimes family members want to care for their loved ones but need to work or the patient just can't be lifted easily anymore. That's why having a team of workers to care for the patient provides help and respite.

An assigned social worker can help. A social worker can assist with family dynamics so that the words which need to be said are uttered, like "I'm sorry" and "I love you."

"A social worker does a lot more than what they get credit for," Fix said.

A chaplain and volunteers are also available.

"We have a multidisciplinary team," Fix said.

Covered by insurance

Hospice services are covered through Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

Hospice of Michigan, which is non-profit, doesn't turn anyone away because of lack of insurance.

"People should not be worried about finances," Fix said. "They should be able to spend the last remaining moments with their loved one in the best way possible."

Sometimes people "graduate from hospice." They improve and their symptoms are managed.

There's can be mixed emotions

when they return home. The family is happy because their relative as come home me but they can become sad because all of the caregiver's support team is leaving them, Fix said.

"You can sign on and off of hospice as much as you want," Fix added.

Hospice of Michigan services 56 counties throughout the Lower Peninsula. A care center is available 24/7 to families who want to speak to a nurse during the night, for example, when questions arise.

For more information, visit hom.org or call Fix at 248-353-2831.

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Wayne County hosts health, safety fun fest

Mark your calendar now for the Wayne County Health and Safety Fun Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, on the grounds of the Wayne County Department of Public Health in Wayne.

The Wayne County Department of Public Health will once again be holding its popular, free annual back-to-school Wayne County Health and Safety Fun Fest on the department's grounds at 33030 Van Born at Venoy.

Each year, the fair provides Wayne County families with free health services, back-to-school immunizations, health and dental screenings from local health partners, and important information about nutrition and exercise about how individuals can live healthier lifestyles.

The event also provides educational materials about Wayne County's many programs and services and features vendor booths, entertainment, giveaways and refreshments.

The Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 will be on hand to provide a free child identification program. Each child that goes through the process will receive a dental impression kit as well as a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and their vital information.

Parents or guardians of children who participate must be present and fill out a permission slip for the child to receive the service. Children who have already received the service are encouraged to repeat the process every two years to keep the information in the completed packets current.

The Michigan Child Identification Program provides the family with everything needed for the Amber Alert System. Since 2005 more than 65,000 Michigan children have received this valuable service. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children considers the Michigan Child Identification Program to be one of the most comprehensive of its kind.

For more information about the health and safety fun fest, call the health department at 734-727-7000 or 734-727-7030.

For more information about the child identification program, call 989-466-3087 or visit the Michigan Child ID Web Site at www.michiganchildid.org.

Westland distributes surplus food

Westland residents living north of Michigan Avenue can pick up surplus federal food commodities at the Dorsey Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22.

For the month of August, the city will be distributing frozen ham, vegetable oil, mixed fruit, tomato sauce, sliced carrots, apple juice and possible additional items.

Residents of living south of Michigan Ave-

nue should pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call 734-729-1737 for more information.

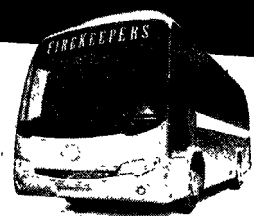
Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution.

The program is ad-

ministered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services. All food allocations, distribution sites and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

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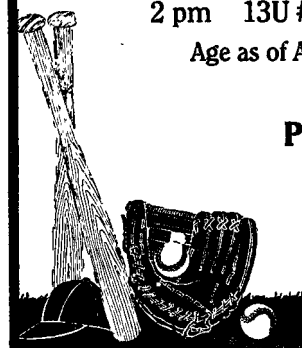
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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Disorderly juveniles

Garden City police received a call Aug. 3 that some juveniles were harassing people near the Family Credit Union ATM. They said that the young people were in the parking lot area of Plato's Restaurant at 29984 Ford.

When the police arrived at 1 a.m., two juveniles went over the back wall and fled northbound through the area of the Beechwood apartments.

Two men who kept their trucks nearby called to report damage. They noticed that someone slit their tires. The officer determined that knives were used to cause the damage.

The truckers said that the kids were bothering women who were at the ATM. One trucker yelled and ordered the kids to stop. The men had observed up to 10 juveniles at the wall who flipped their fingers at the drivers.

One of the drivers said that as one juvenile headed toward the wall to retreat, he turned and displayed what looked like a handgun in the front of his pants.

Theft

After a patient at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, was released at 8:45 a.m. July 30, the police arrested her.

Officers were called to the hospital when witnesses saw that the 37-year-old woman was emptying cabinets in the emergency room and stealing items. Among these items were 14 needles and four syringes.

She concealed the items in patient property bags which also included her own clothing and property. She had removed additional property bags to conceal a total of 87 items which were counted as stolen.

After processing at the police station, she was released on a \$500 personal bond.

Home invasion

A woman who lives in the 6800 block of Gilman reported that at 6 a.m. Aug. 4 that when she awoke from sleeping on the couch, an unknown white male wearing a hoodie was standing over her. He stole the purse that she was resting on.

Her boyfriend who was sleeping upstairs heard her screams and rushed down-

stairs to determine what was wrong. The suspect had already left the premises through the front door by that time.

Upon examination, the couple and the police discovered that a basement window was completely removed, providing the entry point for the intruder.

The officer noted in his report that he had to get past a large pit bull to get to the basement.

Vehicle theft

The police notified the owner of a 1996 Ford Taurus who lives in the 1700 block of Helen that his car was located in the area of Hennepin and Hubbard.

The car had a broken steering column. The owner believes that the car was stolen sometime between 10 p.m. Aug. 5 and 4 a.m. Aug. 6.

» When a Garden City resident in the 32000 of Hennepin went to get in his car at 3:30 a.m. Aug. 6 for work, he noticed that somebody had stolen his 1995 Mercury Marquis.

» When the police saw tire tracks on the pavement of the apartment parking lot in the

28000 block of Beechwood, they ascertained that someone dragged out the 2006 Ford Focus when they stole it.

The female car owner reported her vehicle missing about 7 p.m. Aug. 4.

The police could find no other evidence. The woman said that she owes no money on the vehicle and has no creditors.

Property damage

A woman in the 30000 block of Maplewood observed rear window was smashed on her 2004 Chevy Cavalier at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 5.

Police found no evidence at the scene or any witnesses.

Theft

A Garden City woman who lives in the 30000 block of Beechwood came to the police station Aug. 6 to report that someone had stolen the license plate off her 1999 Chrysler which she parked in the street.

» After a resident in the 28000 block of John Hawk left his vehicle unlocked in his driveway Aug. 4, someone entered it without his permission and stole the backpack

which he left in the back seat. The backpack contained the laptop that he used for work, an IBM computer battery and an IBM Think Pad.

The police gave him information about safeguarding against identity theft.

Property damage

A car owner in the 28000 block of Marquette reported at 8 a.m. Aug. 3 that someone used his neighbor's concrete bird bath to damage his vehicle. The passenger side window was smashed out.

When the police arrived, the bird bath had been returned to its original location in the neighbor's yard.

Suspended license

Police on patrol in the area of Inkster Road and Ford about 7:45 p.m. July 30, stopped a 37-year-old Inkster woman.

The officer learned that she had a suspended license, an expired registration and an expired driver's license. She also had outstanding warrants out of Allen Park and St. Clair Shores.

-By Sue Buck

WAYNE-WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 35000 block of Palmer told police Aug. 3 that he inadvertently left his vehicle unlocked overnight while it was parked in the driveway. In the morning, he said he found that a binder and folder containing a copy of his driver's license, Social Security card and other personal documents along with resumes for job applications had been taken.

Vandalism

» Police were called to Taco Bell, 6925 N. Wayne Road, on Aug. 4, after a vehicle collided with the building causing damage. An employee reported hearing a loud noise just before 10 a.m. before the damage was discovered.

» A vehicle was reported to have struck the mail box, electronic fence and the fence controller at Westland Mini Storage, 1600 Newburgh, overnight Aug. 8. The officer noted the fence had been pushed in about two feet.

» On Aug. 4, an employee at Heather Ridge Apartments, 7500 N. Newburgh, reported that a car entered the complex nearly striking the main entrance sign. The driver overcorrected and hit a wooden sign on the other side of the driveway.

The officer was unable to locate the vehicle in the complex.

Break in

On Aug. 2, a Dearborn Heights man told police that someone had broken into his two vacant rental homes in the 2100 block of Ederton. A miter saw, valued at \$300, was reported stolen from one home.

At the other home, under renovation, two sinks, a lawn mower and a ladder valued at \$480 were reported stolen. A door and window were damaged.

The owner said he had last been at the home on July 31.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 37000 block of Dale told police July

31 that he started his 2004 Buick Rendezvous in the morning and noticed the exhaust was making a lot of noise. When he checked, he said he found the catalytic converter had been cut off the car.

» On Aug. 2, a resident in the 35000 block of Schley told police a set of keys and a cup used to hold loose change was missing from his vehicle. He said the driver's door window doesn't work properly and often falls down into the door.

Vandalism

A resident in the 35000 block of Farragut told police Aug. 2 her fence had been spray painted, she believed by some neighborhood children. The fence was painted with smiley faces, ASAP and M3.

Larceny

Two lawn mowers were reported stolen from a home in the 32000 block of Palmer on July 31. The owner said she last saw the mowers the day before in the yard.

Break in

On July 27, a resident in the 34000 block of Glover, Wayne, told police that he had returned home to find his 51-inch Samsung flat screen television valued at \$1000 missing.

When he left home for the day, the man said he forgot to lock his front door. Nothing else was reported missing from the home.

Larceny from a vehicle

A woman told police July 24 that someone had stolen her purse from her vehicle while she was at a gas station in the 32000 block of East Michigan Avenue.

After pumping gas, she said she had left her purse in her unlocked vehicle while she went inside to pay.

When she returned, she said the purse was missing from the vehicle. The purse and contents were valued at \$520.

By LeAnne Rogers

Inmate found dead in
Redford jail; no foul
play suspected

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Michigan State Police are investigating a death that took place at the Redford police station's cell block last week.

Redford police had a suspect in custody locked up Thursday at the police station, 25833 Elsinore. He was found unresponsive in the cell and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Capt. James Turner of the Redford police referred all questions regarding the incident to the Michigan State Police, who are investigating the death.

MSP Lt. Michael Shaw said Redford police contacted the state police and asked they complete the investigation in the inmate's death.

No details, including the man's name, age or residence, were released.

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GC's Larkin: Canvassers will be diligent in certifying election

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

In a primary election where two write-in candidates share very similar last names, Carol Larkin is well aware of the need to be very diligent.



Carol Larkin

Larkin is a member of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers which has the job of certifying the results of elections held Tuesday in 10 communities, including the hotly contested City of Detroit mayoral race that has former DMC CEO Mike Duggan and barber Mike Dugeon as write-in candidates.

While there is a misconception that the Board of Canvassers counts votes, Larkin stressed that the board's job is one of "checks and balances." It verifies the paperwork done by the local officials. In the case

of the Detroit mayoral race, the board is reviewing the write-in votes and determining how they are counted.

According to the Secretary of State, the board may accept variations in the spelling of a write-in candidate's name, if the candidate's identity can be "determined without doubt."

"We only review what appears on the ballot," said the Garden City resident. "On election night, each community releases unofficial results, we check to see that the number of votes in the poll books matches. We review the tapes from the machines. We make sure everything has been done correctly."

Up until six weeks ago, a board of county canvassers was responsible for canvassing the votes cast within Wayne County elections for federal, state, county and school districts and conducting recounts for all units of government within Wayne County.

However, with passage of a new state law, the board now is responsible for certifying city elections.

Getting started

The certification process started at 8 a.m. Wednesday, when an inventory of what is received from the 10 communities was started. The board itself met officially at 1 p.m. to conduct the canvass. The board has 14 days, or until Aug. 20, in which to complete it.

In the case of the Detroit mayor's race, voting machines will be able to read that a write-in vote has been cast and give a total of the number of such votes. Since the machine can't read the handwritten name, Detroit election workers will have to transfer that information to the poll books.

"We'll receive each poll book and the variations of the spellings," said Larkin. "We will review each and every

poll book and the variations. Detroit has 614 counting boards. It takes a lot of work to put everything together."

Larkin said Michigan Elections Director Christopher Thomas has been in contact with the county board "so we're on the same page."

"We will be very deliberate in our actions," she said. "State law gives us pretty good guidance and spells it all out."

Larkin has been active in politics for years. She has served as chair of the 11th District Democrats and has been to three Democratic conventions. She used to work in county elections and believes that background got her the four-year term on the Board of Canvassers.

This election is the "last hurrah" for Larkin. A retired Wayne County employee, she is in the final year of her four-year term. It expires in October and she doesn't plan to seek reappointment.

"It's been interesting.

I've been in politics for so long that everyone who comes before the board I know," she said.

Closely watched

People are watching the Detroit election closely to see if Duggan can do what many think is impossible: get enough votes to advance to the November general election. His campaign was derailed by mayoral candidate Tom Barrow who went to court to have him tossed off the ballot because he failed to meet the city's one-year residency requirement.

After saying he wouldn't stage a write-in campaign, Duggan decided to do it. While Barrow tried, he was unable to prevent Duggan from being a write-in candidate.

Larkin is familiar with candidate Barrow. Her term started with the

November 2009 general election and included a recount of the Detroit mayoral election prompted by Barrow after he lost to incumbent Mayor Dave Bing by roughly 20,000 votes.

"I spent more time than I'd like to remember in an ice skating shed (Flynn Pavilion) on Belle Isle, doing that recount," she said.

Looking at what happened in 2009, Larkin suspects there might well be a challenge in this election. If there is a recount, it won't start until after Labor Day, she said.

But for now, she is prepared to certify the primary elections.

"This is something we haven't encountered before, but we'll get through it," Larkin said.

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Friends turn library into mini-golf course

Summer programs are winding down at the Wayne Public Library, but the fun's not over yet!

Saturday, Aug. 17, the library will be closed for normal business as we transform the building into an indoor mini-golf course. The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring this fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Besides the mini-golf course, there will be a gift basket raffle and at the 19th hole, a refreshment stand will be open so golfers can purchase lunch and snacks. The menu will include hot dogs, pop, water, candy bars, and chips - all at an affordable price.

Presale tickets are available at the front

desk of the library. Student tickets (ages 6-18) cost \$3; adult tickets (age 18 and up), are \$5; family tickets for up to six people are \$15; and children under the age of 5 are free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets also will be available at the door on the day of the event.

All proceeds from this event will be used to enhance the children's materials collection. This collection includes books, books on CD, DVDs, and music CDs for preschoolers through fifth grade.

The Friends have received a Kohl's Care grant for this fundraiser. Besides a \$500 monetary



donation, Kohl's will provide volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks on the day of the mini-golf outing. The

Friends have also secured an additional major sponsor, The Winchester Consulting Group, and 22 individual sponsors. Many families and businesses have donated raffle items. The Friends greatly appreciate all of the support that has been extended.

This fundraiser will replace the Friends' annual Wine and Cheese Tasting event. The goal is to make available some family fun and support a great cause.

The winners of the Teen Art Contest are

Sylvia Andree, first place; Martha Kimberlin, second place; and Bridgette Tressler, third place.

Grand prize winners of the Teen Summer Reading Program were Danielle Wood, first; Jazzmyne Abron, second; and Kailey Deiter, third.

Grand prize winners of the Children's Summer Reading Program were Aadil Saifullah, Rebecca Foster, Cherell Smith, Tirrell West, Christan Powers and Alyssa Fuller.

Wayne Information Central was compiled by Library Director Paulette Medvecky. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

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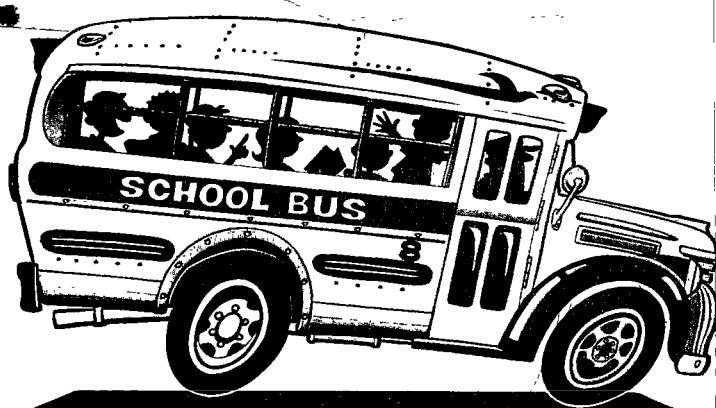
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PIONEER SPIRIT

Teens experience modern day Mormon Handcart Trek

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

More than 100 teens from western Wayne County gave up the comforts of home to spend three days walking through the Boy Scouts Cole Canoe Base in Alger, Mich., on a scaled-down version of a pioneer trek.

The teens wore pioneer garb and pulled handcarts filled with clothes and food to commemorate the 1,300-mile Mormon Handcart Trek in which members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints journeyed from Iowa City to Salt Lake City in 1847.

"I call it a media detox - no junk food, no electronics," said Dan Hill of Novi who accompanied the teens. "They had to experience what it was like for the pioneers."

Once every four years, a three-day re-enactment - a Pioneer Trek - is conducted for teens ages 14-18 in the Westland Stake. The Stake, which includes wards, or congregations, extends from South Lyon on the west side, Livonia and Dearborn through the Downriver communities, Monroe, Romulus, Canton, Plymouth, Garden City and Westland.

The trek was held in late June and involved 110 teens and 30-40 adult leaders. The teens were organized into 11 families, each with a "Ma and Pa." They were dressed as pioneer clothes and packed their clothing and food into 3-by-4-foot wagons that they pulled or pushed on their journey.

The handcarts were replicas of those used by pioneers. They were constructed by local church members, using wheels ordered from the Amish. The carts weighed an estimated 200 pounds and when loaded with the clothing and food for one of the families, the weight was closer to 500 pounds.

Remembrance

The trek is held every four years so that teens age 14-18 get to experience it at least once. According to Susan Mendenhall, of the Detroit Michigan Region Public Affairs for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, it is more a tradition of remembrance, than an actual historically-detailed enactment. It's intended to build faith, rather than merely be camping in pioneer clothes.

"The handcart pioneers and other pioneers who helped establish Salt Lake City have since become a defining part of Mormon history, providing examples of faith, effort and vision for those who came later," she said.

The trek was a series of interconnecting loops laid out in a more remote area of the Cole base. The "pioneers" spent their days pushing and pulling their carts and their nights sleeping under the stars.

"It was pretty rustic - no electricity, no TV, no phones," said Doug Bauss of Novi who with his wife, Kathryn were a Ma and Pa. "My daughter Madeleine said it was actually refreshing."

"We found a lot of other things to do," Madeleine said. "We did a lot of singing."

According to Alyssa Gerard of Dearborn Heights, the pioneer stories shared by her Ma and Pa helped drive home the point about the trek.

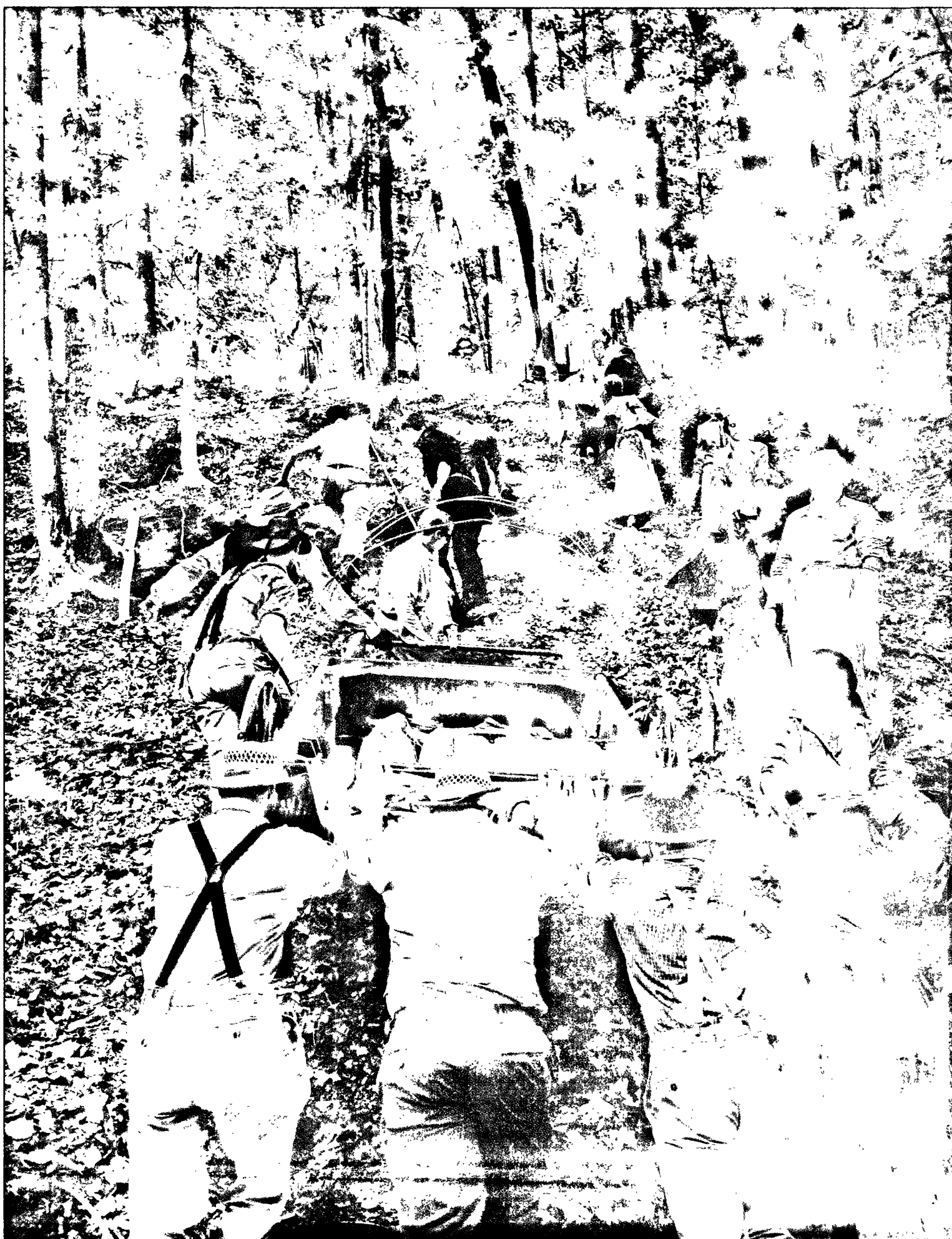
"This trek made us depend on each other and rely on each other," she said. "And we started to depend on the Lord. Our ancestors relied on their faith to get through their pain. It was very spiritual."

Symbols of trek

At certain points along the trail, there were markers that were symbolic of the 1847 trek. Crossing the ravine symbolized the pioneers leaving civilization and going into the wilds, Hill said.

The teens also encountered a makeshift grave, symbolizing the pioneers lost during the trek. The boys were also pulled away from the carts, representing the battalion of men the Army sought for the Mexican-American War.

"The pioneer women and children were left behind," said Bauss. "That was hard to watch because we wanted to



The teens formed a line to pass the contents of the cart up the hill before family members pushed it to the top.



Family members Jacob Christensen of Canton (from left), Drew Thompson of South Lyon, Ben Yates of Livonia, Spencer Dyal of Canton, Sean Cartwright of Farmington Hills, Suzanne Barfuss of Plymouth and Ken Barfuss of Plymouth participated in the trek, held in late June.



Nathaniel Byrd (left), 17, of Canton helps push the cart on the trek.

help the girls."

According to the Bausses, the adults never put their hands on the carts. The teens had to organize themselves and figure out who would push and who would pull. Faced with traversing the ravine, they were left to figure out how to get their carts down and up the other side.

"Everyone had their own opinion, and one of the family members said how about we pray," said Madeleine. "We bowed our heads and prayed and sure enough we came up with an idea and sure enough it worked."

"We took everything out of the carts and the girls passed the stuff up and down the ra-

vine," said Egypt Byrd of Canton. "The guys brought the cart up and down the ravine, using ropes. It took over two hours."

'Layer of grit'

They also encountered drinking water that was yellow in color and reminded one teen of Gatorade. One referred to it as "bloody nose water," and

another recalled having "a layer of grit" on her teeth the first time she drank it.

They ate lunch meat and cold sandwiches for lunch and chili and stew for dinner. The oatmeal for breakfast was "interesting," according to Byrd.

"It was oats and well water and a sprinkle of brown sugar," she said.

The third day was more of a reflection time for the teens. There was a solo area where they were given letters from their parents and 45 minutes to themselves.

"They kind of miss their parents by then and what the parents say sinks in more there than at home," said Hill.

Looking back on the three days, Nate Byrd of Canton described it as the "best experience" of his life.

"My friends said why do it, three days with no phone," he said. "They said I was crazy, but I say they said that because they didn't go on it."

"I wasn't excited to go at first, but my mom urged me to go," added Jonny Dalton of Canton. "I'm glad I did."

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Backpack giveaway

Do you know of a family in need in the Wayne-Westland School District?

If so, have the children's parent or legal guardian sign up for free backpacks and school supplies from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, between Wayne Road and Newburgh, in Westland.

The parent or guardian must present Medicaid cards for each school-aged child to be eligible. Children do not have to be present at the sign-up. Distribution of backpacks and supplies will take place at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, through a Backpack Blessing Worship Service, followed by picnic lunch.

All are invited to attend the Backpack Blessing Worship Service, and children from the community who already have their own backpacks are encouraged to bring theirs to be blessed.

Open House

McKinley Cooperative Preschool will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 17, at the preschool located inside St. John's Episcopal Church at 555 S. Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill, Westland. The preschool offers 2-, 3- and 4-year-old classes with affordable tuition and parent involvement. Register for fall classes at the open house and meet the teacher who has more than 25 years of experience.

Contact Erin Gibbons at 734-729-7222 or erin1600@gmail.com for more information or to schedule a personal visit if unable to attend the open house.

Preschool signups

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is enrolling for the 2013-2014 school year. Willow Creek offers preschool classes for 4-year-olds, 3-year-olds and a tot-to-toddler class.

Willow Creek Preschool is at 36660 Cherry Hill, in Westland. For more information, call 734-326-0078 or visit www.willowcreekpreschool.com.

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odist Preschool is enrolling for the 2013-2014 preschool year. Enroll now and save half off the enrollment fee, a \$25 savings value.

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Craft space

St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland is looking for crafters interested in having a table at its Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 12. Table rental is for \$25. Interested crafters can contact St. John's at 734-721-5023 or Sharon Scott at 734-722-4651.

Circus Tickets

Tickets are on sale for the Kelly Miller Circus which will hold shows at 2 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10. The cost is \$6 for children under age and \$10 for adults. The price is \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids on the day of the event.

Tickets are on sale at the Wayne-Westland Community Center, Henry's Service Center, Mark Chevrolet, Jack Demmer Ford, Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union and the Westland Municipal Golf Course.

Lunch and Learn

Dr. Deborah Kay will discuss the importance of "Back to Health 101: What Parents Need to Know" at Lunch and Learn on Saturday, Aug. 10, at Westland Shopping Center.

Hosted by Garden City Hospital, Lunch and Learn will be at 1 p.m. in the East Court of the mall, located at Warren and Wayne roads in Westland. Dr. Kay will cover school safety, proper sleeping habits, packing a nutritious lunch and immunizations.

There also will be lunch for attendees, giveaways and a raffle. The event is free and open to the public.

Performer's tribute act brings Elvis to life

By Brad Kadrach
Staff Writer

When Chris Ayotte and his older brother, Paul, would do their after-dinner chores as kids, they'd sing along to an Elvis Presley record Paul bought shortly after Presley's death.

While Paul washed dishes and Chris dried, they'd sing the entire album, complete with the shaking, rattling and rolling for which Presley was famous. The more they sang, the more Paul was picking up Elvis' voice, imitating Presley to near-perfection.

Younger brother Chris was so impressed, he decided to try getting the voice down, too. Now, as anyone who's been to the Michigan ElvisFest in Ypsilanti the last few years knows, Chris does it as well as anyone.

Ayotte, a Canton resident who grew up in Shelby Township, spends a couple of nights a month performing as Elvis – and paying tribute to a variety of other musicians, actors and even U.S. Presidents – in his own variety show.

"Cleaning up was never so much fun," said Ayotte, who by day is a marketing manager for a Fortune 500 company. "I was so impressed with (Paul's) vocal likeness that I started picking up the voice myself. By the time I was in high school, I was performing Elvis in show choir and also for special performances with the marching band."

Dared to enter

Friends dared him to enter an Elvis contest at the 2004 Michigan ElvisFest, an event Ayotte didn't even know existed – at that point. Thrown into a contest with a dozen other Elvises, all of whom Ayotte said "had the look, feel, moves and voice," Ayotte wound up winning the Director's Choice contest.

While he was excited – "I was honored, humbled," he said – to win, Ayotte was more impressed with the size of the crowd and their "insatiable



Ayotte at a recent performance.
BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

COMING UP

What: Chris Ayotte's night of comedy and song

Where: Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford Road, Westland

When: Sept. 6-7, doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, show at 8 p.m.

Why: Ayotte pays tribute to a variety of singers, celebrities, and former U.S. presidents

Tickets: \$40 per person; contact Kathy at 734-216-9451. Reserve in advance; seating limited.

appetite and appreciation" for Presley's music.

"I had no idea there was such a demand for it even today," said Ayotte, who has a bachelor's degree in political science and communication from the University of Michigan. "Since then, I have been very fortunate to have been invited back every year. What a joy to sing for people who will never forget the King of Rock and Roll. Ultimately, it's Elvis' God-given voice that has always mesmerized me. There's no one like him and there never will be."

Ayotte has freelanced as an announcer and actor for TV, industrial video, and radio. His credits include several live TV commercials for the local NBC affiliate and acting as game show host for trade show videos. He also performed in civic theater to raise funds for charitable causes.

Variety the spice

Much of his time these days, though, he does variety shows, paying tribute to a list of legendary singers, celebrities, and former U.S. presidents. According to Ayotte, it's a little like The Tonight Show meets The Rat Pack meets Who's Line Is It Anyway?

And it's more than just Elvis. His act features tributes to the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Bobby Darin, Harry Connick Jr., Neil Diamond and Tom Jones, each singer introduced with celebrity impressions ranging from Jack Nicholson and Sylvester Stallone to William Shatner and Johnny Carson.

And while the idea of turning his entertainment career into a full-time gig is a tempting one, Ayotte never really considers it.

"I'm just happy to occasionally perform for people who enjoy a different take on live entertainment," said Ayotte, a big fan of impressionists like Rich Little and Frank Caliendo. "What a pleasure to put smiles on the faces of people who remember the greats and enjoy a nostalgic walk down memory lane."

"Who knew?" he added. "I tell my mom I must have been born in the wrong decade, but she always says I was meant to bring back the memories of these legendary performers so we never forget."

While his performances are "variety" shows, he always brings it back to The King, whose voice Ayotte said is "simply unmistakable" and who has the "greatest following of any performer I know post-death."

"When people close their eyes, I want them to feel like they are hearing the real thing," Ayotte said. "I think there's an Elvis fan in everyone."

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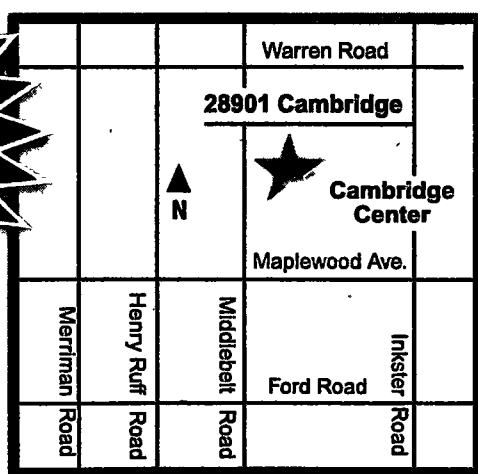
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Local meat company expects revenue spike

Don Turner, the owner of Mid-Michigan Meats in Canton, loves a good steak, and a good cut of meat in general.

About eight years ago, his brother told him about Michigan farmers selling quarter-cows, all grain-fed, at prices comparable to grocery store prices. Being a true carnivore, Turner decided to purchase a quarter-cow and fell in love.

Friends and family who came to his home for dinner commented about the good taste of the meat, and five years ago he got an idea: Offer these cuts of meats to individual customers. Through word of mouth, a business was born.

Turner offers three base products – naturally raised grain fed beef, ground organic beef, and naturally raised grain fed pork – and he plans on expanding into differ-

ent types of meats. The way things are going with the quality and rising cost of commercially available meats, his offerings and pricing are taking his business to new heights.

The meat is all raised and processed in Michigan, and Turner expects nearly a 200-percent growth spurt in 2013.

According to Turner, the quarter-cow is great for families of all kinds. It consists of approximately 100-110 lbs. of meat and includes various steaks, roasts and ground beef. The ground organic beef is for the 100-percent organic minded customer and is all organic, grass-fed ground beef.

The third product is a half pig that will provide approximately 70 pounds of meat. The order would consist of various roasts, chops, bacon, sausage,

and ground pork. Like the beef, there are several options for butchering. The pork is grain fed, raised naturally, and free of steroids.

"I started buying meat this way by purchasing a quarter cow for my own family in 2005 when I met a farmer through my brother who lives north of Lansing," Turner said. "My family and friends really liked the meat and noticed that it looked, tasted, and cooked differently. When we had people over for dinners, they would routinely comment how much they liked the meat. I loved being able to say, 'You can't get this in a store, I got a meat guy.'"

A little over five years ago Turner said he visited and talked things over with the farmer to see about buying more and reselling it to others.

That is how things got rolling and, since then, the company has expanded to working with a number of Michigan-owned family farms.

The company's average customers are women 28-48 years old with 2-5 kids ranging in ages from young to late teens who want to know from where their family's food is coming and what's in it. Other customers are couples in pre-retirement with older or grown children, and men 40-60 looking for high-quality steak options that are healthy.

Turner only offers meats grown and processed in Michigan by small family farmers and processors located in central Michigan.

For more information about Mid-Michigan Meats, LLC, call 734-812-2602 or visit www.mid-michiganmeats.com



Don Turner, the owner of Mid-Michigan Meats in Canton.

Gearing up with fitness technology

Are all of your friends and co-workers sporting new bracelets? They may actually be activity trackers that allow users to better understand their health.

In July I joined the fitness tech craze after Verizon loaned me a JawBone Up™. The JawBone Up is much more than a pedometer that sits comfortably on your wrist. It tracks sleep patterns, activity trends and syncs with the JawBone Mobile App so owners can plug in other details such as caloric intakes.

It took very little effort to integrate the JawBone Up™ into my life. I downloaded the app,



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charged the device using the USB port on my computer. That's all it took to start, and syncing daily activities with the phone was even easier. The JawBone Up has a RCA adapter that plugs into your smartphone's headphone jack.

By pairing the devices through the headphone jack about twice a day, the JawBone can download your steps and sleep patterns right to your phone. From there owners can trend their patterns over days, months

or weeks.

So how does a small, hypoallergenic rubber band with a computer chip understand your sleep patterns and step workouts? With what JawBone calls cutting-edge movement tracking technology. This technology understands when your body is at rest and when it is in motion. The result is big data that can help owners understand and adjust their lifestyles to be more healthy.

The JawBone Up is available in small, medium and large and in a multitude of colors including black for those who don't want to have a bright bracelet on. It retails for a \$129 at Verizon Wireless.

Although pedometers have been around for ages, they aren't exactly in competition with the JawBone. JawBone is an advanced fitness gadget for a connected person on-the-go. Devices such as the JawBone Up have become increasingly popular over the years thanks in part to Fit Bit which has been leading the personal fitness tracking industry.

Arguably, FitBit's best device is the FitBit Flex, another wristband that tracks activity and sleep. It is \$99 and also has LED lights to show your daily progress in terms of activity. It even has a silent alarm to wake you up in the morning – so no more showing up late to work because of the AM/PM thing or having your phone turned to silent.

Another very solid fitness tracking device is the Nike FuelBand. The FuelBand tracks daily activities from your wrist and syncs with the Nike+ FuelBand app.

At \$149, the FuelBand is the most expensive of the bunch but it also has some more advanced technology.

Nike also offers the Nike+ SportsWatch and GPS for \$169. It tracks your runs and remembers your best times which is beneficial for coaches and athletes.

Now that you know of all the best fitness tracking devices, you can spend less time researching products and more time working on your daily activity goals.

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Parkside Credit Union celebrates 60th anniversary

Parkside Credit Union is reaching out to thank its members as part of its 60th anniversary celebration.

A Michigan-based financial institution with offices in Westland and Livonia, its celebration has a "Sixty Years Serving You" message.

Founded in 1953, Parkside Credit Union is holding Member Appreciation Days in Livonia 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, in Westland. Featured will be free food and light refreshments, giveaways and prize drawings, as well as a popcorn machine and anniversary cake. Also included will be free on-site shredding of documents for all members.

"The 60-year anniversary of the founding of the credit union is an exciting milestone," said Martin Carter, CEO of Parkside Credit Union. "We are proud of the heritage we have established and want to celebrate this momentous occasion with our members and staff who've made this growth possible."

In addition to the anniversary celebrations, Parkside Credit Union dove into the history books to locate its longest tenured member, John Reymann, who helped form the credit union in 1953 along with 20 other

individuals. One of those was Jim Sale, who held the distinction of holding the first account.

Within the first few years, the credit union had a little over 100 members, who handled their transactions (checking and savings accounts only) at an old union hall building in Livonia that has since been razed.

Parkside Credit Union grew exponentially in the 1960s with the addition of automatic payroll deductions and loans, partly as a result of the efforts of Reymann, who was responsible for soliciting new memberships in the credit union as well as developing new products and services. He continues to bank with Parkside Credit Union today.

A member-owned nonprofit financial institution, Parkside Credit Union membership is open to people living and working in southeast Michigan. It currently serves more than 13,800 members, with assets of more than \$78 million.

Parkside offers a full range of financial products and services to businesses and consumers, and operates two full service branch offices in Livonia at 36525 Plymouth Road and in Westland at 1747 S. Newburgh. For more information, call 734-525-0700 or go online to www.parksidecu.org.

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Knowing, doing beats procrastination

I'm pondering the difference between "planning" and "procrastination."

Sounds simple, right? Planning is good; procrastination is bad. But watch out for planning that turns into procrastination when you know what to do and it's time to: Just do it.

Here's a related example.

"How many of you know more about diet and exercise than you actually apply in your life?" asked Lisa Ford, speaking at a Yes Network motivational seminar. "We all know what we should do, we just don't do it."

As Lisa pointed out, this disconnect occurs in other aspects of our lives besides exercise.

When we know what to do, why don't we do



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it? Usually because it's hard. We're secretly hoping there's an easier way. Maybe there is, but too often the precious time spent "looking" would be better spent "doing."

Here's a silly example that I know I've done: driving by an open parking spot looking for a closer one, until the time spent driving around was longer than the time it would have taken to walk.

In our work lives or personal lives, there are areas in which we know what we need to do. Instead of driving around and around, it's

time to park the car and start walking.

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P.S. "Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle."

Abraham Lincoln
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by email at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at 313-223-3318. For more information, call 313-222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 12
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S Wayne Road, Westland
Details: St. John's has table available for craft sales at its Fall Festival for craft sales for \$25. Anyone is interested in renting a table can call the church at 734-721-5023, or Sharon Scott at 734-722-4651.

PRESCHOOL SIGNUP

Location: Westland Free Methodist Preschool, 1421 S. Venoy, Westland

Details: The Westland Free Methodist Preschool is now enrolling for the 2013-14 preschool year. Enroll now and save half off the enrollment fee, a \$25 savings value. The preschool is a tuition-based Christian program that offers classes for 3-4-year-old children. It offers a theme-based curriculum taught by certified teachers and includes all the basic preschool academic skills as well as a low child-teacher ratio, indoor gym and outdoor playground.

Contact: For more information, to schedule a tour or enroll, call 734-728-3559, visit the website at www.preschool.livesarechanging.com or send an email to wfmppreschool@yahoo.com.

WESTLAND ARTIST GUILD

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 Wednesday, Aug. 14

Location: William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland

Details: Artists are invited to come to the library to find out more about the newly formed Westland Artist Guild. The group will meet once a month to talk about art and share ideas with each other. Durwood Coffey is forming the guild. He has been an artist for more than 40 years. His work can be viewed at FineArtAmerica.com. Members need only have a desire for art. From the beginning painter to the professional artist, all is encouraged to join.

Contact: Durwood Coffey at 734-266-7081 or corvusmoon-wednesday

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 17

Location: McKinley Cooperative Preschool, inside St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Is your child ready for kindergarten? McKinley offers 2-, 3- and 4-year-old classes with affordable tuition and parent involvement. Register for fall classes at the open house and meet the teacher with over 25 years of experience.

Contact: Contact Erin Gibbons at 734-729-7222 or erin1600@gmail.com to schedule a personal visit, if you are unable to attend or if you have questions.

PRESCHOOL SIGNUPS

Time/Date: Ongoing

Location: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Willow Creek Preschool is enrolling for the 2013-14 school year. Willow Creek offers

preschool classes for 4-year-olds, 3-year-olds and a tot to toddler class.

Contact: Call 734-326-0078 or go online to www.willowcreek-preschool.com.

MOM TO MOM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

Location: First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Towne Square, Wayne

Details: The church has tables available for its Mom to Mom Sale. The cost is \$20 per eight-foot table. More than 30 tables will be available. There also will be a large item room as well as concessions and a bake sale. Admission will be \$1 at the door.

Contact: For more information, send an email to mom2mom-waynefumc@gmail.com or call the church office at 734-721-4801.

» **Time/Date:** noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21

Location: McKinley Cooperative Preschool, inside St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Approximately 40 tables, with a big item area. There will be concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1 per person and strollers are allowed.

Contact: A contract is available for anyone that wants to rent an 8-foot table for \$20 at www.mckinleypreschool.org/mom2mom. For more information, send an email to RebeccaLay@becca-new1027@yahoo.com with any questions.

TRIP TO NYC

Time/Date: Oct. 3-9

Location: New York City

Details: The Garden City Public Schools Leisure Program is offering a trip to New York City in October. The price is \$699 per person and includes seven days, six nights, double occupancy and motor coach transportation. Also included are 10 meals – six breakfasts and four dinners – two guided tours of New York City. See Central Park, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Wall Street, and more.

Contact: For more information, call Cambridge Leisure Department at 734-762-8430, Ext. 306.

BOWLING BENEFIT

Time/Date: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5 (check in starts at noon)

Location: Town and Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: \$12 per bowler (any age welcome to bowl) includes two games of bowling, shoe rental and pizza and pop. Raffle tickets will be on sale for over 50 awesome local business prizes and baskets. Any registered bowler that is 5 years old or younger will be entered into a "kids raffle" for free.

Contact: Registration form available online at mckinleypreschool.org/fundraising-information. They can be emailed to RebeccaLay@becca-new1027@yahoo.com. Call her at 734-776-7741 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of every month

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening

experiences. Learn from others as they share ideas, resources and support. Donations appreciated.

Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays

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

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Many topics are discussed including those that may be pertinent to your own situation. Also, ideas are presented to help you become involved in the activities of Widowed Friends.

Contact: For more information, call Dick at 313-534-0399.

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet are available but not mandatory.

Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

FALL CRAFT SHOWS

ST. THEODORE

Time/Date: 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday, Oct. 12

Location: St. Theodore's Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland

Details: St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. We have 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors, please.

Contact: Mary at 734-425-4421 vm#10

ST. MEL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5

Location: St. Mel's Parish Gym, 7506 N. Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: Crafters are needed for St. Mel's Fall Craft Show. There are more than 50 tables available. Table cost is \$30, table with electricity is \$35.

Contact: For applications, call St. Mel's at 313-274-0684 or by email at stmelcraftfair@yahoo.com.

PERRINVILLE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12

Location: Perrinville Early Childhood Center, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia

Details: Crafters are being sought for the Perrinville Early Childhood Center's fourth annual Craft/Vendor Show.

Contact: Brenda at wjob2000@ameritech.net

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

Contact: 734-416-1111, Ext. 223

VNA HOSPICE

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's VNA-hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

Contact: 248-967-8361, www.vna.org

SEASONS HOSPICE

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

Contact: 800-370-8592

LITERACY COUNCIL

Details: The Community Literacy Council CLC is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.

Contact: 734-416-4906

HEARTLAND HOSPICE

Details: Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

Contact: 888-973-1145

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

Contact: Chris Goldberg at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: A support & education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people who are caring for family members 60 and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Call Helen Streett at 734-629-5004 to confirm time and date, if attending for the first time.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

SAFE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: A Safe Place is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

Contact: Russ Weathers at 734-422-1995

ADULT DAY SERVICES

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth MI

Detail: A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

Contact: Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com and 734-956-2600

METRO FIBROMYALGIA

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City

Details: The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

Contact: Lucy at 734-462-1768, www.MetroFibroGroup.com

MENOPAUSE & MORE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month

Location: Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

Contact: 734-655-1100

COUNTERPOINT

Details: Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

Contact: 734-563-5005

TOUGHLOVE

Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Location: Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.

Details: Support group, newcomers welcome.

Contact: 734-261-7880 or 248-380-7748

LIFECARE

Time/Date: 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

Details: LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

Contact: Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or 734-956-2109

EDUCATION

WILLOW CREEK

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

Contact: 734-326-0078

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland

Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

Contact: 734-427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.

Contact: 313-561-4110, Ext. 10

ST. MARY

Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne

Details: St. Mary School offers pre-K 3 and 4 and kindergarten-eighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.

Contact: For more information, call the school office at 734-721-1240.



More than 500 backpacks were given out to children at the Back to School Backpack program Monday at Nankin Mills in Westland.

Youngsters get backpacks at Wayne County program

Wayne County helped hundreds of kids prepare for the new school year by providing more than 800 backpacks at its annual Back to School Backpack program Monday at Nankin Mills in Westland.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano started the program in 2003.

"We in Wayne County believe providing chil-

dren with the tools they need to help them succeed in school lays the groundwork for future success in life," said Ficano.

"I believe in the power of knowledge and education and that's why helping kids start the school year with some of the basic supplies they'll need is so important to me."

An estimated 500

youngsters received the backpacks during Monday's event.

The backpack giveaway is sponsored by the Friends of Nankin Mills, DTE Energy and Wal-mart.

For more information on other child development programs provided by Wayne County, visit waynecounty.com and click on the Child and Family Services tab.

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Protecting our water resources begins at home

Anyone taking a drive past Newburgh Lake in Wayne County's Edward Hines Park this summer has probably noticed much of the lake's surface is covered by a green mat of algae.

The algae makes it tough to maneuver canoes and kayaks, is an obstacle to fishing, sucks the oxygen out of the water and probably isn't what Wayne County officials had envisioned when they invested nearly \$12 million on a restoration project back in 1998 to clean up the lake.

The reality is the lake, which is located in Livonia along Hines Drive, is actually doing pretty good despite the algae. Fish populations are relatively healthy (and much healthier than they were prior to the restoration project) and it remains a great place to see birds and other wildlife that thrive along its banks.

Yet it stands as an example of the impact people can have on a watershed, especially urban watersheds like the Rouge River, which has been impounded to create Newburgh Lake and other small lakes in the area.

The algae in Newburgh Lake is due to non-point source pollution - essentially soil erosion and the fertilizer that runs off lawns in upstream areas like Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Westland and even as far away as Novi and Salem Township. It may be hard to believe that somebody applying too much fertilizer on a lawn in Novi could have a negative impact on a lake in southern Livonia, but water (and everything it carries with it) moves downstream through rivers and streams and ultimately collects in impoundments like Newburgh Lake.

Also, excessive storm water runoff, especially after heavy rains, causes soil erosion. This sediment, which in Michigan contains phosphorus that causes algae blooms, also collects in impoundments and lakes.

And you don't have to live along a river or stream to contribute to the problem. In fact, the storm drains that dot most suburban streets are really the headwaters of a watershed. Everything that gets swept into or flushed down a storm drain eventually makes its way into local waterways.

That's why it is important for homeowners and other property owners to take certain steps that can have a huge impact on keeping waterways healthy. Here are just a few of the precautions people can take to help:

» Make sure you or your lawn service provider use only phosphorus-free lawn fertilizers.

» When applying fertilizers, keep them on the lawn and off paved surfaces, where they will be swept into storm drains. If you do get fertilizer on paved surfaces, sweep it up.

» Use native Michigan plants when possible; they soak up more storm water than turf lawns and help control erosion.

» Build rain gardens with native plants or install rain barrels to help keep storm water on your property, rather than have it go directly into storm drains. This helps prevent stream bank erosion.

» Keep pet wastes, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains.

» If you are still on a septic system, have it inspected and pumped at least every three to five years.

» Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorus to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into our lakes, streams and coastal waters.

» Clean vehicles at a car wash rather than in the driveway or street, where soaps and cleaners will be make their way into storm drains.

All of this non-point source pollution has a negative impact on drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries and wildlife.

Everyone, whether they realize it or not, has an impact on the health of local waterways. Everyone lives upstream to some body of water. We live in a state that in many ways is defined by its magnificent water resources. As such, we have an obligation to protect and preserve them for future generations. And it starts at home.



Newburgh Lake is filling up with weed and algae growth, as this photo can attest. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

COMMUNITY VOICE

What kind of mass transit would you like to see in metro Detroit?

We asked this question at the Maplewood Center in Garden City.



"Who's going to pay for it, especially since Detroit and this area isn't set up for it? It would be nice if they could bring back things like streetcars, but I'm not sure how it would fit in."

Yvonne Bond
Inkster



"I'd like to see trams like they have in Chicago."

Lisa Watts
Westland



"Maybe a shuttle bus strictly for seniors that would go from their residences to the community center or mall."

Lois Wade
Garden City



"It would be beautiful if we had some of that transportation. I'm not a driver, so I would need something like a light rail system."

Luba Shesiuik
Garden City

LETTERS

Are you kidding?

I woke up Friday, made the coffee, sat down to read the paper and there on the front page was an article that could only be titled, "You have got to be kidding me."

Wayne County wants to raise taxes to make up for a \$75 million deficit. The same Wayne County ruled by Bully Bob who has rewarded incompetence with pensions fit for a king. The same Wayne County where a commission of Bob's Buddies approved a \$300 million jail that sits incomplete on a valuable piece of property in Downtown Detroit. The same Wayne County where Turkia Mullins was allowed to transfer to the airport commission with a six figure "severance" package.

Now I hate the concept of emergency manager, but seeing that the Wayne County Commission lacks the intestinal fortitude to put Bully Bob in his rightful place, an emergency manager is what we need. But then, of course, the governor will pay him a half mill and our taxes will go up anyway. You have got to be kidding me.

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

Plan for Sunshine Week

I have an issue with the way news media present such rosy prospects for FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) each year during Sunshine Week. Year after year, optimism is based, not on new ideas to improve FOIA being enacted into law, but merely on a new bill with a short shelf life being introduced or reported out of committee.

The ballyhoo over the Issa Cummings FOIA implementation bill taken up by the U.S. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee just in time for this past Sunshine Week comes to mind. Publicizing that is like awarding a soldier the Congressional Medal of Honor for telling what he might do in combat someday.

Just as bad or worse, news organizations downplay or ignore efforts to inhibit open government. A recent example would be proposals put forward by the Michigan State Court Administrative Office.

In RICO cases, the cast of characters consists of three types: (1) racketeers, often con artists, (2) dupes exploited as false fronts and (3) victims. Sunshine Week works in a similar fashion. Legislators, press and public.

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Let's hope that annual celebrations by the press of wobbly legislative hints of reform haven't become a meaningless ritual. If next year's Sunshine Week is going to be any different, now is the time to start planning for it.

Jim Lang
Livonia

'Free market' not answer

Over the last few weeks there have been a couple of articles published in the Observer that suggested a "free market" answer for a perceived national health care dilemma. Unfortunately for those proposing a private enterprise solution for health care needs, the facts do not support their position.

The private sector has been present in American health care for a long time while other advanced democracies have embraced public intervention in the health care marketplace. The result, according to the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation (OECD) data, is that we pay roughly twice as much per capita for health care than those who have gone the public route. Ditto for gross domestic product.

In 2011 the United States spent \$8,508 per capita on medical care while the average among OECD nations was \$3,339. Canada spent \$4,522. France, which, according to the World Health Organization, has the best health care system in the world, spent \$4,118 per capita.

Beyond that, in 2011 the United States spent 17.7 percent of its gross domestic product on health care. The closest country to the U.S. was the Netherlands, which spent 11.9 percent of GDP on health care. Canada spent 11.2 percent. The average among the 35 OECD countries was 9.3 percent. France spends 11.6 percent of GDP on health care.

Clearly, public intervention in the field of medicine can be efficient and effective. It is not by accident that so many nations with public systems spend much less on health care and often have better outcomes than we do.

In terms of health care, private enterprise has left much to be desired in America. Those who narrowly advocate for a private market fix need to explain why the private sector does not, inherently, bring American health costs down to the level of other advanced nations with public medicine.

They also need to explain why many of these "public" nations have better health outcomes. For example, we lag in both life expectancy and infant mortality, according to OECD.

Al Churchill
Livonia

Empanel grand jury

In regard to the City of Detroit and bankruptcy, I feel that will play out the way it should.

What I find troubling is the complete lack of compliance with our state constitution. The framers of this document specifically spelled out the rights of government retirees.

Now, Gov. Rick Snyder and his appointee, Kevyn Orr, are attempting to subvert our constitution through the federal court. The Michigan Constitution is etched in stone and can only be altered by a majority of our state voters.

Snyder is relying on a law passed by right-wing zealots to justify his actions. However, the governor and Attorney General Bill Schuette both took an oath, and are required by law, to uphold and defend the entire constitution, not just the parts they approve of.

I would urge the parties that have filed suit in the bankruptcy case to also request that a grand jury be empaneled to investigate and, ultimately, indict Snyder and Schuette for malfeasance, misfeasance and misconduct while holding public office.

James Huddleston
Canton

OUR VIEWS

Stop on red to save a life, possibly your own

The next time you're tempted to run a red light, stop! Don't put your life or the lives of others at risk.

According to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Red-light running is on the increase in Southeast Michigan. In 2012, 34,321 traffic crashes took place at signalized intersections, up from 33,554 in 2011. More than 10 percent, or 3,452 of those, involved red-light runners. Twenty of those crashes resulted in 21 fatalities, up from seven fatalities in 2011 and 19 in 2010.

Of the 10 communities with the most frequent red light running accidents in 2010-2012,

In 2012, 34,321 traffic crashes took place at signalized intersections, up from 33,554 in 2011.

Westland ranked ninth. Of its 1,572 accidents, 79, or 5 percent, were due to running red lights.

This week is National Stop on Red Week. We join SEMCOG, along with the Federal Highway Administration, in reminding motorists to focus on their driving, and stop when the light is red.

Even when the light is green for you, make sure the vehicle with the red light has stopped before going through the intersection. Motorists who are distracted by multi-tasking while driving, such as talking on a cell phone or texting, have a higher chance of missing a yellow light and may drive through a red light.

We are all in a hurry these days, slowed down by road construction, traffic congestion and the busyness of life.

But the seconds you might save by running a red light cannot possibly be worth the risk of injuring or killing yourself or someone else.

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Highland Games draw thousands to Greenmead Historical Park

An estimated 12,000 spectators Saturday attended the 164th annual Highland Games at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, up by about 1,000 from previous years. Chair Cathy Hasse credits the weather, which she described as beautiful: "We had the best weather we've had in 15 years at Greenmead; I think the weather really did help us (with attendance)."

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit puts on the event. It's a proud tradition featuring annual favorites like the massed bands at opening ceremonies, competitions in heavy athletics like the caber toss and hammer throw, Wee Bairsns children's activities, Scotch tasting and tug o' war.

Livonia firefighters competed in the tug o' war, won by a new group this year called the Highlanders. They took home the Loving Cup, a trophy donated by the Wayne County sheriff in 1931.

Hasse said the event rarely changes from year to year. "I think Scots and people that come to this event enjoy the traditions we always have," she said.

The Highland Games are a fundraiser for charity, raising as much as \$50,000 per year. This year's bills are still coming in, so Hasse doesn't know yet how much was raised. The benefiting charities, here and in Scotland, include the Salvation Army and scholarships for students studying the Scottish arts.



Jeremy Gillingham, of New Haven, Ind., warms up before competing in the stone throw, similar to the shot put. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Greg Pilling of Saline attempts to toss the hammer over a bar placed about 10 feet above his head. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Mitzi VanderHarst, of Troy, warms up before the massed pipe bands march. She plays with the Cabar Feidh Pipe Band, based in Royal Oak. Behind her are band members Ed Nettle of Plymouth and Paul McLeod of Royal Oak. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

— By Karen Smith

Be comfortable but smart with your investments

"I heard a story the other day of an individual who is in his early 60s, works part time and has all his investments in CDs and money market accounts.

He is single, has no dependents, feels very comfortable keeping his money in cash and believes he has more than enough to last him his entire life.

The person who told me the story asked if I thought there was anything wrong and what would I recommend.

It may surprise readers, but my initial reaction was there's nothing wrong. After all, the man felt comfortable with his investments and had more than enough to take care of himself for the rest of his life.

It may not be the best financial move that he could make, however, not everything that we do in life is based upon what is good for our pocketbook.

If I had an opportunity to sit down with this man, I would discuss the inherent risk in his current strategy.

Most people sit on cash because they think it is the safe way to invest. After all, if you keep your money in the bank, you can't lose it. That is true, however, you do lose something else and that is purchasing power.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Consider risk

Just like carbon monoxide is an invisible gas that can kill you, purchasing power risk is a type of risk that you also do not see until it is too late. It is that risk that I would tell this man that he needs to plan for.

After all, if you leave your money in the bank and get less than a 1-percent return, we both know that the cost of living is going up more than that on a year-by-year basis. Therefore, to choose to leave an entire portfolio in cash, an investor must make sure that he or she does have enough money to last the rest of his or her life.

I always tell people that if you're retiring in your 60s, you must plan for retirement of at least 30 years.

One mistake investors make is they get involved with investments that they are not comfortable with. As a result, when those investments take a downturn, which inevitably happens with every investment, they tend to panic and sell. Of course,

they sell near the low, which never makes sense.

One ingredient for successful investing is to make sure you understand your investments and feel comfortable with them. If you don't, it's a sure sign that you ought to avoid it.

Cash no longer king

Keeping large amounts of money in cash in this environment is not good economically. However, for certain people it may help them sleep at night. I have never met an investment that is worth staying up overnight and worrying about. If you have such an investment in your portfolio, it's a sure sign that you ought to sell it. In addition, you should never invest in anything that you don't feel comfortable with. If you're the type of investor that feels comfortable keeping your money in cash and CDs and you just don't feel comfortable with any other type of investment, so be it.

It used to be that cash was king; that is no longer the case. With interest rates at record lows, it is impossible to make money on CDs and cash. However, if that is the only type of investment that you are comfortable with, that is the type of in-

vestment you should invest in.

However, be smart with those investments and look for opportunities to receive better returns by shopping CD rates around the country. You

would be surprised how much rates differ and, as long as it's a federally insured institution, you're protected. If you can make a few extra dollars on your money, why not? Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



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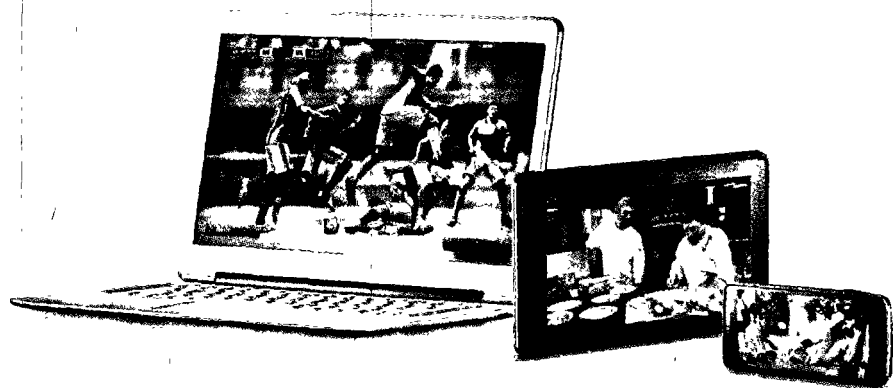
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Fighting the demons

Plymouth center helps addicts build new life

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

His real name, the one he uses at Personalized Nursing LIGHT House-Plymouth, means "freedom."

And that's what Freedom (his real name is being withheld to protect his privacy) thinks he found at PNLH. A self-professed five-time failure in rehab, Freedom believes the sixth – and what he hopes is the final – time is the charm.

Freedom just completed his intensive rehab program with PNLH earlier this week. PNLH is a treatment center for addictions, primarily drug and alcohol. At any given time the center is treating some 70 people in one program or another.

"This place saved my life, in all ways," said Freedom, who admitted to addictions to alcohol and crack. "It helped me with my addictions, and it helped me with my core issues. I failed the other times (in rehab), and I hit my very bottom. I was defeated, and this place picked me back up."

PNLH uses three full-time therapists and eight other Masters-prepared therapists who do group therapy sessions and see outpatient clients. There are three case managers, and four peer recovery coaches (most of them former clients who've been clean several years).

One of five

The Plymouth office, opened in October 1990, is one of five PNLH locations (Dearborn Heights, Farmington, Detroit and Lakeland).

It offers day treatment, an intensive outpatient treatment program that includes housing, and an outpatient program for adults seeking treatment for addiction.

But, according to co-founder Joe Paliwoda, PNLH is about more than just the addiction.

"We do more than basic addiction treatment," Paliwoda said. "We incorporate mental health therapy, as well."

When PNLH was founded, Paliwoda said, there was a "huge gap" between residential and outpatient services, and the success rates of people

who either didn't have transportation to and from treatment, or didn't have a supportive home environment.

PNLH introduced its intensive outpatient therapy with domicile, providing housing to allow clients who were learning coping and life skills in treatment to practice them in a safe, supportive home environment. PNLH uses designated apartment complexes around the area to give clients a place to go.

"They get to practice the skills they learn here during the day," said Teri Baker, PNLH-Plymouth's clinical director. "They're learning to have one foot in treatment, but the other foot is in the real world."

Housing helpful

Paliwoda called the housing element "crucial" to the success of the program. He cites Johns Hopkins research that says while relapse rates for people leaving detox

"This is a hard field to work in. Sometimes you don't see as many success stories as you want. But when you do, it's a wonderful job."

MARY NEAL
PNLH therapist

range from 65 to 80 percent one month after discharge, those provided drug-free recovery housing coupled with an intensive day-treatment program may be up to 10 times more likely to stay abstinent than those released from detox with minimal assistance.

According to Baker, PNLH-Plymouth has room for 36 IOPD clients and another 30 in the enhanced outpatient program.

IOPD clients attend therapy Monday-Friday in programs ranging from two to eight weeks.

She said 60 percent of the clients are men; only 40 percent are women.

"With women there's a greater level of shame," said Baker, who owns a master's in social work from Wayne State University and has been with the company since May 1998.

"They won't seek treatment as often. Women sometimes stay and muddle through."

Baker said while clients are learning to battle their addictions, they're also being taught

about self-esteem. She remembers handing the key to a room to a client, who seemed stunned by the move.

"She told me, 'nobody has ever trusted me with a key before, and you're just handing me a key?'" Baker recalled. "We teach them not only to not use drugs or alcohol, but we work on their self-esteem."

Some of the clients are ordered into rehab by the courts, others are referred from hospitals or other treatment centers, still others walk in off the streets. Insurance isn't often an issue; PNLH gets county funding so people who don't have insurance can get help.

Staffers believe they're having a solid impact. Paliwoda said some 86 percent of clients still feel better about their lives six months after completing treatment.

Baker said success can be measured in a variety of ways, some as simple as seeing clients "dressing better, or even just taking a shower. It shows they're thinking better of themselves."

No easy task

The work isn't easy. Therapist Mary Neal, who has been with PNLH for three years, said success in her mind is a client being able to stay in recovery and stay sober long-term. Sometimes, she said, it doesn't happen as often as she'd like.

"This is a hard field to work in," said Neal, who owns a bachelor's in social work from Western Michigan and a master's from the University of Michigan.

"Sometimes you don't see as many success stories as you want. But when you do, it's a wonderful job."

Baker agrees the work can be tough. To help cope with it, she occasionally brings out the thank-you letters clients have sent her over the years.

"It's very challenging work, but the reward is so great," Baker said. "Twenty years ago I wouldn't have said this is where I would be. But I think you're put where you're supposed to be."

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Health, Safety Fest

The Wayne County Health and Safety Fun Fest will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, on the grounds of the Wayne County Department of Public Health, 33030 Van Born at Venoy in Wayne.

The free back-to-school health fair features free immunizations, health-related vendors, prizes and giveaways, plus fun for the entire family. Free book bags and school supplies to the first 300 school-age children.

For more information, call 734-727-7000 or 734-727-7030.

No Coffee Hours

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

Coffee hours will resume in September. Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by email at Sena-

torAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Teen Programs

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center are hosting "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshops for youth.

"Be Proud, Be Responsible!" is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for ages 12-18. The workshops will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, Westland.

All participants will get a free snack in the morning, free lunch and prizes. For more information, call (734) 467-7904.

Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Regular meetings will be held Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. For more information, contact 734-674-7327 or email WestlandDemocratic@robinwood.com.

County hold hazardous waste collection

Looking to dispose of waste you can't put at the curb?

The Wayne County Department of Public Services will hold its next Household Hazardous Waste collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, in the lot behind JC Penney's at Westland Shopping Center.

The collection will accept unwanted household chemicals for proper disposal.

Items that will be accepted include household paints, stains, floor care items, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, antifreeze, fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs, old computers and TVs. Pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only) and medical sharps in puncture-proof containers will also be accepted.

All waste must be from residential sources. Proof of Wayne County residency will be required.

For more information, call Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

Jacobs earns fourth O&E golf title

Accomplished amateur also won 2004-2006 events

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The newest *Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament* champ is back from her sabbatical.

And don't consider Janina Jacobs just a blast from the past as she earned her fourth championship flight title with a one-shot victory over Livonian Deb Horning under ideal playing conditions Saturday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The 57-year-old Jacobs, who captured three consecutive O&E crowns from 2004-2006, shot 40 on the front nine and added 41 on the back side to finish with 81.

Horning carded 39-43-82 to finish second, while Madonna

University sophomore and Livonia Churchill High grad Jordyn Shepler placed third with 39-44-83.

"I hate to admit this, but I had 38 putts, so to shoot 81, I guess, I was hitting it OK and I did," said Jacobs, who lives in St. Clair.

Despite the unusually high number of putts, Jacobs would not be denied as she picked up the first-place trophy and a \$100 golf gift certificate.

"It hit the lip, sit right in the lips, spin out, do 180s," Jacobs said of her efforts on the greens. "I'm really proud of myself for not getting discouraged about that, because that can happen and I've played long enough to know that you can have those kind of days. But what you need to do is remember that you're really close. So the difference between shooting 81 and 73 was that much. I was putting at bird-



Janina Jacobs (left) of St. Clair won the championship flight and Cynthia Pinkard of Southfield took the first flight in Saturday's O&E Women's Golf Tournament, held at Whispering Willows. BRAD EMONS

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O&E men's golf signup

The O&E men's golf tournament, a 36-hole, two-day medal play event, will be Sunday, Sept. 1, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 W. Seven Mile Road, and Monday, Sept. 2, at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20500 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Tee times start at 8 a.m. both days.

The cost is \$95 for two days (power cart extra) with four different flights offered, including championship, first, senior (55-and-over) and junior (17-and-under).

You must have a current USGA Index to participate (maximum handicap of 20).

There will be \$2,500 in guaranteed prizes, including both low gross and net winners.

Entries, open to the first 120, will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

To download a registration form, visit www.golf.livonia.com.

For pairings and starting times, call 248-476-4493 (Whispering Willows) or 248-471-3400 (Fox Creek).

Bowl to help pet rescue

The eighth annual Bowl-4-Animal-Rescue will take place Saturday, Aug. 10, at Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile Rd., Farmington Hills.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Dearborn Animal Shelter and Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

The event includes food, music, raffles and a silent auction. Non-bowlers can purchase a meal ticket for \$10.

The high pledge-getter will win a new bowling ball. A person pledging \$300 will receive VIB status at the event. Lane sponsors are needed, too.

For more information, call 248-615-9060 or go online to bowl4animalrescue.org.

Stingrays fundraiser

Here's a tasty way to help the Plymouth Stingray '02 hockey team.

Bennigan's, located at 40441 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, is today hosting a fundraiser with 20 percent of all sales being donated to the hockey program.

There also will be gift baskets and a 50/50 raffle during the day-long event.

For more information, call 734-459-8907.



The Unplugged crew poses for a photo before sailing in the Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island race.

Power-sailing

Farmington Hills' Clayson skippers Unplugged to runner-up finish in Port Huron-to-Mackinac race

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

With clear skies and plenty of wind available, the conditions were close to ideal for this year's Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island sailboat race.

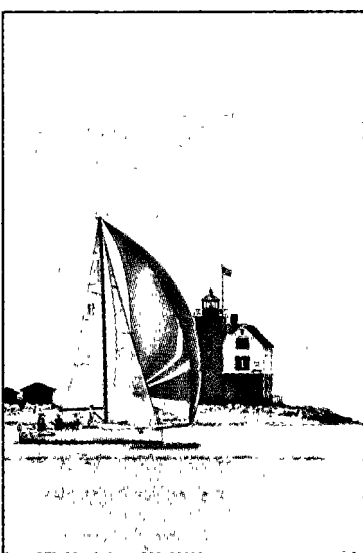
But that made the July 20-22 event no less challenging for skipper Tim Clayson of Farmington Hills and his crew of Unplugged.

The boat, a 36½-foot, 9,300-pound J111 participating in its third Mackinac race, moved faster in the higher winds, but that didn't necessarily make for easy sailing. It was still hard work.

"We were sitting (on the rails) for pretty much 16 hours to keep it as level as possible," Clayson said. "After that many hours, it can get pretty tiring."

"During that time, everybody is on deck because it's too rough to go below and try to get any rest. You're tossed around too much. Pretty much everybody stays on deck at that point in time."

Unplugged and its six-man crew weathered the storm, so



Unplugged, with its spinnaker unfurled, passes the Round Island lighthouse near Mackinac Island.

to speak, and had yet another successful race, finishing second among 11 boats in the Cove Island Course PHRF C Class.

To finish in the medal round and earn one of the cherished flags, a boat must finish in the top three. It's the eighth time in 14 Mackinac races Clayson and crew have done that. Unplugged has four victories and one other runner-up finish.

"Whenever we can get on the podium for a flag, it's been a successful race," Clayson said, adding this year's post-race party took place on the

lawn in front of the Grand Hotel.

This is the third year Unplugged has sailed the longer Cove Island Course, having been fourth a year ago and third in 2011. Previously, the older Catalina boat competed in the Shore Course Cruising D Class.

The 2014 race started at noon Saturday in light winds, but they increased to knots in the upper teens and low 20s as the boat neared Harbor Beach and the tip of the Thumb.

"Most of the night was rough," Clayson said. "We had one individual who got seasick and we heard a lot of stories of people on other boats who did. So it was quite a rough ride up to Cove Island. But it was fast, too."

"You're pointing into the wind as much as you can. You're pounding into the waves and that's what makes it rough. You're also taking a lot of spray over the boat, so you're wearing foul-weather gear."

"It's something we've dealt with in the past, but it's not often we have a beat of that duration and wind strength."

Better sailing

Things got a little easier after Unplugged rounded Cove Island farther up Lake Huron

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MU spikers singing 'O Canada'

Abraham adds pair of middle hitters from Ontario

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Based on need, Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham spent the off-season going through customs to find two of his latest recruits.

And for the first time in his 27-year career, Abraham used his passport wisely and was able to land front-row help north of the border.

After going 35-9 overall, capturing the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and earning his 12th trip to the NAIA national tournament, Abraham has already fortified a strong returning lineup by adding two freshmen middle hitters from Ontario in 6-foot-1 Hannah Poole and 6-2 Katie Breault.

"That was one of our preferences," said Abraham, the NAIA's all-time winningest coach (1,005 victories). "We lost Taylor (Dziewit) and an All-American middle hitter Nastija (Baranovska). The entire recruiting season was to bring in four attackers and we did that. And fortunately we had two nice-sized, very gifted athletes in Hannah (Poole) and Katie (Breault). Both have the ability to come in and compete for starting spots immediately."

Poole, who hails from Kitchener's Forest Heights Collegiate Institute, and Breault, who played at Amherstburg General Amherst, are joined by a pair of 5-10 incoming freshmen, Maya Davis (Romulus) and Payton Maxheimer (Fenton).

"We wanted to bring in four players and we did," Abraham said. "We were specific in our recruiting needs. I think the team has good balance and has good depth. We have an excellent group of experienced players coming back. We sprinkle in these two really quality middle hitters, an outside hitter and a right-side hitter, so it kind of makes for a good, quality group."



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Rams finish 2-2 in NABF World Series

Though it was the ending they wanted, the Michigan Rams had a positive finish Saturday in the NABF College World Series in Toledo, Ohio.

The Rams won their final game, 7-0, over Shrub Oak (N.Y.) and concluded their stay in the 22-and-under tournament with a 2-2 record in pool play.

Despite being back on the field just 12 hours after playing 25 innings the previous day, the Rams mustered 16 hits for an impressive finale, offensively.

Matt Avromov led the attack with a 4-for-6 game that included a

double. Tyler Baker was 2-for-4 with a pair of two-base hits, while Griffin Harms was 3-for-6 with a double.

Avromov, Baker, Harms, J.P. Maracani (2-for-5) and Dylan Yancey had one RBI and scored one run each. Trent Drumheller also doubled; he and Mike Kanitra drove in one run apiece.

The Rams used four pitchers with starter Chris McDonald getting the win. He, Kyle Burkholder and Kanitra worked two innings and Jeremy Hardesty three.

In a closing performance, Kanitra allowed neither a hit nor a walk

while striking out three. New York (1-3) had six hits.

In Game 3 Friday, the Rams played 15½ innings and suffered a 2-1 loss to undefeated Peppino's Pizza of Grand Rapids (Mich.) in a game that lasted 4½ hours at Ousky Field in Oregon, Ohio.

Peppino's Jake Morton (2-or-4) had the game-winning hit that scored Brendan Bender with two out in the bottom of the 16th inning. The run was unearned.

Steven Schulling pitched the last nine innings for Peppino's to get the win, allowing six hits but no walks and striking out one.

Jake Balicki took the loss after working 4½ innings in relief for the Rams. He gave up three hits, walked three and hit one batter.

The Rams outthit Peppino's, 10-6. Each team left 11 runners on base and committed one error.

Drumheller, Maracani, Harms and Sherman had two hits apiece for the Rams. Avromov had the lone RBI, scoring Drumheller.

Drew Farmer drove in the first run for Peppino's.

The loss overshadowed an outstanding pitching effort by Rams starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson, Ma-

donna), who was subsequently named to the all-tournament team. Piechota worked 11 innings and was relieved after throwing 137 pitches. He had a no-hitter through 6½ innings and eventually allowed three hits. Piechota, who was 26-of-39 on throwing first-pitch strikes, struck out nine and walked three.

RAMS 15, P&W PAINTING 4: The Rams began tournament play Aug. 1 with an abbreviated, four-inning victory over P&W Painting of Ohio at Sylvania Southview High School.

The Rams scored 11 runs in the top of the fourth inning to break a 4-4 tie and win decisively. The game was not decided by the mercy rule, however.

At the start of the fifth inning, a sudden storm blew through the area, stopping play and flooding the field within 15 minutes. With other games scheduled to be played afterward and an estimated two hours

needed to make the field playable again, P&W conceded the victory.

Donnie Eaton pitched all four innings for the Rams, allowing three hits and four walks. The Rams had a dozen hits off losing pitcher Ryan Adams.

Matt Priebe went 4-for-4 at the plate with three doubles to lead the Michigans. He knocked in one run and scored three.

Griffin Harms was 2-for-3 with three RBIs; J.P. Maracani was 2-for-4, scored twice and had one RBI.

Trent Drumheller and Brett Ramirez drove in two runs each, Tyler Baker and Justin Sherman one apiece. Drumheller also scored three runs, Ramirez and Baker two each.

DODGERS 4, RAMS 0: In the second game Friday, the Rams were limited to two hits by St. Louis (Mo.) Dodgers pitcher Dustin Dalton, who threw a complete, nine-inning game.

Dalton struck out six and didn't walk anybody. Rams starter Spencer Goebel went six innings and allowed four runs (two earned) on four hits. He fanned nine and walked five.

The Dodgers scored all of their runs in the top of the sixth inning. Five players had one hit each for the winners.

Forest Brown and Matt Dunavant had the lone hits in the sixth inning, driving in one run each. Sherman and Harms were the only Rams players with a hit.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Learn To Skate

Livonia Parks and Recreation will offer a seven-week Learn To Skate (Session I) on Mondays, Sept. 9 through Oct. 21, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon (one-half mile south of Five Mile, just west of Farmington Road).

Monday's class schedule includes: 5-5:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1 and intro to synchronized skating); 5:25-5:50 p.m. (Basic 1-8); 6-6:25 p.m. (new, Snowplow Sam 1, 2 or 3; Basic 1-3); 6:25-6:50 p.m. (hockey skills with no sticks or pucks used).

The fee is \$66 (Livonia residents) or \$69 (nonresidents). All classes and time slots are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free skate rental available.

The registration deadline and early enrollment for last year's skaters is Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154.

(There will be a \$10 late fee beginning Aug. 22.) You can also fax to 734-466-2679.

Registration for new students or missed

mail-in will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the LCRC.

Other learn to skate classes offered include Session 2, Oct. 28-Dec. 16 (pre-registration deadline Oct. 16); and Session 3, Jan. 1-March 3, 2014 (pre-registration deadline Jan. 1).

Ice show rehearsal will be March 9-29 with show dates March 28-29. For more information, call 734-266-2412.

Soccer officials

The United Federation of Officials is offering a soccer referee training class Monday, Aug. 19, at Cabrini High School, 15305 Wick, Allen Park. The target audience for the class is high school juniors and seniors, who will then be part of the MHSAA's Officials Legacy Mentoring Program. It is also open for interested adults. Class fee includes MHSAA registration fees. Those completing the course will be eligible for officiating high school, junior high and CYO games in the fall 2013 season.

For more information, call 734-775-4134.

GOLF

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ies most of the day today."

Jacobs, who said she is a three or four handicap, but has been as low as a scratch, has been playing since she was 8 when she got started in the *Detroit Free Press* junior golf school program. She had the distinction of being the state's first female member on an all-boys squad while attending Detroit Pershing High School and later played at Wayne State.

A blogger for the Pure Michigan campaign, along with being a freelance golf and outdoors writer, Jacobs has been a fixture in state amateur women's events for years.

But she recently attended a three-day ladies golf school at Treetops Resort to tweak a few things and get back to the basics.

"I've learned the classic golf swing," Jacobs said. "I said, 'What I want to do is morph my swing, the more modern, the more compact, core movement. More power, more zap to it.' The pro I worked with gave me three little things to work on. He said what you

need to do was get a little more lateral movement into your lower body. You need to take it back because I tend to yank the club inside and I would generally hook the ball and he said, 'I need you to swing more upright and outside,' which will really put you on plane."

"So today when I was out there, I was thinking my takeaway from the ball, shorter swing, an earlier cock of the wrist and then a bump of the left hip to get the downswing started. When I do it right, it's wonderful. When I forget and quit, then I have my issues. But I never made more than a five today so ... Anyway, I'm in transition and believe it or not, for having so many putts, I putted well. I had lip-out, lip-out. Forty-footers, 10-footers, five-footers."

A left wrist injury after returning from a Ryder Cup trip to Wales prevented Jacobs from going for her fourth consecutive O&E title in 2007. And entering her first O&E tournament in five years, she had to overcome a recent injury to her right wrist.

"We were in the Gulf stream (off Florida) fishing for mahi mahi and yellowtail," Jacobs said.

"And we were into the yellowtail and the movement of snatching those things caused the same problem in my right wrist that I had in my left wrist back in 2007. Hoping to learn from my experience, I went right to the doctor and said, 'Shoot me.' He gave me a little cortisone injection and that took care of it."

Jacobs, who was coming off a fifth-place finish in a recent Golf Association of Michigan Four-Ball women's senior event, must balance her golf schedule around, and in-between, her freelance writing, as well as being a restaurant owner and music director at a Catholic parish church (St. Basil's) on Detroit's east side.

"You have to juggle all those balls, which leaves no time to practice," Jacobs said. "So I'm really tickled with winning today. I'm happy to be out playing and not injured."

Pinkard wins playoff

Southfield's Cynthia Pinkard took the first flight title with 94 after defeating Detroit's Suzanne Madej in a one-hole playoff.

Livonia's Arlene Shields placed third with

95. "I don't win very many," said Pinkard, who retired from her I.T. job after 30 years. "This is a fun event because I know a lot of the ladies. We play together in the Michigan Women's Golf Association, so several of our members are here."

The Detroit native won the one-hole playoff despite a three-putt. For her efforts, Pinkard received an \$80 gift certificate.

"It was pretty decent on my first nine (holes)," Pinkard said. "I had a few issues. Putting was a little more difficult for me on the back nine. I think everyone in my group struggled with it. Those greens were a little tough. The pin placements were not that friendly today, but we had a good time."

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC WOMEN'S GOLF RESULTS
Aug. 3 at Whispering Willows
Championship flight: 1. Janina Jacobs, 81; 2. Deb Horning, 83; 3. Jordyn Shepler, 83; 4. Lauri Ponikiewski, 84; 5. Cindy Hill, 87; 6. Kathy Steltema, 88; 7. Deb Gorski, 90; 8. Michelle Sroka, 96; 9. Ellen Howell, 100. **Low net:** Steltema; **closest-to-the-pin:** Howell.

First flight: 1. Cynthia Pinkard, 94 (won playoff); 2. Suzanne Madej, 94; 3. Arlene Shields, 95; 4. Arzell Brown, 97; 5. Arlene Mikel, 98; 6. Theresa McPherson, 99; 7. Lu Stockton, 101; 8. Donna Haapala, 103; 9. (tie) Susan Merrick and Barbara Coury, 105 each; 11. (tie) Pat Shelton and Kathy Brennan, 106 each; 13. Gail Cooper, 108; 14. Monica Oliver, 117; 14. Harriett Forniss, 124. **Low net:** 1. Mikel; 2. Shields; 3. Shelton; **closest-to-the-pin:** Merrick; longest



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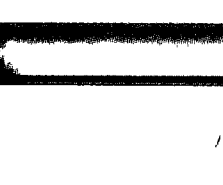
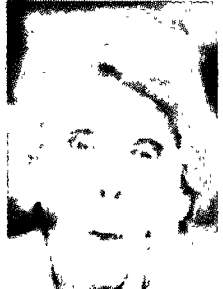
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PC Cruisers swim team lapping up national success

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Talk about a springboard. The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers won the recent Amateur Athletics Union Junior Olympics in Ann Arbor and haven't slowed down since.

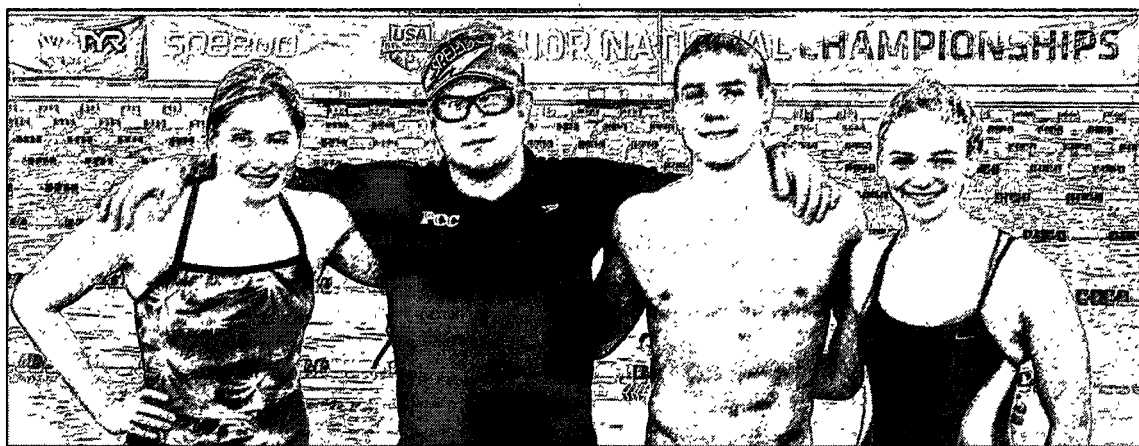
This week (through Friday), the team is competing at the USA Swimming Junior Nationals in Irvine, Calif. — which is one of the highest 18-and-Under championships.

At the USA Juniors, college coaches come to recruit athletes. Participating from the Cruisers are Miranda Tucker, Jack Walsh and Sascha Meyers.

Tucker, more of a veteran to high-caliber meets, has her sights set on scoring top 16 in her main events (100, 200 breast) with her other events including the 100 fly and 200 individual medley.

Walsh will be trying to score big in the 100 and 200 backstroke events, while Meyers will compete in the 100 and 200 free.

A big confidence boost for the Cruisers was the team's first championship, July 26-29 at the AAU Junior Olympics at University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium.



Representing the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers this week at the USA Swimming Junior Nationals in Irvine, Calif., are (from left) Miranda Tucker, co-coach Josh Morgan, Jack Walsh and Sascha Meyers.

The Cruisers had 107 athletes qualify, ages 7-18, and won by nearly 3,000 points over Team Arkansas.

"The most memorable part of the meet was the atmosphere," co-coach Alexandra "Z" Platusich Morgan wrote in an email to the Observer. "Most of our championships meets here in Michigan are separated by age, so this is the first meet where we could bring swimmers of all ages and they could support the youngest members and the younger end could cheer for our high school-aged swimmers."

"It was very unique, it was a

great light pressure atmosphere and a great pool, that came together for some very fast swimming."

Junior Olympic results

That was an understatement, with the Cruisers breaking numerous records for open events and relays.

Individual marks were set by: Meghan Mans (girls 13-14), 200 free, 400 free; Amelia Armstrong-Grant (girls 15-18) 50 free, 100 free; Patricia Freitag (girls 13-14), 100 back, 200 back; Kylie Goit (girls 9-10), 50 back, 100 fly; Sophia Tuinman (girls 9-10), 200 IM, 100 back.

Setting records in various relays were the following:

» 13-14 Girls: 400 medley (Meghan Mans, Katie Xu, Emma Noonan, Kendall Goit); » 15-18 Girls: 400 medley (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Jacqueline Shrader-Goetz, Amelia Armstrong-Grant); » 15-18 Girls: 400 free (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Clare Sutka, Amelia Armstrong-Grant); » 15-18 Boys: 400 free (Max Cornblath, Jimmy Xue, Jim Morgan, Chris Vela); » 11-12 Girls: 400 free (Annette Dombkowski, Jenna Chen, Lindsey Case, Emily

Lock);

» 13-14 Girls: 200 free (Kendall Goit, Nicki Pumper, Meghan Mans, Patricia Freitag); » 15-18 Girls: 200 free (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Amelia Armstrong-Grant, Rachel Barszcz);

» 15-18 Girls: 200 medley (Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang, Amelia Armstrong-Grant, Rachel Barszcz).

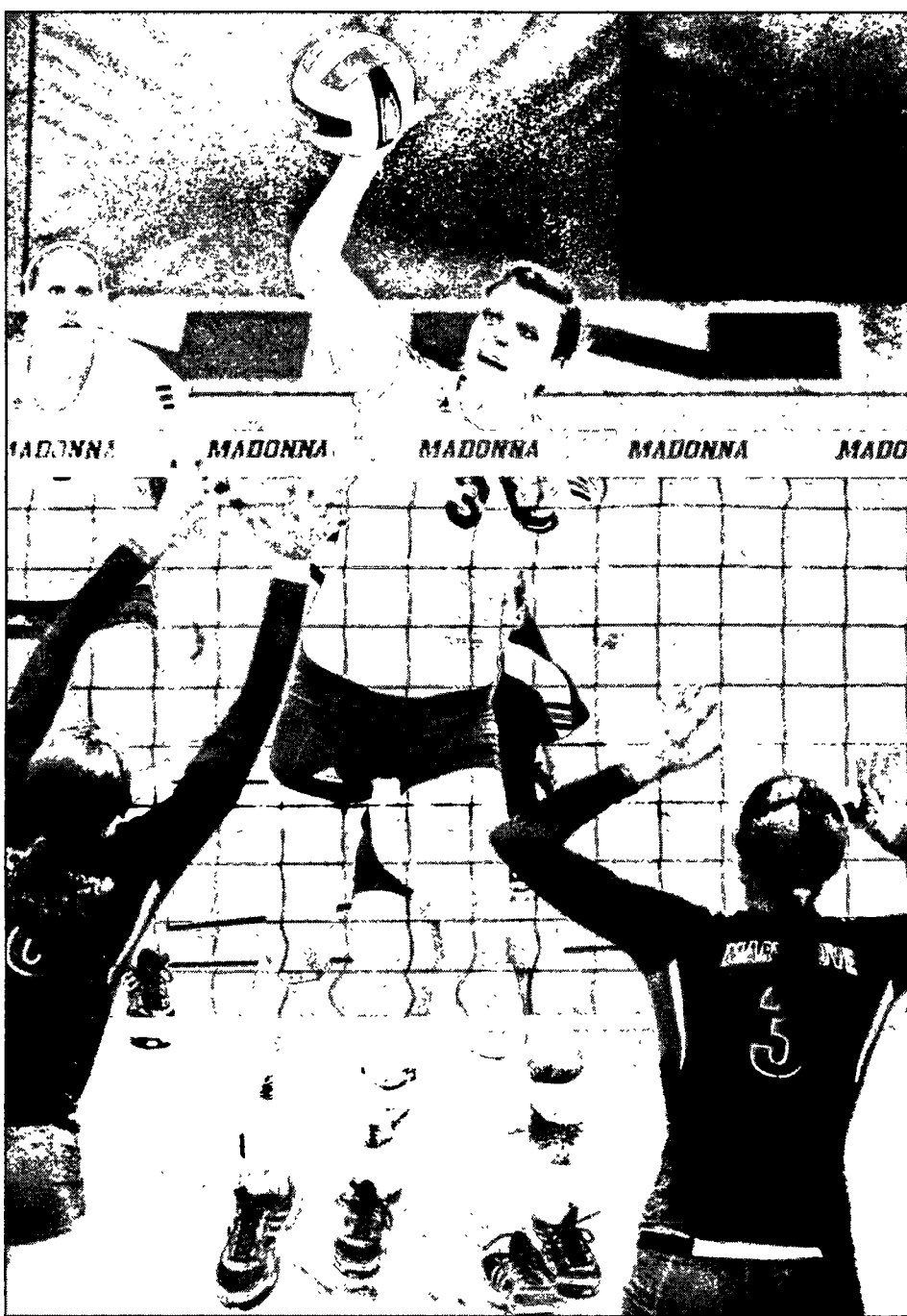
Good showing

Meanwhile, the Cruisers had previous success on a regional scale at last month's Central Zone Sections.

The team took 14 athletes ages 14-17 to the USA championship meet. Leading the Cruisers was Miranda Tucker, who captured the 100 breast, 100 fly and 200 IM, while finishing second in the 200 breast and 200 fly.

Jack Walsh placed third in the 200 back and fourth in the 100 back, while scoring in the 200 and 400 IMs; Sascha Meyers took fifth place in the 200 free and scored in the 100 and 200 fly.

Others to score (top 32) included Kate Rogers, Nathalie Meyers, Ally Eppinga, Amelia Armstrong-Grant, Meaghan Mans, Claire Green and Max Cornblath.



Madonna University all-conference middle hitter Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran Westland) returns after averaging 2.52 kills per set. TIM BUSCH | MU SPORTS INFORMATION

SPIKERS

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Breault had originally committed to Youngstown (Ohio) State, but landed at MU.

"One of my coaches was down here for a camp and they were just talking," said Breault, who plans to study nursing. "They needed a right-side (hitter) and I wasn't supposed to start until next year at the other school, but I couldn't pass up the opportunity to start here. I loved it here. I loved the coaching, the facilities and the team atmosphere."

Meanwhile, Poole had interest from several schools, including Ashland (Ohio), Ursuline (Ohio), LaSalle (Pa.) and Montreat (N.C.).

"I visited a lot of schools before here, but when I came here I just knew it was the place for me," Poole said. "The team was so welcoming and I love the campus."

"I'm a very aggressive player, I think. I try to get the ball down. Not very good in the back row, but when I'm in the front row, I try to make an impact."

The Crusaders' top returning player is second-team NAIA All-American Evia Prieditis,

a 5-10 senior from Milford who was the WHAC Player and Setter of the Year after racking up 1,702 assist-to-kills (11.1 per set) to go along with 415 total digs.

"We're led by what I think is one of the best setters in the nation, honestly, in Evia," Abraham said. "It's not only her skill level, but her sense of understanding of the game and the way she runs the team."

"She's in her fifth year and she distributes the ball antenna-to-antenna, runs a fast offense. And with the new kids, that's going to be critical. It's going to help them adjust faster and be better kids."

Livonia's Emilie Freeman, a 6-3 senior middle hitter from Lutheran High Westland, also returns after ranking second in total kills (385) and blocks (141) en route to all-WHAC honors.

She is joined by 5-10 senior outside hitter Stacey Catalano (Utica Eisenhower), who made first-team all-conference as well as tying Baranovska for the team lead in total kills (386) to go along with 437 digs.

"Emilie is an outstanding middle hitter and we expect big things out of Stacey (Catalano), one of the best outside hitters in our conference," Abraham said. "We have a lot

of quality kids at critical positions, I think."

Also returning are the Geille sisters, a pair of outside hitters from Fruitport.

Samantha is a 5-10 junior who was the team co-leader in kills (386) and made honorable mention all-WHAC, while Breanna, a 5-9 junior, was named to the all-conference freshman team.

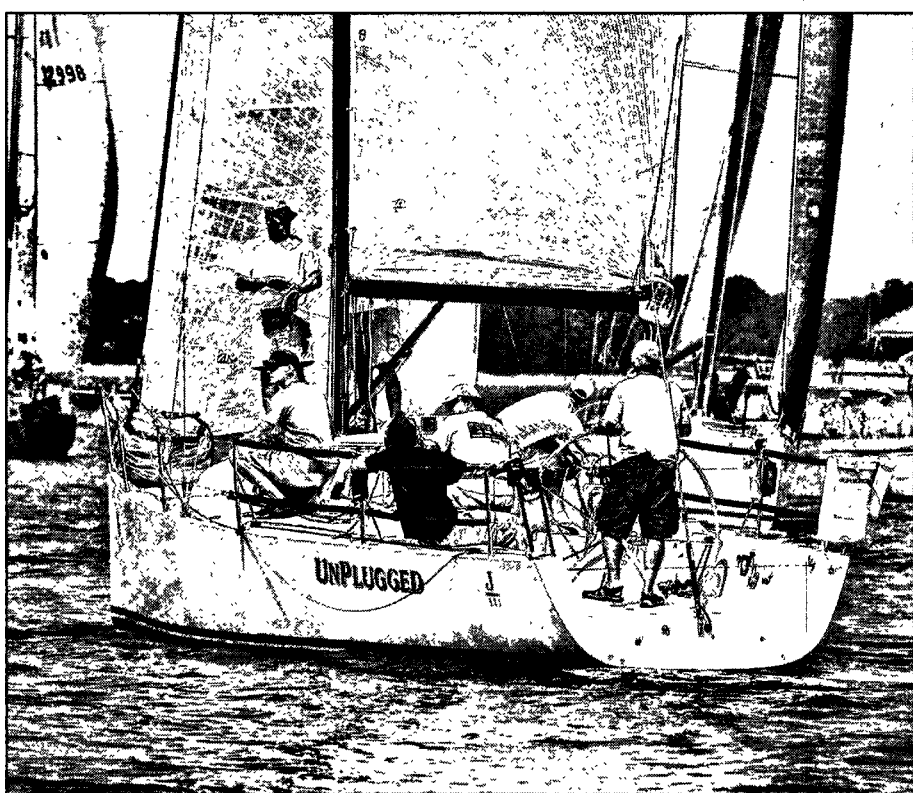
Meanwhile, returning defensive specialists — all juniors — include 5-6 Amanda Obrycki (Allen Park Cabrini), who had 335 digs; 5-6 Roxy Duzy (Sterling Heights), who added 282 digs; and 5-5 Cassie Castro (Saline).

Also vying for playing time in an already deep lineup are 6-0 senior outside hitter Nastija Seremtjeva (Riga, Latvia) and 5-11 junior middle hitter Kayla Vogel (Hastings).

"We have depth at every position here, both on the defensive side of the ball, outside hitters, middle hitters, right-side hitters," Abraham said.

MU officially opens its season Friday-Saturday, Aug. 23-24, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Bird Classic, while the alumni match is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16.

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The Unplugged crew members prepare the boat for sailing.

RACE

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and sailed with the wind at its back.

"It shifted a little to the south, so we were able to run the spinnaker (large sail) all the way into the island," Clayson said. "We were surfing down the waves. The whole run down from Cove Island was quick and fast. That's what a boat likes to do, so we were having a great time. We were glad to have the tough part behind us."

Unplugged was the runner-up to Kashmir, another J111 based in Traverse City. Clayson's boat crossed the finish line at 5:34 a.m. Monday with an elapsed time of just over 41 hours, 54 minutes.

In the handicapped system (PHRF is an acronym for performance handicap racing factor), Unplugged's corrected time was 46:14:32, a little more than two hours behind Kashmir at 43:51:59.

"After a while they moved far enough away that we couldn't identify them versus another boat," Clayson said of Kashmir. "We were the second boat to round Cove Island, and we did see some of the competition behind us. Once we started on the downward winds, we started to pull away."

Unplugged had a closer race based on corrected time with the boats that eventually finished third and fourth.

"One of those was pretty close to us when we rounded Cove Island," Clayson said. "It was a different boat with a slower rating than us, so we had to improve our position and get some distance, which we were able to do. They were fairly close on the first major leg of the race, so we

knew we had to step up our game to beat them on corrected time.

"Once we got close to the island, we could see some of the satellite tracking on the lake and figured out where the boats were. We realized at that time they were far enough behind us we would still get second place."

Bigger challenge

The Cove Island Course is 289 miles long and takes the boats to the Canadian side of the lake in open water. For veteran sailors like Clayson, it offers a wider variety of sailing options and a greater challenge.

"For the boat we have now, we like the Cove Island Course," he said. "It gives us some more tactical advantages on being able to go east or west as opposed to the shore course because you're somewhat limited by the shoreline. You have more options and strategies for dealing with different winds and conditions on the Cove Island Course."

Contrary to what one might think, sailing one of the Great Lakes at night is not as difficult as it might seem, according to Clayson. That was especially true this year with clear skies and a full moon illuminating the lake.

"With the full moon, it's actually quite bright," Clayson said. "You really don't have a problem once your eyes adjust to being able to see things. Otherwise, we rely on instruments and GPS to tell us where we are. Even the star light without the moon gives a lot of light."

"When it's overcast, then it truly is dark. You have to work with additional lighting to see what you're doing. Part of that is constantly trimming the sails and knowing if they're properly trimmed. That's part of the challenge at

night. If it's continually dark, you have to shine a flashlight up on the sails to see if they're correct."

Maintaining focus

Even on a clear, full-moon night, Clayson and his crew, which included his son Brian, Bruce and Brian Leidal, Doug Andrews and Wayne van Hartesvelt, have to keep their attention on the task.

"It's pretty awe-inspiring to see the lake without any light pollution and how bright the sky is," Clayson said. "We're still pretty focused on making the boat go fast, so we don't get too wrapped up in (the scenic aspect). We had the opportunity last year to see the northern lights come through, so that was pretty neat. But we didn't see any of that this year."

Due to the wind and favorable sailing conditions this year, Clayson and his crew abandoned their usual practice of working in shifts and taking time to go below deck to eat.

"We couldn't eat too much in the first part of this race," he said. "We didn't go through much food at all, so we were left with quite a lot at the end. We have a water filter on board and we dip it in the lake, so we don't carry all the water we need for a race."

"You don't have much appetite (in this year's race conditions). We were pretty much snacking through it. When the boat is going fast, nobody wants to spend much time down below warming up anything to eat or eating a meal."

"It's pretty much the excitement of the race. If the wind is really light, you tend to make a meal and eat more. When the wind is high, you don't eat as much, and the race is over sooner."

Queens of Diamonds Elite 18U team sparkles

The 18-and-Under Queens of Diamonds Elite travel softball team had a solid showing as the only team from Michigan competing in the USSSA Class A World Series at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Florida.

Overall, the Queens — featuring 10 recent graduates who are committed to play college softball next season — went 5-2 to finish fifth out of 26 of the best 18U teams in the country (from 14 states) in a double-elimination format.

College-bound players include pitcher Elaine Gerou (Plymouth/Concordia University), catcher Catherine Porter (Canton/Trine University), outfielder Megan Coliton (Livonia Stevenson/Jackson Community College), shortstop Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill/Madonna University) and third baseman Jessica Webster (Canton/University of Michigan-Dearborn).

Also from the Observerland area is outfielder-first baseman Brittney Miller, who will be a junior at Plymouth.

The Queens exploded out of the gate, winning all three pool games decisively: 9-1 over the Pennsylvania X-treme (mercy rule), 6-2 over the Oklahoma Twisters, and 8-0 over the Osceola Overdrive (mercy



Finishing fifth at the USSSA Class A World Series was the 18U Queens of Diamonds Elite travel softball team. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Catherine Porter and Brittney Miller; (middle row, from left) Lauren Oppliger, Nicole Salloum, Ashley Gordon, Jordyn Fryz, Jessica Webster, Megan Coliton, Elaine Gerou and assistant coach Nolan Gerou; and (back row, from left) assistant coach Kevin O'Doherty, Kendall Wolf, head coach Mike Gerou and Tessa O'Doherty.

rule).

The Queens then had comeback victories in their first two bracket games. A three-run rally in their final inning proved to be the difference in a 5-4 win over Florida USSSA state champion North Florida Pride.

Next was a 3-2 victory over Georgia Power TPS, by way of another come-from-behind surge.

But the magic ran out after that, coming up short 6-2 to the Orion Hunter Gold team from Virginia which dropped the Queens into the loser's bracket.

The North Florida Pride then exacted some revenge with a 4-0 victory to close out the Queens' tournament action.

Following are highlights from the victories:

QUEENS 9, X-TREME 1 (July 28): Nicky Salloum's two doubles and Jessica Webster's

monster homer to center spearheaded an 11-hit attack. Elaine Gerou went the distance on the mound for the win, allowing just four hits with no walks.

QUEENS 6, TWISTERS 2 (July 28): The first four batters reached base and scored and the Queens never looked back. Pitchers Ashley Gordon and Lauren Oppliger combined to hold the Twisters to just five hits.

QUEENS 8, OVERDRIVE 0 (July 30): Salloum, Catherine Porter and Brittney Miller each had two hits, while Gerou hurled a one-hitter.

QUEENS 5, PRIDE 4 (July 31): A walk-off, two-run single to center by Webster gave the Queens the victory in come-from-behind fashion. Kendall Wolf, Tessa O'Doherty and Gerou singled to load the bases and set up Webster's heroics. Going the distance for the win was Gerou.

QUEENS 3, TPS 2 (Aug. 1): Trailing 2-1 in the fourth inning, Porter's single and Miller's subsequent home run gave the Queens a lead they never relinquished. Stellar defensive work supported the complete-game pitching of Gerou, who won her fourth game of the tourney.

Michigan Pride '99 prevails in 13U World Series

The Michigan Pride '99 (13-and-Under) travel baseball team rolled over the competition last weekend to win the USSSA 13U World Series title in Quakertown, Pa.

For the Pride, based out of the Plymouth and Canton communities, it was the first World Series championship.

During the tournament, the Pride posted an 8-1 record — outscoring their opponents 67-19, including a 14-12 victory over the Pittsburgh-based Lady Roadrunners in the title game.

The championship tilt was anything but a pitcher's duel, as the game went into extra innings tied 11-11. In the top of the eighth, the Pride pushed across three runs to take a 14-11 lead. The Roadrunners countered



Michigan Pride '99 recently won the USSSA 13U World Series baseball title in Quakertown, Pa. In the front row (from left) are Hannah Zajdel, Sydney Dawson, Katie Hiltz, Olivia Grant and Paige Amy. In the back row (from left) are coach Dan Hiltz, Dakota Selmi, Nikki Willard, Nicole Belans, Payton Faber, Whitney Holden and coach John Holden.

with one run in the bottom of the eighth, but that's all they could muster.

It was the team's second victory over the

Lady Roadrunners that day, with a 2-1 triumph earlier.

SUMMER CAMPS/CLINICS

Hawks-Wolves soccer camp

The Michigan Wolves and Hawks will offer a summer soccer camp for boys and girls (ages 5-15) from 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, Aug. 12-15, at Jaycee Park, 19800 Mayfield St., Livonia.

The camp staff includes Doug Landefeld, Adil Salmoni, Sam Cheaib and Lars Richters.

The cost of the four-day camp is \$75 (if registered before Aug. 5) or \$95 (after). Included in the cost is camp T-shirt.

For more information, email dbradley1515@sbcglobal.net; or visit michiganwolveshawks.com.

Lego Ninja camp

The City of Plymouth recreation department's Bricks 4 Kidz/Ninjabo Camp for youngsters ages 5-10, will be held 1-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 through Thursday, Aug. 16.

Each day, campers will be building various models based on the Ninjabo theme.

Campers will be playing Lego Ninja games and participating in various challenges.

The recreation office, located at 525 Farmer, is open from noon to 4:30 p.m.

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KLAA teams star in fall prep sports action

By Jeff Theisen
Staff Writer

The KLAA is one of the clear-cut power high school conferences in Michigan.

The 24-team league posts unbelievable depth in just about every sport sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The following is the first of a three-part series focusing on how the KLAA fared not only during the season but also in the state playoffs.

The series will go in order of how the school year goes, starting with the fall season of 2012, followed by winter and finish with the spring season. The series will also be broken up with stories for boys and girls separate, so the stories aren't overbearingly long.

All records are taken from the site www.klaastanding.com, so if something is a little off, please don't shoot the messenger.

Football

Football brings the most fans out to any single event serves as king of the fall sports. While it starts before school is even in session, the nine-game schedule means every game has a ton on the line as teams race to get the six wins needed to secure a playoff spot.

The KLAA boasts an array of different offensive strategies, anywhere from straight-up pound it at you to chuck it all over the place.

Nine teams from the league reached the playoffs, eight in Division 1 and South Lyon East

making its first ever playoff appearance in Division 2.

Six league teams faced off against each other, putting three in the second round, along with Grand Blanc for four teams in the district finals.

Only Plymouth would emerge as a district champion, eventually losing to finalist and runner-up Catholic Central in regional play.

Cross country

The KLAA has runners like none other. It's the premier conference in the state for distance running, and it can't even be argued.

Milford went on to capture the State Title in 2012 with Waterford Mott finishing runner-up. While that alone would be enough to make the point, Pinckney finished seventh, Hartland ninth, Northville 11th, Walled Lake Northern 14th and Grand Blanc 15th. That's seven teams in the top 15 at the State Finals.

Individually, Milford's Brian Kettle took home the title in 15:07.3. Waterford Mott's Nathan Burnand was third overall and second in team scoring with Milford's Cody Snively in right after him for fourth and third in team scoring. Also cracking the top 10 was Northville's Dan Sims in eighth overall and Mott's Ryan Robinson in ninth. That's five of the top nine in the state from the KLAA.

Kettle, Sims and Robinson all return this year for another shot at the top 10.

The top 30 earn All-State honors. The KLAA had three

2012 KLAA STANDINGS

FOOTBALL

Division winners:

Central - Northville, Stevenson (4-1)
South - Churchill (5-0, Conference Champ)
West - Hartland (5-0)
North - Walled Lake Northern (5-0, Conference Champ)

CROSS COUNTRY

Central - Northville (5-0)
South - Churchill (5-0)
West - Milford (5-0)
North - Waterford Mott (5-0)

SOCCER

Central - Salem (7-1-2, Conference, Association Champs)
South - Canton (10-0)
West - Brighton (9-0-1, Conference Champ)
North - WL Northern, WL Central (8-0-2)

TENNIS

Central - Novi (4-0, Conference, Association Champs)
South - Plymouth (5-0)
West - Grand Blanc (5-0, Conference Champ)
North - Walled Lake Central (5-0)

more with Pinckney's Tyler Sanders in 24th, Hartland's Jareb Duggan in 26th and Lakeland's Blake McComas in 30th.

Just missing the honor were Milford's Chris Housel in 31st, Pinckney's Wesley Sanders in 32nd and Milford's Matt Graves in 33rd.

It's safe to say, this is the KLAA's most loaded sport of any season for both team and individually.

Soccer

The KLAA Central Division is one of the hardest divisions for any sport or any conference in the state. Novi, Salem,

Stevenson and Northville are all capable of making big runs come state playoff time.

Salem came out as the division, conference and association winner, but Novi made a run to the final four come playoff time.

On the other side of the KLAA, Grand Blanc did one better and made it all the way to the finals, falling 1-0 to East Kentwood. And Grand Blanc finished second in its own division to Brighton.

The depth of the KLAA was apparent again with five teams in the final 16, three in the quarterfinals, two in the final four and one in the finals.

Tennis

Tennis is usually a two-headed race as far as the KLAA is concerned. Novi and Northville are clear from the rest of the pack, and this past season was no different.

Novi finished tied with Brother Rice for second in the state with 27 points. Northville finished tied for fourth with Troy at 17 points.

Other KLAA teams scoring points at the finals were Grand Blanc and Stevenson (tied for 16th with three points) and Churchill with two points to tie for 19th.

Individually, Novi and Northville put a singles player in the finals in all four of the singles brackets.

Northville's Tyler Gardner finished runner-up at No. 1 singles. Teammate Connor Johnson blasted by the No. 1 seed in the finals for a 6-1, 6-2 victory and a State Title at No. 2 singles.

At No. 3 singles, Novi's Koushik Kondapi made a run to the finals before finishing runner-up.

Novi teammate Pavan Rao went undefeated through the No. 4 singles to claim the title.

In doubles play, Novi's Jason Carless and Andrew Ying carried the top seed at No. 1 doubles and blasted into the finals before finishing runner-up.

The same result happened for teammates Nishant Kakar and Michael Chang at No. 2 doubles.

Novi also had a pair of semi-final runs at three and four doubles.

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Livonia Rebels

Tryouts for the Livonia Rebels eighth-grade boys AAU basketball team will be from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 11, in the main gym No. 2 at the Livonia Recreation Center.

Coach Joe Jakacki is looking for young men to play at a high level in the Big Cat Basketball League in South Lyon to prepare them for high

school competition.

Michigan Generals

The Michigan Generals travel softball program is back in business and will be running 12-and-under and 14-and-under teams beginning this fall and heading into the spring and summer of 2014. Coaches affiliated with the organization include Larry Thiede, Al Land, Al White, Tom Hillsey, Dave Brubaker,

Gary Arnold and Jeff Simpson.

Tryouts are 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 7-8, at North Farmington High School. Interested players are encouraged to arrive early to fill out registration papers.

M.C. Riversharks

The Motor City Riversharks 13-and-under and 14-and-under travel baseball teams will be holding

tryouts in August for the 2014 season.

All tryouts will at Jaycee Park, which is at the corner of Hunter and Wildwood in Westland. It is recommended, but not required, that players attend both tryout dates.

Tryouts for the 13-and-under Riversharks will be held 12:30-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11.

Tryouts for the 14-and-under Riversharks will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

For more information,

email motorcityriver-sharks@gmail.com. Michigan Bulldogs

Open tryouts for the Michigan Bulldogs 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under travel baseball teams are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10-11, at Bicentennial Field (fields Nos. 2 and 3), located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia.

The Bulldogs will be looking for players for a second 11-and-under team.

For more information, contact Mike Heard at 734-834-6950 or mike-

heard34@yahoo.com.

Canton Cobras

The 2014 Canton Cobras 13-and-under travel baseball team will be holding a pair of tryouts for experienced players.

Tryouts are 4-6 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 10, at Massey Field in Plymouth and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Hines Drive (west of Haggerty). Players should arrive 30 minutes early to register and warm up.

For more information, email jackmurray929@gmail.com or call 734-968-5808.

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Still Got It Players sing, dance and bingo their way through musical

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Still Got It Players will open its new season this month with its biggest show ever.

The senior troupe will be the third theater group to perform *Father Bingo*, a musical comedy that debuted in 2006 at Detroit Music Hall.

"We've done one musical, but it was with pre-recorded music. This is with a full-blown orchestra, seven pieces," said Debbie Lannen, who directed the show in Detroit, Novi and now for the Players at the Village Theater in Canton.

"It's going to be massive, but we're doing it and they are doing well."

The show runs at 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 21-22, 7 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Aug. 23-24, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 24-25. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and youth. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Get tickets at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater. Call 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460 for more information.

Lannen hopes "third time's the charm" for the play, which was written by Bill Nillson, a Dearborn Heights resident. With Nillson's approval, she changed the show's ending and eliminated a song when she staged it in Novi. She revised it again for its upcoming run at the Village Theater.

"The first time around



Michael Burden, as the pastor, aims to save his church with gambling in the upcoming Still Got It Players' production, "Father Bingo." Burden is surrounded by Linda Trygg (left, standing) and Lanna Collins, Robin Hoover (left, seated), Lee Thomas and Karen Curtsinger.

(in Detroit) we did exactly what he wanted and just did arrangements on his songs. The second time, he said if you think things should be changed, go ahead. Because I've been the director from the beginning for this, the writer had trust in me and let me go ahead and do what I thought should be done," Lannen said. "The first show he loved. The second one he liked even better. Maybe he'll love this third one even more.

"I think we're finally at the point that after this production, you could take it to New York and have it workshopped. But I think this is the version that will end up, hopefully, going into (script) catalogues, so that other community theater groups all over the country can use it."

Family-driven

Rick Beyer, Nillson's step-son and the play's original producer, said the musical originated as

"a family development." Although Nillson had no background in script-writing, his wife, Mary Jane, loved music and was involved with community theater. They enjoyed attending both musicals and bingo games together. By 1996, Nillson decided to combine their two passions and he began penning songs and writing dialogue.

"When Bill wrote it, it was important from a family perspective. I told

him if he finished it I would help him produce it," Beyer said. "He wrote 15 original songs. We thought we should give it a run. We produced it when he was 77 years old."

The show premiered during Super Bowl weekend in Detroit. Beyer said it drew approximately 4,000 attendees and that 94 percent gave it a positive review.

"We think it has great opportunity for community theater across the

country. It's meant to be played in the community," Beyer noted.

Lannen is grateful for Beyer's offer to pay for the live orchestra in the Canton production. The Still Got It Players also will start the new season with a grant from the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton. And Lannen's Kickstarter.com fundraising campaign has surpassed the \$200 she requested to help keep the show in the black.

Father Bingo fans who saw the production in Detroit or Novi will see new costumes and set in the Still Got It Players' version.

Lannen said the musical appeals especially to Catholics, bingo players and anyone who grew up in the Detroit area.

"The play is based in Detroit. The original mayor character is supposed to be Coleman Young. He's trying to bring casinos into the city to save it. The priest is trying to save his parish and God tells him to run bingo. Now with the bankruptcy in Detroit ... the city is losing, the parishes are closing, it is so timely once again."

James Abud is music director for the show and Valerie Mould choreographed it. Michael Burden plays Fr. O'Neil, Ray Fraser is the mayor, Becky Copenhagen plays Mary Jane, a parishioner, and Joe Lannen is God.

For more information visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org and click on Still Got It Players.

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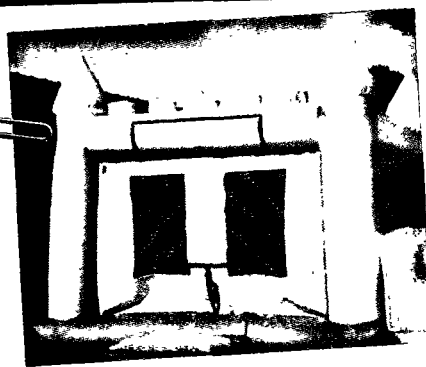
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Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, through Sept. 8
Contact: 313-833-7900, www.dia.org

GALLERY @ VT

Time/Dates: Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances and by appointment. Upcoming exhibit runs through Aug. 28

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

Details: The Canton Historical Society shows photos and artifacts

Contact: www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org; 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Dates: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 30

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Collaboration and Continuum: The Carnival Photographs of Bill Rauhauser and Carlos Diaz," curated by Mary McNichols, Ph.D.

Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

DANCE

Time/Dates: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Aug. 17

Location: American Dance Academy, 3132 Martin Parkway, Commerce

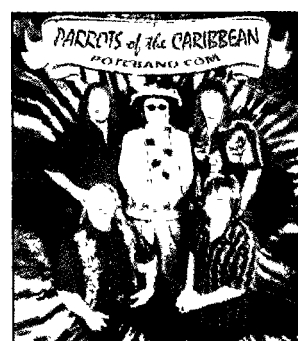
Details: Farmington Hills-based DDC dances auditions professional male and female dancers for its 34th season. Dancers should have extensive modern dance training, strong partnering skills and quality performing experiences. Audition pre-requisite must be submitted by Aug. 14. Visit www.detroitdancecollective.org for details

Contact: 810-444-4553

FILM COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Dates: Gates open at 7:30 p.m., with movies starting around 9:20 p.m., daily, through Sept. 1

Location: 14900 Beck between



Jimmy Buffett tribute band, Parrots of the Caribbean performs Aug. 8 at Stars in the Park, in Farmington Hills.

Five Mile and M-14, Plymouth Township

Details: Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 4-12; kids 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students with proper ID are admitted for \$8 Sunday through Thursday. Patrons listen to the movies on the FM band of their car radio

Contact: 734-927-3284

PENN THEATRE

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 9-10, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Kings of Summer," admission, \$3

Coming up: "The Unfinished Song," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 16-17 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18; "Man of Steel," 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 24-25; "Monsters University," 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; "The Internship," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 6-7, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8

Summer Matinee: "The Sound of Music," Aug. 15; "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," Aug. 22; "The Muppet Movie," Aug. 29. Movies run at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Dates: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: "The Long, Long Trailer," with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, \$5

Coming up: "Jaws," with Richard Dreyfuss and Roy



Lover Boy rocks the Detroit Riverfront on Friday, Aug. 9.

Scheider, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Dates: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The current exhibit, B4TV, highlights leisure activities that families and individuals engaged in before television. The exhibit runs through Nov. 10. Admission \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17

Contact: www.plymouth-history.org; 734-455-8940

MUSIC JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Dates: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

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

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Dates: 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic for music and poetry

Friday and Saturday featured artist: The Paths, Saturday, Aug. 10; JP And The Tucos, Friday, Aug. 16; Mike Galbraith and Mike Anton, Saturday, Aug.

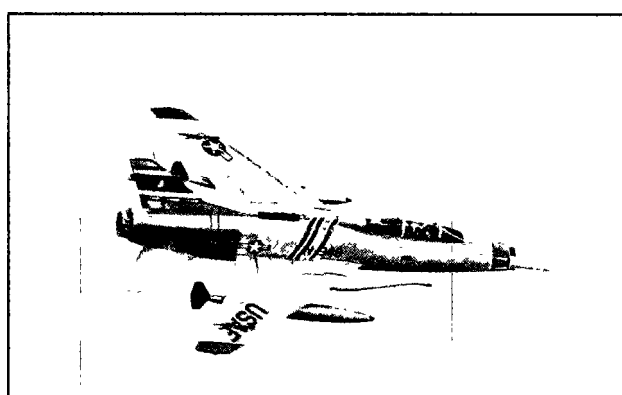
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Classic military aircraft set to 'thunder' over Willow Run

Thunder Over Michigan, the annual air show produced by the nonprofit Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport, will offer several firsts when it takes to the air this weekend.

The show's Heritage Flight, featuring aircraft from different eras in formation flight, will include the F-100 Super Sabre, which appears at few air shows, along with a Korean War-era F-86 Sabre, and the WWII iconic fighter aircraft, the P-51 Mustang. The F-100 is a supersonic jet fighter that served with the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1971 and with the Air National Guard until 1979. It was the first ever U.S.A.F. fighter capable of supersonic speed in level flight.

The show's Legacy Flight also will include aircraft flying together in formation for the first time. The Legacy Flight spotlights Navy aircraft and will combine the Vietnam-era A-4 Skyhawk, with the AD-1 Skyraider, a workhorse during both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and the celebrated F-4U Corsair that was the Navy's top fighter aircraft during WWII.



The North American Aviation F-100 Super Sabre will bring the speed and sound of a top-of-the-line fighter aircraft to Thunder Over Michigan.

Another first for the show will be appearances by Sean D. Tucker and Michael Goulian. Tucker is one of the most decorated civilian pilots in the world. Goulian, a former Red Bull Air Racer, is known for his precision and skill and has been recognized repeatedly as one of the top air show performers in the world.

One of the most popular performances each year at Thunder Over Michigan is the WWII Battle Reenactment, which uses realistic historical re-enactors and restored vintage aircraft, tanks, half-tracks and other equipment to duplicate the sights and sounds of a WWII battle.

This year the show has added a Vietnam battle reenactment that will include six AD-1's in a Skyraider reunion that will provide air support along with the UH-1 Huey Helicopter, the AC-47 "Spooky" gunship and other air assets.

Also scheduled to perform at this year's show is the Screamin' Rebels Formation Team, which will demonstrate



The WW II battle reenactment is a popular performance at Thunder Over Michigan.

formation flying in five T-6 Texan aircraft and the Misty Blues all-women skydiving team performing the opening ceremony flag jump. The show also will feature a WWII Air Power Parade that will present more than a dozen WWII-era aircraft flying together, including the legendary B-17 Flying Fortress, three B-25 Mitchell bombers.

Visitors to the show

will get a chance to see 50 aircraft on display and interactive exhibits, including the "Rise Above" attraction focusing on the history and accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen. The Kidz' Zone play area will feature inflatables, climbing walls, interactive games, and other recreational equipment.

"We couldn't be more pleased about how this year's Thunder lineup

came together," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum and director of Thunder Over Michigan. "Fast moving, loud jets, rare classic military aircraft, legendary civilian aerobatic pilots, massive battle reenactments, unique ground displays; we've got them all!"

The show will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 10-11. General admission tickets for ages 16 and up are \$30. Kids 15 and under are admitted for free. Online tickets are sold at a discounted price if purchased before noon, Sunday. Fans can receive performer updates on Facebook.com/ThunderOverMichigan and Twitter.com/ThunderOverMI or by signing up online for the behind the scenes e-mail list. Willow Run Airport is located off Michigan Ave. and Ecorse Road, west of Beck.

GET OUT!

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24; Sentimental Value, Saturday, Aug. 31. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: 734-454-0178

ROCKIN ON THE RIVERFRONT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9

Location: GM Plaza on the Detroit riverfront

Details: Loverboy performs in this free summer series

Coming up: Night Ranger, Aug. 16

Contact: www.facebook.com/RockinontheRiverfront

STARS IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8

Location: Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Parrots of the Caribbean, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band, performs in this free concert series. Rainout site is the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-473-1848

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Kalvama, Aug. 8; Ryan Dillaha with Katie Grace, Aug. 9; Empty Chair Night, Sept. 8; Singers Sing Seger Songs Tribute with John D. Lamb, Dave Edwards, Al Jacquez, Charlie Springer and Bob Monteleone. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

BOWL 4 ANIMAL RESCUE

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10

Location: Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Retired professional bowlers, Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen, sponsor this annual bowling fundraiser for the Dearborn Animal Shelter and Michigan Animal Adoption Network. Cost is \$30 for three games of 9-pin "No Tap," and includes shoes and a meal ticket. Bowling positions are limited. Call the pro shop at 248-615-9060 to check availability.

Contact: www.bowl4animalrescue.com

CARNIVAL

Time/Date: 5-11 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Aug. 15-16, noon-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 and noon-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18

Location: Founders Park, located on Eight Mile, two miles east of I-275, in Plymouth

Details: Family Fun Fest Carnival will have everything from thrill rides to kiddie rides, midway games to food. Admission and parking are free. Ride tickets cost \$1 each or an all-day wristband for unlimited rides is available for \$18. Discount coupons for the wristbands, for \$14 on Thursday or Friday and \$16 on Saturday or Sunday, are available at more than 200 merchants in Farmington Hills or at the Costick Center. Pre-sale discounted carnival tickets are also available at www.elliott-

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Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 8 p.m. Wednesday during the summer

Location: 1-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15-61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free

Contact: 248-541-5717; www.detroitzoo.org

MARSHMALLOW FLY AND FRY

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 20

Location: Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Families can cook hot dogs and s'mores over the campfire, then watch more than 1,000 marshmallows fall from the sky. Also, enjoy the splash pad, play on the bouncer, check out the fire trucks, and more. Hot dogs, s'mores, and drinks will be available for a nominal fee. After dinner, kids line up and retrieve marshmallows dropped from the Fire Department ladder truck and then exchange them for goodies. Free admission. Sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, the Fire Department, LOC Federal Credit Union, and Busch's Fresh Food Market

Contact: 248-473-1800

UFO SHOW

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 8

Location: The Mix Studio, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: Emergent Arts presents the stand-up comedy of Marty Smith, songs by Marc Holland and storytelling by Lyn Davidge. Tickets are \$8, available online at www.emergentarts.com

Contact: 734-985-0875

THEATER

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 10; 2 p.m. Aug. 11

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: "The Hallelujah Girls" is a lighthearted comedy that features Anne Morgan as Sugar Lee Tompkins, an ex-beautician who ropes sweet-natured Nita (Betty Berryman), dating-averse Carlene (Marian Busa), curmudgeonly Mavis (Carol Lipinski), and loopy Crystal (Barbara Bloom) into opening a day spa in an abandoned church. Their the road to success is blocked by Bunny Sutherland (Betsy Bronson), who seeks to bulldoze the church for personal gain, and Bobby Dwayne Dillahunt (Sean Randolph), an old flame of Sugar Lee's who rolls back into town. Tickets are \$15

Contact: 734-560-1493 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11; registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

Location: The Farmington Players Barn Theater 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

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Summer fills farmers markets and grocery stores with fresh, colorful vegetables picked at the peak of ripeness. From red tomatoes and yellow sweet corn to dark green kale, the options are endless. To inspire people to make the most of the season — and get the benefits of eating more vegetables — the experts in the McCormick Kitchens are providing great flavor ideas to savor the season's produce.

"The colorful vegetables displayed on farm stands in the summer are a great source of inspiration; I'm constantly thinking about how to pair these fresh vegetables with herbs and spices that allow the produce to really pop on the palate," said McCormick chef Kevan Vetter. "One of my favorite, easy summer recipes combines fresh green beans with thyme, rosemary and balsamic vinegar for a bright, summer side."

There are many ways to enjoy vegetables — fresh cut, steamed, sautéed or grilled — and many more ways to add flavor. Get a little creative and experiment with some favorite herbs and spices or seasoning blends. For example, instead of the typical tossed salad, turn up the flavor and the heat by making a grilled romaine and summer vegetable salad infused with garlic and basil.

"Taking advantage of nutrient-rich summer produce is great for your taste buds and your overall health," said Wendy Bazilian, registered dietitian. "I change up the usual summer squash sautéed and create a zesty Greek salad by slicing fresh summer squash into thin ribbons using a vegetable peeler and mixing it with tomatoes and olives. To ensure it bursts with flavor not sodium or excess fat, I toss it in a simple vinaigrette using basil, garlic and oregano."

Visit www.mccormick.com for recipe ideas. To create mouthwatering dishes with the summer's bounty, try these fresh, flavorful vegetable and salad recipes from the McCormick Kitchens:



GREEK SQUASH RIBBON SALAD

Prep time: 20 minutes

Vinaigrette:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon basil leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, coarse ground
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Collection Mint Flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese

Salad:

- 1 large yellow squash
- 1 large zucchini
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 2 tablespoons quartered pitted Kalamata olives

1. For the vinaigrette, mix oil, lemon juice, vinegar and seasonings in small bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Stir in feta cheese. Set aside.
2. For the salad, trim squash ends. Slice into ribbons with vegetable peeler or mandolin, discarding outside ribbons and core.
3. To serve, place squash ribbons on each salad plate. Top with tomatoes, onion and olives. Serve with vinaigrette on the side.



PENNE PASTA SALAD WITH SPINACH AND TOMATOES

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes

- 8 ounces penne pasta
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon rosemary leaves, finely crushed
- 1 teaspoon thyme leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 package (6 ounces) baby spinach leaves
- 1 pint grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 cup bite-size mozzarella cheese, balls, halved
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1. Cook pasta as directed on package. Drain well.
2. Meanwhile, mix oil, vinegar, rosemary, thyme, garlic powder, oregano and sea salt in large bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Add pasta and spinach; toss to coat well.
3. Add tomatoes and cheeses; toss to mix well.
3. Serve warm or at room temperature.

KALE SALAD WITH ASIAN VINAIGRETTE

Prep time: 15 minutes

- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger, ground
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Kale Salad:

- 1 pound kale
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin orange segments, drained
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions

1. For the vinaigrette, mix all ingredients in small bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Set aside.
2. Remove and discard stems and center ribs from kale. Coarsely chop kale (6 cups). Rinse kale with cold water. Drain well.
3. Toss kale and bell pepper in large bowl. Top with mandarin oranges, almonds and green onions. Drizzle with vinaigrette. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes to allow flavors to blend.



GRILLED ROMAINE & VEGETABLE SALAD WITH BALSAMIC HERB VINAIGRETTE

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes

- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon basil
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

Salad:

- 2 heads Romaine lettuce hearts, halved lengthwise
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 10 asparagus spears, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup grape tomatoes
- 1 cup mushrooms, halved
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder

1. For the vinaigrette, mix all ingredients in small bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Set aside.
2. Brush romaine lettuce lightly with some of the oil. Toss vegetables with remaining oil, garlic powder and onion powder in large bowl. Place vegetable mixture in grill basket sprayed with no stick cooking spray.
3. Grill vegetable mixture 10 to 12 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally. Grill romaine lettuce over medium heat 3 to 4 minutes or until lightly browned, turning frequently.
4. Cut romaine lettuce halves lengthwise in half. Place lettuce on individual plates; top with grilled vegetable mixture. Drizzle with vinaigrette.

Pray without leaving your car at Livonia church

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Praying on the go will get easier this weekend during Mt. Hope Congregational Church's "Drive-Thru Prayer" event.

The Livonia church will station its pastor, associate pastor and deacons outdoors along a circular driveway from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 10, 17 and 24, to pray with motorists who drop by.

"It's open to people of all backgrounds," said The Rev. Steve Schafer, pastor. "It's not a denominational thing. No one is excluded. We're not trying to push anything. No



preaching. No counseling. If people want prayer, we're here for that. All prayers are confidential."

No donations will be accepted.

Schafer said he heard a minister reference "drive-thru prayer" several years ago and kept the idea in mind for Mt.

Hope, a church with approximately 170 attendees on Sunday morning.

"They tell us in counseling courses that one out of every three people has a crisis going on in their lives. My guess is this will appeal to many of those people who have a crisis and don't know where to turn for help. Sometimes it's hard for people to ask for prayer," Schafer said. "Expressing what is going on inside yourself, expressing it out loud helps. Having someone pray with you and share your concern with God is encouraging."

Motorists can pray for themselves, others or

simply offer thanks and praise at the drive-thru events. They'll remain in their cars and pray with a Mt. Hope member

through their vehicle's open window.

Mt. Hope Congregational Church is located at 30330 Schoolcraft

Road between Middlebelt and Merriman. For more information, visit mthope.com or call 734-425-7280.

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BIRD, JOHN DAVID

Age 36, of Westland, Michigan died on Sunday afternoon, August 4, 2013 at Marquette General Hospital from injuries he sustained during a motocross race on July 20, 2013. He was born on June 16, 1977 in Southfield, Michigan. John worked for Ford Motor Company at the time of his death. John is survived by his parents - Rick and Mille (Smith) Bird of Howell; his fiancée and best friend - Ashley Marie Ketzler; brother - Tom (Sheila) Coniam of Westland; sister - Kristyn (Rick) Pearen of Mt. Pleasant; nieces, nephews and uncles. Visitation will be held at the Bowerman Funeral Home in Munising on Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and also on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. John's funeral service will be Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising. His obituary and guestbook may be viewed and signed at:
bowermanfuneralhome.net



FITZPATRICK, PATRICK L.

August 4, 2013 age 74 of Novi. Longtime administrator with Plymouth Canton School System. Beloved brother of Peggy (Alan) Gapske, Katie (Robert) Granum, and the late Michael (Jeanette) Fitzpatrick. Dear longtime friend of Maxine MacCormack. Also survived by 9 nieces and nephews, and several cousins. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Saturday 10:00AM until the 10:30AM Funeral Mass at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery in Alpena, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 11

Location: Our Lady of Loretto Church Family Center, corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Blood is urgently needed. Walk-ins are welcome or make an appointment

Contact: 313-534-9000 or www.srmwojck@twml.r.com

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: 12th annual Charity Car Show will benefit Angela Hospice. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. The entry fee to show a vehicle is \$15. No charge to view the entries. Organizers also are seeking sponsors for the show

Contact: 734-427-8743

CHOIR DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 12

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The three-day workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church is designed for choir directors and music educators, led by Michael Burkhardt

Contact: www.heartshands-voices.org; 734-427-1414 for more information.

C.L.E.A.P. FROG

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, through Aug. 21; program started on Aug. 5

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This learning program in a Christ-centered environment is designed to sharpen a child's skills and give them a 'leap' into the coming school year. C.L.E.A.P. FROG — which is not a VBS program — will offer the basics, including math, reading, music, science and more. This free program is for

children entering grades 1-6. A class for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten also is offered. All children must be pre-registered

Contact: Mary at 248/471-1322 or Melissa at 734/466-8694 to register

CONCERT

Time/Date: 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 10

Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

Details: Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents a free concert, "Heartbeats 2013. Music with a Message," featuring Impact Band, The Beck and Saltz Band and Chosen. All are Christian bands with musical styles ranging from praise to rock and alternative. This family-friendly event will include face painting and balloon animals for children

Contact: 734-453-5280; www.pfumc.org

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Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sundays,
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Location: Grounds at Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton

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Contact: 734-459-3333

PARENTING PROGRAM

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, through Aug. 21; program started Aug. 5

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The class for adults is based on the book "Have a New Kid by Friday" by Dr. Kevin Leman. It focuses on changing a child's attitude, behavior and character. Cost is \$8, payable upon enrollment. Pre-registration is required

Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322 or Melissa at 734/466-8694

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 12-16

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: The program, aimed at children in kindergarten-sixth grade, will include songs, crafts, skits, games and snacks. An offering will be collected daily to help build wells around the world. A family cook-out is set for 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17

Contact: www.clarencevillechurch.com; 248-474-3444

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 22-23 and 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 24

Location: Fireside Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: "Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God" will include water science, crafts, music and Bible fun

Contact: 734-464-0990

WORSHIP & MUSIC CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Aug. 12-15

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: "Hearts, Hands and Voices" is designed to help students in grades two-seven grow spiritually and musically.

Contact: Register at www.heartshandsvoices.org; 734-427-1414

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Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14

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Survey: Young home buyers becoming more optimistic

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ryan Banar, 32, of Livonia isn't in the home buying market. "Not at this time," said Banar, who sings professionally, including with the Michigan Opera Theatre and at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. "I'm not willing to take that venture at the moment. Sometime in the future I would like to. You can definitely get over your head quickly with a home."

Banar, who also works part time as a barista at Starbucks in downtown Northville, would like central air conditioning and at least two-three bedrooms when he does buy a home. "A basement is always nice," he said. "I have taste above my means, so that's my problem."

Millennials are more confident than any other age group that their recent home purchase was a good financial investment, according to a study released recently. The inaugural 2013 National Association of Realtors Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends evaluated the generational differences of recent home buyers and sellers and found that while eight out of 10 recent buyers considered their home purchase a good investment, the number was even higher, 85 percent, for younger buyers under the age of 32.

"I would say yes," said Elizabeth Mach, 27, of Novi, in agreeing with that assessment. She married Joe Mach, 28, June 29 in a ceremony at Detroit Catholic Central High School, where he teaches and coaches. She's a teacher at Our Lady of Victory School in Northville.

"It is exciting to think about," she said of owning a home down the road, adding they've looked some online. "We were trying to spread out the stress of house hunting" and wedding plans.

"We're thinking the next year, hopefully," she said of buying. "The most important thing to both of us is location." They'll look at the neighborhood and its future. Both want to be close to work and their parents.

The national survey shows many young adults value owning a home.

"Home ownership is an investment in your future, and is how many younger American families begin to accumulate wealth," said Paul Bishop, NAR vice president of research. "The oldest of the Millennial generation are now entering the years in which people typically buy a first home, and despite the recent downturn, home ownership still matters to them. The sheer size of the Millennial generation, the largest in history after baby boomers, is expected to give a powerful boost to long-run housing demand, though in the short-term mortgage accessibility and stu-



Newlyweds Elizabeth and Joe Mach of Novi will look for a home once things have settled down. Both are teachers, he at Catholic Central High School in Novi and she at Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

dent debt repayment remain challenges."

The study found that the largest group of recent buyers was Generation X Americans, those born between 1965 and 1979, who comprised 31 percent of recent purchases, followed closely by Millennials, sometimes called Generation Y, those born between 1980 and 2000, at 28 percent. Percentages of recent home purchases among prior generations was significantly lower, 18 percent were Younger Boomers, those born between 1955 and 1964; 14 percent were Older Boomers, Americans born between 1946 and 1954; and 10 percent were from the Silent Generation, those born between 1925 and 1945.

The median age of Millennial home buyers was 28, their median income was \$66,200 and they typically bought a 1,700-square-foot home costing \$165,000. The typical Gen X buyer was 39 years old, had a median income of \$93,100, and purchased a 2,100-square foot home costing \$235,000.

The previous living arrangement of recent buyers varied greatly across the generations; among Millennials, 65 percent rented an apartment or house and 22 percent lived with their parents, relatives or friends; more than half of all baby boomer and Silent Generation buyers owned their previous residence.

The study found that older generations of home buyers prefer more recently built homes. Millennials typically bought homes built around 1986, nearly a decade older than the homes

typically bought by the Silent Generation.

Younger buyers had a tendency to stay closer to their previous residence, often staying within 10 miles, whereas older buyers moved longer distances, typically more than 20 miles from their previous home.

Younger buyers were more likely to buy in an urban or central city area than older buyers; 21 percent of Millennials bought a home in an urban location compared to only 13 percent of Older Boomer and Silent Generation buyers.

The reason for buying a home also varies across the generations; younger buyers most often cited the desire to own a home of their own whereas older buyers wanted to be closer to family and friends. When it comes to factors influencing neighborhood choice, younger generations cited convenience to jobs, affordability of homes, and quality of the school district. Older generations placed higher importance on convenience to family and friends and healthcare facilities.

When it comes to a home's green features, younger buyers placed higher importance on commuting costs than older generations who placed higher importance on a home's energy efficient features and living in an environmentally friendly community.

Millennials tended to make more compromises with their home purchase than any other generation. Millennials most often conceded on the price and size of the home, lot size, distance from job and style of home; whereas nearly half of Older Boomer and Silent Generation buyers made no compromises on their recent home purchase.

As the age of recent buyers increases so does the rate of owning more than one home; among Millennials, 8 percent own more than one home, which could include either a vacation home or investment property; compared to 21 percent of Gen X-ers, 28 percent of Younger Boomers, and 27 percent of Older Boomers, and 26 percent of the Silent Generation.

Home buyers of all ages often begin the home buying process by looking online for properties for sale; however, the frequency of use of the internet to search for homes decreases as age increases. Ninety percent of Millennials frequently used the Internet to search for homes compared to less than half of Silent Generation buyers.

Younger generations of buyers were also more likely to find the home they purchased through the Internet; older buyers most often learned about the home they purchased from their real estate agent.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

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You should also get a legal opinion from counsel as to whether or not there are any additional requirements to allow the undertaking

ing of the event including a review of the condominium or community association documents.

Q: We are building a house and our builder is giving us a purchase agreement and building contract which requires that we arbitrate. We have gone to a lawyer who says that this is a common practice. What do you think?

A: It all depends upon the builder, but I would not voluntarily agree to arbitrate any dispute you have with the builder because arbitration is not necessarily less expensive and is generally to the benefit of the developer/builder since he does not want to go in front of a jury.

People buying condominiums should also be concerned about signing any purchase agreement where all disputes are to be arbitrated which might have an adverse impact on the condominium association's ability to pursue the developer in court for construction defects.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit rmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Careers

A free Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Keller-Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee. For information, call Mary Beth Kaljian at 734-459-4700 or mb@marybethk.com.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTours.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5480.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehner at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 1-5, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BINGHAM FARMS	
24101 W 14 Mile Rd	\$425,000
BIRMINGHAM	
352 Baldwin Rd	\$483,000
691 Harmon St	\$380,000
1275 Humphrey Ave	\$169,000
393 N Old Woodward Ave	\$323,000
1791 Pine St	\$351,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3240 E Breckenridge Ln	\$340,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4506 Brightmore Rd	\$650,000
5068 Echo Rd	\$385,000
516 Hupp Cross Rd	\$587,000
1248 Indian Mound Trl	\$675,000
170 N Berkshire Rd	\$380,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

2325 Brigantine	\$230,000
5055 Carinas Way Ct	\$248,000
5091 Carinas Way Ct	\$334,000
4161 Heatherwood Dr	\$354,000

FARMINGTON

32050 Grand River Ave Unit 5	\$32,000
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FARMINGTON HILLS

29667 Bradmoor Ct	\$376,000
38862 Country Cir	\$70,000
20861 Deerfield	\$400,000
22225 Gill Rd	\$160,000
29205 Greening St	\$110,000
34726 Pickford Dr	\$240,000
22020 River Ridge Trl	\$174,000
28057 S Harwich Dr	\$205,000
30560 Springland St	\$265,000

FRANKLIN

31130 Sunset Dr	\$250,000
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LATHRUP VILLAGE

27645 California Ave W	\$129,000
27416 Goldengate Dr W	\$53,000
27416 Goldengate Dr W	\$133,000

MILFORD

2476 Shagbark	\$300,000
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NORTHVILLE

49450 Deer Run	\$380,000
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45587 Addington Ln	\$420,000
22439 Alton Ct	\$296,000
43328 Ashbury Dr	\$340,000
24167 Brentwood Ct	\$425,000
27538 Cromwell Rd	\$262,000
27602 Cromwell Rd	\$278,000
27618 Cromwell Rd	\$266,000
50960 Glades Ct W	\$50,000
22682 Heatherwoode	\$254,000
25754 Lochmoor Ln	\$355,000
51123 Luke Ln	\$257,000
1127 South Lake Dr Unit 110	\$38,000
26550 Taft Rd	\$70,000
40612 Village Oaks	\$230,000
28218 Wolcott Dr	\$158,000

SOUTH LYON

23546 Bristlecone Ct	\$406,000
52199 Copperwood Dr S	\$355,000

52235 Copperwood Dr S

\$402,000

58539 Dolly Rd

\$23,000

54895 Grenelefe Cir W

\$411,000

976 Oak Creek Dr

\$134,000

53503 10 Mile Rd

\$565,000

23601 Winterberry Ct

\$422,000

SOUTHFIELD

27465 Berkshire Dr	\$125,000
28222 E Larkmoor Dr	\$57,000
28030 Glasgow St	\$80,000
20106 MIDWAY AVE	\$29,000
20270 Midway Ave	\$60,000
15801 Providence Dr #10f	\$50,000
30276 Southfield Rd #A212	\$36,000
27680 Spring Arbor Dr	\$57,000
15999 W 11 Mile Rd #15	\$16,000
17221 W 12 Mile Rd	\$54,000

WHITE LAKE

8172 Trenton Dr	\$295,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 22-26, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
45959 Baywood Blvd	\$235,000
5987 Beaufort Dr	\$171,000
50210 Black Horse Ln	\$313,000
40438 Blytheheld Ln	\$121,000
2083 Briarfield St	\$190,000
602 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$162,000
50424 Coolidge St	\$278,000
1841 Delancy Cir	\$415,000
7021 Fox Path	\$230,000
41615 Glade Rd	\$150,000
51158 Gold Ridge Ln	\$310,000
43302 Hanford Rd	\$150,000
1542 Lasalle Rd	\$460,000
562 McKinley Cir	\$270,000
45463 Muirfield Dr	\$340,000
41341 N Maplewood Dr	\$123,000
2027 Preserve Cir E	\$162,000
45234 Prestbury Rd	\$163,000
7081 Royal Villa Ct	\$383,000
1948 S Cavalier Dr	\$180,000
45588 S Stonewood Rd	\$185,000

46712 Spinning Wheel Dr

\$245,000

43568 W Arbor Way Dr

\$66,000

GARDEN CITY

6611 Burnly St	\$70,000
29050 Dawson St	\$60,000
28835 Krauter St	\$23,000
32610 Maplewood St	\$35,000
1317 Ralph St	\$75,000
28614 Sheridan St	\$29,000

LIVONIA

36024 Ann Arbor Trl	\$50,000
14915 Auburndale St	\$119,000
15255 Blue Skies St	\$155,000
36540 Bobrich St	\$240,000
9048 Danzig St	\$121,000
14572 Fairway St	\$157,000
16944 Farmington St	\$133,000
31730 Fonville St	\$111,000
31370 Grandon St	\$129,000
34177 Grove Dr	\$160,000
33047 Hampshire Rd	\$235,000
9996 Hartel Ct	\$30,000
32848 Hees St	\$136,000
15021 Heyer St	\$205,000
14940 Hix St	\$156,000
28025 Long St	\$90,000
27617 Lyndon St	\$125,000
19439 Merriman Rd	\$105,000
18537 Millburn St	\$79,000

37554 N Laurel Park Dr

\$128,000

37633 Newburgh Park Cir

\$150,000

14169 Park St

\$132,000

19830 Parkville St

\$120,000

29305 Perth St

\$118,000

31710 Perth St

\$145,000

19418 Rensellor St

\$41,000

20265 Rensellor St

\$43,000

9820 Seltzer St

\$108,000

8915 Sunbury St

\$85,000

14139 Sunset St

\$112,000

31801 W Chicago St

\$175,000

NORTHVILLE

17081 Algonquin Dr	\$343,000
17140 Cameron Dr	\$282,000
41101 Croydon Ct	\$320,000
19747 Hayes Ct	\$70,000
18756 Marble Head Dr	\$681,000
49490 N Glacier	\$255,000
44943 Oak Forest Dr	\$670,000
19022 Oak Leaf Ln	\$1,170,000
755 Randolph St	\$115,000
900 Spring Dr	\$368,000

PLYMOUTH

9405 Corinne St	\$130,000
12305 Deer Creek Cir	\$360,000
1112 Hartough St	\$140,000
51131 Northview	\$263,000
44409 Oregon Trl	\$145,000

780 Parkview Dr

\$150,000

730 Penniman Ave

\$245,000

14155 Terrace Ct

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MILFORD: Lovejoy estate. 1045 Weaver Rd., 8/8-8/10 9-5pm. Numbers at 8:30. Pictures at estatesale.net

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WESTLAND: ESTATE SALE
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Beverly Hills: Estate Sale
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CANTON: 2 FAMILY SALE
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GARDEN CITY: MOVING SALE-EVERYTHING GOES!
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- 20 Inches forward
- 21 Blender button
- 23 Crash, so to speak
- 25 Hosp. employee
- 26 Set the table
- 28 Springs
- 32 Business letter abbr.
- 35 — -fi flick
- 36 Mets' former ballpark
- 37 Change address

DOWN

- 38 Quaker pronoun
- 40 Diamond loc.
- 41 "That's —!"
- 43 Hold dear
- 46 Out of practice
- 49 Villain of Venice
- 50 Intending no harm
- 53 Bedouin
- 56 Rx monitor
- 57 Track event
- 58 The skinny
- 59 Runway hazard
- 60 Fermi split it
- 61 Bottle part

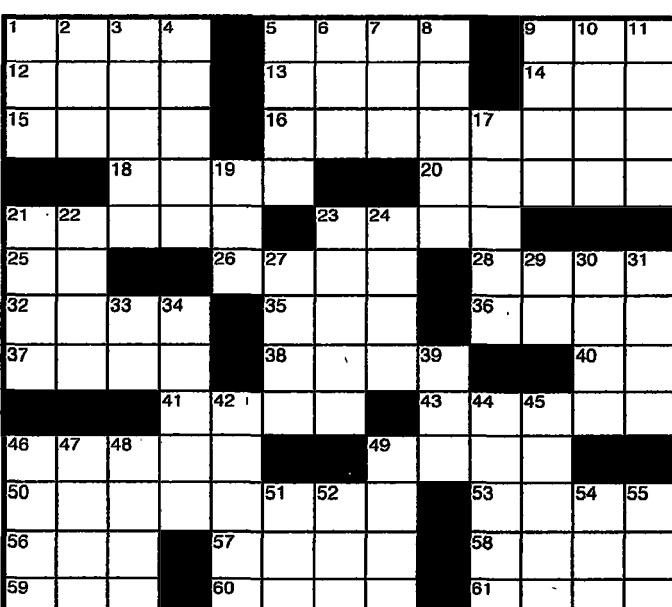
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- 8 Gets one's feet wet
- 9 Vise grips
- 10 She lived at Green Gables

- 11 Freshwater catch
- 17 Promises
- 19 Aunt or bro.
- 21 A nanny pushes it
- 22 Golden Rule word
- 23 Nouveau —
- 24 McClurg or Brickell
- 27 — spumante
- 29 Startled cry
- 30 Llama country
- 31 Money repository
- 33 VCR must
- 34 Groovy
- 39 Spacewalk, to NASA
- 42 Spandex material
- 44 Once more
- 45 Ben on "Bonanza"
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- 51 Have a snack
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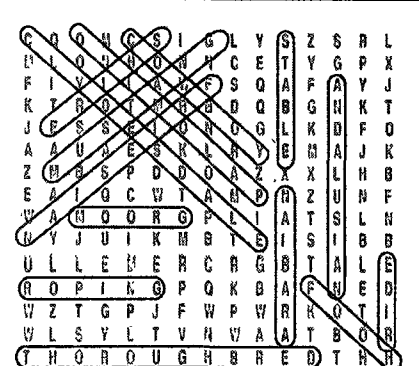
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5	4	5	1	7	8	2	9	6
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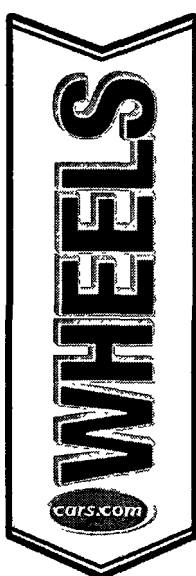
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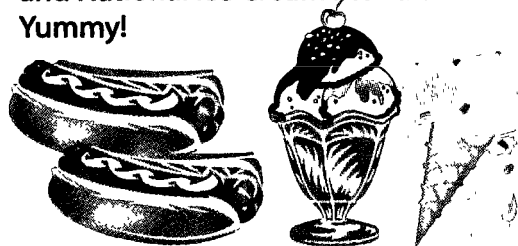


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The Scoop on August:

August is National Hot Dog Month and National Ice Cream Month. Yummy!



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What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A



B



Answers: 1. Bite taken out of one burger 2. Cheese is missing on the front burger 3. There is an extra hot dog 4. The mustard is blue

Courtesy of Metro Creative

Hot Weather Word Find

Just in time for the dog days of summer, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

BEVERAGE

COOL

HOT

HUMIDITY

OUTDOORS

PERSPIRE

SHADE

SUNSHINE

SWEATING

SWELTER

WARM

U	B	S	V	U	V	V	R	A	O	C	E
T	O	H	W	C	W	U	G	V	U	B	R
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B	C	U	A	P	O	N	E	C	O	R	R
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M	W	L	L	H	N	B	A	O	S	G	P
S	M	U	S	Y	A	B	I	D	B	E	R
T	R	N	N	Y	T	I	D	I	M	U	H
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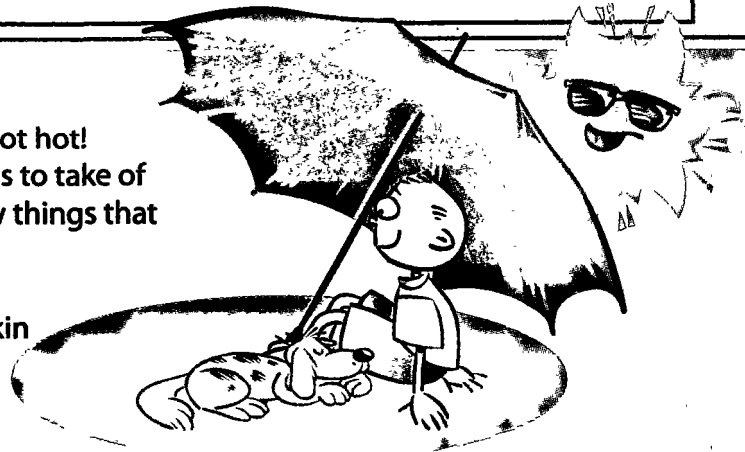
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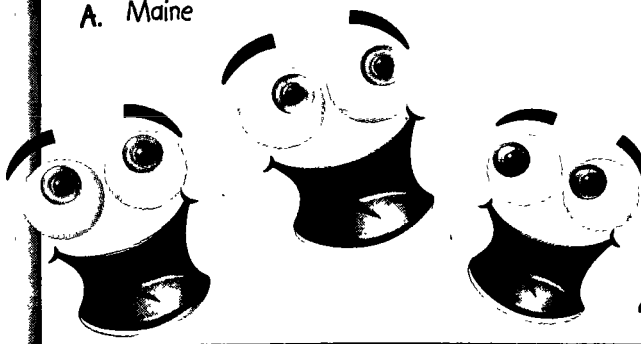
Traditionally the month of August is hot hot hot! Because of this, it is important to do things to take of yourself and your pets. Here are just a few things that you can do to be more responsible.

- Drink plenty of water
- Wear sunscreen lotion to protect your skin
- Be super cool in your sunglasses
- Make sure your pets have a shaded area and water to drink



Riddles & Giggles

- Q. What do you call a dog with a sun burn?
A. A Hot Dog!
- Q. What is a lion's favorite state to vacation?
A. Maine



Mark and Olivia Ruehlen took a Wild Summer Day Trip to the Toledo Zoo.



Children of Larry Ruehlen, Redford Observer

Deadline for Submissions:

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