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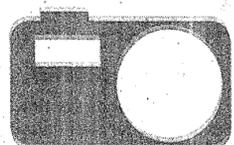
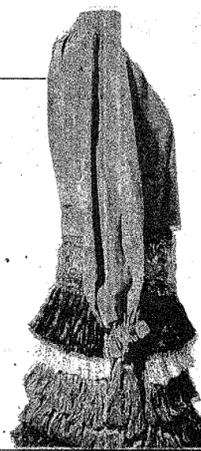


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Commodities

The City of Westland has established the day, times, and locations that residents may obtain surplus federal food for the month of July.

The pickup time and location for Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 13, or the second Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, south of Palmer and east of Venoy.

Call (734) 729-1737 for information. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may collect their food at the apartment complex. They should contact the building for the distribution date. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at their complex.

Rice Krispies cereal, canned chicken, creamed corn, orange juice, pasta, peanut butter and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

In concert

The 2009 Concerts in the Park Series continues Sunday, July 12, with classics and standards performed by Stolen Moments. The free concert starts at 6 p.m. at Performance Pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford. The concert series is sponsored by the Westland City Council with cooperation of the Westland Parks and Recreation Department. Bring your own chairs or blankets. In the event of rain, concerts will be rescheduled whenever possible.

Scholarship

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County has established a new \$500 scholarship to assist women in reaching their educational goals.

Women residing in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Wayne, Garden City, Westland, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of Northville are eligible. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, attending a Michigan college or university with a concentration in mathematics or science and have successfully completed one year of undergraduate studies with a 3.0 grade point average. The scholarship is renewable for a second semester with successful completion of course work. The scholarship is open to all women without regard to race, ethnic origin, disability or age.

An application form can be obtained by sending an e-mail to rstrand521@sbcglobal.net. Applications must be returned by mail and postmarked by Aug. 7. Scholarship money will be awarded for the fall 2009 semester.

Zonta is an international women's service organization whose mission is to improve the status of women. For more information about the organization, visit the Zonta International Web site at www.zonta.org.

Citizens panel looks at W-W's future

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A photograph of Mao Tse Tung with the words "Change or Die" emblazoned across it sent a strong message to more than 100 people in the auditorium of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center last week: Things must change if

the Wayne-Westland Community Schools are to thrive and prosper.

The gathering was the introductory meeting of the district's 21st Century Schools Citizens Committee which will look at how the district can educate students while living within its means. The goal is to have a plan in place by fiscal 2010-11.

"Our children must compete

against the children of the world, what we once had is gone," said Tom Watkins, former state superintendent who used the "Change and Die" slide to drive home his message that "no one is coming to your rescue, you are the cavalry."

The committee is made up of school administrators and staff as well as parents who are "viewed as

stakeholders," said Superintendent Greg Baracy.

"You face several challenges. You have to work collaboratively to break patterns and change the perspective to change the status quo," he said. "You have to look at this as an opportunity — the glass is half full,

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Michael Bacchian and Breana Archandault of Westland frolic in the mud.



Alexia Basner of Westland had the foresight to bring goggles to the 22nd annual Wayne County Mud Day at Nankin Mills in Westland.

Down and dirty

Kids do the slingin' at annual Mud Day

BY JULIE BROWN
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A group from Garden City High School was eager to roll in the mud at the Hines Park Nankin Mills area in Westland Tuesday.

Nicole Murzen, 16, a Garden City High senior, was joined by four friends, also seniors: Josh Chambo, 17, Rachel Szczembara, 16, Lindsey Williams, 17, and Andy Chambo, 17.

"Looking for fun," said Andy Chambo of their attendance at Wayne County Parks' 22nd annual Mud Day. "We're just here to have a good time."

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City hopes federal dollars have big impact in Norwayne

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Expected to soon receive an historic designation, Westland's Norwayne area is also getting extra attention from city officials thanks to federal and county programs.

"Part of the (federal) Neighborhood

Stabilization Program is to use the money in an area for the biggest impact," said Mayor William Wild. "Other areas of the city qualify but this area will feel the biggest impact. Other areas the market will take care of - the market won't take care of this

area."

Located in the south part of the city, the Norwayne subdivision was constructed as temporary housing for workers at Ypsilanti's Willow Run bomber plant during World War II. More than 60 years later, the housing - primarily duplexes and quadru-

plexes - is still in use.

"Our rental inspection program has made some progress but there are some buildings that are too far gone and can't be brought up to code," said Wild. "This has long been

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Rally offers good food on the go

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Do you know how many places you can go and have a bit to eat for a mere \$1.78? If you have a ticket to the Westland Chamber of Commerce's Restaurant Rally, you know the answer — 14.

That's the number of restaurants that will be featured in the sixth annual event that showcases restaurants around the city.

"It's one of the biggest things we do," said Chamber President and CEO Brookellen Swope. "Not only does it support the chamber, it supports the community and it's a fun event."

This year's rally will be 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, and will feature Applebee's Restaurant, Ashley's Beer & Grill, Beaver

'Not only does it support the chamber, it supports the community and it's a fun event.'

BROOKELLEN SWOPE, Westland chamber president and CEO

Creek, Biggy Coffee, Buffalo Wild Wings, Lakeshore Grill at Macy's, LongHorn Steakhouse, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Olga's Kitchen, Qdoba Mexican Grill and Texas Roadhouse.

Newcomers include McDonald's at 34900 Warren Road and Vizzy's Pizza Palace.

Participants receive T-shirts that they wear for the rally. They can drive or ride trolleys, co-sponsored by Co-Op Credit Union Services and Michigan Chiropractic Specialists, to the restaurants

which will provide samples of their menu items.

Last year's rally attracted 550 people. It's also been a sell-out every year since its inception, and this year is looking like that trend will continue. Tickets are \$25 each and are still available, according to Swope.

"We start getting calls for tickets in March," said Swope. "There's a group of ladies who customize their T-shirts. They call and want to know the minute we've picked out the T-shirt color so they can start planning their shirts."

Tickets are available by calling the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

"I'd get them as soon as possible," Swope added.

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Breast Cancer 3 Day

Participants in the upcoming 3 Day Breast Cancer Walk for a Cure are holding fund-raisers.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, stop by Rj's Tots and Tikes for a car wash/bake sale. Rj's is located at 646 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

There will be a charity cut-a-thon 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Saranda Salon, 35135 W. Warren, Westland. There is a \$20 donation for hair cuts, styling not included. Haircuts are on a walk-in basis only. There will be a bake/craft sale and raffle. For more information, call (734) 728-4834.

Participants in the 60-mile walk are required to raise at least \$2,300.

Wrestling camp

The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 20-24 in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School. The camp is open to middle school and high school students. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 20. Registration forms are available during Road Rockets 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, which is held in Gym 4 or online at glennwrestling.com. For questions, contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com

or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Citizens academy

Applications are now being accepted for individuals who want to learn more about how the fire department in Westland is organized and operates.

To participate in the 32-hour program, applicants must be 18 years or older and either live or work in Westland. Sessions are approximately three-four hours in length and will be held on July 31, Aug. 2, 7 and 9.

The deadline to submit an application is July 15. For more information, call (734) 467-3182 or visit the city Web site at www.cityofwestland.com.

Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 12th Annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and dinner. Dinner only guests are welcome, cost is \$25. Contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information also is available online at glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and donations are being accepted. All donations are welcome.

Preschool sign-ups

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. The preschool is located at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

Hazardous waste

The Wayne County Department of Environment has announced a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day in the City of Westland.

The Westland event is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, in the lot behind J.C. Penney at the Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard. Household generated waste will be collected from any Wayne County resident.

For further information, contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For information, call Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918.

Westland residents start a recycling routine

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's week two of Westland's new curbside recycling program and plenty of recyclable materials are being diverted from a landfill.

The main issue the first week was getting the carts parked properly at the curb for collection by a truck with a mechanical arm that lifts and dumps the carts.

"There was some trouble putting the carts out correctly," said Mayor William Wild, noting the carts should be placed with the wheels towards the house and the metal bar, which is used to lift the cart, facing the street. It's also recommended that the cart be placed at least four feet from vehicles and trees.

There was also some conflict about what materials are accepted between the label on the cart lid and some outdated literature left with the carts. Residents should follow the cart label, Wild said, but can also check the city Web site for more information.

"As we accept more materials in the future, that information will be updated. If residents still have questions, there is a Frequently Asked Questions section," said Wild. "I'm very excited

about this."

A few residents were also confused about the recycling, collected on alternate weeks, and compost, said Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford, incorrectly combining the items. Compost still needs to be separated from trash or recyclables.

There have been a few people critical of the curbside recycling program - something Councilman Michael Kehrer found ironic and unwarranted.

"People say we're ineffective and don't know how to run the city like a business," said Kehrer. "We finally get a program that saves money and you're still not happy. People who refuse to recycle - are you telling me it's OK to waste tax dollars?"

Westland expects to see reduced landfill charges by reducing the amount of garbage that is collected and hauled to a landfill. Much like compost which under state law has to be separated from trash, Kehrer said eventually the state will require recyclables to be removed from the trash going to landfills.

"We've had a small minority not want to recycle. Some people in their 80s and 90s said they can't handle the carts. Some

citizens are disabled. We anticipated that," said Buford.

Part of the recycling program is that participants earn points based on the averaged amount of materials recycled each week. There is a reading device on the front of the recycling cart. The points can be redeemed for discounts at various businesses or donated to local nonprofit groups.

"One of the great parts of the program is the rewards. Local nonprofit groups can pick up information from office about participating," said Wild. "I'll talk to schools and other nonprofits about the program."

Residents should have received information from RecycleBank including their account activation code. The account can be activated at www.recyclebank.com or by calling (888) 727-2978.

As the recycling program moves forward, RecycleBank will provide data on the amount of material Westland residents have recycled. This the first phase of the program which is expected to eventually be expanded to apartment complexes, condominiums and mobile home parks.

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NORWAYNE

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the most blighted area of town. We probably spend a disproportionate amount on public safety in this area. I preach clean, safe neighborhoods. Norwayne residents deserve that."

Westland has received \$2 million through the NSP program along with an additional \$354,000 for a Community Development Block Grant home partnership program to allow

the city to acquire \$1 foreclosed Department of Housing and Urban Development homes.

Nearly a year ago, Westland acquired four properties through the Wayne County Land Bank. "It took a little while to set up the \$1 HUD house program - we had to apply for a brokers license," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "Then HUD closed on four houses. We have a couple more than haven't been before council yet."

Later this month, the council will be asked to approve an agreement to allow Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate two homes and construct two new homes.

"One of the HUD homes will be demolished. It's in bad shape. We will use Neighborhood Stabilization funds," said Inglis.

One of the city's goals is to acquire and demolish the worst of the quadruplexes and duplexes in the Norwayne subdivision, she said, but not necessarily with plans to rebuild.

"We can hold the property for future development or offer the land to the adjoining property owner with no intent to build new housing," said Inglis. "One of our goals is to reduce the density. When the city redoes the lot, it would be as single family residential."

Norwayne definitely has the highest residential density in Westland, Wild said, adding his parents lived in Norwayne when he was born.

"One of the plans is to open up the area - people live so close

together. We can leave some land vacant for green space," he said.

The city's Community Development Department also has a rental rehabilitation program that provides 50 percent matching grants up to \$5,000 for property owners doing code upgrades.

A third component of the program is using federal funding to work with developers to rehabilitate foreclosed homes they've acquired and then sell the homes to eligible buyers.

"Mayor Wild asked if we could use the funds primarily in Norwayne with that vision to truly stabilize this neighborhood and reduce the density," said Inglis.

Wayne-Westland Schools has two excellent elementary schools in the area, Inglis said, with Wayne Memorial High School located nearby. Wild has sponsored two well-supported neighborhood cleanup days in Norwayne.

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MUD DAY

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The five teens were in swimsuits and old clothes, ready to take to the mud pit when the call came. "We want to get muddy," Murzen said.

Mud Day's an annual event, in which kids play in the mud, with a special area for kids 5 and under. It started a few minutes after 11 a.m.

and included games and relays. The Westland Fire Department, a sponsor, was on hand with warm HazMat showers for cleaning up. (In the past, cold fire hoses have been used, so the showers were something new.)

"It's the one time the kids can actually get dirty and not get in trouble," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "We're excited about it. As long as the parents don't get too close,

they'll stay clean."

The highlight was the crowning of Mr. Mud, Noah Baekelandt, 10, of Livonia and Ms. Mud, Maddie Cook, 10, of Wolverine Lake.

Among smiling aunts off to the side a bit was Kathleen Barcroft of Livonia. Sister Lynn Patrick had come from Lake Odessa, Mich., with children Grant, 10, and Ruby, 8. Grant and Ruby Patrick enjoyed their time in the mud, although baby brother

Kyle, 9 months, was too young.

"This is our first time," Barcroft said. "We've heard lots about it, though. I think they're having a blast. They could hardly wait for it to get started."

The event drew those like Barcroft who live near the park on Hines Drive, as well as revelers who came a distance. Bev Smith of Clinton Township and her sister, Lynn Touchtone of

Roseville, were accompanied by her daughter, Amanda and Amanda's youngsters.

Smith's sons, Kevin and Rob, were helping to move a picnic table for the family. The group brought eight little ones. "I only have one granddaughter," Lynn Touchtone said, indicating her sister's brood. "The rest are hers."

Among their party, 8-year-old Brianna Archambault of Shelby Township said Mud Day was "fun." It was

Amanda's idea to participate, and they left at 9 a.m. to be on time.

Joan Carter of Gibraltar and daughter Gail McIntosh of Trenton brought daughter Rachel McIntosh, almost 8, and friend Therese Hebda, 7, for the first time. "I see lots of other swimsuits around," Gail said to the girls as the hour drew near. "I think it's time."

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PANEL

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not half empty."

"This clearly driven by need," added Jeff Rahmberg of Rahmberg Stover and Associates. "I think this is an

opportunity to preserve the legacy of this district. We are facing the greatest economic challenge since the Great Depression."

Rahmberg, who worked with the district in the 1990s when it closed schools and moved to a middle school program, point-

ed out that Wayne-Westland has lost 1,800 students in 10 years. Those families "are just not here." But it is a loss shared with other districts and it is how Wayne-Westland responds that "will affect the fate of its students."

A combination of declining enrollment and declining state

support for the schools leaves the district facing a more than \$8 million deficit next fiscal year, if nothing is done. And Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin told the group that the district needs to find a better way of doing things and trim \$10-\$15 million.

"The financial uncertainty

is not going to get any better," he said. "I don't anticipate a groundswell, we're going to have to live within our means."

The committee will look at such things as facility use and demographics, learning configurations, attendance boundaries and additional educational options in coming up with what Rahmberg described as a "plan that is sustainable over time." Their work will be broken down into five phases - foundation work, fact finding, alternatives and options, formulating recommendations and how to implement the rec-

ommendations.

"Change or Die" must be adopted by all schools," Watkins said. "We don't have the resources to cut our way out of this mess. We have to follow the three R's - reform, restructure and reinvent. Change is not an option, change is mandatory. Knowledge, talent and skills are the commodities that matter in the 21st century."

The committee will meet later this month to begin its work.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 12851 Inkster, Livonia, MI, July 25 @ 10:00 AM.
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

July 23, 2009

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold two Public Hearings on Thursday, July 23, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearings is to solicit public comments on the following:

- 09-012, Reversion of the Conditional Rezoning at 111 Middlebelt, 157 Middlebelt, and 29444 Cherry Hill. The properties are zoned C-1. The applicant requested to Conditionally Rezone Unit five of a 8 unit plaza to a C-3 zoning district. The properties are located on the west side of Middlebelt Road and north of Cherry Hill. The Reversion of the Conditional Rezoning will be to C-1.
- 09-013, Rezoning of 31464 Cherry Hill Road, Lots 29,30,31 of Folkers' Merriman Road Subdivision, Parcel 035-023-04-0029-000, 035-023-04-0030-000, and 035-023-04-0031-000. Applicant is requesting to rezone Lot 29 from C-1 to C-2 and Lots 30 and 31 from R-1 to C-2.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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City Manager

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CORRECTION

In a story about the Cavalier Drum and Bugle Corps' visit to Wayne Memorial High School, Nancy Kubin should have been

identified as having taught at Franklin Middle School in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

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Guitar to golf, Lyman Foundation works for autistic program

BY SUE MASON
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Take your pick: You can grab your clubs and head to the Hickory Creek Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 8, or pay \$10 for a raffle ticket for a Steve Yzerman-autographed Detroit Red Wings guitar. Whatever your choice, you'll be helping the Lyman Foundation in its support of the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

"There's no funding available that we're aware of to enhance the programs at Burger," said Becky Viola, president of the Lyman Foundation. "We able to give \$10,000-\$15,000 to Burger to fund school activities."

Burger School is a program drawing students with autism from throughout Wayne County. The Lyman Foundation evolved from an annual golf outing held in honor of the late Gary Lyman. While its focus is on the autistic program offered through the Garden City Public Schools, its members come from as close as Garden City to as far away as Ann Arbor and Milford. Viola is among six foundation members that hail from Livonia.

"All of our members are just members," she said. "We all learn a lot by doing. We're not a closed organization, we're always looking for members."

On average 260 golfers turn out for the annual golf outing which, with several other fundraisers, helps finance a Cub Scout pack, a Princess Club, track and field day, the school choir and a talent show. The foundation works collaboratively with the Burger Association for Students with Autism on long-term projects like renovating three teaching kitchens and refurbishing the gymnasium for the Burger program housed at the Cambridge Center. It also provides four \$500 grants to Burger staff members "to do projects that enhance the curriculum," Viola said.

This year's golf outing will be held at the Hickory Creek Golf Course in Ypsilanti. It will have two shotgun starts — 7:30 a.m.



Lyman Foundation members Becky Viola (from left), Melanie Burkett and Donna Lober show off a customized Fender Startocaster guitar which is being auctioned off to raise money to continue the non-profit's work at the Burger Center for Students with Autism.

and 1:30 p.m. Some spots are open for the morning tee time and registrations are being accepted for the afternoon round. The outing costs \$100 per person. People interested in playing can call Sharon Lundie at (734) 728-4919.

The outing also is providing the backdrop for the guitar raffle. Custom made by Tom Miller of Farmington Hills, the guitar features the Detroit Red Wings logo and has been signed by soon-to-be Hall of Famer Yzerman. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Fanatic U, 30409 Ford Road, Garden City. The drawing will be at 6 p.m. at the golf outing, and the winner doesn't need to be present.

Miller makes customized guitars as a hobby. He's connected to Burger School through his wife Donna, who teaches there. Working with Tom Voyles of DPI Graphics,

Miller transformed a Fender Startocaster guitar into the Red Wings collectible. Voyles, also a Farmington Hills resident, is licensed to use the Red Wings logo and does most of the Red Wing graphics seen around Joe Louis Arena.

"He took the body and matched it up with a Red Wing logo," Miller said. "I striped down the guitar and painted it red or white. Most people seem to like the red with the white logo."

He got the idea for the Red Wings guitar when guitar manufacturer Fender came out with limited edition guitars for each of the NHL teams. Miller saw one and investigated how to do it.

He's done Red Wing guitars in red and in white for his daughters, who have been able to get Chris Chelios, Kris Draper and Gordie Howe to

autograph them. He credits Darlene Jablonowski of Garden City with getting Yzerman to sign the guitar. Jablonowski's son Connor attends Burger and had Donna Miller as his teacher.

"She took it upon herself to take it to a game," he said. "He was in the room, she presented it to him and he said he'd be

happy to do it. I think that's cool."

For Viola and her fellow foundation members, work begins in late September or early October. That's when grants start coming out and the group starts planning for its bowing fund-raiser and a family fun day. Viola admits that there's so much work to do

that being on the foundation could be a full-time job.

"We're not a closed organization — we're always looking for members — but we want members who like to work," she said. "But we believe strongly in the students. That's why we do this."

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Go Run helps women get into politics

Women living in Westland and Garden City who have an interest in public office but don't know where to begin can get some direction at a political training program being offered next month.

The White House Project is seeking applications for its award-winning Go Run political training program for women. This year's participants will join a robust group of more than 6,000 alumnae throughout Michigan and the U.S. who have utilized the training as a launching pad to run for office, manage campaigns and become vocal and visible leaders in the political arena.

Women are encouraged to apply online at www.thewhitehouseproject.org.

The goal of 2009 Michigan Go Run - a multi-day workshop led by state and national experts - is to create a permanent, nonpartisan pipeline to women's political leadership throughout the state of Michigan. Across the U.S., the innovative Go Run program has been instrumental in

propelling a diverse group of women into positions of political leadership, having trained more than 6,000 women since its creation in 2004.

"Though I had an idea that I wanted to run for office, Michigan Go Run solidified my nerve and reminded me why I was embarking on this exciting but challenging journey," said Laura Davis, a 2008 Michigan Go Run alum who won her race for the Ingham County Commission later that year. "In total, the training was a completely life-changing experience."

Go Run utilizes the expertise of local and national leaders to provide the basic constructs of running for office — from campaign strategy to fund-raising to communications. Through its regional offices across the country, The White House Project trains some of the most underrepresented women in our political system: 41 percent of its alumnae are women of color; 46 percent earn less than \$30,000 a year; and 50 percent are under the age of 35.

Scheduled to take place July 10-12 at Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, 2009 Michigan Go Run will train participants in the fundamentals of campaign strategy, fund-raising and communications. Organized by the group's Great Lakes Regional Office, located in Grand Rapids, the 2009 program will feature founder and president of The White House Project Marie C. Wilson, along with a number of elected officials and other leaders from across the state.

Applications are now open and available on The White House Project's Web site, www.thewhitehouseproject.org. Travel and childcare stipends, as well as tuition scholarships, are available based on financial need. Sponsorship opportunities also are available.

The White House Project, a national, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) organization, works to advance a diverse, critical mass of women into leadership positions, up to and including the U.S. presidency.

Motorcyclist hospitalized after collision

A Westland man, 54, is hospitalized with serious injuries after his motorcycle collided with a vehicle on Ford at Hubbard July 1.

The motorcycle was traveling westbound on Ford in the curb lane at 10:30 a.m., police said when a vehicle traveling south on Hubbard stopped and then continued south across

Ford driving into the path of the motorcycle.

"The operator of the motorcycle was transported by Garden City Fire Rescue to Oakwood Hospital with serious injuries," said Garden City Police Lt. Mel Maier. "At this time he is recovering."

The 66-year-old Garden City man driving the other vehicle,

a Chevrolet Equinox, reported minor injuries and refused medical care, Maier said.

"Investigators are still doing the accident reconstruction investigation and expect to determine hazardous action responsibility in the next couple of weeks," Maier said.

No alcohol or other factors are being investigated, he added.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Break-in
1 A resident in the 31000 block of Grand Traverse told police July 5 that someone had entered her home and stolen \$400 in cash from a kitchen cabinet. Neighbors had alerted her that the front door was open and she came home from work, the woman said, finding the side door was also open. She said the front door doesn't lock properly and could easily be opened.

Arson
2 Police and firefighters responded to Corrado Park, Mackenzie and Flamingo, just after 5 a.m. July 7 about a fire. Firefighters extinguished the blaze which destroyed a portable toilet. The unit was located on the west side of the park just north of the soccer field. It was

unclear who owned the portable toilet.

Vandalism
3 A Canton man told police that someone had broken into a residential duplex he owns in the 32000 block of Genessee Court July 6 and caused more than \$2,500 damage. The man said he had evicted the previous tenant on June 29. On July 5, he said he checked the property to find the front door had been kicked in. The toilet and bathroom sink appeared to have been clogged and intentionally damaged. The interior doors were also reported damaged or missing.

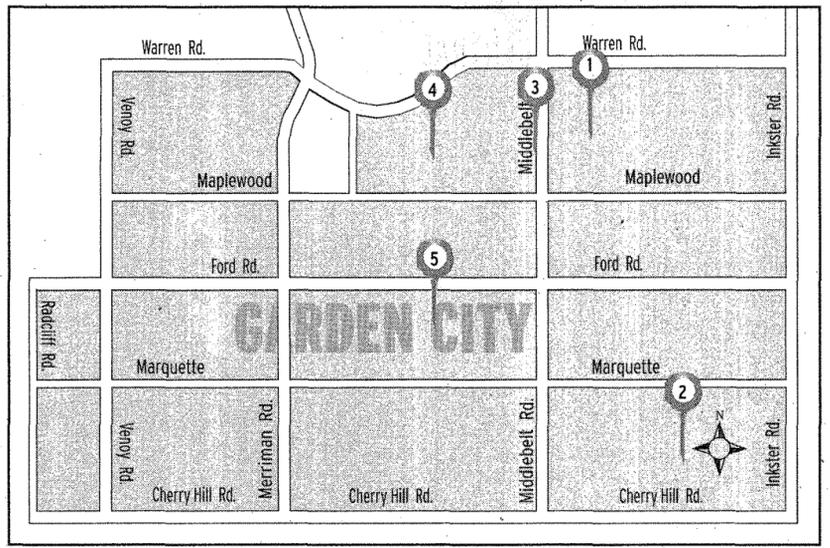
The man called police after returning July 6 to find someone had again entered the unit, this time by prying open a window.

No additional damage was reported.

Break-in
4 The owner of Paperbacks and Things, 8044 N. Wayne Road, told police that she arrived July 6 to find the glass on the front door had been smashed with a rock. She reported \$150 in cash missing. The damage to the door was estimated at \$300.

Vehicle stolen
5 On July 6, a resident of an apartment in the 7400 block of Wilderness Park told police that someone had stolen his 1999 Chrysler Concorde from the car port. The man told police the vehicle was paid for and he could account for the keys.

- By LeAnne Rogers



GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Larceny
1 Police responded to a larceny from an auto report about 8 p.m. June 30 at Garden Lanes, 29145 Warren.

A 19-year-old Dearborn Heights man said that someone had broken into his 2009 Ford Explorer which was parked and locked from 6:30-8 p.m. June 30. The police found pry marks on the passenger front door.

Reported missing were the man's wallet with \$500 cash, a Visa debit card, bracelet, two new shirts and other clothes.

While the police were interviewing this man, two other vehicle owners said that their vehicles were also broken into and the contents were scattered about. They didn't want to make reports.

Also, when a passer-by saw the police car investigating, she said that she saw a male about 15-17 years old moving around the lot earlier.

Scam
2 A resident in the 28400 block of Rosslyn told police that he just wanted the calls from Jamaica to stop. He came to the lobby of the police station last week to file a police report.

After receiving a notification letter from Publishers Clearinghouse that he won \$1.5 million, he called the phone number that was on the letter. He said he was told that he would have to wire money to several unknown subjects in Jamaica to get the reward process under way.

The man told police that he later realized that he was scammed out of almost \$9,380 during a period between Feb. 6 and May 1.

He wanted the phone calls to stop and police suggested that the resident change his phone number.

Fraud
3 A 29-year-old Belleville woman reported that her bank debit card was used fraudulently June 30 at Painters Supply Equipment, located at 6928 Middlebelt. Her bill was more than \$1,000.

Breaking and entering
4 A homeowner in the 30700 block of Rush filed a delayed breaking and entering report with the police after returning

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from a vacation and finding a basement window broken and the back door unlocked.

Reported stolen were a firearm, a bottle of wine and an almost empty bottle of Captain Morgan's Rum. The guns had been locked in a storage room.

The police were investigating who might have known that the family was out of town.

Abandoned auto

5 The management of Cars With a Past, 29944 Ford, called the police because a 2000 Dodge Dakota had been in the shop since Feb. 6 for repairs. The police tagged it as an abandoned auto and it was towed away by Spark's Towing June 30.

Breaking and entering

Someone broke into an unlocked side door to a garage in the 1770 block of Gilman. It was reported at 10 a.m. July 1.

Reported taken were a small, white refrigerator with food items, a Mongoose bike and assorted tools.

Suspended license

An Inkster woman was arrested July 1 for driving with a suspended license.

Drunken driving

Police arrested a 39-year-old Dearborn Heights man about 2:30 a.m. July 1 after observing him driving his Geo Prism erratically eastbound on Ford near Hubbard. The officer found an open bottle of Captain Morgan's rum in his front pocket. The man had a .13 blood alcohol level and two previous convictions for driving while intoxicated.

The police also found a Ziplock baggie with a large amount of marijuana. The vehicle was impounded for forfeiture.

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Vandalism

A resident in the 29000 block of Cambridge reported at 12:30 p.m. July 5 that someone shot a BB or pellet gun and damaged the windshield on her 2004 Jeep.

School damage

A broken window was reported at Farmington Elementary School, 33411 Marquette, at 6:30 p.m. July 5 on the south side of the building. Another part of the window was still intact and the police deemed the building secure.

Counterfeit bill

An employee at the Shell gas station, 120 Middlebelt, reported at 10 p.m. July 5 that a male customer passed a counterfeit \$20 bill. The customer bought a pack of cigarettes and juice with the bill.

The employee was unable to describe the customer. The police report didn't indicate what features on the \$20 bill made it appear counterfeit.

Fireworks

An apartment tenant in the 30400 block of Krauter reported damage to a window after she heard a loud fireworks noise at 9:15 p.m. July 2. When the police came to investigate, they found an empty fireworks container on the south side of the building across from the part of the building that was damaged. The report didn't explain the type of damage.

Property destruction

A resident in the 28800 block of Bock reported July 3 that someone cut the leather cover on his truck and motorcycle. The report didn't specify where the two vehicles were parked at the time.

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These books can help you master grilling this summer

The smell of food cooking on a charcoal grill ushers in summer with just about as much force as warm weather does in the month of June.

Grilling is a lot more versatile than you may think. Sure, a cut of chicken slathered in barbecue sauce will be a forever favorite, but there are plenty of other cooking options to break up the monotony of typical grilling. "The Italian Grill" by Micol Negrin offers dozens of recipes like Tuscan Rosemary and Raisin Buns or Lobster, Lemon, and Mint Salad to help spice up your outdoor cooking. For something a little more basic, try Sinnes' "The Gas Grill Gourmet" or Al Roker's "Big Bad Book of Barbecue." These books and others like them can help turn a novice into a grill master in no time.

A hardcore griller might not be satisfied with typical barbecue practices. Richard Langer's "Where There's Smoke There's Flavor" boasts "real barbecue" techniques full of equipment listings and detailed instructions of how to smoke meat in your own backyard. Someone who is planning a summer cookout may want to take a look at Cheryl and Bill Jamison's "The Big Book of Outdoor Cooking and Entertaining" to find not only great recipes, but also entertaining tips that are sure to make the most of your evening.

If the names of those recipes and book titles still don't have you running outside to prime your grill, there are still ways to bring the flavors of summer to the table. Raichlen's "Indoor! Grilling" or "Grill It!, Indoors!" by Lesley Makley will spice up your meals with an electric grill in your own kitchen.

Now is a great time to catch the grilling bug! You are sure to be the envy of your neighbors because of the delicious smells streaming out of the backyard, and it gives you an excuse to wield some pretty exciting grilling accessories for an evening as an added bonus.

For more information visit the William P. Faust Public Library or call us at (734) 326-6123, and we are always available online at westlandlibrary.org

Highlighted Activities

Decorative Painting - Faux

Finishes: 7 p.m. July 9

Goodbye boring blank walls! Learn how to jazz up your space with a little faux finish. Peggy Vastine from Lowe's of Westland will show you how to make your walls look fabulous!

Join Maxwell's for music and poetry Saturday

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be music, poetry and food Saturday as Maxwell's Art & Treasures hosts Blues & Muse.

"This is our fourth event since April," said Laura George, owner of Maxwell's, an antique shop.

The event begins at 7 p.m. with performers including San Francisco author and poet Joyce Jenkins, publisher of Poetry Flash Newsletter, who will be accompanied by Clay St. James.

Also, Detroit's own world traveling Master Blues Performer Howard Glazer and a live performance by Violet the Blues Singing Diva will be featured. There will be an Open Jam/Mic for musicians, poets, and performing artists.

"It's fun for everyone," said George, adding Maxwell's offers a fun nonsmoking atmosphere. "We have been attracting the 30-65 age crowd. We're pretty cheap, \$5 a person."

An antique and art shop, George said that Maxwell's is trying to build an art center. "We have a mix of teachers and artists," she said.

Maxwell's Art & Treasures is located at 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, east of Venoy, at the corner of Hubbard and Industrial. Parking is located in the back.

For more information, call (734) 427-5300.

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Join us for the documentary film, "The 11th Hour," which focuses on the myriad of sins perpetrated

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against the environment (pollution deforestation over-mining resources) the reasons behind it, and concludes with a spirited discussion of solutions offered by a crack team of scientists, designers and thinkers. All are welcome (children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult). No registration is required.

Summer Concert Series: Ambient Music with Universal

Circles, 7 p.m. July 16 in the Performance Pavilion.

Get ready to open yourself up to some beautifully improvised music. Universal Circles is an ambient-percussive-space" duo made up of percussionist John Smolinski and guitarist Shawn DeLoach. Bring a chair or blanket for your comfort. Everyone invited.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the library: Every Wednesday evening

at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Chess Night: Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

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OUR VIEWS

**Help Red Cross:
Be a blood donor**

The American Red Cross has come up with a list of 10 reasons why you should give blood. They range from it's the right thing to do and being someone's hero — you may give a newborn, a child, a mother or a father, a brother, or a sister another chance at life — to the practical. Nobody can ask you to do any heavy lifting as long as you have on "I donated" sticker, and the whimsical, you get free juice and cookies.

And the American Red Cross has a 10 excuses people don't donate from the plausible not liking needles and being scared of needles to the highly unlikely no one ever asked and not realizing blood is needed.

Consider yourself asked! There is simply no other way to supply the blood needs of hospital patients but for the donations of people like you. Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. More than 38,000 donations are needed every day in communities across the U.S.

The fact is you can help save up to three lives with just one donation. And it's easy to do. It only takes about an hour and you can make the donation at a donor center, or at one of the Red Cross mobile blood drives that's being held at locations in western Wayne County this month.

Blood donations drop off during the summer. Schools and many colleges and universities which are prime sites for blood drives are closed, and many people are on vacations, especially at this holiday time. The state of the economy also has trimmed the number of business locations that once held blood drives.

The need for blood remains constant. Donor centers in the United States predict that if just 1 percent more Americans gave blood, all national blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future.

So what can you do to help this summer? Be a donor. Roll up your sleeve and give the gift of life. Garden City Hospital and Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury kicked off July with post-holiday blood drives this week, but more are scheduled — July 17 at the Livonia Family YMCA, 14225 Stark, Livonia; July 23 at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck, Canton; and July 30 at Gardner White Furniture, 38453 Ford, Canton, to name a few. You can also stop by the Livonia Donor Center, 36650 Five Mile, Livonia, east of Newburgh. For a complete list of blood drives and blood collection locations or to sign, go online at www.givelife.org.

If you're an employer, sponsor a blood drive. All you need to do is provide the space for the blood and a coordinator to educate, motivate and recruit donors and work with the local Red Cross. If you're interested in becoming a blood drive sponsor, call (800) GIVE LIFE — (800) 448-3543 — for details.

We urge readers to take the time to donate blood. Do it for yourself, do it for others. Besides, if you donate between now and Sept. 13, you have a chance of winning 2010 Mercury Milan from Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury in Garden City.

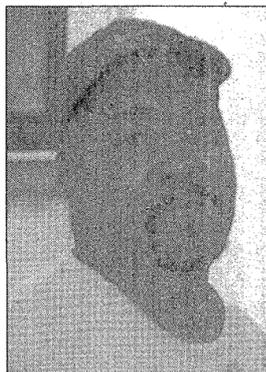
COMMUNITY VOICE

What is the most important thing state officials can do to improve Michigan's economy?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"They need to find a way to bring more jobs to Michigan. I know so many people affected by unemployment. I feel lucky to have a job."
Bridget Nichols
Westland



"Basically, they can try to create more jobs and stop playing politics."
Earl Smith
Canton



"They can try to look for ways to improve jobs like creating job fairs so people understand the situation."
Santiago Perez
Westland



"They can bring in more jobs and utilize all the equipment we have in the factories that are sitting empty."
Betty Foor
Westland

LETTERS

Political waste

Since Wayne County is in the midst of an ongoing budget crisis — who isn't these days? — I've got a suggestion that should save a few bucks. Cut out the expensive self-glorification "newsletters" mailed to constituents by county commissioners.

Last week, the latest newsletter from freshman Commissioner Joan Gebhardt was delivered to my house with a hand-written message, "Poger Family, sorry we missed you." The four-page color publication on expensive stock contained generic information and six photos of the commissioner.

One story was headlined "Commissioner Gebhardt receives major appointments." In reality, all elected legislative members on the city, county, state and federal levels are named to various committees which are all "major" since they recommend spending parts of the budget.

I was also curious about another segment of the newsletter. It offered a coupon that entitles the constituent a free cup of coffee with the commissioner. Does that mean that without the coupon the individual has to pay for his or her own coffee? I have never heard of any elected/political figure NOT providing free beverages or snacks at a public gathering he or she sponsors.

Why can't she do what our state legislators do: put the material online and save the printing and potential mailing costs?

Leonard Poger
Westland

Girls deserve credit

Since the *Garden City Observer* is supposed to be a "hometown paper," I was wondering why you have made no mention of the GCYAA.

This is a softball league for young Garden City girls ages 11 to 14 which started playing on May 2 and finished their last regular game on June 24. One team, the Cardinals went 14 wins and no losses and on Saturday, June 27, they won the GCYAA Peewee Tournament to finish the season with a 16-0 record.

I feel that these young ladies and all of the other teams deserve some recognition for outstanding ball playing and good sportsmanship. They played their All Star game on July 1 at Moeller Field and I feel you should at least mention them in your paper for that game since you dropped the ball on their regular season.

Stanley Zarzycki
Garden City

Obama economics

Obama and Democrats in Congress claimed there spending binge was necessary to put Americans back to work. They promised unemployment would not rise above 8 percent if their trillion-dollar stimulus was passed.

The administration was wrong; unemployment has soared above 9 percent. And now Obama has admitted that unemployment will soon reach double digits.

After all of this spending, after all of this borrowing from China, the Middle East, our children and our grandchildren, where are the jobs?

Since Obama's stimulus plan to trigger job creation was passed, the economy has lost 1.6 million jobs. The administration has focused instead on its estimate that the stimulus has created or saved 150,000 jobs. The formula they used which is common among Republicans and Democrats alike is used to "predict" job growth, not count it. They rely on Labor Department data on unemployment, manufacturing and construction activity and

county-by-county, state-by-state job reports to count jobs gains and losses.

As predicted, the Democratic proposals on health care, stimulus and energy would all be bad for the economy and they are already starting to show starting with the stimulus and its lack of creating jobs.

Next we'll have to deal with soaring energy costs because of the Cap-n-Tax act which will drive gasoline to \$8 a gallon, electricity costs to skyrocket because of the caps on carbon, which is a natural gas that Congress has deemed a "poison" and blamed global warming on it as well as global cooling.

You can bet that if nationalized health care is passed, Congress will not opt out of their plan. Obama states that he does not want to drive private health insurers out of business, but the Congressional Budget Office states that businesses will drop private health care companies in lieu of paying taxes imposed on them by our federal government.

Obama will tax the companies that provide health insurance benefits for their employees to pay for the national plan, so if I were a business owner, I would stop supplying insurance to my employees and let them join the government plan and save myself a ton of money in taxes. This will kill private health care providers and then add more people to the government Medicare type plan that is already \$80 trillion in debt.

Let us also not forget that they can delegate who gets what care, if any at all, for some illnesses.

So let's say you are a registered Republican and you are diagnosed with a terminal illness but there is a drug or procedure that could prolong your life. Do you want the government checking "the list" before deciding on if you should get a life-saving drug or procedure? Government has no business in private enterprise and the constitution grants them no power for this.

I urge you to vote out any politician that supports these programs.

Phil Solarz
Westland

Kudos to Clem

Westland reporter Darrell Clem was reassigned as of June. What a great loss to the Westland community.

Mr. Clem has been everywhere! He sat in the audience at city council and school board meetings. He was always in attendance at community events and has always been easily accessible and easy to talk with. Darrell Clem is Westland's loss and Canton's gain.

We hope that Darrell enjoys his new position and I wish them the best.

Joan Gebhardt
Wayne County Commissioner
Westland, Inkster and south Livonia

Energy legislation needed

Every day, members of my Catholic Church strive to make positive choices that benefit themselves, their families, their faith and their communities. It's not always an easy task, but truly impactful decisions come from taking a wider perspective.

It's critical that we take that same view — seeing the forest through the trees — as we tackle our current energy crisis and work toward a better future for our earth, our families and our economy. I urge our congressional delegation to push for effective federal climate and energy legislation, such as the American Clean Energy and Security Act. In addition to

aggressively reducing global warming, the bill proposes renewable electricity and energy efficiency resource standards, which would help us use resources more efficiently, and boost the use of renewable, homegrown energy sources. Studies and similar state efforts — like the energy efficiency standards in 20 states — have shown these solutions can create hundreds of thousands of jobs and save families and businesses billions on their utility bills, uplifting our communities when we need it most.

Across the country, faith communities are increasing their use of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency measures to help reduce the devastating effects of global warming, putting their faith into action. In Michigan, more than 100 congregations belong to Michigan Interfaith Power and Light. These investments mean big payoffs in every sense of the word. Now is the time to help each other — and our representatives in Washington — build a lasting legacy for ourselves, our nation and our earth.

Louise Ramsay
Livonia

Trailblazers saved lives

Driving through the desolate and dangerous roads of Iraq was a convoy of four trucks, scanning, digging and listening on the radio for troops in danger. These trucks were run by a squad of engineers with the call sign "Trailblazers." The call sign Trailblazer was a badge of honor.

Not unlike Trailblazers of medieval times, we were the ones first out to scan and make sure the roads and back roads were safe for other troops. That is exactly what we did, scan the roadsides, buildings and alleys for the one thing feared most in Iraq, improvised explosive devices or IED's and complex ambushes. We were a buffer between insurgents and coalition forces, driving in specially designed vehicles called the Buffalo, Huskey and RG-31. Where others feared to tread we went willingly knowing that one IED found saved many Americans the fate that lay with it. My name is Don Copperstone, a specialist in the 1st engineer battalion. I was one of the Trailblazers and commander of the Buffalo during missions.

People thought we were crazy, but every-one of us was willing to accept the disrespect shown by many and willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for them. Exposure to so many blasts made statistics of us all. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, paralysis, severed limbs and in a few instances, deaths. I only suffer from PTSD and TBI, but it helps when I am at my worst to know that we Trailblazers saved so many lives that could have been lost. I think about the younger soldiers, not even old enough to drink, who we saved, enabling them to have a long happy life instead of a short painful one. I also think about the husbands, brothers, fathers, cousins, mothers and wives, knowing that they could be reunited with their families. It gave us a diehard determination, knowing if we failed they would not return home. Everyone of us fought many battles bravely, not asking for much. Many soldiers and civilians do not know they were saved from the cruelest of fates. I want to honor my fallen friends by letting people know that those who were killed or injured did it so they could be safe. Some of your family members, friends or yourselves have had your life saved by a little known group with the call sign Trailblazers.

Don Copperstone
Livonia

**ONLINE
VOICES & VIEWS**

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voice, on the Web at hometownlife.com.

• Remediating city park

I was under the impression that the renovations had already started when they knocked down the playscape and the pavilion, but I guess not. They must be starting again though because today as I was leaving for work I noticed they were moving Tot Town!

jd81107

• DDA brochure title

I vote for "Business is Blooming in Garden City." Good luck!

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• Civic groups do good job

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agardencityguy1

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Mark your milestone day with discounts, free gifts, food

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

I'll blow out candles and cut the cake this weekend, read cards and open presents.

But my favorite part about celebrating a birthday is collecting "little gifts," discounts and freebies from local merchants, restaurants and services.

Some of the best things in life are free, providing you redeem their coupons on your milestone day.

Here's a sampling of "freebies" that you, too, can enjoy on your next birthday:

- Loehmann's, retailer of designer fashions, will give you 15 percent off merchandise on your birthday if you sign up for its free Insider's Club online at www.loehmanns.com. Visit Loehmann's stores at 17615 Haggerty in Northville and 31005 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington.

- Joey's Comedy Club not only treats you, but five of your friends as well, during your birthday month. Call (734) 261-0555 and make reservations for a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday show. Print a "birthday pass" from Joey's Web site (www.kickerscomplex.com) and take it to the show along with your ID. Everyone in the birthday party must be age 21 and over. Joey's is located above the Kickers Entertainment Complex, at Levan and Plymouth Road in Livonia.

- Baskin Robbins gives a free 2.5 ounce scoop of ice cream to members of its birthday club on their birthdays. Sign up online first at www.bskinrobbins.com. Find Baskin Robbins stores at 14855 Telegraph, Redford; 27919 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; 25828 Middlebelt, Farmington; 9406 Telegraph, Redford; 8280 Merriman, Westland; 34417 Ford Road, Westland; 27609 Plymouth Road, Livonia; and 44532

Michigan Ave., in Canton.

- Petsmart will say "Happy Birthday" to your dog or cat with a free birthday card and coupon for a free toy if you sign up for PetPerks, the club that offers discounts, instore savings, sweepstakes opportunities and more. Visit stores at 13150 Middlebelt in Livonia, 41856 Ford Road in Canton or 47142 Michigan Ave., in Canton. Yeah, it's not for your big day, but isn't a discount for Fido and Fluffy almost like giving yourself a birthday gift?

- Journeys Kidz sends out cards good for 15 percent off the purchase of cool kids' shoes. Sign up at www.journeys.com/kidz/birthday_club.aspx. Then visit the store at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

- Target offers "Birthday Central" online. Sign up for the birthday mailer and receive "great gifts, tips and special offers, plus the essentials for throwing a perfect party." It's designed for throwing a children's party and requires about 12 weeks lead time. Check it out at target.com.

- Sephora wants you to "get spoiled with a get-gorgeous birthday gift" when you sign up for its free

online beauty insider program. Visit www.sephora.com. Find Sephora stores at Somerset Collection in Troy, Briarwood in Ann Arbor and Twelve Oaks in Novi.

- Caribou Coffee gives coupons for a free birthday coffee. Sign up at www.cariboucoffee.com and then stop by a local store to retrieve your java: 17378 Haggerty Road, Livonia; 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth; 47490 Grand River Ave., Novi; 7310 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

- Bucca de Beppo treats you to a free birthday dessert when you sign up for its eClub at bucadibeppo.com. Visit the restaurant at 38888 Six Mile, Livonia.

- bd's Mongolian Grill gives you "something special" for your birthday when you join the online Club Mongo at www.gomongo.com. Visit the restaurant at Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty in Canton; off Main and Market streets, south of Grand River Ave., and east of Novi road in Novi; and on Main near Washington in downtown Ann Arbor.

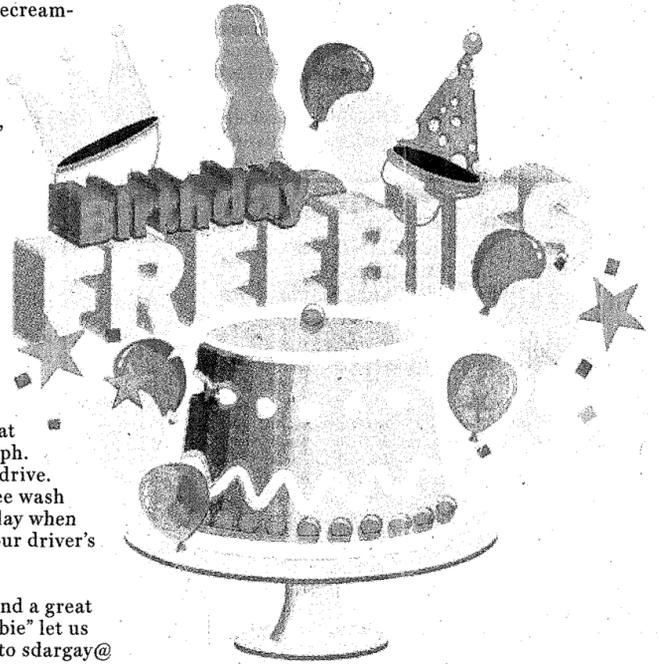
- Coldstone Creamery offers a "Cold Stone Creation" if you sign up for its Birthday Club online at

www.coldstonecreamery.com. Visit locations at 50409

Independence, Canton and 22175 Grand River Ave., Farmington.

- Jax Kar Wash has six locations in Oakland County, with the closest to Western Wayne at its Southfield headquarters at 28845 Telegraph. It's worth the drive. You'll get a free wash on your birthday when you present your driver's license.

If you've found a great birthday "freebie" let us know. E-mail to sdargay@hometownlife.com



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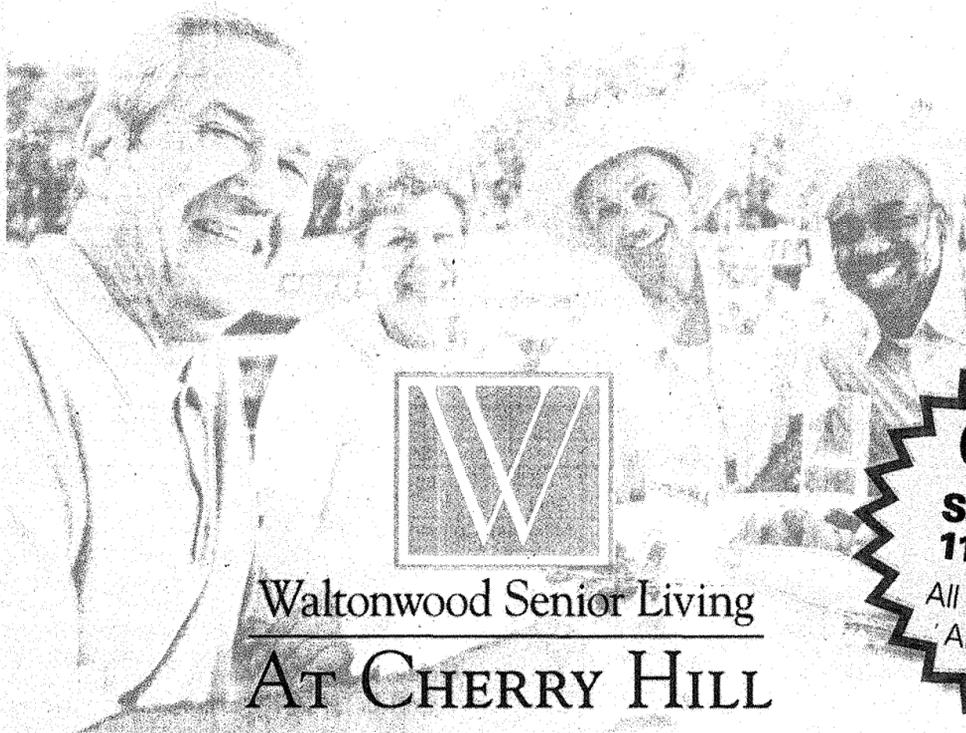
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Spaghetti dinner set for July 18 to benefit cancer patient

A spaghetti dinner benefit will be held Saturday, July 18, to help Kate Still, a 30-year-old preschool teacher and cancer patient. The event (for which the location has been changed), will feature Mostaccioli, Music and Mayhem. It will be 6-

10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman, Westland. Hawthorne Valley's phone number is (734) 422-3440. Price of \$10 includes spaghetti, salad, rolls and dessert.

Music and karaoke will be provided by Music Unlimited. Tickets are available at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, on the east side of Wayne Road north of Warren in Westland. For information, call (734) 261-3680

Still was born and raised in the Dearborn Heights area. She is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn who has worked mentoring at-risk children through the Jumpstart pro-

gram at Thorne Elementary School in Dearborn Heights for more than five years. Still was recently diagnosed with a synovial sarcoma, which will force her to miss at least a month's work and will require expensive chemotherapy, radia-

tion and surgery. Because her job does not provide benefits, her only medical insurance is a "bare bones" policy to which she individually subscribes and which will leave her responsible for large portions of her medical bills.

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2008 Report to Consumers on Water Quality

Westland is proud of the fine drinking water it receives from the City of Detroit and furnishes to the residents. This report will list the source of our water, the results of the tests performed on the water, and additional information about water and health questions. State and federal requirements mandate that an annual report be sent to Westland customers before July 1 each year.

Water Source

Westland is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Springwells Water Treatment Plant in Dearborn. The water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, and Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale, from very low to high, based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes was determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact your water department (734) 728-1770.

Public Notice Sewage Disposal System Event

Any person or claimant who experiences an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system that is under the jurisdiction and control of the City of Westland should immediately contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service Director, Kevin Buford, at the following address and telephone number:
City of Westland
Department of Public Service
37137 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185
(734) 728-1770

Important Health Information

Overview

The City of Westland maintains over 325 miles of water main, over 2900 hydrants and over 6000 valves in our system. We have flushed the water mains in one section of the city this year, covering the neighborhoods in the area of Wayne road to Newburgh and Palmer to Glenwood. This is done to remove buildup from the water main and improve pressure and quality of the water you receive. We will be doing other sections of the City of Westland in 2009 as the weather permits, working through the city on a continual basis. We are also operating and repairing the valves for isolating the water throughout the city to insure proper operation of the valves in an emergency.

Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Westland is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once, during a twelve-month period at our Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

People with Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

In 2008, the City of Westland had no monitoring violations. A monitoring violation is not an exceedance of a MCL or health standard.

The Department of Public Service Water and Sewer Superintendent prepared this report for the City of Westland. Data was supplied by the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. If there are any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service at 734-728-1770. This report is supplied to our customers to ensure compliance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976, PA 399, as amended) by 1998 PA 56. This Act was passed to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and the rules promulgated by the United States EPA dealing with this law. Water quality data for community water systems throughout the United States is available at www.waterdata.com.

Additional Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or by the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIREMENT: Furthermore, compliance with Public Act 222 of 2001, an amendment to Michigan's Governmental Immunity Statute 1964 PA 170, as amended MCL 691.1401 to 691.1419, requires that a claimant who wishes to seek compensation for property damage or physical injury resulting from a sewage disposal system event notify the City of Westland, Water and Sewer Superintendent, in writing, within 45 days after the date the damage or physical injury was discovered, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been discovered. The written notice shall contain the claimant's name, address and telephone number, the address of the affected property, the date of discovery of any property damages or physical injuries, and a brief description of the claim. Failure to comply with the notice requirements may prevent the recovery of damages and bar any claim that a claimant may have.

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Springwells Water Treatment Plant 2008 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	9/9/2008	ppm	4	4	0.89	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	9/9/2008	ppm	10	10	0.26	n/a	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	6/9/2008	ppb	50	50	1	n/a	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2008	ppb	n/a	80	17.7	4.1-31.5	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2008	ppb	n/a	60	10.0	4.4-16.5	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Chlorine	Jan-Dec 2008	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.67	0.61-0.72	No	Water additive used to control microbes

2008 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.16 NTU	100 %	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

2008 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month - 1	No	Naturally present in the environment.
E.coli or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	entire year - 0	No	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2008 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2008	ppb	0	15	3 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2008	ppm	1.3	1.3	.16 ppm	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL, additional requirements must be met.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)		The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.			Erosion of natural deposits

2008 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.80	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July of 2008, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2.) All the UCMR2 contaminants monitored on List 1 and List 2 in 2008 were undetected.

Key to Detected Contaminants Tables

Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
ND	Not Detected	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
n/a	not applicable	
>	Greater than	

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McCathney takes over tennis at Stevenson, B2

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HOMETOWN LIFE



Camp Roberson

Harrison grad, Lions' DB lends expertise to youth

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Chris Roberson addressed the 78 participants Tuesday at the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp at Plymouth's Central Middle School, the inevitable question was going to be asked.

"What was it like playing for the Lions last year?" one youth inquired.

The cornerback and Farmington Hills Harrison grad responded calmly:

"It was pretty rough not to win game," he said. "You're trying not to make negative history. We worked hard, but we did not get what we wanted in the end. It was frustrating, but hopefully things will get better."

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound Roberson was signed as a free agent to the Lions' practice squad on Oct. 9 and was activated for the final two games where he recorded one tackle.

Roberson was drafted in the seventh round of the 2005 NFL Draft out of Eastern Michigan University by the Jacksonville Jaguars and has eight pro appearances under his belt.

He spent much of the 2006-07 season on injured reserve with the Jags before being signed briefly to the Miami Dolphins' practice squad.

Roberson is now making the off-season transition from the Rod Marinelli coaching regime to the Jim Schwartz administration.

"It's been good, we've got a lot of new faces and new coaches," Roberson said. "We work hard and we work fast, and hopefully we'll turn it around. We just take it one day at a time."

Please see **CAMP, B2**



Detroit Lions cornerback Chris Roberson, a graduate of Farmington Hills Harrison, signs the T-shirt of Canton's Eric Latham during Tuesday's Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp held at Plymouth's Central Middle School.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Women's O&E golf tourney is Aug. 8

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Course management will once again be the key as the Women's Observer & Eccentric Open returns for 18-hole medal play on Saturday, Aug. 8, at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Susan Mackinowicz, a special education teacher from Woodhaven who hails from Chesterfield Township, is the two-time defending champion.

A regular on the Michigan Publix circuit, Mackinowicz carded an 83 to win the O&E title, four shots better than Livonian Nancy Rhatgian, who took low net honors with a 70. For her efforts, Mackinowicz came away with a first-place trophy and an \$80 gift certificate.

"You have to know where to put the ball," Mackinowicz told *The Observer* after last year's win. "Tee shots are critical. The putts are true and Paul (Worley, the club pro) has the course and grounds in good shape."

"It was good playing on a great municipal course. They have a real gem in Livonia."

The entry fee is \$50 (does not include cart). All entrants must have a current U.S. Golf Association index to participate. Entries close at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3. (Checks should be made payable to T.J.W., Inc.)

For more information, along with pairings and starting times, call (248) 476-4493 (after noon Wednesday, Aug. 5).

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GAME WRAPS

Haeger an All-Star

Former Madonna University golfer and current Albuquerque Isotopes knuckleballer Charlie Haeger (Livonia) has been named to the Pacific Coast League All-Star Team after posting a 3.75 ERA with a league-leading eight wins.

The 2009 Triple-A All-Star Game will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at PGE Park in Portland, Ore., and will be broadcast nationally on ESPN2.

This will be Haeger's second appearance in the Triple-A All-Star Game, having started the 2006 contest in Toledo, Ohio, while a member of the Charlotte Knights (Triple-A affiliate of the White Sox) and tossing a perfect two innings. Haeger, the younger brother of MU head baseball coach Greg Haeger, is in his first season with the Isotopes after signing with the Los Angeles Dodgers in the off season.

Haeger's eight wins has him tied for the most in the PCL while his 2.09 ERA in June was the sixth-lowest in the PCL. He has thrown two complete games thus far in 2009.

A 25th round draft pick of the White Sox in 2001 out of Redford Catholic Central H.S., Haeger briefly retired from professional baseball following the 2002 season, returning to MU and going down in Crusader athletic history, taking the first ever swing for the MU golf team in 2003.

After returning to baseball in 2004, Haeger was named to the Carolina League All-Star Team in 2005 before making his major league debut in 2006 for the White Sox against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

Haeger has a 1-1 major league record in 19 appearances with the White Sox (2006-07) and the San Diego Padres (2008).

Scarpace signs

Rochester College women's golf coach Clayton Bissett announced the signing recently of Paige Scarpace, a 2008 graduate of Livonia Franklin High.

Scarpace was the Franklin team MVP three straight seasons while earning second-team All-Observer honors as a junior. The team captain was also medalist in eight of 11 matches that year and shot a school-record 35. She placed eighth in the state Division 1 regional with an 87.

She was elected to the National Art Honor Society.

"Paige brings a wealth of success to our young program," Bissett said. "She has great experience at a high level in high school that should help our program get to the next level."

Soccer coach needed

Redford Thurston High School is looking to fill the position of junior varsity boys soccer coach. Interested individuals are asked to e-mail a resume to Thurston Athletic Director Al Chambo at chambo@southredford.net.

Hole-in-one club

Frank Gawel, of Allen Park, used a 7-iron to ace 129-yard, No. 7 hole recently at Whispering Willow.

For Gawel, formerly of Novi, it was his first ace in 13 years of golf. He shot an 87.

Lakes Area Dodgers take top spot at diamond tournament

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Head coach Jeff Gibson doesn't really know what the secret was, he's just sure it was one of those circumstances where winning was meant to be for his Lakes Area Dodgers.

Venturing to Omaha, Neb., recently as first-time participants in the prestigious Omaha Slumbuster Tournament, the Dodgers displayed their prowess on the baseball diamond as they emerged victorious in six of seven contests to capture the top spot in U18 division play.

They earned the title with a convincing 12-6 victory over Houston.

"That's a good question," responded Gibson when asked for the recipe behind his team's success. "I just like to think it was one of those weeks. We had timely hitting, made all the plays we needed to make in the field, and got really solid pitching from everybody. We just played solid baseball."

Those players contributing to the success of the Dodgers included Max Stratton (Garden City), Anthony DiPaolo (Plymouth), Brett Schultz (Livonia), Zeb Hancock



The Lakes Area Dodgers of Oakland County received plenty of support from local players in placing first at the prestigious Omaha Slumbuster Tournament held recently in Omaha, Neb. Those players contributing to the team's overall success included (left to right, top to bottom) Jake Davis, Mark Lepri, Josh Gibson, Chris Gebara, Brett Schultz, Donald Clark, Christian Bilkovic, Sam Priehs, Max Stratton, Doug Brown, Anthony DiPaolo, Mitch O'Hara and Zeb Hancock.

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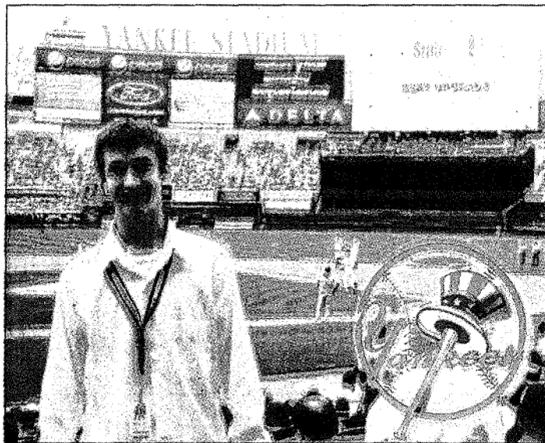
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(Wayne), Doug Brown (Birmingham), Josh Gibson (West Bloomfield), Mitch O'Hara (West Bloomfield), Christian Bilkovic (West Bloomfield), Donald Clark (West Bloomfield), Chris

Gebara (Troy), Jake Davis (Rochester), Mark Lepri (Utica) and Sam Priehs (Flushing).

Mark Bilkovic and Bret Borock served as assistant coaches.

"We walked away from the tournament saying every single one of you guys contributed to those wins," Gibson said. "We're a pretty well-rounded team with a lot of versatility. We just have a good group of guys who make it fun."



Recent Westland John Glenn grad Michael Penhollow, a summer intern with the New York Yankees, helps program the high definition Mitsubishi scoreboard at the New Yankee Stadium.

Yankee clipper

Glenn grad Penhollow interns in the Big Apple

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There are the ordinary summer jobs, then there's Michael Penhollow's summer job.

Just a month removed from the class of 2009 at Westland John Glenn High School, the 18-year-old Penhollow is working as a paid intern through mid-August in the Big Apple for none other than the New York Yankees.

"It's definitely a good experience, life in the real world right out of high school," Penhollow

said. "It's fun meeting new people, new faces. People here are really friendly and nice. They bring in a lot of people for the summer, places like Florida, Texas ... all over."

Michael Penhollow's *in* was his uncle John Penhollow, who serves as the Yankees' director of Corporate Sales and Sponsorships.

The Glenn grad, who will attend Ferris State University in the fall to major in digital media and TV production, works under

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McCathney takes over tennis programs at Stevenson High

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Close to the game of tennis virtually his entire life, Don McCathney appears to be a natural fit to become the new boys and girls coach at Livonia Stevenson High School.

McCathney takes over for Kathy Ladd, who has been the Spartans' dual coach since 2003. The announcement was made recently by Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman.

McCathney served as a volunteer coach under Ladd when his two sons, Gino, a 2008 grad and former standout singles player (now playing at Detroit Mercy), and Christopher, a 2006 alum and No. 1 singles player, were with the Spartans.

Meanwhile, his other son Marcus is an incoming ninth-

grader.

The 50-year-old McCathney, a physical education teacher at Dearborn Edsel Ford, has been coaching at the high school level since 1982.

He was JV boys coach at Dearborn High from 1982-85 and the head boys coach at Edsel Ford from 1985 through 2003. He also was the varsity boys basketball coach at Dearborn High from 1987-93.

He currently spends his summers teaching tennis at the Detroit Golf Club and his winters at the Dearborn Racquet Club.

"I've always taught tennis and we've always had a club to play at," said McCathney, who played two seasons at Henry Ford Community College.

The Stevenson boys are coming off a seventh-place show-

ing in the KLAA's Kensington Conference where the Spartans lost first-team All-Area singles players Chris Martin and Erik Koch to graduation, but return No. 3 singles player Clayton Northey.

This past spring, the Stevenson girls finished with a 6-7 overall record and a fourth-place finish in the KLAA's Kensington Conference.

"There's been a great tradition at Stevenson, which has had a lot of great tennis players going back to Mark Findling, Brady (and Whitney) Crosby, Erin Mazzoni, and the Moccia sisters (Ashley and Amanda)," McCathney said. "I haven't seen all the ninth- and 10th-graders, but there's always some kids who can play at Stevenson."

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Anderson takes over reins of Glenn girls hoop program

BY BRAD EMONS
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The Westland John Glenn varsity girls basketball team will literally have somebody to look up to for the 2009-10 season.

Standing 6 feet, 8 inches tall, Mark Anderson takes over the reins for the Rockets after spending the past seven years as the Glenn JV boys coach.

The 45-year-old Anderson replaces Mike Schuette, who resigned last month to become the JV boys coach at Wayne Memorial. In seven seasons, Schuette finished with an overall record of 58-94.

Glenn is coming off a 9-14 season where the Rockets reached the Class A district championship game before losing to Romulus, 59-51.

"The job was open, I always wanted to be in a head coaching position, I applied, and I

was fortunate to get the job," said Anderson, a graduate of Mount Pleasant High School who played one season at Central Michigan University. "I don't know a lot about the team at this point. I'll be in the gym this week to introduce myself. We'll work out the players, then I'll be able to assess our strengths and weaknesses. I'll definitely teach the post play, and hopefully we'll have some post players."

Anderson currently works at Boysville, part of Holy Cross Church and Services in Detroit.

His son Austin just completed his senior year at Glenn where he earned first-team All-Observer honors and is headed to Morehouse College (Ga.), an NCAA Division II program, on a basketball scholarship.

Mark Anderson has also coached the past few years on the AAU circuit with the Reach

Legends program.

"We are very excited to have somebody with Mark's background as a coach and player as our head girls coach," Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart said. "It is a big loss for coach (Dan) Young, as he (Mark) has done a tremendous job helping to build our boys program over the past several years. Mark will do the same for the girls program. He will develop the girls at John Glenn as players and young ladies. We are very lucky to have coach Anderson at John Glenn."

Anderson said he is "excited" about his new coaching position.

"It's my first experience with the girls and it's definitely going to be a challenge," he said. "We'll have fun and make sure the girls have a good time."

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Vipers give Thompson perfect gift

Canton Vipers 14U baseball coach Joel Thompson couldn't have received anything better for Father's Day when his travel team — including Justin Thompson — won the South Farmington Blues Invitational.

The Vipers went 4-0-1 at the tourney behind spectacular defense and steady pitching (allowing just 15 runs over the five games).

In the championship game, an 8-2 win, pitcher David Blythe took a perfect game into the seventh inning and struck out 12 batters.

Earlier at the tournament, pitcher Justin Thompson hurled a shutout and the

Vipers received strong mound outings from Nick Sandberg and Brandon Waack.

A bases-loaded triple by Johnny Etienne broke the championship tilt open, said Joel Thompson.

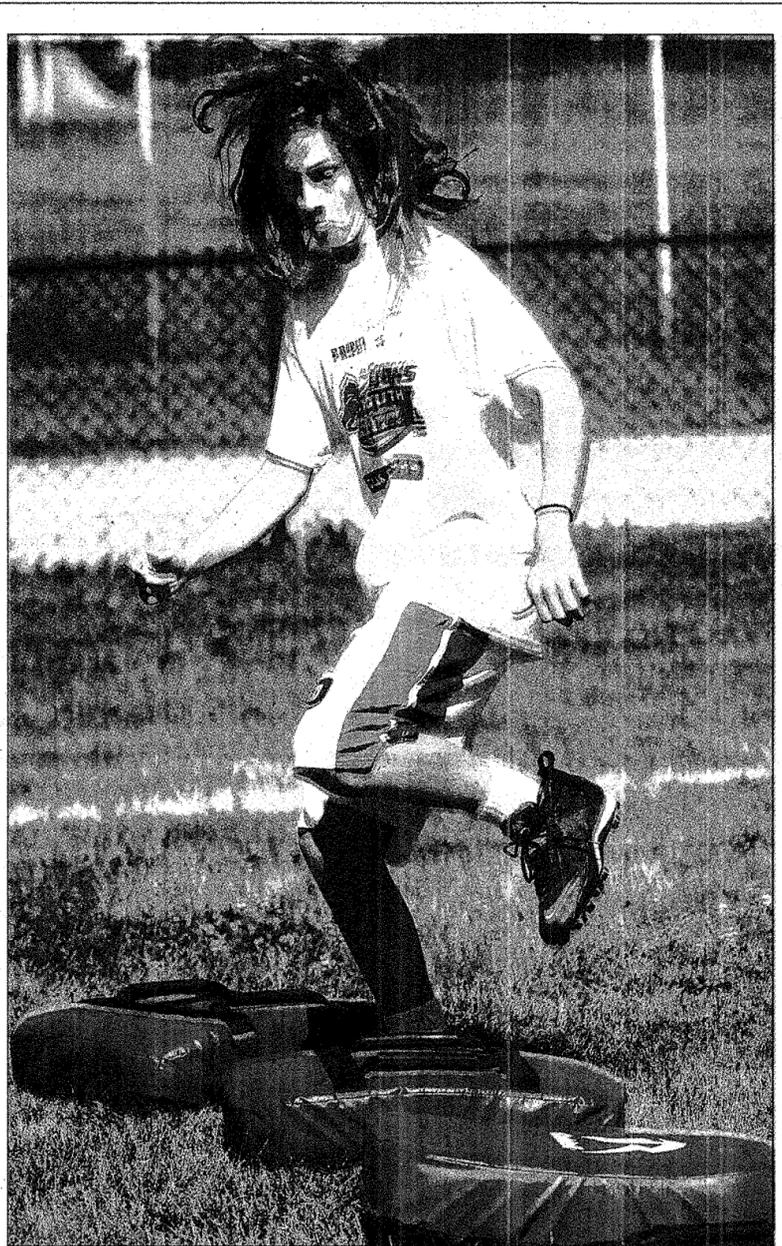
"I truly believe all the players have all matured so much over the past year," said Thompson about his second-year team. "They have learned that the game is a team sport from start to finish. Our pitchers know they could not get these types of results without an outstanding defense behind them and great catchers in front of them."

"It is a great honor to work

with a group of young men that win as a team. This had turned out to be the perfect Father's Day gift."

The sterling defense included diving catches and accurate throws by outfielders Brian Proppe, Jesse Lindlbauer and Alex Champagne, "Derek Jeter-type plays" by shortstop Greg McCurry, solid work at first base by Nick Sandberg and strong efforts by catchers Brett Ramirez and Brandon Congdon.

The tournament championship was the second of the season for the Vipers, who opened the year triumphant at the Pinckney Baseball Classic.



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Jacob Boettcher, of Livonia, takes part in an agility drill during Tuesday's Detroit Lions Football Camp. Boettcher was one of 78 participants to receive instruction from former Harrison standout and current Lion defensive back Chris Roberson.

CAMP

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time. Our motto is just try and get better every day, then focus on the next day and try and improve."

If Roberson plans to stick with the Lions, he'll have to do it as a role player.

"Special teams, try and get into the nickel-and-dime rotations," he said. "I'll be 'the gunner' covering kicks. I've returned some kicks, too, but I highly doubt it."

His advice to the campers Tuesday was straight-forward and simple.

"Whatever you decide to do in life, do it 100 percent and don't let anybody deter you from what you want to do," Roberson said. "And whatever you're doing, have fun while doing it, believe in yourself and set some goals."

Roberson also knows what it's like to be out of a job.

"You have to stay focused, you can't let yourself get down," he said. "I kept a strict workout regimen and you've got to have faith. Some guys lose their faith and they're not ready when the opportunity comes. You have to be ready at any given

moment because the opportunities in the NFL are few and far between."

Roberson is a lesson in perseverance.

He missed his entire senior year at Harrison when he broke his ankle in the preseason. He had a few scholarship offers before settling on EMU where went from a starting running back in 2001 (gaining 755 yards and three touchdowns) to becoming a starting cornerback in 2004 (recording 66 tackles, including 35 solo with six pass deflections in 10 games).

He harkens back to his days when he played on the juggernaut Harrison High teams under coach John Herrington.

"I saw coach Herrington about a month ago," Roberson said. "We talked some football. We reminisced about the older days. When I played there you played a half and maybe a series or two in the third quarter. But you'd try and capitalize on your opportunity. You worked to shine when you were in there."

"You were also surrounded by other great players and there was always a competition amongst each other. It was a healthy

competition. It helped us become a dynamic team and close-knit group. It was like a family."

Roberson, who began playing organized football at age 9, continues to carry on some of the lessons he learned while playing for the Hawks.

"At Harrison there was a tradition, such as the strength program under coach Billy Slobin," he said. "There's no key to success but hard work. And that's still what was instilled in us when I was at Harrison."

Roberson continued to answer questions from the young Lions campers including: "Can you lock up Calvin Johnson?"

Roberson diplomatically answered: "I win my battles and he wins his battles. But he's (Johnson) one of the best in the NFL. Everybody gets beat on a play. You can't think about it. You have to go on to the next play."

To learn more about the non-contact and fundamental Detroit Lions Youth Football summer camps, visit www.DetroitLions.com/youthfootball; or call (313) 262-2248. The cost is \$159 and is open to boys and girls ages 6-14. You can also e-mail youthfootballcamps@detroitlions.com.

Rams double up Security, 4-2

Andrew Ciennik has become quite a midseason pick-up for the Michigan Rams.

The Wayne State University product broke a 2-all tie with the game-winning two-run single in the top of the sixth inning Monday night to give the Rams a 4-2 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League triumph over Concealed Security in a battle of 20-and-under teams at Ford Field.

Ciennik's long single to left center scored Ryan Abraham

and Jake Rhodes as the Rams improved to 12-7 in the LCBL.

Abraham went 2-for-2 with two runs scored, while Rhodes and Joe Barnes also knocked in runs.

Tyler Cotter and Cory Amble each collected two hits for Concealed, which slipped to 5-15 in the LCBL.

John Ponte and Mike McCann each drove in a run.

Winning pitcher Matt Broder went two innings in relief to pick up the victory.

He allowed one run on one hit before giving way to closer Ben Schroeder, who got the final three outs despite giving up a walk and a hit.

Starter Brady Cooper allowed one run on five hits, while fanning four in four innings.

Andy Omilian (Madonna University) took the loss in relief of starter Andrew Klinkman, who worked the first five innings allowing just two runs on four hits.

Area duo look to lead East All-Stars

If you're missing football, then MSU's Spartan Stadium is the place to be Saturday afternoon.

The 29th Annual Michigan High School All-Star Football Game, presented by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, gets the jump on the 2009 grid season as 88 of the top graduating

seniors take to the field to showcase their talents.

Two Observerland players have been selected to the East unit in hopes of making it two straight wins over their rivals from the West. Justin Sneddon, a 5-10, 215-pound guard from Plymouth Canton, and Andrew Grabowski, a 6-3, 285-pound guard from Plymouth Salem,

comprise the 44-player East roster.

Sneddon earned All-Observer First Team accolades on offense for his performance during the 2008 prep campaign, while Grabowski was named to the second team.

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Mike Bonner, senior director of Scoreboard and Broadcasting, Penhollow, a recent Westland Rotary Club scholarship recipient, performs a variety of duties and errands daily at the newly constructed \$1.6 billion Yankee Stadium. Many of his tasks are related to the high definition, 5,925 square-foot diamond vision scoreboard that sits in center field.

"It's an HD Mitsubishi, 101 by 59 feet, the largest scoreboard in sports," Penhollow said. "We probably have 25 people just on the scoreboard, and we have seven guys on the camera crew

throughout the stadium."

Besides his duties related to the scoreboard, Penhollow edits player introductions and trivia questions. He also edits old Yankee footage for the YES Network's digital-on-demand for cable subscribers and does some pieces for the club's online service. Recently he edited a commercial for Turkey Hill, the official ice cream of the Yankees.

"During home games we start at 9 a.m. and don't leave until 10:30 or 11 p.m.," said Michael, a distant relative of Detroit disc jockey Arthur Penhollow. "This year we've had a lot of rain delays, so we've gotten home even later. Sometimes we drive, sometimes we take the train. I ride with my uncle (who lives in Briar Cliff, N.J.). It's 22 miles — 30 minutes

on a good day, but sometimes it's two hours."

Because of his busy intern duties, Penhollow hasn't had a lot of time to spend sightseeing, or rubbing elbows down on the field with Derek Jeter or A-Rod.

Ironically, Penhollow prefers hockey over baseball. He was a center last season for the Midget AA Michigan Hurricanes, who played out of Compuware Arena.

After his summer stint with the Yankees, Penhollow said would like to play for the Ferris State club team.

"I love to play hockey, I would like to get involved with that some day," he said.

Maybe a stint someday with the Red Wings could be in the offing.

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Thunder roars to victory

The Farmington Hills-based Oakland Thunder won the 14-and-under bracket of the CABA Wolves Challenge May 31 at Founders Park, defeating Blissfield Baseball in the championship game, 13-1. The Oakland Thunder is an independent travel team that plays in the top division of the Kensington Valley Baseball League. The Thunder team members are (front row, left to right) Matthew Rostick, Anthony DiPonio, Eric Rostick, Drew Ludwick, Jacob Rollinger and Eric Waldron; (second row, left to right) coach Mike Mackie, Even Brunt, Chris Moner, Michael Mackie, Jon Pierret, coach John Ludwick, Kevin Penny and coach Rob Waldron. Not pictured are Cullen Prena and Alex Elenbaas.

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Risk vs. Reward: Pros say playing it safe is often the best choice

By Susan Smiley

Golfers are constantly trying to lower their score by perfecting their swing or finding just the right touch with their pitching wedge. But Carl's Golf and PGA Professional Joe Portfilio says better course management could help most golfers shave strokes quickly.

"Most players should play many shots lower than they do without even improving their shots and just by using better course management and making better decisions," Portfilio said.

He realizes it is tempting to try and make the ESPN highlight type of shot, but taking the safe shot, what some might deem the boring shot, is often the best strategy. The golfer first needs to think about where their game is on

that particular day and then weigh the risk and reward of taking the shot they are considering.

"I think most people take too much of a chance where there is no reward for taking the chance," Portfilio said. "They turn a potential par or bogey into a 7, 8 or 9. I always tell my students, it only takes one good shot on a hole to make par. At least give yourself that opportunity. If you have to chip out of the trees, who is to say that next shot won't be close to the pin and a tap in for par?"

Here are some tips from Portfilio that address the most common dilemmas in which golfers find themselves:

- In the rough, don't hit long clubs that have a lot of loft. Try a 7-iron and

don't try and lift the ball. Hitting out of rough successfully requires a special shot that incorporates more of a chopping motion. Take the club up steep on the backswing and chop down to get it out of long grass. It is a downward "V" type of motion.

- If you are in the trees and are trying to decide if you should chip onto the fairway or try and shoot through the trees or over the trees, most of the time a short chip to the fairway is the proper choice. Trying to hit through or over the trees or trying to shoot the ball through a narrow window between two trees will get you into more trouble if the shot is not executed perfectly.

- If you are trying to decide if you want to lay up or shoot over water, look at the big picture. Ask yourself, *If I try and go over the water, am I going*

to save myself a shot? If you are confident that you can make the green with the club you have in your hand, and then go for it. But if the choice is between laying up and shooting an 8-iron to the green or going for it and possibly going into the water or having to chip onto the green, laying up is probably the better choice.

- When it comes to cutting off dog legs, check your confidence level. If you are feeling confident that you can go over or through the trees and it is not going to cost you strokes, then proceed. But if there is not going to be much reward in trying to do that, why bother?

- If you are in a position where you would have to hit over a sand trap to go for the pin, stop and consider your options and decide how good you feel

about the club that you are using. You might feel more comfortable hitting to the side of the green so you don't have to go over the trap and leaving yourself with a longer putt. Players assume they should go for the pin and that is not always necessarily so.

"I think a lot of times, players go out and get in trouble and all of a sudden they are trying to hit shots they've never tried before or taking big risks that they really don't need to take," Portfilio said. "Try to think about what is going to give you the best opportunity for success on a hole."

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'Pastor Sue' prepares for her sabbatical abroad

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington received a \$45,000 grant from the Indianapolis based Lilly Endowment Inc. in support of the congregation and its minister, the Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose, as she participates in the 2009 National Clergy renewal program.

Now in its 10th year, the program provides a time for ministers to take a break from their daily obligations and gain fresh perspective from an extended time of travel, study, rest and meditation.

"The workload and lifestyle of most pastors are difficult

for many to understand," said Craig Dykstra, Lilly Endowment senior vice president for religion. "So many activities command a pastor's time and attention - often urgent activities such as leading worship, counseling, visiting the sick and grieving - that there is little time left for the pastor to attend to his or her own spiritual growth, reflection and family life.

"This National Clergy Renewal Program gives pastors the gift of being able to live in Sabbath time, to honor that moment as God-given. Many clergy renewal

participants have reported to the Endowment that they found their vision for ministry enlarged when they returned and that their call and commitment were renewed."

Melrose's four month sabbatical focuses on "the Church and Globalization," offering an opportunity to reflect on the economic trend that has a profound impact on southeastern Michigan and the lives of many in her congregation. She begins at the lakeshore for a family time of rest and renewal. Then it's off to India for an extended visit during which she will immerse herself in the

region's diverse culture.

She'll spend time at an Ashram in southwestern India, participating in their practices of meditation and yoga. A lengthy visit to women's a college near Chennai, the "Detroit of South Asia," will provide exposure to educational practices and an opportunity for dialogue with the students.

"Immersing yourself in a place very different than your own doesn't just broaden your exposure to the other culture," said Melrose. "It broadens your appreciation of the culture at home. You gain perspective about your own way of life by looking through

another's eyes."

A graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, Melrose was ordained to the ministry in 1973 and served churches in the Bronx and New Jersey before moving to Farmington Hills nine years ago. Active in interfaith and intercultural dialogue, she is currently vice-chair of the local Farmington Area Interfaith Association.

While "Pastor Sue" is away, the First Presbyterian Church congregation will experience its own time for reflection, with the Rev. Don Wright standing in as acting head of staff.



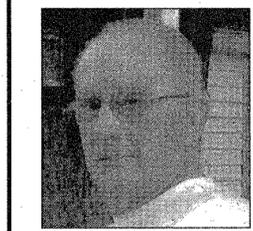
Pastor Sue Melrose, of Farmington Hills, prepares for a four-month sabbatical.

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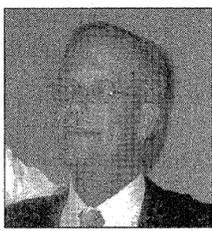
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JOHN "Jack" BAKER

Of Traverse City, Mich., passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at age 75. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lillian (nee Daudelin) Baker. Jack was the loving father of Chris, Tim and Sue; and the proud grandfather of Matthew, Dylan, Brendan, Cameron and Mack. He is also survived by his former second wife, Emily Church, and dear friend Lucy Russell. Jack was a proud "Yooper" who relocated to the Detroit area and worked as an engineer for Ford for 33 years. He loved hockey, woodworking, and nature. He was an active coach and volunteer for his children's teams, helping build the Livonia Hockey Association, among many other involvements and contributions. Jack is remembered fondly for his love of family, his ability to make friends anywhere, and his desire to save the wilds of Michigan for future generations. A memorial will be held August 15 at the family home on Mickey Lake, which he originally built. Memorial donations may be made in Jack's name to the Livonia Hockey Association Benevolent Fund (33841 Lyndon, Livonia, MI 48154), the Interlochen Center for the Arts, or the American Heart Association.



FREDERICK WILSON PERKINS

Of 1306 Northfield Street, Greensboro, NC passed away unexpectedly Sunday, June 28, 2009 at Moses F. Cone Memorial Hospital. Fred was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on April 2, 1952, son of Thomas and Jean Perkins. He attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI where he played on the Bronco's hockey team. Fred was a lover of nature, hiking, and music; wrote poetry and sketched, as well as participating in many different sports. His love of hockey continued with his sons, where he coached boy's hockey for many years. During all of this time, he was an avid golfer. One of his proudest achievements was climbing to the summit of Mt. Rainier in 1976. Fred's professional life was spent in sales, some for LAD Chemicals, Clairfort, and several golf equipment companies, most currently Bridgestone Golf in Covington, GA, where he was Director of National Accounts. He was the consummate business partner and friend, greeting clients with a wide smile, a firm handshake, and, "Hi I'm Fred Perkins, what can I do for you?" He loved people, was never petty, never held a grudge, and loved, protected, and provided for his family unselfishly. Fred never knew a stranger. This world will be a lesser place without his physical presence, but the impact Fred had on those that knew and loved him will live on forever in our hearts. Fred and his wife Debbie attended Westover Church in Greensboro, NC. He leaves to mourn him, his devoted wife, Debbie and her family of Greensboro, NC; his parents, Thomas and Jean Perkins, of Dearborn, MI; his sons, Michael, of Charleston, SC and Andrew, of Santa Fe, NM; sister, Susan Trautmann and husband Gene, of Round Rock, TX; brother Dr. Henry Perkins and wife Helen, of San Antonio, TX; Julie Perkins, of Greenville, SC, the mother of his sons; as well as his nephew, nieces, many cousins, friends, and colleagues across the country. A memorial service to celebrate Fred's life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, MI on Friday, July 10, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, the Arbor Day Foundation Trees in Memory, Camp Skyline C/O First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009, or the charity of one's choice. Lambeth-Troxler Funeral and Cremation is assisting the Perkins family. On line condolences may be made at: www.lambethtroxlerfuneralhome.com

RAYMOND W. SCHINKE

Age 57, of Marion, OH, formerly of Livonia, Michigan, passed away Sunday, July 5th at his home. He was born June 25, 1952 in Detroit to the late Roman and Elizabeth (Rutherford) Siepierski. He was a truck driver for many years and developed a love for his C.B and Hamm radios. He also loved to ride motorcycles, shooting guns, and working on his truck. His is survived by: four brothers: Skip "Les" Schinke (Betty) of Delaware, Ted Schinke of Colorado, Cecil "Hoot" Schinke of Marion, and Ralph Moore (Carol) of Michigan; five nephews: Robbie, Todd, and Cecil Schinke and Devin and Scott Moore; and four nieces: Stephanie, Debbie, and Presley Schinke, and Olivia Leija. The family will hold a memorial service at Skip "Les" Schinke's home (27 Somerset Rd., Delaware Ohio 43015) on Saturday, July 11th at 10am. Condolences may be expressed by visiting: www.rodmanneper.com



JAMES "Jim" CARL SUMMERS

Age 54, died in a bicycle accident on July 4, 2009. He is survived by his loving family: Mother - Kitty Summers; Children - Dawn Nicholle, Ryan Scott, and Janell Lynn (Malloy); Grandchildren - Makaila and Hunter; Sisters - Janice, Joyce, Vivian and Ruth; Longtime companion - Lorna Shulman; many beloved nieces, nephews and friends; (and many homeowners with dry basements). Predeceased by his father, James Aubrey Summers. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W 14 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

SHIRLEY M. HIRTH-VARNER

Age 82, of Rotunda West, Fl & Lake City, MI, died Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at Cadillac Mercy Hospital in Cadillac, MI. Shirley was born June 25, 1927 in Highland Park, MI, to Edward & Dorothy (Thieme) Burnett. She married Dale Hirth May 29, 1948. He preceded her in death in 1987. Shirley married William Varnar April 29, 1994, he survives. She was a WELS Lutheran for many years. Shirley loved spending time with her family and traveling. In addition to her husband other survivors include a son, Bruce Hirth (Karen) of Plymouth; a daughter, Sherry Benner (Mark) of Canton; four grandsons, John Benner, Matthew Hirth, Jamie Benner (Carrie), Michael Hirth; a great-granddaughter, Elliana Hirth; a sister, Jan Seitz of Saline; a sister & brother-in-law, Marlene (Hirth) & Duane Howe of Milan; many nieces & nephews. Preceded in death by a sister, Kay Swan. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 11 at 1:00 PM at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 195 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI, 48176. Shirley's family will receive friends at the church from 12 noon until the time of service. Private burial at Lodi Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider Mercy Hospice, 7985 Mackinac Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601 or Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church.

HENRY C. RENDELL II

Age 74, a former resident of Baldwin House in Birmingham, died July 6, 2009. He was retired from Visteon Corp. Dear brother of Dorothy (Andrew) Huebner. Proud uncle of Andrew H. and Frederick G. Huebner. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Memorials to charity of donor's choice. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

JAMES A. COTTRILL

Of Redford, formerly of Southfield, June 25, age 85. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Cottrill. Loving father of David A. and his wife Lynn of Ferndale, and Nancy (Cottrill, DVM) and her husband Brian Lafferty of Andover, MA. Beloved grandfather of Fiona Lafferty. Predeceased by his sister Alice Wright, and brother Compton Cottrill. Jim retired as a financial analyst from Chrysler Corporation in 1987. He was active at Presbyterian Village of Redford (where he resided) on several committees. His passion was gardening; he volunteered at Cranbrook Gardens in Bloomfield. Memorial service, Greenfield Presbyterian Church, 2312 Greenfield Rd (n. of 11 Mile Rd), Berkeley at 7 pm on Monday, July 13. Donations, The Village of Redford, PVM, 25330 W. Six Mile Rd, Redford, MI 48240.

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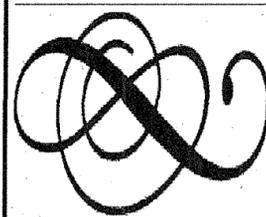
July 5, 2009, age 87, of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Curtis. Dear mother of Wade Nealey, James Nealey, Curtis Etheridge, Cathie (Thomas) Adkins, Joyce (Steve) Lowe, Darlene Webb, Billy (Cheryl) Etheridge, Donna (George) Horsley & the late Tammy. Sister of Laura Porter & Nancy Anderson. Grandmother of 13 & great-grandmother of 21. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 8th at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Please view memorial & send a note of condolence to: www.uhtfh.com

JOHN HENSLEY

Passed June 16, 2009. John has been free of his pain and suffering for 2 weeks now. He passed in his sleep on June 16. Along with his job at Fords his spare time was spent managing little league. Sadly, he will be missed by his family and friends.

VICTOR GEORGE KUBON

Age 84 of Howell, died Thursday July 2nd in Ann Arbor. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Helen (nee Harris), his children Daniel (Sharon), Mark (Kathy) Kubon, Anna (John) Stewart, Beverly Bellestri and Linda (Raymond) Hess, as well as 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Final resting place Mt Olivet Cemetery in Howell MI. To leave a message of comfort for Victor's family go to: www.borekjenning.com



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JULY 9-15

Concert
The Scio-Ridge Brass Quintet performs at a dinner concert Thursday, July 9, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Dinner costs \$8 and starts at 6 p.m., followed by the concert at 7 p.m. A love offering will be taken for the music ministry at the church. (313) 534-7730.

Thrift store sale
Buy items 50 percent off the marked price at St. James Presbyterian Church's Thrift store clearance sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 9-11, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Kathy's Bake Sale will be open during sale hours. (313) 534-7730

Dinner and concert
Have dinner for \$8 at 6 p.m., and then listen to the Scio-Ridge Brass Quintet at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 9, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. A love offering will be accepted for the music ministry at the church.

Movie Matinees
Kids' movies
Kid's matinees are held at 10 a.m. every Wednesday through the end of August on an 18- by 9-foot screen with theater quality sound, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Free lunch served after the film. The church's Community Movies for Families runs 4 p.m., every other Saturday, with snacks available. Next movie is July 11. For movie titles, call (248) 476-8222.

Bethany suburban west
Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 11, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster Road, Redford. Dance admission \$10 (No dance lesson). Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane K., (734) 261-5716.

Blood drive
Give blood 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, July 12, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago Road, Livonia. Each day the Southeastern Michigan Red Cross must collect 1,000 pints of blood to meet the needs of patients in area hospitals. Make an appointment to donate by calling Lisa Adams (734) 513-5067 or Sue Witte (734) 422-6858.

Vacation Bible School
Berean Baptist Church offers a one-week program, July 13-17 for students in first through sixth grades. "Operation Space by Answers in Genesis" will run 9:30 a.m.-noon each day. Includes daily snack, recreation, teaching about space and God's creation, singing and crafts. The church is located at 38303 Eight Mile, Livonia. For more information, call Cliff at (248) 477-6365 or e-mail clifford@bereanlife.org

Family movie
St. Aidan's kicks off its Summer Family Movie Series with "The Miracle of Marcelino" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. The film is about an 18th century Spanish orphan boy who is raised by Franciscan friars and experiences a unique and moving relationship with Christ. This was an award winning movie at the Cannes Film Festival. RSVP at (734) 425-5950. Admission is free. Refreshments will be provided.

JULY 16-22

Family movie
See the animated film, "Cars" at dusk, outdoors, July 17, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 525-3664; www.betheloflivonia.com

Mom to Mom
Second annual Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 18, at Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer, Westland. Table space is still available for rent. Call Debbie at (734) 891-8693 or e-mail to Royalrangers@ameritech.net to rent a table.

Classic cars
8th annual show for classic cars with all profits going to Angela Hospice 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, north of Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call (248) 380-8078 (evenings please), or visit www.livoniachurch.net.

Vacation Bible School
"Journeys With Jesus," 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 20-24, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, in Livonia. Aimed at children age 3 through those entering fifth grade. The sessions will include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 per child. Download a registration form at www.sppc.org. Or call (734) 422-1470, Ext. 17, or e-mail to christianeducator@sppc-email.org.

JULY 23-28

Golf outing deadline
July 25 is the final day to register for the 14th Annual Ed Day Golf Classic, sponsored by the athletics program of St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia. The event will start at 9 a.m. Aug. 8, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia and includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, lunch at the turn, banquet dinner in the clubhouse, prizes, and fun for all. Teams and individual golfers are welcome and sponsorships are still available. Half of the team deposit is required at registration. All golfers must be at least 18 and soft spikes are required. Register online at www.livoniastmichael.org or by calling (734) 464-4523; (734) 968-3161; or (734) 777-8791.

Annual soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church provides an opportunity for beginning and intermediate soccer players to learn and develop proper skills and knowledge of the game through a mini-camp, 6:30-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 27-30 at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. The mini-camp offers small group instruction and individual attention for boys and girls of any skill level, age 5-12 years. Call (734) 522-6830 or visit www.christsaviors.org. Cost is \$30 per student, includes instruction, T-shirt, snacks, and a soccer ball to take home. Fee payable at time of registration.

Vacation Bible School
"Good News Clues," 6-8:30 p.m., July 27-31, at Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. Aimed at grades 1-6. Register by calling Melissa at (734) 466-8694.

ONGOING

AWANA
Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study
■ New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615

■ Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

■ Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

■ Scripture studies, from 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.

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

■ Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. - at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.

■ Bible study, 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

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

■ Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

■ Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 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. Call (248) 348-7600.

■ A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Haxey, (313) 274-3820.

Concerts
■ Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

Fellowship dinner
The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, caters dinners at 6 p.m., Thursday, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Hall rental
Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

Prayer
■ Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri

Livonia church puts its faith into action with July 11 clothing giveaway

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The congregation at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia has collected gently used garments for six weeks.

Members have been busy sorting and folding piles of clothing for the past several days. And on Saturday, July 11, they'll give it all away.

"We don't want anything," said the Rev. Todd Lackie. "We're offering it free to the community. No questions asked. We're just letting the people take it."

"It's not a question of level of need. It's a question of anyone who needs it."

Clothing for infants, children, men, and women, along with towels and bedding will be available from 9 a.m. to noon, at the church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia. Any leftovers will be donated to charity.

Although most items are used, the collection includes some new donations. Job-seekers will find men's and women's suits, dress shirts and business attire.

Lackie said the project is a simple matter of putting faith into action.

"We want to demonstrate the love we have for others," he explained. "One of the things we're trying to do is help our community."

Kenwood Church of Christ has about 160 members, all of whom participated in the clothing drive, Lackie said.



Pam Kast, (left) Betty Page, Sue Melosh, and Kathleen Spencer sort clothing at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia.

"We had great participation ... and had friends of the congregation join in."

The church also maintains a food pantry and began a food outreach program in May.

"We wanted to give people an opportunity to connect directly with people in need," he said.

Lackie challenged members to give a bag full of food

to someone they knew who needed it.

"We've given away 120 bags of food since May."

He said the one-on-one approach helps cement relationships and offers members an opportunity to be compassionate and to share their beliefs.

"Our real goal is to make sure people are cared for," he

added.

The church also shows movies for children at 10 a.m., Wednesdays and is beginning work on a project that will give backpacks and school supplies to needy students.

For more information about the church and its activities, call (248) 476-8222

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at (734) 464-8906.

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Call (248) 476-8860.

■ Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

■ 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660 for information.

Singles

■ Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 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. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in

the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.

■ Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Soup kitchen

Learn about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" program. Dine with guests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and take a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

Support

■ A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this is a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

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Westland-Garden City

Strictly Business



Julie Carrigan, second from right, with members of the FNS and Housekeeping staff of Garden City Hospital believes the honor of receiving the 2009 Illuminating Excellence Award from Premier is due to the cumulative effort put forth by all members of her staff. The award recognizes accomplishments and improvements in food service operations.

Food service director wins award

Garden City Hospital's director of Food and Nutrition Services, Environmental Services, Community Services and Diabetic Education has been recognized for accomplishments and improvements in food service operations.



Carrigan

Julie Carrigan received the 2009 Illuminating Excellence Award, presented by Premier healthcare alliance annually to three individuals throughout the United States. "We honor 2009 Illuminating Excellence Award winners for improving food service offerings in their facilities and enhancing the food service experience," said Debby Kasper, Premier manager of clinical nutrition. "These executives achieved sustained improvements in facility operations including concrete factors such as satisfaction scores and documented budgetary cost

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL
Located in Garden City, Michigan, Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large. For more information about Garden City Hospital, call (877) 717-WELL or visit www.gchosp.org.

Other notable awards Art Van has received recently include 2009's Best of Detroit in Furniture by HOUR magazine, Home Accents Today's 50 Retail Stars for 2009, and 2008's Best Place for Affordable Furniture by Detroit Home Magazine.

Sweet addition
Building on its success in west Michigan, premium-quality Hudsonville Ice Cream is now widely available in the metro Detroit area. An iconic brand in out-state Michigan, Hudsonville has secured commitments from Busch's Fresh Food Markets, Hollywood Markets, VG's and Sav-on Drugs, among others, to carry its 60 plus varieties of Michigan-made ice cream. "We are very excited to make our wildly popular brand available to ice cream lovers in the Detroit market just in time to cool off from the summer heat," said Bruce Kratt, director of sales & marketing. "By partner-

ing with some of the leading retailers in this region, we look forward to becoming a tasty mainstay in the southeast part of our state." Hudsonville began churning ice cream in 1926 at a small plant in west Michigan. Today, the company has grown to be the largest maker of branded ice cream in Michigan, annually producing more than 2 million gallons from its state-of-the-art facility in Holland, Mich. True to its heritage, Hudsonville offers many "local flavors" among its full line-up of more than 60 varieties. Michigan Deer Traxx® is chock full of peanut butter cups and rich chocolate fudge in vanilla ice cream. Sleeping Bear Dunes Bear Hug® features thick caramel and chocolate covered cashews in chocolate ice cream. Grand Traverse Bay Cherry Fudge® has sweet chunks of cherries and loads of fudge ripple in creamy cherry ice cream. "We feel our products will really resonate in southeast Michigan, where quality and value are important," Kratt said. "We are very pleased to be able to expand our reach with the addition of southeast Michigan retailers, making us truly a state-wide brand."

Philips, director of Dining Services at Davidson College in Davidson, N.C. The Premier healthcare alliance is more than 2,100 U.S. hospitals and 58,000-plus other healthcare sites working together to improve healthcare quality and affordability. Premier maintains the nation's most comprehensive repository of clinical, financial and outcomes information and operates a leading healthcare purchasing network.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

SPECIAL EVENTS

Free screenings
Garden City Hospital's Audiology department is offering free hearing screenings for adults on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The screenings will determine if participants have hearing loss, the severity, and the frequency ranges that are affected. Screenings are conducted by a certified, licensed audiologist in Garden City Hospital's sound booth. Free, surface-level parking is available just steps from the hospital's front entrance. For an appointment, call Garden City Hospital's Audiology department at (734) 458-3381. For more information on Garden City Hospital's complete array of audiology services, call Physician Referral at 877-717-WELL.

Rally time
The Westland Chamber of Commerce will hold its sixth annual Restaurant Rally starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 28. Join the chamber for this very popular event. Restaurants featured include Applebee's, Ashley's Beer & Grill, Beaver Creek, Biggy Coffee, Buffalo Wild Wings, Lakeshore Grill at Macy's, LongHorn Steakhouse, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grille, McDonald's at 34900 Warren Road, Olga's Kitchen, Odoba Mexican Grill, Texas Roadhouse and Vizzy's Pizza Palace. Tickets sell fast so be sure to make your reservation today. The cost is \$25 per person and registration can be completed online at www.westlandchamber.com/events. When you register please type out the shirt sizes that you need in the name of attendees field. Call the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

Car drawing
In honor of Art Van's 50th Anniversary celebration, Michigan's largest furniture retailer is giving away a fully-restored little red Corvette. Acruiser's dream will come true with a chance to win a classic 1959 Corvette convertible. The contest, which runs until Oct. 31, is open to all drivers in good standing 18 years or older, living in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Entering is as simple as visiting the artvan.com website and completing the registration form. The winner will be randomly selected from all eligible entries by Nov. 12.

Golf outing
The 24th annual Garden City Chamber of

Commerce golf outing will be Tuesday, July 14, at the Hickory Creek Golf Course. Cost is \$125 per golfer for the outing that has an 8:45 a.m. shotgun start. It includes and 18 holes with cart, buffet breakfast, contests, prizes, beverages on the course, raffle prizes and awards banquet afterwards. Business sponsorships are available. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 734-422-4448.

Hazardous waste
The Wayne County Department of Environment has announced a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day in the City of Westland. The event is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, in the lot behind J.C. Penney at the Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard. Household generated waste will be collected from any Wayne County resident. For further information, contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936.

ONGOING

Happy campers
Do You Know a Happy Little Camper? Nothing makes a vacation more rewarding than spending it with children. That's why Westland Camping Center has created its "Happy Little Camper" contest. Share your children's drawings or artwork showing your family camping with the center, and they'll put the best ones up on its website - www.westlandcamping.com - plus they'll give you a free gift just for bringing it in. There are a few rules:
• Drawings must be on 8 1/2 x 11 inch white typing or notebook paper that can be scanned.
• The artwork with us so that it can be scanned. If you want it back, let them know and they'll call you when they're done.
• Winners will be selected by a blue-ribbon panel consisting of mothers and/or grandmothers who promise not to let their children and/or grandchildren win the contest.
• Drawings get families in travel trailers or campers get extra credit.
You'll find Westland Camping Center at 1475 Newburgh, south of Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-7700.

NEWSMAKERS

Top retailer

Art Van Furniture, Michigan's largest furniture retailer with a store in Westland, has received the prestigious 2009 Retailer of the Year Award from Furniture Today, a leading furniture industry publication. Art Van Furniture will be recognized as part of Furniture Today's upcoming 13th annual Leadership Conference, titled "Thriving in a Survivor's World," recognizing the great challenges retailers have faced in the current harsh economic environment. The award from Furniture Today is the first of its kind for Art Van and speaks volumes to the retailer's impeccable reputation. The company has experienced continuous growth and success over the past 50 years and remains committed to Michigan's communities and families. "It's a privilege to be recognized as the best in our industry," said Art Van Founder and Chairman Art Van Elslander. "We are thrilled to accept this honor and thank Furniture Today for this remarkable recognition." "Art Van began as a small,

family business with a single 4,000-square-foot store in 1959, and grew it to a 30-store regional powerhouse that dominates the Michigan market," said Furniture Today Editor-in-Chief Ray Allegranza. Other notable awards Art Van has received recently include 2009's Best of Detroit in Furniture by HOUR magazine, Home Accents Today's 50 Retail Stars for 2009, and 2008's Best Place for Affordable Furniture by Detroit Home Magazine.

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Weaver exhibits funky accessories at Plymouth Art in the Park

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

A loom near a window in her Farmington home is a symbol of how Meredith Reeds recently shed her job as a legal secretary and is building a new life one stitch at a time.

The foot pedals are humming as they go up and down more than 50 hours a week as she tries to get enough inventory ready to present at the 30th Annual Plymouth art fair, Art in the Park, July 10-12 in downtown Plymouth.

"I've always wanted to make art my living," she says. "I never thought it would happen, but it is. People are always telling me, 'You make this cool stuff and you need to sell it.' But, I never had time."

She graduated from Wayne State University last December majoring in fiber arts. Today, she spends her days and a lot of her nights making one-of-a-kind hand woven purses, wallets and jewelry in the company she named, Rug Wear.

"I'd been going to (college) for 10 years and I started in the fashion department," says Reeds who graduated from South Lyon High School in 1998. "We had to take a weaving course and that was it.



"Fringe Dress" has hand-woven fringe and a hand-woven/felted waist piece, tassels, made of various fibers including cotton, bamboo, rayon, linen, wool, and silk.

Reeds

Each hand bag takes about four hours to complete.

A handwritten note attached to her loom says: "This or something better is manifesting for me in totally harmonious ways for the good of all involved."

Regarding the note, she says: "I'm trying to have a real positive attitude. Being an artist isn't easy. Not everyone is going to like your stuff."

Reeds was a legal secretary for 10 years working full-time with her father and brother, Reeds and Reeds in Walled Lake. She managed to go to school part-time.

"I'm so much more relaxed now," she says. "I'm lucky to have this opportunity to try to do this. If you put your mind to anything, you can do it."

The down side of working from her home, Reeds says, is getting cabin fever at the end of the day. But that gives her a good excuse to take her two "mutts" for walks.

The satisfaction artists get from being creative is therapeutic, she says, adding that creativity is something everyone has, but that some people don't tap into it.

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GET OUT

ART EVENTS

Orchard Lake Fine Art Show

Time/Date: July 24-26
Location: Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake
Details: Artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition
Contact: (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com

Plymouth Art in the Park

Time/Date: July 10-12
Location: Kellogg Park
Details: Celebrating 30 years with entertainment, food, kids' activities, more than 400 artists

ART EXHIBITS

Art in Bloom

Time/Date: Through July 18
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, Northville
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Fri., 9-5pm, Sat., 9-3pm. Cash only. 313-549-8623</p> <p>BIRMINGHAM Garage Sale 508 Linden. July 9, 10, 11, 10am-4pm.</p> <p>CANTON MULTI FAMILY SALE Thurs, Fri, Sat., 7/9, 10, 11, 10am-5pm. Hot tub shell w/pump, furniture, household, clothing, motorcycle equip, electronics. 953 Holbrooke, off Saltz, between Beck and Ridge.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS Kimberley Sub Wide Sale - N 11 Mile & W of Middlebelt (W. Meath Rd). Fri., 7/10 to Sun., 7/12. (9am-4pm). Look for balloons on participating homes. Lots of great stuff!</p> <p>FARMINGTON HILLS MULTI-FAMILY ESTATE & GARAGE SALE: July 9-12, 10am-5pm. Furniture, tools, jewelry, household, more. 32216 Baintree, Farmington Hills.</p> <p>FERNDALE Big Sale Furniture, great stuff! Fri., July 10 (9am-4pm); Sat., July 11 (9am-3pm). NW Ferndale, 311 W. Oakridge, off Woodward.</p> <p>LIVONIA - 3 FAMILIES: July 9-11, 9-5pm. 37852 Bloomfield Dr. 6 Mile & Newburgh area. Beanie Babies, toys, household items & much more!</p> <p>Livonia Sale Baby, maternity, and household items, tools, toys, etc. July 9, 10, 11. 14731 Melrose, Livonia.</p> <p>LIVONIA-MULTI FAMILY SALE 37140 Ladywood, N of 5 Mile. Furniture, household goods & utensils. Fri July 10 - Sat July 11, 8am-4pm.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>MILFORD Yard Sale - 4249 Milford Ponds Lane, Milford - Milford Rd, north of Pontiac Trail. July 11-12th, 9am-5pm. Benefiting Girl Scout Troop 20774</p> <p>NEW HUDSON 29825 Cobblestone Lane July 10 & 11. CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (NB-3T), toys, 45gal. fish tank, electronics, '91 Mustang GT shell, loveseat, wt. bench, much more!</p> <p>NORTHVILLE - Multi Family Sale. Great kid's stuff, household, collectibles, books, DVDs & Christmas. 46055 Bloomcrest Dr. N of Main, W of Clement. July 9-11, 9-4pm.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH July 11, 9am-3pm. 873 N. Holbrook St., Lilley & Plymouth Rd. Shabby Chic/Yard Sale! Vanity, metal desk, TV hutch, set of vases (great for weddings), glassware, snowboard with boots, clothes & more!</p> <p>REDFORD ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN - 25350 W. 6 Mile, E of Beech. Thurs-Fri-Sat., 9am-2pm. Furniture, Clothing, Kids, Household, Tools, Food.</p>	<p>Garage Sales 7110</p> <p>SOUTH LYON 11610 K HILL CT. - Look for the RED BARN at back of sub. Friday, July 10 & Saturday, July 11 & 12, 9am-7 8 Mile, between Rushton and Marshall/Spencer.</p> <p>SOUTH LYON HUGE SALE - July 9-11, 8am. 61753 Tayberry Circle/Pontiac Trail & Silver Lake Rd. Toys, furniture, household.</p> <p>WESTLAND 35634 Thames, Avondale & Wayne Rd. Sat. & Sun, July 11 & 12th, 9am-1pm. Hunting & Fishing, book case, some tools, 2001 F250 Super Duty 4 wheel drive truck with plow (\$6000/best) or plow separately \$1400/best, clothing (X-large) and lots of household items.</p> <p>Moving Sales 7130</p> <p>MILFORD Moving Sale - 182 River Oaks Dr., off Millford Rd., S of Rowe. Furniture, tools, household items. Sat. & Sun., 9am-3pm.</p>	<p>Moving Sales 7130</p> <p>NORTHVILLE MOVING SALE: Furniture, toys, household accessories, etc. Friday, July 10-12th: 8am-3pm. 17600 Maplehill Drive, 48168.</p> <p>NOVI MOVING SALE - 21763 Picadilly Circle, Chase Farms in Novi. Furniture, household items, TV, misc. EVERYTHING MUST GO! Fri-Sat., 7/10-7/11, 8AM-1PM.</p> <p>PLYMOUTH Moving Sale - July 10-12: 9am-5pm: 11345 Pinehurst; N of Ann Arbor Rd. E. of Napier. Furniture, crafts, pictures, decorations & more!</p> <p>Household Goods 7160</p> <p>FURNITURE Bdrms set, Sofa water mattress, dining room, couch, kitchen set, washer/dryer, sewing machine, metal desk, china. 248-788-3301 or 248-561-0234</p>	<p>Dogs 7840</p> <p>BERNESE MOUNTAIN PUPPIES Adorable 8 week old Bernese Mountain puppies two males and one female current shots. \$500. (734) 674-2711</p> <p>4 Wheel Drive 8280</p> <p>F250 2001 Super Duty 4 wheel drive. Good Condition, runs great. \$6000/best. 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Check out Plymouth's eateries while shopping for art

Take time out for a bite to eat while browsing Plymouth's Art in the Park this weekend. Local eateries range from high end to inexpensive, from national chain to unique. Here's a list to take along to the event.

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Pasta salad to campground fare

Several readers responded to our call for holiday barbecue and picnic recipes, which we'll publish through this month. In August, we're looking for campground cuisine. Fire up the Coleman stove or light the charcoal and tell us your flavorful, easy recipe for those dog days of summer spent under the pines or at the beach.

Include a few words about your favorite camping site, too. Send to sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Jeanine Bourcier of Canton, her husband and three children do plan to camp this summer, but she likely won't make the Sea Shell Salad recipe she sent to us last week. It's reserved for family picnics and summer celebrations.

"My mother, Marie Sabatini, found this recipe on a sea shells pasta box years ago," she said. "She used to make this for our family picnics. Now I make it."

When she does, Bourcier adds a tad more dill than called for in the recipe.

"The dill flavor and the fresh Italian parsley is why this recipe tastes so amazing."

Bourcier plucks the herbs fresh from her backyard gar-

den and tosses in a liberal amount of parsley and dill.

"After it has chilled overnight I'll add a drop of milk to make it creamier. Sometimes I'll add a can of tuna and some peas," she said. "My family likes it the simple way."
 - Sharon Dargay

SEA SHELL SALAD

- 1 (16-ounce) package small sea shells macaroni, uncooked
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 4 tablespoons fresh Italian parsley, chopped
- 4 tablespoons onion, finely chopped
- 4 teaspoons prepared mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 cups celery, thinly sliced
- 4 eggs, hard boiled, chopped

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Rinse with cold water; drain.

In large bowl, stir together mayonnaise, parsley, onion, mustard, dill, pepper and salt.

Add macaroni, celery and eggs, toss to coat well. Cover and chill overnight.

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