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District's budget aims to keep educational lineup

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is managing to hang on to its fund balance, but the amount keeps shrinking as the district taps in to it to maintain programs. Wayne-Westland is finishing the current budget year with a revenue shortfall of about \$1.5 million and is projecting a gap between spending and revenue of \$3.2 million in fiscal 2006-07.

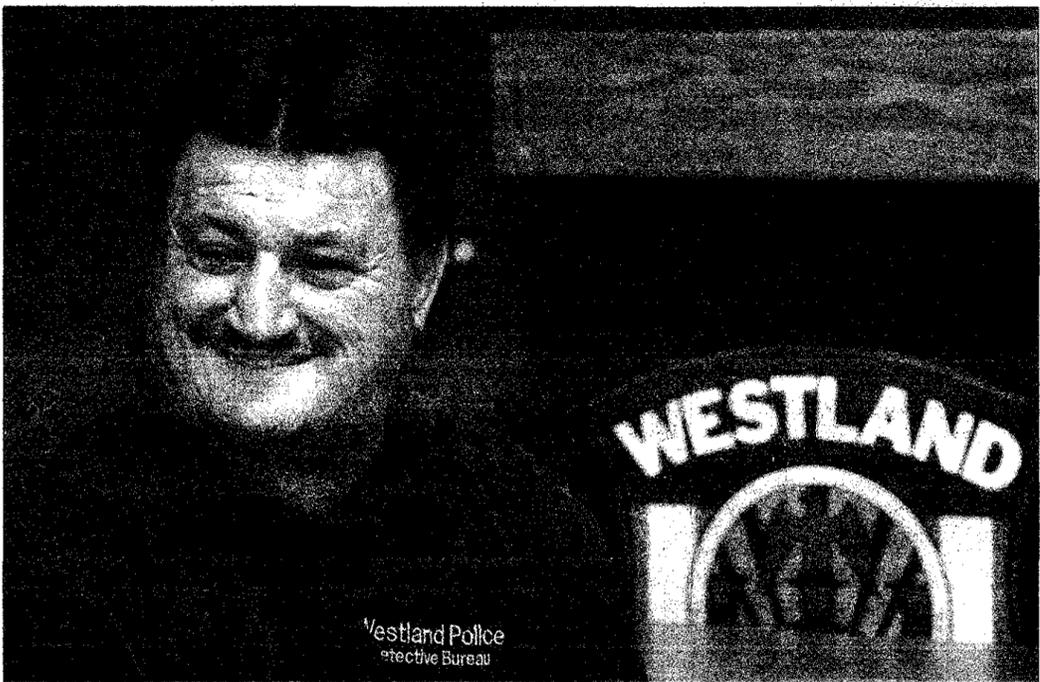
As a result of the deficit spending, the district will see its surplus dwindle to \$12.9 million, not much more than it had on hand in 1999-2000, when a conscious decision was made to tighten the district's budgetary belt. "The theme here was to build the balance up and start using it to soften the fall from inadequate funding for five years," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administration and business services. The district finished the year \$2.5

million better than expected, due in part to better interest rates on investments and a bit more in state school aid with the inclusion of special education programs into the regular classrooms. The move is a change in philosophy and something the federal government has been encouraging, and while the costs are about the same for the district, it does get a little bit more in state school aid, Martin said. However, in the 2006-07 fiscal year,

which starts July 1, the district will spend \$119.3 million while taking in \$116.08 million in revenue. The district is continuing its cost containment, cutting back on supplies and not filling some positions with the goal of not cutting the educational program. Of the \$116.08 million in revenue, 95.3 percent will come from state and local property taxes. The remaining 4.7 percent includes tuition fees, interest income and money the district receives from the county for special education.

According to Martin, the two biggest variables are what the district will receive in state school aid and its enrollment. "We could lose 100 students and be \$600,000 off, or gain 100 students and be \$700,000 to the good," Martin said. "We don't know those things going into this budget." The district is still projecting a loss of students, even with the introduction of

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On Friday, police Sgt. James Dexter will retire from a job that not only allowed him to put the bad guys in jail - it also helped him find his wife, Linda.

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'... some big shoes to fill'

Retiring police detective earns accolades for his work

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland police Sgt. James Dexter will never forget the grisly murder scene he saw when he went into a basement on the city's southeast side on a cold, February day in 2004. There lay 42-year-old Anthony Pulley - his wrists and ankles tied up, his body stabbed and slashed 61 times, his head bludgeoned with a hammer. Pulley, a U.S. Department of Defense purchasing agent, had been robbed of his fur coats, diamond rings, 1999 Mercury Sable and other belongings. And police had no suspects. Within days, good detective work led police to Dalion Lamarr Davis, a 25-year-old Detroit man who initially told police he killed Pulley to thwart sexual advances. But Dexter dug deeper and ultimately got the killer to admit his real motive of robbery - a confession that led to a guilty plea, a prison sentence of 40-60 years, and accolades for Dexter. "That was probably his shining moment," said police Lt. James Ridener, who is in charge of the Westland detective bureau. Dexter, a Canton resident, has had

many shining moments during his 26-year career with the Westland Police Department - a career that will end Friday when he retires. "I'll miss this place," he said Monday, reflecting on his career during an interview. "I've made a lot of friends here, and I think I've done some good work." His career path didn't hurt his love life, either. When he stopped a woman for driving with a loud muffler, little did he know they would marry. "She was a waitress at Big Boy here in Westland, and when I went in there she reminded me that I had given her a ticket," Dexter recalled. They started dating, and Dexter and wife Linda have now been married for 18 years. They have two sons, Jimmy, 15, and Kyle, 12. Dexter, who celebrated his 49th birthday Wednesday, became interested in police work as a teenager attending Fordson High School in Dearborn. A counselor told him that she believed he would be good at it. "It sounded like a pretty good idea," Dexter said. One of 11 children born to his late parents, Robert and Shirley Dexter, he took law-enforcement classes at Henry Ford

Community College and became a cadet for the Dearborn Police Department in 1976. He eventually put in applications at various departments to become a police officer, and he was first hired in Las Vegas, Nev., where he worked for only two months before Westland contacted him. "I came back because all my family was here," Dexter said. He trained at the Oakland Police Academy in 1980, and he has been with the Westland Police Department ever since, rising through the ranks of patrol officer and traffic-enforcement officer. He has been in the detective bureau since January 1997. Dexter mentioned the Pulley murder as one of his most memorable cases. He also recalled investigating embezzling allegations that resulted in a decorated school official, former Adams Middle School Principal Celestine Sanders, resigning from her job. Dexter has been highly active with police unions, helping to improve pensions and benefits for Westland's men and women in blue. He also has been instrumental in organizing events, such as pic-

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Police seek suspect in TCF Bank robbery

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A masked bandit robbed a Westland bank Saturday afternoon and escaped with an undisclosed sum of money, police said. The incident happened just after noon inside the TCF Bank branch on Merriman Road south of Cherry Hill. The culprit approached a 23-year-old female teller, warned her against pushing an alarm button and ordered her to place money into a white, plastic, grocery-type bag, according to police reports. "No weapon was seen or implied or anything along those lines," police Sgt. Michael Harhold said. The teller described the robber as a white male, 5-feet-8 to 5-feet-10 in height and weighing about 200 pounds. She said he wore a black ski mask, a gray hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans. Another witness indicated to police that the suspect may have had short blond hair. The teller told authorities she was counting money in her drawer when the lone bandit walked in, demanded money and then ran southbound on

The incident happened just after noon inside the TCF Bank branch on Merriman Road south of Cherry Hill.

Merriman. Another teller who saw what was happening pushed a silent alarm to notify authorities of the robbery, according to police reports. A TCF customer who saw the robber fleeing tried to trail him in a car, but lost sight of him within a short distance. A police dog also was brought in, but Harhold confirmed Tuesday that no suspect was captured. Anyone who has information about the incident is urged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600. A neighborhood resident indicated to police that the bandit may have gotten into a car that had been parked near a vacant house in the 600 block of Merriman. The vehicle was described as a red, late 1980s or early 1990s model - possibly some type of Pontiac or Buick.

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Friends of museum hold flea market

The Friends of the Westland Historical Museum will sponsor its third-annual flea market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 22, on the grounds of the historic Perrinsville Schoolhouse, built in 1856. The schoolhouse is located on Warren Road at Cowan, just a quarter-mile west of Merriman Road. The flea market will be held rain or shine, historian Ruth Dale said. Donations are needed, with suggestions including dishes, small furniture, kitchen items, jewelry, toys, tools, antiques and collectibles - but no clothing. Donations will be accepted 1-4 p.m. Saturdays July 1, 8 and 15 at the Westland Historical Museum, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Spaces for this year's flea market will cost \$15 each. Proceeds from Friends of the Museum items will help restore the foundation of the 1850s museum. For more information, call Ruth Dale at (734) 425-1955 or Virginia Braun at (734) 427-4648.

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'Super Kids vs. Momzilla'

Families take bedtime story way 'over the top'

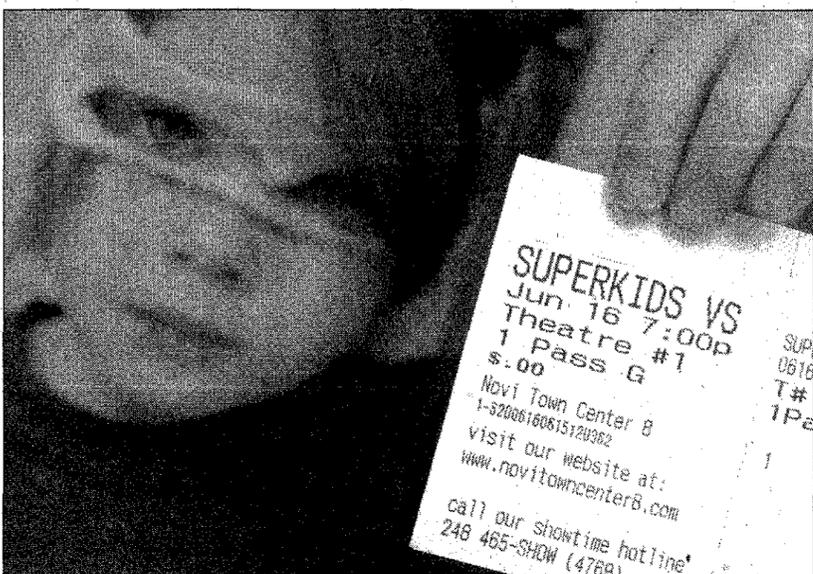
BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

What started out as a simple bedtime story took on super powers of its own. The story grew and grew, until it consumed an entire family, their friends and even part of their neighborhood. It grew out of control and no one — not even its creators — could stop it. "The Super Kids vs Momzilla" was born through the creative genius of your average working-class dad and his two little kids who needed a bit of bedtime humor.

That's when the likes of "Spazboy" was spawned and "Crybaby" was created. These Super Kids were soon joined by others, with a common mission to overthrow the evil, chore-commander — Momzilla. Over several months, Todd Watson, his wife, Jill, their children, Duncan, who is 8, and Gwyneth, age 4 — a.k.a. Spazboy and Crybaby — added on to the story and decided to make a movie. With a video recorder and makeshift scenes and costumes, the crew enlisted their friend, Bob Finger, and his kids, Jake "Top Hat," 8, and Lexie "Spitball," 11. Others soon joined the madness.

"This thing just kind of mushroomed," Todd Watson said. The Watsons' Farmington Hills neighbors Kaleigh Beauregard, 8, became "Red Shoes," Stephanie Vietor, 9, became one of Momzilla's "brats," Patrick Vietor, 6, played a double of "Top Hat," Robert Vietor, who was just 4 months old at the time, made a cameo appearance with a good, loud cry; other "brats of Momzilla" were Sarah Cremering, 8, and Maria Cremering, 5.

Momzilla was played by none other than Jill Watson, who boasts she's "faab-u-lous," throughout the 35-minute film, which was underwritten by grandma, Karol Foss. "It was so much fun and worth every penny," Foss said. **SUPER STORY** The story depicts a chore-worn mom whose children are unruly. Something magical happens to her when she receives an electrical zap while doing house-



Gwyneth 'Crybaby' Watson shows off the official movie ticket from the premiere party.



Duncan 'Spazboy' Watson stops to sign an autograph at the premiere party.

work. She transforms into Momzilla and her powers are capable of making even the wildest child behave — and do their chores.

In utter revolt, the children band together to fight what they consider the wicked ways of Momzilla. Crybaby lobs toxic diaper bombs on command, while Spazboy performs annoying and mesmerizing dances. Red Shoes is able to zip around town in a flash with her fast feet. Top Hat — poor Top Hat — tries hard to make magic come out of his hat, but never succeeds, except once. Spitball is armed with a giant spitball tube, which she uses on the front lines.

"It was a blast," Todd Watson said. "We had so much fun."

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But, making the movie was only half the fun. Watching it — in high style —

was the other half. "We thought we should have a party to show it when we were finished," Jill Watson said.

So, naturally, arrangements were made for the movie to be shown at a real movie theater at the Novi Town Center shopping plaza. From the limousines and the red carpet to a fabricated "paparazzi," equipped with disposable cameras, the movie premiere was a true Hollywood moment.

"We went as far over the top as we could," Todd Watson said. But, the crowd waiting for their arrival was a bit much for these budding stars.

"We had the limo show up 10 minutes late, on purpose," Todd Watson said. "The red carpet was rolled out and all of the kids (actors) were terrified and they ran out of the limo and into the theater."

Duncan "Spazboy" managed

to sign some autographs instead of running for his life. He's a natural.

"I have a lot of favorite parts in this thing," he said. So, does he want to make another movie?

"You bet I do!" he said. Stephanie Vietor said the movie premier was great.

"It was amazing seeing ourselves on the screen," she said. "It was really cool."

Jill Watson said the premiere was the best ending.

"The party was so fun," she said. "You could just feel the excitement. The kids were just so enthused. This is something they are going to remember for the rest of their lives."

Taking on this project, with eight kids, was a heroic feat for the parents.

"It was the 'dad' attitude," said Todd Watson, who said the dads never gave up on the idea.

Jill Watson said she was "roped into" the project, but quickly made the best of it. She enjoyed the editing process, in particular.

"When I grow up, I want to make movies," she said, laughing.

These creative parents insert tributes to relics such as "Monty Python," "Wonder Woman," "Star Wars," and "Caddyshack" — just for good measure.

"I loved it," said Judy Watson, who traveled with her husband, Roger, from Illinois to see their grandkids' production. "I heehawed all the way through the whole thing."

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When we added the computers, we also installed Microsoft Office on all the internet computers, adding another level of complexity. To try to compensate, we offer many different computer courses, many several times a month.

Our Internet 101 course is designed for people who have had little to no experience with computers. It explains how a mouse works, how to use a scroll bar, how to enter a Web site address in the address bar, and how to interact with a Web site once you are there.

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We also teach specialized internet courses — travel, genealogy, even cooking on the internet. All courses are free, and people are welcome to attend them as often as they like. Currently, they are taught using a projector, but we hope in the future to

have a computer lab, which will allow hands-on learning.

Even though we cannot stand and coach, our Reference staff is always willing to help and answer specific computer questions. We also always welcome input from our patrons. If there is a specific computer course you would like taught, let us know. We will see what we can put together.

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Find a friend: Humane society extends hours to increase adoptions

It's never been easier to bring home a new best friend, according to the Michigan Humane Society.

The MHS — the state's leading animal welfare organization — has started helping more dogs, cats, rabbits and other animals find new homes by providing new, extended adoption hours at its locations in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit.

"Our expanded adoption hours will include Sundays and weekday evenings, making it convenient for busy adopters to add companion animals to their families," said Cal Morgan, executive director for the Michigan Humane Society. "Opening our doors seven days a week will be instrumental in helping us reach our goal of 100 percent adoption of adoptable animals by 2010."

New hours at all three MHS shelters as of June 25 are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Shelters will be closed on major holidays. Check the Web site for scheduled holiday closures.

MHS shelter locations and phone numbers are the Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland, 900 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, (734) 721-7300; the Detroit shelter at 7401 Chrysler

Dr., the south service drive of I-75 at Exit 54, (313) 872-3400; and the Rochester Hills shelter, 3600 W. Auburn Road, east of Adams, (248) 852-7420.

For photos and descriptions of animals, visit the Web site at www.michiganhumane.org, Morgan said.

Adoptions include sterilization; age-appropriate vaccinations; a 10-day health plan; a medical check-up and temperament evaluation; a heart worm test for dogs; a 20 percent discount on group dog training classes at the MHS Pet Education Center; a \$10 discount on "microchipping" at the time of adoption; and trained counselors to help adopters find their perfect companion.

Other services offered during the expanded shelter hours include stray animal reclaiming and animal intakes.

For more information, contact one of the three Michigan Humane Society shelters during the new adoption hours, visit the Web site or call the MHS administrative office at (866) MHUMANE (648-6263) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The MHS is a private, non-profit organization which cares for over 100,000 animals each year at its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary medical centers. It was established in 1877.

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Robert J. McDonald
McDonald, 55, of Livonia, died June 22.

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Ann C. "Billie" Oancea
Oancea, 71, of Bloomfield Township, died June 23.

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Nancy R. Simescu
Simescu, 81, formerly of Plymouth, died June 25.

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'I feel like I'm in college'

Schoolcraft's career summer camps reach youngsters in math, science

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Patti Green, a middle school science teacher in Clarenceville, gave new meaning to the idea of adventure camps this summer.

As director of Adventures in Career Exploration, Green earned a federal grant worth \$248,000 to create a program targeting students with interests in math and science, and those who come from single parent homes or qualify for free or reduced lunch programs. It took a year to plan and a year to implement. The program is in action this week at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Green's passion in the project stems from her own experience at a career camp when she was a child. "This is very personal for me," she said.

The camps themselves were personalized for the 120 students who were chosen to participate, after the application process was complete.

The kids come from schools in Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Farmington, Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

Ranging in grades 5 through 9, students were divided into different camp programs based on available space and interest. The camps include: Robotics, health occupations, aviation, environmental science and Michigan ecology.

Each day this week the campers were scheduled to travel around the metro area to meet with experts in the field, tour facilities most people will never see, and share hands-on activities - all in a college setting.

Dawn Bourbeau, health occupations instructor, planned a full schedule for the 20 students in her camp.

Throughout the week the group would visit a cardiothoracic surgeon and view a video of an open heart surgery. They would meet an occupational, a speech and a physical therapist, and see a Med Flight helicopter.

As a full-time nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, Bourbeau was able to bring connections to the program and show students aspects of the health industry they would not otherwise have access to visit.

"I think it's great," she said. "This is a great opportunity for them to jump in at this age."

But it's not easy, Green said. "Kids are working. This is six straight hours of go."



Twelve-year-old Fiona Greenshields (Center) of Garden City learns how to insert an IV with help from instructor Kirsten Thulin, a University of Michigan nursing student, and Robyn Davis, 12, from Canton waits her turn. The girls were part of a health careers camp held at Schoolcraft College.

PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL



Middle school students start building robots during a summer camp for middle school students held recently at Schoolcraft College.

Andrea Kelch, a participant from Canton, said she heard about the program from her father and was interested in learning more about the aerospace program. She said she was sure she'd enjoy the field trips the most.

Participants like Andrea received free shoulder bags, snacks and writing utensils. "I feel like I'm in college," she said.

That's another facet of the program. Students tour Schoolcraft's campus and learn what it takes to earn a degree in their field. They meet experts and explore all the different options available.

More than 800 students applied for Adventures in Career Exploration by February, thanks to aggressive efforts to spread the word about the program in area schools. A meeting for parents and students was held in November, and Green said representatives passed out information at holiday school events. Children interested in participating were required to write an essay and obtain two recommendations. Green, a Plymouth resident, said the difficult part came in choosing who would participate, and in what camp.

"They had to jump through a lot of hoops," she said. But the children in the program certainly want to be there, she added.

Though the federal grant ends this year, the camps will go on and become part of Schoolcraft College's Kids on Campus summer programs. The Kids on Campus program has been running for 27 years and draws 1,500 students from grades 1 through 9.

Sandy Fisher, coordinator for the Kids on Campus program, said her programs will benefit from the supplies provided under the Adventures in Career Exploration grant. She and Green see this as a self-sustaining endeavor.

"Hopefully it will continue for many decades," said Green.

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Gunman holds up Cash Advance

A man armed with a blue-steel revolver robbed Cash Advance - a business on Ford Road west of Venoy - about 11:30 a.m. last Thursday, according to Westland police reports.

Similar incidents have been reported in other communities, including Livonia and Farmington, police said.

In Westland, a 20-year-old female employee told police that the lone gunman came into the store,

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pointed the gun at her, walked around the counter and ordered her to put money into a black bag.

No shots were fired. The woman obeyed the gunman's orders and was then ordered to lie on the floor until the intruder fled through a back door, police said.

The man escaped with an undisclosed amount of money. He was described as a black male, age unknown, about 6 feet tall with a medium build and a medium skin tone. He was wearing a one-piece blue jump suit.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

Bike robbery

A 27-year-old woman who was riding her bicycle to work was ordered to give it to a man who stopped and confronted her on Ford west of Hix, near Knolson, police said.

The incident happened about 9:40 a.m. Saturday. The woman told police she had bought the bike from a friend two weeks earlier. She said that a man in a green, two-door Chevy Blazer pulled alongside her, stopped, got out and accused her of riding his stolen bike.

The woman told police she gave the bike to the man because she was afraid of him. She said he put the bike in the back of the Blazer and fled westbound on Ford.

The victim went to a car wash at Ford and Hix roads and asked an employee to call police for help. Police took the woman's information and then gave her a ride to her job at the Motel 6 at Ford and Lotz roads in Canton.

The man who took the bike was described as white, about 35 years old, short and thin. He wore a baseball cap, sunglasses, a black tank top and shorts. According to police reports, a woman was in the vehicle with him.

Home break-in

A home contractor reported that an intruder broke into a house currently being renovated in the 35700 block of Cherry Hill. The break-in occurred between 7 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday.

The contractor arrived at the house to find that someone had gone through a door leading from the garage into the house. He told police that several items were missing, including tools, building materials and an air compressor.

By Darrell Clem

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Concert change

A change has been announced in the entertainment lineup for the Westland Summer Festival. Due to an illness, singer Chelsea Oaks will not perform at 8 p.m. Monday, July 3, according to festival Chairman Kenneth Mehl. Oaks will be replaced by Tony Phillips, a country-and-western performer, Mehl said.

Car show

The Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have its annual car show Sunday, July 2, at the church, 33445 Warren, east of Wayne Road.

The eighth annual event will feature all makes, street rods, custom cars, originals and restored. The registration fee is \$5 and registration can be completed between 8 and 10 a.m.

There will be a worship service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a free lunch for registered car show participants and noon. There also will be games and activities for kids noon-2 p.m. and the trophy presentations at 2 p.m. sharp.

Yard sale

The YWCA Western Wayne County will host a Yard Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 21, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22.

Office supplies, office furniture, children's toys and other items will be on sale. The Yard Sale will be held at the YWCA Administrative Offices, 26279 Michigan Ave., and proceeds from the sale will benefit the families served by the YWCA.

The YWCA also is looking for volunteers from the community to help organize items to be sold, and help work the day of the sale. For more information, call the YWCA Western Wayne County at (313) 561-4110 Ext. 18.

Outreach clinic

The Legal Aid and Defender Association Inc. will conduct a free outreach clinic on civil legal services for income-eligible residents at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, at the Westland Senior Friendship

Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Attendees are asked to register before 10:30 a.m. A Legal Aid attorney will assist only those persons who have done so by that time.

For further information, call Gina Polley, director of community relations and governmental affairs, at (313) 964-4111, Ext. 6440 or (877) 964-5310, or by e-mail at gpolley@ladadetroit.org.

Flea Market

Vendors are needed for a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Space is available at \$20 per space. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

Blood Drive

Contours Express will host an American Red Cross blood drive 1-7 p.m. Friday, July 7, at the studio at 31509 Cherry Hill, Westland. The blood drive is a joint event of Contours Express's two Westland locations and Contours Express Canton.

Club members, their families and friends and the public are invited to participate. Donors will receive a free 2 week pass good at any of the three locations. To register to donate, call (734) 326-SLIM.

Craft Show

Table rental is available at the cost of \$20 for the annual St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in the Parish Social Hall at 8200 Wayne Road, Westland. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice mail #10) to reserve a table.

Summer camp

Registration is being accepted for the YWCA Western Wayne County's 2006 Summer Day Camp. Spend the summer having fun, making new friends, going on cool field trips and playing games!

Each week of camp will have a different theme. Kids will spend a week showing their support for the United States,

discovering the great outdoors, learning about different countries, exploring outer space and more. Camp activities include swimming, basketball, games, scavenger hunts, science experiments, movies, arts and crafts, pizza parties, field trips, a talent show and so much more.

Camp is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. now through Aug. 18. Before and after care is available. You can sign your child up for the entire eight-week camp, or on a weekly or daily basis. Sibling discounts available.

For more information or to register, call the YWCA Western Wayne County Camp Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 17.

Enrollment offered

St. Damian Catholic School is accepting enrollment for fall. It offers preschool for children ages 3 and 4, kindergarten either three full days or five full days, and classes for students in grades one through eight. The school is located at 29891 Joy Road in Westland. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information call (734) 421-6130.

Antiques appraisals

The Westland senior Friendship Center will host its fifth annual Newburgh Road Show, an antiques appraisal, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 28.

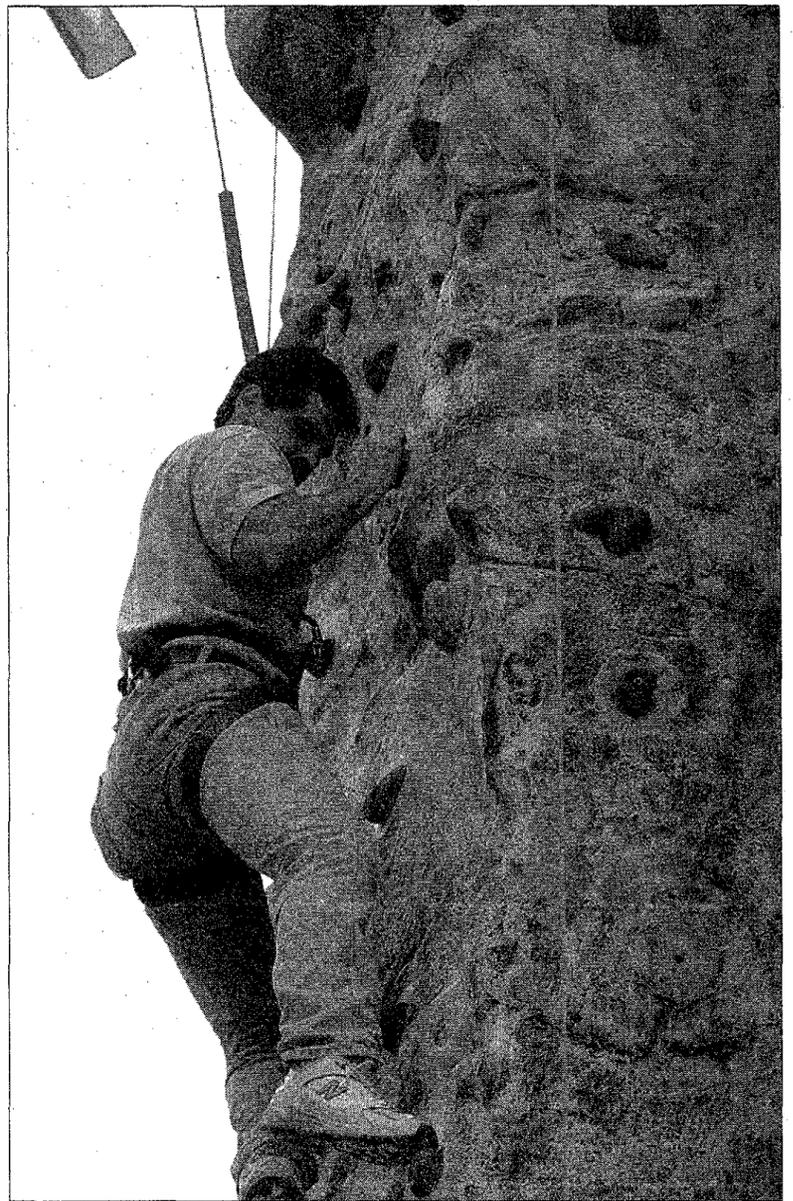
Admission will be \$1. Col. Thomas Moody of Blue Willow Antiques will be doing the appraisals. He specializes in glass, pottery, furniture, radios, kitchenware, war memorabilia, quilts, dolls and toys.

There will be a charge of \$3 per item appraised, with a limit of three appraisals. Refreshments will be available for a small donation.

The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

Pancake breakfast

The Westland senior Friendship Center holds an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast 8:30-11 a.m. the second Thursday of the month at the center on Newburgh south of Ford.



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Going up

Bob Varner of Westland visited the Livonia Spree Wednesday with his family, where he and his son took on the climbing wall. The Livonia festival, which ended Sunday, included carnival rides, games, shows and then, at dusk, fireworks all at Ford Field, on Farmington Road north of Schoolcraft.



Jessica Jolene, 17, of Westland practiced her version of 'We Never Loved at All' by Faith Hill and Tim McGraw before the Livonia Idol Contest during Spree '56. Jolene said she'd like to follow in Josh Gracin's footsteps.

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a pilot all-day kindergarten program at four schools and opening its elementary schools up to out-of-district schools of choice. The projection is a blended enrollment of 13,557 students, down 109 from the 2005-06 school year.

While the Legislature has yet to decide, budget projections are being based on a \$200 increase in the foundation grant. If lawmakers stick with that amount, the district would receive \$7,771 per student.

But Martin said the increase will barely cover increases in health insurance and retirement costs, which will jump to 17.74 percent, up well over 1 percent from 2005-06. Retirement costs have been increasing steadily and the hike from 2003-04's 12 percent to 2006-07 represents a 36-percent increase in cost.

"The state handed us a huge retirement cost," he said. "Its percentage of payroll is higher than Social Security."

Good news is that major health and benefit insurance

costs are expected to stay "relatively flat," Martin added.

Martin also is projecting a 10-percent increase in the cost of utilities, anticipating a usage higher than this year, when a warmer than expected winter keep costs down at a time when gas prices were spiking because of the effect of Gulf Coast hurricanes.

"Our rates were up probably 30-35 percent, but our usage was down," Martin added.

The district also will levy a low tax rate for debt retirement. While the 3.84-mill tax rate is just .01 mill less than last year, its well below the 5.14 mills levied in 1998-99, when voters approved the \$108 million bond issue. Refunding the bonds has helped save taxpayers money and translated into a lower tax rate.

While districts like Livonia and Garden City are closing schools and privatizing support services, Wayne-Westland remains in good shape, although the fund balance is below the 15 percent of spending Martin would like to see.

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Teen receives Scouting's Gold Award

A Westland teenager is seeing gold after receiving Girl Scouting's Gold Award during a ceremony held in May.

Receiving the award from the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council was Mindy Rader, the daughter of Roy and Mary Rader.

The Gold Award is the highest honor a scout can earn for significant leadership and dedication to community service. An elite award, it's earned by only 3 percent of Girl Scouts, ages 14-17, across the country each year.

In "Going for the Gold," Rader had to plan and execute a community service project. The project must promote community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values and leadership, as well as have an ongoing effect on the community.

Rader organized a free week-long afterschool camp for eight youths with disabilities. Her choice reflects her decision to become a special



Mindy Rader

education teacher.

It took her four months to organize the camp and, with the help of family, friends and the Westland Civitans, she was able to offer campers

sports, arts and crafts and snacks.

The campers, ages 14-24, enjoyed a birthday party, playing basketball, a scavenger hunt and a trip to the local fire station during the camp held at Central City Park.

The camp was a huge success for all involved. Parents asked Rader if she would have it again, while the volunteers who helped Rader with her camp gained a new respect for people with disabilities and felt proud for stepping out of their comfort zone to help others.

And Rader learned that stereotypes can be easily broken down and everyone can interact in a positive and fun manner.

"I have never felt more accomplished than when seeing the amazing smiles and sincere thank you's from the campers," she said.

Rader was attracted to Girl Scouts as a third-grader at P.D. Graham Elementary. She

said she got hooked after spending the night in a mall with the Scouts.

As a ninth-grader, she traveled to England with the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council.

She also went whitewater rafting in Pennsylvania and caving in Indiana, attended the international scout camp in Dorchester, England, and visited the East Coast three times.

A member of Girl Scout Troop 900 in Canton, Rader also has worked at a camp in Missouri in 2002 and last year worked at a camp in Maryland.

"For many girls, the leadership skills, organizational skills, and sense of community and commitment that come from 'going for the gold' cement the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship," said Gail Scott, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council CEO. "We congratulate every girl for their achievement and are excited for their future."

RETIRE

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tics and basketball outings, that helped police officers and their families develop friendships.

His job has been rewarding because he has put some criminals behind bars. But he has had his share of frustrations, too.

"The murderers, the rapists, the robbers - they go to prison. But the most frustrating part of the job is seeing some defendants get a slap on the wrist," he said.

As an example, Dexter recalled one defendant who merely got an extension on his probation for being a repeat offender on home invasion cases.

"Three weeks later, he did it again," Dexter said.

Dexter has found himself in potentially life-threatening situations. He escaped gunfire in 1987 when he went to a Michigan Avenue motel where three Inkster officers were killed. The case involved a standoff with four suspects being sought

for writing bad checks.

Although he is leaving the Westland Police Department, Dexter still plans to work. He will coach the freshman football team this fall at Salem High School in Canton. He played football at Fordson, and his sons are active in football, basketball and baseball.

Using skills he developed as a Westland officer, he also may try to find a job with an insurance company as a fraud investigator and an accident reconstruction expert.

No matter where he ends up, it's certain he'll be wearing a neck chain with his mother's wedding ring on it. He wears it as a tribute to her for inspiring 11 children to have productive lives.

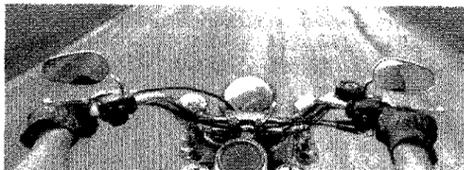
"She must have done something right," Dexter said. And so, it seems, did he.

"He's a tenacious detective. He is the most organized detective I've ever seen," Ridener said. "He's a real professional, and there will be some big shoes to fill when he leaves."

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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

(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) 513-8295 or (313) 562-2800.

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 (Agoraphobia 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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Pioneer trek

The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers to the history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that affected the development of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch. To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum. For information, call (734) 326-1110.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise group meets 7

p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Friends of Museum

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday each month except December at the Collins House, located at the museum complex, 857 N. Wayne Road. Call Jim Franklin at (734) 595-8119. Everyone is welcome.

BINGO

VFW Bingo

Veterans of Foreign Wars 3323 Auxiliary has bingo 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. There is a snack bar. The post has bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday at the same place. Call (734) 326-3323.

St. Mel Church

Bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

Shamrock Bingo

Bingo begins at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food is available. Proceeds go to charity. Call (734) 728-3020.

K of C Bingo

Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 3117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman in Livonia. Call (734) 425-2246.

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.ci.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, speaker 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 quartetting 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, 630 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 Suida, (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.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-29-5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND SUBDIVISION APPROVAL FEES IN CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46-1 (17) OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE

Section 1. That Chapter 46, Section 46-1 (17), of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

The fees for the indicated licenses, permits, inspections and certificates shall be as shown below:

Planning Commission

Rezoning Petitions and Hearings:	
1 Acre or less	\$625.00
Over 1 Acre	\$825.00
Rezoning Text Amendment	\$625.00
Rezoning Sign (\$50.00 returned upon receipt of sign)	\$100.00 deposit

Subdivision Approvals:

Preliminary Plat	\$1025.00
Plus per lot	\$ 15.00
Tentative Preliminary Plat	\$625.00
Plus per lot	\$ 15.00
Final Preliminary Plat	\$525.00
Plus per lot	\$ 15.00
Final Plat	\$425.00
Plus per lot	\$ 15.00
Hearings on land division applications	\$525.00

Each hearing on Site Plan and each Special Land Use Approval:	
Commercial/Industrial	\$625.00 + \$25/acre
Multi-family	\$625.00 + \$25/D.U.
Revised Site Plan Approval	50% of current site plus approval fee
Mechanical Amusement	\$625.00

Hearing on Special Planned Development (PUD) preliminary plan:	
Revisions	50% of original fee
Final plan	\$625.00 + \$25/acre
Special Meetings	Regular Fee plus \$625.00
Abandonment of Alleys, Streets and Easement (To Planning Commission and then to City Council for Public Hearings)	\$625.00

Tree Permit Application	\$325.00
Zoning Confirmation Letter	\$ 55.00
Deposit for removal and copy of Planning Dept. Documents	\$ 50.00
Copy of Digital Images:	
Plain Paper 8 1/2 x 11	\$ 3.00
Photo Paper 8 1/2 x 11	\$ 5.00
On Compact Disc	\$ 5.00
Re-Advertising Public Hearing Notices	\$135.00
Class C License Fee	See, 46-1(61)
Class C License Transfer Fee	See, 46-1(61)
SDD/SDM License Fee	See, 46-1(61)
SDD/SDM License Transfer Fee	See, 46-1(61)

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Effective:
Adopted: June 19, 2006
Effective: June 29, 2006

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

Publish: June 29, 2006

OE08451567

Invitation to Bid

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, on **July 7, 2006, at 10:30 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Postage Machine

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

ITB-WL2006CH020

Dwayne R. Harrigan
Controller
City of Westland

Publish: June 29, 2006

OE08451418

CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **July 14, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.** (no exceptions) for the following:

Dump Truck

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dwayne R. Harrigan
Controller

Publish: June 29, 2007

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
SUMMER TAX NOTICE**

The 2006 summer taxes will be payable from July 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006 without penalty. Beginning September 1, 2006 a 4% penalty and 1/2% interest per month will be added to the unpaid taxes. Beginning March 1, 2007 all unpaid 2006 REAL property taxes must be paid to: Raymond J Wojtowicz, Wayne County Treasurer, The International Center Building, 400 Monroe, 5th floor, Detroit, MI 48226 with penalty and an additional 4% administration fee plus 1% per month interest computed from March 1, 2007

ALLYSON M BETTIS-Treasurer-City Clerk

Publish: June 29, 2006

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ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-5-2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46-1(17), OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO ADD FEES FOR RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

Section 1. That Chapter 46, Section 46-1(17), of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to add as follows:

The fees for the indicated licenses, permits, inspections and certificates shall be as shown below:

Rental property inspections

Rental dwelling certificate of compliance or reinstatement fee for multiple family rental buildings per dwelling unit (i.e., apartments)	\$ 50.00
Rental dwelling certificate of compliance or reinstatement fee for duplex homes	\$150.00
Rental dwelling certificate of compliance or reinstatement fee for quadplex homes	\$200.00
Rental dwelling certificate of compliance or reinstatement fee for single family rentals	\$100.00
Each inspector visit after second visit	\$ 30.00
Requestor fails to show	\$ 50.00

Section 2.

MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Named to the honor roll for the marking period at Marshall Middle School were:

Keith Agee, Bisi Ajetunmbi, Ryan Albright, Rachael Aiholinn, Derrick Ammons, Shayna Anderson, Amber Anthony, Heather Anthony, Shyenne Anthony, Alexis Armstrong, Ryan Arnold, Gerald Austin, Julianne Ayers, Ashley Bailey, Sean Bailey, Lauren Baker, Samantha Baker, Katelyn Barker, Taylor Barnes, Sarah Barnett, Tevin Barnett, Amanda Baxter.

Joshua Beguhn, Kyle Beguhn, Nkemdilem Bernard, Chelsea Bess, Rebecca Bizek, Anthony Blair, Gianna Blannon, Angela Blay, Ryan Boes, Bonjiovonna Bonner, Alyssa Bradke, Kyle Bray, Halle Brennan, William Brokenshire, Ashley Brown, Stephany Brown, Andrew Brozek, Cali Burks, Brittany Burrell, Christopher Button, Michael Cach, Ashley Cadaret.

Brandon Cairns, Jessica Campbell, Alyssa Canzoneri, Ernestine Carlos, Derek Cathey, Amanda Caudill, Levi Cavender, Bradley Ceimer, Anndre Chambers, Matthew Chapman, Aaron Chave, Amber Chave, Angela Chiado, Thomas Chmura, Jessica Churchill, Tyler Claus, Desiree Clenney, Aida Coka, Taylor Collins, Michael Copeland, Matilda Corbaxhi, Brittany Covault.

Sarah Cox, Cody Crane, Bre'Yon Crawford, Daniel Croft, John Cunningham, Sarah Cunningham, Courtney Curlee, Brittney Dandridge, James Daniel, Beth Darnell, Megan Daugherty, Milyorissa Davis, Robert Davis, Andree Dawkins, Marlen Dede, Warren Defilis, Brionna Delaforce, Juston Delaforce, Amanda Derosia, Melissa Deyo, Natalie Deyo, Nathaniel Dickson, Asha Dixon, Chelsea Dixon, Courtney

Dobos, Briana Domen.

Anthony Dooley, Spencer Dowd, Kathryn Down, Jennifer Drum, Alexandra Dudley, Kody Duhl, Summer Dunn, Joshua Duprie, Mikayla Edwards, Eric Eldridge, Daishanae Elliott-Hughey, Ariel Ellis, Halee Endicott, Scholastica Enechukwu, Michael Erwin, Sarah Fanny, Brian Fawley, Joshua Ferguson, Jessica Fielhauer, Raeven Finch, Eileena Flannery.

Stoney Flowers, Dane-Michae Foster, Cassie Fournier, Mikeara Foushee, Kara Frost, Travis Gabany, Austin Gagern, Genevieve Galindo, Lauren Gallant, Edgar Garcia, Sean Gerth, Taylor Gibson, Brandon Girard, Liridon Gjocaj, DeShawn Gohl, Shaun Gornall, Tyler Gower, Paige Grant, Tina Groves, Jenna Guarascio, Jonathan Guertin, Paul Gutu.

Chelsea Guy, Jeffery Guziak, Stephanie Gysel, Kyndra Hackett, Candace Haggerty, Steven Hall, Ariel Hamby, Kyle Hamlin, Jon Handzik, Brittany Harden, Brittney Harding, Tamika Harris, Sarah Headrick, Amy Hein, Trevor Hemeren, Devonte Henderson, Richard Henry, Leigh-Ann Hensley, Jacquelyn Hewitt, Adam Hicks, Thomas Hildebrandt.

Brianna Hill, Ronald Hill II, Arielle Hines, James Hollenbeck, Melissa Hoppe, Alaysha Horne, Bradley Houghton, Kellee Hubbard, Nicole Hubble, Chelsea Hunt, Shabnum Hussain, Syed Hyder, Andrei Iacob, Nicole Ives, Natasha Jackson, Samon Jenkins, Amanda Johnson, Jaylynn Johnson, Je'Na Johnson, Keenan Johnson, Mariah Johnson, Christopher Jones.

Alexis Judd, Erin Kardel, Coty Kazmierczuk, Rachel Kazmierczuk, Trisha Kelly, Brett Kennedy, Bria Kimbrough, Gabrielle Kirchner, Parker Kirchner, Drake Kitchen, Rachel

Klein, Kellie Klepsch, Arnold Kocibelli, Nicole Konwinski, Kristo Korcari, Kelly Kranning, Jonathon Kreger, Kelsey Kreger, Kaltra Kruja, Adam Kuk, Melissa Kukuika, Sharon Kumari.

Christine Lamerson, Rachel Landry, Kiara Lane, Matthew Lane, Jonathan Lara, Ashley Larimore, Leah Laub, Sabrina Lawrence, Sharda Lawrence, Rebecca Lawrukovich, Shelby Lawson, Ashley Leschinski, Melanie Libres, Amberlynn Lilygren, Tariq Lockhart, Devin Lombard, Maverick Longuski, Robert Lopez, Jacob Lower, Ramil Manibog, Ray Manibog.

Bronte Manier, Alyssa Manley, Jalen Manning, Matthew Markey, John Marnon, Anthony Mastropietro, Leila May, Alexis McCarver, Khadijah McCloud, Kody McCollum, Angelic McCullers, Erin McCurtis, Megan McDougall, Jacob McFalls, Molly McFalls, Andrew McGrath, Troy McGuigan, Devon McMillian, Katelyn McNally, Alex McNellis, Steven McNulty.

Kiera Means, Marcus Mecks, Katie Miller, Kevin Miller, Jacqueline Mitchell, Kelly Money, Everton Montague, Alyssa Moore, Caitlin Moreno, Michael Morgan, Jajuan Morton, Jeffrey Morton, Marizza Muhammad, Robin Mulka, Christopher Murdoch Jr, Kaitlin Nelson, Christian Newsome, Lance Newton, Ryan Nikula, Ashley Nowicki, Chelsea Nowicki.

Christopher O'Donnell, Sydney Oaks, Sarah Oboza, Eberachi Ogbuaku, Mathew Okunawo, Ainsworth Orr, Caitlin Osullivan, Fatimo Oyedele, Robert Parker, Joanna Parmenter, Jessica Pesenecker, Ravyn Pete, Janae Pierce, Christopher Pola, Robert Prough, Natalie Qassis, Anna Quillen, William Rafferty, Hailey Randall, Ann Reaume, Zachary Redden, Megan Redmond.

Sabrina Reed, Darrion Richardson, Mikala Rickman, Joseph

Riggio, Andrew Roberts, Shelby Roberts, Stephanie Roberts, Brittani Robinson, Mercedes Robinson, Alexander Rochette, Taylor Rock, Rogelio Rodriguez, Shawn Roegner, Isaac Rogers, Lewis, Antonio Rucker, Anthony Rushlow, Molly Ryder, Aaron Sabal, Thomas Sample, Amber Santo-Gawrecki.

Austin Schacht, Kaieigh Schippa, Gerhardt Schuette, Aubrie Scott, Kas Searis, Austin Sharp, Devin Shaw, Amber Shellenbarger, Kyle Shipley, Megan Singh, Aaron Smith, Christian Smith, Hailey Smith, Mary Smith, Raven Smith, Cory Snyder, Ashley Solberg, Kara Spisz, Joseph Stanley, Marissa Stawkey, Karina Stephens, Nicholas Stevens, Juliana Stewart, Bret Stoddard.

Anthony Sumpter, Holly Sutherland, David Swayze, Thea Swider-Sisk, Harinder Syan, Bryan Sylvester, Nikunj Talati, Glen Taylor, Verica Temelkova, Aaron Thomas, Aaron Thomas, Kiara Thomas, Megan Trantham, Christina Trinh, Tyler Trombley, Max Trudell, Marinela Tupa, Shaquille Turner, Steven Udell, Andruv Vader, David Vader, Austin Valentine.

Keven Wacker, Maggie Wacker, Kelli Wakeford, Steven Wakeford, Justin Walker, Jesse Wallen, Brandon Warnick, Crystal Warra, Britany Washington, Corina Watts, Todd Watts, Michael Wegehaupt, Ashley Wells, Devin Wester, Taylor Whigham, Emily White, Kaitlyn Wilkins, Daisy Williams, Simoee Wilson, Christopher Wimer, Rachel Withrow, Kaela Wojtowicz.

Ryan Woodhouse, Kenneth Woolford, Kaitlyn Worthy, Latina Yacks, India Young, Sarah Young, Krysta Ziegler, Christine Zuke and Brooke Zywick.

ACHIEVERS

Chrysintia Carroll of Westland has been invited to participate in the Pre-Teen Michigan scholarship and recognition program in Lansing in August.

The program awards more than \$5,000 in educational bonds, prizes and awards to girls ages 7-12 based on their school academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities.

She is the daughter of Rebecca Connole and Shawn Carroll.

Andrew Hertz of Wayne has been selected to receive a \$1,000 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award from the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation. The son of Dennis and Pat Hertz, he plans to study business marketing at the University of Michigan this fall.

Matthew Patterson and **Ryan Tracy** of Westland were among 148 students to receive degrees during April 30 commencement ceremonies at Adrian College in Adrian. Patterson received a bachelor of business administration degree in business administration-management. A graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, he also minored in economics while at Adrian.

Tracy received a bachelor of arts degree in French, history and secondary education. He is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School.

Brittney Morgan of Westland has been named a recipient of a Faculty Scholarship to Grand Valley State University. Morgan, a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, is the daughter of Tom and Lorri Morgan.

To be considered for the scholarship, a student must have a 3.6 high school grade point average, a minimum ACT score of 29, and attend a scholarship competition.

The award is renewable for three additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average or better.

Andrew Pate and **Chelsea Quintal**, both of Wayne and **Ashley Buda** of Westland recently attended the week-long Michigan Freedom Academy at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, Air National Guard Base near Alpena.

The Freedom Academy is an annual gathering of nearly 150 students who have completed their sophomore or junior years of high school, have at least a 3.0 grade point average and are active in student leadership and extracurricular activities.

The academy focuses on promoting a sense of patriotism, furthering the desire to lead, enhancing the appreciation for freedom and providing a better understanding of civic responsibility.

Pate, the son of Bobby and Sherry Nordstrom, is a student at Wayne Memorial High School. He volunteers at St. Mary's Outreach Center and Senior Citizen Center and is involved in JROTC and track at Wayne High.

Quintal, the daughter of William and Colleen Quintal, participates in Upward Bound, Junior Civitans, DECA, Volleyball and the Student Senate at Wayne High.

Buda, the daughter of Michelle Buda, is a student at Livonia Franklin High School. Buda is active in the JROTC, marching band and *The Pocket* school newspaper staff as writer and business manager.



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Gay camp a first for Michigan

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Forget about day camp. Some high school kids are going to gay camp this summer.

Camping, OUT will be the first licensed day camp in Michigan for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) and allied youth in grades eight-12. The Triangle Foundation, a statewide civil rights group based in Detroit, is organizing the weeklong outing.

"We've been looking into the possibility for a couple of years, and then the idea resurfaced in September," executive assistant Greg Varnum explained. "It's a way for young people to get involved - and have a lot of fun."

The camp runs Aug. 13-18 and about 20 kids have regis-

tered so far. Varnum will serve as camp director. He's a board member with the American Camp Association of Michigan and an experienced camper.

Since announcing the summer camp, Varnum has been in contact with professionals from around the country who want to offer their assistance.

"We've got camp counselors, former camp directors ... people from Maine and California who are all applying to volunteer at this camp. A lot of them said it's a great program and something they can identify with in terms of its value."

Along with kayaking and canoeing, campers can participate in group discussions on issues affecting the GLBT community. Several prominent speakers from around the country are expected to talk at the camp about civil rights and other related issues.

"There are so many young people working to become engaged in our community," Varnum said. "They're a wonderful, untapped resource that want to become involved in the political process and become influential in their community ... and this is a positive way for them to learn about this."

Campers will pick and choose which discussion they want to participate in. The location itself is being kept confidential for the safety of the campers.

"It's a licensed site and very secluded," he said. "It's in a prime location, in a very serene environment."

Parents will provide the transportation - a prudent idea, Varnum said, since many of them will undoubtedly want to inspect the campground facilities and meet the staff. And while the idea of a sum-



The Triangle Foundation of Detroit is organizing the state's first licensed day camp for gay, bisexual, transgender high school students.

mer camp for young gay people might raise a few eyebrows, Varnum said the only feedback he received so far has been positive.

"I think it's because our interaction has been with parents and youth professionals - two groups who can understand the value of any camp

and bringing youths together in a setting where they feel comfortable."

The camp is only licensed to handle 50 kids, and word of mouth is generating a lot of interest. Varnum said a kid from New York registered last week. Scholarships are available for any campers who are

unable to pay the full \$475 registration fee. After June 15, registration climbs to \$500.

Information about the camp is available on the foundation's Web site at www.tri.org, or by calling (313) 537-3323, Ext. 108. jgrossman@hometownlife.com (248) 901-2529

ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-5-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WESTLAND CITY CODE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE XV, SECTIONS 22-601 THROUGH 22-607 TO REQUIRE REGISTRATION OF AND INSPECTIONS OF ALL RENTAL DWELLINGS

WHEREAS the Westland City Council finds that there are rental properties in the City that are not as well maintained as well as owner occupied properties. The City Council further finds that code enforcement efforts under the housing laws of Michigan and city ordinances relating to zoning, building, construction, property maintenance, and other topics are not sufficiently effective in stabilizing the physical deterioration of rental properties. This ordinance will encourage the appropriate maintenance of rental properties and protect the health, safety and welfare of tenants.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WESTLAND HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 22, Article XV, Section 22-601 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety and welfare in buildings intended for human habitation and their accessory structures.

Section 3. That Chapter 22, Article XV, Section 22-602 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Dwelling: Any building or structure occupied or intended to be occupied, in whole or in part, as a dwelling, residing place, living or sleeping space for one (1) or more humans, whether permanently or transiently.

Dwelling Unit: A building or structure or portion thereof designed for occupancy by one (1) family for residential purposes as a single housekeeping unit.

Hotel Unit: A room or group of rooms located within a dwelling which provides sleeping and bathroom accommodations for the exclusive use of a transient person or a transient family.

Rental Dwelling: Any dwelling building containing a dwelling unit, rooming unit or hotel unit which is not occupied by the owner.

Section 2. That Chapter 22, Article XV, Section 22-603 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Registration of Rental Dwellings

(a) **Registry of rental dwellings required.** All rental dwellings shall be registered with the Building Department. If the owner does not reside within thirty (30) miles of the city, he or she shall designate a responsible local agent who shall be responsible for operating such dwelling in compliance with the law, including this Article. All official notices may be served on the responsible agent, and any notice so served shall be deemed to have been served upon the owner of record. Each owner or responsible local agent shall maintain a current list of the number of occupants of each rental dwelling for which he or she is responsible. A rental unit certificate of compliance shall not be issued if the registration provisions of this Article are not complied with.

(b) **Time to register existing rental dwellings.** All rental dwellings existing as of the effective date of this Article shall be registered no later than sixty days after the effective date of this Article. The city shall order registration prior to that date for any dwelling cited in a notice required by the building code or property maintenance code. Failure to comply with such an order is a violation of this Article.

(c) **Registry of new rental dwellings.** The owner of a new rental dwelling or of any dwelling newly converted to a rental dwelling shall register the rental dwelling prior to allowing occupancy of any new rental units.

(d) **Change in register information.** The owner of rental dwellings already registered with the city or his responsible local agent shall register within sixty (60) days after any change occurs in register information. A new owner of a registered dwelling shall register the dwelling within sixty (60) days of assuming ownership.

(e) **Register of rental dwellings.** Application for registration shall be made in such form and in accordance with such instructions as may be provided by the Building Department Director and shall include:

- (1) The address of the rental dwelling.
- (2) The number of dwelling units, the number of rooming units and the number of hotel units in the dwelling.
- (3) The name, residence address, business address, business phone number and personal phone number of the owner.
- (4) The name, residence address, business address, business phone number and personal phone number of the manager and responsible local agent designated by the owner.
- (5) The address where the owner or responsible local agent will accept notices or orders from the city.

(f) **Inaccurate or incomplete register information.** It shall be a violation of this Article for an owner or a responsible local agent to provide inaccurate information for the registration of rental dwellings or to fail to provide information, required by the city under subsection (e) of this section. In those cases in which the owner or responsible local agent is not a natural person, the information required for the registration shall be provided for the organization owning the rental dwelling and for the president, general manager or other chief executive officers of the organization. Where more than one (1) natural person has an ownership interest, the required information shall be provided for each owner.

Section 4. That Chapter 22, Article XV, Section 22-604 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Certification of Rental Dwellings

(a) **Certificate of compliance required.** Rental dwellings shall not be occupied without a rental dwelling certificate of compliance or a temporary rental dwelling certificate of compliance.

(b) **Issuance of certificate of compliance.** The building department

shall issue a rental dwelling certificate of compliance for a rental dwelling after the director of the building department finds that the rental dwelling, its units and accessory structures and yards comply with the standards set forth in the currently adopted codes, i.e., building code, the mechanical code, the plumbing code, the electrical code, and the property maintenance code.

(c) **Temporary certificate authorized.** Where a rental dwelling certificate of compliance is required, the building department may issue a temporary rental dwelling certificate of compliance for the following reasons only:

- (1) To enable the city to balance compliance inspection work loads; or,
- (2) To coincide with compliance time periods set forth in a notice citing violations of this Article if such periods extend beyond the expiration date of a certificate.

Provided, however, no temporary certificate of compliance shall be issued if there are significant health and safety defects present on the premises constituting an imminent danger to life, health or property.

(d) **Validity of certificate of compliance.** A rental dwelling certificate of compliance shall be valid for three (3) years for all rental units, unless suspended as set forth below. The building department director may authorize up to eight (8) additional months on the certificate of a dwelling for the sole purpose of balancing inspection workloads for the city.

(e) **Expiration of certificate of compliance.** Rental dwelling certificates of compliance and temporary rental dwelling certificates of compliance may not be extended beyond their expiration dates except as may be permitted in subsection (c) or (d) above to enable the department of building to balance inspection workloads.

(f) **Length of time certificate of compliance is valid.** Any new rental dwelling certificate of compliance issued to an owner for a dwelling shall have an expiration date three (3) years from the date of issuance, except that if a temporary rental dwelling certificate has been previously issued, the certificate shall expire three (3) years from the date the temporary certificate was issued.

(g) **Suspension of certificate of compliance.** The building department director shall suspend a rental dwelling certificate of compliance if the owner or responsible local agent has not complied with a complaint notice. The building department director shall issue a notice of suspended certification to the owner or responsible local agent. The notice of suspended certification will inform the owner or responsible local agent:

- (1) That the rental dwelling certificate of compliance has been suspended as of the date of the notice.
- (2) Of the reason for the suspension.
- (3) That it is unlawful for any rental unit to continue to be occupied for more than sixty (60) days after the date of suspension of the rental dwelling certificate of compliance.
- (4) That any rental unit which is vacant at the time of suspension or which becomes vacant during the period of suspension shall not be rented or reoccupied until the rental dwelling certificate of compliance is reinstated or a new rental dwelling certificate of compliance is issued.

Failure to comply with the terms of suspension as set out in this subsection shall be a violation of this Article.

(h) **Reinstatement of suspended certificate of compliance.** A suspended rental dwelling certificate of compliance shall be reinstated if the building department director determines that a rental dwelling has been brought into compliance with the standards of this Article. The city shall notify the owner or responsible agent by regular mail, noting the reinstatement of the rental dwelling certificate of compliance. Reinstatement of the certificate shall not extend or change the expiration date of the certificate. A reinstatement fee and all inspection fees and amounts to be determined by the city council shall be paid by the owner prior to reinstatement of the certificate.

(i) **Appeal.** Suspension of a rental dwelling certificate of compliance may be appealed to the Building Board of Appeals as provided for in Article II of this Chapter.

(j) **Notifying tenants of suspended certificate.** The city shall send a copy of a notice of suspended certificate to each dwelling unit within a certified rental dwelling. The copy shall be addressed to occupant and shall be sent by regular mail. Failure of an occupant to receive a copy shall not invalidate any other proceedings authorized by this Article.

Section 5. That Chapter 22, Article XV, Section 22-605 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Inspections; Search warrant

(a) The city may provide written notice to the owner and/or the responsible local agent of the need to schedule an appointment for any inspection required by this Article.

(b) Upon receipt from the city of the notice described in subsection (a), the owner and/or responsible local agent shall, within fourteen (14) days of the date of that notice, contact the city to schedule the systematic inspection. In the event that the city fails to notify an owner or responsible local agent of the need for an inspection prior to the expiration date of a rental certificate of compliance, it shall be the responsibility of the owner and/or responsible local agent to contact the city to schedule the systematic inspection required by this Article.

(c) Once a date for an inspection is scheduled, the owner and/or responsible local agent shall do all of the following prior to the date of the scheduled inspection:

- (1) Inform the tenant or occupant of each dwelling unit scheduled for possible inspection of the date when the inspection is scheduled to occur.
- (2) Request permission from the tenant or occupant of each dwelling unit scheduled for possible inspection to provide access to the rental unit in the event that the tenant or occupant is not at home when the inspector arrives.
- (3) Inform the tenant or occupant of each dwelling unit scheduled for possible inspection that the owner or

the owner's representative is required to accompany the inspector during the performance of all inspections of rental dwelling units, and that the owner or the owner's representative must provide access to the inspector by unlocking the dwelling unit's door in the event that the tenant is not at home.

(d) In all cases where a tenant or occupant has informed the owner or responsible local agent, either orally or in writing, that the tenant will permit the owner or owner's representative to provide access to the inspector with access to the dwelling unit, the owner shall provide access to the dwelling unit in question for purposes of conducting the inspection required by this Article.

(e) In the event that a tenant who has consented to the inspection informs the owner or responsible local agent that he or she would like to be present during the inspection, but that the time schedule for the inspection is not convenient, the owner or responsible local agent shall inform the city of the tenant's desire to be present when the inspection occurs. The city shall make a reasonable effort to comply with the tenant's request. In the event that the city, owner, and tenant cannot schedule a mutually convenient time for the inspection, the city shall have the discretion to obtain a search warrant to inspect that dwelling unit pursuant to authority granted by this Article and state law.

(f) In the event that a tenant or occupant of a unit scheduled for possible inspection informs the owner and/or responsible local agent that he or she will demand that the city obtain a search warrant, the owner shall inform the tenant that the owner or a representative of the owner is required to accompany the inspector during the execution of a search warrant, and is required to provide access to any dwelling unit only after a proper search warrant has been issued by a court of competent jurisdiction. In the event that a search warrant is issued, the city shall make a reasonable effort to inform the tenant of the date of execution of the search warrant if the tenant so requests.

(g) In all cases where a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a search warrant authorizing the inspection of a particular dwelling pursuant to MCL 125.527 and the provisions of this Article, the owner and/or responsible local agent shall accompany the inspector during the execution of the search warrant and inspection of the named dwelling units, and shall provide access to each dwelling unit described in that search warrant.

(h) The city may require the owner and/or responsible local agent of a leasehold to do one or more of the following:

- (1) Provide the enforcing agency access to the leasehold if the lease provides the owner a right of entry.
- (2) Provide access to areas other than a leasehold or areas open to public view, or both.
- (3) Notify a tenant of the city's request to inspect a leasehold, make a good faith effort to obtain permission for an inspection, and arrange for the inspection. If a tenant vacates a leasehold after the city has requested to inspect that leasehold, an owner of the leasehold shall notify the city of that fact within ten days after leasehold is vacated.
- (4) Provide access to the leasehold if a tenant of that leasehold has made a complaint to the enforcing agency.

(i) Neither the city nor the owner may discriminate against an occupant on the basis of whether the occupant requests, permits, or refuses entry to the leasehold. The city shall not discriminate against an owner who has met the requirements of subsection (h), but has been unable to obtain the permission of the occupant.

Section 6. That Chapter 22, Article XV, Section 22-606 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Appeals

A person subjected to the provisions of this Article, may appeal to the Building Board of Appeals as provided for in Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-33 of the Westland City Code.

Section 7. That Chapter 22, Article XV, Section 22-607 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Punishment

Any person found guilty of violating this Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not in excess of \$500.00 and/or a term of imprisonment 90 days or less.

Section 8. That Chapter 22, Article XV, Section 22-607 of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Disclaimer of Liability

A rental dwelling certificate of compliance is not a warranty or guarantee that there are no defects in the rental dwelling or unit and the City of Westland shall not be held responsible for defects not noted in the inspection report.

This inspection of the land use, exterior posture and interior accessories of the structure is limited to visual inspection only. The City of Westland does not guarantee or approve by inference any latent, structural, or mechanical defects thereto, or such other items that are not apparent by such visual inspection.

The City shall not assume any liability to any person by reason of the inspection required by the Ordinance or the Code adopted herein or the issuance of a rental dwelling certificate of compliance.

Section 9. That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 11. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 12. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 13. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Adopted: June 19, 2006

Effective: June 29, 2006

Eileen DeHart
Westland City Clerk

Published: June 29, 2006

ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-13-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTIONS 46-1(17) OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO AMEND THE FEES PROVIDED FOR THEREIN

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 46, Section 46-1(17) of the Westland City Code is amended to provide as follows:

Building Permits, Additions, Alterations, and New Buildings

a. Both a permit fee and a plan review fee must be paid for new buildings, additions and alterations to existing buildings and for special structures.

b. Permit fees are based upon the valuation of the new building, addition, alteration or special structure pursuant to the following table:

Minimum Fee	
Up to \$1000.00 valuation	\$35.00
Charge per \$1000.00 of valuation;	
Valuation	
\$1000.01 to \$10,000 valuation	\$62.00
\$35.00 Plus \$3.00 for each additional \$1000.00 or part over and above the first \$1000.00 valuation	
\$10,000.01 to \$20,000.00 valuation	\$102.00
\$62.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional \$1000.00 or part over and above the first \$10,000.00 valuation	
\$20,000.01 to \$50,000.00 valuation	\$192.00
\$102.00 plus \$3.00 for each additional \$1000.00 or part over and above the first \$20,000.00 valuation	
Over \$50,000.01 valuation:	
\$192.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional \$1000.00 or part over and above the first \$50,000.00 valuation	

c. Permit fees for new construction and buildings are determined using the ICC-designated formula and the ICC-designated use groups and types of construction on a square-foot basis.

d. The plan review fee is equal to 60 percent of the applicable permit fee:

Fallout shelters	\$ 35.00
Insulation permits	\$ 35.00
Permanent swimming pool (over 18 feet round).....	
By valuation	
Portable swimming pool (up to 18 feet round).....	
By valuation	
Roofing permit.....By valuation	
Siding permit.....By valuation	
Reinspection fee	\$ 75.00
Registration of State of Michigan residential maintenance and alteration contractor's license	\$ 15.00
Registration of State of Michigan builder's license	\$ 15.00
Wrecking frame or masonry buildings, plus a refundable \$1,000.00 cash bond	\$ 100.00
Administration fee	\$ 40.00

Moving of Buildings and Structures

Permit fee for each building (exclusive of foundation permit and any remodeling to structure)	\$500.00
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Substituted Plans

For substitution of plans.....By valuation

Zoning Compliance

Change of occupancy from one use group to another	\$180.00
Change of business ownership	\$180.00

Certificates

Duplicate building permit weather card	\$ 10.00
Duplicate certificate of occupancy	\$ 10.00

Overtime Inspections

Saturday, Sunday, holiday or general overtime inspections made by any employee of the department shall be charged for at the following rate: 1 1/2 times the hourly employee's pay (4-hour minimum)

Signs

Vertical or horizontal projecting signs:	
Each 72 square feet of area or fractional part thereof	\$ 50.00
Signs or bulletin boards on roofs of buildings, including signs:	
Not exceeding 4 feet in height or 100 square feet in area	\$ 50.00
Exceeding 4 feet in height or 100 square feet in area;	
20 square feet with a minimum fee of	\$ 50.00
Sign permits	\$ 50.00
Sign permits over 50 square feet	\$ 50.00
Temporary sign permits (authorized by Ordinance 248, § 15:6.10)	\$ 75.00

Fences

Residential.....By valuation	
Commercial.....By valuation	

Refunds

Regulations in connection with the refunding of fees paid for unused permits, licenses and certificates of inspection and operation:

Requests for refunds must be made within six months from the date the permit, license, etc., was issued. No refunds to be issued where the fee previously paid to the city amounts to \$10.00 or less. In the case of large refunds, 25% of the total fee paid shall be retained to cover general overhead expenses.

Transfers of Permits

Each permit	\$ 25.00
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MECHANICAL FEE SCHEDULE

Minimum permit fee	\$ 50.00
Reinspection fee	\$ 75.00
Contractor Registration fee	\$ 15.00
Administration Fee	\$ 40.00

Commercial Fees

Gas burners with input rating not exceeding 500,000 BTU per hour (installation or replacement)	\$ 55.00
Gas burners with input rating exceeding 500,000 BTU per hour (installation or replacement)	\$ 60.00
Air Conditioner or refrigeration less than 1 ton- each (includes process piping)	\$ 40.00
Air Conditioner or refrigeration 1 to 5 ton- each (includes process piping)	\$ 45.00
Air Conditioner or refrigeration 6 to 50 ton- each (includes process piping)	\$ 55.00
Air Conditioner or refrigeration over 50 ton- each (includes process piping)	\$ 80.00
Refrigeration evaporator coils, hot water coils, chilled water coils - each	\$ 30.00
Air Handlers or commercial exhaust fan each	\$ 30.00
Hydronic piping - each system	\$ 50.00
Ductwork alterations (minimum fittings to reconnect)	\$ 35.00
Ductwork - New system - each	\$ 50.00
Kitchen Hoods, Spray Booth (New System Includes duct and Ex. Fan) - each	\$ 100.00
Kitchen Hoods, Spray Booth only - each	\$ 50.00
Gas Piping and One pressure test	\$ 40.00
Hot water tanks	\$ 40.00

Fire Suppression

Duct smoke detectors (not installed with new heat/ac unit) - up to 5	\$ 20.00
Each additional 5 smoke detectors	\$ 5.00
Fire/smoke dampers (first 5) per each unit	\$ 8.00
Fire/smoke dampers per each additional	\$ 2.00

Water sprinkler distribution piping	\$ 50.00
Water sprinkler heads, each	\$ 2.00
Hydrostatic test	\$ 100.00
Chemical system	\$ 50.00
Puff Test	\$ 50.00
Plan Review for fire suppression is per fire department charge and additional to these fees	

Residential Fees

New construction - home (furnace, ductwork, chimney/flue, 3 bath fans)	\$ 120.00
Furnace up to 75,000 btu's	\$ 40.00
Furnace - from 75,001 to 155,000 btu's	\$ 55.00
Air conditioner	\$ 45.00
Gas piping over 10' includes 1 pressure test	\$ 40.00
Pre-fab fireplace, wood burning stoves	\$ 50.00
Gas logs for existing fireplace (need gas piping for new)	\$ 40.00
Ductwork - new system	\$ 40.00
Ductwork Alterations (per new run)	\$ 10.00
Air handlers, up to 5 tons (no heat)	\$ 55.00
Humidifiers, Electronic Air cleaners, UV lights - each	\$ 20.00
Heat recovery ventilators/air ventilators	\$ 50.00
Residential exhaust (i.e. bathroom, kitchen vented)	\$ 10.00
Chimneys (i.e. chimney lines, b-vent), extra not included above	\$ 30.00
Residential Boilers (Must provide Boiler installer license)	\$ 55.00
Hot water or Steam piping system	\$ 50.00
Hot Water Tank	\$ 40.00

Plumbing Permits and Inspection Permits

Minimum permit fee	\$ 50.00
Administration fee	\$ 40.00
New stack or stack alteration (soil, waste, vent and inside conductor)	\$ 10.00
Bath	\$ 10.00
Backflow preventers (1-2 feet)	\$ 50.00
Catchbasin	\$ 20.00
Dishwashing machine	\$ 10.00
Drinking fountain	\$ 10.00
Floor drain	\$ 20.00
Garbage disposal	\$ 10.00
Grease interceptor	\$ 10.00
Hose bibbs	\$ 10.00
Humidifiers	\$ 10.00
Lavatory sinks	\$ 10.00
Lavatory trays	\$ 10.00
Lavatory	\$ 10.00
Manhole	\$ 20.00
Shower tap	\$ 10.00
Sink (any description)	\$ 10.00
Urinal	\$ 10.00
Water closet	\$ 10.00
Water heater (gas, oil, kerosene, electric)	\$ 40.00
Fixtures not included in above schedule	\$ 10.00
Fire or lawn sprinkler-per sprinkler head (Minimum fee-water line size and number of heads)	\$ 1.00
Replacement of fixtures (no waste or water piping change) minimum charge	\$ 35.00
Installation of additional equipment prior to the completion of plumbing work covered by previous permit issued-Minimum charge	\$ 35.00

Special Equipment for Commercial Use

Automatic laundry machines (domestic) installed separately	\$ 15.00
If more than one machine is installed at the same location at the same time, each unit shall be charged at the rate of \$1.00 each, with a minimum fee of	\$ 15.00
If included on application for permit covering other fixtures, including replacements, the regular \$1.00 for each machine shall be charged with a minimum fee of	\$ 15.00

Sewers

(Sewer installation between main line and buildings)	
Line up to 6-inch diameter	\$ 40.00
Line from 6-inch to 18-inch diameter	\$ 60.00
Line over 18-inch diameter	\$ 100.00
Manholes, each	\$ 20.00

Drains

(Storm drains underground or above ground to building sewer)	
Line up to 6-inch diameter	\$ 40.00
Line from 6-inch to 18-inch diameter	\$ 60.00
Line over 18-inch diameter	\$ 100.00
Manholes, each	\$ 20.00

Building to Sewer Drain Connection

(Crock to Iron)

For each connection, when a new sewer and/or main drain is installed, minimum permit fee	\$ 35.00
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Laboratory Tests

For testing of materials, devices and various equipment not specifically listed herein, to cover the costs of service incidental to the laboratory testing involved, each test shall be charged for at the fees charged by the laboratory plus 10%.

Water Distribution Systems

(Based on the size of distribution pipe at the meter)	
1-inch	\$ 30.00
2-inch	\$ 40.00
3-inch	\$ 50.00
4-inch	\$ 55.00
Exceeding 4-inch	\$ 60.00
Each new branch, according to its size at its connection with an existing water distribution system, shall require a permit in accordance with the above schedule.	
If water distribution piping is the only plumbing installed, the minimum permit fee shall be	\$ 50.00

Transfer of Permits

Each	\$ 15.00
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Electrical Permit Fees and Inspections

Circuits:

One circuit (new or extended)	\$ 15.00
Each additional circuit	\$ 4.00
Commercial, industrial and multiple, each additional circuit	\$ 6.00
Starting permit, minimum fee 25% or not less than 75% of the final fee Reinspection fee	\$ 75.00
Administration fee	\$ 40.00

Fixtures

First 10 lamps or tubes or fraction thereof, alarm pull station signal device	\$ 10.00
Each additional 10 lamps or tubes or fraction thereof	\$ 4.00

Service

(Temporary for light, heat or power, or permanent service only)	
100 ampere or less (alarm panel)	\$ 25.00
101 to 400 ampere	\$ 50.00
Over 400 ampere or temporary primary service	\$ 75.00
Temporary for service	\$ 50.00
Temporary service, on the permanent service only, for new residential buildings will be granted with an additional charge of \$1.00, provided request is made when making application for original wiring permit.	

Additional Electrical

Fire alarm signal device (Horn, bell, heat or smoke)	\$ 12.00
Each additional device	\$ 4.00
Above ground pools	\$ 25.00
Below ground pools	\$ 25.00

Sign Permits

Wiring (tag inspection):	
First sign (one circuit)	\$ 25.00
Each additional sign (same location) (providing inspection is made at the same time)	\$ 10.00

Each additional circuit (any one sign)	\$ 7.00
Connection and reconnection:	
First sign (one circuit)	\$ 12.00
Each additional sign (same location) (providing inspection is made at the same time)	\$ 7.00
Outline tubing (tag inspection):	
First 50 feet of tubing, each location	\$ 10.00
Each additional 50 feet or fraction thereof	\$ 5.00
Outline tubing (wiring and/or connection), same fees as for sign wiring and connection.	

Small Signs

(Tag Inspection)

Signs not exceeding 2 square feet on any face and not exceeding 2 faces to any sign:	
First sign (one circuit)	\$ 10.00
Each additional sign (same location, providing inspection is made at the same time)	\$ 3.00

Small Signs

(Wiring and/or Connection)

First 25 small signs	\$ 10.00
Each additional 25 signs or fraction thereof	\$ 5.00
A separate permit is required listing the number of such signs at any one location under fixtures.	

Window Signs

(Tag Inspection)

First sign (one circuit)	\$ 10.00
Each additional sign (same location, providing inspection is made at the same time)	\$ 5.00
Each additional circuit (any one sign)	\$ 3.00
A connection permit will not be required, provided an approved indoor-type transformer supplied with a flexible rubber cord 6 feet or less in length is connected to a properly installed and rated outlet within reach of the flexible cord.	
Connection: The fee for installation or extension of a circuit to provide a properly installed outlet shall include the connection of a window sign. (See Circuit fees)	

Certificates

Certificate of compliance requested in writing by owner (special inspection request pertaining to sale of buildings), all trades	\$100.00
Registration of electrical contractors	\$ 15.00

Motors, Powers and Heating Units

Includes generators, rectifiers, welders, flood lamps, 100-watts or over, heating and/or power units based on horse-power, kw or kva rating	
Power plus outlet	\$ 10.00
1/4 hp, kw or kva to 10 hp, kw or kva	\$ 14.00
Over 10 up to 30	\$ 25.00
Over 30 up to 50	\$ 35.00
Over 50	\$ 40.00
Each additional motor unit	\$ 7.00
HVAC	\$ 39.00
Central heating or cooling units or other mechanical equipment units installed as a complete single unit package shall be charged for at the fee for the total sum of the hp, kw or kva ratings. Separate components must be separately listed on permit.	
Above fees include branch circuit wiring to the equipment.	
Fees for motors of less than 1/4 hp shall be based on the number of circuits supplying such motors	
See Circuit fees.	
Domestic cooking appliances, dryers and water heaters shall be considered as not over 10 kva in determining permit fee.	

Electrical Space Heating

(Not including supplemental heating)	
First room	\$ 12.00
Each additional room	\$ 7.00

Feeders, Mains, Bus Ducts, etc.

First 100 feet or less	\$ 20.00
Each additional 100 feet or fraction thereof	\$ 10.00

Underfloor Raceways, Headers for Cellular Floors, etc.

First 100 feet or less	\$ 10.00
Each additional 100 feet or fraction thereof	\$ 5.00

Motion Picture Apparatus

Each machine	\$ 25.00
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Repairs

(General)

Repairs and alterations not specifically covered in this schedule, each hour or fraction thereof	\$ 15.00
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Transfer of Permits

Each permit	\$ 25.00
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Special Inspections

Circuses	\$ 50.00
Carnivals	\$ 50.00
Theatrical road shows	\$ 50.00
Temporary lighting displays	\$ 50.00

Minimum Permit Fee

In no case shall less than \$50.00 be charged for any one permit, excepting the transfer of permits. All reinspection fees \$ 75.00 All permits issued after work has begun and a warning has been issued by the building department shall pay an additional \$100.00 fee.

Installations

Installations made without first obtaining permit shall be \$100.00 plus the permit fee

Subfeeders

Pertaining to apartment houses in same building	
First subfeeder	\$ 9.00
All thereafter, each	\$ 4.00

Home Certification

Certification of a residence (said fee shall include two visits to the residence by city inspectors for building, plumbing/mechanical and electrical) \$180.00

Section 3. That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

OUR VIEWS

Celebrate happiness this Fourth of July

On Tuesday, we'll celebrate the pursuit of happiness. The 230th anniversary of the ratification of the Declaration of Independence reminds us again of Thomas Jefferson's revolutionary, earth-shaking preamble.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness ... that to secure these rights Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed ... that whenever any government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. ..."

Jefferson curiously uses the word happiness twice. He borrows the phrase "life, liberty ..." from Adam Smith and John Locke, but replaces the word "property" with the less tangible "happiness."

Jefferson was not one to believe that governments could make people happy. In a very different age than ours, the gentleman farmer believed that the less government the better.

Commentators and scholars on the right and left disagree about what Jefferson had in mind. Those on the left see Jefferson as an advocate for social justice. Those on the right see the word as merely a substitute for the property that brought Jefferson and others their greatest happiness.

But happiness can also be seen in the context of freedom from government oppression and interference with private life and the "pursuit of happiness" that doesn't impinge on the happiness of others.

In a time when we are engaged in a fierce debate on the balance between security (a major function of government) and liberty and privacy, this Independence Day is a perfect time to think about the freedom we cherish so deeply and the limits we are willing to place upon it.

It's time to consider happiness.

Responsible driving doesn't take break

There is a reason why traffic has been so light as of late during morning and evening rush hours. School is out for the summer, and that means no teachers rushing off to work, no parents dropping kids off on their way to work and no buses picking up and dropping off youngsters.

It also means not having to deal with teenage drivers intent on their next date and not the driving at hand.

Stop before you celebrate too much the lighter traffic. Consider, instead, that all those thousands of kids are now at home. You can bet they're not all stuck in front of the TV. In fact, some post offices have issued proactive warnings to drivers and parents alike, encouraging them to watch out for roadside mailboxes — and young people anxious to see what the day's delivery may have brought them.

Rural and country-like settings where there are no sidewalks are cause for concern. Teens sometimes forget the rules for walking against traffic, or they weave on their bikes in the path of an oncoming vehicle.

Youths who live in subdivisions are no less prone to encounters with cars. Witness some who delight in rollerblading up and down inclines provided for those with handicaps.

Kids in all of these situations don't necessarily mean to cause havoc with drivers, but they also don't always think of the consequences of what they're doing.

So, guess what? Being responsible adults, it's up to those of us on the road to drive defensively. That means giving kids — or anyone else, for that matter — a wide berth when they're walking or biking on the same road.

It also means watching out for the unexpected kid who may be on the sidewalk when you first see him, but not for long.

Sure, these reminders are nothing new, but they bear repeating. As we hurry off to work or our next appointment, it's easy to forget to be mindful of these simple safety precautions. But keeping our young people safe is everyone's responsibility, from the parents who must teach kids how to maneuver on the road, to drivers who take on an awesome responsibility when they get behind the wheel.

There is nothing routine on the road for drivers going about their rounds during these summer months. Don't let an apparent lighter volume of traffic lull you into unsafe speeds or a casual approach to what lies ahead.

There can be no vacation from responsible driving.



LETTERS

A real statesman

Thank you for the articles written by Julie Brown and Brad Kadrich on former Gov. William Milliken's recent visit to Plymouth as part of a book tour.

I too was in attendance at the event hosted by State Rep. John Stewart, as I know the author, Dave Dempsey, and wanted to congratulate him on another literary success. I thought both *Observer & Eccentric* writers did a good job capturing the feelings of excitement in the room.

One of the things I was impressed with, besides the obvious respect that was displayed by area residents waiting patiently for their turn to meet former Gov. Milliken, was the opportunity for Republicans, Democrats and Independents to come together, in one room, to honor and learn more about such an important Michigan political leader.

I agree with comments made by State Rep. Glenn Anderson, regarding the importance of statesmanship in public service, a trait that former Gov. Milliken embodied, but is admittedly lacking in most political arenas today. Although personally frustrated by this reality, I remain encouraged that better days are ahead.

I am hopeful, amidst extremely challenging times facing all of our families, that citizens can take back control of their government and their futures by carefully electing representatives who will work on their behalf.

From my perspective, based on my level of involvement, both from a citizen-activist position, and now as an elected official, we need more people like Glenn Anderson in public office. Glenn should be proud that he too exhibits behavior conducive to good government, the kind he felt former Gov. Milliken set as an example.

I often stand back and observe how comfortable Glenn is with people when we are at public functions. Glenn is approachable and graciously listens to people's concerns. In Lansing, Glenn takes his job seriously, yet recognizes the importance of working with both political parties on behalf of the citizens.

Term limits aren't always a good thing when a good person is forced to step down, but I'm thrilled with Glenn's decision to run as our next state senator from the 6th District and confident in his ability to do the job!

Cheryl Graunstadt
Westland

So much to be thankful for

I thought it was time to publicly thank everyone for my past two birthdays, last year for my surprise 90th birthday and this year at 91 with the city's own birthday.

I thank God and my loving family and my many friends too numerous to mention. I thank all for helping me to get to this point in my life. I especially thank my daughter, Pat, for the effort she put into my surprise party and the three large albums about my life. I thank Eileen DeHart for inviting me to the city party and to Marie Johnson for getting me there, no easy task. Thanks to the mayor's assistant, Chuck Pickering and Richard LeBlanc for helping me walk. The assistant mayor for asking me to dance with him at the dance, offering to hold me up. Ha! As everybody knows, I love to dance

and miss that.

Thanks also to Sandy, our mayor, and for the beautiful flowers and plaque. I enjoyed seeing everyone and, of course, all my politician friends. And I'm very glad Jay Barns could attend. I had a little chance to chat with my former boss, Jay Gilbert, from Dorsey Center. I thank the organizations I've belonged to for 20 or more years, St. Richard's, Friendship Center, Dorsey Center, Bread Basket and Democratic party. I miss all of them.

On a sad note, we took the pictures taken to Kmart and they put them, two rolls, into the one-hour machine and, lo and behold, the machine broke and no pictures — all gone. Sorry, as I promised to give many people copies. I couldn't notify all those people. I still have my memories. No one can take them away, I have many great ones. I've had the pleasure of knowing many wonderful people.

On another sad note, just recently I lost a close friend, Edna Jones. The bad part of growing old is losing family and friends, usually younger than yourself.

Everyone pray we go on keeping our city of Westland safe and healthy and growing strong.

I am sorry it took so long to get this letter published and thanks for the editors who kept in touch. Thanks again to everyone.

Betty Savage
Westland

Thank you

Friends and family of the late Brian Kapelanski of Westland would like to thank the following for contributing to a benefit for Brian's wife and child:

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Save gas on your own

With all due respect to the gentle lady who in (a recent) *Observer* suggested a reduction in the highway speed limits as a way to deal with the current gasoline "crisis," the last thing we need to do is to return to the failed policies of the Carter administration.

Our law enforcement officers should be policing our city streets, not hiding behind a tree or under a bridge with a radar gun, enforcing an arbitrary number posted on a sign for purely political reasons.

When gasoline was well under \$2 a gallon, I purchased an American-made five-passenger sedan that gets 32 miles per gallon at "passing lane" freeway speeds, so the rise in gasoline prices over the last year or so has not affected my driving habits or my lifestyle.

Should anyone feel their family's budget would benefit from the modest 5 percent to 10 percent savings gained by driving slower than the posted speed limit, they are welcome to do so.

But, while you are saving your \$6 to \$9 a week, please move over to the right lane and allow the rest of us to go about our business and spend no more time than necessary on Michigan's poorly maintained roads.

James A. Kidd
Livonia

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This Fourth of July, describe freedom, describe democracy

Standing among hundreds of thousands of student protesters in the nation's capital in 1989, I was forced to reflect on what "freedom and democracy" truly mean. Pondering this question sends shivers down my spine to this day.

No, I was not standing on the Mall, between the Washington Monument and the Capitol in Washington, D.C., nestled among other Americans watching Fourth of July fireworks. I was standing with thousands of students calling for greater freedom and democracy in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China, the capital of the People's Republic of China.

Many of the students had ripped bed sheets tied in headband fashion with such menacing Chinese slogans as "Beijing Normal University," and other university logos like you would see when attending a college football game. My personal favorite was "Mama, mama — don't worry about me."

I happened to be traveling in China when, for a few brief weeks, the call to loosen the heavy grip of repression of the people was as thick as the smog that clogs your nose and makes you weep.

I troled the crowd of young Chinese students looking for someone who spoke English. Suddenly a student called out, "I speak a little English." A small crowd quickly engulfed me, perhaps six to eight students deep, and a hush fell over the bubble enclosure that became my world for what seemed like eternity, but was only a few minutes.

The silence was pierced with a volley of successive questions punctuated with my "Fourth of July moment," when the student representing his fellow protesters and countrymen asked me in halting English, "Describe democracy; describe freedom."

My life seemed to stream through my consciousness like a 45 rpm record being played at 78 rpm. I remember talking about the ability to choose where we live, what type of work we do, where to go to school if we choose to, who to marry, how many children to have, the freedom to express one's faith in God or not, and to petition our government. It was as if my entire high school civics lesson was coming up in one huge MEAP belch.

Attempting to communicate what democracy and freedom means when it is often taken for granted was like trying to tell someone how you begin to breathe when you wake up in the morning. As effortlessly as we take our freedom for granted, the breath of hundreds, if not thousands, of students was taken away only a few short weeks after my civic reminder that eerie night in Beijing.

Growing up in our nation's capital in the late '50s and early '60s, I spent much of my childhood on Pennsylvania Avenue and Capitol Hill as my playground. I recall the sailors from the shipyard, the bustling streetcars, the old Penn and Capitol

Hill movie theaters with the president's home not too much further up the street. There were never any overt signs of discrimination in the theaters, that I recall, but the attitude still prevailed and many a person, both black and white, would tell you which theater the "colored kids" should go to.

Awash in flames and disorder, our nation's capital took on a hotter and meaner look during the riots of 1968. Just 14 years old at the time, my conscious was seared with the anger I saw in the faces of people tearing up and burning down the city.

As the 1960s merged with the 1970s, our nation's capital once again took on a different hue in my consciousness. The Vietnam War and the protests became less abstract and more of a reality as I marched closer to my 18th birthday and the bingolike selection of a draft number loomed on the horizon. The anger and hatred of the Viet Cong faces that entered my home through one of only three television news broadcasts at the time mirrored the emotions I saw in the faces of the rioters a few years earlier.

Ongoing lessons of freedom and democracy are further etched in my consciousness through the rhetoric and actions of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy. They stood for the ideals that made America great and democracy and freedom a reality for many of my generation.

Much has happened since my childhood that has impacted our freedom. Certainly, 9/11 and the Iraq War are bringing the questions of freedom and democracy to the forefront of today's consciousness.

As we approach the July 4 weekend and the International Freedom Festival, all of us should reflect on the question the young Chinese student posed to me in 1989, to "Describe freedom, describe democracy."

What does it mean to you, to be free and to live in a democratic society as we flow into the 21st century?

- Take this simple freedom test:
- Are you registered to vote?
 - Have you regularly voted in all elections?
 - Do you speak out on issues of local, state and national importance?
 - Have you volunteered to make your community better?

We cannot take our freedom for granted. In order to maintain freedom and our democratic way of life, we all must take an active role. We know that freedom is not free. For freedom lovers the world over, let's embrace and honor the freedom and democracy we are blessed to have so that someday that student in China can have his question answered.

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America at 230 years: Reflect on how we gained our freedom

As we prepare to celebrate our nation's 230th birthday of independence, let's make time to reflect on how we gained our freedoms and the right to govern ourselves. This was not given to us on a silver platter, we fought for these rights and nurtured the concept that "all men are created equal ... one nation under God."

Did you ever stop to wonder with all the conflict in the world, for the most part, how so many Americans of different backgrounds, color, origin and religions can live in peace for more than 200 years. Not to say



Vince Berna

we didn't and still don't have our problems. Why aren't Americans of German, Italian, African, Polish, Irish, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, English, Scottish, etc., descendants blowing up others of opposite nationalities on a daily basis to further their cause/agenda because they may not like what's going on in their homeland which is getting support from our government?

Why aren't Americans hunting down Arabs in this country and cutting their heads off? I had more respect for the VC and NVA in Vietnam, at least they fought you straight up, not to say they didn't have their sneaky tactics.

These insurgents in Iraq don't care for their own people, all they want is power, control of this country so they can be top dog, dominate their women and poison their children's minds, the next generation with hatred toward the United States and the infidels. Why aren't the clerics of Islam in this country shouting from their towers and in the news media, condemning these fanatics who twist the interpretation of the Koran for their own benefit.

I've always said that if these "assassins" have a problem with our government supporting any friendly peaceful nation, take it up with the head dude in the White House and Congress. Our people don't make foreign policy; why kill the innocent? And, boy, did they make a mistake. If you think Japan regretted "waking up the sleeping giant," you ain't seen nothing yet.

Why is it these freedom fighters claim to love gods and want peace, but hide out in their mosque and hospitals? Why do they hide behind their women and children? If they use places of worship and the weak to hide behind after attacking our troops, I think we should use what means are necessary to destroy them and their buildings.

I'm one American tired of the liberal news media defending their rights. How many of

these liberals spent time in a combat zone with the fear of being snuffed anytime, day or night? Let them spend sometime with our troops in the trenches and then they've earned the right to splash their propaganda all over the TV screen and in the newspapers.

Here we are 3 1/2 years into a war with no end in sight. It's time for the Iraqis to step up and take control of their country, their future and their security. After all this time, can't the Iraqis do their own fighting? Remember what Washington did with his rag tag band of troops with rags wrapped around their bloody feet walking in the snow to kick ass and get rid of the British. Why? Because we're Ameri-Cans!

As long as America is willing to do the dirty work for the world, we will continue to be a "hired gun" that is willing to lose our troops fighting for other countries' freedom and democracy. Yes, we are at war. Just because we don't see any "bombs bursting in air" and are not being asked to make sacrifices like our parents and grandparents did during World War II, it's still a war.

As we all go along with our daily lives, all of us are enjoying the freedom and protection these men and women are sacrificing to provide. I say freedom because we can go where we want, do what we want, say what we want (without threats/slander) in the press and to our elected officials without fear of reprisal. And we have a guarantee for the pursuit of happiness. It means we all have the right to pursue our dreams and ambitions to make ourselves happy and make something of ourselves.

We Americans did not ask or deserve what happened on 9/11. If we did not go after these terrorists wherever they were hiding after 9/11, the whole world would be laughing at us. They would say the giant isn't sleeping, it's dead.

When this war is over, and I hope so very soon, and our troops come proudly marching home, I sincerely hope our elected officials don't forget those countries that did not support us when it comes time to hand out the spoils of war.

A friend in need is a friend in deed and also a pest. We don't need the friendship of countries whose governments wear two faces. Hopefully, our government won't dishonor those who paid the ultimate price by turning the other cheek. Let's remember the troops as we celebrate this holiday of freedom. God bless them all!

Vince Berna is president of Veterans Haven which operates an outreach center in Wayne and a transitional housing facility in Westland for veterans who are down on their luck.

2006 St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic presented by Huron Valley Urology Associates raised \$210,000!

Thanks to the generous support of community and corporate donors and the hard work of the Golf Classic Steering Committee, chaired by Jeff Scott, this year's event raised more than \$210,000 and surpassed the Committee's fund-raising goal. Proceeds from the event supported the purchase of a da Vinci Surgical System, a state-of-the-art robotic system that will allow St. Joseph Mercy Hospital to offer patients a wider range of minimally invasive surgical treatment options and continue to provide a remarkable care experience.

Due to severe thunderstorms, play was canceled, but that did not dampen the spirits of participants who joined celebrities, including legendary U of M football coach Bo Schembechler (Honorary Chair for the ninth consecutive year), Hloceky Great Ted Lindsay (Chair Emeritus), former Detroit Red Wings assistant coach Joey Kocur and Red Wings goaltender Manny Legace, for hors d'oeuvres and lunch at the Summit on the Park in Canton. In addition, many of the 51 Michigan PGA Professionals, who were recruited to play golf with the foursomes, also attended the lunch and program.

Special recognition and gratitude is given to the lead sponsors of the 2006 Golf Classic. Huron Valley Urology Associates served as the Titanium Presenting Sponsor. Dick Lewiston of the Lewiston/Etterbeck Families has generously supported this event since it began nine years ago and once again served as a Titanium Sponsor. Dick Scott Automotive Group, a long-time supporter of the Golf Classic, made the generous gift of a Jeep Cherokee — this is the second vehicle he has donated to be used for the Hospital's K-9 Security program. Intuitive Surgical, Inc. served as the Graphite Sponsor for the event premium — an Odyssey White Hot putter and major support came from Ashley Capital. In addition, Gil Ruicci of Gil-Mar Manufacturing, who has participated in the outing since its inception, supported this year's event with sponsorships and in-kind gifts. Together, their gifts inspired others in the community to become involved in the 2006 Golf Classic and support a vital Hospital project.

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Livonia woman finds New Orleans still reels from Katrina

Elaine Chalom of Livonia visited her son, Ron, in New Orleans in April. This is her account of what she saw in the city six months after Katrina.

BY ELAINE CHALOM
CORRESPONDENT

I followed the news of Katrina's effects on New Orleans with a heavy heart and was overwhelmed at seeing it for myself in April, my first trip there since the hurricane.

I have come to consider New Orleans my second home. The reason for my trip is that in 1997 my son, Ron, decided to buy a 150-year-old house in a historic district called "The Treme." Fortunately for him, this area is two blocks from the French Quarter, which was built on the highest ground available (only 10 feet below sea level). Thus, his home is still standing and water did not infiltrate his house. He sustained wind damage and the effects of some unwelcome looters who did their best (worst) to make their presence noticeable.

The French Quarter and downtown New Orleans weathered the storm with relatively minor damage. Streets were cleared, debris was removed, fallen trees trimmed, businesses were put back into commerce and many homes were made habitable again. It was said that the area was used to cleaning up after a storm since they have had to do it every year after the havoc of Mardi Gras.

I understand that out of 22,000 businesses, only 2,000 have reopened their doors. A tourist arriving today and staying in the French Quarter wouldn't even know that there was massive devastation in sections of the city - in 80 percent of the city to be exact.

As we drove through the residential neighborhoods on my visit, it was apparent that homes were abandoned. Some floated off of their foundations and were either left half way in the street or pushed up against the homes of their neighbors. Some of the more substantial homes made of brick or adobe seemed undisturbed. However, water lines can be seen marking the height of the standing

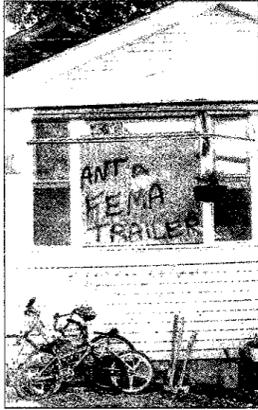


Ron Chalom visits his friend, Mae, at her FEMA trailer, which she has been living in since shortly after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans.



Cars were still buried in rubble in April months after the Aug. 29 storm.

Most of New Orleans, between the Mississippi and Lake Pontchartrain is located below sea level. Therefore, the city is totally surrounded by levees. The levees themselves did not fail. Much of the fault lies with the floodwalls that lined the canals. They gave way when the storm surge that swept into the lake eroded the soft, marshy layer of peat into which the sheet pilings had been driven.



This message tells of the frustration with FEMA's response to the storm, saying 'I want a FEMA trailer.'



Some sections of New Orleans, including the historic French Quarter, were spared the worst of Katrina's wind and water damage.

floodwater. In some places, holes in the roofs can be seen where survivors hacked their way through their attics with axes to await rescue from the tops of their homes. These homes sit exposed to the world - stripped of their sheetrock, appliances, furnishings and personal belongings that made it a home. Each community appeared to be one "ghost town" after another.

FEMA TRAILERS

A good friend of my son,

Mae, decided to be pro-active and hung a heavy wooden board on the front of her house and wrote with bold letters, "I WANT A FEMA TRAILER." She also wrote a phone number where she could be reached. Within days, she was informed that she was getting a trailer. She welcomed the news, but was told that it would take a least three weeks before she was supplied with electricity, water, etc. and could inhabit her new home.

She is now living in her trailer, next to her home which is now only a shell. A group of volunteers from a Billy

Graham organization volunteered their time and energy to dismember her home. They then collected money among themselves and presented her with a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. Many caring church groups are doing the same all over New Orleans.

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Katrina disaster now stands at 1,400 people, approximately 60 percent of them age 65 and older. There are still bodies being found, more than eight months after the storm.

My visit was a sobering one. Sadly, the lack of tourists is most apparent, particularly in the French Quarter. Stores have reopened, only to have the owners give up when it was apparent that the business is just not there. The neon lights burn bright while many restaurants and hotels are sadly quiet.

The city is "open for business" and invites back conventions and tourism. The governor of Louisiana and Mayor Ray Nagin are trying very hard to restore the city back to its former glory.

I will continue to visit New Orleans as long as my son lives there. The city has been known as "The Big Easy" for many reasons, but what the residents experienced last August was anything but "easy."

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Association releases new diet and lifestyle recommendations

A healthy diet and lifestyle are key weapons in the fight to prevent cardiovascular disease – the nation's No. 1 killer – according to new American Heart Association diet and lifestyle recommendations published in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

Intended for healthy Americans age 2 and older, the recommendations, which replace guidelines issued in 2000, now recommend:

- 1) further reducing saturated and trans fatty acids in the diet;
- 2) minimizing the intake of food and beverages with added sugars;
- 3) emphasizing physical activity and weight control;
- 4) eating a diet rich in vegetables, fruits and whole-grain foods;
- 5) avoiding use of and exposure to tobacco products; and
- 6) achieving and maintaining healthy cholesterol, blood pressure and blood glucose levels.

"The previous recommendations stressed a healthy dietary pattern; the new ones broaden that concept to include the importance of a healthy lifestyle pattern. The two go together – they should be inseparable," said Alice Lichtenstein, chair of

the American Heart Association's Nutrition Committee and Gershoff professor of nutrition science and policy at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, at Tufts University in Boston.

"The key message of the recommendations is to focus on long-term, permanent changes in how we eat and live. The best way to lower cardiovascular risk is to combine physical activity with heart-healthy eating habits, coupled with weight control and avoiding tobacco products," Lichtenstein said.

The association continues to emphasize achieving and maintaining a healthy body weight, but is putting more emphasis on balancing the number of calories consumed with the number of calories burned. More emphasis is put on food preparation methods that avoid adding saturated fat, sugar or salt and portion size control.

More than 90 scientific publications were reviewed by a panel of nutrition and cardiovascular disease experts for the new American Heart Association recommendations. Besides the goals and recommendations, the statement has new sections with practical information for consumers such

as knowing your caloric needs, food preparation tips and some examples of dietary patterns consistent with the new recommendations.

As in the past, the recommendations also address special groups such as children, older adults, individuals with metabolic syndrome or chronic kidney disease and certain socioeconomic groups at high risk for cardiovascular disease (CVD). Most importantly, these new recommendations address a key challenge faced by increasing numbers of Americans: maintaining a healthy dietary pattern while eating more foods prepared outside the home.

Environmental factors strongly influence how Americans eat and exercise. Accordingly, a new feature of the 2006 American Heart Association Diet and Lifestyle Recommendations is a list of ways that practitioners, restaurants, the food industry, schools and local governments can help the general public adopt these recommendations. Examples include displaying caloric content prominently on menus, reducing portion size, limiting trans fatty acids and using low-saturated-fatty-acid oils in food preparation.

Another major change in the dietary recommendations is a lower goal for saturated fat – from less than 10 percent to less than 7 percent – and establishing a goal for trans fatty acids of less than 1 percent of total calories.

"The point is not to calculate the amount of saturated and

trans-fatty acids in the diet, but to choose foods that minimize your intake. For example, you can choose leaner cuts of meat and lower-fat dairy products, smaller serving sizes, avoid foods made with hydrogenated fat and include more fruits, vegetables, vegetarian options and fish in the diet," Lichtenstein said.

Saturated fatty-acids occur naturally in foods from animals, such as meat and dairy products, and tropical oils such as coconut and palm oil.

Trans-fatty acids – which are now required to be shown on the Nutrition Facts panel of packaged foods – are commonly found in commercially baked and fried foods, such as crackers, French fries, cakes, pies, bread and cookies.

"Almost anyone can make changes in how they eat and move their bodies to bring themselves closer to the recommended goals. The changes can be small but need to be maintained. In no way are we saying people will have to give up all the things they enjoy; they just may have to make a few modifications in their current habits," Lichtenstein said.

"A good first step to improve your diet and lifestyle – start paying attention to portion size and liquid calories, such as those in soft drinks, fruit drinks, fruit juices and alcoholic beverages. The next step is to try to get at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day," Lichtenstein said. "It does not have to be done all at once – accumulating 30 minutes

RECOMMENDATIONS-AT-A-GLANCE

- Consume an overall healthy diet
- Balance calories consumed with calories burned to maintain a healthy body weight
- Increase awareness of calorie content of foods for the portion sizes you normally eat
- Know how many calories you need a day
- Aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity daily
- Consume a diet rich in fruits and vegetables
- Include a wide variety of fruits and vegetables in your diet daily
- Emphasize vegetables and fruits – not fruit juices – that are deeply colored (spinach, carrots, peaches and berries)
- Prepare fruits and vegetables with little added saturated or trans fat, salt and sugar
- Choose whole-grain, high-fiber foods
- Consume 2 servings of fish, especially oily fish, at least twice a week
- Examples of fish relatively high in omega-3 fatty-acids include salmon, trout and herring
- Children and pregnant women should follow FDA guidelines for avoiding mercury-contaminated fish. Fish with potential for the highest mercury contamination are shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish.
- Limit intake of saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol
- Choose lean meats and vegetable alternatives
- Select fat-free (skim) and 1 percent fat dairy products
- Minimize intake of partially hydrogenated fats
- Minimize the intake of beverages and foods with added sugars
- Choose and prepare foods with little or no salt
- Consume no more than 2,300 mg of sodium per day
- Middle-aged and older adults, African-Americans and those with high blood pressure should consume for no more than 1,500 mg
- Consume alcohol in moderation
- Limit alcohol intake to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men
- One drink is equal to 12 ounces of beer, 4 ounces of wine, 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits or 1 ounce of 100-proof spirits

throughout the day is fine – and, of course, more is better. No one is too old or too out of shape to make small changes to increase physical activity."

The association urges industry to gradually reduce the salt and sugar content of processed foods and to increase the proportion of whole grains com-

pared to white flour in baked goods, among other recommendations.

For a free brochure about the new recommendations called "Making Healthy Food and Lifestyle Choices: Our Guide for American Adults," visit www.americanheart.org or call (800) AHA-USA1.

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Cranbrook takes new view of universe

The universe will come alive in more detail than ever at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, which has upgraded its planetarium and is offering the Ultimate Universe program.

The planetarium now features the Digistar 3 SP2 a full-dome, real-time planetarium system that incorporates the capability to display pre-rendered all-dome video, real-time 3D computer graphics and comes with a fully-featured digital astronomy system. The system uses PC technology in combination with custom-designed software. The system offers 1.5 million pixels on the dome and fisheye lens capabilities. This is the only Digistar 3 SP2 in Michigan.

In addition to custom-designed graphics entertainment programs like "Rock Hall of Fame," the planetarium offers new astronomy programs updated weekly replicating the night sky at the time of each show. The re-opening of the planetarium also marks the beginning of daily shows through Labor Day.

"Digistar 3 SP2 gives our visitors a unique dome theater experience," said Michael Narlock, head of Astronomy at Cranbrook Institute of Science. "A wide selection of programming including an animated introduction to astronomy for small children, unique, cutting-edge entertainment shows, and live programs that focus on what you can see from your own backyard that include a take home star chart, create a real-time educational experience that can be applied immediately."

Other updates to the planetarium

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include:

■ A 50-inch flat screen monitor in the planetarium lobby, brings a direct feed from the Space Telescope Science Institute, updated every five minutes. This allows institute visitors to observe the most up-to-the-minute space-related information currently available.

■ A new logo for use exclusively in association with the planetarium features the moon and stars, emphasizing the focus of programming at the planetarium.

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■ The Secret of the Cardboard Rocket: Noon daily through Labor Day One of the most popular space journeys for children is "The Secret of the Cardboard Rocket." Two young star travelers show visitors what could only be dreamed of before. From the boiling surface of the Sun.

Michigan Sky Tonight: 1 and 3 p.m. daily through Labor Day and 8 p.m. Friday.

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Cranbrook Institute of Science is located at 39221 Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills. Museum admission is \$7 adults; \$5 children 2-12 and senior citizens (65+); children under 2 and members admitted free. Planetarium programs are \$3 for adults plus museum admission, \$2 for members and \$1 for children under 2.

Cranbrook Institute of Science is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended hours on Friday until 10 p.m.

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Willow Creek

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool, on Cherry Hill between Wayne and Newburgh in Westland is now enrolling for the 2006-2007 school year. Willow Creek programs include Parent/Tot, 2-year-old, 3-year-old and 4-year-old year classes. For more information please call (734) 326-0078.

Preschool program

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has registration for preschool programs at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a preprimary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration takes place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 419-2635.

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YWCA Readiness

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The Westland Free Methodist Preschool is currently enrolling for the 2006-2007 school year. Four-year-olds attend on Mondays and Wednesdays, three-year-olds attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. To have further information, a tour or to enroll your child, call the preschool office at (734) 728-3559.

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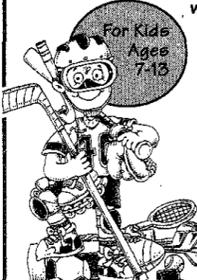
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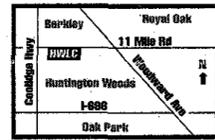
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Distracted drivers cause of many traffic accidents

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
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With the summer driving season in full swing and a new crop of student drivers taking to the road, a new study by a major insurance provider shows that a large number of drivers on the road don't know the basic rules for driving.

The GMAC Insurance National Drivers Test, which gauges Americans' knowledge of driving rules, shows that 18 million American drivers couldn't pass a license test.

In the test, Michigan drivers are the 17th most knowledgeable in the nation, with Oregon coming in first and Rhode Island coming in last.

The test was in two parts, a multiple-choice test that simulated a standard written driver's test and an evaluation of rules of the road knowledge in specific situations. The survey was done on 5,288 people ages 16 to 60, balanced male to female across all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Vice President of Engineering for the Traffic Improvement Association Bob DeCorte said the big place in Oakland County for traffic accidents in 2005 was the intersection of Telegraph and 12 Mile Road. And no, it's not about the freeways.

"It has nothing to do with the freeways," he said. "There are 138,000 vehicles a day going through that intersection. There's a high volume and a high amount of driveways and signals."

What that means, he said, is that there's a lot of "conflict points" with other drivers - incidents where one vehicle crosses the path of another. Freeways have very few conflict points. While 50 percent



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of all of the miles driven in Michigan are on freeways, only 8 percent of fatal accidents happen there.

More vehicles plus more driveways plus more Michigan left turns plus on and off ramps mean that drivers are crossing each other's paths all the time.

This, he said, is where diminished attention to the road shows its toll. In these cases, he said, it's not about what your hands are doing

either. "The problem is where the mind is, not what the hands are doing," DeCorte said. "Studies show that talking on the phone is as bad as drunk driving."

The GMAC survey shows that people are not paying attention when they're behind the wheel. Calling drive time the new "down time," the report says people are eating (62 percent), talking on a cell phone (71 percent), sending text messages (24 percent), shuffling their iPods (20 percent), putting on makeup or changing clothes (8 percent each), reading (4 percent) or sending e-mail (1 percent).

"It points out what people are using their drive time to do," said Anne Readett of the Michigan Office of Highway

Safety Planning.

She said it's information like that found in the GMAC survey that drives the state to push safety belt use. A person can be the best driver in the world, but that doesn't protect him or her from every other driver on the road.

Interestingly, she said most people do think they're the best drivers in the world.

"We talk about things people should be doing and they agree," Readett said. "But they take it to mean we're talking about other drivers. People believe they're good drivers and the advice isn't for them."

She said the only really successful driver's safety initiatives are ones backed by enforcement.

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Summer program keeps young musicians in tune

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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String players don't have to worry about going out of tune this summer. Usually young musicians become rusty when classes cease until September, but not this year. The Livonia Youth Philharmonic Summer Strings Program will keep budding players practicing during a series of four classes 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Thursday, June 29, July 6 and 20, and Aug. 17, at St. Kenneth's social hall, 14951 Haggerty.

The cost is \$125. For more information, call (734) 525-7520 or send e-mail to summer@www.lypm.org.

There are no age restrictions.

"We're going to work on theory, technique, ensemble playing," said Julia Kurtyka who's conducting the program. Kurtyka has been directing the Livonia Youth Philharmonic symphonic and concert string orchestras for the last four years. In addition to the two string orchestras, LYPM is composed of a wind ensemble, flute ensemble and philharmonic.

"We (LYPM) try to offer different opportunities for students. One of the reasons

we devised the program was to develop the highest quality of musicianship.

"At end of sessions students should have maintained if not increased their skills and gained performance experience."

Kurtyka is planning to have the students play at different venues including a concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Shain Park in Birmingham with the Birmingham Bloomfield Strings Honor Orchestra, a group she founded this year.

Kurtyka has plenty of experience as a musician and hopes to pass that on to students. In addition to conducting the Pointe Area Youth Orchestra in Grosse Pointe, and serving as concertmaster of the Grosse Pointe Symphony, Southern Great Lakes Symphony (Downriver), and assistant concertmaster with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, she co-founded the Lexington Bach Festival now in its sixth year. The event begins Thursday, Sept. 14 and continues to Sunday, Sept. 17, with Alexander Zonig and musicians from as far away as Ohio and Indiana.

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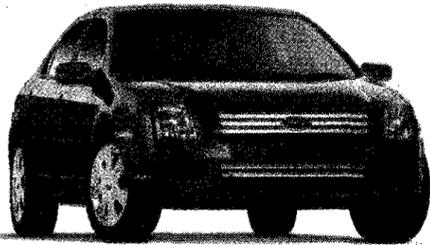


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JUNE

Murder mystery dinner

Death in Them Thar Hills, an evening of suspense, laughter and a meal 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Tickets \$15, and must be purchased in advance. Call (248) 374-5920.

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, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 E. Joy, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

UPCOMING

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, July 1, at Newburgh

Point, Hines Drive, west of Newburgh, Westland. 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.

Holiday picnic

Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, at Rotary Park. Tickets \$5 adults, \$2 children under age 12, includes hamburgers and hot dogs (12:30-2 p.m.) and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass. No alcohol or gambling. Presented by Single Point Ministries at Ward Presbyterian Church. Call (248) 374-5920.

Classic car show

Livonia Church of Christ will hold its 5th Annual Classic Car Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8, rain or shine. Classic car enthusiasts are invited to attend this event benefiting Angela Hospice in Livonia, with programs serving terminally ill patients and their families.

Spectators can attend the car show for free and participants can enter a car for \$15, includes a meal ticket. The first 100 entrants will receive a dash plaque and goodie bag. Entrants will also have the chance to vote for class awards. Judging will take place from noon to 2 p.m., with the presentation of class trophies, Best of Show, and People's Choice at 3 p.m. The event will also feature a DJ, refreshments and door prizes. Livonia Church of Christ is located at 15431 Merriman Road, north

of 5 Mile in Livonia. For more information, contact Mike Bennett at (248) 380-8078 or visit www.angelahospice.org.

Vacation Bible school

Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills invites all children ages 3 through grade five to join in at SonTreasure Island VBS 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 10-14, at 35415 W. 14 Mile at Drake. For more information or to pre-register, visit www.4fcc.org or call (248) 661-9191.

Meditation classes

Begins 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 10, 2006, and continues to Aug. 7, Elizabeth Cleeland will lead the class on various meditation practices at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration necessary. A freewill offering will be taken at each class. For more information, call (586) 353-2300, or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Bible and playtime

For moms and tots 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays beginning July 12, at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shilawessee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

Breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Leon's, 30149 Ford, across from Kmart, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

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 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.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 21, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 538-1142.

Feast day service

7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at S.S. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-1343 or send e-mail to em2bott@att.net.

Vacation Bible School

For ages 4-12, kids travel to Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya to trade places with children from other countries and learn about biblical heroes who traded one place in life for another 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. Call (313) 937-3170 to preregister.

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, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Worship schedule

New schedule continues to Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m. Sunday summer worship, coffee hour follows in Fellowship Hall. Sunday school has been canceled for the summer, nursery is still available for infant through 2-years old, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. We are a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

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

Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

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 2006-07 school year, at 9600 Leverage, 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.

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. Lunch is served followed by 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.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour for all ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service 6:15 p.m. - Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adat-shalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Scripture from scratch

If you've always wanted to learn about the Bible from square one, here's square one 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950 to register.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia) is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays, at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking,

music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service, at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

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Worship services

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this free, 30-minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). For more information, call the church office, (313) 937-1199.

Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs, breakfast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table, Eight Mile, Farmington. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

Prayer group

Join in 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study. Women of the Word, studies the Book of Luke, entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

New modern-style worship

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96, presents a modern-style worship service. The multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach director, at (734) 522-6830.

Adat Shalom

Synagogue services 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

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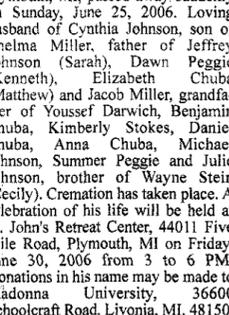
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ALFRED E. JOHNSON

Age 58 of Annapolis, MD, formerly of Plymouth, MI, passed away suddenly on Sunday, June 25, 2006. Loving husband of Cynthia Johnson, son of Thelma Miller, father of Jeffrey Johnson (Sarah), Dawn Peggie Johnson (Kenneth), Elizabeth Chuba (Matthew) and Jacob Miller, grandfather of Youssef Darwich, Benjamin Chuba, Kimberly Stokes, Daniel Chuba, Anna Chuba, Michael Johnson, Summer Peggie and Julie Johnson, brother of Wayne Stein (Cecily). Cremation has taken place. A celebration of his life will be held at St. John's Retreat Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI on Friday, June 30, 2006 from 3 to 6 PM. Donations in his name may be made to Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150.



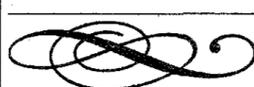
ALFRED W. GAULZETTI

June 27, 2006 Age 74 of Beverly Hills. Husband of the late Shirley Ann (nee. Rose). Dear father of Lisa Gaulzetti (Rich Plonkey), Janita Gaulzetti and Joseph Gaulzetti (Tracy). Grandfather of Elizabeth and Nicole Tennent, John Plonkey, Jaime Gaulzetti and Drew Gaulzetti. Also survived by 4 brothers and 1 sister. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Friday 1:00pm until funeral service 7:00pm. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack, Detroit, MI 48201. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com

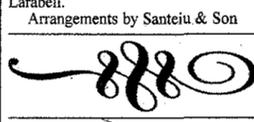
COACH EDDIE J. BENDER

Age 90, life-time resident of the Northville-Plymouth area. Coach Bender was a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton school system where he was also a football coach. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church, the Plymouth Knights of Columbus, the Plymouth Elks, and was a charter member of the Plymouth Lion's club. He was an alumnus and golden alumnus of Concord University in West Virginia. Beloved husband of Mary Kathryn, loving father of Michelle (Skip) Dorrington, Peter (Nancy) Bender, and Thomas (Susan) Bender. Cherished grandfather of Patrick (Holly) Dorrington, Michael (Nadine) Dorrington, Mandy Bender, and Meredith Bender. Great-grandfather of Cass Dorrington. Funeral service will be held Friday, June 30, 2006, at 9 am at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. Visitation will be Thursday, June 29, from 4-9 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, and on Friday at church from 8:30 am until time of service at church. Memorial contributions may be given to Arbor Hospice, or Concord University. To leave an on-line condolence, visit us at www.schrader-howell.com

JUDITH HOWELL
June 23, 2006, age 63, of Westland. Beloved wife of Donald Howell. Dear mother of Lori Dominick, Larry (Wilma) Hahn, Ronnie Hahn, Jimmy (Tiffany) Hahn and the late Randy Hahn. Grandmother of Crystal, Randy, Zachary, Amber, Brittany, Kyle, Kenny, Devin and Owen Hahn, Ashley and Shauna Dominick, Christopher Gabbard and Cody Bettiol. Services were held Tuesday at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Cremation rites were accorded. Please visit and post a tribute at: www.uhtfuneralhome.com



LOUISE A. CREWS
Age 60, June 25, 2006. Beloved wife of the late James Ray, Jr. Dear mother of Donald (Mary), Thomas, Tammy (Shawn) Peters, the late Arthur and the late Peggy. Grandmother of 9 grandsons. Sister of Lucille (Frank) Kannianen, Arthur (Pat) Bellottie, Cheryl (Larry) Donofrio, and the late Lillian Swellson. Daughter-in-law of Gladys Crews. Sister-in-law of Allen Crews. Dearest friend of Donna Larabell.
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NANCY R. SIMESCU
Age 81, longtime resident of Plymouth and Atlanta, MI, passed away June 25, 2006, in Superior Twp. Beloved wife of the late Eugene M., dear mother of Barry (Dorothy), William, and James Simescu. Loving grandmother of Daniel, Tyler, Will, and Layne. Sister of the late Shirley Gray. Mrs. Simescu retired 15 years ago from the South Redford School District where she was a secretary for many years. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 30, at 11 am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, visitation will be Thursday 3-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Tri-Township Ambulance Service or to Independence Village to their activities fund. To leave an on-line condolence, visit us at www.schrader-howell.com.

MR. WILLIAM G. GALINET (Widower of Florence)

Muskegon
Mr. William G. Galinet, age 85, passed away Monday, June 26, 2006 at a local hospital. He was born on February 22, 1921 to Peter and Freda (Mueller) Galinet in Milwaukee, WI. Mr. Galinet worked for Ford Motor Company as a manager in the Design Center. He was a Navy Veteran of WW II. On October 27, 1943, William married the former Florence Brace, whom he met at Alma College, and shared a marriage of 61 years together; she preceded him in death on March 26, 2005. They had a love of playing golf together. SURVIVORS include 4 children, Cheri Muenchausen of The Woodlands, TX, Laurie (Robert) White of Muskegon, Greg (Geri) Galinet of Novi, MI, and Brett (Theresa) Galinet of Milford, MI; 6 grandchildren, Leighann, Charles, Grant, Jacqueline, Robert, and Julie; 2 great-grandchildren, Kylie and Dawson; 1 sister, Betty (Bill) Hutson. A private memorial service will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial to Muskegon County Council Honor Guard. Share memories with the family at their "Online

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