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Bid awarded for water meter replacement program

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A nearly $9.9 million bid for replacing Westland's water meters was approved by Westland City Council.

City consultant Ann Arbor-based Stantec recommended accepting the bid from Etna Supply Company. The bid covers the meters and installation.

The only other bid was for just over $1 million for installation only, and as a result was not a complete bid.

"It will take four to six weeks to get the contracts, then we will get the meters," Wayne-Westland Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El-Gharib said. "I think we will start with the large commercial meters."

It won't be a quick project changing out all the meters. Westland has 26,000 residential and commercial water customers.

"It's a two-year contract," El-Gharib said. The meters will provide more accurate readings and also allow remote reading aimed at increased efficiency.

Replacing meters

Wayne will also be going through a bidding process for meter replacement using Stantec's services.

The citywide meter replacement program in Wayne is expected to be about a $2 million project. It is expected to take 18 months to two years to replace approximately 6,000 water meters.

Wayne had actually been ahead of Westland in the process to replace the meters, but the project halted as Wayne tried to deal with its ongoing financial issues.

"Wayne will be going through the bidding process. We have the specifications ready," El-Gharib said.

The Wayne project is being funded through a bond issued about five years ago, which has already generated $1.7 million

Westland will be doing a series of bond sales totaling $17 million that will, in part, be used to pay for the citywide water meter replacement program. Other projects will include improvements to the Inkster Road and Middlebelt lift stations.

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Laura Flaherty, Youth Services librarian, watches Brendan Diaz, 10, and Tyler Raymond, 6, play the game. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Minecraft club has kids building their own worlds

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Donna Edwards might think her Kindle is for books. But for her grandson, it's a window to the world of Minecraft.

A bone in hand, the Westland youth was all about breaking and placing blocks in an online game that has more than 16 million fans.

"I didn't know anything about it," Edwards said. "I asked if it was free, and he said 'yes, grandma.' I'm still learning about it."

Edwards and her grandson were at the William P. Faust Library for the monthly Youth Minecraft Club. Using the library's multi-player server, kids under age 10 can play Minecraft.

The library has seven accounts — three in the teen department and four

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Wayne Road resurfacing begins; 2 lanes open

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Drivers can expect slowdowns as Wayne Road narrows to two lanes for resurfacing.

Construction is taking place on Wayne Road from Michigan Avenue westbound to Van Born.

"There will be two lanes open at a time. Now the traffic is in the middle while they work on the east and west lanes," Wayne-Westland Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El-Gharib said. "Then they will do the middle lanes. They stage it to keep the traffic flowing."

It's a Wayne County project that includes milling, resurfacing and conditioning the existing roadway and applying asphalt. "We'll be glad to get the resurfacing done," El-Gharib said.

The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October, subject to weather and other unforeseen issues.

Work on the curb lanes is scheduled to be completed Sept. 5 when traffic will shift to the curb lanes to allow work on the inside lanes.

The project has over 81 percent federal funding, while the balance is divided between Wayne and Wayne County.

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Dec. 8 trial date set for man charged in death of soccer referee

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The man accused of killing a Westland man during a soccer match will go to trial later this fall.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Cynthia Hathaway set the jury trial for Dec. 8 for Bassel Saad, 36, of Dearborn, who is charged with second-degree murder.

Saad, who appeared in court in downtown Detroit, was arraigned on the charges Thursday morning before Hathaway. A not guilty plea was entered.

A final conference is currently scheduled for Oct. 31.

Saad was charged in the death of 44-year-old John Bieniewicz, who was officiating an adult league soccer match June 29 at Mies Park in Livonia, when he was struck by Saad after there was a disagreement about a call on the field. Several witnesses testified during Saad's preliminary examination last month that Saad struck Bieniewicz, who was knocked out immediately.

He died two days later at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Ali Hammoud, Saad's attorney, said he was exploring his option of filing a change of venue motion with the court, since the case has received a lot of media attention in the area. He said he worries the coverage could jeopardize

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Bassel Saad, right, with attorney Hassam Bazzi during a hearing in Livonia last month. Saad was arraigned in circuit court Thursday morning on a second-degree murder charge. His jury trial is scheduled for Dec. 8. FILE PHOTO

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Vacant Service Merchandise building being demolished

As a new fire station is being built nearby, the long-closed Service Merchandise store is starting to be demolished.

The Tax Increment Finance Authority has awarded a contract to demolish the building to Wayne County-based Berkshire Development. The building has been vacant for more than 15 years and its demolition will pave the way for future development.

The vacant store is located on Nankin Boulevard on the same lot where the new Ralph Savini Fire Station is being constructed. Expected to open by the end of the year, the new fire station is on the north end of the parcel fronting on Central City Parkway.

Once the former Service Merchandise building is demolished, it is expected the city will split off that part of the property so it can be sold for development.

"We're putting on our hard hats this summer and going to work in Westland," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "This blighted, vacant building was a painful reminder of the past, and now with a new fire station and this building being demolished for future development, we can look to the future."

Berkshire Development was the low bidder, with the cost for demolition not to exceed $89,998. The Dearborn-based company has completed similar projects throughout southeast Michigan and has worked with Westland's Community Development Department previously. The 60-day contract began June 30.

The City of Westland currently has more than $20 million in new public projects underway, including a new City Hall, fire station, Farmers Market Pavilion and several road, sewer and park improvements.

"These public reinvestments will be leveraged to attract additional private sector investments," Wild said.

Crews are demolishing the long-closed Service Merchandise store on Nankin Boulevard.

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Saad's Sixth Amendment right to a fair trial.

"With all the media coverage, I don't know if that can happen," he said. "It's a very high-profile media case."

Hathaway will hear that motion at a hearing Sept. 12 in her courtroom in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, the next time Saad is scheduled to be in court.

Bond was also continued at $1 million cash or surety for Saad, though Hammoud requested bond be reduced to $150,000.

Prosecutors argued that bond remain at $1 million, saying there have been issues where Saad failed to appear on various other minor counts in the past. Dates on his passport, which Saad has turned over, do not line up with other legal documents, prosecutors said. Because of these discrepancies, Wayne County assistant prosecutor Erika Tusar asked Hathaway to maintain bond set by Livonia's 16th District Court.

"The people do have a (concern) that he will not appear in court for the serious stuff," she said.

Hathaway will re-examine the possibility of reducing his bond during the motion hearing next month. Saad has remained lodged in the Wayne County Jail since his arraignment last month.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Veterans benefit

The Southeastern Michigan Veterans and Stand Down Inc. are holding a steak dinner fundraiser for homeless and needy veterans 5-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Tickets are $10 and include a cook-to-order steak, salad, baked potato, corn on the cob and dessert. Beverages will be available and there will be 50/50 drawings.

For tickets, call John Ries at 734-334-8428 or Dave Spiteri at 734-812-1518. For more information, visit www.4vets.org.

MINECRAFT

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in the children's department — that allow kids to play in the library's world or in their virtual world, if they have their own account.

"We started it last November and don't have memberships per se," said Andy Schuck, head of Youth Services at the library. "It's been gaining in popularity and it's gotten so popular that we've decided to have a craft to occupy the crowd."

Nine-year-old twins Andre and Thomas Gala-Garza of Garden City play Minecraft at the Westland library. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Starter world

The library accounts are a "fairly complete" setup for those who haven't played the game, according to Schuck.

"Ours is a starter world. There's not a lot there," he said. "But they can create their own or if they like. They can build up ours."

Many of the players are "quite advanced" and some even bring their own laptops to hook up and play.

The Minecraft world is made of cubes. Using tools like a bone, players gather building materials and supplies to make buildings and survive. Along the way to building their world, they fight spiders and monsters.

"On the first day you get things to survive and then you get the materials to build a home," said Thomas Gal-Garza of Garden City, who was there with his brother Andre. This was their first time at the club, and Andre was enjoying it.

"We've have the Xbox 360 version, but it's disappointing," Andre said. "I like the PC version. It's much better to play."

He added that in fourth grade at Douglas Elementary, "everyone in the class was talking about it. Minecraft was a big fad."

Buster Wurm of Westland brought his *Minecraft: Essential Handbook* to the gathering.

"It has all the essentials and some secrets about the game," he said. "Having the book means you're serious about the game."

'Everything breaks'

Cameron Newton-Lay of Westland was breaking down cactus that he used for a defensive perimeter around the house he had built.

"Basically, everything breaks and you get it back as supplies, except stone. You need a pick ax," he said. "You don't use your hand to break stone. It will break, but it will be slower and you don't get it back. And the process is slower. It can take about 1½ minutes to break it."

This was his second time at the club. He's been playing Minecraft "at least a couple of years" and plays with his sister at home. She's been into Minecraft for about a year and knows most everything.

Jack Taylor likes everything about Minecraft, especially "blowing up stuff with TNT."

"I like blowing up villages because I think they're cheating," he said. "I don't want the generated ones. I want to build my own villages."

"It's not a horrible game. They can be creative. I like that," his mother Jessica said. "I'd kind of say it's LEGOs, but you don't have to clean up a mess."

The library also offers two Minecraft clubs, one for youth 12 and under and one for ages 13-18. For more information and the next club meeting dates and times, call the library at 734-326-6123. The William P. Faust Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

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Westland lawmaker introduces legislation regulating fireworks

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, introduced legislation to restore Michigan's pre-2011 fireworks regulations.

Anderson last week introduced Senate Bills 1023 and 1024 to re-establish the ban on aerial and explosive fireworks. In 2011, Anderson was the only senator to vote against the fireworks law change.

Anderson

"Something must be done to get this under control," Anderson said. "Since the law was changed, in addition to the disturbance of the peace, Michigan residents have endured property damage and injuries, even deaths, related to these higher-powered explosives now available. On top of that, the revenue that was promised by sponsors just hasn't materialized. The burden of inspecting all of the new firework sale locations is virtually impossible and is costing the state more than licensing fees bring in."

In the wake of Anderson's initial announcement that legislation would be introduced, hundreds of citizens from across the state contacted his office with stories of sleepless nights during the work week, traumatized pets that have to be sedated for the holidays and fire damage from launches in dense urban communities.

Anderson has also heard from numerous veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder who found the endless bombardment of fireworks to severely intensify their anxiety.

"For some of these veterans who served our country, the non-stop fireworks explosions in their neighborhoods cause symptoms so debilitating that they can't leave their own homes. It's completely unacceptable," Anderson said.

Current law

Current state law allows for the use of aerial and explosive fireworks the day before, day of and day after a national holiday. Communities are granted the authority to regulate the time frame that fireworks are allowed on those days, but users are totally disregarding the currently permitted days and hours. Most communities have had little success in dealing with the problems the new law has created. With fireworks available on virtually every corner, fireworks use has skyrocketed, leaving numerous local police departments without the resources to address the problem.

"The National Fire Protection Association collects data every year that shows fireworks hurt a lot of people and start a lot of fires," said Northville Township Deputy Fire Chief Richard Marinucci, former president of the Southeast Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and a vocal opponent of the 2011 changes. "We're in the business of safety and fire prevention, so these products cause a serious problem for us."

Many local communities have protested the firework deregulation since 2011 and have become more vocal with each passing holiday season and some have taken steps to pass resolutions calling on the Legislature to repeal the changes made in 2011.

Completely independent of Anderson's efforts, a citizen-initiated petition started on the activist site MoveOn.org calls for the "members of the Michigan Legislature to immediately repeal the Fireworks Safety Act 256 of 2011 and for the governor to sign that repeal, in the interest of the safety and well-being of the citizens of Michigan." The petition currently has more than 11,000 citizen signatures, with a stated goal of 15,000.

Proponents of the 2011 law have argued that surrounding states, such as Indiana, were stealing revenue from Michigan as citizens crossed the border to purchase prohibited fireworks. Some have suggested that changing the law to allow local cities and townships to decide for themselves whether or not to ban the higher-powered fireworks would be preferred over a statewide ban. Critics of this approach, however, argue that any option that leaves these fireworks readily available to the public will not solve the problem.

"I am all for empowering local communities with more tools to help protect their citizens and keep the peace, but a half-measure like this won't make the difference needed to regulate these fireworks," Anderson said. "If we give a city the power to ban the fireworks and they take that step, then citizens are just going to drive to a neighboring community where the fireworks aren't illegal, stock their arsenal and bring them home. The key to addressing this problem is limiting accessibility by a statewide ban.

Public classes now offered at Schoolcraft College's public safety complex in Livonia

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Officials at Schoolcraft College know their recently opened public safety academy isn't well-known to Livonia residents. That's something they're hoping to change.

"We get the public out here and they have no idea, none," said Michele Fuher, programming coordinator for continuing education. "They've lived in Livonia their entire lives and they have no idea."

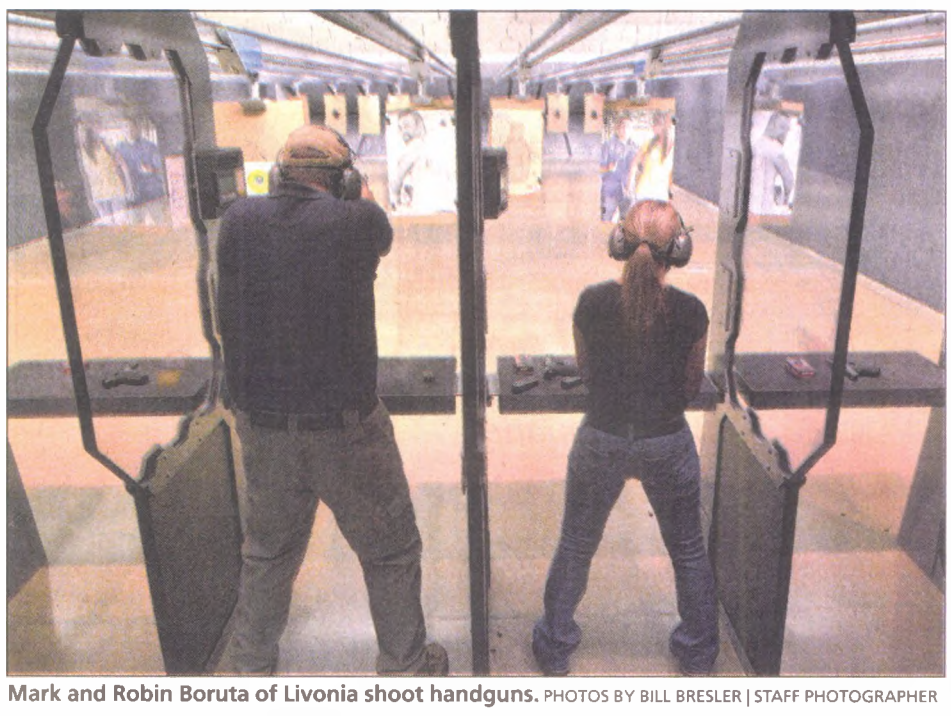
Nestled in Livonia's industrial park is a public safety training haven, one that boasts a gun range, a fire tower and a 10-acre parking lot to train police car and fire truck drivers. After several years of operating under the radar, the center, located at 31777 Industrial, has a wide range of public classes open this fall to those not with a police department or enrolled at the academy.

The facility, which opened in 2011 (the police academy opened in 2013 after moving from the Radcliff Center in Garden City), trains several dozen recruits during its academy and opens the facility to local law enforcement agencies to hone their skills. While it's taken a few years to get the center up and moving at full speed, officials say the center is ready to offer more to the public with classes that deal with emergency preparedness and firearms, among other topics.

A class teaching precision driving techniques is offered for the public.

Chris Crawley teaches reporter David Veselenak how to put out a fire.

Instructor Greg Brighton teaches cadets how to make a traffic stop. He's a retired deputy chief from Dearborn.



Mark and Robin Boruta of Livonia shoot handguns. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This course, designed to help teach driver confidence and maneuvers, is open to area residents, both young and old, looking to improve their driving.

The class, held on weekends, uses the academy's "skid cars" that have braces on them to prevent them from overturning.

"Some people, they get hysterical or they get nervous and what do they do? All of a sudden, they step on the brake," said Jerry Champagne, associate dean of public safety programs. "We're going to show them maneuvers that, you hit the brake instead of slamming through the floor with the brake, that you make these sudden maneuvers, corrective actions with that obstruction."

More offerings can be found on the college's website at schoolcraft.edu/cepd.

Police, fire training facilities

In the complex exists areas specifically designed for first responders, including a room that has more than 100 panels that move along a grid and can create different room layouts, be it a kitchen, bedroom or office building.

There, police can practice doing raids or entering homes during a standoff, while fire agencies can practice rescue techniques. The building's materials allow the police departments to use their actual weapons, but with marking rounds, ammunition that will leave a paint-like substance on the walls that can be removed easily.

"We can configure any kind of room," Champagne said. "So what we can do is practice our tactics in here. And multiple agencies use this room."

A practice home set up for fire rescue is also in the complex, allowing firefighters to practice entering dark homes with hazards, such as downed wires.

John Smilnak, fire technology programs coordinator, said furniture in the home, which is dark, can be rearranged so trainees never go through the same situation twice. It has downed beams and an area for participants to crawl through an entanglement of wires to simulate a drop ceiling.

"They actually have to go through here and find their way around here and find the victim," he said. "We've got different doors for different locks, inward swinging doors vs. outward swinging doors. There could be a difference in how the doors operate or the hinges go. So we teach them different variations of that."

He said academy students will use the facility, but other fire departments, such as Livonia and Dearborn Heights, have used it or plan to use it.

At the college's fire tower, a five-story tower that can produce fire at several hundred degree temperatures, firefighters can practice entering a home with extreme heat blasting from a simulated oven or other utility.

The school may have other, more indirect benefits to the community as well: helping to reduce blight and increase occupancy in the city's industrial area.

Champagne said it's been talked about at the college that the recent opening of the facility in the last few years has helped keep the industrial area of the city moving forward.

"Before I worked here, I didn't know this existed," Champagne said. "Now you don't have a bunch of vacant buildings."

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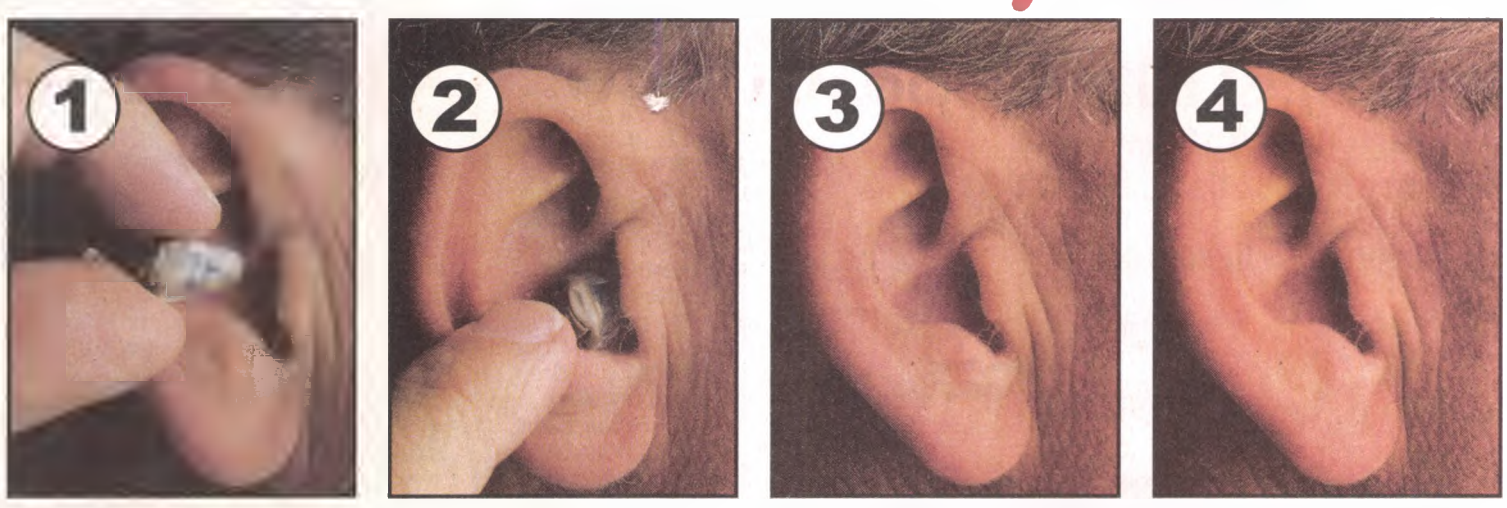

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Livonia City Hall will host county commission budget hearing

The Wayne County Commission's Committee on Ways and Means, chaired by Laura Cox, R-Livonia, will hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, in which it will discuss proposed budgets for seven department, at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

The departments that will be part of the hearing will be Wayne County Circuit Court, the Prosecutor's Office, the Sheriff's Department, the Department of Homeland Security, the Personnel Department, the Department of Children & Family Services and the Department of Public Services, which includes the Parks, Engineering (Roads), Building and Environmental divisions.

"This will be the biggest of the budget meetings that are held this year and it's a great opportunity for the public to see what's happening and learn about the services offered by Wayne County," Cox said. "This is an important time in the history of Wayne County and it's critical that each department be held accountable for its budget."

The hearings began July 23 and are expected to continue through Aug. 19. The Wayne County Commission is expected to vote on adopting the budget Aug. 21. The budget schedule and agendas can be accessed online by visiting www.waynecounty.com/commission/717.htm.

The 2014-15 fiscal year budget is projected to be nearly $1.15 billion, a decrease of nearly $77 million from 2013-14.

The 2015-16 budget, which the Committee on Ways and Means also is discussing, is projected to be just over $1.12 billion.

The 2014-15 fiscal year will start Oct.1.

Lighthouse Home Missions holds back-to-school clothing event

Lighthouse Home Missions is holding its second annual back-to-school clothing event from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 22-23, at Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer, between Wildwood and Venoy.

Clothing for children will be available with the purchase of FGT bags for $2. Buy a bag for $2 and fill it to the top with clothes. Buy as many bags as you like for $2 each.

"We'll have clothing and shoes, and families can always buy another bag if they need more," said Thelma Ivey, LHM outreach coordinator.

A similar LHM event last August did well providing clothing for children to start school, Ivey said. While the organization has plenty of clothing, it could use more backpacks, Ivey said.

"We're always in need of those," she said. "We give them out as soon as they come in."

When the sale closes Aug. 23, families can bring their blankets and chairs to enjoy a free outdoor movie, *God's Not Dead*, which will be shown in the parking lot of Full Gospel Temple.

People who arrive early can register to win a "movie lover's gift bucket" of popcorn, two cans of pop, two candy bars and a DVD. Preregistration is required and participants must be present at the end of the movie to win.

Free face painting will be available from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and the movie will be shown at 9 p.m. Popcorn, candy, pop and water will be available. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the church at 734-326-3333, Ext. 10.

LHM also will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, through Saturday, Sept. 6, which will include a hot dog sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

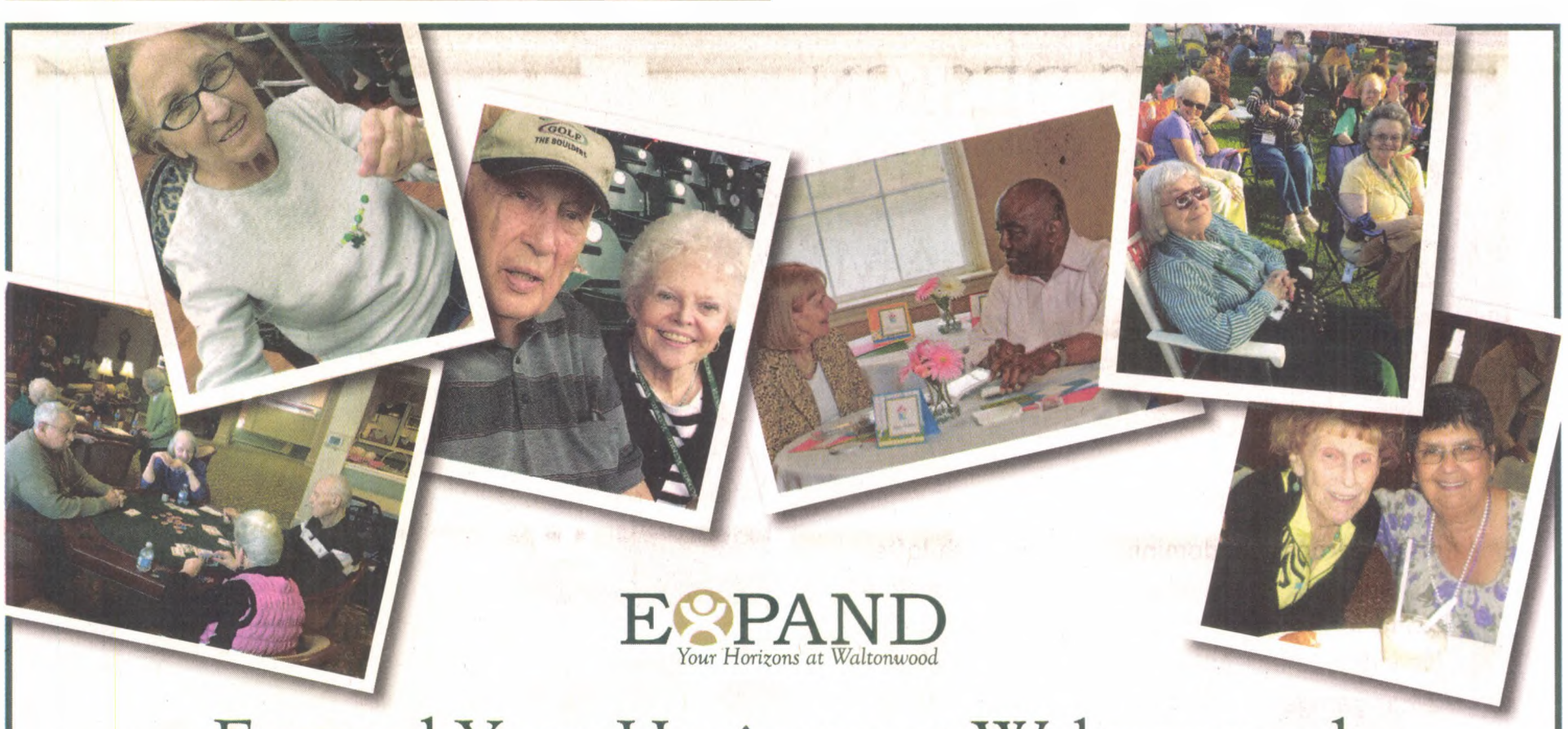
Founded by pastor Ruby Beneteau, Lighthouse Home Missions is a community outreach group that feeds and provides clothing to more than 10,000 people each year. It also operates a soup kitchen serving lunch Monday through Friday and a warming center January through March for the homeless.

It relies on volunteers and is looking for additional help, Ivey said.

"We have some residents here who help out, but we need help in the kitchen and doing laundry," she said. "We also can use cash donations."

For more information, call the mission at 734-326-3885 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

By Sue Mason



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Glen Hauenstein, left, Phil Bryant, center, and Bill Jacques were among the Class of 74 musicians who provided the evening's entertainment.

Bentley Class of 1974 holds 40th reunion

The Livonia Bentley Class of 1974 recently celebrated its 40th reunion at One Under Bar and Grille Banquet Hall, formerly Nicky's, owned by classmate Nick Canzano's family.

The theme was an after-school party with entertainment provided by Class of '74 musicians Mark Sadowski, Phil Bryant, Bill Jacques, Glen Hauenstein, Terry Fox, Mark Marino, Ed Wurtzbacher, Robert Noll and Randy Bernard and a late-night run to Bates Hamburgers. Rock Out Entertainment provided light and sound production.

"Our home-grown Livonia boys haven't played music together for over 40 years, and it was amazing to watch and listen to the talented magic come alive again," Kathy (Iadipaolo) Jones said.

Members of the Bentley High School Class of 1974 have been actively in touch since graduation.

"It seemed as if they never skipped a beat, as classmates reunited friendships with music, laughter and memories," Jones said.

Classmates came from Africa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Ontario, Canada. Dr. Jerry Smith, Bentley's choir director, was also in attendance.

Besides Jones, reunion committee members were Dave and Kim (Little) Marlowe, John Lomas, Judy (Juntunen) House, Rebecca (Papi) Smith and Mark Sadowski.

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Robert Noll, left, and Randy Bernard perform for their classmates.

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Friends unite to help children after mother dies

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Julie Roberts' life changed forever July 8 when her daughter Heather Lilley died after suffering a placental abruption.

Forty weeks pregnant, the 26-year-old Lilley was rushed to Botsford Hospital, where doctors rushed to save her son. However, a lack of oxygen has left Anthony with brain damage. He is currently at Children's Hospital, where he is showing signs of improving. He hasn't been able to feed, but Thursday, Roberts was told that Anthony had finally suckled.

In addition to Anthony, Lilley also leaves behind a son, Gabe, 5, and a daughter, Hannah, 1. Now Roberts, a Westland resident, is working on providing for and getting guardianship of her grandchildren.

"I run a Helping Hands group to help people in need; little did I know I would need the help," said Roberts, who wants to see her grandchildren "thrive and go on."

Roberts is hoping to gain donations that will go to cover legal costs and support the children. She has a fundraising page, www.giveforward-.com, and several fundraisers are planned.

Friends are stepping in to help Julie Roberts in her mission to help the three children of her late daughter, Heather Lilley.

Benefit dinner

The first is a lasagna dinner Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Palmer Road Baptist Church, 33740 Palmer, east of Wayne Road, Westland. The dinner will be served 4:30-7:30 p.m. and costs $10 for adults and $5 for children. A pizza dinner also will be available, plus there will be 50/50 raffles and a silent auction.

Donations are being sought for the raffle and

er's Legacy craft and vendor show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Designer Duds and Infant Treasures Children's Boutique, 815 N. Wayne Road, also in Westland. It will be hosted by Kelly Taylor, who meet Roberts through Facebook when she was trying to help elderly neighbors find homes for some kittens.

Show space costs $25 and vendors will need to bring their own table and/or tent and provide an item that will be raffled off. So far, Younique, Chair Massages, Scentsy, Arbonne, South Hill Designs, WildTree and It-Works have booked spaces. To secure a space, vendors can send their payment via Paypal (as a gift) to taylorskkt@gmail.com.

Taylor also plans to have food and beverages to purchase and is looking for someone to do face painting and perhaps some arts and crafts with kids.

Information is available by contacting Taylor or Jennifer Basco at 734-331-2519.

Caring for the kids

Roberts has Crohn's disease and is on disability. With a limited income, she has turned to family members to help with Hannah and Gabe. Her son Dan and his fiancée plan to raise Gabe and have taken him to their home in Nashville, Tenn., where he started school this past week.

"He's thriving there; he's so excited and happy," added Roberts, who stays connected with him through Skype.

Help with Hannah, who turned 1 just six days after her mother died, came from Roberts' brother Greg. He and his wife offered to raise Hannah. They live in Hillsdale and are in the area weekly, so Roberts will be able to see her often.

The final piece of the puzzle is Anthony. Lilley had planned to have him adopted by a couple who couldn't have children. But the adoption couldn't be completed until he was born. Roberts has decided to honor her daughter's wishes and is going for guardianship to be able to sign the adoption papers.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands members have also come to her assistance. The Facebook community is made up of "moms who have come together to help kids and car for their neighbors in Wayne and Westland and neighboring communities," according to Taylor.

"What my group has done for me brings tears to my eyes," Roberts said.

Roberts and Taylor are in the process of opening a bank account to accept donations for the children. Until then, monetary gifts can be sent in the name of Eric Roberts to Designer Duds and Infant Treasures Children's Boutique, 815 N. Wayne Road, Westland MI 48186, with a notation of Heather's Legacy in the memo section.

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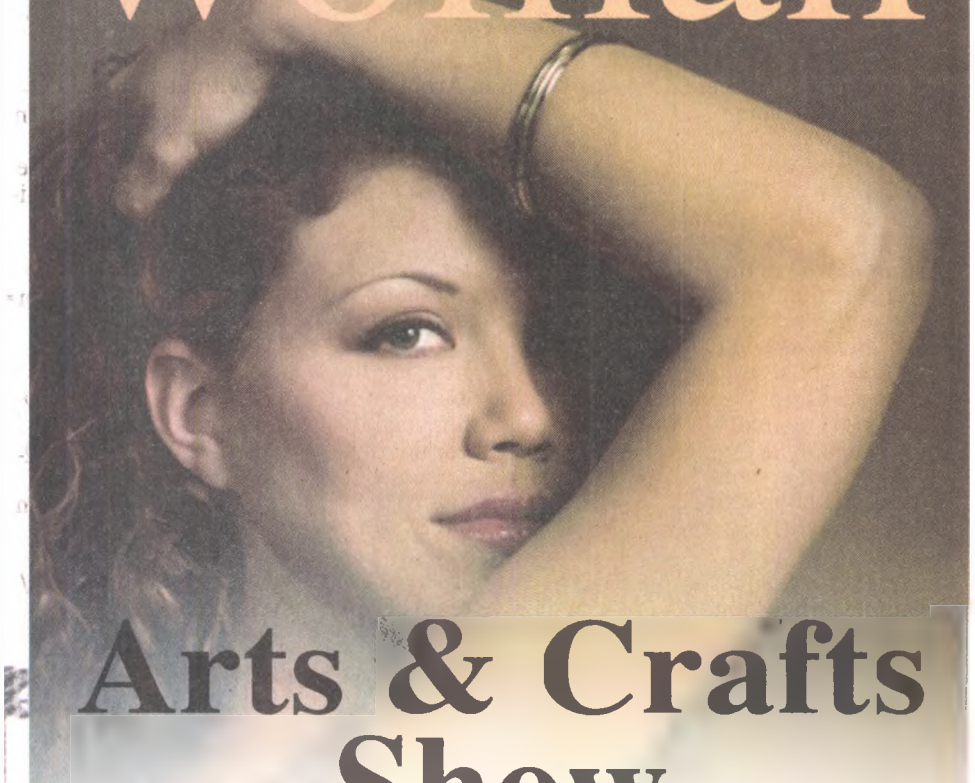
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Wayne County supports veterans action teams

Veterans living in Wayne County have another tool at their disposal to obtain services.

Wayne County, with support from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) and Altarum Institute, is now part of a collaborative effort known as VCAT, which stands for Veterans Community Action Teams. Oakland and Macomb counties round out the collaborative venture also known as Detroit Metro Prosperity Region 10 by the MVAA.

"Wayne County has a veteran population of more than 100,000," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "Our participation in the VCAT collaborative, coordinated by the Wayne County Department of Senior and Veteran Services, increases the scope of resources and service opportunities available to veterans in the county and region."

Redford Township Deputy Supervisor Robert J. Miller, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Wayne County Director of Senior and Veteran Services Kevin Kelley talk prior to the recent Wayne County VCAT meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The Wayne County VCAT is a clearinghouse of resource information and service-provider contacts focused on four principal pillars for veterans: quality of life, education, health care and employment. The Wayne County VCAT also conducts monthly meetings for information sharing and networking. In addition, the Wayne County VCAT acts as an endorsing entity for events tailored toward veterans.

"Veterans will look for the VCAT seal and know that the event in question has been reviewed. It adds a sense of security when a veteran is deciding what to do," Ficano said.

Wayne County Director of Veterans Affairs Troy Schielein shared a story of the effective outreach of the Wayne County VCAT during a recent meeting of veterans agencies from around the state at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"A female veteran contacted a fellow VCAT member, who in turn contacted me," said Schielein, a retired Marine. "She was homeless due to an abusive domestic relationship. We were able to do an email blast to fellow Wayne County VCAT members and within one-hour's time, we located housing for her and her child.

"Her story is just one example of how our access to the more than 100 agencies and providers that make up the Wayne County VCAT can help a veteran, whether in a crisis or not."

While still in its infancy, the Wayne County VCAT is modeled after more established VCAT programs in San Diego, Calif., and San Antonio, Texas. Altarum Institute, based in Ann Arbor, played a key role in developing the national VCAT model and helped to form the Wayne County VCAT.

Altarum recently released an initial report, funded by the state of Michigan, detailing early progress of the Wayne County VCAT during the meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Data used in completing the report included responses from more than 400 Wayne County veterans.

"We see ourselves as one massive team of veterans-resource providers along the four pillars," Schielein said. "If we don't have the answer to a particular request or situation, we know somebody who does.

"With up to 3,000 veterans expected to return from combat over the next couple of years, the need to help them transition to civilian life will remain high."

Information on other state programs for veterans is available at www.michiganveterans.com. The Michigan Veterans Affair Agency can also be reached at 800-MICHVET (800-642-4938).

For more information on veterans services in Wayne County, visit www.waynecounty.com/svs/index.htm.

Co-signing or guaranteeing a loan can be risky

Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Q: Dear Rick: Five years ago, I co-signed a loan for the daughter of my husband's previous marriage. I have since divorced him. Recently, I got notice from a court that the daughter had filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. At the time, I didn't give it much thought and ignored it. I just got a letter from a bank claiming that I am responsible for the outstanding balance of the loan and it is seeking payment. I've been told to ignore it because of my ex-stepdaughter's bankruptcy. Do I have anything to worry about? What should I do?

A: Unfortunately, you should be concerned. The bankruptcy that your ex-stepdaughter went through more likely than not discharged her obligation to the bank.

Unfortunately it did not discharge your obligation. Your responsibility to the bank is separate from your ex-stepdaughter and, as a co-signer on the loan, the bank has every right to seek payment from you.

I recommend that you hire an experienced attorney.

There are a number of issues that potentially could relieve you of your obligation to repay the bank. It is important to determine whether the bank properly handled this loan.

In addition, if after the loan was executed there were changes made, that may be used to help you deal with the bank.

An attorney can work out a better deal for you by negotiating with the bank.

I believe it would be a mistake to ignore the bank. Ignoring the bank is not going to make the problem go away. It will make the problem much more difficult to resolve.

I am frequently asked about guaranteeing or co-signing on a loan. It is a very difficult issue because, generally, it is a family member or friend who is asking you for the assistance. My advice is if you co-sign or guarantee a loan, you have to make the assumption that you will be held responsible.

Remember, there is a reason the bank is seeking a co-signer or a guarantor. It is because the bank is unsure the person will be able to repay the loan.

The bottom line — helping family and friends is wonderful, but you have to go into it with your eyes wide open and fully understand all the consequences financially and otherwise if things don't go according to plan.

Good luck.

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Watermelon drop a hit with kids, parents

City worker Jerry Szymanski gets ready for the sixth annual Watermelon Drop at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia on Tuesday as 97 kids and parents watch a demonstration titled "Gravity — it's the Law!" On Tuesday, Aug. 12, the library will be hold its second Smash, Crash, Boom! program with a story time on the lawn followed by a giant slip-and-slide.

Yankee Air Museum to honor visionaries at fifth annual gala

The Yankee Air Museum will host its fifth annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 8, in the midst of historical planes and artifacts at Willow Run Airport. And, for the first time, as part of a long-term strategy, the museum will devote its premier event to recognizing members of the community who exemplify excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

"The 2014 Gala represents determination and tradition by honoring our visionaries of the past and, for the first time, visionaries of the present and future. After all, the past and the present are stepping stones into the future," said Kevin Walsh, YAM executive director.

According to Walsh, a series of awards will be announced to recognize three educators and three students from six schools who are the present and future visionaries. He added that YAM's vision for the future is embodied in the Gala theme: "Building the future. Preserving the past."

Exciting kids

YAM is taking a leap into the future by emphasizing education. The museum recognizes the societal problem of students lagging in STEM proficiencies. In order to address this gap, YAM is utilizing its facilities and resources to develop new programs to engage kids and stimulate their career aspirations. In short, the museum is doing what it does best: excite kids, Walsh said.

In keeping with the tradition of honoring an aviation legend, this year the museum is commemorating Brigadier Gen. Jimmy Doolittle.

The special guest is Jimmy Doolittle's granddaughter Joanna Dolittle Hoppes. She is the author of various books, oral histories and biographies like *Calculated Risk: The Extraordinary Life of Jimmy Doolittle* and *Just Doing My Job: Stories of Service from World War II*.

Her work brings to light the stories of soldiers and civilians who defended their country which otherwise would have been forgotten. She will share insights and little known facts on Gen. Doolittle's contributions and accomplishments.

"Jimmy Doolittle is well known for his valor and leadership in the raid on Japan during the World War II," said Randy Hotton, YAM historian and director. "He also played an important role in bringing together airplane manufacturers and auto companies like Ford and General Motors to produce bombers."

Hotton has written extensively on *How Detroit Saved the World*. He will introduce Joanna Doolitte with excerpts from his writings that put into context Gen. Doolittle's major role with the Willow Run Bomber Plant.

Highest honor

The Yankee Air Museum also will be awarding its highest honor, the Yankee Visionary Award, to Dennis Norton, founder of Yankee Air Museum and president of Michigan Aerospace Foundation. He is Yankee Air Museum member No. 1 and led the successful Save the Bomber Plant campaign.

"Dennis is our exemplar visionary," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the YAM Board of Directors. "He had the vision to start Yankee Air Museum, the vision to save the bomber plant and clearly the vision to create a great museum for future generations."

Hunter will introduce Norton and present him with the award.

A cocktail reception and silent auction kick off the event at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at 7 p.m. Yankee Air Museum is located at 47884 'D' Street, Belleville, on the grounds of Willow Run Airport.

For information on purchasing tickets or becoming a sponsor, contact David Callanan or Alicia Wilson at 734-483-4030 or dave.callanan@yankeeairmuseum.org or alicia.wilson@yankeeairmuseum.org

The Yankee Air Museum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, visit yankeeairmuseum.org.

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Purse missing

A woman came into the Livonia police station Friday morning to report her purse missing from the Costco at 20000 Haggerty.

She said she was in the store and set her purse down on the floor to try on a jacket. She forgot it there, left the store and realized later that she did not have her purse.

She went back to the store, but could not find the purse. She approached a manager, who said they did not know anything about the purse either.

She planned on canceling her credit cards and passport, which were inside the purse.

Transfer cases reported missing

An employee of Oxbow Machine Products, located at 12743 Merriman, came into the Livonia police station Thursday afternoon to report a theft of several transfer cases from the business.

The employee said the parts were delivered for resizing, though they could have been inside or outside, as the employee said parts are sometimes put outside if room runs out inside.

The employee was unsure when he last saw the cases. Police also contacted Ford, who owned the transfer cases.

Counterfeit bills reportedly used

An employee of Zerbos Health Foods, 34164 Plymouth, came into the police station Thursday afternoon to report that counterfeit currency was used at the store.

The employee said the culprit came to the store several weeks ago and made a purchase using two counterfeit $10 bills. Another employee reportedly said the culprit then drove away in a Lexus.

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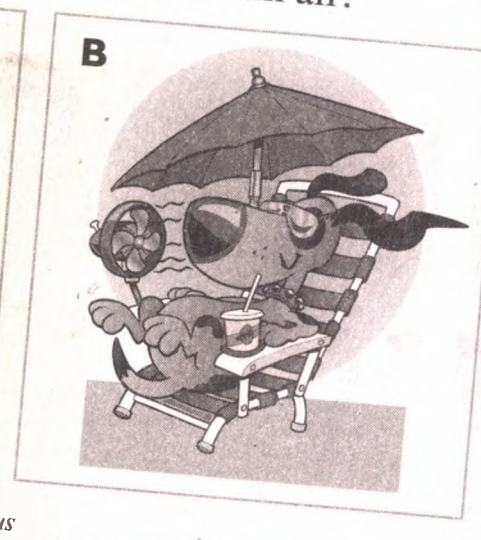

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Western Wayne County Genealogical Society offers new fall workshops

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If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society (WWCGS) invites you to attend its new fall workshops, which will introduce a new meeting concept.

Beginning with the Sept. 15 meeting, the group will be introducing a workshop-lecture format that will provide members with entertaining and informative new insights into research, evaluation and recording of family-tree data to make sense out of all the records you have or will soon have collected.

The group will focus on doing an actual research case study of the Henry Ford family, providing detailed information on how and where to find records, evaluate them and properly enter them into a reliable genealogical software program.

Concentrating on a well-known local family such as the Fords allows members to work as a group with a large pool of available historical data and evaluate research techniques and methodologies that can be easily utilized to research any other family.

The group will be using *Legacy Family Tree* software, but assistance will be available for those using other programs such as *Family Tree Maker* and *Roots Magic*.

WWCGS members will receive a special discount on the *Legacy Family Tree* software of $25 on all orders received no later than Aug. 22.

Handouts and complete PowerPoint presentations for each meeting will also be available for download to all members at no charge.

Reservations are required, as attendance is limited to 120 persons.

All meetings will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. the third Monday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building, 15218 Farmington Road.

For more information, membership and software ordering details, visit the Society's website at www.wwcgs.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Please include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Mail, fax or email information to: Observer, Community Calendar, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Fax: 313-223-4650. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

LIVONIA FARMERS MARKETS

Time/date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 11.

Location: Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago St., Livonia.

Details: Local vendors, local produce and crafts.

Contact: www.wilsonbarn.us.

WESTLAND FARMERS MARKET

Time/Date: 3-7 p.m. Thursdays.

Location: Central City Park Pavilion, 1901 Carlson, between Ford Road and Marquette Avenue.

Details: Shoppers will find fresh produce and plants, baked breads and desserts, honey, jams and jellies, cake pops, sausage and jerky, soaps, candles, jewelry, sun catchers and more. The market also features weekly entertainment.

Contact: For more information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at 734-326-7222.

WAYNE FARMERS MARKET

Time/Date: 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Location: Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall on Wayne Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

Details: More than 25 vendors provide Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products and live music.

Contact: Christine at 734-786-8401 or market@growing-hope.net.

VETERANS BENEFIT

Time/date: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15.

Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: The Southeastern Michigan Veterans and Stand Down Inc. are holding a steak dinner fundraiser for homeless and needy veterans. Tickets are $10 and include a cook-to-order steak, salad, baked potato, corn on the cob and dessert. Beverages will be available and there will be 50/50 drawings.

Contact: For tickets, call John Ries at 734-334-8428 or Dave Spiteri at 734-812-1518. For more information, go to www.4vets.org.

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Time/date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 16.

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

Details: The members of Christ Our Savior have been gathering basic school supplies and backpacks to give for free to anyone in need. Limited quantities are available.

Contact: 734-522-6830; www.christoursavior.org.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 10 a.m. to noon and 5-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18.

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Preschool, 9600 Leverne, Redford.

Details: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Preschool, a Christian preschool for children turning 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, is holding an open house. Meet the director and teacher, register for preschool and/or daycare. Children are welcome to join their parents so they are familiar with the teacher and the classroom. The preschool year runs from Sept. 2 to May 22. The daycare is open year-round. Call to arrange an appointment if unable to attend the open house.

Contact: rwiggins@hosannatabor.org; 313-937-2424.

WRITING CONDOLENCE NOTES

Time/date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 10.

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, Rooms A & B, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Join Deborah Chappa, a staff member of Livonia's Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, for a workshop titled "Writing Condolence Notes: It's Not a Dying Art." Learn why to write a condolence note, how to create a keepsake, shortfalls of social media sympathy, types of loss and their unique sympathy issues, tips and tools. Materials will.be provided. Seating is limited, and registration is required. Call the Livonia Civic Center Library's adult reference desk at 734-466-2490 to sign up.

FALL FESTIVAL

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 4.

Location: St. John's Episcopal, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: St. John's Episcopal will hold its annual Fall Festival. There will be three bands, a beer tent, car show, children's activities and food and drinks to purchase. Crafters are needed for the craft show.

Contact: For more information, call St. John's at 734-721-5023 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.

Location: St. Theodore Parish Social Halls, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available for $25 each.

Contact: Call Mary at 734-425-4421 (vm #10) for a table rental contact.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18.

Location: St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

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

Contact: 734-464-0476.

FALL ARTS, CRAFT SHOW

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18.

Location: Community Room and Gym, St. Damian Parish, 30055 Joy, west of Middlebelt, Westland.

Details: St. Damian is looking for crafters for its annual arts and crafts show. Tables are $25 each or $40 for two tables. There are 70 tables available for this event.

Contact: Call the parish center office at 734-421-6130 weekdays or download an application at www.stdamian.com under "events," then "craft show."

TUITION-FREE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Time/date: Monday through Thursday, morning or afternoon sessions.

Location: 26141 Schoolcraft, Redford.

Details: The South Redford School District is offering a tuition-free preschool program, with the exception of a one-time only material fee of $75, to all children who reside in South Redford for the 2014-15 school year. Children must be 4 by Sept. 1, 2014. The children attend three-hour classes, Monday through Thursday, morning or afternoon sessions. The preschoolers participate in activities that are designed to encourage the development of readiness skills necessary for a successful kindergarten experience. Parents interested in more information may contact the Preschool Program teachers at 313-535-4000, ext. 1036.

PRESCHOOL SIGN-UPS

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

Details: The preschool is enrolling for classes that begin in September. Enroll now and save half off the enrollment fee — a $25 value. The Christian preschool offers classes for 3-4-year-old children, a theme-based curriculum taught by certified teachers and all the basic preschool academic skills as well as a low child-teacher ratio, indoor gym and outdoor playground.

Contact: For more information or to schedule a tour or enroll, call 734-728-3559 or email wfmpreschool@yahoo.com.

ONGOING

AMERICAN LEGION POST 32 CAR SHOWS

Time/dates: 5-8 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 4 (except July 3).

Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Details: Besides burgers, brats and hot dogs served outside on the grill for a small fee, a sit-down home-cooked meal will be offered inside the post for $8 per person. There is also a bake sale put on by the American Legion Riders of Post 32. All proceeds go to helping veterans. Music, 50-50 drawings, prizes awarded to the best cars. Motorcycle riders invited as well.

Contact: 734-427-5630.

LIVONIA CAMERA CLUB

Time/date: 8-9:30 p.m. the first two Thursdays September through May.

Location: McKinley School, 9100 Hillcrest, Livonia.

Details: A group of photographic enthusiasts dedicated to promotion of photography through displays, competitions, critiques and education.

Contact: Dennis Gelarden, president, 734-591-2589; livoniacameraclub.com.

LIVING ON

Time/Date: 2-2:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month.

Location: Conference Room 2 on the second level, Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne (use West entrance).

Details: Hospice of Michigan's Living On grief support groups offer information on the basic needs of mourning. The group allows for safe and supportive discussions on personal experiences with grief.

Contact: For more information, contact Margie Martin, Grief Support services manager, at 734-769-5821 or visit www.hom.org.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB

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

Location: Unity Church on Five Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads in Livonia.

Details: Learn and practice public speaking with the Dearborn Dynamic Toastmaster Club.

Contact: 734-425-0857, 734-425-4181; rusco123@sbcglobal.net.

LIVONIA A.M. ROTARY

Time/date: 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

Location: Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth, Livonia.

Contact: Bill Friske, 734-578-5115.

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PAIN IN THE SHOULDER AND NECK

When a patient schedules an appointment because of pain in the shoulder and neck, the doctor is fairly sure even before seeing the patient that the pain is neither in the shoulder or the neck. Experience has taught the medical community that people who have that complaint are really experiencing pain in the trapezius muscle, part of the structures of the upper back.

Examination helps a doctor determine that the neck and shoulder pain has a different origin. Shoulder motion will be intact with the patient able to raise and lower the arm, and scratch the back without pain or restriction. The patient is also able to look to the ceiling, look to the toes and move the neck to the right and left without pain.

However, when the doctor palpates the trapezius muscle, the patient will note discomfort or even distress, and palpating the neck at the scalp area will bring on definite pain. The doctor knows that the patient is experiencing myofascial pain syndrome.

This condition differs from fibromyalgia as the area of pain is not throughout the body but is in an anatomical area such as the trapezius muscle. Furthermore, the pain is not in spots or trigger points but is throughout the muscle involved.

Treatment includes heat and massage. Medications such as ibuprofen have not proved helpful, nor are pain killers such as hydrocodone (Vicodin) or oxycodone (Percocet) known to give adequate relief. In time, the myofascial episode resolves but can return, though what triggers an episode remains unknown.

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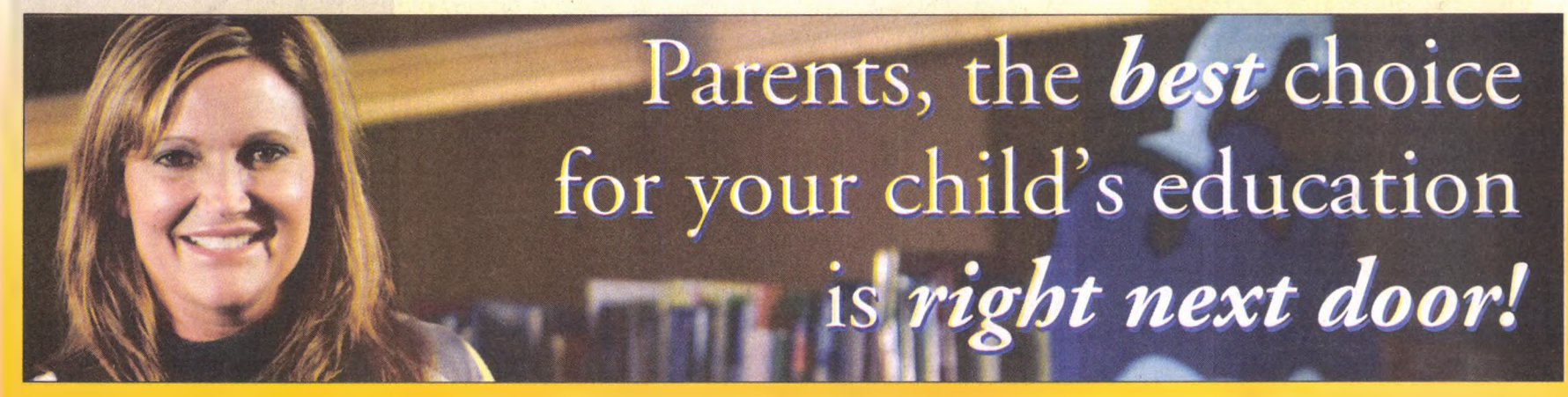

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Brubaker selected for ASA honor

North Farmington's longtime softball coach was a standout player in modified fast-pitch

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Dave Brubaker is best known as the longtime coach of the North Farmington High School varsity softball team, but his involvement with the game goes far beyond that.

People who have followed the sport at all levels will recall Brubaker also was an outstanding player in the men's modified fast-pitch ranks.

Brubaker, 59, played for a variety of teams in metro Detroit during a 29-year career that began in 1973 when he graduated from high school.

Having received numerous All-America and tournament MVP honors during that time, Brubaker is set to add another accolade to his resume.

He will be inducted Tuesday, Oct. 7, into the Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame at the San Marino Club in Troy.

Brubaker will be only the second modified fast-pitch player in the hall. The first was teammate Al White, the former Madonna University and current Canton High School coach.

"To be selected is kind of overwhelming," Brubaker said. "It's a dream come true, no doubt. People who saw me play knew, when I came to the ballpark, I was all business.

"I played the game like I was a kid until I was 47. That was the secret right there. Play like a kid and you don't get old."

Time to retire

Brubaker knew it was time to retire in 2001, however. In his last at-bat, he hit an inside-the-park home run to win a league championship.

"I said: 'That's it, boys; I'm done,'" he said.

Brubaker was a catcher for

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Dave Brubaker has a talk with his North Farmington players between innings. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GREAT LAKES SAILING

Fourteen-year-old Arianna Lee is a veteran member of the Genesis crew, having participated in five Port Huron-to-Mackinac races.

Veteran sailor maintains edge over competition

Paul Lee of Farmington Hills skippers sailboat to victory in race to Mackinac

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Paul Lee and his crew are on a roll in the Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race, having established themselves as perennial contenders in the annual event on Lake Huron.

The Farmington Hills sailor and owner of Genesis has led his team and sailboat to victory in three of the last four years.

Lee's boat won the Shore Course PHRF F Class this year and also finished second in Division II Shore Course Racing, earning two flags. PHRF is a sailing acronym for Performance Handicap Rated Fleet.

"We have really good sailors on the boat," Lee said. "That's the primary reason (for the sustained success). If we're not first, we're going to get second or third, because we have a lot of good sailors."

Half of the dozen crew members who sailed in this year's race are 18 or younger. Three of them are Lee's children – Elliot, 18; Rhys, 16; and Adrianna, 14.

"We've got a lot of kids, but they're not kids anymore," Lee said. "Each one of my kids did their first Mack at age 10.

"Elliot is involved in junior

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Genesis (right) and another boat harness the wind during the race on Lake Huron.

"We have really good sailors on the boat."
PAUL LEE
captain of Genesis

AAU TRACK AND FIELD

Rockets' Flournoy stars at Jr. Olympics

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Firmly established as one of Observerland's top track athletes, Jaron Flournoy had the opportunity to put his talents on display at the national level recently.

The senior-to-be at Westland John Glenn High School made the finals in the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the AAU Junior Olympics in late July.

Flournoy

Competing for the Maximum Output Track Club, Flournoy also helped his 400 relay team finish fourth in the nation in the 17-18 age group.

Flournoy set a personal record in the 100 prelims, running 10.53 seconds at Drake University Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa.

After qualifying for the final in 10.71, he had a setback at the start of that race, however. He slipped coming out of

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Jaron Flournoy won the 100-meter dash at the Observerland Relays in May.

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PUBLINX SENIOR GOLF

Mike Phillips of Bloomfield Hills shot a 1-under-par 71 for the low round of the day and won first place in his flight in the Michigan Publinx Senior Golf Association's 11th tournament July 24 at Cherry Creek Golf Club in Shelby Township.

The tourney produced 23 winners from a handicapped field of 103 players in the men's 50-and-older event.

The first-place prize winners are as follows: Flight A – Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills; Flight B – Nelson Greaves, Waterford; Flight C – Everett Winters, Royal Oak; Flight D (tie) Morris DeFever, Shelby Township; Mark Miller, Livonia.

In the previous tournament, Mark Iovan of West Bloomfield shot par 72 and won first place in his flight July 19 at Dunham Hills Golf Club in Hartland.

The tournament produced 28 winners from a handicapped field of 103 players .

The first-place prize winners by flight were: Flight A – Mark Iovan, West Bloomfield (72 gross/63 net); Flight B – (tie) Thom Bales, Ann Arbor (81/66); Tom Hollander, Ann Arbor (81/66); Flight C – David Salters, Melvindale (84/67); Flight D – (tie) Dan Pavlat, Livonia (88/66); Walter Tarnowski, St. Clair (98/66).

For more information about the MPSGA, visit www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888.

OHL HOCKEY

Whalers name new head scout

Dave McParlan has been appointed to the position of head scout for the Plymouth Whalers, general manager Mark Craig announced Thursday.

McParlan, who is based in Kingston, Ontario, has been part of the Whalers' scouting staff for nine seasons. He is starting his 20th year in scouting this season.

"We're fortunate to have a scouting staff that has been with the Whalers for a few years now," Craig said. "They know the players in their territories, are passionate about speaking up for them and know what we are looking for.

"Our scouts are an integral part of our success. Going forward, I'm sure Dave will work well with (Whalers assistant general manager) Joe Stefan."

McParlan has an excellent eye for talent, according to Stefan.

"He's very organized and is never shy about putting the time or the miles in to evaluate players," Stefan said. "I'm looking forward to working with Dave in his expanded role."

Dave McParlan will be in charge of the Whalers' search for new talent.

Other than McParlan's appointment, the Whalers' scouting staff remains intact. It includes Don Harkins, Rick Boyle, Joe McCann, Gary Kay, Norm Robert, Rick Stahl and Tom Watson.

"I'm very excited," McParlan said of the promotion. "It's a privilege to be a head scout in the OHL, let alone for such a respected organization like the Plymouth Whalers.

"I'm very grateful to Mr. (Peter) Karmanos, Mike Vellucci, Mark Craig, Joe Stefan and Don Elland for giving me this opportunity.

"I am honored to follow many great people before me, in particular three men I have learned so much from – Brian Sommariva, Jim Debenham and Don Harkins."

McParlan added he looks forward to working with the rest of the scouts.

"We have been together for a while," he said. "I am very fortunate to be able to work with these guys. They are all great scouts with a lot of experience, some of them as head scouts themselves.

"Most importantly, they are very respectful of each other and a lot of fun to be around. I think that's what sets us apart from some teams."

Indeed, sit in a Whalers' scouting meeting and – with all the experience in the room – it's a college education in talent evaluation.

Plymouth has a history of finding productive talent in later rounds of the Ontario Hockey League draft.

Those finds include current players Liam Dunda (sixth round, 2013), Alex DiCarlo (seventh round, 2013), Tyler Sensky (12th round, 2013), Alex Nedeljkovic (sixth round, 2012), Mathieu Henderson (seventh round, 2012), Danny Vanderwiel (eighth round, 2011), Connor Sills (ninth round, 2011) and Mitch Jones (11th round, 2011).

Because of this success, McParlan was asked if there is a secret to projecting players in their near future. How does he look at intangibles traits that make a player more valuable?

"There is no real science to scouting," McParlan said. "I think most scouts know what they like when they see it. Certainly, the 'unteachable' traits are important, such as hockey sense and level of compete."

McParlan starts his new position immediately as the Whalers prepare for their 25th season in the OHL.

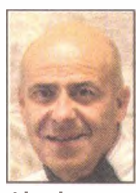
COLLEGE SPORTS

Crusaders earn AVCA volleyball award

The Madonna University volleyball team was honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association last week for its academic excellence.

The Crusaders, coached by Jerry Abraham, were one of 33 NAIA volleyball teams and the only Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference squad to earn the AVCA Academic Award for the 2013-14 school year.

The award, which was initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that display excellence in the classroom by maintaining a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average or better.



Abraham

"Too often, athletic participation is associated with academic underachievement and this stereotype is simply false when it comes to volleyball," AVCA Executive Director Kathy DeBoer said. "Couple the smarts represented by these teams with the competitive experience and team-focused training gained on the court and we have a potent formula for future leadership. What a significant contribution that is by their coaches and schools."

The Team Academic Award has become one of the AVCA's fastest growing awards programs, seeing an impressive surge in teams honored over the past several years.

Since the 2000-01 season, the number of recipients has increased every year but one, while amassing an overall increase of 500 percent over the last decade.

Since the award's inception, the number of award winners has increased from 62 to its current number of 676.

Madonna won the 2013 WHAC regular season and tournament championships, advancing to the NAIA's final eight teams at the national championship.

A total of four Crusaders earned all-WHAC academic honors, while three also took home Daktronics/NAIA Scholar-Athlete accolades in 2013.

Preseason camp started for the Crusaders, who will have their annual alumni match Friday, Aug. 15, at the Activities Center.

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Members of the Genesis crew celebrate a successful race during the awards ceremony on Mackinac Island.

SAILOR

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sailing and he's a really good sailor. Anybody would be glad to have him.

"Adrianna is only 14 years old, but she's done five Mackinacs. Although they're kids, they're seasoned sailors now."

The other kids are 15-year-old twins Nick and Sam Brusilow of Grosse Pointe and David Cockell of St. Joseph.

Genesis (left) and its crew get under way at the start of the race.

The big picture

The crew includes Lee's brother Thom from New Jersey, Farmington Hills residents Ben Clayton and Phil Bagley and Bill Brusilow and Keith Seddon from England.

"A lot of these people are small-boat sailors," Lee said. "They have a better overall perspective on what needs to be done.

"Anybody who was brought into racing on big boats, they're like cogs in a machine. They have a job and they know their job.

"If you're in a small boat, it's two people doing all the work. All the sails need to be trimmed and the boat needs to be driven and it's only two people doing everything.

"Small-boat people need to see the big picture. There are a lot more jobs to do on a big boat, but you don't have the overall perspective of what the boat should be doing."

Lee, who sailed in his 19th Mackinac race, knows boats well, since they're also his livelihood. As the owner of Waterfront Boatworks, he specializes in engine repair, but he can do whatever needs to be fixed on a boat.

Bigger crew

Genesis usually has a crew of 10, but Lee went with 12 this year. Two teams of six worked six-hour shifts during the day and switched to a four-hour schedule at night.

"By the end of the Mack race, you should be totally rested," Lee said. "You don't want people getting exhausted. You want people to be able to tough it out if things get worse.

"I was awakened once when I was off watch. The wind was blowing at 30 knots and they wanted an extra body on deck. I was happy to get out of my bunk. I did the jib (small sail) and went back to bed."

The second-place finish in the division was actually a bigger deal and more gratifying for Lee than winning the 19-boat class.

"If you're second overall, you beat 167 other boats," he said. "That's huge. And they give you a second flag for it. We got two flags for the same race."

Convincing win

Genesis won by a wider margin than it did two years ago, when it won on corrected time over the Liberty, a boat owned by Robert Bent of North Street.

Lee's boat crossed the finish line at 12:45 a.m. Monday, July 14, well ahead of third-place Absolute at 3:49 a.m.

Second-place Sorceress was later still, but placed ahead of Absolute after handicaps were taken into account.

Genesis had an elapsed time of 36 hours, 25 minutes and 44 seconds, finishing two hours, eight minutes ahead of Sorceress on corrected time.

"I don't know if I'd say it was easier to sail," Lee said. "It was as challenging and probably more so than two years ago. I don't know why we got so far out in front. We sailed the boat well and kept moving.

"There were a lot of big boats that should have been going faster than us and they weren't. The only explanation is luck. We must have had better conditions than they did.

"There were some 50-plus boats that, for whatever reason, didn't catch us. By all measure, they should have.

"Sometimes, there's a big difference if you're a mile away from somebody. You can have great wind and they don't have any."

Improved time

Genesis, a 40-foot Islander, had a faster race and lowered its elapsed time by about eight hours this year.

"I've sailed Macks where we sat for eight hours and didn't move a bit," Lee said. "In this Mack, we were moving the whole time. We got really slow for maybe a half hour.

"Other boats that were farther behind us sat for two hours and we never saw that. Part of the reason boats behind us never caught up was because they had worse conditions in lighter air."

It would appear Genesis, for the most part, was in the right place at the right time throughout the race.

"Nothing really defined the race for us," Lee said. "We had a really good start. We got out in front and stayed there. That was important.

"It's important to get a good start and stay out in front, because it energizes the crew. If the competition is in front of you and pulling away, it's sort of demoralizing (for other boats)."

Rough first night

On the first night, Genesis sailed through a bad storm with wind gusts of 35 mph and rough seas.

"We were on the border line between in control and out of control for a while," Lee said. "It was just a bit much, but everybody else had to deal with the storm, too.

"Nothing broke. There was nothing major as far as taking stupid risks like we did two years ago (sailing through a shallow channel to save time). We pretty much sailed as fast as we could to the finish line."

Lee said he and his crew had hoped for a clear sky the first night, because it's easier to steer the boat under a full moon, when the helmsman can see other lights and points of reference.

"Basically, it's pitch black and you can't see anything," Lee said. "That's one disadvantage to being in front of everybody. You can't steer on anything. There's no light in front of you.

"It helps to see where you're going relative to a light or star in front of you, so you can steer on something as opposed to looking at a compass."

No repeat of error

At the end of the race, there was no repeat of a technical violation that might have cost Genesis its victory two years ago.

Near the finish line, Genesis passed the Round Island Lighthouse to the port side instead of the starboard as required under a 2012 rules change.

Race officials assessed a 10-minute penalty to Genesis, which still won on corrected time.

In a show of sportsmanship, Lee and Bent agreed to cut their flags in half and stitch the opposing pieces together. Thus, each had half a first- and second-place flag.

"Since then, everyone is well aware you have to keep the lighthouse starboard," Lee said. "Nobody is going to make that mistake again.

"Well, I shouldn't say nobody. One boat went around it incorrectly. We learned our lesson, however."

FLOURNOY

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the blocks and finished in eighth place at 11.10.

The all- *Observer* sprinter had another PR in the semifinals of the 200 meters, when he ran 21.68. He finished sixth in the final with a time of 21.89.

Flournoy and teammates Devin McLeod, Blake Washington and Cherrard Cohen went 41.61 in the final of the 400 relay, while Flournoy also ran a split time of 47.7 in the 1,600 relay.

It was the first time at the AAU nationals for Flournoy, who chalked it up as a good experience and is looking forward to going back in 2015.

"I feel like I got better and faster from all the workouts I put in," he said. "I think I can actually compete for the top places. I'll try to get that goal."

Flournoy was encouraged to run track by his mother, Charnell Lynn-Flournoy, who was a standout sprinter and state champion in the 100, 200 and 400 at Willow Run High School.

John Glenn coach Jason Dixon said Flournoy has his sights set on winning a state championship in high school track next year, too.

"I'm just going to work hard, be coachable and take any advice I can get on how to improve," Flournoy said. "My main goal is to come out on top in my senior year. If you want to be the best, you've got to train like the best."

Jaron Flournoy (right) races against Jayveon Taylor of Las Vegas in the 100-meter dash.

Flournoy was third in the 200 at the Division 1 state meet this year, 10th in the 100 and 12th in the 400. His best times from the spring season were 10.78, 21.84 and 48.59.

When the school year ended, Flournoy continued to train with his club team coached by Stan Edwards, the former Michigan football player and all-state runner at Detroit Kettering.

"He did a lot of work with coach Stan," Lynn-Flournoy said, "because he thinks he can be one of the best next year in the Junior Olympics once he gets his start times down.

"He's still really young in the sport. He's running off nothing but pure talent and genes. Once he learns the technical side of the sport, he's going to get a lot faster."

Despite all of his success and ability in track, Flournoy is really a football guy at heart, according to his mother.

"That's his first love," she said. "I knew he was a track runner. I ran track from a young age with the Inkster Track Club. I knew he was fast. I got him going with the high school for track and field."

The 6-foot, 155-pound Flournoy is a wide receiver for the Rockets. His hope and immediate objective is to make some big plays on the gridiron and help John Glenn to a successful season.

"I just love football," he said. "I love the toughness about it. It's a boys sport, a rough sport. I like to be physical and stuff."

Michigan State University has shown interest in Flournoy for track, but he's leaving the door open for now in regard to college offers.

"I could see myself getting a few offers for football, but I think I'll get more of a variety of different colleges in track," he said. "I would love to play college football, though."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Border Classic game

The second annual 2015 Border Classic All-Star Football Game will be played June 13, 2015, at Wayne State University's Tom Adams Field.

The inaugural game, matching 40 of the top graduating high school seniors from Michigan and Ohio, was played last June at the University of Findlay in Ohio. Michigan won the game, 27-14.

The game is a cooperative event between the football coaches associations in each state. A time has not been set for the 2015 kickoff.

Team Michigan coaches will be named later this summer and the Michigan roster will be announced after the NCAA signing date in February.

For more information, visit www.mhsfca-.com.

First hole-in-one

Ken Shively has been playing golf since he was 12 years old. After 65 years, the Troy resident achieved his first hole-in-one Aug. 4 at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

Shively used an 8-iron to ace the 128-yard No. 13 hole. The feat was witnessed by Brad Shively, Norm Vesprini and Robert Vesprini.

Field hockey sign-up

Registration for the Farmington United high school field hockey team is under way through the Costick Center (activity 110541) in Farmington Hills.

No field hockey experience is necessary. Practice begins Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Costick Center. The practice time will be 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Farmington United is a combined team of eighth- through 12th-grade players in Farmington Public Schools.

The team competes at the varsity level in Division 2 of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

For more information, contact farmingtonunitedfieldhockey@gmail.com.

'Meet the Team' night

Livonia Churchill High School's annual "Meet the Team" night will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, in the James P. Carli Auditorium.

All athletes who plan on participating in at least one sport during the 2014-15 school year and at least one of their parents are asked to attend.

For more information, contact the Churchill athletic office at 734-744-2650, ext. 46117.

Plymouth YMCA offerings

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs and leagues this fall. The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

The programs include leagues, clinics and instructional classes.

A girls volleyball league (ages 8-12) will include one practice during the week and games each Friday evening. The season begins the week of Sept. 8. Registration is now open.

YMCA co-ed soccer leagues are forming for children ages 3-11. The season will run from Sept. 8 through Oct. 25. There will be one practice per week and one game per week each Saturday morning.

Basketball leagues are available for boys and girls ages 3–12. A fall session runs from Oct. 20 to Dec. 12.

Participants will have one practice night during the week and one game each Friday evening. Registration opens Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Programs are filled on a first come, first-served basis. Games and practices are held in the Plymouth-Canton area.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 734-386-0700.

GCYAA football sign-up

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association is still accepting player registrations for its flag football (6- and 7-year-olds), freshmen (8-9) and junior varsity (10-11) football teams. Practices began July 30.

For more information, visit www.gcyaa-football.com. The GCYAA is a certified USA Football Heads Up tackling program.

CYO soccer sign-up

The St. Edith CYO athletic program is accepting registrations for its fall CYO soccer teams. Teams are open to girls entering grades 4-8 and boys entering grades 4-6 this fall.

The program is open to those who attend St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Aidan and St. Kenneth parishes. There is also a program for boys and girls in kindergarten through third grade.

For more information, contact Ron Wollenweber at stedithsoccer@gmail.com or visit www.stedithcyo.com.

Golf to help veterans

Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton will participate Monday, Aug. 11, in the World's Largest Golf Outing to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

The event will involve thousands of golfers and hundreds of courses throughout the country.

The cost is $200 for a foursome, $100 for a twosome and $50 for a single golfer. The fee includes a hat and golf ball with the WLGO logo, greens fee, shared cart, lunch, prizes and awards.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m., followed by an awards ceremony at 3 p.m.

Golfers can register at worldslargest-golfouting.com or fellowscreekgolf.com. For more information, call Fellows Creek at 734-728-1300.

Churchill gymnastics camp

The Churchill gymnastics camp for ages 11 and up will be 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 11-14, at the high school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The fee is $71.

For more information, email coach-director Kelly Grodicki at kgradzic@gmail.com or assistant coach Sara Wilchowski at sarawilchowski@gmail.com.

For more information, call Grodzicki at 248-880-0198.

SPORTS TRYOUTS

Unified girls golf

Tryouts for the North Farmington-Harrison girls golf team will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Farmington Hills Golf Range.

For more information, contact coach Bruce Sutton at indy-500@earthlink.net.

Riversharks baseball

The Motor City Riversharks 2015 14U travel baseball team will hold tryouts 2-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Pioneer Middle School on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Players must be willing to commit to 40-50 games, which include league play and weekend tournaments, from April through July.

For questions or to pre-register, email motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Redford Union soccer

Redford Union boys soccer tryouts will be 5-7 p.m. Aug. 13-15 at MacGowan Elementary. Players must bring cleats, water and a completed physical. For more information, contact coach Jim Gibbs at 313-995-4234.

Physicals for students can be done at RU on Aug. 7 for $10.

Churchill fall sports

Following are details for upcoming fall team tryouts for Livonia Churchill High School:

» Boys cross country: Aug. 13 from 9-11 a.m. at Cass Benton Park (off Hines Drive between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads). For more information, contact coach John McGreevy at jmcgreevy@yahoo.com.

» Girls cross country: Aug. 13 from 9-11 a.m. at Cass Benton Park. For more information, contact coach Sue Tatro at statigia2@livoniapublic schools.org or 734-744-2650.

» Football: Aug. 8, at Churchill football field. Workouts and conditioning will be held 6-8 p.m. For more information, contact coach Bill Defillippo at wdefillli@livoniapublicschools.org or 734-812-3033.

» Girls golf: Aug. 15 at 3 p.m., Aug. 16 at 3 p.m. and Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. at Whispering Willows Golf Course. Bring golf equipment and be prepared to pay an $8.50 green fee for each day of tryouts. For more information, contact coach Paul Worley at paulworley@pga.com or call 734-748-6250.

» Boys soccer: Aug. 13 at Churchill track at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact coach Matt Grod, mgrodzic@livoniapublicschools.org or call 734-744-2650.

» Girls swimming and diving: Aug. 13 at Churchill High pool 7-10 a.m. For more information, contact Coach Aaron Rieder, arieder@livoniapublicschools.org or call 734-744-2650.

» Boys tennis: Aug. 13 at Churchill tennis courts from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring water and be prepared for conditioning. For more information, contact coach John Webster at jwebster2@livoniapublicschools.org or call 734-788-8211.

» Volleyball: Aug. 13 at Churchill competitive gym 3-6 p.m. For more information, contact coach Anna Gatt at amkgatt17@yahoo.com or 734-306-3793.

All athletes must have a valid physical on file (conducted after April 15) in order to tryout in addition to the LPS one-time participation fee of $300.

Thunder 15U baseball

The 15U Livonia City Thunder baseball team will have tryouts 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Bicentennial Park (field No. 3). The team will play in seven to eight tournaments in 2015 after the high school baseball season is over.

Players are asked to arrive 15-30 minutes early for registration. For more information, email jakackifamily5@aol.com.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

D.J. LeMahieu climbing peaks with Rockies

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

D.J. LeMahieu's progression through the baseball ranks has been a steady climb.

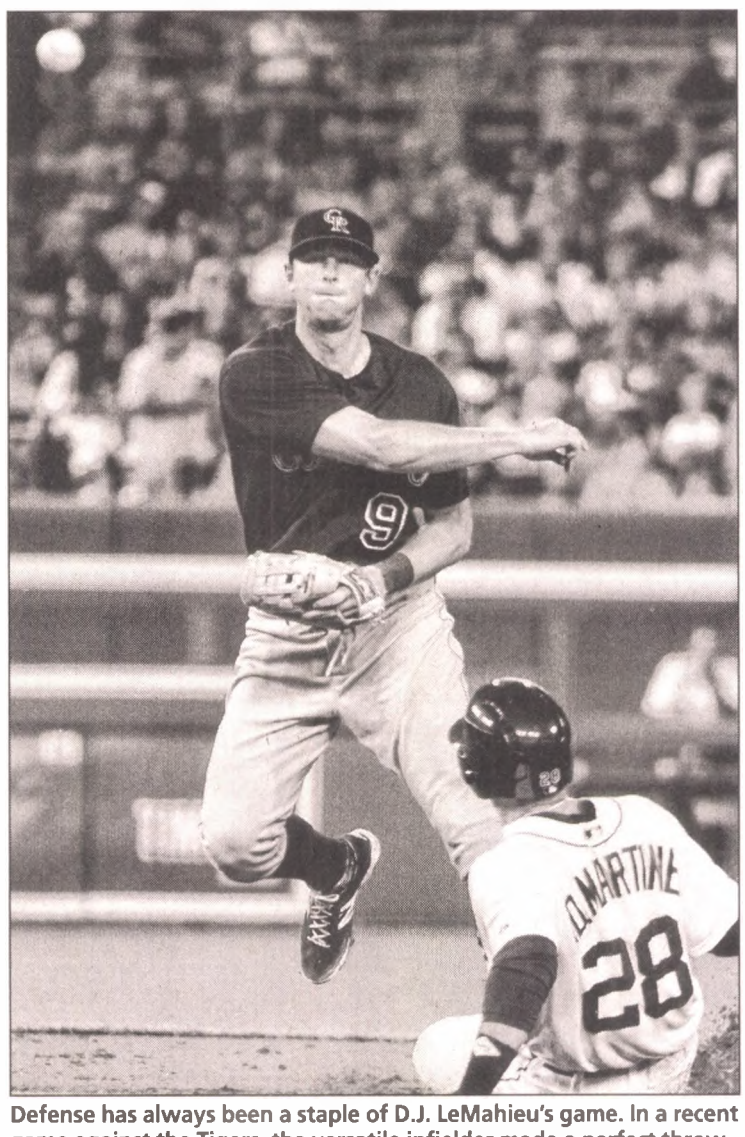
After an all-state high school career at Birmingham Brother Rice, LeMahieu went on to lead Louisiana State University to an NCAA championship and is now in the midst of his fourth season of Major League Baseball.

LeMahieu was in town last weekend as a member of the Colorado Rockies. It marks his third full season with the Rockies after after working his way through the Chicago Cubs organization and finally making his professional debut in 2011 before being traded to the Rockies.

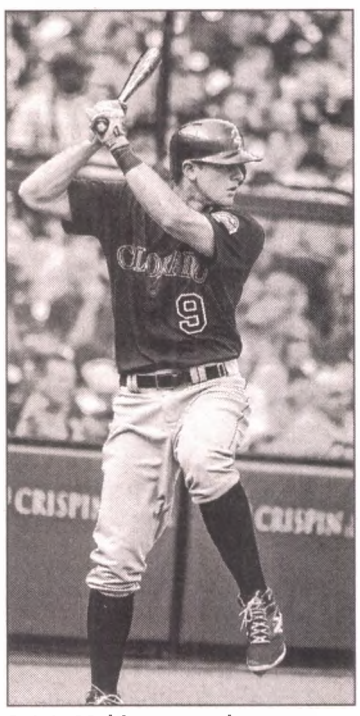
The 26-year-old infielder's passion to succeed continues to grow at each level.

"When I was at Brother Rice, I just wanted to play college baseball," LeMahieu said. "And when I got to college, all I wanted to do was play pro baseball. Now that I'm in pro baseball, I just want to stay in the major leagues as long as I can.

"It's funny how that works," he added. "Obviously I'm there, but definitely not satisfied with where I am."



Defense has always been a staple of D.J. LeMahieu's game. In a recent game against the Tigers, the versatile infielder made a perfect throw to complete a double play.



D.J. LeMahieu started at Comerica Park for the first time as a Major League player in a recent game against the Tigers.
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Breakout season

In many ways, this has been a record-breaking season for LeMahieu.

He has earned a staring spot at second base for the Rockies and will likely appear in the most games in any season of his young career. He already has surpassed his single-season totals for runs scored and figures to amass career highs in a number of other categories as well.

However, LeMahieu knows full well pro baseball is a game where consistency is needed.

For instance, LeMahieu ended June and began July with a 10-game hitting streak, including an impressive stretch where he was 11-for-23 streak with two triples and four runs scored. He hiked his average to .291 and was leading all National League players in inter-league batting average at a whopping .450 clip. He had hit safely in six straight inter-league games with 10 hits in 19 trips before the Detroit series.

Against the Tigers, though, LeMahieu struggled offensively in the two games he played. The only time he reached base was on a ninth-inning walk against Detroit reliever Joe Nathan, when he gamely fought back from a 0-2 count. He finished 0-for-7 in the series, which extended a five-game hitless streak.

"I'm excited to play and I've been playing quite a bit this year and hopefully the numbers will follow," LeMahieu said Aug. 1 following a 4-2 loss to Detroit. "Our manager is giving me a lot of opportunities and I'm very thankful to be here.

"When I was at Brother Rice, I just wanted to play college baseball. And when I got to college, all I wanted to do was play pro baseball. Now that I'm in pro baseball, I just want to stay in the major leagues as long as I can."

D.J. LEMAHIEU
Colorado's versatile infielder who starred at Brother Rice

"I was in a groove and seeing the ball well and was in one of those good streaks. And I've caught the opposite of that the last three or four games. So you learn very, very quickly that if you're not on your 'A' game, it can slide very quickly.

"Hopefully, I can get back in the groove and continue to swing it and continue to compete," he added.

Top-notch glove

LeMahieu's strengths are his outstanding defensive ability and his versatility. Already in his career, he's played every infield position, including seven games this year at third base for Rockies manager Walt Weiss. LeMahieu was involved in a pair of double-p ays against the Tigers – starting one with a neat back-handed toss to shortstop Josh Rutledge and turning over another despite a strong slide from runner J.D. Martinez.

"My defense has always been good and that's what keeps me in the lineup," he said. "I know I have to improve my hitting, but I love being around the game. I've learned so much the last three years.

"I thought I knew everything at every level, but you keep moving up and keep learning new things," he added. "The longer I can stay here, the more I'm going to learn and that's always the goal."

Comerica revisited

LeMahieu started at Comerica for the first time as a professional. His only other playing time at Comerica was with Brother Rice, when he helped lead the Warriors to a pair of Catholic League championship games against Dearborn Divine Child.

LeMahieu said his nerves settled down once he got into the flow of action.

"I was here two years ago (with Colorado), but didn't play," LeMahieu said. "I felt like before the game that it brought back a lot of memories because I've watched a ton of games here, but once the game started, it was just another baseball game.

"But it's pretty cool to play here," he added. "When I played here with Rice, we lost the first game (against Divine Child) and won the second one."

Brother Rice proved a key stop along LeMahieu's path to the major leagues.

"Obviously at Brother Rice, it starts with the coaches," he said. "Brian Kalczynski, Bob Riker and Ron Kalczynski, they set a foundation there and you come to work every day. When you are on the field, you work hard and do things the right way.

"To this day, I will never forget my days there and what I learned there. There are a lot of guys at this level who get caught up in a lot of things, whatever it is. But I feel like it's the guys who have that mentality (work hard and do things right) are the ones who stick around the longest.

"I've learned that the guys who do it the right way are the ones who have succeeded," he added. "That's what they teach at Rice and that's what I've carried with me."

The 26-year-old infielder, who lives in downtown Denver not far from the Coors Field, is grateful to be a professional in a sport he's always loved.

"I love Denver. There are really good people there," he said. "I can get to the park pretty quickly and I really enjoy it there. I can see how when we win in Denver, it will be a lot of fun."

BRUBAKER

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the vast majority of his career, which he began as a second baseman.

In his first year, the starting catcher was injured in a play at home plate. Brubaker volunteered to fill the need and never played another position.

"I got run over; I got hung out to dry a few times at the plate, but that's part of the game," he said. "The part of the game I liked the best were the plays at the plate. If I got hold of the ball, I wasn't letting go of it.

"When you're catching, you're in every play. Whether you're catching a perfect game Al White throws or making plays at the plate, it was exciting. With every pitch, you're in the game."

Brubaker always wore a face mask, but that was the only piece of equipment he used for the first 10 years. His teammates finally convinced him to wear shin guards, too.

"I never wore a chest protector, although I should have," he said, adding he caught some of the best pitchers in the modified game.

In addition to White, his teammates included notable pitchers Curt Richards, Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger, Jerry Stazel and Pete Lynn.

Well deserving of hall

White recalled playing against Brubaker in a 1982 national qualifier in Spokane, Wash.

"He hit a triple and goes sliding into third base," White said. "I'm over there covering the throw and he was all rah-ha-ha and fired up. I said, 'God almighty, who is this kid?'"

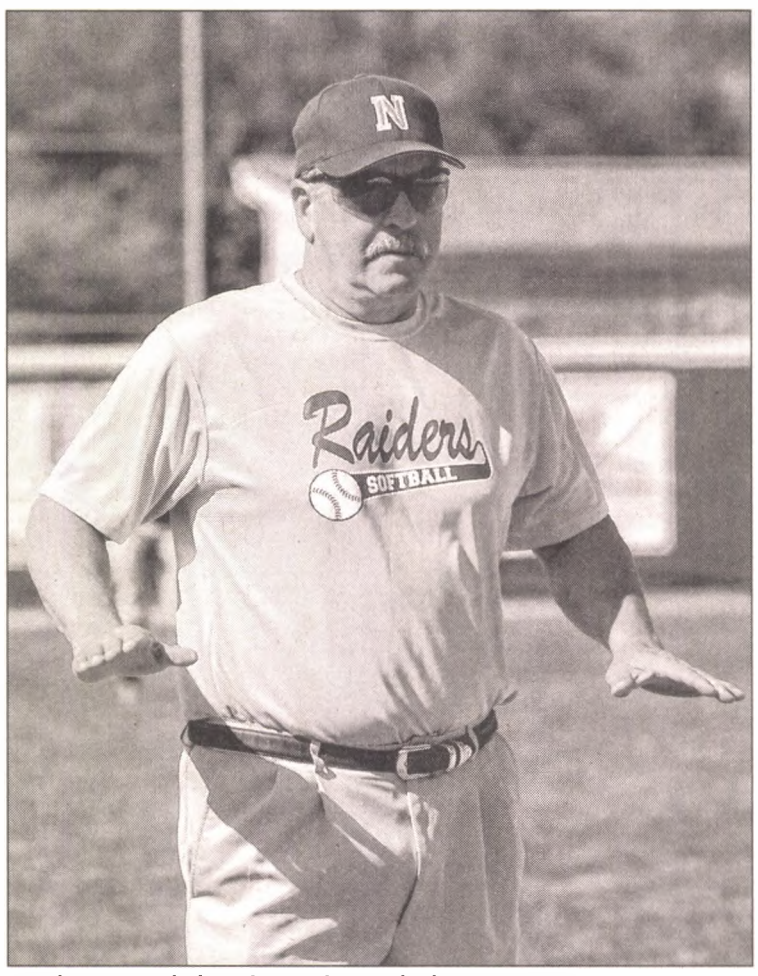
The two talked afterward and White invited Brubaker to join his Compuware team for the 1983 season, which he did.

"That was the year we finished third in the nation and he was All-American and we've been friends every since," White said.

"He plays a very intense, high-emotion game of softball. I just liked the way he played. It comes from his heart."

He added Brubaker has done so much for softball as a player, coach and administrator. Brubaker also started the Girls Incredible League for area high school players in the summer in the 1980s.

"He's well-deserving of the hall of fame as an ambassador to the game of softball and as a player who showed his love for the game," White said.



Coach Dave Brubaker gives a sign to the batter. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

History as a player

Brubaker's teams won more than 100 league and tournament championships. He played in 19 ASA national tournaments, hitting better than .600 and being named the all-tournament catcher in at least five.

He batted .645 and was named the tournament MVP, helping his team win the 1991 ASA Class A 10-man national tournament in Stevens Point, Wis.

Brubaker's teams included Livonia Lanes, Hummer Bar, Compuware, FGS Radiator, Pat Boyle Chevrolet, All-American Sports Shop, TC Gators, Team Budweiser and Primo Pizza.

A Livonia native who played baseball at Churchill High School, he was a men's modified player-coach for a number of years and also was an ASA premier-level girls fast-pitch coach for 23 years.

Brubaker retired after 30 years with Farmington Public Schools, but he remains the North Farmington varsity coach – a position he has had for 28 years.

'Very humbled by it'

When he received a letter from the ASA, he thought it had to do with an entrance fee for his 12-and-under Michigan Generals team.

"I opened it and saw it was for me as an inductee," he said. "I thought, 'Wow, this is quite an honor, to be the second modified player.'

"When I started playing in 1973, my dad and I played on the same team in a church league. We went 9-0. We had 60 some teams in the area. (The playoffs were) a big deal. We ended up losing to the Class A team, 5-2.

"Playing with my dad that first year was quite a highlight. That, making All-American and winning a national championship were probably the three biggest thrills I had playing ball.

"I was never pondering (the hall of fame). When I did get it, it was quite a surprise. I'm very humbled by it because it does mean a lot to make it."

The ASA Hall of Fame is located at Victory Park in Canton, the former Canton Softball Complex. It includes players from all levels of the game that are sponsored by the ASA.

Ticket information

Tickets are $35 in advance. A limited number will be available at the door for $40. There will be a cash bar.

For a ticket order form, go to www.metrodetroitasa.com. For more information, email Stu Alderman at mdetroitasa@gmail.com.

The other inductees are former Canton High School and U-M pitcher Kelly Holmes, slow-pitch player Steve Bienkowski, former CMU coach Margo Yonker for meritorious service and umpire Bob Lawson.

The event begins at 6:15 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Dinner is at 7:15 p.m. followed by the awards program.

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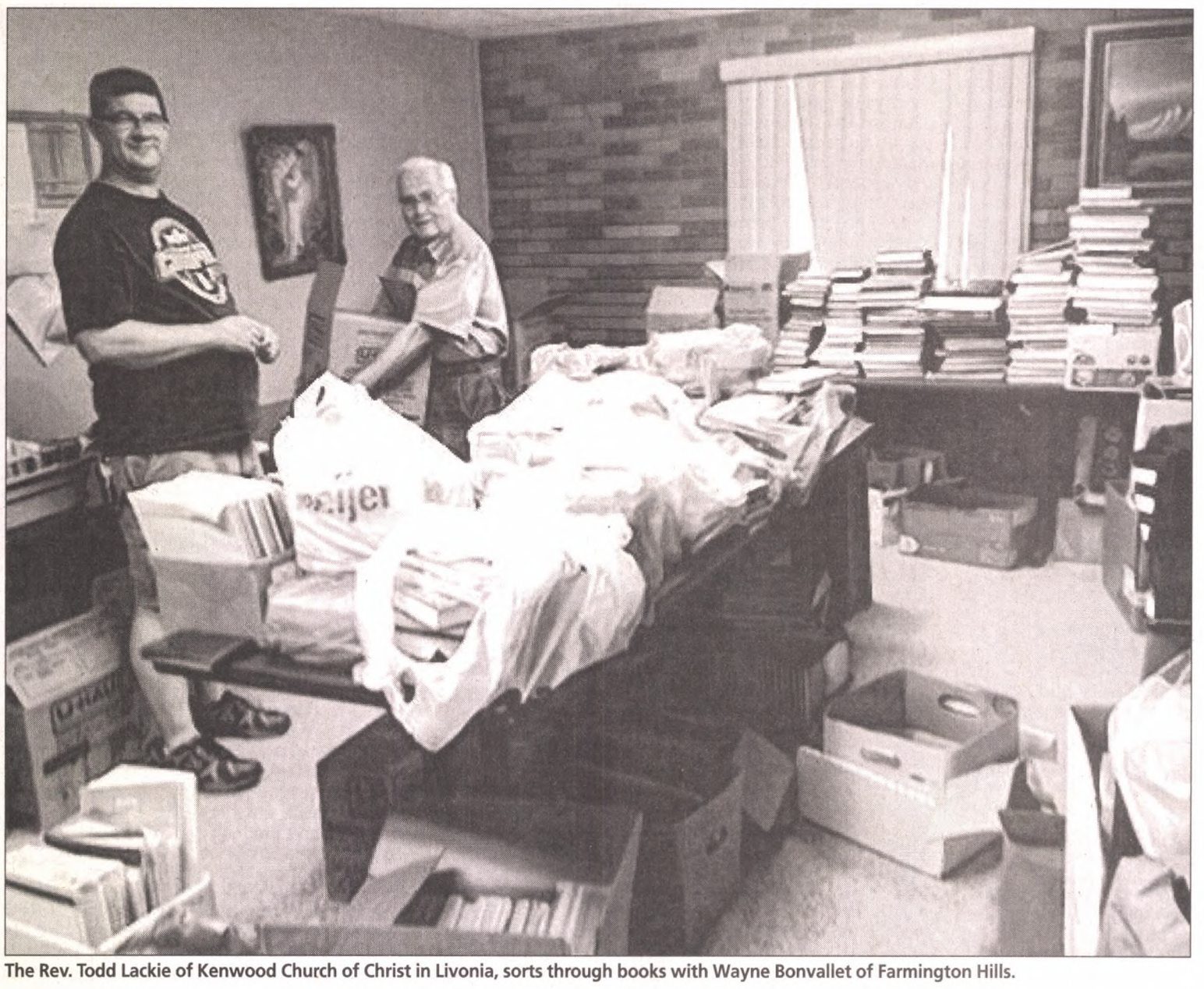
Church collects books for library in Africa

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer



The Rev. Todd Lackie of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, sorts through books with Wayne Bonvallet of Farmington Hills.

Helping Hands Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills-based nonprofit, clothed an entire African village a few years ago.

Now, with the help of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia and the surrounding community, it has collected enough books to fill an entire school library in Zimbabwe. One hundred and one boxes containing more than 2,500 donated books will be shipped to the Dadane School in a remote area of the African country.

"My heart just about bursts thinking about them opening those books," said Sidney Bonvallet, a member of the church and founder of Helping Hands Touching Hearts, an organization that works with Shangaan and Venda tribes in southern Africa. Its mission is to empower impoverished villagers through sustainability projects, education, health and hope. "You cannot imagine the joy and sheer wonder that will be for them."

Bonvallet toured the Dadane School and met its headmaster, Alick Sonke Kumalo, on one of her annual trips to Africa. He showed Helping Hands volunteers the school library with shelves, but no books for his 198 students. He asked if Helping Hands could help.

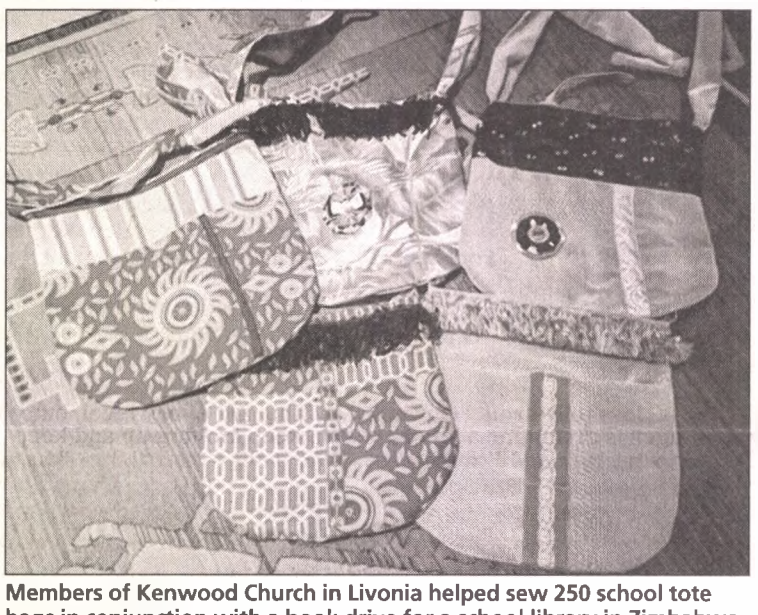
"He had the faith to build it and then asked until he got to the right person to help fill it," Bonvallet said. "We sent emails and asked our friends to send books and he received 150. He was so excited, he invited the community in to use 'the library.'"

Bigger book drive

But Bonvallet didn't want to stop at 150 books. She asked her church to help with a book drive last month. The Rev. Todd Lackie put out a collection bin under the church's front canopy and spent the last few weeks frequently unloading it and moving books indoors. Last week he and Bonvallet, her family members, along with church members, Luke Maggard, Dennis Fletcher, Debbie Ryan, Ginny Thompson and Eve Gyabaah, sorted, packed and weighed boxes.

"They got everything from textbooks to novels to encyclopedias, you name it," Lackie said.

Bonvallet said it would have cost approximately $20,000 to buy similar books. Shipping will cost a little over $5,000. In addition to the 101 boxes of books, Helping Hands Touching Hearts will send 60 boxes of clothing, shoes, and medical and school supplies.



Members of Kenwood Church in Livonia helped sew 250 school tote bags in conjunction with a book drive for a school library in Zimbabwe.

Sidney Bonvallet (left), her husband, Wayne, the Rev. Todd Lackie of Kenwood Church of Christ and CJ Christopher show some of the 101 boxes of books bound for Zimbabwe.

"The church and the community were so generous," Bonvallet said. "It was so overwhelming. That room was filled with books.

"I want (Kumalo's) dream to come true. We were looking for worthy things to do when we were there. There can't be anything better than to help save lives from poverty."

Bonvallet and other Helping Hands Touching hearts members will return to Africa in January 2015.

Visit the organization's website at clotheavillagenow.com. Kenwood Church of Christ's website is kenwoodchurch.org.

Should you rinse dinnerware before loading the dishwasher?

The following email prompted my reply and hopefully the end of an argument between brother and sister.

Marilyn wrote: My brother and I disagree on whether or not it is necessary to pre-rinse dishes before loading them into the dishwasher. I insist that pre-rinsing is important, as it reduces the possibility of clogging drains. My brother states that everything he has read (on the Internet), including the *Consumer Reports* test results, state that not only is it unnecessary to pre-rinse, it is wasteful of water and energy, as well. I am pretty certain that I read an article in your column which supported pre-rinsing. Could you please settle this friendly debate between my brother and me?

My reply to Marilyn: It is true that the detergent needs a dirty plate or two to combat during the washing process but to advertise that you need not rinse the dishes is wrong. It is a huge advertising ploy to cause consumers to purchase that particular brand. It used to be that Frigidaire would show a person on TV throwing a whole Bundt cake into the dishwasher. With that ad came a huge surge in service calls where a technician would take out the cutters installed on the top of the motor. These were to act as a garbage disposer and made so cheaply they would bend and jam the motor from working. The service industry is constantly telling consumers to rinse the dishes or expect a service call. Rinse them with cold water but get the heavy particles off of them. And then, when a person gets into the habit of not rinsing, low and behold some plastic piece of something jams the impellers on the motor and service is required. A statement from the service industry is: Let the manufacturers keep telling consumers not to rinse, the work sure keeps us busy.

No phosphates

I'm only half way through this column and I'm never one short for words, so I'll help educate with more information. I continue to get calls and emails on the question of why dishes, especially glasses, come out with a coating of white film that won't come off. It goes back just a few years ago when manufacturers of detergents had to remove phosphates from their products. This was done to help save the environment. Once again, watching a piece on television I heard a voice of authority telling homeowners to stop using the liquid dishwashing detergent and switch to powder. The liquid simply doesn't do the job like it should. Is it possible that detergent without phosphates is not as tough as our past detergent and that is why so many people tell us to rinse the dishes first?

Like so many of you, I rinse the dishes every time I turn on the dishwasher but I don't scrub them with hot water. If I did that, I would just put them away in the cupboard and my darling Valorie wouldn't know the difference. In good conscience I can't do that because I am more concerned with bacteria than anything else. I have read of the studies going on concerning bacteria growth in dishwashers and clothes washers. I don't put baseball caps or tennis shoes in our dishwasher because that is not what it is designed to clean. I believe the dishwasher in the American home is the most appreciated appliance we can own. Just think of the free time given us to do other constructive things besides washing and drying dishes. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

'Jaws' is coming to a home aquarium near you

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

It's Shark Week!

The Discovery Channel kicks off a week-long celebration of all things shark on Sunday, Aug. 10. This year programming includes 13 Shark Week shows and a nightly live talk show, *Shark After Dark*.

Shark fans can visit Discovery's website (www.discovery.com) to buy fin-filled swag and watch live shark cams.

But why visit a web cam when you can watch your very own shark swim around at home?

I asked Dale Ernst II, co-owner of Fanstastic Fins in Livonia if fish owners can buy sharks for their salt-water tanks. He said there are varieties available that grow no longer than 2 feet in home aquariums — 3 feet in the wild.

"They come here in the egg," said Ernst, who runs a fish hatchery from the store. "We get shark eggs. They are half size of man's hand. You can hold them up and they're translucent and you can see state the shark is in."

In the wild, the mother shark lays the eggs on the ocean floor, occasionally brushing them with her belly to squeeze water out, Ernst said.

He said shark eggs aren't in huge demand at the store but "people ask for them." He generally keeps one in stock until it is sold and then buys another.

"Some people want to hatch it themselves. And some want it hatched and already feeding." He said eggs cost $50 and the hatched shark is $100.

The coral banded sharks eat shrimp and generally "are friendly." "I keep freshwater fish myself, but to each his own," he added.

Ernst said adding a shark to the home aquarium generally is for the "advanced" fish keeper.

PetMD.com reminds pet owners to "think hard" before adding a shark to their home tanks. It suggests starting out with easier-to-handle fish and to "work your way up to shark owner status."

For advanced fish keepers it recommends the wobbegong, bamboo or epaulette sharks.

Visit Fantastic Fins at 38131 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia; 734-464-3523.

Road to motherhood includes forgiveness

Sarah Davies
GUEST COLUMN

I don't know exactly at what point it hit me, but sometime during the last seven months my views on a lot of things have changed. I am suddenly very focused on trying to be the best person I can be, more so than ever before in my life. I have found peace about things that brought me a lot of discomfort in the past, and have found joy in the littlest things. But most importantly, I have truly learned about forgiveness.

I have found myself forgetting about things from my past that haunted me. I have forgiven the friends who I felt betrayed me, forgiven my family for having differing opinions, and the hardest part of all ... I have forgiven myself. I have forgiven myself for not living the life I always wanted to, for not always doing the "right things" and for saying things to people that I shouldn't have said. I have found that as I am becoming a mother, I care more about learning from my mistakes than I did in the past, and I have found that just coming to terms with things can make all the difference in the world.

Role model

I am not a perfect person. I certainly have made my share of mistakes in my life, but only just recently have I totally accepted them all and forgiven myself for the wrong I have done. I have found peace in knowing that my mistakes have helped me to become a stronger woman, and truly believe that I will be able to take the lessons I have learned and teach them to my daughter as she grows up.

I have thought about the people in my life who have taught me well, and have tried to take pieces of their own personalities to bring into my life, so that I, too, can become a person who can teach others. I am focused much more on the reality that I am going to be a role model to the most important person in the world to me, and am trying very hard to be a person that my daughter will look up to and respect.

Good in everyone

I do not want my daughter to think I am a saint, but I also don't want her to know all my flaws. I think it is important that she recognize that we are all human and we have all made mistakes, but also know that it is just as significant to learn from those mistakes and grow into a better person. It is very important to be nice to people, even when it is the most difficult thing in the world to do. I struggle with this every day, but also pray nightly that tomorrow will be easier. I remember being taught to look for the good in everyone, to treat everyone — including yourself — with genuine kindness. And although I remember this now, somehow over my life I have forgotten these lessons time and time again and have had to relearn them along the way. I hope that my daughter can find peace in her life and not struggle with this as much as I have.

The forgiveness part is the hardest, yet most humbling thing I have gone through in a long, long while. It has helped me to rebuild lost friendships and relationships, and to become closer with the people in my life that I know will always be there. I have grown up, in a way, and have become calmer, more rational, and even more independent. My faith has grown stronger, and I have found happiness and peace in even the most still of moments.

I finally understand why forgiveness is so important. It is easy to forget, but much harder to forgive. And with great accomplishments, come many great rewards. If you can find forgiveness and beauty within yourself and those around you, you can find the world to be very beautiful.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups, downs and lessons she learns on the path to motherhood.

To market, to market

Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

Eastern Market Shed 3 is a great go-to spot for hosting events and the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan's (CLFM) fundraiser Friday, Aug. 1 was no exception.

While there's nothing casual about leukemia, the party was a hang out, let loose, TGIF event, complete with craft cocktails and hand-crafted cuisine stations from many of the area's top restaurants and distilleries.

Next up on Sat. Sept. 27, CLFM goes from casual to cocktail chic at CRUSH Birmingham at the Townsend Hotel. The 2014 Wine & Food Classic begins at 6:30 p.m. Go to crushmichigan.com.

Above: Livonia residents Jessica and Charlie Pepper. Top right: Dawn Hyvonen of Whitmore Lake (left) and Donna Hollis of Farmington. Below right: Joe and Jan Holowicki of Plymouth
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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Butterflies

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association presents "Movie Night," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Learn about SEMBA co-founder Brenda Dziedzic's butterfly adventures in the State of Michoacán, Mexico. Parking on Hines Dr. or Ann Arbor Trail. $3 fee for non-members. 734-223-5510, or visit www.sembabutterfly.org.

Preserving the garden

Discover how to preserve summer squashes at a garden workshop led by organic gardener Jean Smith of the Old Winery Farmer's Market, 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Farmington Hills Nature Center, located in Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is $5. Register at least three days before the event at recreg.fhgov.com. For more information call 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhgov.com.

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» Summer Soiree will include live music, food, wine-tasting, shopping and garden inspirations, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road; 248-851-7506. Cost is $10 with proceeds benefiting Forgotten Harvest. Pre-registration required.

» The floral design staff will show how to create beautiful arrangements, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 16, at all stores except Ann Arbor and Eastpointe. Free.

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Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

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MILESTONES

ANNIVERSARY

Gerald and Valerie Stroup on their wedding day in 1964

Valerie and Gerald Stroup of Livonia

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Gerald Walter and Valerie Ann (Wilbourn) Stroup of Livonia marked their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 8. They were married in 1964 at Saint Mary Magdalen Church in Hazel Park, followed by a reception at Topinka's Country House in Detroit.

Gerald is retired from the Wayne County Health Department, Disease Division, where he worked as a department head. Valerie was employed in the lab and pathology department at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

The couple enjoys family-time, gym fitness, group travels, investing, and cooking.

The Stroups have a son, Craig (Holly) Stroup and quadruplet grandchildren, Alec, Rachel, Connor and Kate, of Maryville, Ill.

They celebrated their milestone anniversary with family while vacationing in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

BIRTH

Audrina June Holton

Audrina June Holton was born July 18, 2014 at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

Parents are Natalie and Steve Holton of Farmington. Grandparents are Patty and Rob Holton of Farmington Hills, Lynda and Mark Pietka of Livonia, and Brenda and Mark Morris of Ann Arbor. Great-grandparents are Eileen and Jack Jeffrey of Roswell, Ga.

BIRTH

Liam Owen Sowders

LIAM OWEN SOWDERS

Liam Owen Sowders was born June 3, 2014 at Novi Providence Park Hospital.

Proud parents are Jason and Erica Sowders of Novi. Grandparents are Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia, Duane and Vicki Sowders of Melvindale, and Karen DeVito and Chris Canfield of Northville.

ANNIVERSARY

John C. and F. Susan Harrison on their wedding day

F. Susan and John C Harrison of Northport celebrate their golden wedding anniversary this year. Susan graduated from Plymouth High School.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

John C. and F. Susan (Neal) Harrison of Northport will mark their 50th wedding anniversary on August 15. The couple married in 1964 at the Martha-Mary Chapel, Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

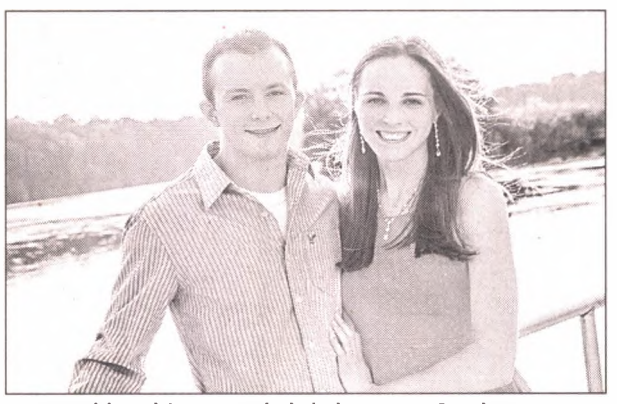
Susan grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth High School. She lived in the community until her husband joined the Air Force. John is from Detroit and both graduated from the University of Michigan, where they met.

John retired 12 years ago from Delta Air Lines, where he worked as a B-767 captain. Susan, retired for 18 years, worked as deputy director of finance and administration for the County of Sacramento Department of Airports in California.

They enjoy playing golf and tennis and are avid Wolverine fans. They also volunteer for ShareCare of Leelanau.

The couple plans a quiet celebration at home on their special day, and a river cruise from Paris to Normandy in France next month.

ENGAGEMENT



Tony Todd Rodriguez and Christine Anne Saatio

SAATIO-RODRIGUEZ

Christine Anne Saatio and Tony Todd Rodriguez announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ellen and David Saatio of Livonia, graduated in 2012 with a BBA degree in finance and mathematics from The University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as an actuarial assistant at AAA Life Insurance Company.

Her fiance, son of Tina and Rick Rodriguez of Livonia, graduated in 2013 with BA degree in economics and finance from The University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an associate recruiter at Custom Business Solutions.

An April 2015 wedding is planned at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

REUNIONS

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

DEARBORN EDSEL FORD
CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion is planned 5-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Andiamo, 21400 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Ticket purchase deadline is Aug. 25. Email Judy (Berry) Buck at jarcbuck@sbcglobal.net for more details.

DEARBORN FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL
CLASSES OF 1952

62nd reunion set for both January and June classes, Saturday, Sept. 13, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Al Orloff at orloffal@aol.com or 734-432-9308; or Marvin Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or 313-562-4378 for more information.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS HASTON
CLASSES OF 1963-64

Reunion organizers seek alumni, teachers and staff from 1963-64 and also friends from Brainard Elementary and Haston Jr. High who may have left school before the classes graduated at Haston. The main event is a dinner party Saturday, Sept. 20, at Andiamo Restaurant, Bloomfield Hills. Advance tickets are required. Email Diane Jones at dianejones816@gmail.com or by phone at 610-436-4915.

DETROIT CODY HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 19, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, Novi. For more information, contact Mike and Barb Kerby, 734-525-0546, kerby66bam@msn.com.

ENGAGEMENT

Jennifer Broniak and Andrew Herron

BRONIAK-HERRON

Jennifer Lynn Broniak and Andrew Scott Herron announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lynn M. Broniak of Plymouth and Frederick Broniak of Livonia. Her fiance's parents are Shanon and Christy Herron of Garden City.

An October 2014 wedding is planned at the Martha Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

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BALMER, HELEN HOWICK

Of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and Okemos, Michigan. Died peacefully August 1, 2014 with family at her side. Born Helen Harris Howick on June 19, 1926 in Louisville, Kentucky, she moved to Detroit with her family during the Great Depression. Helen graduated from Highland Park High School at the age of 16, studied at Highland Park Community College and worked in Detroit as a young professional. It was there, under the Kern clock, that she met her beloved husband James G. Balmer, Jr. On August 12, 1950 they married and had 62 years together before Jim's passing in December 2012. Helen was an accomplished public relations professional and event planner, as well as an organizer of writer's conferences and other professional activities. She worked for many years at the Birmingham Community House, creating programs that are still in place today. In the 1970s, she established Helen Balmer and Associates and served the promotion and marketing needs of countless clients, especially in the restaurant and catering industry. She was a member of The Public Relations Society of America and Adcraft. She was an active member of The Village Club, and a long-time member of both The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and the Village Players of Birmingham, where she was a past president and a frequent social chair and party planner. Helen was an extraordinary hostess and cook who entertained with unmatched poise and style. She was known for both intimate dinner parties as well as large events. No one liked a party more. She was a gracious and kindhearted friend and matriarch of her family. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in the mid-1970s, Helen refused to submit to a disease that could easily have broken her spirit. Helen is survived by her children; Janet Quiring (John), Jim Balmer (Martha) and Lindsay Hinz (Randy); beloved grandchildren Carrie, Alison, Adam, Nick, Gretchen, Grace, Benjamin, Clara, Mallory and Jamie; eleven great-grandchildren and her best friend Joyce Contrucci. A family burial will be held, and at her request a small party will be hosted later in the Fall to celebrate her life and spirit. Memorial contributions can be made to the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center or the Village Players of Birmingham. The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing. On line condolences may be shared with the family at www.greastlansing.com

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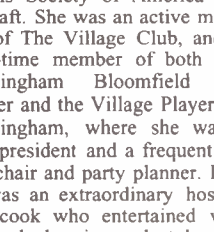

BLEYLE, CINDY

Born April 19, 1965 has left this earth July 28, 2014. Preceded in death by her parents: Sheldon W. Bleyle and Lily M. (Weeks) Bleyle. Survived by all she touched with her "UNCONDITIONAL LOVE & SPIRIT". Graveside Service will be August 16, 2014 1p.m. at the New Bay Port Cemetery M-147 (Pigeon Rd) and M-25 (N Unionville Rd). in Huron County, MI. All welcome to attend.

A loving tribute

KOPCAK, PAUL WILLIAM JR.

August 4, 2014. Age 67 of Westland. Beloved husband of Sandra. Loving father of Paul W. III, Jason Allen, and Michael R. (Karen). Dear grandfather of six. Brother of Barbara Brown. Memorial service Saturday, August 16th, 10 a.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Rd., Westland, MI 48186. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.

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THOMPSON, CHARLES HAROLD

Age 97, died on August 6, 2014 in his home of 60 years on James Street in Garden City, MI. He was predeceased by his much loved wife Anita E. Thompson. Loving father to Averill King (Robert), Adrienne Thompson (Matt Knickerbocker), Mary Ellen Thompson, and Brian Thompson (Diane). He will be greatly missed by his eight grandchildren - David King, Alicia King, Alyssa Knickerbocker, Devin Knickerbocker, Meredith Davis, Ross Davis, Zachary Thompson and Matt Thompson and two great-grandchildren Rowan Steele and Charles Oehlschlaeger. A complex individual, he was a construction engineer; WWII Paratrooper (82nd Airborne); student of history; raconteur; lover of books, music and wine; eccentric exerciser and singer of old songs. He appreciated an elegant turn of phrase, a nice breeze and the sun on his legs. He will also be missed by his extended James Street family and anyone else who ever heard his signature phrase, "Keep your wits."

WHEELER, MARION (CURRIER)

Died August, 3, 2014, at age 85. Marion was born in Detroit, MI on December 17, 1928, to Frank and Agnes (Tallon) Currier. She attended St. Cecilia grade school in Detroit and was valedictorian of her Sudbury, Ontario high school graduating class. After earning a B.S. in Mathematics from Marygrove College, Ford Motor Company hired her as its first female financial analyst. She also worked at Our Lady of Good Counsel and ACT Computer Company in Michigan before moving to Oklahoma to accept a management position with Lear Siegler, Inc. She retired from LSI after 20 years and returned to Plymouth, MI to live with her daughter's family. She later moved to Waltonwood of Cherry Hill and Devonshire Manor in Brighton, MI due to Alzheimer's disease. Marion was predeceased by her parents, all of her siblings and daughter-in-law Katie (Mark's wife). She is survived by children, Warren (Theresa) Wheeler, Laura (James) Humphries and Mark Wheeler and six grandchildren (Leah,Elise, Kevin, Davis, Joey and Andrea). Marion was a lifelong learner who attended the University of Central Oklahoma and Elderwise in Ann Arbor. She earned numerous professional certifications and had a keen interest in Shakespeare and Native American culture. She was multi-lingual, well-traveled, and philanthropic within her means. She loved music and theatre and attended the Stratford Festival in Canada for more than 50 years. She was a remarkable woman who will be missed by all who knew her. A Memorial Service will be held at the Red Olive Banquet Center in Plymouth, MI on Sunday, August 17, from 2 - 5 p.m. Donations in memory of Marion can be made to the Alzheimer's Association and Doctors Without Borders.

HEALTH

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Obesity patients more likely to survive infection

University of Michigan Health System researchers have discovered that obesity is connected with better health outcomes when it comes to older Americans suffering from sepsis.

In a study of 1,404 Medicare beneficiaries, heavier patients were more likely to survive sepsis, a life-threatening infection that can lead to a stay in a hospital's intensive care unit.

The findings, published in the August issue of *Critical Care Medicine*, raise questions about how obesity impacts the body's response to infection.

"Physicians expect obese patients to do poorly and this belief can affect the care and counseling they provide to patients and their families," says lead author Hallie C. Prescott, M.D., a pulmonary and critical care medicine clinical lecturer at the U-M Health System. "Our study indicates obese sepsis patients actually have lower mortality and similar functional outcomes as normal weight patients."

The focus of the study was to investigate the association of body mass index to survival, health care use and functional deficiencies following a severe sepsis hospitalization.

Sepsis increase

The incidence of sepsis has doubled in the past 15 years leading to an increased focus on research and Medicare spending. Severe sepsis causes a million hospitalizations yearly among Medicare beneficiaries.

These hospitalizations cost more than $16 billion annually, which is roughly four times the cost of hospitalizations for heart attacks. Half of patients hospitalized with severe sepsis die within a year.

The patients who survive often become debilitated during their hospital stay and need to spend time in a rehabilitation facility.

"Obese patients who survive their sepsis hospitalization use more health care resources and require more Medicare spending — but this apparent increase in resource use is a result of living longer, not increased use per day alive," says senior author Theodore Iwashyna, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of internal medicine at the U-M Health System.

The researchers note there are many health benefits to maintaining a normal weight, but the findings suggest that excess weight may cause the body to respond differently to critical illness. A better understanding of this difference may help health care providers improve care for all patients with sepsis and other critical illnesses.

The study was conducted with participants of the Health and Retirement Study, a nationally representative sample of older Americans that is run by the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research on behalf of the National Institute of Aging.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Upcoming

A-Fib 101

A-Fib 101 is a free class that will teach the causes and symptoms of atrial fibrillation, along with the leading surgical and nonsurgical treatment options available. The next A-Fib 101 Class will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at Oakwood Hospital – Dearborn, 18101 Oakwood Blvd. Registration is required by visiting Oakwood.org or calling 800-543-9355.

American Red Cross

Upcoming blood drives:

Canton — 2-7:45 p.m. Aug. 28, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive; 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Aug. 29, Canton Public Library, 1200 Canton Center Road

Farmington Hills — 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Aug. 22, Community Choice Credit Union, 31155 Northwestern Highway

Livonia — 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Aug. 17, St. Michael Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard; 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Aug. 21, Community Choice Credit Union, 15420 Farmington Road; 1-6:45 p.m. Aug. 21, Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601Hubbard; noon-5:45 p.m. Aug. 24, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road

Plymouth — 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Aug. 24, St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty; 1-6:45 p.m. Aug. 25, Plymouth Library, 223 South Main Street; 1:30-7:15 p.m. Aug. 25, VFW Post 6695 Plymouth, 1426 South Mill; 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Aug. 28, Plymouth City Hall, 201 South Main Street; noon to 5:45 p.m. Aug. 29, Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Road

Redford — 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Aug. 31, Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, 17116 Olympia Street

Call 800-RED CROSS to make an appointment.

Hearing support

Hearing Loss Association of America will hold an "open mic" for sharing and learning 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Contact Tony at 734-664-3297, aferack@comcast.net

Managing pain

Linda Vanni, RN, will talk about diagnostic and treatment techniques that can help to manage or relieve pain, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, in Conference Room A at Providence Park Hospital Outpatient Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Register by calling 888-751-5465.

Nutrition workshop

Learn ways to make desserts and still stay on track with your health goals in an interactive workshop with a Botsford Hospital dietitian, 6-7 p.m., Wednesday., Aug. 13, at Busch's Fresh Foods Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is $5 and includes a Busch's coupon, recipes and samples. Register by calling or visiting the Guest Service Counter at Busch's; 734-779-6100.

Ongoing

Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

12-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purging, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m., Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The program helps those with eating and exercise disorders find recovery. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Breast cancer support

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

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol ($5), and lipid panel ($10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland; 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Choir therapy

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

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Westland Housing Commission is accepting proposals for professional support services for projects related to the Westland Housing Commission (WHC

Proposals for the professional support services projects proposals are due on: Friday, August 15, 2014, by 3:00 p.m., via email to: jcampbell@cityofwestland.com

To receive a copy of the RFP, email Joanne Campbell at jcampbell@cityofwestland.com or by calling 734.713.3711.

Joanne Campbell, Director
William Wild, Mayor

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PUBLIC NOTICE
AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals
August 26, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall – Auditorium, 1st Floor
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APPEAL CASE 2014-08-44: **Bradley Burns, north side of Six Mile (31226) between Merriman and Cross Winds,** seeking to construct a six foot tall vinyl privacy fence within the side yard, which is not allowed.

APPEAL CASE 2014-08-45: **Paula Bjertness, west side of Sunset (11301) between Elmira and Dalhay,** seeking to construct a roof over an existing front porch, resulting in deficient front yard setback.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 – all comments must include name, address and signature.

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Zoning Board of Appeals
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Appeal 14-04: Applicant David Van Looy, Jr. of 13993 Garfield St., Lots No. 49 and 50 of B.E. Taylor's Golf and Bridle Club Subdivision, between Kendall St. and Schoolcraft Rd.

The applicant is requesting to add a deck to his second story addition.

Ordinance 152N, Section 21.11-A prohibits a deck to be installed above the elevation of the first floor.

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THIS PROPERTY BE NOTIFIED OF THIS REQUEST IN WRITING. THIS IS YOUR NOTIFICATION.

This appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Redford Township Hall board room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, on ***Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.*** *Written comments must indicate the above appeal number and will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m.* ***August 13, 2014. No comments will be accepted over the telephone.***

Erin Kreis, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

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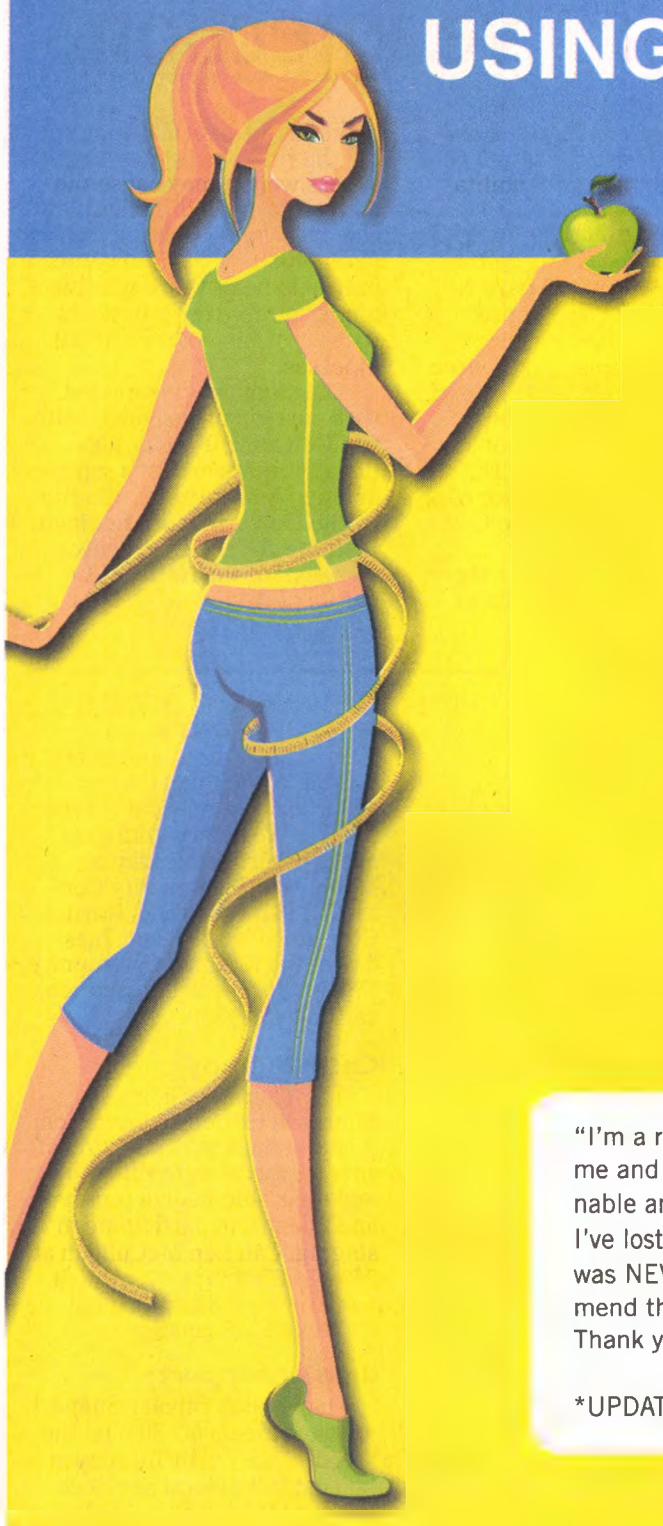

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RESETS WEIGHT SET POINT	✗ NO	✓ YES
ELIMIATES HUNGER & CRAVINGS	✗ NO	✓ YES
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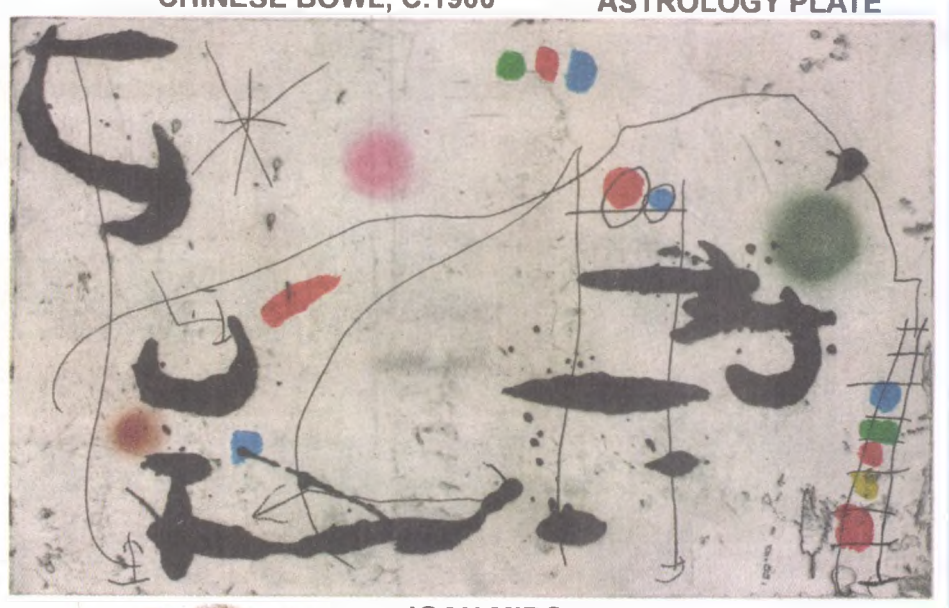
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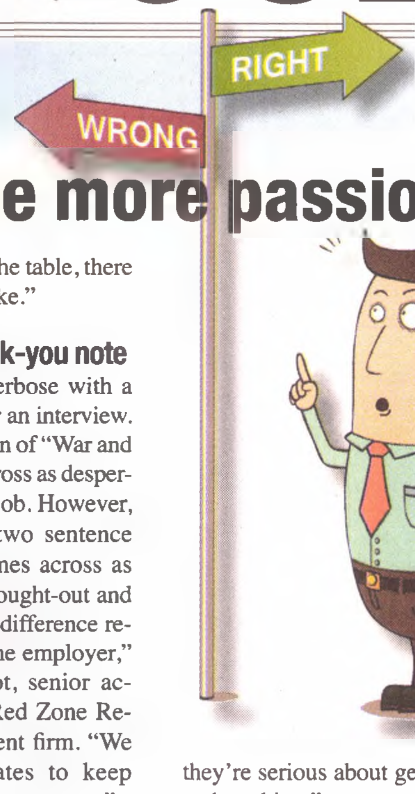

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Over the years, hiring managers have born witness to every hiring, interviewing, resume, cover letter and negotiation mistake there is.

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From those who see your mistakes over and over, here are 16 common job search mistakes to avoid, ***and some of them may surprise you***.

1. Keep your options open

"Candidates tend to think that if they interview for a job they will get an offer, so they do not apply and interview for multiple positions," says Joanie Spain, director of public relations and career services, School of Advertising Art, a graphic design college. "They wait until one plays out completely, putting their job search on hold until knowing for sure they didn't get the offer."

"By having many more irons in the fire, you diversify the risk and disappointment that is inevitable when any single opportunity disappears," adds Roy Cohen, author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide: Success Secrets of a Career Coach."

"You also present yourself as a more passionate and energetic candidate. You're in the 'zone' a point where you're in the flow of information and ideas, and that makes you more valuable."

2. You turn up your nose at job descriptions

"Entry-level candidates are reluctant to apply for a position unless the job sounds like their 'dream job' or they have all qualifications listed," Spain says. "Rather than going on an interview to get more information, they base decisions about applying on the job description alone. They fail to see that all interview experience is good experience, or that, until there is an offer on the table, there is no decision to make."

3. Perfect a thank-you note

"Don't be too verbose with a thank-you note after an interview. Sending out a version of "War and Peace" can come across as desperate and needy for a job. However, sending a one or two sentence thank-you note comes across as flippant, not well thought-out and potentially shows indifference regarding the job to the employer," says Mike Barefoot, senior account manager at Red Zone Resources, a recruitment firm. "We encourage candidates to keep them to four to eight sentences."

4. Check your references

"Always give out references that you've pre-screened. We sometimes see candidates give out references that were never checked with and the references feedback isn't always kind," Barefoot says. "Also, make sure they're predominantly managers. An occasional colleague is okay, but contemporaries and friends really don't carry that much weight in helping you land a position."

5. You've got poor business acumen

"Managers are becoming more savvy and are taking candidates out to lunch for interviews. They want to see how you treat a restaurant staff and see the 'real' you. If you're rude to them or don't seem appreciative for their hard work to make your meal pleasurable, managers wonder how you'll treat contemporaries you work with," Barefoot says.

6. You have a messy briefcase

"A messy briefcase can imply the person is unorganized, messy and unprepared, and that their work will be less than optimal," says Ronald Kaufman, author of "Anatomy of Success." "Someone who is neat, clean, organized and prepared in all areas conveys they're serious about getting a job and working."

7. Temporary positions

"Many employers coming out of a recession want to hire on a temporary or temp- to perm- basis. We have already seen several contractors be offered permanent positions after they have proven themselves," says Jeffrey Weinstock, Esq. president, Rhodes & Weinstock, a recruiting firm. "Not only will the temporary position pay some bills, think of it as an audition for a potential perm position, or at least a way to get a good reference for another position."

8. You have a bad attitude

"Poor attitudes come through in telephone calls and in interviews. If you are not positive, why would a potential employer want to hire you?" asks Weinstock. "It may take some time, but by being positive, by doing all the right things, by seeing each position as an opportunity, it will happen."

9. You include too much work history

"Many job seekers over 40 think that they have to take their work history back to their first job out of college," says Cheryl E. Palmer, career coach and resume writer. "All that is needed is the last 10-15 years of your work history."

10. Use your personal resume

"Some people do not regularly check their personal email, so they use their employers' email instead," Palmer says. "This sends a negative message to potential employers that the job seekers will not hesitate to use their equipment for personal use."

11. "No" is not final

"No" usually only means "no" for that position, says Bruce Hurwitz, president and CEO, Hurwitz Strategic Staffing, LTD.

"If you are rejected for a job you should send a thank-you note, thank the employer for the opportunity, and wish them well. No one does that. When the next opening comes around, he'll remember you," says Hurwitz.

12. You lack tact

"Be determined without being pushy. Calling or emailing to ask about the status of your resume or interview can be a double-edged sword," says Rod Hughes, director of communications, Oxford Communications. "A tactful follow up can place you top of mind with the hiring manager, while incessant calling or emailing can push your resume right off the table."

13. You don't search for yourself on the Internet

"Your would-be employer is probably going to look you up online, so you should know what is out there," says Amanda O'Brien, vice president of marketing, Hall Web Services. "Clean up what you can, check your privacy settings on social networks and if it is something you can't get down off the internet, you may want to consider talking to the company about it."

14. You have a 'death by bullets' resume

"Bullets are great but they need context. Keep them to one line, focused on a result and include a figure like a fact, percentage or number," says Adriana Llames, author of "Career Sudoku: 9 Ways to Win the Job Search Game." "Or, put the information in a short summary of the position."

15. You've got a scattered strategy

"Looking for a job in any industry and with two or three resumes is going to get the same result as the strategy: scattered," Llames says. "Job seekers with a clearly defined, focused and organized strategic approach to their job search end up with clear results and a new job."

16. You think it's... about you

It is not about you and your need for a job, it is about the prospective employer and their need to run a successful business and make money, says Lori B. Rassas, employment attorney and author of "Employment Law: A Guide to Hiring, Managing and Firing for Employers and Employees."

"Many applicants mistakenly believe they will be an appealing candidate if they explain they will accept any type of job offer at any because they have been laid off, unemployed for an extended period of time, have children in college, or are having difficulty making the mortgage payments," she says. "Even if all of those circumstances are true, candidates need to craft a different message, focusing on how they can benefit the employer by saving them money, streamlining processes, creating additional sources of revenue and bringing overall value to the company."

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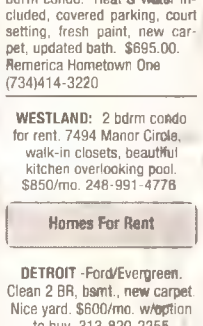

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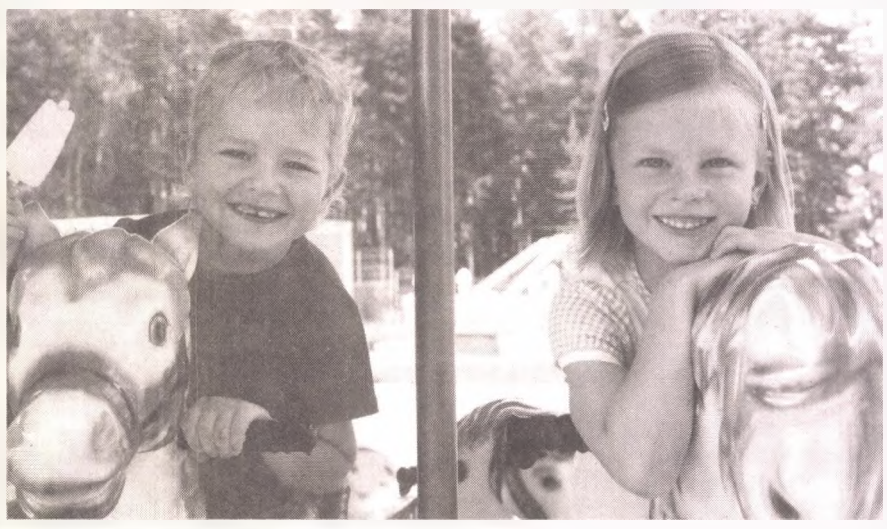

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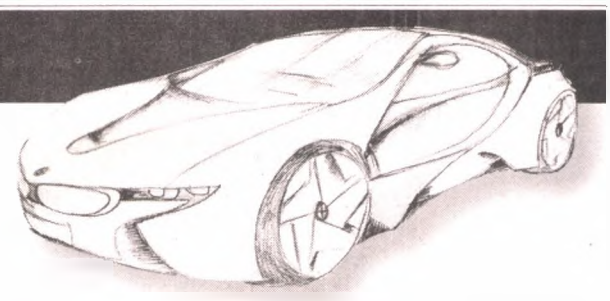

Transit Connect, In Its Many Versions, Becomes Versatile Hit For Ford

By Dale Buss

Cleverly, Ford has managed to create a unique niche with its Transit Connect line of tall-ceilinged, fuel-efficient vans and wagons, helping it evolve from an attractive and intriguing but purely commercial vehicle into the sort of uber mover of things and people that is designed for the way that so many Americans live – and travel – today.

Cases in point include a few of the individuals who recently became buyers of the Transit Connect Wagon. Such as a geology professor who uses his Transit Connect Wagon to haul his rock collections as well as his family. And dog-show aficionados who haul their hounds. And urban farmers. And band members with their stuff.

The reasons for this broad adoption of Transit Connect are obvious.

The van and wagon are completely open to customization by aftermarket outfitters that can adapt the space to just about any commercial need or combination of business and personal preferences. Transit Connect before alterations are all priced beginning below $25,000, and as typically equipped cost a few thousand dollars less than the traditional business-van entries such as Ford's own E-Series and the Chevrolet Express.

And at a time when gasoline prices have been stuck between $3.50 and $4 a gallon, one of Transit Connect's biggest advantages has been the kind of fuel economy that commercial-van drivers simply weren't used to. Standard power in the 2014 versions is provided by a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine with 169 horsepower and 171 pound-feet of torque. A turbocharged EcoBoost 1.6-liter four-cylinder with 178 horsepower and 184 pound feet of torque is optional on some versions. They all get combined fuel economy ranging from 23 to 25 mpg.

Befitting a vehicle that is based on the same mechanical platform as the Ford Escape and Ford Focus, Transit Connect also handles exceedingly well compared with any other small commercial vehicle. Car-like handling is a huge plus for the line and, along with fuel economy advantages, an important characteristic for Transit Connect to hit the sweet spot of individual small-business owners that it has been attracting.

For the florists, dog groomers, caterers and other mom-and-pop operations who flocked to the original Transit Connect Van when it came out five years ago, Ford also has struck very close and helpful partnerships with outfitters who can design the interior of the van for just about any small-business need at prices that begin at several hundred dollars and stretch to several thousand dollars.

Put an advertising wrap around the outside of Transit Connect, and you've got a vehicle that meets many of the needs of many small businesses from cargo hauling to marketing. The fact that its footprint is smaller than that of many large SUVs and minivans – and especially compared with traditional commercial vans – and Transit Connect also has become the preferred vehicle of many entrepreneurs who must maneuver and park in cities and deal with urban traffic.

In fact, Ford has deliberately tapped into the reshaping of American lifestyles and transportation needs and preferences with how it has changed Transit Connect beginning with the 2014 models. It added five- and seven-passenger wagon versions, as well as stretch wheel bases and a choice of engines for the first time.

"We introduced the wagon based on customer research," Minyang Jiang, brand manager for Transit Connect, told me. "A lot of people really liked the van but they said if you just give us a few more features, it could be a great people-mover alternative as well. So we created the wagon version."

And while competitors such as Ram, with its new ProMaster City based on a Fiat platform, and Nissan, with its NV200, have entered the same space, none of the rivals to the Transit Connect Wagon offer seven-passenger seating, she said. Neither can ProMaster be ordered with some of the creature comforts offered in Transit Connect Wagon, such as leather seats.

As a result, sales of the Transit Connect brand are building nicely. In June, they rose by nearly 42 percent over a year earlier, to more than 4,000 units nationwide. For the year, Transit Connect sales were only up marginally through the first half compared with 2013. But Jiang explained that result largely reflected the fact that Ford experienced a long and disruptive production changeover to the new versions of the nameplate early this year and that it took a few months to fill dealer pipelines.

Now that the supply pipeline is unobstructed, Jiang said, about 35 percent of Transit Connect sales are the Wagon version compared with just 13 percent last year when it was introduced.

The 2014 Ford Transit Connect Wagon is catching on.

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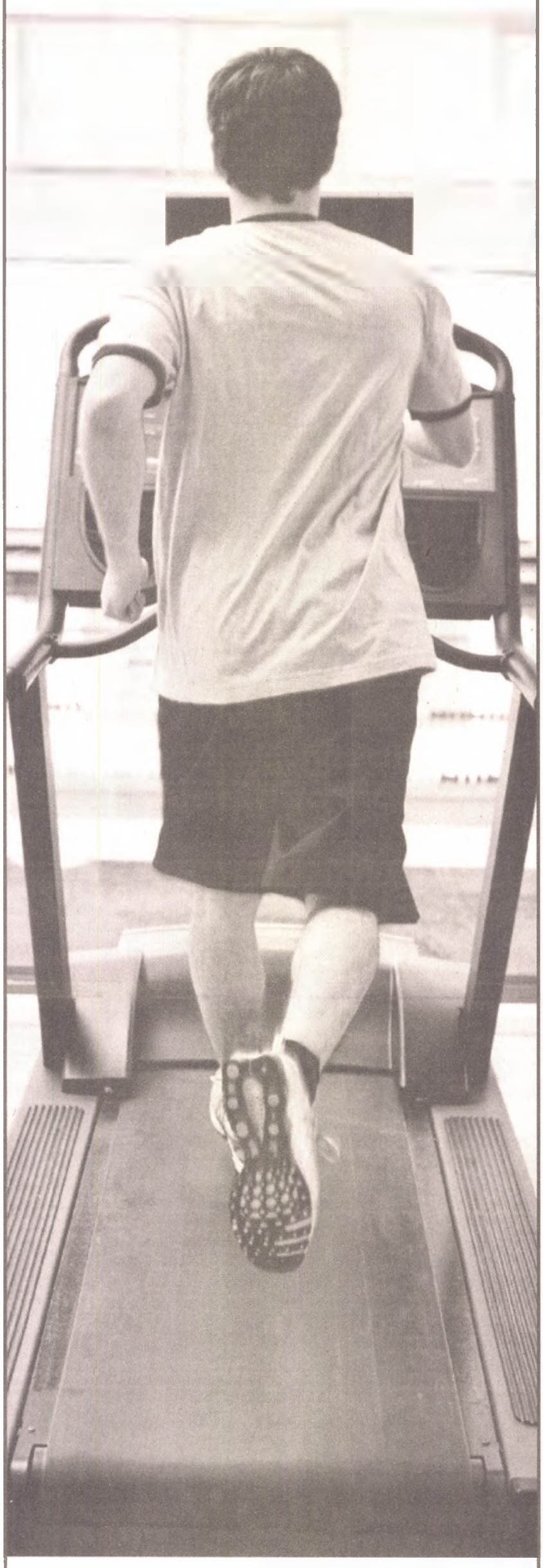

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53 Rope-a-dope boxer
55 Health resort

Answer to Previous Puzzle

N	I	C	E	R			F	E	A	S	T	
A	D	O	N	I	S		A	L	A	S	K	A
I	L	S		P	O	I	S	E		H	A	S
V	I	I		E	U	B	I	E		O	T	T
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	J	E	K	Y	L	L		F	A	T	A	
B	U	N	S		O	O	H		R	E	N	E
A	N	A		M	U	S	E	D		A	T	M
L	I	B		A	S	T	R	O		S	I	P
S	O	L	A	C	E		A	F	F	E	C	T
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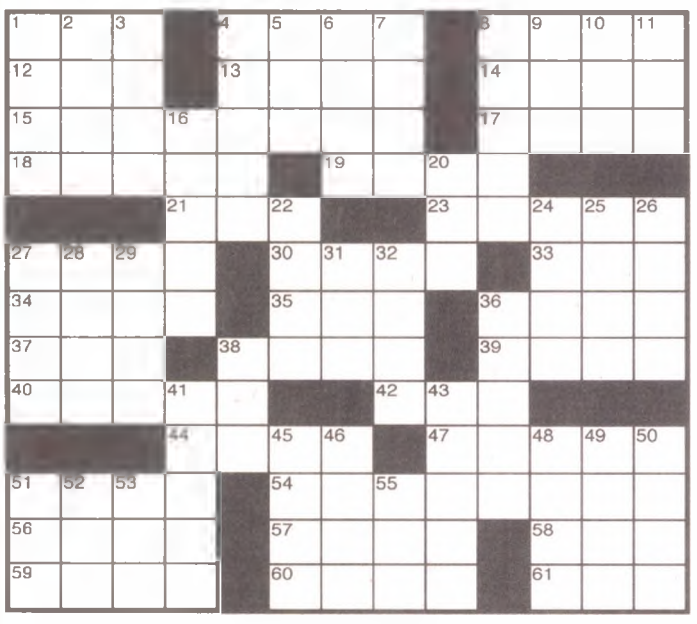

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SUDOKU

	5				7		2	
		1						5
3	7		5	2		1	8	
7	8	9						
	3					6		8
				4				
1				7				
					6	8		9
		7		9		4		

Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

BABY WORD SEARCH

O	L	R	O	B	A	L	A	D	S	I	I	N	S	H	N	A	U	L	W
T	F	G	K	U	B	S	I	A	P	S	M	D	S	D	T	G	F	S	P
S	H	R	I	U	L	A	A	A	L	L	R	R	E	C	N	U	O	B	F
F	F	G	N	I	P	A	C	B	T	G	N	I	P	E	E	L	S	N	B
P	G	D	N	E	N	I	K	I	G	R	E	W	O	H	S	M	Y	K	F
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S	B	F	E	T	A	R	O	C	E	D	I	S	E	I	R	C	I	A	H

WORDS

BABY, BATHING, BIRTH, BLANKET, BOTTLE, BOUNCER, BUNDLE, BURPING, CARRIER, COO, CRADLE, CRIB, CRIES, DECORATE, DIAPERS, FEEDING, FOOD, FORMULA, GROWTH, GUIDANCE, HOSPITAL, INFANT, LABOR, NURSERY, PACIFIER, PEDIATRICIAN, PREGNANCY, REGISTRY, SEAT, SHOWER, SLEEPING, SLING, STRAIN, STROLLER, SWADDLE, TODDLER

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Sudoku

2	1	4	5	9	3	7	6	8
9	7	8	6	1	2	3	4	5
6	5	3	4	7	8	2	9	1
7	3	2	8	4	9	5	1	6
8	9	6	1	5	7	4	3	2
1	4	5	2	3	6	9	8	7
4	8	1	9	2	5	6	7	3
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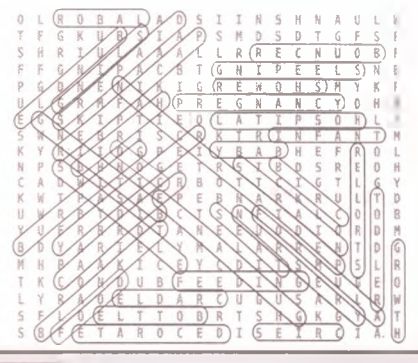
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