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## '... This is a health and safety issue only'

Council votes 5-2 in support of rental inspection ordinance

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Despite a storm of protest from apartment owners and tenants, the Westland City Council is moving ahead with plans to inspect rental properties and force landlords to fix problems. Critics blasted the new ordinance, saying inspection fees amount to an unfair tax that will force apartment owners to raise rent for tenants already

struggling amid tough economic times. Supporters touted the plan as the only fair way of forcing negligent landlords to fix problems that threaten the safety of renters. In a 5-2 vote inside a packed room, the council supported a rental-inspection ordinance that is expected to win final approval during a June 19 meeting at Westland City Hall. Mayor Sandra Cicirelli and other elected officials rejected accusations of

proposing the program as a way to generate new revenue. They said they will impose fees only to cover inspection costs. "I want to assure you that this is a health and safety issue only," Cicirelli told the crowd. But Mike Myers, representing the 1,056-unit Landings apartment complex near Warren and Central City Parkway, said the plan could cost the Landings \$35,000 a year as owners

already are reeling from a gloomy rental market. "It seems like an unfair tax on us," he said. Myers also criticized the program as infringing on tenant rights, saying, "I think people have a right to their privacy." Stuart Levine, regional manager representing Wayne Wood Apartments on Wayne Road, said owners will be forced to pass inspection fees on to renters already struggling to pay bills, such as rising medical costs. He said the rental industry already is suffering amid a

tough economy. "We're going after each other's residents like a war," he said. Councilman James Godbout, who supports the ordinance, said the plan would bring Westland in line with 27 other nearby communities that already have rental-inspection programs. Westland has some 15,000 rental properties that amount to more than one-third of all city residences - a figure that even startled some elected officials.

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Schweitzer Elementary students visit and pose for photographs with retiring Principal Diane Nichols (from left) and third-grade teachers Patricia Colligan and Carole Osterling at a retirement tea held last month.

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## Saying goodbye

Friendship leads 3 Schweitzer staffers to retire together

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Schweitzer Elementary Principal Diane Nichols had thought about retiring last year, but at the request of her third-grader teachers Patricia Colligan and Carole Osterling put it off for a year. The reason? So the threesome

could retire together. "We're all friends and decided it would be a nice way to end our careers," said Osterling. "We made a decision to do it together," said Nichols. "When Carole said she was going to retire, I had to do it too," added Colligan. "I couldn't imagine being here without Carole."

The three women will say goodbye to their colleagues when the school bell rings for the final time Friday. For Nichols, retirement will mean a chance to organize things at home and spend time with her new granddaughter. For Colligan, it'll be time to teach Osterling how to golf.

PLEASE SEE RETIRE, A9

## New partnership puts police officer in John Glenn High School

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Westland police officer will be assigned to John Glenn High School this fall to respond to potential incidents and to cultivate positive relations between students and law enforcement.

"We view the allocation of a police officer at John Glenn as great news," Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy said Tuesday.

The school district and the city of Westland will split the \$110,000 cost for salary and benefits to place a uniformed, armed police officer in the 2,200-student school on Marquette.

The proposal won approval Monday as the Westland City Council gave sweeping approval to a new \$59.8 million spending plan for the budget year that starts July 1.

Mayor Sandra Cicirelli's latest budget will maintain a \$2 million surplus, down from earlier estimates of \$2.3 million.

It will maintain city services and avoid layoffs despite tough economic times, city officials confirmed.

"I think it's a good budget - another conservative budget," Cicirelli said.

The mayor revised her budget to include the Glenn police officer after school officials approached her.

She said the officer also could handle some youth cases not linked to the school, particularly during summer recess.

"We're looking forward to this partnership with the city," Baracy said. "I commend the council's action on this item."

The district's other high school - Wayne Memorial - has had a police officer for several years through a joint effort with city leaders in neighboring Wayne.

In other budget measures, the city will buy 10 new police vehicles, completing the transition to the retro black-and-white patrol cars. The city also will get a new fire rescue vehicle, two fire administration cars and four pickup trucks for the building department.

The budget will be balanced without a tax increase, although a still-pending vote is expected to result in a 2.3 percent increase in water-sewer rates. A typical customer using 22,000 gallons of water every two-month billing cycle would pay an additional \$15.84 a year, Finance Director Steven Smith has said.

If approved, the water-sewer rates would climb from \$5.29 to \$5.41 per 1,000 gallons.

Finally, Council President Pro Tem Charles Pickering commended Cicirelli for keeping funds intact for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., program, in which police officers go into schools to teach students about the dangers of substance abuse.

"It's just amazing how supportive our community has been with the D.A.R.E. program," Pickering said.

## It's official! Annapolis Park now on national historical registry

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland historians this week announced that Annapolis Park - one of the first U.S. suburbs mostly populated by black residents - has officially made the National Register of Historic Places.

"This is fantastic," said Edna Parker, an Annapolis Park resident for 51 years. "I'm so happy to know that we're now on the national regis-

ter. It's a very proud moment." Parker and Westland historian Ruth Dale spearheaded the effort with help from original Annapolis Park residents who have lived in their homes for five decades.

Dale announced Monday that the National Park Service has added Annapolis Park to the national register, making it the first Westland neighborhood to achieve such status.

The designation "will make Westland known throughout the

U.S.," Dale said, drawing applause during a Westland City Council meeting.

The National Park Service quietly added Annapolis Park to the prestigious register on May 18, formally accepting a nomination in February from Michigan's State Historic Preservation Review Board.

Annapolis Park, on the city's far southeast side, achieved the honor for its social and cultural significance as one of the first U.S. suburbs that

actively sought out black homeowners.

White developer Julius Schwartz offered quality brick homes near Detroit's industry during the 1950s, when widespread housing discrimination made it difficult for African-Americans to find decent, affordable homes.

Many original homeowners still live in the neighborhood, roughly bounded by Middlebelt, Van Born, Henry Ruff and Annapolis roads. It

includes the streets of Julius, Matthew, Hanover, Farnum, Alan and Paul.

The national designation was necessary for local historians to pursue their next goal of getting state historical markers placed at entrances to Annapolis Park.

"Now we will be able to get our markers," Parker said. "We are very happy about that."

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**Coming Sunday**

**Health section**

Schoolcraft chefs help in design of Beaumont surgical center.

# Ride for Life brings in \$3,000 for relay

The second annual Ride for Life will pump up the totals for this weekend's Relay for Life, raising at least \$3,000.

Held last Saturday, the ride took motorcycle enthusiasts on an 80-mile ride from the Bailey Recreation Center to South Lyon Township Park and back to Chatters Lounge on Wayne Road in Westland.

"The ride was a complete success," said Robin Murphy who organized the ride with the help of Lynette Hobyak. "We doubled it from last year, and we hope to double it again next year."

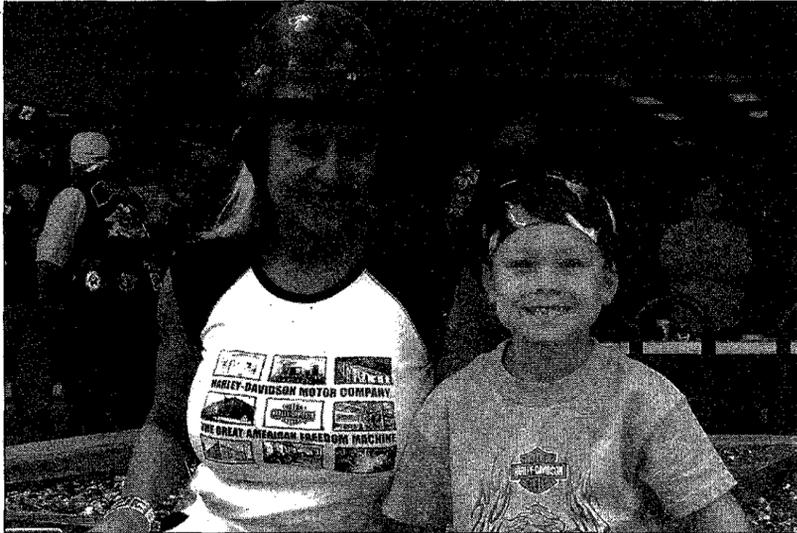
This year's ride is being sponsored by the Motor City HOG (Harley Owners Group) Chapter and attracted riders from throughout the area.

According to Murphy, the ride has now become a must for HOG members.

"Larry Telling said the word is out," Murphy said about the e-mail she received from Telling, the director of the Motor City H.O.G. Chapter. "The Relay for Life ride will be the one no one will want to miss!"

Murphy credited much of the ride's success to Telling and Hobyak who secured the park and obtained most of the door prizes as well as put together several of the packages.

"She and a host of volunteers, including Pamela Shaw, were at the park with an excellent lunch," Murphy said. "They had tents set up, tables ready, and the food was excel-



Renee Merckx of Canton and her 6-year-old son, Peter, better known as Petie, were among those participating in the 80-mile fund-raising ride.

lent."

Also volunteering at the park was Hobyak's husband, Tony, Holly Adams and Gwynn Alberson, she added.

"The remarkable thing about Lynette is that she also is co-chairing the huge Relay for Life event. Her plate has been so full, yet she always finds the time to help make things happen. She also rarely receives the credit, as her shyness keeps her from center stage. Big applause is well overdue."

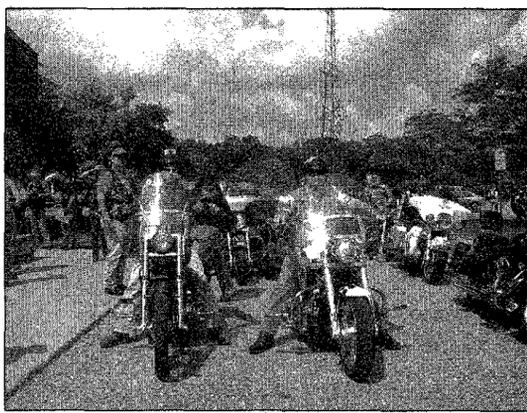
Under Telling's direction,

H.O.G. chapter road captains planned the route and worked closely with the Westland Police Department and the Wayne County Sheriff.

"The expert riding skills of the officers, sheriff deputies, and road captains were only part of the riding success," Murphy said. "Most of the road captains were able to communicate with the officers and deputies through their radio head sets. This ability kept us all out of harms way the entire ride."

Murphy also heaped praise on Pete Provenzola, the owner of Chatters Bar and Grill who hesitated all of three seconds before agreeing to let organizers end the ride at the Wayne Road establishment.

"Pete covered even the tiny details and the service was impeccable as always," Murphy said. "Pete does many of these things throughout the year for many different charities and causes. He deserves an applause, and heck, if you ask me, all of them should get a



Motorcyclists like Sammy Hicks of Munith, Mich., waited at the Bailey Recreation Center for the start of the Ride for Life Saturday.

standing ovation from our community. I thank them all from the bottom of my heart."

Entertainment was provided by Crossover, Deep Cut and Power Source. Power Source and Crossover played at the Katrina Benefit in Westland last year, and Crossover played at the 2005 Relay for Life, Murphy said.

"These bands go out of their way donating their instruments, talent and time for charity events, and are so very much appreciated for it," she added.

Organizers are already looking ahead to 2007.

"This ride was excellent, and even our prayers were answered," said Murphy. "We rode just behind every storm and didn't get wet. Some may chalk it up to good planning, I think we had something greater working for us during the ride."

With the ride out of the way, attention turns to Central City Park where the Relay for Life will take place 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 10, to 10 a.m. Sunday, June 11. More than 20 teams have signed up for the event. The relay will include a victory lap by cancer survivors at 4 p.m. and the lighting of luminaries at 10 p.m. to remember those who have lost their lives to cancer.

People can sign up to participate in the relay by joining a team or by making a donation. Money raised goes toward research, education, advocacy and services for patients and their families.

Visit the Westland Relay for Life Web site at [www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/westland](http://www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/westland). Teams also can register for the event by calling Jenny McFarlane of the American Cancer Society at (248) 483-4343.

# Baracy sets sights on Miss Michigan crown

Heading off to Muskegon to compete for the Miss Michigan 2006 crown is Westland resident and current Miss Washtenaw County, Ashlee Baracy, the daughter of Kevin and Janet Baracy.

Appearing at the historical Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts on June 15-17, the 2003 graduate of John Glenn High School will be one of 25 local titleholders vying to be the state's delegate in the 2007 Miss America Pageant.

With her platform, Breast Cancer Awareness and Education, Baracy hopes to take her success in increasing public awareness of the devastating disease statewide. Baracy has raised more than \$3,500 through such events as the recent Relay For Life in Washtenaw County.

Breast Cancer Awareness is an issue close to Baracy's heart. Her mother Janet is a three-year survivor.

"There is no motivator more powerful in life than love and the fear of losing a loved one," she said. "Seeing my own mother walk the survivor lap at the relay this year gave me hope that one day there will be a cure and all cancer patients will be able to share that lap in years to come."

No stranger to competition, Baracy has held the titles of Michigan Junior Miss 2003 and was a top 10 finalist and overall fitness winner in the national program. She was also Miss Dance of Michigan 2004.

Baracy is captain of the University of Michigan Dance Team and has performed with the Plymouth Canton Ballet

Company.

With dance as her passion, she will be performing a Latin jazz routine to Ricky Martin's "Cup of Life" in the talent portion of this year's competition.

Baracy is a senior at the University of Michigan, majoring in general studies with a concentration in sociology. She plans on continuing her education by obtaining a master's degree in broadcast journalism

Also competing in Muskegon during Miss Michigan week are Lucy Liu of Ann Arbor and Carly Dalton of Dexter, who will vie for the title of 2006 Michigan's Outstanding Teen. The winner will travel to Orlando this summer to compete for Miss America's Outstanding Teen.



Ashley Baracy Miss Washtenaw County

# Attorneys for LPS, CFLF to meet Aug. 30

Livonia Public School trustees and members of the grassroots Citizens for Livonia's Future group are marking their calendars for Aug. 30.

That's the day their respective attorneys will try to settle the case during a "facilitation" before former Judge James Rashid, of Wayne County Circuit Court.

According to a letter written by Attorney Gary P. King, to Supt. Randy Liepa: "Facilitation is a common occurrence in civil lawsuits, and it used to explore the possibility of settlement. The facilitator cannot compel the parties to resolve their differences."

Citizens For Livonia's Future, a community group that opposes the Livonia Public Schools Legacy Initiative to reorganize and close schools, filed the lawsuit on Feb. 21, charging that Liepa and six board members who supported the plan acted in "an arbitrary and capricious manner" in doing so.

Following the Aug. 30 meeting, Judge John A. Murphy has scheduled a status conference for Sept. 14. Discovery in this case is to be completed by Oct. 3.

## More Mies Park

The Livonia Board of Education voted in favor of a 10-year lease extension which grants the former Whitman school property to the City of Livonia.

The property has been leased to the city since 1996. The 10-

year agreement renews automatically for an additional 10 years "if the city requests that and they have requested that," according to Lisa Levesque, director of finance.

The property, now referred to as Mies Park, encompasses a baseball diamond and picnic area and is located at 32305 W. Chicago in Livonia.

The lease is in the amount of \$1 a year.

"There is a provision that provides an out for Livonia," said Levesque. "If we decide to sell the property, we do need to notify the city and provide the city an opportunity to make a counter offer if they want to buy it."

## Paving time

Livonia Public School trustees approved bids for concrete and for asphalt paving against the school district. The work will be covered by money from the separate Sinking Fund, which can only be used on capital expenses.

According to Rod Hosman, director of administrative services, the asphalt paving will cost \$1.4 million but will allow for bus loops at some school parking lots, to improve traffic flow. "That way we can keep congestion to a minimum," he said.

Asphalt paving is an annual upkeep expense. Similarly, the district will spend \$114,000 to replace some cement sidewalks and curbing near school buildings.

Hosman can be reached at Central Office by calling (734) 744-2500.

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# Livonia recall fervor hits a high note

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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As Citizens for Livonia's future await Friday's deadline in which Wayne County is expected to announce whether the group's effort to recall five Livonia school board members will indeed make it on an Aug. 8 ballot, tensions are still flaring across the district.

At Monday's meeting of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, a divided community shared sentiments with the school trustees.

Several residents announced the arrival of a new political action committee, Livonia CAREs, established by those who oppose a recall of Dan Lessard, Cynthia Markarian, Lynda Scheel, Rob Freeman and Kevin Whitehead - the trustees who supported the Legacy Initiative, a plan to close and reorganize district schools to save money.

Marie Tolen said a recall of these trustees would only "do

more damage to the community."

She said she's "encouraged" by the 36,000 voters district-wide who did not sign or support recall petitions.

But those entrenched in the recall effort have taken their concerns about the district public in a new way, with a local cable television show. Called Livonia's Legacy, the 30-minute show is airing Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m., with a re-play the following Monday at 8 p.m., on Bright House Networks Channel 12.

Larry Bernhardt, a Livonia parent, promoted the show Monday and addressed a current effort by the trustees' attorney to dispute the number of valid signatures necessary for a recall. He said once the signatures were submitted to the county, the trustees named for recall had a 10-day window in which to challenge those signatures.

"They did not," he said. But the five men and women

impacted don't believe it's too late. Freeman shared a letter he, like the other four trustees, filed with the County Clerk on Monday which does challenge the recall effort.

In it, he said the Wayne County Clerk missed 14 district precincts when calculating the required amount of valid signatures needed, per trustee, for a recall. He said he believes the mishap changes the requirement from 8,923 signatures - the number the Wayne County Clerk quoted to CFLF on Feb. 13 - to 11,464 signatures.

Jody Hamilton, a CFLF member, remains dedicated to the recall.

She confronted the board members Monday, sharing the results of an informal survey of families planning to withdraw children from the district because of the Legacy Initiative and its changes.

Hamilton estimated at least 170 children currently enrolled in Livonia Public Schools will not return in the fall. She said

that drop in enrollment will cost the district at least \$1.5 million - about as much as the district planned to save by implementing the Legacy plan.

"I think the only way these kids will be back is when all of you and the Legacy Initiative are gone," she said.

Melanie Ricketts, parent of two Churchill students, said she's tried to stay informed on all sides of the controversy. She's attended board meetings and CFLF meetings, and will continue to do so. She's also a supporter of Livonia CAREs, Citizens Against Recall Efforts.

"Eventually, like it or not, we all have to live together in this community. I, for one, would like it to be peaceful and friendly."

For more on the new political action committee Livonia CAREs, visit the Web site at www.livoniacares.org. For an update on Citizens for Livonia's Future, visit www.citizensforlivoniafuture.com. scasola@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2054

## AROUND WESTLAND

### Relay for Life

You can help raise money for the Westland Relay for Life and all it takes is making the highest bid at a silent auction being held today (Thursday) at Malarkey's Irish Pub, 35750 Warren Road.

There will be guest hosts, drinks, a 50/50 drawing and good times.

### Meeting changed

Residents interested in attending the next Westland Library Board meeting should plan to be at the William P. Faust Public Library on Central City Parkway a few days earlier than planned.

The board, which oversees the library, has decided to change its meeting date. The new time and date is at 7 p.m. Monday, June 12.

### Summer Picnic

Sunshine, lightning bugs and the sounds of ice cream trucks ... It's time for summer and the annual Westland senior Friendship Center summer picnic.

The get-together will be noon-3 p.m. Friday, June 16, at the center. There will be the customary barbecue fare of chicken, ribs, salads and strawberry shortcake as well as dancing and listening to the music of the Tommy James Trio.

Tickets for the picnic are \$8 for Friendship Center members and \$12 for non-members. They're available at the center, 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford. Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

### Flag Day

Help wish 229th happy birthday to "Old Glory" at a Flag Day ceremony on Wednesday, June 14, at the flagpole between Westland City Hall and the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

Hosted by Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 and its Ladies Auxiliary, the Westland Civitan Club and the city of Westland, the ceremony will be at 5 p.m.

The ceremony will include the Pledge of Allegiance, a perform-

ance of the Star Spangled Banner by Stevenson Middle School trumpet player Bennie Clemente and a sing-along of patriotic songs.

### Charger alumni bash

All alumni of Churchill High School - Class of 1971 through Class of 2006 - are invited to the annual Churchill Alumni Summer Bash from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Waterford Bend Park at Six Mile and Northville Road.

"Three years ago, we decided to throw a gathering for every person who ever attended Livonia Churchill," writes "Don" Chris Nicholson, Class of '73. "This has become an annual gathering called the Churchill Alumni Summer Bash."

There's no fee, but donations are accepted. The pavilion, park and baseball diamond are reserved and picnic-attendees are invited to bring their own food, beer and sports gear. No other alcohol or glass bottles are allowed. Charcoal is provided. Bring a camera and yearbook.

"We try to hold it the Saturday before Father's Day each year," Nicholson adds. "Any funds we raise over our expense from passing the hat or an auction are donated to the Western Wayne Skill Center."

For more details, send an e-mail to Chris@ChurchillAlumni.com.

### Summer camp

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for 2006 Summer Day Camp at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. Registration will be accepted in person 4-6 p.m. June 12 and 13. For an appointment, call (734) 721-7400, Ext. 1306. Day Camp begins June 14 and runs through Aug. 25. It will be 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday for children ages 5-13. Daily, weekly and full season rates are available.

Daily activities include swimming, ice skating (August only), arts and crafts, sports and board games, wallyball, outdoor play and more.

# 'Original' Livonia technical center teacher retires

Staff and students from the Livonia Career Technical Center are bidding good-bye this month to a teacher who has worked at the school since it opened in 1978.

Dennis Vince, the last original staff member, will retire this week.

Vince was hired by the first LCTC principal, Bob Lauroche. In addition to his 28 years at the school, Vince spent three years teaching in Garden City, and another three years at the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate Career Technical Center. He came to Livonia Public Schools with varied experience in education and in computer programming, according to current Principal Janet Haas.

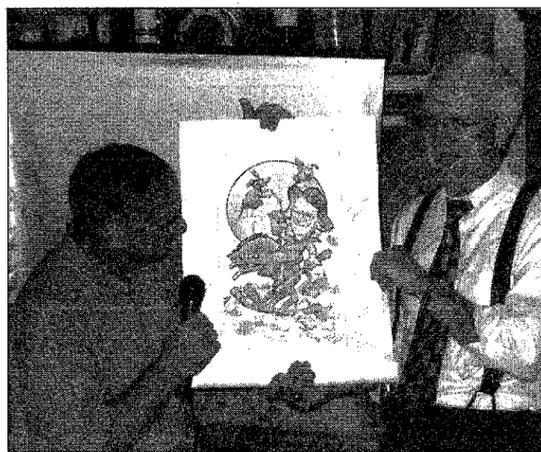
She described him as, "a man of character, an icon, a friend for 23 years, and a person that represents the Career

Center and all of its positive traits."

Vince was honored during a retirement party on Wednesday, May 31, at Johnny Carino's in Westland. More than 70 friends, family, and staff members attended.

Adding to the nostalgia, a former student, Maria Gosur, contributed a DVD about Vince. Staff members shared comments and anecdotes from his years at the LCTC. Vince received a symbolic school bell and the school board's proclamation of service.

Ed Hubert, digital imaging teacher, also presented Vince with a caricature drawing. Haas "roasted" the retiree and noted how he helped shape the center over the years by mentoring fellow staff members - and herself. "Most important was the impact on his students and the tremendous results



Ed Hubert, a digital imaging teacher at the Livonia Career Technical Center (at left), presents retiring teacher Dennis Vince with a caricature of him during a school district send-off on Wednesday.

that students achieved in his program," she said.

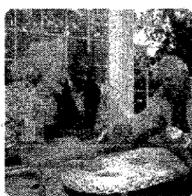
Vince thanked those in attendance.

"I truly appreciated the opportunity to work in a wonderful environment as the Career Center," he said. "I will carry with me fond memories

of the students, the staff, and the events of the Career Center."

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# Finally, IKEA throws open doors for throngs of excited shoppers

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The parking lot looked and sounded more like a festival than a store grand opening: Motown music by a live band setting the tone for the thousands of people who were sharing coffee, camping, throwing flying discs in the air, cheering, talking and waiting.

And waiting.  
And waiting.  
Until, just like that, at 8:45 a.m. (15 minutes earlier than scheduled), IKEA Canton finally opened its doors and the store's first customers entered the Swedish furniture superstore.

Nearly all 400 of the new IKEA Canton store employees lined up at the door, noise-makers in hand, to greet the line of 4,000 customers who had been waiting for hours — or days — outside.

"I can't remember a retail operation in the state of Michigan that has been greeted by as much anticipation," Township Supervisor Tom Yack said during the grand opening ceremony.

Audrey Seilheimer was first inside the store. The Canton resident had been camping in the parking lot for three nights, and as she entered the store at 8:45 a.m. sharp, she ran in a deliberate, theatrical slow-motion style and raised her arms, like a marathon runner crossing the finish line.

"I don't know what I was thinking (when I decided to camp out). But it has been fun," Seilheimer said. The prize for her troubles was a sofa, valued inside the store at \$300, and of course the experience of having spent three nights in a parking lot. She'll post a photo journal online — as soon as she gets a good night's sleep and a long shower — at [www.audreyphotos.com](http://www.audreyphotos.com).

It was the freebies that brought out thousands of shoppers. The store gave away 5,000 certificates, ranging in value from a free frozen yogurt up to \$250 worth of merchandise. And the first 100 people in line received a free chair.



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Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, IKEA store manager Mark McCaslin, and IKEA USA CEO Pernille Lopez saw the birch log to open the new store during Wednesday's grand opening.

The last person to earn herself a wristband entitling her to a chair was Marcia Muirhead of Detroit, who arrived at 7 p.m. Tuesday night. She and her daughter waited in line overnight (it was her 16-year-old daughter's last day of school Wednesday, and the teenager opted for shopping), in order to check out IKEA for the first time.

Muirhead's shopping list was short, though.

"I'm really just looking for a mango slicer," she said.

Local business owners hope the rewards will be significant as well.

IKEA Canton is expected to draw some two million shoppers per year to the region, pumping approximately \$13 million annually into the local economy, as well as \$5 million in state sales tax every year.

Just off the IKEA parking lot, Singe Mohe said he has no idea how much the Shell station where he works will be impacted. He knew that by 6 a.m. Wednesday morning, he'd already brewed 16 pots of coffee — much more than usual



Julie Stump, Jennifer St. Louis, and Hannah Stump get a high five as they step off the escalator to the second floor. The Stumps are from Garden City, St. Louis is from Lincoln Park.

— but in the long term, he isn't sure how the store will affect his business.

"We've already been busy with a lot of the store's employees who come in all the time," Mohe said. But that's only 400 workers, not the two million who are expected to drive into Canton to shop

IKEA.

Wednesday morning, just 45 minutes after they entered the store, Sarah Youssef of Canton and her friend Sana Syed of Chicago emerged from IKEA. Syed carried a bag full of glasses for her kitchen and other small items, which set her back only \$13.



Major Sapp, of T. Turner and the Headliners, dances with Kim Wehrmeister, of Ann Arbor, during the grand opening ceremony.

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"Mostly I'm just here getting ideas for my apartment in Ann Arbor," Youssef said. "I'll come back and shop when I'm getting ready to go to school there (at the University of Michigan) this fall."

And did she get inspiration? You bet.

"I'll definitely come back.

There were a lot of things I'll want for my apartment," she said.

IKEA Canton is located at Ford and Haggerty, just off I-275. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

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# Police nab robbery suspect

Westland police captured a suspect Tuesday after a lone bandit went into a Wayne Road business and robbed it at knife-point, police confirmed.

A 26-year-old Westland man was facing armed robbery charges following an incident that police Lt. James Ridener said happened about 10:10 a.m. at Hahn's Wallpaper & Paint, on Wayne Road north of Palmer.

The suspect is accused of entering the business, wielding a butcher knife and fleeing with an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register.

The owner notified police that a robbery had occurred and that the suspect was a white male, about 5-feet-5, weighing about 165 pounds and wearing a canvas-type mask over his face, Ridener said.

The suspect fled west across Wayne Road, but police quickly combed the area and captured him while he still had the money on him, Ridener said.

## Woman robbed

A 53-year-old Westland woman told police she was robbed about 4:30 p.m. Saturday outside the CVS drugstore at Cherry Hill and Newburgh roads.

The victim said she had \$50 in her hand when she walked from the store, carrying her merchandise. She said an assailant grabbed the money and knocked her down.

The woman described the bandit as a thin black male, 20-30 years old, about 5-foot-6, with braided hair and wearing baggy blue jeans. She told police he ran east on Newburgh and south on Cherry Hill.

## Pizzeria robbed

A worker at Hungry Howie's Pizza in the 30900 block of Ann Arbor Trail was robbed about 11:15 p.m. last Thursday, according to police reports.

The 21-year-old male told police he was working near an oven when a bandit came in, stood behind him and ordered him to open the safe. He said the intruder kept a gloved hand inside the front pocket of a hooded sweatshirt as though he might have a gun, although none was revealed.

The bandit, who took several hundred dollars, ran out the back door. He was described as a slim white male, 20-23 years old, 5-foot-11 to 6 feet tall, wearing a gray "hoodie," blue jeans, black boots and black gloves.

## CRIME WATCH

### Carjacking attempt

A 76-year-old woman told police she was the victim of an attempted carjacking about 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, in the 38200 block of Greenwood, near Ford and Hix.

The victim said she was leaving her driveway when two black males about 17 to 20 years old approached her and asked for directions to Southfield.

When the woman asked them whether they meant Southfield Road or the city of Southfield, one of them mentioned the road. She said one of the males then opened her car door and ordered her out.

"She was scared for her life and (blew) the horn, scaring them off," according to the police report.

The primary suspect was wearing a black shirt and pants and had a black "doo rag" on his head, according to a description given to police.

### Jewelry stolen

A 51-year-old woman told police that a 17-year-old homeless male apparently broke into her home between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. last Thursday and took jewelry.

The victim also reported that she found her diabetic syringes on her kitchen table and that they had been filled with an unknown fluid, possibly orange juice.

The woman lives in the 32700 block of Avondale.

At least two people told the woman that the suspect had talked of going into her home and taking jewelry. The suspect is described as a homeless teen who is known in the neighborhood.

The investigation is continuing.

### Break-in

Police are investigating reports that an ex-boyfriend broke into a 36-year-old woman's residence in the 33000 block of Alaska Court and stole an air conditioner from her window.

The woman told police the incident happened between 11:45 p.m. Friday and 1:45 a.m. Saturday while she was away from home. She said she returned and found a note from her former boyfriend.

A neighbor confirmed seeing the ex-boyfriend go inside the residence.

By Darrell Clem

## DEATHS

**A**  
John H. Allen  
Allen, 81, of Dearborn, died May 30.

**Diana Marie Andrews**  
Andrews, 64, died May 29.

**B**  
Sister Mary Georgia Brown, RSM  
Brown, 95, of Farmington Hills, died June 1.

**C**  
Albert Cherundolo  
Cherundolo, 95, died June 1.

**Riley Danielle Church**  
Church, 14, of San Carlos, Calif., died May 24.

**Christine L. Cross (nee Owens)**  
Cross, 88, died June 1.

**D**  
Gertrude "Kitty" Perkins Davenport  
Davenport, 76, of Bloomfield Hills, died May 27.

**Audrey Irene Denman**  
Denman, 85, formerly of Birmingham, died May 29.

**Joseph L. Dodd**  
Dodd, 82, formerly of Farmington, died May 30.

**F**  
Shirley M. Fleckenstein  
Fleckenstein, 80, died May 29.

**Michael G. Furlong**  
Furlong, 74, died June 4.

**H**  
Lauren A. Hart  
Hart, 18, of Clarkston, died June 5.

**K**  
Chris Patrick Killeen  
Killeen, 43, died.

**M**  
Donald Holt Malloure  
Malloure, 80, died June 4.

**S**  
Gerald Sledz  
Sledz, 67, formerly of Northville, died May 25.

**T**  
Charles Norman Tanton Jr.  
Tanton, 84, formerly of Farmington Hills, died June 5.

**W**  
Alfred Charles Wortley Jr.  
Wortley, 86, died May 30.

**Z**  
Walter Zanza  
Zanza, 90, of Rochester Hills, died May 31.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A18.

# Cigar-fest raises \$16,000 for police

It's enough to make a cigar connoisseur light up in celebration.

Where there's smoke, there's money.

An annual "cigar-fest" sponsored by The Firing Line Indoor Gun Range & Gun Shop in Westland has now raised \$55,000 for the Westland Police Department.

Specifically, The Firing Line has turned over the money to help the police department's Tactical Response Unit, trained to handle such situations as barricaded gunmen and hostage-takers.

The latest cigar-fest and dinner, held in March at the Hellenic Cultural Center, raised \$16,000, and The Firing Line owners turned over a check Monday to Westland city officials.

The owners, who are former

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and current police department employees, received praise from Police Chief Daniel Pflannes for bringing their total contributions to \$55,000.

The cigar-fest has grown each year, with attendance swelling from 100 the first year to nearly 400 this year.

"It's really grown," said Donald Haigh, a former Westland detective who is part-owner of The Firing Line.

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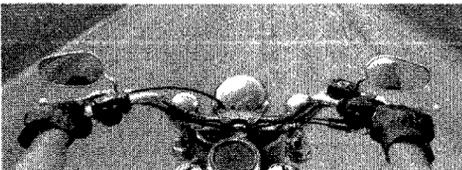
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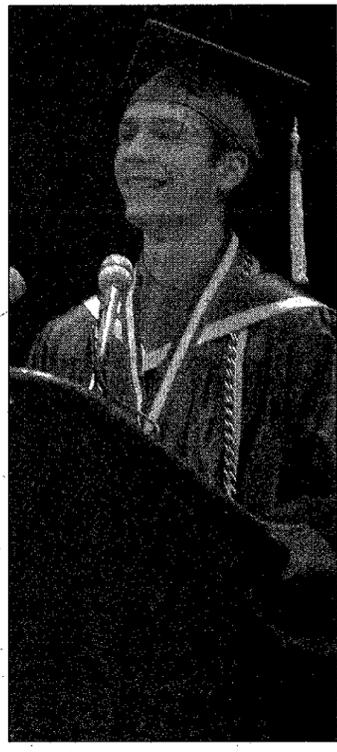
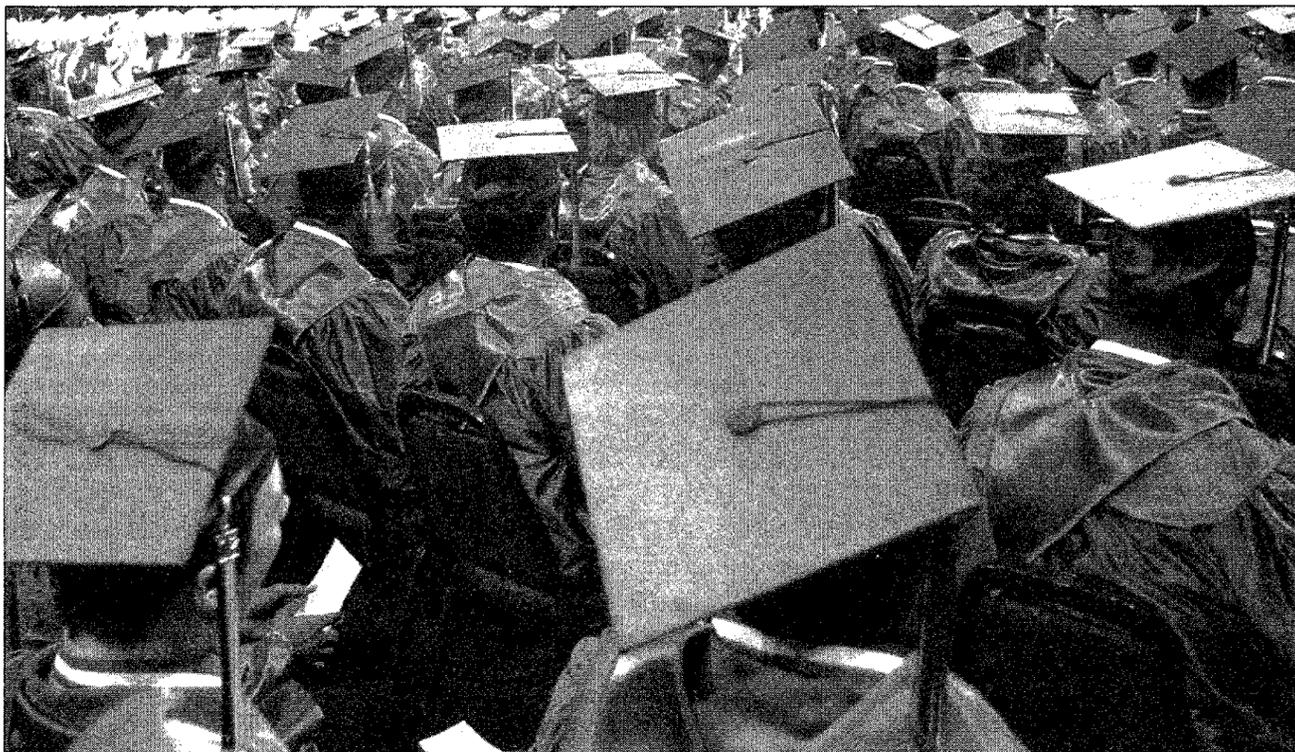
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Members of the John Glenn High School Class of 2006 listen to advice about their future before receiving their diplomas during their commencement ceremony Saturday at the Eastern Michigan Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

Class president Andrew Galuszka welcomes the graduating students and audience to the graduation ceremony.

## 409 receive diplomas from John Glenn

Coverage of the graduation ceremonies for Wayne Memorial, Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill High school graduations will appear in subsequent issues of the Observer, beginning with Wayne Memorial on Sunday, June 11.

Members of John Glenn High School's Class of 2006 gathered for the final time Saturday at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

Led by nine valedictorians — Jamel Hassan Chokr, Bruce Edward DeBruhl, Heather Patricia Ennis, Andrew Craig Galuszka, Jennifer Carol Halter, Brandon Odell Lee, Annette Zora Mihailovich, Brandon William Nikula and Kimberly Marie Rutkowski — heard from Distinguished

Alumnus Award winner Richard Naughton, a member of the Class of 1979, during the ceremony.

But the highlight was the conferring of diplomas which went to:

Gregory James Acton, Ciara Chanae Marie Adams, Curtis Eugene Adams Jr, Asia Necole Agnew, Shaun Michael Alderton, Jeremy Martin Armstrong, Katrina Marie J Armstrong, Eric Maurice Austin, La'Shawnda, Sherri Autry, Elizabeth Carol Bailey, Jason Allan Baker, Michael Edward Ballio, Sean Michael Barone, Rebecca Christina Barrett.

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## Naughton named Glenn's Distinguished Alumnus

The superintendent of the Addison Community Schools district has been named recipient of John Glenn High School's 2006 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Richard Naughton, who was born and raised in Westland, received the award as part of commencement ceremonies Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

One of five siblings, Naughton attended Tonquish Elementary School, Nankin Mills Junior High School and graduated from John Glenn High School in 1979.

While attending Glenn, he was involved in student government, was also nominated for Mr. Junior Class, and was selected to attend Boys State. His senior year he was select at the Outstanding Senior by the Westland Rotary Club.

He graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1984, with a bachelor of science degree in special education. His first teaching position was in Belle Chasse, La., where for two years he developed and implemented one of the first handicapped infant programs in the State of Louisiana.

That's where he also met his wife Julie, a New Orleans native.

In 1986, Naughton and his wife returned to Michigan and for 16 years, he worked for Garden City Public Schools as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal and director of student services.

In 1996, the Garden City PTA Council named him the Outstanding Educator of the Year. He also completed work on a master of arts degree in educational leadership at Eastern Michigan University and his educational specialist degree at Wayne State University in administration and supervision.

He also was a member of the Garden City Kiwanis Club, where he served as president, and in 2002 was honored as the Kiwanian of the Year. He continues his Kiwanis involvement with the Addison group



Richard Naughton Distinguished Alumnus

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where he also has served as president.

Naughton left Garden City in July 2002 to become the Addison school superintendent, where he continues to raise the bar in striving for excellence in public education.

He attributes the blessings in his life to the guidance and encouragement of many. First is his parents - his father who taught him the value of hard work, discipline and manners, and his mother for her selfless commitment to her children and her great sense of humor.

Naughton also credited wife Julie and daughters, Katlyn and Kelly, whose love, support and patience continue to make everything possible; mentors in his professional career who have offered patience, guidance and advice, and the teachers, administrators and staff of Wayne-Westland Community Schools who planted the seeds in his mind and heart that started his journey into public education and community service.

## GRADS

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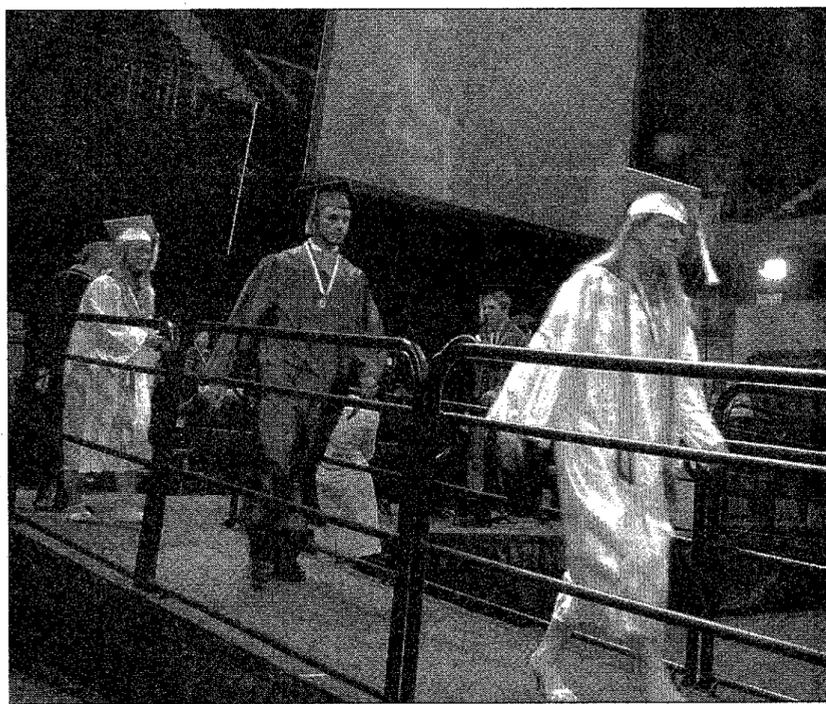


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Graduates proudly walk down the ramp from the stage after receiving their diplomas.

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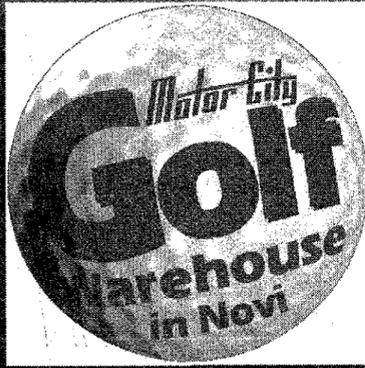
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## RETIRE

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"You've got to golf, if you're retired," Colligan said.

Nichols has been with the district 13 years. She started at Kettering Elementary before moving to Schweitzer nine years ago. But her career includes teaching assignments in Dearborn Heights and Japan before she took on an assignment in adult education. It's there that she became interested in being an administrator.

"They put me in charge of a program in administration and I realized I could have a big impact on more people," she said.

Retirement for Nichols will give her an opportunity to travel, do volunteer work and exercise. It also will let her slow down.

"I've always been in a hurry," she said. "There's a lot of things I want to organize in my house."

The start of school in the fall, she admits, will be a hard time and thinks she may need to take a trip. But she knows her school will be in good hands. Mary Anne Garzon, currently principal at Roosevelt Elementary in Wayne, will be there to greet the students.

"It's a huge relief because I do care a lot about the students and the staff," she said.

Colligan has 22 years with Wayne-Westland. She came to Schweitzer in 1986 after teach-

ing assignments at Kettering and Monroe schools.

Osterling is the most senior of the group. She started her 37-year career at Tinkham Elementary, staying there until the school closed in 1983, and then moved to Schweitzer.

"It was heartbreaking," Osterling said of the school's closing. "It was a nice school, but I lucked out coming here."

Osterling and Colligan have been a dynamic duo of sorts at Schweitzer. They started out teaching third grade, moved to sixth grade, back to third grade, and on to first grade.

"We loved sixth grade, but first grade was hard," said Osterling. "Sixth-graders have a good sense of humor, we did a lot of fun things."

They finally settled back in third grade when the district decided to move sixth grade to the middle schools. Osterling could have moved up, but opted to stay at Schweitzer.

"Third-graders are 'tweeners,'" said Colligan. They're not babies, they can do a lot for themselves, but they still love you."

Their togetherness will carry over into retirement and go beyond golf. Both have daughters living in California and they plan to team up for a visit. Colligan also has a place in Florida where they plan to go this winter.

"We do everything together," said Colligan.

And when the school bell rings for the first time on Sept. 5, they'll be back at Schweitzer, team teaching kindergarten for six weeks for a teacher who'll be on maternity leave.

"We'll be sad that I'm not going back, but after those six weeks we'll have had our fill of it and be ready for retirement," Osterling said.

To fill their time apart, Osterling has two granddaughters in Indiana she plans on spending time with, and Colligan has a daughter who will be doing her student teaching in third grade at Madison Elementary.

"It's going to be strange, very strange," said Osterling. "The other part will be after dinner not having something to do."

"That'll be the hardest for me, because there's always something to do for school," added Colligan.

Throughout this year the three women heard requests to stay one more year, but as Colligan sees it, that one more year would have turned into another one more year and so on.

"Why I like going now is because they want me to stay," she said. "It's not you're still here, why don't you go."

Nichols agrees.

"I'll miss the kids, I'll miss the staff, I'll miss the parents," she said. "But I'm leaving while I still love it, not when I'm tired."

## MHS offers kids day camp

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Youngsters with an interest in animals can learn more about their care and even make a disaster plan for their own pets during a week-long summer day camp being offered at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

The Summer Tails Day Camp for youngsters ages 9-11 will be offered in four one-week sessions the weeks of July 10, 17 and 31 and Aug. 7.

"We think it's really important that youngsters learn about having empathy with animals at an early age," said Kim Korona, main coordinator for the camp. "We've found that there's a tie-in with being kind to animals and being kind to people."

MHS has collaborated with other animal organizations to teach youngsters about companion animal care and the humane treatment of animals. They also will learn about ferrets from members of the Midwest Fellowship and rescued birds from representatives of Home Again Birds.

Canter Michigan, which rescues race horses, will make a presentation, as will the Detroit Zoological Society,

which will provide information on the rescue of more exotic animals like lions, tigers, bears, horses and bald eagles.

"Some of the exotic animals people had in drug houses and when they were raided, they found these animals," Korona said.

There also will be a field trip to East Lansing and Michigan State University, where campers will learn about the care of horses and observe surgery on a large breed animal.

And if that's not enough to do, youngsters will get to visit with one of the stars of Detroit's installment of *Animal Cops* on Animal Planet.

"The camp is for children who may be interested in working with animal shelters or in being a veterinarian," Korona said. "It'll be a good camp because they'll have a lot of time to be with the dogs and cats at the shelter. Each one will get a lot of quality time with the animals."

Campers also will have time to work on their own disaster kit for their family pets. The issue came to the forefront during last year's hurricane season, when many people sheltered at home rather than leave their pets.

"People think of their pets as

family and they are their family," Korona said.

The camp will be from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and cost \$135 per camper.

Scholarships are available for disadvantaged youngsters interested in attending. According to Korona, the scholarships are a way of giving back to the community and make the program accessible to children of all income levels.

Children will have to provide their own lunches, but snacks will be provided. Enrollment is limited to 10 children per session and space is still available.

Registration and scholarship forms are available at the Berman Center, located on Newburgh south of Ford in Westland, or on the Michigan Humane Society Web site at [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org).

For more information, call Korona at (248) 799-7400, Ext. 127, or e-mail her at [kkorona@michiganhumane.org](mailto:kkorona@michiganhumane.org).

"We think the camp is important," Korona said. "One mom who was registering her son said she was nervous around animals and was registering her son so she wouldn't have the same fear of animals when he grows up."

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## RENTAL

FROM PAGE A1

Rental properties would be inspected every three years. Fees would be \$50 for an apartment, \$100 for a rental home, \$150 for a duplex and \$200 for a four-unit building.

Tenants of such apartment complexes as River Bend, near Warren and Merriman, opposed the inspection program and commended their managers for running a well-kept complex.

But city inspector Roger Shifflett said some apartment owners have hired unlicensed contractors, resulting in such problems as carbon monoxide leaks and falling duct work that struck a baby's head. He said one complex wrongfully converted storage units into efficiency apartments, and he said some problems could be deadly. "There is no oversight currently of our rentals at all," Shifflett said.

Renter Tracy Cochran, who didn't say where she lived, said she is refusing to pay her rent until her landlord addresses such problems as rodents and water leaking into her apartment from an upstairs unit.

"I pay for a good place to live," she said, "and I just want me

and my family to live in a good place. That's not asking too much."

Tom Shumaker, representing River Bend, said the ordinance will penalize responsible property owners. He also took offense to ordinance language stating that "owners of rental properties in the city do not maintain their properties as well as owner-occupied properties."

Councilman Richard LeBlanc also criticized the language, which officials indicated they will amend. LeBlanc also called tenant concerns about privacy "very valid."

LeBlanc and Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt voiced opposition to the rental-inspection plan as it is proposed. A council majority supported it, including Godbout and colleagues Michael Kehrer, Charles Pickering, Robert Stottlemyer and William Wild.

Graunstadt voiced concerns that the fees will result in a "windfall" for the city, but other officials said they can only generate enough revenue to cover the inspection costs.

"It would be illegal to get a windfall from this," Kehrer said.

Pickering said the program will protect renters who often can't afford to pay the court costs of filing lawsuits against negligent landlords.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Theatre workshop**

Aspiring actors and actresses entering grades seven through nine can conquer stage fright, learn audition techniques, make-up techniques, dance moves, and be coached in acting, diction, and singing at the Youth Musical Theatre Workshop hosted by the Madonna University Lyric Theatre Program. Workshop participants will perform for family and friends in the evening on the last day of the workshop. The workshop will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30, with a finale performance at 7 p.m. Friday, June 30. It will be held at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan in Livonia. Registration is \$375 and includes a light breakfast, lunch and a snack each day. Applications can be obtained by contacting Barbara Wiltsie at (734) 432-5715, or by e-mail at bwiltsie@madonna.edu.

**FOR SENIORS**

**Friendship Center**

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

**Senior dinners**

The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$10 donation for non-members. All dances start at noon and run until 3:30 p.m. Meals include beer, wine, and fountain pop. For information and schedules, call (734) 728-5010.

**Crochet & Knit**

A crochet and knit group meets 9:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Friendship Center on Newburgh near Marquette. Beverly Kaminski is the instructor. Participants should bring a type "G" crochet hook. Those interested can sign up at the center's front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

**Visually Impaired**

The Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs) support group meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N.

Newburgh, Westland. Participants share information and meet others. Those interested in joining can be scheduled on a bus route for transportation. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

**Choir**

The Senior Choir, under the leadership of Robert Cassidy, is open to those who like to sing. It meets 9:30 a.m. Thursday. For information, call the Friendship Center, (734) 722-7632.

**Hearing checks**

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free, 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

**Exercise**

Simply Jazzercise is designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates simple dance routines with walking or jogging patterns and resistance exercises. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Classes are 10:15 a.m. Monday, 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. Friday, at \$3 per person per class. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

**Travel Group**

The Friendship Travel Group meets 1 p.m. the second Friday of each month (unless a large event is scheduled) in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Programs include celebration of birthdays, door prizes, description of new classes or programs, speakers from tour companies, overview of day/ overnight trips and refreshments. Call (734) 722-7632.

**Dyer Center**

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

**ORGANIZATIONS**

**Toastmasters**

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evenings at Denny's

Restaurant, 7725 Wayne Road at Cowan. For more information, call John Elbe at (734) 414-3401 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

**Vietnam Vets**

The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, on S. Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road. If you served in the U.S. military between 1964 and 1975, even, if not, "in country" (combat zone) you are still eligible to become a member. Visit the Web site at www.mihometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA for more information.

**Friends of library**

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library organization meets at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The group also holds a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

**In Harmony**

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quaffing can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

**Civil Air Patrol**

Emergency service is just one of the congressionally mandated missions of the Civil Air Patrol, which includes ground and air search-and-rescue operations. The Civil Air Patrol, which is the official U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is made up of civilian volunteers. To learn more about CAP or training as an air crew or ground team member, contact the Willow Run Composite Squadron (MI-260). Call Capt. Dane Hansen, deputy commander/recruiter, at (734) 485-3021 or visit the Web site www.members.home.net/capliberators/.

**Habitat help**

The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

**Veteran's Haven**

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and

there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

**Pet-A-Pet**

The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Marie Johnson, (734) 326-1200), and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Sulda, (734) 458-4392).

**Zonta Club**

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, a service club to advance the status of women, meets every month on the fourth Monday at the Holiday Inn, Livonia. For more information, call Pat Harris at (734) 420-2920.

**Franklin PTSA**

The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia MI 48150.

**Tutorial program**

A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, is for students 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Tyrone Peterson, (734) 722-3660. Tutors need to have at least a high school education.

**M.O.M.S.**

M.O.M.S. Club of Canton/ Westland is a nonprofit support group for stay-at-home mothers. There are weekly events. Mom's Night Out, age-oriented play groups and more. For information, call Wendy, (734) 398-6957.

**FOR YOUR HEALTH**

**Eating Disorders**

Get help, get real information and real expectations, at an eating disorder support group which meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster

Road, Garden City. All meetings are closed - for people of all ages with eating disorders and are free of charge. Family and friends support is on the second Wednesday of the month while parents support is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 324-3089.

**Advocacy group**

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. For more information, call (734) 362-8825.

**TOPS**

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Wednesday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Weigh-in is 6:30-7:15 p.m., with the meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Rosalie at (734) 728-0299.

**Menopause & More**

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. For more information, call (734) 655-1100.

**Support group**

A support group for people with chronic illness meets on-Fridays every other week, at the Westside Mental Health Services, 32932 W. Warren, Suite 103, Westland. The support group is a service of Awareness Counseling Services. There is a \$10 for each meeting which will be facilitated by a professional. For more information, call (734) 513-8295 or (313) 562-2800.

**AIM**

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400.

**Angela Hospice**

As part of its service to the community, Angela Hospice offers a variety of grief support groups free-of-charge to community residents. The groups are held at the Angela Hospice Care Center at 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, and are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers who aim to provide useful coping strategies and tools to facilitate the healing process.

■ General Grief Support Group - Open to all losses. Meets at 1 p.m. and

6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

■ Loss of a Spouse Support Group - Meets 6:30-8 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, beginning in February.

■ Women's Grief Support Group - Held each Spring and Fall. Call (734) 953-6012 for dates and times.

■ Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child - Meets 6:30-8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. Call to register at (734) 464-2683.

■ Grief Support Quilter's Group - A new Grief Support Quilter's Group is looking for community members interested in making a quilt in memory of a loved one. No quilting or sewing experience is necessary. Dates and times to be determined. Call (734) 953-6012 for more information.

Groups by Appointment - Loss of an Adult Child, Men In Grief. Call (734) 953-6012 for more information. Programs for Children- Reservations required for all children's programs. Register by calling (734) 464-2683.

■ Children's Grief Support Group - For ages 6-8 and 9-12. Meets winter, spring and fall 5-6 p.m. Thursdays for eight consecutive (April 6-June 1, Sept. 14-Nov. 2).

■ Children's Spring Workshop - 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 4. Angela Hospice also provides one-on-one grief support. For more information about Angela Hospice's grief support services, or to register for a group, call Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012.

**Childbirth classes**

Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a refresher childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teens. For information on programs, call (734) 458-4330.

**Childbirth Association**

Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes are available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean birth preparation are also offered. Call (734) 459-7477.

**Fibromyalgia**

The Garden City area chapter of the Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Tina Wing at (734) 338-2226 or Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

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# Replacing SBT revenue sure to be a contentious issue

Until this year, I had never before attended the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's annual policy conference on Mackinac Island. So I was both interested and curious last weekend as I walked up the lilac-lined hill to the magnificent porch of the Grand Hotel. "Policy conference" thinly disguises what is in fact an enormous schmooze-fest, punctuated by cocktails and the fanciest set of hors d'oeuvres you'll ever see. The crowd included some 1,700 "movers and shakers," many of them legends mostly in their own minds.

On the surface, it might seem Michigan's contribution to the art of conspicuous consumption. But in fact, many of the attendees are genuinely significant folks — and Mackinac turned out to be a wonderfully efficient way to visit with a lot of important people who collectively will determine much of Michigan's future.

But I also learned that a politician up north is still a politician.

Topic A, of course, was the elimination of the Single Business Tax and the discussion of what might replace it. The Tuesday before the conference, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson had submitted 372,604 voter petition signatures, easily topping the 254,206 required to win a place on the ballot for a statewide vote.

Insiders say it is almost certain enough of those signatures are valid to qualify it for the ballot. If that's so, that means the Legislature can vote to eliminate the SBT anytime this year without facing a veto from Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

But doing so without replacing much of that revenue could mean chaos. The SBT produces \$1.9 billion of tax revenue per year, a hefty chunk of the state's \$9.3 billion general fund.

Also before the conference started, Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, and House Speaker Craig DeRoché, R-Noví, appointed a special six-member legislative committee to recommend what kind of business taxes will replace the SBT, and how much revenue they should be expected to generate for the state.

The committee will be co-chaired by Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Noví, and Rep. Fulton Sheen, R-Plainwell. Other members are Rep. Bill Huizenga, R-Zeeland, Rep. Andy Dillon, D-Redford, Sen. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, and Sen. Buzz Thomas, D-Detroit.

The committee is supposed to report by Dec. 1. Cassis says they'll get input from various interest groups, especially the business community and the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, look at the tax structures of other high-growth states, listen to experts and hold hearings around the state.

That sounds fine and high-minded. But all the talk — I mean *all* the talk — on the island was that the committee, the Chamber of Commerce and various important politicians such as Patte'son and Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos are already working feverishly on a set of proposals that would only part-

ly replace the lost SBT revenue, and yield a net business tax cut at the end of the day of between \$400 and \$500 million a year.

There are three areas of concern about all this: process, substance and politics.

As to process, it seems very strange to me that a small committee of six legislators, five of them Republican, is going to oversee the biggest change in business taxes of our times with only a thin veneer of public participation.

Sure, there is lots of talk about transparency just now. Don't believe any of it. You may be sure the tax bill that the committee presents to the Legislature will be worked out in private with only a few insiders permitted a look at what's going on.

As to substance, it's fascinating that all the spin — *all* the spin — is around how important a \$500 million business tax cut is to the economic climate in our state. One conference participant who runs a mid-sized consulting firm in Lansing told me that he figures the tax reduction for his company will amount to a mere \$700 a year. "How's that going to change whether I decide to stay in Michigan?" he asked.

The state has faced each year for the past five years a budget that is chronically and structurally out of balance to the point where it is programmed to turn up deficits in excess of \$1 billion — every year.

Michigan businesses are already scheduled for \$575 million in SBT cuts already negotiated between Granholm and GOP legislative leaders. The state has cut taxes some \$4 billion since 1998.

Do we really need another \$500 million in business tax cuts when the state has slashed spending for infrastructure, for revenue sharing with local governments and for colleges and universities?

Politically, it's remarkable how one-sided this discussion has become. One side, mainly the Republicans and the Chamber of Commerce, is talking as though a \$500 million business tax cut is the only thing that is going to restore our economy to perfect health.

The Democrats are scared stiff at being labeled in favor of higher taxes, while the cities, hospitals and universities have been largely silent.

What's most appalling is that there is nobody in the middle who is trying to assemble and consider the evidence in a fair-minded way. It's just another illustration of the fact that our politics today are driven by the extremists of either side.

In this case, the tax-cut zealots of the right are in the saddle. And the tragedy is that the concerns of ordinary people, those who may not love taxes but who desperately want good schools and good streets, are largely being trampled on or just plain ignored.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economic and education issues in Michigan. He can be reached at ppower@hcnnet.com.

# IKEA shopping trip stays with you - like Willie Wonka's candy

As I stood in line Saturday morning outside IKEA, I felt like Veruca Salt holding the golden ticket. She was the spoiled brat who won the opportunity to tour "the most eccentric and wonderful candy factory of all time" in the 1971 movie *Willie Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*.

While Veruca and her father were only two of 10 people permitted entry into the chocolate factory, my 7-year-old daughter and I were among 15,000 that made our way through the 300,000-plus square-foot Canton store Saturday. I have been referring to it as the chocolate factory of home furnishings. A Mecca of merchandise for anyone that has living space he or she wants to renovate, ornament or enhance.

The excitement and anticipation of Saturday's "Friends & Family" event escalated as I moved closer to the front door of the monstrous blue and yellow building. IKEA gave away thousands of black and white business card-size tickets as an employee perk for their relatives and acquaintances. It served as a dress rehearsal in preparation for the human avalanche of customers expected on opening day.

As we walked closer to the entrance I could hear IKEA employees cheering and clapping.

A couple hundred people ahead of us started the wave as they clutched blue store maps, tiny IKEA pencils and disposable measuring tapes that yellow polo shirt-wearing staffers handed out by the fistfuls to make shopping that much more productive.

Behind me stood a middle-aged couple from Canton who got their golden ticket from their daughter's friend. They had never been to any one of the 220 stores worldwide and wanted to see what all the hullabaloo was about while they had the chance.

"I don't see what the big deal is," said the husband, a professed nonshopper. "They take your money just like every other store."

I started to laugh like bratty Veruca. "Yes, but they take LESS of your money. That's the beauty of IKEA," I said. He just chuckled, but I knew better. I had been to the IKEA in Schaumburg, Ill., last year with a girlfriend. I was wise

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to the ways of IKEA and was eager to share my knowledge and adoration for the Swedish retailer.

It only took us 15 minutes to get through the line that snaked across the front of the store and all the way down the Haggerty Road side of the building. While Veruca reveled at the sight of chocolate rivers, giant edible mushrooms and lickable wallpapers, I filled my cart with a \$29 brushed nickel dining room light, an 18-piece set of children's silverware for \$1.49 and a \$7.99 wall-mounted storage bin. A few of my own "golden eggs."

I felt the jubilation the thousands of Canton IKEA shoppers were experiencing as they got their first glimpse of the store, its merchandise and the prices. I saw women using hand-held walkie talkies to give status reports on the contents of their carts, couples taking camera phone pictures of bedroom displays and men tapping stainless steel colanders to make sure they were the real deal.

I ended my spree in line with a couple hundred other patrons feeling exhilarated from our trip through home decorators heaven. Sandy Aristeo of Canton snacked on one of IKEA's infamous Swedish meatballs in the checkout line behind me.

"I can't wait to come back," said Aristeo in spite of having just spent three hours in the marketplace. "I can only fit so much in my trunk. I decided I'm taking Wednesday off to come back and shop some more."

She was euphoric with that Everlasting Gobstopper of a feeling the store leaves you with. Just like Willy Wonka's candy claimed — it lasts forever. Happy shopping, Canton.

Kimberly Mortson is a Westland resident.



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# Patterson aiming for comprehensive state energy policy

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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In February, state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, chair of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee, called together the first of three planned energy work groups to take a "long-range" look at Michigan's energy needs.

Patterson wanted to look at the whole picture - electric generation, heating, fuel for transportation, deregulation and costs. He called together a wide range of energy experts from utility company representatives, alternate energy suppliers, environmentalists supporting renewable energy systems and public policy academics. Their first task was to define "long-range."

"The first work group was to decide how long a period we would embrace and courageously they came up with a 30-year span, which is beyond what I expected," Patterson said. "They were smart enough to realize we would revisit this if for no other reason that technologies change, populations would migrate, we would have to be somewhat flexible though they did embrace the concepts of predictability and consistency that I kept haranguing on."

In April, they released a report outlining energy alternatives.

The second workshop was given their charge in May and divided into like-minded groups to file reports on their perspectives on the state's energy needs, forms of energy, future costs and regulatory policies. The results are due June 10.

In April, Gov. Jennifer Granholm issued an Executive Directive to the PSC chairman to draw up a state energy plan by Dec. 31.

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Sen. Bruce Patterson

On June 1, Patterson brought together three workshop members with divergent views on electric generation for a meeting with the *Observer*. Fred Shell, DTE Energy vice president for corporate and governmental affairs, represented the traditional public utility. Eric Schneidewind, former chair of the Public Service Commission and now a lawyer with Varnum, Riddering, represented Energy Michigan alternative electric suppliers. Mike Shriberg, director of Environment Michigan, represented environmentalists and supporters of renewable energy.

Patterson said electric generation is a major area of contention, especially since the state legislature passed a law in 2000 partially deregulating the electric industry and allowing residential and commercial customers to choose alternate electric suppliers. Less than 10 percent of commercial customers now choose an alternate electric source. Only a handful of residential customers left the utility.

"On the one hand we've said we want to move away from a monopolistic system and toward deregulation, but on the other hand we're saying we need regulation or we're not

going to get people to step up," he said.

He said he thought the utility was jeopardized under the current system.

"That could be our choice, but there will be consequences, intended or unintended," he said.

For Mike Shriberg, the issue is an overdemand for electrical energy.

"What we see is a solution that is pretty plain and simple, reduce energy usage and then when we are retiring the old coal fired plants, switching over to renewable energy and mandate renewable energy portfolio standards," Shriberg said. "The other side is arguing for building new coal-fired power plants, we are strenuously against that as just another way of importing energy from out of state."

Renewable energy includes such things as wind power and solar cells.

DTE's Fred Small says that as the state's major provider of

electrical power, DTE has to consider all forms of electrical generation including renewable, nuclear and coal.

"Our sense of it is that we're going to need everything, we're going to have to do everything," he said. "Certainly crafting a role for renewable and alternative energy but figuring out how that power is paid for because under current economics, it is more expensive than traditional power. We don't stand in the school house door and resist it. But we need to look at the question holistically."

He said even if the state maximized its renewable and alternative energy there would still be a need for traditional fuel-based electric generation. He said another problem was complying with environmental mandates.

"This requires substantial investment in capital across the whole range of energy," he said.

**A BIDDING PROCESS**

Eric Schneidewind said that the traditional model for regulated utilities "equates risk of building the plant with the profit the utility is allowed to make." He said changes now have customers recovering the costs before construction. He said his group favors a bidding process for providing electricity with the Public Service Commission selecting a winner. He said under this plan renewable energy would get special consideration.

"There would be a preference for renewables but preserve competitive cost pressures to make sure that the guarantee upfront wouldn't translate into excessive costs or poor performance," he said.

Small said the introduction of choice initially drew some commercial customers away from the public utility when alternative suppliers could offer a lower price because commercial prices were set artificially high by the PSC to

keep residential rates low. He said there has been a migration back to the utility company and the movement back and forth has caused planning uncertainty.

Patterson said that his committee wants to take "a global or cosmopolitan view" of all the state's energy concerns.

"I think there is a common thread that goes across electricity and the other alternative fuel sectors," said Shriberg. "The first strategy has to be energy efficiency and less use."

Patterson said his next step is to have the different groups confront and question each other to work toward some kind of consensus. He said he wants to have energy bills introduced by the end of this year.

"If we don't get this done, we've got real problems," he said. "Every business needs energy. We need to have a plan. I don't know if we'll get this done."

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# Rouge Rescue celebrates 20 years of learning about the river

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Bill Craig gathered one of several small work teams Saturday morning at the entrance to Westland's Holliday Nature Preserve to give them their instructions for the day.

As part of the 20th annual Rouge Rescue, this team would be cleaning out fire pits and replacing them with trees. Craig warned them to take a long shower and clean their clothes when they were through doing their part. He warned about mosquitoes, poison ivy, and potential cuts and scratches.

"Anyone gets hurt, stop what you're doing. Safety is No. 1," he said.

Craig and the work team were part of a small army working along the Rouge River and its tributaries to clean out debris, pull weeds, replant native species and learn about the rich ecology of the Rouge watershed.

Craig of Livonia has been a leader in the program to protect and revitalize the Rouge and he's learned some lessons along the way.

"We can't do much with our hands to improve water quality, but we sure can educate people. As site coordinator, we have to do this in a safe way, in



Poonam Mata helps her daughter Rayna Mata hammer a nail into a bird house, one of the educational programs at Canton's Flodin Park as part of Rouge Rescue day.

an organized way ..." he said. "Whatever work we get done is a bonus. It really is a feel-good project. It's always here."

## CHANGE OF PLANS

In past years, removing log jams was a major part of every Rouge Rescue. Not anymore.

"After a number of years, we became professional log jam removers and people really liked doing that," Craig said.

"Then one of my friends from another state, Maine, said why are you taking the wood out of the river, that's important for the fish and insects. He's a fisherman. So it brought to mind the question, 'How come nobody's told us this is a bad thing?'"

Patrick Kobylarz, who lives a short distance from the Holliday Preserve and has volunteered with the Holliday Nature Preserve Association for 20 years, has adjusted to the new focus on junk removal, bank restoration and education.

"The focus has shifted from getting rid of log jams to getting rid of things that don't belong in a nature preserve ... garbage, trash, pulling shopping carts out of the water, removing invasive species like garlic mustard, things that aren't native to the area," he said.

A map at the park entrance shows an area invaded by garlic mustard where a team would be kept busy removing the unwanted plant.

## PARK STEWARDS

Kobylarz said the association does maintenance throughout the year, especially since cutbacks by the county.

"The association is kind of acting as stewards on behalf of the Wayne County Parks system, keeping trails maintained, rebuilding foot bridges that have been knocked out," he said.

Beyond acting as park stewards, he said a big part of the Rouge Rescue is getting kids involved and teaching them about environmental stewardship.

Elizabeth Star of Livonia brought her two children,



Schoolcraft Community College student Andy Brown helps remove rocks around the drain pipe at the Canton's Flodin Park.

Caitlin Minnick, 9, and Zachary Minnick, 8, as part of Cub Scout Pack 852's annual participation. This was the second time for Star and her children.

"It's about appreciation for nature, to save what we have here and restore it, to hand it on to future generations," she said.

Jay Gilbert, Westland's community development director, said the Rouge Rescue isn't "glitzy," but it's still important to remind people of the need to preserve the river. And it's been a good partnership between the city and volunteers.

"We get more manpower and coordination by working together," Gilbert said.

## WILDLIFE HABITAT

Canton's Flodin Park was a bustle of activity. Children were happily pounding away on nails constructing bird houses, while along Fellows Creek and a small pond children, teenagers and adults were busy pulling weeds and replanting native plants.

Carol Clements, a naturalist with Wayne County Parks and Recreation, held up a large turtle and told a wide-eyed circle of children and adults about the turtle's place in the sometimes invisible animal community that surrounds the Rouge and its tributaries. She presented snakes, toads and frogs,

each with a story of its own.

"We like to focus on bringing awareness to the habitats of the Rouge River," she said.

"Not many people realize how much wildlife still lives in the river, so we show animals local to our area and make people realize how important a habitat it has been."

The River Day program at Flodin Park was partially sponsored by the International Transmission Co., which owns the property adjacent to the park and the large power transmission towers. For Grace Rush, marketing and communications associate for ITC, it's a win-win partnership.

"There's a drain that was eroding the banks of Fellows Creek and since that's our property, we partnered with them to remove that drain," she said. "We own the high voltage transmission system in southeastern Michigan. This is mutually beneficial. We try to



Dan Lugwig digs a hole at Westland's Holliday Nature Preserve so that the volunteers can place a bench along the path.

be good neighbors in the communities where we have equipment."

Nicolle Labelle, 16, Kathryn Poma, 16 and Michael Haar, 17, all of Canton, were having fun but all agreed they enjoyed "helping out."

"I do it every year," Labelle said. "Three years, picking

weeds and pulling stuff out of the river."

Last year, Poma fell in the creek but was back again for her third year.

For many people, rescuing the Rouge has become a regular event.

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Participating in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital ceremonial groundbreaking are (from left) John Schwartz, manager, Radiation Oncology; Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson; Dr. Harmesh Naik, director, Cancer Services; Dr. Amit Mohindra, Medical Oncology; Dick McDowell, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Tom Celani, president, Hearts of Livonia; Bishop John M. Quinn; Kathleen Kittle of Oncology/Cardiovascular Services; David Spivey, president and CEO; and Dr. Omar Magid, Radiation Oncology.

## Cancer center expansion begins

BY DAN WEST  
STAFF WRITER

Construction is under way on a \$10 million expansion and renovation of cancer treatment services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital — the first expansion of the Livonia facility in a decade.

More than 200 people gathered Sunday for groundbreaking ceremonies for the project that's expected to modernize oncology services and add convenience for cancer patients. The groundbreaking culminated four years of planning and fundraising.

"Patients tell us when they are diagnosed with cancer, that they don't want to leave the community," said Kathleen Kittle, the hospital's service line administrator for oncology. "With this addition, they won't have to travel to several places to see various specialists because this will allow patients to see all their specialists in one place."

Construction will take about one year. The project entails \$6 million to construct and equip a 16,000-square-foot addition to the south end

of the hospital. The other \$4 million will cover costs to renovate the existing cancer center, replace aging equipment and add 150 parking spaces to the campus this fall.

The new equipment will include precision radiation machinery that will better direct radiation treatment to cancerous areas of the body and minimize possible damage to healthy tissue. Also, the facility will have expanded capabilities to treat breast cancer patients with specialized surgeries and services.

Several new components that are to be added to the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cancer Center include an image enhancement center to provide cancer patients with counseling, wigs and massages. Also, the cancer center will provide a cancer resource education center with computers and literature for patients and their families to research a diagnosis.

The expanded cancer center, which is scheduled to open in July 2007, will increase the hospital's capacity to treat cancer patients

from about 600 a year to 950 a year by 2010.

Strategically, officials said this added capacity will help the hospital increase its market share of cancer patients who live in Livonia, Redford, Westland, Plymouth, Canton and Northville. At this time, St. Mary serves 20 percent of cancer patients living in the service area.

"We treat some patients from outside our service area, but we want to provide better services to those who live inside our service area," said David Spivey, the hospital's CEO and president. "This project will help us solidify our capacity to do that."

When the cancer center is complete, Spivey said he plans to add seven to 10 medical professionals to help staff the expanded facility.

Construction will temporarily reduce parking spaces near the emergency room. Spivey said the hospital will provide around-the-clock valet parking during the construction schedule so medical treatment is not delayed by a hunt for parking.

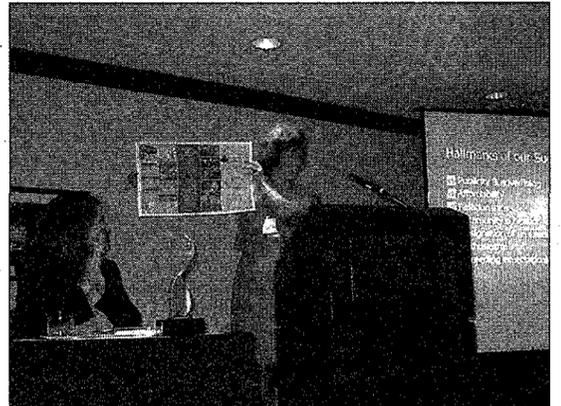
## Chocolate Ball honored by ATHENA International

In 2005, the Women of Westland decided that the presentation of the ATHENA Award rated a ball and came up with an event meant to tickle a person's sweet tooth.

Dubbed the Chocolate Fantasy Ball, the event was a huge success for the organization, so much so that it was recognized by ATHENA International as one of the most innovative programs internationally for recognizing ATHENA Award recipients. "Our annual Chocolate Fantasy Ball is a theme that appeals to many people," said Mary Denning, president of Women of Westland.

Robin Kay Cooke, communications director for the Women of Westland, was a guest speaker at ATHENA International's annual conference held in Chicago on April 27-28. She was one of four panelists asked to speak about their community's unique ATHENA award program in a session called Successful Strategies.

"It was certainly an honor to



Robin Kay Cooke of the Women of Westland makes a presentation about the organization's Chocolate Fantasy Ball at ATHENA International's recent convention.

have WOW's efforts recognized on an international basis," said Cooke. "Personally, it was very exciting to be representing the Women of Westland along side of some of the most dynamic women in our country and abroad."

"We're sure that Westland

residents will be proud to know that their community has one of the best ATHENA Award programs anywhere."

Denning also was recognized as a past ATHENA Award recipient at the conference.

## 4 students get Rotary scholarships

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Four Wayne-Westland students have received \$1,500 scholarships through the Westland Rotary Club and its members. They were honored during a June 1 luncheon at the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post in Westland.

"They're outstanding personalities and they're outstanding students," scholarship chairman Don Douglass said. "They've done a lot of extra work beyond school. They do a lot of volunteer work."

Honoree Sara Michael, who is a Wayne Memorial High School graduate and Westland resident, will attend Wayne State University for business management.

Also honored was Westland resident Michael Holtzman, a

John Glenn High graduate who also attended the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

He will attend Eastern Michigan University for construction management or the University of Michigan-Dearborn for political science.

Fellow Glenn graduate Joshua David Thurmond, a Westland resident, also received a scholarship. Thurmond will continue his studies at Spring Arbor University in political science and plans to become an attorney.

Rotarian Douglass gives a scholarship each year in memory of his late wife, Arlene, a Wayne-Westland teacher at Schweitzer Elementary. This year's recipient is Westland resident Nicholas Stone. The Glenn graduate plans to attend

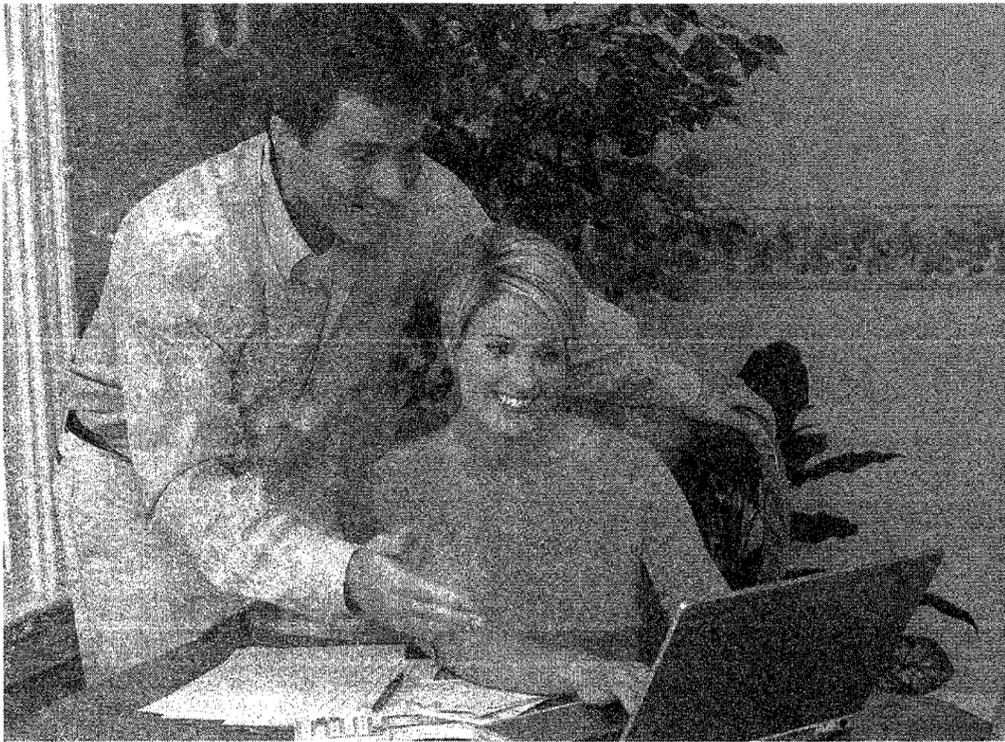
Olivet College to study secondary education.

During the June 1 luncheon, the four students were praised for their hard work and achievement. Douglass, a retired John Glenn administrator, shared with the audience some of the students' accomplishments.

"I think it's wonderful that the Rotary is able to provide this money for them," said Todd Blevins, Westland Rotary president. "They're well-deserving."

Blevins appreciates community support for such things as the club's Easter flower sale and golf outing, which support the scholarships and other endeavors. The students and their parents thanked the club for the assistance, a help in these days of steep college costs.

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# Dance studio expands, Wayne County shoppers find money-saving options

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## The right moves

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## WHAT'S IN STORE

dent Kristie Wyler is now the new owner of Metro Dance, a local dance studio known for its strong ballet program.

Wyler took over on June 1 and plans to add a few new classes, including ballroom lessons.

"Over the past nine years the previous owners have built an outstanding program that I am proud to continue," she said. "It's a family environment and I'm excited to start."

Wyler brings her extensive teaching background to the position. She has managed a city dance program, coached high school dance teams and worked as a teacher at Metro Dance.

Spring classes kick off this week. Wyler is also part-time

ballroom and gymnastic instructors. Those interested may forward resumes to Kristie@MetroDanceCompany.com.

Metro Dance Company office hours are 4:30-8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The studio is located at 541 S. Mill Street in Plymouth.

For more information on the studio or class offerings, call (734) 207-8970 or visit www.MetroDanceCompany.com.

## Drawing crowds

Fans of the Swedish home retailer IKEA began lining up outside the Canton megastore Monday - all to get an early peek at the low-priced modern home goods.

The retailer expects to draw more than 2 million

shoppers annually, to the store. It's Michigan's first IKEA. Employees said the fervor surrounding an IKEA opening such as this can dissipate after a few weeks, or hold steady for the first six months.

Those ready to brave the crowds - all in the name of home renovation, will find IKEA at 41640 Ford Road, on the corner of Haggerty Road near I-275 in Canton. Ikea is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Another Swedish-based company new to Michigan, H&M recently opened stores in both Ann Arbor and Sterling Heights. H&M, which first opened its doors in 1947, now sells low-priced trendy clothing and accessories in 22 countries.

The company's philosophy

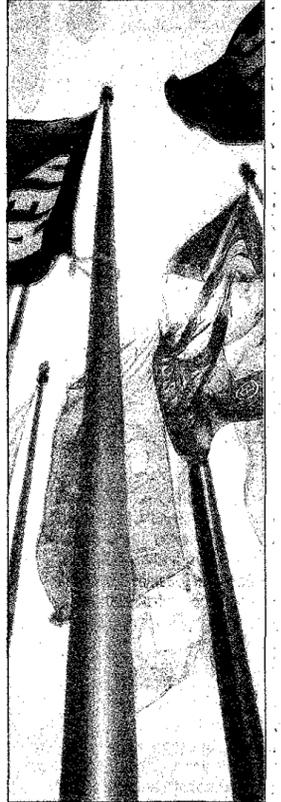
aims to "give the customer unbeatable value by offering fashion and quality at the best price." To achieve this, the European retailer buys in large volumes, and has its own designers, buyers and budget-controllers.

The smaller Ann Arbor store, located in the Sears corridor of Briarwood Mall, 100 Briarwood Circle, opened May 12 and stocks primarily women's clothing.

On Friday, June 2, H&M fever hit Lakeside Mall, 14000 Lakeside Circle in Sterling Heights. Also located in the mall's Sears corridor, this larger Michigan flagship location caters to men, women and children. Linen skirts were priced at \$9.90, while light-weight pajamas will set shoppers back just \$12.

The store was flooded with bargain-hunters on opening weekend. Each received a personalized H&M gift - like a duffel bag, journal or lunchbox. Thanks to the Swedes, let the love of shopping return.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@hometownlife.com or call (734) 953-2054.



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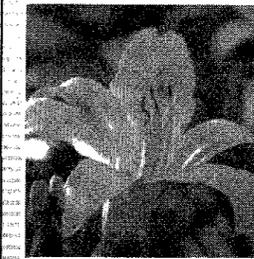
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## ALFRED CHARLES WORTLEY, Jr.

Age 86, May 30, 2006. Retired attorney. Husband of Elizabeth, father of James (Carole) and William Wortley, brother of Dr. John and Dr. Charles Wortley, grandfather of Kristen Wortley. Memorial service, St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Saturday, June 10, 11 a.m. Interment Good Hart, MI. In lieu of flowers, tributes to the Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Rd., Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (1-231-347-0991). Arrangements, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 1-248-644-6000

## BETTY FITZPATRICK NEUBECK

Age 94, formerly of Plymouth, died June 4, 2006, in Douglas, Wyoming. She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Plymouth. She is survived by her grandchildren, Susan Quiroz, Margaret O'Hara, Julie Fitzpatrick, and Kelly Fitzpatrick Thompson, several great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her husband, Beman G. Neubeck, and her children, Leonard D. Fitzpatrick and Joy Elaine Fitzpatrick. Visitation will be Monday, June 12, from 9 a.m. until time of service at 10 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Memorials may be given to the New Horizons Rehab Service, 1814 Pond Rtn, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, or the Fowler Center, Inc., 2315 Harmon Lake Road, Mayville, MI 48744.

## CHARLES NORMAN TANTON, JR.

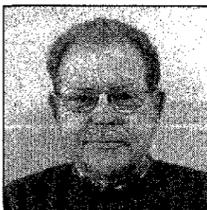
Formerly of Farmington Hills. Died Monday morning, June 5, 2006, in Kalamazoo, MI. Charles was born February 11, 1922 in Detroit, MI, a son of Charles N. and LaVera (Edwards) Tanton, Sr. During World War II, Charles served as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He graduated from Michigan Technological University and worked for twenty-eight years as a metallurgist for the Ford Motor Company. On June 28, 1945, he was united in marriage with the former Marion-Ruth Biasel. Charles and Marion moved from Farmington Hills to The Fountains in Kalamazoo in 2002. Marion preceded Charles in death on August 2, 2005. Surviving are: 3 children, C. Russell (Stephanie) Tanton of Mission Viejo, CA, Patricia (Richard) Hewitt of Portage, MI, and Joanne (Ronald) Fliton of Traverse City, MI; 4 grandchildren, Chuck Hewitt, Angie Hewitt, Tom (Betsy) Fliton and Christy Hewitt; a sister, Kaireen Tanton of Canton; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held 3:00pm, Thursday, June 8, 2006, at The Fountains, 1700 Bronson Way, Kalamazoo, MI. Memorial contributions should be directed to the Kalamazoo Area Parkinson's Support Group. Arrangements were made by Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 622 S. Burdick St. www.langelands.com.

## DONALD HOLT MALLOURE

Age 80, died peacefully at home June 4, 2006. Beloved husband of Lucille. Dear father of Joseph (Nancy) Malloure, Susan (Roger) Whitaker, John (Suzanne) Malloure, and Paul (Barbara) Malloure. He was grandfather of thirteen grandchildren and great-grandfather of one. Born in Kennett, Missouri, he served in the U.S. Navy, graduated from U-M in Civil Engineering, and was President of C.A. Hull Co. since 1954. He served on the Board of the Michigan Road Builders Association and was a life member of Birmingham Country Club. A memorial service is planned for the end of the month. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angels' Place or charity of choice.

## GERALD SLEDZ

OF Delray Beach, FL, formerly of Northville, passed away May 25th at age 67. Gerald is survived by his wife Gwen and children Anita (Darin) Whitney of Arlington TX, Karen (Kandy) Miller of Northville and Ted Sledz of Nashville, TN. Loving Grandfather of Allie, Morgan, Samantha, Matthew and Luke. Gerald is also survived by his three brothers: Bob, Ted and John and one lonely sailboat. Services were held at Ascension Catholic Church in Boca Raton, FL.



## J. Ernest (Ernie) Cooper

Age 58, died peacefully on June 1, 2006 at his home in Lathrup Village. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Bonnie; two sons Jordan (Stephanie) of Clawson, and Nathan of Portland, Oregon; his parents, Russell and Helen Cooper of Royal Oak; two brothers, and three grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 8 at 1 p.m. at Farina's Banquet Center, 2485 Cooldidge, in Berkeley. The family requests that contributions be made to Common Ground Sanctuary.



## DALE M. BOWERMAN

Age 73, of Plymouth, MI and formerly Lake, MI passed away Friday June 2, 2006. Dale was born in McGregor, Michigan, a town named after his great grandfather John McGregor of Scotland. Dale grew up in a farming community and he really did walk miles to a one room schoolhouse. Dale's family moved to Livonia, Michigan during his teen years and he worked at Barnes, Gibson and Raymond for many years. Though he was offered the opportunity for advancement and security within the company, Dale didn't take it. In lieu of an office job, he chose to start his own company, "Dale's Decorators." In 1966, he became a firefighter for the Plymouth Fire Department. For seven years, he was a full time firefighter and a contractor on his off days. In 1970, he was recognized as Plymouth's "Fireman of the Year." He also was president of the firefighters union and active in the "Goodfellows" organization. Dale and his wife were long time members of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. Dale was active in sports at the church and bowled in several leagues. He once qualified to bowl on "Beat the Champ." After retirement, Dale loved gardening, hunting, fishing and gatherings with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dale also acquired a second home in Lake, Michigan and had many friends there. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sylvia Bowerman. Also survived by his children, Dale A. (Shelley) Bowerman of Clarkston, Dianne (John) Magnusson of Plymouth, David M. (Kay) Bowerman of Novi; grandchildren, Jonathon Bowerman, Rachel (Preston) Phelps, Bonnie (John) Steen, Jeremy Bowerman, Mary Magnusson, Danielle Bowerman, John Magnusson II, Benjamin Bowerman and Jacob Magnusson. Great grandchildren Summer and Gracie Phelps. Sisters, Dorothy (Don) McAllister, Donella (Hank) Zaleski, Dorace (Ted) Neaderbaumer and Dawn McKellar. Preceded in death by his brother Duane. A memorial service will be held at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia on June 17, 2006 at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Newburg United Methodist Church or In-House Hospice, 24293 Telegraph Road, Suite 102, Southfield, Michigan 48034. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. (734-453-3333)

## JOSEPH L. DODD

Of Davisburg, formerly of Farmington, May 30, 2006 of complications of lung cancer; age 82; husband of Reta (Halsey) for 61 years; Father of Mary Walsh of Canton, Ruth (Dr. John Crossley) Dodd of TX, Reta (Kim) Forshee of Rochester Hills and Melissa (Bruce) Thayer of Belleville; also survived by six grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters. Commander Dodd served as a pilot in the Naval Reserve for 23 years. He served active duty in WWII from 1941-1945. He was a Registered Professional Engineer for the State of MI and retired from Teledyne Continental Motors, Muskegon in 1988. Celebration of Life Service was Saturday, June 3, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends visited last Friday. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Andersonville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of MI. Online guest book @ www.wintfuneralhome.com

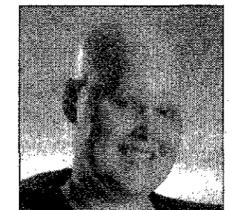


## MICHAEL G. FURLONG

Age 74, passed away suddenly June 4, 2006. Loving father of Gail (Ed) Montgomery, Pat (Sharon), Mike, Tim (Jessica), Mary (Don) Trefney, Barbi (Jerry) Furlong-Thompson, and Peggy (Sean) English. Preceded in death by his infant son, Sean. Former loving husband of Barbara. Loving grandfather of 20. Dearest brother of Pat Ziemba, Kitty, Eileen Mahoney, Jim, Tom, and the late Daniel. Graduate of the University of Michigan, C.P.A. retired from Livonia Public Schools as Director of Finance. Visitation at the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Wednesday, 5-9pm, and Thursday, noon-9pm with American Legion Stitt Post #232 Service and Scripture Service starting at 6:30pm. Prayers at the funeral home Friday, 9am, followed by Funeral Mass at St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia, at 10am. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Kidney Foundation. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rgharris.com

## PATRICIA WOOD HATTO

Patricia Wood Hatto, devoted wife, mother and friend to many, died June 5 at age 82. She suffered from congestive heart failure. A long-time resident of Ann Arbor, Patricia was born in Toronto, Ontario, on October 10, 1923. She was one of two daughters born to Gordon and Marjory Brindle, former Canadian citizens who settled in Ann Arbor in the early 1900s. She attended Ann Arbor High School. In 1943, Patricia married Wilbur Wood of Detroit. Between 1951 and 1970 the couple lived in Farmington where they raised two sons, Phillip and Mark. She divorced and returned to Ann Arbor in 1976, working and retiring from Ann Arbor Public Schools. She was very active at Westminster Presbyterian Church, loved by many who came to know her there. In 2003, at age 80, Patricia married Robert Hatto of Ann Arbor. The two had met in high school and became reacquainted shortly before they married. Robert, who was with her when she died, was very devoted and brought her much happiness in the last years of her life. Patricia was preceded in death by her sister, Charlotte Claypoole. She is survived by her husband Robert Hatto, sons Phillip and Mark Wood, and grandsons, Jeremy, Benjamin and David Wood.



## LAUREN A. HART

Age 18 of Clarkston, passed away Monday, June 05, 2006 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. She was born to Allen and Katherine Hart on June 3, 1988 in Royal Oak, attended the Clarkston schools, and graduated Cum Laude from Clarkston High School on May 31, 2006. Lauren was very artistic and loved music and band. Some of her artwork was used by the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on ties & scarves that were sold in the gift shop as fund raisers. She particularly enjoyed her Japanese language class in high school. She is survived by her parents, Allen and Katherine Hart, her sister, Sarah Mackenzie Hart, and her brother, Jacob Allen Hart, all of Clarkston; her grandmother, Dorothy J. Hart of Lakeport; her grandfather, Gerald D. Heusted of Lake Orion; two uncles, Scott (Jane) Heusted of Hazel Park and Gregg (Lori) Heusted of Linden; several cousins; and her beloved cat, Whiskers. Lauren was preceded in death by her grandfather, Alden J. Hart, her grandmother, Patricia Boggio, her step-grandfather, Raymond Boggio, and her uncle, Richard Hart. The funeral service will be at 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 8, 2006 in North Lakeport Wesleyan Church. Pastor Drew Mills will officiate. Burial will follow in Burtchville Twp. Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Smith Family Funeral Home-North, 1525 Hancock St., Port Huron and on Thursday at the church one hour prior to the service. Contributions may be made in Lauren's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To send condolences and messages of sympathy, visit [smithfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://smithfamilyfuneralhome.com)

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### JUNE

#### Crosstalk

With Paul Clough addressing the issues raised by the book and movie, The Da Vinci Code 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, in Knox Hall, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

#### Dinner and concert

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass 7 p.m., Thursday, June 8 (dinner at 6 p.m., \$6 per person), at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon. Call (734)-455-2300 for tickets and information.

#### Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, Willow Metro Park, I-275 south to Ext 11A (South Huron Road), east on Huron Road to park entrance, south to Washago Pond. Single point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920

#### Relationship workshop

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, authors Ron and Danylee Jones lead a workshop for singles called "How to Create the Relationship You Really Want in Life," at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. Eleven Mile Road in Warren. Tickets \$50 and can be purchased online at [www.renaissanceunity.org](http://www.renaissanceunity.org). The Jones' workshops continue 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 11 with "Yeah...I'm a Co-Creator...But..." Tickets \$20.00. Workbooks (\$15) required and will be available at the Renaissance Unity Store on day of workshop.

#### Discussions

Study and discuss questions of the current importance to the thoughtful Christian in a complex world 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 11 (Should the Ten Commandments be Displayed in Public?), Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m., church school and adult study forum at 9:30 a.m., nursery care available, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., west of Farmington Road, north of Grand River, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6880.

#### Sunday message series

Inspired by The Da Vinci Code 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 11, the second part to The Questions of Jesus' Identity: June 18, What about Mary Magdalene?, and June 25, Women, Jesus and Christianity, at Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Call (248) 477-9144 or visit [www.fhchurchofgod.org](http://www.fhchurchofgod.org).

#### Patriotic/pops concert

The Americana concert of familiar American music and favorite patriotic selections 7 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in the sanctuary of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The concert features the Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra and a bluegrass band called Cat n' Fiddle. We will honor our servicemen and women and ask that they come in uniform, if possible. Bring the entire family. Ice cream social follows. Childcare provided through age 4. Call (248) 374-7400.

#### Vacation Bible school

Fiesta! Join us 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 12-16 for 5 fun filled days of high energy, Christ-centered activities, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Fee is \$25, and includes T-shirt. For more information, call David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.

#### Preschool program

Begins 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, June 12-15, and runs weekly through July 17-20, for ages 3-5, at Mt. Hope Preschool, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Cost is \$80 per week, \$70 for second child, and includes snack. Special rates if parents assist in classroom. Topics include dinosaurs, kids in the kitchen, underwater adventures, on safari, and fun with science. Call (734) 261-9540.

#### Summer fun

Two sessions from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3:30 p.m. begin June 12 and continue weekly through week of Aug. 21, at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. Each week children will engage in activities including the sciences, math, health, music, arts, and exercise. For ages 4-10 (children who are 3 but have been enrolled in preschool are welcome. Cost is \$60 per week and includes T-shirt, snacks and field trip fees. Call (734) 981-0286.

#### Benefit concert

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, to sponsor medical mission trip to Togo, West Africa, at Memorial Church of God, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (248) 348-5471 for more information. Concert features Cameron Warne (violin) and Rachael Kerr (piano).

#### Sock hop

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization to provide peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths 8 p.m. to

midnight Saturday, June 16, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost is \$15, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

#### Choir concert

Sacred music by the High School Chancel Choir from Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Illinois 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit Birmingham-First Music, a community music outreach organization which is sponsoring the event. Call (248) 644-2040, ext. 136.

#### Breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at Leon's, 30149 Ford, across from K-mart, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479

#### Trading places

Vacation Bible School theme No matter where you are, Jesus makes a world of difference (for kids entering kindergarten through sixth grade, special program for parents also offered, 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at Trinity Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road at Goffredson, Plymouth. Call (734) 459-9550.

Also featuring Vacation Bible Extended Day Camp program June 19-23, kids can come as early as 8 a.m., attend VBS, then enjoy a fun filled day with a camp atmosphere with licensed directors noon till 5 p.m. (can stay as late as 6 p.m.). Cost is \$95, advance registration only.

#### Vacation Bible School

Where adventure meets courage 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, for students entering kindergarten through entering seventh grade, inflatables, crafts and loads of arctic adventures, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Call (248) 374-5975.

#### Holy Land adventure

Jerusalem Marketplace: Where Jesus Walked to the Cross, is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at Memorial Church of God, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

#### Treasure Cove

Vacation Bible School, vest treasure hunt ever for ages 3 to sixth grade, Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and snacks (students 7th through 12th grade will enjoy being treasure seekers) 6-8:40 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, north of W. Chicago, east of Inkster, Redford. Register in advance and receive a VBS music CD. Adult helpers welcome. For more information, call (734) 591-6367 or (734) 422-3536.

#### Treasure Seekers

Vacation Bible School to seek the treasure found in the Bible 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 26-29, also light dinner and adult Bible study, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-7620.

#### SonTreasure Island

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30, Family Fun Night 6:30 p.m. June 30, at Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 525-3664.

#### Treasure seekers

Exploring God's Promise is the theme of the Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 26-29, each day children take part in an actual dig and find treasures that remind them of the Bible story and God's promise for that day, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. To register, call (734) 421-7620.

#### Vacation Bible School

Treasure Cove theme 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30, for ages 3-11, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit [www.holy-crosslivonia.org](http://www.holy-crosslivonia.org)

The church's summer worship schedule continues to Sept. 3, with a Family Service at 8:30 a.m., Traditional Service at 10 a.m., both with Communion, Adult Study following at 11:15 a.m., from June 4 to Aug. 27 Wednesday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m., informal setting with Communion.

#### Scripture studies

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

#### Fall registration

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic schools grades K-8, are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy Road, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 East Joy Road, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

## UPCOMING

#### Bible and playtime

For moms and tots 10-11 a.m.

Wednesdays beginning July 12, at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawasee (by Middlebelt and 9 mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

#### Vacation Bible School

Fiesta: Where kids are fired up about Jesus 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 17-21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$18 for first child, \$15 each additional child. A CD of the week's music may be pre-purchased for \$6. Call (734) 464-0211.

#### Free event

For students entering fifth through seventh grade, meet new friends, bring old friends, games, ice cream, make no-sew blankets for charity 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 21, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. RSVP to (734) 425-9333.

#### Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a'Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for hand-made crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

## ONGOING

#### Learner's Bible study

7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

#### Church service

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#### Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

#### School registration

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-2007 school year, at 9600 Laverne, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

#### Bible study

Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. On Sunday Family Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

#### Purpose Driven Life

Members, friends and neighbors of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren during Lent. Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent. All faiths are welcome. Call (248) 349-3140 for more information.

#### Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. First we enjoy a wonderful lunch together then we fellowship with some games and stories.

#### Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

#### Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday Luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m., at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

#### Scripture from scratch

No previous Bible study required, began 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. The units include the New Testament (April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, and Gospels (May 16, 23, 30 and June 6). Each session includes video presentation, small and large group discussions. Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for \$5. After that, the cost is \$10. To register, call (734) 425-5950.

#### Kabbalah classes

Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center, the classes began 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5595 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students. Call (248) 855-6700 ext. 1 or send e-mail to [BCTC770@aol.com](mailto:BCTC770@aol.com).

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