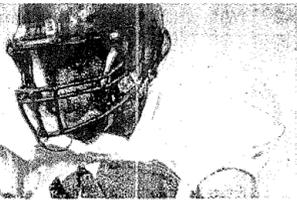




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Library Board makes offer to director of Oklahoma libraries

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Members of the Westland Library Board are extending an employment offer to someone they hope will become the next director of the William P. Faust Public Library.

An offer with a wage

and benefit package is being sent to Sheila Collins, currently executive director of libraries at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma. In addition to a master's degree in library science, Collins also has a juris doctorate degree.

"She has a tremendous background. Not only is

she an attorney but she has a great background in library science," Library Board President Mark Neal said.

The board recently interviewed Collins, only the second candidate interviewed for the position which has been vacant since November. Beyond her professional

credentials, Neal said the board was impressed by how Collins handled the lengthy public interview.

"We were impressed by her ability to express herself thoughtfully. She takes time to consider her response and expresses herself very well. That's very important as she will be the face of the

library," he said. "She works well with people and has an open door policy. She has strong administrative skills and interpersonal skills."

The written job offer will include a salary in the \$65,000-\$85,000 range. Collins will have

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At 102, she doesn't feel old at all

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

It's not polite to ask a woman her age, but that doesn't bother Ruth Malak. She'll tell you she feels like she's 50 years old.

But the blue, green and pink candles spelled out her age on her birthday cake. Malak, a resident of the American House on Joy Road in Westland, turned 102 Aug. 4.

"I never thought I'd live this long," said Malak, who enjoyed lunch with her friends Helen Mannrino and Delphine Sirosky, while her sisters, Catherine Shay of Livonia and Jean Airol of Farmington, waited to shower her with presents and a birthday corsage.

"She's the oldest and sometimes she's feisty," Shay said.

Malak was born Aug. 4, 1909, in her grandmother's house — "A little tiny house," according to Shay — in a small mining town in the Upper Peninsula where her mother had gone to give birth. She grew up in the Detroit area and went to the Detroit Teachers College and taught school in Detroit for 37 years.

"I always wanted to be a teacher and I liked music so much, I was a music teacher," Malak said. "I taught kids in the area."

Malak also is a gifted organist. Her mother taught her "a little bit" and then she took about two years of lessons.

"I have an organ in my room that my mother got me, but I haven't played it yet," she said.

While she says she doesn't play that well, her sisters and her friends disagree.

"She plays beautifully," Mannrino said.

"She can play by ear, she can hear a melody and then play it," Shay said. "She had lessons, she and mom.

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Ruth Malak is all smiles as she celebrates her 102nd birthday at American House. Born in the U.P. in 1909, she said she doesn't "feel all that old."

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Fox Theatre. Two lucky winners will get a pair of tickets to the Aug. 24 show. Our Facebook

followers can enter once a day and invite their friends to enter the contest for extra entries.

Every time a person you invite enters, you get another chance to win! Just go to hometownlife.com and click on the photo of Tony Bennett in our Don't Miss module to enter (it is located on the right side of our homepage.) The deadline to enter is midnight Thursday, Aug. 18. Good luck!

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Two subdivisions stage garage sale

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

If you like a garage sale, the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association has something for you.

Residents of the Annapolis Park and Carver subdivisions, which make up the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, will offer bargains at a community-wide garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

"This is the first time we've decided to have this. There are approximately 500 homes (in the two subdivisions). I don't know how many will participate," said Eldora Ross, vice-president and district representative for the homeowners association. "The participants will have signs outside their homes."

The subdivisions are on both sides of Middlebelt in an area between Annapolis and Van Born, Inkster Road to Merriman.

When the proposal was first made for the subdivisions-wide garage sale, there were talks of having the sale at a central location — an idea similar to Westland's annual city-wide garage sale held at Westland City Hall.

"Most of us are elderly people, so I said why not put it out in front of our homes," Ross said. "We'll see how it works out."

Bargain hunters can park on the subdivision streets and walk to homes participating in the community-wide garage sale.

"There is no problem parking on the street. I checked with the city and we don't need a special permit if we're

not closing the streets," Ross said.

Members of the Southeast Michigan Homeowners Association recently held a clean-up day at Stottlemeyer Park. Volunteers worked at the park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with assistance from 18th District Court community service workers.

"We got the job done. We all did a great job. There was a lot of broken glass. There was wood — it looked like someone dismantled a deck and stacked it up," Ross said. "There was an old television by the (former charter) school. You could see it from the playground, so we cleaned it up. We had a good number of volunteers. We were quite pleased."

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Wheelchair repairs puts woman in 3-Day

By LeAnne Rogers
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Walking 60 miles in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day for the Cure is a daunting feat for most people, but offers a different challenge for Tommi Jean Mason.

The 32-year-old Westland resident uses a wheelchair and plans to cover the 60 miles in memory of her late great-aunt who was twice diagnosed with breast cancer. Called T.J., Mason described her family and friends as awesome in their support.

That supportive family includes Mason's mother Gloria and sister Kimberly who were concerned about the poor

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Cousins sentenced to prison for 2010 crime spree

By Sue Buck
Observer staff writer

Two men involved in a 2010 crime spree have received prison sentences.

Antwann Baker, 27, and his cousin Johnny Baker, 28, both of Detroit, were sentenced Aug. 2 in Federal District Court on charges of interference with commerce by robbery and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence.

Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery was informed of the sentence by U.S. Attorney Barbara L. McQuade.

"The duo's crime spree included a robbery and shooting in Garden City on July 8, 2010," Muery said.

Antwann Baker was sentenced to 35 years in prison, followed by five years of supervised release. Johnny Baker was sentenced to 58 years in prison, followed by

five years of supervised release.

"These sentences demonstrate the kind of impact federal prosecution can have on violent crime," McQuade said in announcing the sentencing. "Criminals should be aware that serious gun crimes will bring serious consequences."

The following facts were established at the time of the guilty plea and through information provided to the court at sentencing, Muery said.

Antwann Baker and Johnny Baker engaged in a series of 13 armed robberies in the first half of 2010. The crimes occurred between Jan. 13, 2010, and July 8, 2010, and primarily involved Family Dollar stores in Detroit, Warren and Dearborn. The two, armed with a handgun and shotgun, robbed nine Family Dollar Stores of about \$7,500 in total.

Other stores were included in the spree:

- Smokers Avenue in Westland on Feb. 15, 2010, where the defendants threatened a store clerk with a shotgun and stole about \$12,300 in cigarettes and cash. The cashier was forced into a bathroom and bound with duct tape.

- Cash Advance in Westland on April 23, 2010, where the men robbed at gunpoint. They threatened the cashier, jumped the counter and bound the clerk with duct tape. About \$1,800 in cash was taken.

- The Smoke Shop in Garden City on July 8, 2010, where the two men entered the store and after feigning buying lottery tickets and demanded money at gunpoint, Muery said. In the incident, Antwann Baker racked the handgun he had to show his level of seriousness and discharged the gun, striking the clerk. The men then restrained the clerk with

handcuffs and fled with an undetermined amount of cash, Muery said.

"Investigators from the Garden City Police Department were able to identify the suspects through tips from the public after releasing video footage of the robbery and shooting to the media," Muery said. "The cooperative efforts of Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 1-800-SpeakUp, FOX 2 and the general public gave us our initial leads. Because of the violence involved in this robbery, our investigators worked day and night and coordinated with several other agencies until the men were taken into custody. We're very pleased with the efforts of the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office."

He added that Garden City is not a community commonly associated with this type of violent crime and the police department

intends to keep it that way.

In total, the losses from all of the thefts was nearly \$24,000.

Investigative efforts of local law enforcement agencies and the Federal Bureau of Investigation resulted in the ultimate apprehension of the two men. One of the factors which contributed to Johnny Baker's higher sentence was a criminal history that included previous convictions for armed robbery.

The cooperative efforts of the Detroit, Westland and Garden City Police Departments and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were recognized and applauded by McQuade, Muery said.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jeanine Brunson and John O'Brien of the office's Violent and Organized Crime Unit prosecuted the case.

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until Aug. 20 to respond to the offer. Should the negotiations be successful, Neal said he would hope to have Collins on board by mid-September to early October.

The Library Board selected five appli-

cants to be interviewed for director but three had dropped out before being interviewed. That resulted in some concern that the board might have to start the search over.

"It was unanimous. We were very pleased (with Collins' interview). We spent a lot of time with her. We had an employee on the interview panel," Neal

said. "We asked every question we could think of and took a break. Other questions came up and there was an hour after the break.

"By the time we were done, everyone asked all the questions we could think of. We were really pleased with her responses."

Previous library director Cheryl Napsa left in November

for a position with the Provincetown, Mass., library. The Library Board itself went through a large turnover in the past year as one member wasn't reappointed and two others resigned. As a result, there is currently one open position on the five-member board.

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condition of Mason's wheelchair, especially for such an extended distance.

That prompted Kimberly to seek some help through a letter to the Westland Jaycees. The letter ended up with Vic Barra, president of the Wayne Ford Civic League, who personally picked up the wheelchair and took it to be repaired with the league paying the more than \$600 tab. The wheelchair is slated to be returned to Mason today (Thursday) in time to start the 3-Day early Friday morning.

"I couldn't believe that the Civic League got my wheelchair repaired. It was unbelievable," said Mason, a diabetic who nearly five years ago had an Addisonian or adrenal crisis that resulted in brain damage affecting her balance. "It will help me with the 3-Day and every day afterward."

"The Jaycees and I have been working on a lot of projects over the last several years. This issue came to light," Barra said. "I thought it was important. Here is a young lady committing to community service through the 3-Day walk and she can't even walk. It amazed us. We've got to do something. This is something she can't easily do, so we had to step up."

The wheelchair provided through her insurance fell apart pretty quickly, Mason said, so she was forced to cover the costs for a new wheelchair herself. Since the insurance didn't pay for the second wheelchair, Mason said she would be forced to pay for the repairs — something she couldn't afford.

"They looked into buying me a new wheel-

chair but the company (doing the repairs) said the frame was good," said Mason, although the rest of the wheelchair, such as the wheels and tires, need replacing.

Over the past year, Mason has been working through physical therapy and is now able to get around for short times using a walker. But 60 miles would be out of the question at this point without the wheelchair.

"I'm getting up to the walker, I can get up and around the house with it. I'm getting better and better with the walker — I've even been to the store," Mason said. "I plan to go over the (3-Day) finish line with the walker."

Despite losing her original team due to an injury from a fall and back problems, Mason kept moving ahead with fund-raising through 50-50 raffles, a bowling event, garage sales, bake sales and other efforts to generate the \$2,300 required to participate in the 3-Day.

"I have about \$1,900 raised and need about \$400 more," said Mason, who had been training for the race using her wheelchair on the walking path in Garden City's City Park until recently — she hadn't been feeling well and was kept inside by severe hot weather.

Having joined a new team — the Second Base Warriors — Mason knows covering 60 miles in three days won't be easy.

"But it will be worth it," she said. "I'm extremely proud of her. She's not giving up. She's fund-raising right up to the last minute," Gloria Mason said. "I appreciate it (the wheelchair repair) so much."

Anyone wishing to help her meet the \$2,300 minimum donation can call Mason at (734) 620-1827.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Progressive raffle

The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its long-standing regular Bingo event, held every week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso's-Electric Stick, the Goodfellows have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.

Comets honored

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is putting out a call for

members of the 2011 Comets varsity football championship team.

WYAA plans to honor the team during halftime of the 2011 Comets varsity Homecoming game Saturday, Sept. 24, at John Glenn High School on Marquette west of Wayne Road in Westland.

Former players can contact Keith Demolay at 734-516-9269 for more information.

Garden event

Brenda Dziedzic, president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, is holding an open garden event 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27-28, at her home at 1263 Springer St., Westland.

There will be butterflies as well as a display of eggs, caterpillars, and chrysalises of various butterflies. The Learn About Butterflies in the Garden book will be available for \$21.

For more information, call Dziedzic at (734) 326-0578 or go online to www.ButterfliesInTheGarden.com.

Under the Big Top

The Kelly Miller Circus will be coming to Westland on Tuesday, Aug. 16, courtesy of the Westland Jaycees.

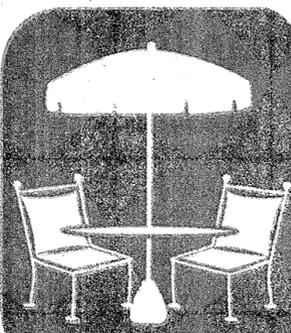
Public is invited to come and watch the animals being unloaded and the elephants pull the big top into the air to the very moment when the king pole races to the ground at the end of the day and be a part of the magic of "Circus Day" as it has been experienced for more than 200 years.

Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Westland City Hall on Ford west of Wayne Road. Guides will be furnished for school groups and anyone attending.

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Food pantry provides food — no questions asked

By Sue Buck
Observer staff writer

There's no questions asked at the Good Hope Lutheran Church food pantry in Garden City. A piece of identification is all that is needed to qualify as a recipient.

Food boxes are handed out two Saturdays a month but not always the same Saturdays.

Carol Napier, a Garden City resident, heads up the volunteers who devote their time.

"Between all of us, we probably put in 30-40 hours a week," Napier said. "We try to stick to Saturday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon," said Napier, a church member since 1968. "It's usually not back-to-back Saturdays."

Typically boxes aren't handed out on holiday weekends and usually they are given out the Saturday before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Donations are always sought for preferable non-perishable items.

"We will take anything,"



Carol Napier, a Garden City resident, oversees the food pantry at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City. It is open to all in need.

his friend, known only as Ron.

About 90 people show up each Saturday for food.

"The winter before last, we had 200 people show up each time," said Napier, who has no explanation for the drop in number of participants.

The volunteers can always pack a quick "emergency box" that can help out three to four people for about two days.

"It's not a lot and we don't ask a lot of questions," Napier said. "We aren't affiliated with the government with all the rules and paperwork they require."

She said that most recipients are low-income people and a lot of them are working. The church respects their privacy.

"We try not to judge (them)," Napier said.

The Good Hope Lutheran is at 28680 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt. For more information, call (734) 427-3660.

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she said Peanut butter, veggies, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti, potatoes, Hamburger Helper and tuna fish are typical contents. The church also gets end-of-the-day bagel donations from Einstein's Bagel at Telegraph, north of Cher-

ry Hill in Dearborn three times a week.

"We bag them up and put them in the freezer," Napier said.

The volunteers also carefully check the expiration dates. Unfortunately, there's been times when food drives have

yielded food packages 10 years past their expiration dates.

The Garden City Kiwanis Club has also helped out with food and donations as well as Garden City Presbyterian Church in Garden City and Christ the King, Emanuel Luther-

an and Faith Lutheran churches in Livonia.

Napier and daughter, Lorinda Scott, help out with the shopping. Napier has volunteered for four years at the pantry which has been in existence for 20 years. Also assisting are Al Apigian and

Snowman attracts crowd at sale

It was a garage sale with a mission - to raise money for the American Diabetes Association.

Team "Defeat with Dignity" of the Harry J. Will Funeral Home is fundraising as they prepare to participate in the Sept. 17 diabetes walk at the Detroit Zoo. Last year's team "Will Power" ended up 18th, raising more than \$3,100.

This year's team is chaired by Tom Lynch of Garden City who decided to hold a garage sale to benefit ADA. People with in the company donated items and the two-day sale was held July 22-23 at

the big 12-bay garage at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home on Plymouth Road in Redford.

While it's not something you'd see at a funeral home, the team used an inflatable snowman, set up at the street, to catch the attention of passers-by. Most items sold for 25-50 cents with a few being \$1. The team also sold two love seats for \$25 each.

The total raised in the two-day sale was just over \$1,200.

"They had so much fun doing this that they decided it will become an annual event to raise mon-

ey for ADA," said Jaylee Lynch who worked on the sale with her husband.

She added that some of the items that were left over went to the garage sale that John Flemming of Garden City holds each year for the same cause. The left over clothing was donated to the St. Mary's Outreach Center in Wayne, run by Judy Wells.

The team hasn't stopped its fundraising. It's now selling \$5 "Shop for a Cause" savings passes worth 25 percent off all day Saturday, Aug. 27, sale at Macy's.



Working the garage sale at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Redford Tom Lynch (back row, from left), Doris Williams, Jaylee Lynch, Barb Dunnigan, Debi Robinson (front row, from left) and grandson Conner, Tracy Spiers and Shirley Speis.



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Resident reportedly uses mower to injure dog

Animal cruelty

A Garden City man was arrested for animal cruelty to a two-year old Boxer about 6:30 p.m. Aug. 4 in the 31000 block of Elmwood.

The dog owner, who called police, was on his way to the veterinarian when police arrived. Police said the animal's left back paw was nearly severed and a bone was protruding when they first caught sight of the dog.

According to the police report, a resident in the 31000 block of Bock used a lawn mower to injure the dog by deliberately running a lawn mower underneath the fence. The dog owner reported he observed the suspect had difficulty dislodging the lawn mower from underneath the fence.

The neighbor reportedly explained his action by saying that the dog on the other side of the fence was barking at him and jumping at him. When the police officer asked why the neighbor thought the dog could jump over a five-foot chain link fence, the man reportedly answered, "What did you want me to do?" He later reportedly told police that it was "a bad decision" on his part.

Police said the mower marks were three feet into the Elmwood yard.

Weapons violation

Police arrested a 65-year-old man after he reportedly waved a gun in a yard between the 25500 and 28000 blocks of Pardo about 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7.

An observer who was with some young people from Morning Star Church reported his behavior which included ordering the young people away.

When the police arrived at the suspect's home, the man reportedly acknowledged that "he did something stupid" and was just "playing with the kids." The sus-

pect reportedly said the gun he was waving was just a BB gun.

He allowed police into his residence where they reportedly saw the BB gun and a handgun on a dresser. They asked to examine the handgun. Police reportedly found the handgun was loaded and wasn't registered. The man reportedly said he has owned the gun for more than 15 years and that it wasn't registered because he has loaned it out for long periods of time.

Breaking and entering

An observer alerted police to a break-in in progress at Handy Mart, 7121 N. Merriman, about 2 a.m. Aug. 7.

The glass door was broken, the metal grate was pulled away and the door was forced open.

Police found broken liquor bottles and lottery tickets strewn outside and inside the store.

The manager estimated the theft at about \$9,700 worth of whiskey bottles and \$48 in lottery tickets.

Stolen vehicle

Someone stole a 2002 Chevy Trailblazer, valued at \$12,000, from Auto Solutions, a dealership located at 32405 Ford, sometime before Aug. 4. The dealership has all keys to the vehicle.

Police are investigating whether a man who showed previous interest in the vehicle may be involved. When police called his cell phone, however, they learned it was disconnected.

Property damage

Two vehicles parked at the same address about 2:30 a.m. in the 32000 block of Alvin sustained damage Aug. 6.

One driver found a large dent in the driver's side door of his 2009 Chevy HHR. The driver of a 1998 Ford Mustang found a small dent in the driver's side door. The antenna was damaged and there was also possible engine damage.

By Sue Buck

Report: Game console, TVs taken in break-in

Home invasion

A resident of the Forest Lane Apartments, 6200 N. Wayne Road, told police she left town for several days and returned Aug. 1 to find someone had broken into her apartment. She said no one knew she was away.

A neighbor told police he saw three men leave the apartment July 30 but thought nothing of it since he said he didn't know the woman wasn't home.

The woman reported finding the dead bolt unlocked and a window partially open. Items, valued at \$1,682, reported stolen included an Xbox game console, a 52-inch television, a 40-inch television, a collectible knife and a box of game and phone chargers.

Suicide

Police were called to the Firing Line, 38427 Webb Drive, July 31 after a man, who had rented a Glock handgun, obtained ammunition and firing range time, reportedly shot himself in the head. An employee told police that the man appeared calm and coherent during the transaction about 9:40 a.m.

A short time later, the employee told police, that he walked past the east range and noticed the man's hearing protection on a shelf. When he walked by a second time, the employee said the hearing protection was in the same spot. Finding that odd, the employee said he approached and saw the man on the ground with a large amount of blood under his head apparently from a wound near his right temple.

When police arrived, the man, whose hometown and age weren't released, was

alive and breathing very erratically. He was transported by Westland Fire Rescue to Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn and later died. The officer noted fresh damage to the nearby wall consistent with a bullet hitting it.

Break-in

Just before 2 a.m. Aug. 1, police were called to Elliot Elementary School, 30800 Bennington, about three suspicious subjects on school property. Officers found a broken window on the north side of the building. Officers along with police dog Ty checked the interior of the building but didn't locate anyone.

A large hammer was found inside the classroom with the broken window. The receiving room door handle was broken, but no entry was made.

A school employee arrived to secure the building and reported two desktop computers may have been stolen from the classroom.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of an apartment at 175 W. Tami Circle told police Aug. 3 that just after 1 a.m. someone smashed out the passenger window of her 2010 Chrysler Sebring and stole the navigation system, valued at \$3,000. A witness told police he heard glass breaking and looked outside to see a dark colored SUV backed up next to the woman's vehicle. He said it took off at a high rate of speed after the window had been broken.

Larceny

A clerk at Speedway Gas, 110 S. Wayne Road told police

Aug. 3 about 1 a.m. a man pulled up to the pump and began filling up his vehicle before driving off without paying. The total came to \$47.81. The clerk said she recognized the man and his vehicle, a newer white Honda Accord, from two previous visits in recent months after which he also drove off without paying.

The clerk provided police with a license plate number but it came back as no information and wasn't numbered like a Michigan license plate.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Romulus woman told police July 28 that someone stole the wheel covers, valued at \$500, from her vehicle while it was parked outside Value City Furniture, 36901 Warren Road, for about 30 minutes.

A resident at Holliday Park, 34724 Fountain Blvd., told police Aug. 3 that someone stole all four wheels and tires from her 2010 Lincoln MTS while it was in the parking lot. The vehicle was left sitting on bricks. The tires were valued at \$320.

Assorted tools and equipment valued at \$10,000 were reported stolen from two vehicles parked at Advanced Underground Inspections, 38657 Webb Drive, July 24. Security video reportedly showed the theft occurred at 6:11 p.m. when a vehicle parked at the adjoining business and two subjects could be seen coming into the parking lot.

Padlocks were found to have been cut off the rear doors of the two vehicles.

By LeAnne Rogers



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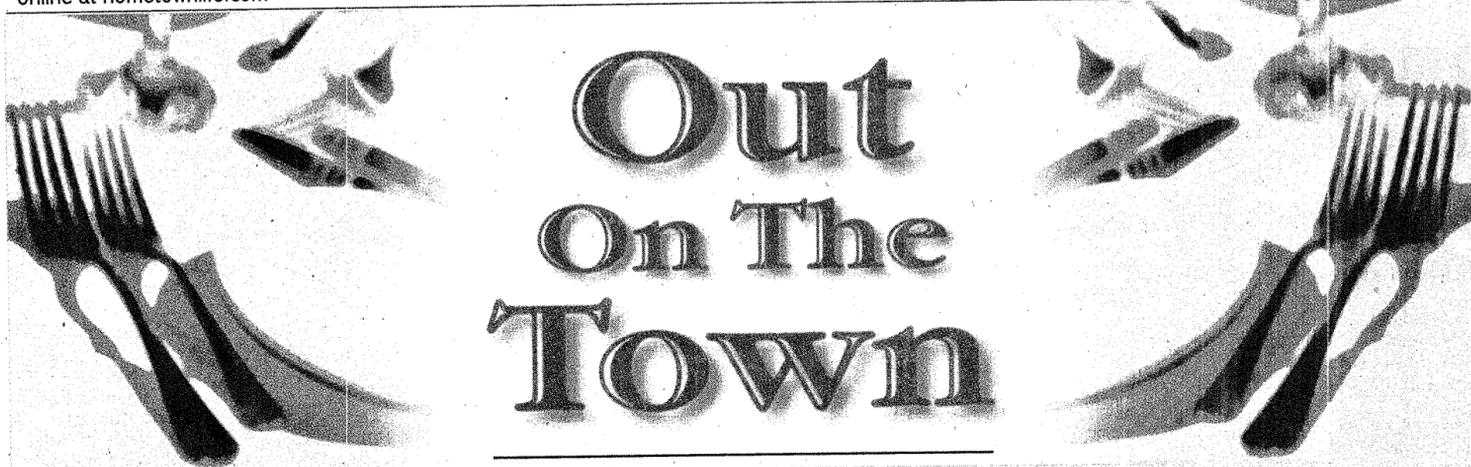
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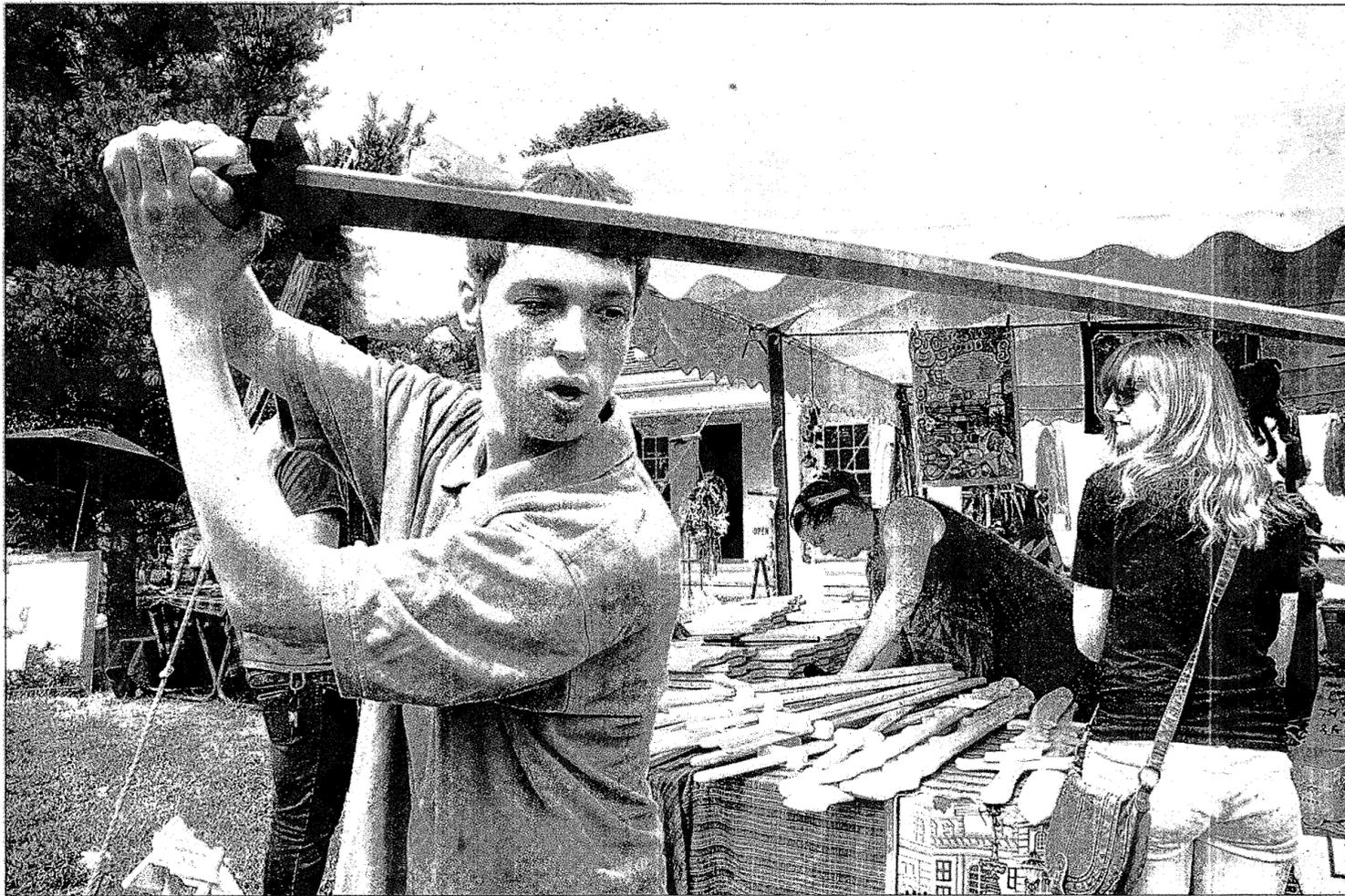
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Caleb Grady, of Livonia, tries out a wooden broadsword.

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Scottish heritage shines at Highland Games



Jon Snow, at right, of Troy, helps John Stonier, of Livonia, tune his bagpipes. They are warming up for competition with the Michigan Scottish Pipes and Drums.



Derek Marshall, of Livonia, marches off for competition with the Michigan Scottish Pipes and Drums.



Ryan Bidwell, of Canton, is Honour Guard captain for the St. Andrews Society of Detroit.



The Wayne County Sheriff tug-of-war team wins its first match. Pictured are Brian Rinehart, Brandon Barber, David Ethridge and Charles Carlson.

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

The 162nd Highland Games converged on Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia on Saturday.

An organizer estimated 12,000 spectators watched heavy athletics, including the caber toss, tug of war and stone put, highland dancing, and bagpipe playing.

Cathy Hasse, a chair of the Highland Games and a representative of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, said the crowds were entertained by 17 pipe bands. The tug of war featured teams representing the U.S. Army, Marines and also included the Wayne County executive's office with County Executive Robert Ficano cheering on his team.

Hasse said the heavy athletics are a crowd pleaser. The stone put is similar to today's shot put, but a stone is used. The caber is a 20-foot log that weighs about 120 pounds. The participant uses both hands to balance it and then uses his shoulders to heave it forward end over end.

The children enjoyed Wee Bairns, an area of children's games, and re-enactors kept busy informing the children about Scottish history.

One 5-year-old asked Hasse if she was



Matt Sypniewski, of Westland, earns a Marine Corps hat for completing pull-ups in the Marine Corps Challenge. Sgt. William Shepherd counts the reps.

"like the president," and inquired if she was in charge. She told him she was, and he had a suggestion.

"It's hot," he said. "Could you get some fans?" He said his father had some fans and that they could cool off the crowd.

"He had a kilt on and it was the first time



Six-year-old Hayden Levy colors his shield. He's watched by Dad, Phillip Levy. They are from Farmington Hills.

he wore it," Hasse said. "It matched his father's kilt. He had a big smile on his face."

Hasse said the organizers enjoy scheduling the event in Livonia and commended Mayor Jack Kirksey, Green-

mead, the Livonia Police Department and Schoolcraft College for their assistance. "It works out well with the shuttle from Schoolcraft College," Hasse said. "Greenmead is a nice place to be. There's a very bucolic setting there."

Woman carves out woodworking career

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton resident Sharon Newton bought her first table saw 25 years ago.

The rest is furniture-making history. "I had always wanted to do woodworking," she said. "I love wood. I love the way it looks, and I like making things."

She has made Queen Anne jelly cabinets, a Shaker 10-drawer chest, Chippendale footstools, Ethan Allen night stands, portable church communion boxes, a bed for her brother's wedding gift, coffee tables and the cherry dining room set that she, husband Steve and sons Aaron, 21, and Charlie, 18, use at home.

Even as a youngster, Newton took toys apart, put them back together, made model cars and took a shop class in junior high school.

Newton, 52, grew up in Ann Arbor, attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids and earned her master's degree in industrial and operations engineering from the University of Michigan. She worked for the U.S. Department of Defense and had private-sector jobs with Vector Research and General Dynamics before she quit to raise her two sons.

Dabbling at first

Along the way, Newton dabbled in woodworking, and she still has toys such as a Volvo bus and a semi-trailer she made for her sons when they were young. She made everything from race cars to a xylophone for them.

"She's good," son Charlie said.



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Sharon Newton uses hand tools as well as power tools. Here she planes a board.

Newton and husband Steve — a General Motors Corp. engineer-turned-pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Canton — made their home here three years ago. They have lived in places such as St. Louis, where he attended Concordia Seminary, and Nebraska, where he had his internship.

Newton works out of her basement, and her woodworking talents are apparent throughout her home. Her attention to detail is eye-catching, such as a Chippendale footstool with shaped, cabriole legs complete with Philadelphia-style trifid foot. She sells her work and said she can design furniture to accommodate most budgets.

Other than her engineering background, Newton said she gained confidence in woodworking by attending classes in the late 1990s taught by noted woodworker Joe Trippi of Livonia, who helped Newton hone her skills using hand

tools and building period-piece furniture.

She uses a variety of wood — cherry, quarter-sawn white oak and red oak, poplar, ambrosia maple and Hawaii koa, among others. Every piece she creates is perfectly finished using just the right shellac, stain, top coat — whatever best suits a given project.

No rushing

Newton never rushes her woodworking.

"I get a lot of personal satisfaction from it," she said. "It's good to see a piece come together."

It all happens in her basement, stocked with wood, a table saw, a band saw, a scroll saw, hand saws, chisels, screwdrivers, a router, hand planes and other tools.

"I built my own work bench," she said, smiling.

Newton buys her wood mostly from area retailers, and she estimated she works some 20 hours a week in her basement, which she fondly calls "the shop." She doesn't keep furniture in stock.

Rather, she makes it as she receives orders.

To see her work, go to www.newtonwoodwork.com. She also may be reached by e-mail at sl@newtonwoodwork.com or by phone at (314) 267-1125.

Although she no longer works in the engineering industry, she certainly uses those skills for what she says is her true calling. Her background in engineering has served her well.

"I still like numbers and math," she said, "but woodworking is my passion."

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Debt rating downgrade surprising, but credit agencies not infallible

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Not unexpected, but still surprising, last week for the first time in history, Standard & Poors lowered the United States' debt rating. Since rating agencies have existed, the United States has always received a AAA rating. S&P lowered our rating a notch to AA+.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Something that would have been unthinkable just a couple years ago is now a reality. I have no doubt the spinmeisters from every political camp are getting their talking points together and we will be bombarded by partisan rhetoric. Hopefully, I can help you separate fact from fiction and put things into perspective.

Rating agencies are not infallible and have made their fair share of mistakes. All you have to do is go back a few years and remember that the rating agencies made substantial mistakes in the financial crisis. In addition, investors use more than the credit ratings when making an investment decision.

That being said, we cannot dismiss the issues that Standard & Poors cited in reaching their decision. It appears that Washington's recent handling of the debt ceiling crisis showed a lack of leadership throughout the government. In addition to citing our political bickering, S&P cit-

ed our failure to address the need for reform in Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and additional revenue. To be fair these are issues that were not resolved in this recent crisis and as our leaders have done in the past, they merely punted these difficult issues down the road to be addressed later (maybe).

We are entering uncharted and unknown territories. We have never had a lowering of the U.S. debt rating and, therefore, how the market will react is somewhat theoretical. However, there are a few things to keep in mind. Because the credit rating agencies have had a spotty track record, investors can literally shrug off what S&P is saying. This is not pie-in-the-sky optimism; it's based upon the reality of the situation. After all, take a step back and think, where else are investors going to go? I would suggest that despite the downgrade there is still no safer investment in the world than U.S. treasuries. Therefore, it would not be surprising if investors shrugged off the rating's downgrade. That does not mean there won't be short-term volatility because there will be, but it may be only short-term.

There can also be another reaction. If investors believe U.S. treasuries are not as safe as they once were, interest rates on U.S. debt could rise. That would not only further hurt our deficit, as it would cost us more in interest on money we borrow, but individually, consumers could find that adjustable-rate charge card debt and mortgag-

es, which are frequently indexed to U.S. treasuries, could rise, thus increasing the cost of borrowing to consumers.

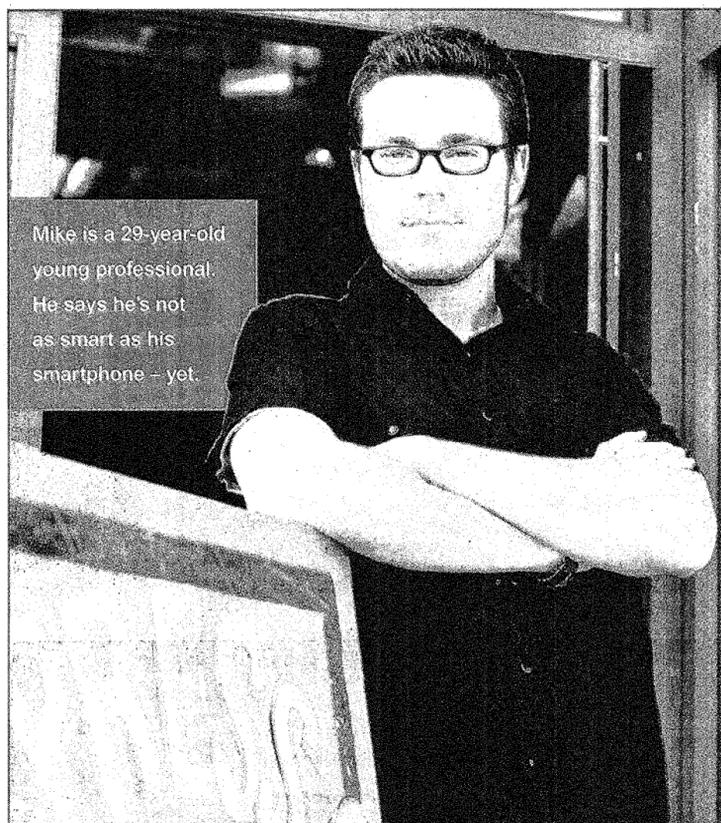
No matter what happens, it certainly is not good news that our country's debt rating has been lowered. No matter what spin you hear over the next few weeks, don't let it fool you. The problems that we are experiencing didn't start last year or five years ago or 10 years ago. They have been a long time in the making and it will take time to resolve them.

At this point in time there are no easy solutions, and we must recognize that there will be some difficult days ahead. As investors, you can't just put your head under the covers and wait for this to pass. Rather, you have to remain proactive and allocate your money properly. Short-term money needs should be allocated in investments outside the market, while long-term money needs should stay invested.

When I heard the news that our debt rating had been lowered, even though I was sort of expecting it, I still had to catch my breath. However, once I caught my breath, I did what all investors need to do, focus on what I am trying to achieve as an investor — both long-term and short-term.

Good luck!

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MetroPCS is on the receiving end of an award for its work on behalf of the Children's Center of Wayne County.

The Corporate Friend Award is presented annually to a business that demonstrates exceptional organizational initiative, member participation, and commitment to The Children's Center through volunteerism and service. MetroPCS used its retail and authorized dealer locations throughout metro Detroit to provide outreach opportunities for The Children's Center, including:

- One-on-one educational and relationship meetings with store staff and dealers.
- Setting up informational kiosks, posting signage and distributing literature.
- Solidifying the partnership through sponsorship of various radio promotions.
- Strong supporter of the holiday shop initiative.
- Hosting some of the most elaborate agency birthday parties.
- Maintaining a donation station at corporate



Deborah Matthews, CEO of The Children's Center of Wayne County (from left), joins Tammy L. Capone, regional director of advertising and public relations for MetroPCS and Lisa V. Ford in showing off the Corporate Friend Award.

headquarters for gently used clothing, then periodically transports items to the TCC boutique.

They also supported the Children's Center's "foster care month" activities with in-store materials for customers and campaigns and maintain a representation on the board of directors.

During the month of April, MetroPCS collected used phones from customers and dealers. The phones were sent to a precious metals dealer

who donated the proceeds to The Children's Center of Wayne County and D.A. Blodgett-St. John's in Grand Rapids.

MetroPCS far exceeded expectations for the program this year with the support of MetroPCS Authorized Dealer, Billy Younan of Interstate Wireless. Total funds raised were \$5,782, from that \$5,000 was donated to The Children's Center of Wayne County and \$750 was donated to D.A. Blodgett - St. John's.

Plenty of options for disgruntled NetFlix fans

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Last month wasn't a good month for NetFlix subscribers or anyone involved in the public relations function for NetFlix.

In July, the media company decided to raise rates by \$6 per month for subscribers currently enrolled in the NetFlix program which allows for unlimited streaming media plus one DVD rental by mail at a time.

NetFlix said the increase was necessary because the original rate of \$10 per month wasn't cost effective.

Users who receive media online through online streaming didn't incur any rate increases. The rate increases for traditional users, however, splintered the fan base enough that negative sentiment could be seen across a variety of social networks and blogs.

Many subscribers posted on Facebook and Twitter that they were immediately cancelling their service and, with a 60-percent increase, rightfully so.

But when you think about it, \$16 per month for unlimited Internet movies per month isn't terribly bad. After

all, it wasn't too long ago when a new release from Blockbuster cost a customer \$5 or more.

In fact, NetFlix is just one of many options TV and movie lovers have that weren't available five or 10 years ago.

In the last decade, TiVo and digital video recorders have become mainstays in American homes. They provide much more convenient options than the VCR — as do cable companies such as WOW and Comcast which offer on-demand new releases and free-on-demand for older media.

TV networks have also tried to lure viewers and advertisers to their sites by offering full episodes on their websites. Networks such as ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, MTV and more each offer full episodes of their most popular shows.

Hulu is another option for TV fanatics, or former NetFlix users who want to watch TV when it is convenient for them. The website offers streaming video of many popular television shows including 30 Rock and Family Guy.

For those looking to score the best legal deals on movies, though, the best option may be one of the most old-fashioned. Renting a movie from Red Box rentals costs as low as \$1 per night for new releases.

Red Box rental boxes require a credit or debit card for payment, but they are conveniently located at retailers such

as Walgreens or Kroger.

Red Box also offers low late fees. The late fee for a \$1 new release is only \$1 per day and coupons are sometimes available by shopping in stores where kiosks are available.

Family Video, which has a number of metro-Detroit locations in cities including Livonia, Canton, Farmington Hills, South Lyon and more, also offers reasonable movie rentals, around \$2-\$3 per new release.

Driving to your local Family Video or Red Box may not be as convenient as flipping on your computer or Internet-enabled television, PS3, Nintendo Wii or Xbox, but depending on how often you rent, it may be a better value.

So if you are one of the many irked NetFlix subscribers or former subscribers unwilling to pay \$16 a month for your monthly rental plan, consider the other websites and rental opportunities that are available.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

School supplies

As part of its commitment to Michigan, Comerica Bank has launched a statewide Back to School campaign aimed at providing students with the tools they need to succeed this school year.

In partnership with Operation: Kid Equip, a Michigan nonprofit organization, Comerica is hosting a "Tools for Schools" supply drive now through Aug. 19. The bank is collecting donations of new school supplies for students in need at its 197 traditional banking centers in Michigan.

"Getting school supplies in the hands of kids who need them most is an important yet often overlooked need," said Thomas D. Ogden, president, Comerica Bank-Michigan. "Every community has families who cannot meet their children's basic school-day needs. Together with Operation: Kid Equip, we can make a difference by giving those students the tools they need to succeed as they head back to school this fall."

All new school supplies including pens, pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, erasers, and backpacks can be donated. The supplies will be delivered to deserving schools in

the communities Comerica serves.

"Kids can't write without a pencil or color without a crayon," said Menachem Kniespeck, founder and CEO of Operation: Kid Equip. "We're happy Comerica has joined in our effort to address this important need in our communities."

For more information, including a list of suggested donation items and Comerica banking center locations, visit www.comerica.com/toolsforschools. Contributions to Operation: Kid Equip can also be made online at www.operationkidequip.org.

New portfolio manager

Sigma Investment Counselors has announced that Suzanne M. Antonelli is its newest senior portfolio manager.

Antonelli brings with her more than 20 years of experience in fixed income research, portfolio development, asset and investment allocation, and tax and retirement planning.

"Sigma aims to attract investment professionals with impeccable integrity, broad and deep analytical skills, and an ability to communicate well with clients," said Robert M. Bilkie Jr., president of the

firm. "Suzanne Antonelli possesses all of these attributes and we are pleased that she has elected to join us."

Antonelli is a graduate of the University of Michigan where she was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in economics. In 2009, she earned the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional designation and is a member of the Financial Planning Association of North America.

Sigma looks forward to building its organization in order to better serve clients. Antonelli's fresh and experienced eye will aid in the continued development of the team, Bilkie said.

Sigma Investment Counselors provides a "Thoughtful Investing" approach that has enabled clients to achieve their financial objectives. Its team of knowledgeable and experienced investment professionals takes time to understand each client's specific investment goals and unique needs in order to develop a customized financial plan. The independent ownership and research, high degree of client focus and strict compliance approach allows us to maximize its client service delivery capabilities.

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All recipe entries MUST use some sort of market fresh product and be typed out giving specific measure-

ments and ingredients. Entries can be dropped off to the Garden City Farmers Market, located at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt or mailed to the Garden City Chamber of Commerce at 30120 Ford Road, Suite D, Garden City, MI 48135. Entries must be in by Aug. 17. The winner will be announced on Sept. 7.

• Back Yard Farmers Festival - Attention Back Yard Farmers, now is the time to get your produce growing so you can strut your stuff at the market. Farmers Markets are a small portion of the Michigan farming industry, this festival will celebrate community and local farmers and what they have in common, giving special attention to the community wide benefits of healthy eating from fresh grown produce and vegetables.

Spend the day in a small portion of the life of a Michigan Farmer. On Wednesday, Aug. 24, residents are invited to set up a table and sell their produce for free at the market. Resident farmers must supply their own table and chair. For more information contact the chamber office at (734) 422-4448.

• Original Hand Made Festival - Show us how you spend your leisure time. Bring your hand made items to the Original Hand Made Festival on Wednesday, Sept. 21. You can set up a table and sell your items for free. All items MUST be handcrafted by YOU. Items can range from beaded items, crochet items to wood items. Contact the Chamber office for details and space availability.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts an ongoing grief support group, The Grief Journey, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The goal of the group is to provide support and education on the grief process. There is no charge.

Contact: For information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050.

CLASS REUNION

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 15

Details: Garden City High School Class of 1986 is holding a 25-year reunion. E-mail Trish First (Patty Buggy) for more information at pm2b2005@yahoo.com or contact Kristy Hickson (Roberts) on Facebook.

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening, now through Sept. 29

Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, just south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: In addition to a variety of cars on display, there will be dinners will be served inside as well as grilled items like hot dogs, hamburgers and sloppy joes outside. There also is a DJ, 50/50 raffle and a bake sale hosted by the American Legion Riders. Everyone is welcome.

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 20

Location: McKinley Co-Op Preschool, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland

Details: Come have some fun with your 2-5-year-olds. Come see what all the buzz is about. Meet Mrs. Miles, a fabulous and loving

Wish You Were Here



Renee, Mike, Colleen and Bobby Mandrink were on vacation in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where son Bobby's U13 baseball team participated in "The Ripken Experience." "A great time was had by all," Renee wrote. "Great weather, baseball and fellowship." If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

teacher with over 25 years experience. Learn about our kindergarten readiness program. The school also has a Family and Friends referral program.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 729-7222.

SCHIZOPHRENICS ANONYMOUS

Time/Date: 4:30-5:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month

Location: Room 124 of Hegira Programs Inc. from in at 8623 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Schizophrenics Anonymous meetings are open to those with this mental illness or related conditions. The remaining days the group will meet are Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

SUPPORT GROUP

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

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

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

Contact: Chris Goldberg

at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

AMERICAN LEGION

Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

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

Details: American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.

Contact: Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at www.post251.com or www.post251.org.

FISH FRY

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. every Friday

Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

Details: Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.

Contact: For details and reservations, call (248) 476-8383.

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers

and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

EARTH ANGELS

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least

two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

Contact: www.earthangel-sontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

HIGHER ROCK CAFE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

CRAFT SHOWS

ST. THEODORE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22

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

Details: St. Theodore's CCW is looking for vendors for their fall craft show. Table rental is \$25.

Contact: all Mary at 734-425-4421 (voicemail #10)

ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 15

Location: William Brennan Activity Center, 20700 Colgate Dearborn Heights

Details: Vendors are needed for the St. Sebastian Catholic School's vendor show. Eight-foot table rental is \$25 and \$45, electricity \$5.

Contact: For more information, call Michelle at (313) 562-2835.

BIZARRE BAZAAR

Time/Date: Saturday, Oct. 22

Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Details: Crafters, vendors, and entrepreneurs are being sought for a Bizarre Bazaar. Don't miss the opportunity to showcase your talents and products to hundreds of local customers and support Village Banking. Grow your business and help women in desperately poor countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank you helped create by participating in Bizarre Bazaar. Reasonable entry fee, friendly community atmosphere and a great cause. For details and to reserve a space, go to fumcnorthville.org/#/missions-and-service.

Contact: Send an e-mail to fumbazaar@gmail.com, find it on Facebook, or call (248) 446-8175.

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: Saturday, Nov. 12

Location: William Brennan Activity Center, 20700 Colgate Dearborn Heights

Details: Crafters and vendors are needed for the St. Sebastian Catholic Church-St. Anne Altar Society's Christmas Craft Show. Eight-foot table rental is \$25 and \$45, electricity \$5.

Contact: For more information, call Phyllis at (313) 561-1807.

Tap Fest features American art form

The fourth annual Motor City Tap Fest will take over Wayne State University's Old Main Building Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 18-21.

The event consists of four days of master tap classes taught by leading artists in the industry from coast to coast, a tap jam to learn the art of improvisation, Masters of Tap at Orchestra Hall, and a participants' showcase to allow attendees to perform for the master teachers and their peers.

Masters of Tap features the esteemed faculty of tap artists and is open to the public. These veterans of film, Broadway, television and more, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit.

The Motor City Tap Fest offers classes at a variety of skill levels and influences to provide an opportunity for those of any age, fitness level or proficiency to learn and love the art of tap dancing and for more serious dancers to hone their abilities and learn how to get into the business.

For registration and

class information, dates and times, go to www.motorcitytapfest.com.

Among the faculty is Emmy-nominated Gregg Russell, recently featured on Paula Abdul's *Live To Dance*, and Sarah Reich, who just appeared on *So You Think You Can Dance*.

The event features and honors Professor Ardie Bryant, a living legend who is recognized as "the innovator of modern jazz tap." He has performed Nat King Cole, Duke Ellington and Count Basie, to name a few.

The Motor City Tap Fest is produced by Denise Caston, founder of Motor City Dance Productions and a Radio City Rockette who grew up in Clarkston. She lists as the goal of the organization to edu-

cate aspiring dancers about this uniquely indigenous American art form through master classes, panel discussions and professional concerts and, in doing so, passing on the legacy of this historical institution to a new generation of dancers in Detroit and metro Detroit.

The fourth annual Motor City Tap Fest is sponsored in part by Compuware.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On August 16, 2011, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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2002	Ford	Focus/2dr	Gray	3FAFP31342R139850
1995	Ford	F-150/PU	White	1FTEX15Y1SKA18245
1994	Dodge	Shadow	Black	1B3AP6438RN177067

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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OUR VIEWS

Wise decision

Weaver brings needed experience to W-W school board

Last week, the Wayne County RESA Board made an important decision for the Wayne-Westland school board. It selected Frederick Weaver to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of William Gabriel in May.

It's apparent the RESA Board went for experience in filling the vacancy and with good reason. Of the six board members serving on the board, only one - Cindy Schofield - had more than two years on the job.

Weaver had served on the Wayne-Westland school board for eight years of school board before resigning in 2008 after taking a ministerial appointment in Midland. He has experience, including three years as president of the board, so there is no learning curve. He can hit the ground running. He knows his way around school finances and is well aware of the issues that are currently facing the district.

During his previous time on the board, he showed a commitment to the families and students in the school district. His shining moment was Operation 180, a school board initiative that initially brought services to the students and families living in Norwayne and was expanded to all families in the district. It was apparent in his interview with the RESA Board that he still has that commitment.

We believe the RESA Board's selection was a wise one. The Wayne-Westland board is in transition as its members struggle to find a common ground. Last month's organizational meeting showed the rift that exists between members and that needs to be bridged. It falls on school board President Carol Middel to make it happen.

We hope she is up to that task. She showed that she is willing to listen in a decision she made last month to reject a proposed resolution to send a letter, favoring the appointment of Jeffrey Hayton, to the RESA Board. She listened to arguments for and against the proposal and took time to look into board policy before rendering her decision.

It may not have set well with some board members, but we believe it was a correct one. Hopefully, Middel will continue to listen to all views on the board and seek the guidance of veteran board members like Weaver and Schofield in making decisions.

Wayne-Westland is at a crossroads. It survived the governor's budget cutting this year and it will take vigilance on the part of all factions from the superintendent on down to the school board, employees, students and parents to keep the district moving in the right direction.

We believe Weaver will provide stability on the board and will help bring both sides together. It has to happen if Wayne-Westland is to continue to offer an outstanding educational program. That's what the students need and what they deserve.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

The issue: Weaver appointment to board

Since I was one of the few citizens that attended this meeting I can only say that I'm more sure than ever this was a done deal b4 it began. Most of the candidates didn't try to make it sound like the board was in a 3-3 tie and that there was tension with board members. Facts are 2 members were newly elected, 2 were out because of the election, 1 was out of the country and was told he couldn't use whatever it is they call (skype?) it for voting by Internet, and that leaves 3 to vote. That's why it was sent to RESA and I'm sure they knew that.

jckinney

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite place to shop at the mall?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"Wet Seal. They have a lot of variety of clothes that are cute."

Jessica Fischer
Westland



"American Eagle. Everything in there is appealing to me usually."

Bethany Loe
Canton



"Forever 21 because they have a lot of stuff and usually it doesn't match what other people are wearing."

Brooke Fermat
Westland



"Spencer's, it's just a fun place to go."

Daniel Bistow
Westland

LETTERS

Will we have power?

We are having more power outages this year and this is before the federal government causes the shutting down of a reported 19 power plants at the first of the year.

What is the impact of the closing going to be? Will I have enough power to recharge my government-financed Volt? And keep the furnace hot?

Ted Scott
Westland

Repowering saves money

Everyone is looking to save these days. If you have an older vehicle that needs engine work and can't afford to buy a new vehicle right now, one way to repower your wallet is to repower your engine.

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Ken Carter
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Where's the logic?

The media is pushing the notion that Anders Breivik (the Norwegian terrorist who killed nearly 80 people in Norway) was a right-wing Christian fundamentalist. They say investigations must be undertaken to ascertain the potential copy-cat danger from like-minded individuals and organizations. They believe that he can be labeled and aligned with extremist Christian groups because he said so, and for us to question his religious affiliation would be unfairly judging another's religion.

Sally Quinn, On Faith writer for the *Washington Post*, said, "If someone says they're a Christian, you have to take them at their word." *Time Magazine* Religion columnist Amy Sullivan reacted with indignation toward those who abhorred the media's attempt to label the gunman a Christian. She said, "... conservatives have focused on their doubts about whether Breivik 'practices' Christianity as reason to refrain from labeling him Christian. But there's a reason the Bible urges Christians to avoid judging the faith of others."

In my opinion, these are the questions this tragedy should force us to answer.

How can anyone morally justify that pre-meditated murder (let alone 80 murders) only be punishable by a total of 21 years in prison?

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Is it logical for a country's police officers to not carry firearms?

If we must accept anyone's crazed self proclamation as truth, does that mean that the "Islamic Republic of Iran" is really a republic? Or that the "Democratic People's Republic of North Korea" is really a democratic republic?

Why is the media so quick to label any heinous act of violence by any person who individually claims to be Christian as an act of right-wing Christian violence done in the name of Christianity? And therefore the alleged existential threat posed from "right-wing extremists" must be thoroughly examined.

Conversely, why do they refuse to assign motives or labels onto others who explicitly act in the name of their religion or beliefs, even if those perpetrators are members of well funded and globally recognized terror groups? Why then are the clearly stated and oft-repeated goals of genocide by terrorist groups like Hamas and Hezbollah not to be taken at their word? And if they are not, how do we discern who we should and shouldn't believe?

The cognitive dissonance and biased, politically correct agenda routinely displayed by the media borders on illogical fanaticism. Meanwhile, countless Norwegian family's lives have been ruined by a ruthless, sociopathic killer who will be freed from prison just in time to reap the generous retirement benefits his liberal country offers.

Dan MacGregor
Royal Oak

Time to talk about Issues

Now that the embarrassing debate over raising the debt ceiling is over for a little while, we need to refocus on where we are going. Whereas there is an urgent need to get our country's financial house in order, we have witnessed a discussion about what to cut without any discussion over what outcomes we expect. We all know that jobs are a top priority, but what kind of jobs and how do we get them? We have had tax cuts for six years and we know that is not sufficient. If we can agree on outcomes, then we could formulate public policy that would facilitate what and how much we want to fund specific programs and what programs are currently missing. Now is the time to engage in broader conversations about the desired outcome.

Some of the issues that should be discussed include:

What do we envision for health care for everyone in the United States? Do we want to continue an

exclusive health care system that places the majority of the financial burden on employers and excludes the unemployed? Do we want a system that provides some level of health care for everyone without handicapping business?

I am surprised that there are not more complaints from businesses that compete around the globe in countries where employers do not have to buy health care for their employees. Maybe they don't care and simply offshore work. What value do we place on K-12 schools and higher education? How much do we want to spend on roads, public safety and public transportation? For example, currently the largest percentage of funding for roads comes from the federal government and Michigan has not fared well under this scheme. Perhaps it is time to bring road funding back to the state level. Many states have toll roads that are paid for by the users. Can we afford free highways? On the other hand, lightly populated western states would not be able to afford hardly any roads without redistribution of wealth at the federal level. These are the kind of conversations we need to have. Localization would reduce overhead and allow for better setting of priorities where appropriate. Let's examine federal programs and decide which ones would be better done at the local level.

What do we envision for the future role of the United States in the world militarily? We currently fund a greatly disproportionate amount of the world's military spending and clearly cannot continue at this rate without paying for it. One of the great disservices from President G.W. Bush was to start the Iraq war and not ask the taxpayers to make sacrifice to pay for it. Now we are in two more wars and still talking about cutting taxes. If our military activities outside the country are necessary, then the taxpayers should at least be asked to make a financial sacrifice to support the troops that have to carry out these dangerous missions. Each war should require additional funding from taxpayers to pay for it. It is morally wrong for the citizens of this country to be so detached from what we are doing militarily in other countries.

What new industries do we want to attract to Michigan? What amenities do we need to develop in order to attract these businesses and the people whom they must have to operate here? What role does our abundance of public natural resources (great lakes, park lands, recreation, hunting and fishing) play in attracting these businesses and people?

Short term we have been forced to endure severe budget cutting and tax increases to stop the bleeding. Long term we are going to need a well defined road map to intelligently make decisions on what programs should exist and whether they should be federal, state or local. If we don't do this planning, then we will be "done unto" by the activities in Washington that are dominated by special interest groups. Not everyone will get everything they want, but we need outcomes that we can all agree to live with. Let's start having these broader conversations and stop the personal attacks. Our success will be aided by unity and undermined by divisiveness. This is about issues that support desired outcomes. Let that conversation continue.

Jim Lloyd
Highland

Eleanor Josaitis, Focus: HOPE, pioneer dies at 79

Gannett News Service

Eleanor Josaitis — the petite powerhouse who for more than 40 years has been one of Detroit's most beloved, most accomplished and hardest-working community leaders — died Tuesday morning at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

The 79-year-old mother of five children became the brawn behind Focus: HOPE, the social services organization she cofounded in 1968 with the late Father William Cunningham. It spawned opportunity and optimism in Detroit's riot-ravaged core.

Under Focus: HOPE's symbol of clasped hands, black and white, Josaitis labored to shape the organization's mission and grow it from a volunteer group crusading for civil rights into a highly respected nonprofit that feeds those in need and provides high-tech training for disadvantaged people.

"Mom was driven by a deep faith and an unshakable passion for justice," her eldest son, Mark Josaitis, said. He confirmed that his mother passed away about 3:45 a.m.

While Josaitis will be missed by family and close friends, the metro Detroit community at large also mourns her passing.

"Eleanor was a stalwart of community activism," Detroit Mayor Dave Bing said. "She has built a legacy of help and hope for this community."

Working tirelessly to improve race relations in metro Detroit and provide opportunities for low-income families, Josaitis collaborated with Cunningham to make Focus: HOPE the leading social justice agency in southeast Michigan.

"Along with Father Cunningham, Eleanor Josaitis was driven by a moral imperative to unite our communities," former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer said.



Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder of Focus:HOPE, passed away at 79 in Livonia.

"They brought people together to work together for the good of all. The annual walk was symbolic of that. You'd see black, white, Christians, Jews, Muslims, city and suburban residents, all walking together for the sake of promoting unity and supporting the work of Focus: HOPE. "She may have been short in stature, but she was huge in intellect, character, integrity, compassion and desire to give back."

Faith drove her mission

On the streets of Detroit and in the halls of power, Josaitis was a force to be reckoned with. Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton visited Focus: HOPE. Josaitis lobbied corporate titans and politicians from every party. She testified before Congress to secure funding for food and training programs for poor people. Until illness stopped her daily office schedule in late last fall, Josaitis conducted every orientation for new Focus: HOPE

staffers and taught business etiquette to students in the training programs.

"She was genuine. She always told the truth. She was always out front. Her passion, her care, her love of life was all genuine," said Edsel Ford II, Ford heir and businessman. "She charmed me 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Eleanor called and it was, 'How high do you want me to jump?' I would do anything for Eleanor Josaitis."

Josaitis died more than nine months after she was diagnosed with peritoneal cancer. She also struggled with fractures to her hip and spine. Even as she was ailing in recent months, she continued to personally sign letters of thanks to donors big and small.

She was born Eleanor Reed and grew up in northwest Detroit.

Don Josaitis lived across the street and three doors down from the Reeds. When Don returned from the Army in 1953, he and Eleanor began dating. They were married for 55 years. With a GI loan, they bought a house in Taylor; they attended St. Alfred Catholic Church, where Cunningham was an assistant weekend pastor. In 1968, Josaitis and Cunningham cofounded a group they initially called Focus: Summer Hope, with the mission of keeping peace during that summer.

Together, Josaitis and Cunningham crafted a mission statement that remains unchanged today: "Recognizing the dignity and beauty of every person, we pledge

intelligent and practical action to overcome racism, poverty and injustice. And to build a metropolitan community where all people may live in freedom, harmony, trust and affection. Black and white, yellow, brown and red from Detroit and its suburbs of every economic status, national origin and religious persuasion we join in this covenant."

Once the summer passed peacefully, Focus: HOPE began a food-distribution program. It also deployed teams of suburban women into Detroit food stores to track how some owners were gouging inner-city customers. Soon, the agency added child care and focused on job training.

The agency now includes a Center for Advanced Technologies,

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELEANOR JOSAITIS

Visitation for Eleanor Josaitis will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the Church of the Madonna, 1125 Oakman Blvd., Detroit.

It's the small Catholic Church whose late pastor, the Rev. William Cunningham, along with Eleanor Josaitis, co-founded Focus:HOPE. The church is down the street from Focus:HOPE headquarters. There will be a scripture service at 7 p.m. Friday at the Church of the Madonna.

There will also be one-hour of visitation from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward, Detroit, before the funeral mass. The funeral mass will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Cathedral.

The funeral mass is open to the public. There will be no burial. Her remains will be cremated. Arrangements are being handled by Spaulding and Curtin Funeral Home, of Ferndale.

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SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 17 8/1/11

Presiding: President Godbout
 Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

140: Appr: minutes of regular meeting held 7/18/11.
 - Appr. amendment to 2011-12 Fiscal Yr. Fee Schedule-Wedding Officiants follows: \$50.00 for residents & \$100.00 for non-residents.
 - Appr. MHS contract to 6-30-12, amt. \$7,291.67 per mo. & flat fee for primary boarding/handling.
 - Appr. contract for City Assessor; term 8/2/11-7/31/12; amt. \$7,916.66 per mo/not to exceed \$95,000 for term of contract.
 - Adopted Prep. Res. in support of partnership agrmnt. with WWCS Building Trade Program to allocate HOME funding for construction of 1 new home.
 - Adopted Prep. Res. for NSP Acquisition to purchase 5 properties.
 - Adopted Prep. Res. concerning Records Management Policy.
 141: Conf. appt. of B. Swope to EDC/TIFA for unexp. term to exp. 3/19/13.
 142: Conf. appt. of J. VanHook II to Parks & Rec. Advisory Bd. to fill exp. term, term to exp. 8/1/13.
 143: Conf. re-appt of S. Brantley to BDA for 3 yr. term to exp. 8/2/14.
 144: Conf. appt. of J. Romano to DDA for 4 yr. term to exp. 8/6/15.
 146: Conf. appt. of B. Krupp to ZBA to fill unexp. term to exp. 10/2/12.
 147: Appr. checklist: \$1,354,170.13 & Prepaid: \$829,017.18.
 Mtg. adj. at 7:45 p.m.
 Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

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2011 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PRACTICE KICKS OFF



Plymouth Wildcats varsity football coach Mike Sawchuk talks with his players on the first morning of pre-season workouts.

Prep grididders hit ground running

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Football is back, even if it's a "watered down" version such as Monday's no-pads-allowed sessions that the defending Division 1 state finalist Plymouth Wildcats were rolling through.

"Hopefully, every school in the state is doing this because if they're not they're cheating," said Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk with a smile, nodding toward his players as they went to work on a warm, muggy day wearing nothing but helmets, loose shirts and baggy shorts.

Other signs of the official MHSAA-sanctioned start of the 2011 football season were around on the Wildcats' practice field — located off the west end of the high school.

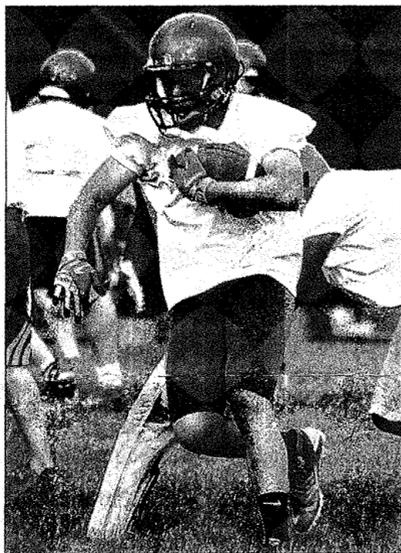
Athletic trainer Joe Durocher was camped out, sitting in his jeep adjusting helmet straps and doling out advice to kids on how to best handle the heat and humidity.

"In this heat, they say you should drink four ounces for every 20 minutes of participation," Durocher estimated. "They should drink 100 ounces of water a day or else risk getting dehydrated."

That would just about cover the marathon two-a-days the Wildcats and other Observerland-area prep football programs are in the midst of this week.

"I'm from Florida, this is nothing," said Sawchuk, smiling yet again. "This is a nice day there. You just got to be smart and make sure that you build in your water breaks."

"You talk to the kids and try to educate them about it and tell them 'Hey, if you feel any



Garden City running back Randy Holloway busts through a hole during Monday's first practice.

type of dizziness or shortness of breath, go get a drink of water.' Just be smart."

According to the fifth-year Plymouth head coach, the shoulder pads come out of storage for Thursdays practices, giving players a couple days of heavy hitting before Saturday's annual Black and Silver Scrimmage on the

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Hawks prep for another big season

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

In his 50th year of coaching, John Herrington thinks the first day of football practice is harder on him than it is the players.

Herrington, who begins his 42nd season as Harrison's head coach, is no less enthusiastic about the game and the job.

"It's exciting to start and to see what we can do with these kids," Herrington, 71, said. "If they would quit with the minor irritations, like not having their physicals, that would be great."

"But we have great talent coming back, and the kids are enthusiastic. We have a lot of great assistant coaches, so we're ready to go."

The Hawks were 14-0 last season and won the Division 2 state championship — their 13th overall.

With seven starters back on offense and six on defense, they'll be one of the state's top-rated teams again this year. Harrison is ranked No. 16 in the nation by max-preps.com.

"We're ready for it," Herrington said. "Expectations are high, but the first two ballgames — those guys are good, too. It should be a fun year."

The Hawks open against Division 1 semi-finalist Detroit Cass Tech in the Big Day Prep Showdown Saturday, Aug. 27, at EMU, and they play OAA rival Southfield the following Thursday.

"It's going to be a tough turnaround, because they have real good teams at both those places," Herrington said.

Harrison has three future Big Ten players in two-way lineman Mario Ojemudia (U-M), tight end Devin Funchess (U-M) and wide receiver Aaron Burbridge (MSU).

Ojemudia and Burbridge were All-Observer, first-team picks last year, as was senior quarterback Jake Vento, who has been moved from slotback. Vento and junior wideout Gairus Coleman also are NCAA Division I prospects.

"If you've got three Big Ten players and don't have a good year, they'll be looking at me," said Herrington, who is 375-87-1 at Harrison with an 81-14 play-off record.

On the first day of practice Monday, the Hawks worked on offense in the



John Herrington

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Top players

Four Observerland players have been named to the Under Armour Girls High School All-America Watch List for the 2011-12 season.

Maddy Doyle (Mercy), Alexandria Hines (Ladywood), Alaina Turner (Canton) and Haley Schneider (Farmington) are among the 646 players from 38 states on the list that will serve as the starting point for the Under Armour All-America selection process.

Doyle is a 5-foot-8 outside hitter, Hines a 5-10 setter, Turner a 5-10 middle blocker/outside hitter and Schneider a 6-4 middle blocker/rightside.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association will name 48 players as Under Armour All-Americans in November, with 24 on the first team and the other half on a second team.

Each of the 24 first-team players will be invited to play in the Under Armour All-America Volleyball Match & Skills Competition on Friday, Dec. 16, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

Having an athlete on the watch list does not automatically nominate her for postseason honors. For more information on the Under Armour All-America awards program, please visit avca.org/awards.

Toure saluted

University of Detroit Mercy senior forward Ya Ya Toure (Schoolcraft College) recently appeared on TopDrawerSoccer.com's list of top 100 senior college prospects for professional soccer.

Toure, who had a team-high nine goals to go along with one assist as a junior, ranked 17th among forwards and 55th overall by college player expert Joe Mauceri's Big Board.

Toure became just the fourth player in Detroit Mercy history to be named Horizon League Newcomer of the Year. He was also a third-team All-Great Lakes Region pick and first-team All-Horizon League honoree.

O&E tourney

Registration is on for the 2011 Men's Observer & Eccentric Open, a 36-hole medal play event Sunday-Monday, Sept. 4-5, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

The entry fee is \$95 and is limited to the first 120 golfers. There will be \$2,500 in guaranteed prizes in three different flights (championship, first and seniors 55 and up). Entries close 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

Visit www.golflivonia.com or call (248) 476-4493.

Hole in one

Canton resident Kevin Brady aced the 110-yard 17th hole July 10 at Buck's Run Golf Course in Mt. Pleasant.

It was the 50-year-old's first hole in one in his 25 year golfing career. Brady used a Pitching wedge and finished with a 18-hole round of 95.

Morton likes course, earns O&E title

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Shellie Morton had never played Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course before Saturday, but found to the course to her liking as she fired a blistering 3-under 69 to win the Observer & Eccentric Women's Open.

The 30-year-old Morton, who recently returned from an LPGA Qualifier in Daytona Beach, Fla., shot 35-34 highlighted by a pair of eagles on the back nine. "Both were par-5s," said Morton, who played two seasons at Michigan State (1998-2000). "On No. 10 I hit my drive and then a 5-hybrid to the green. It's funny. It was a long putt, 10 feet or more. I just tried to get it close and then it trickled, trickled... drop. It was so crazy."

"The same thing happened on No. 16. I had a shorter shot. My drive was kind of behind a pine tree and I hit a left-to-right 6-iron to get onto the green and had about an 8-foot putt and it turned right into the hole. It was crazy."

Morton is getting reac-



The top three finishers in the O&E women's golf tournament championship flight included first-place winner Shellie Morton (far right), third-place finisher Cindy Hill (middle) and runner-up Deb Horning (left).

quainted with the game after taking a sabbatical following her collegiate career.

She works Allegis Group Services in Troy as a documentation specialist and technical writer, but some day has aspirations to play on the LPGA Tour and will find out in January if

she's eligible to compete in Futures Tour events.

"The main thing I've been working on the past month or so is working on my approach shots," said Morton, who was a MHSAA state finals top-five finisher four times, includ-

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Spartan hoop coach resigns

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson lost one of its own Monday when alumnus Mike Allie officially stepped down as varsity boys basketball coach after four seasons.

Allie, who played and served as an assistant for the Spartans, compiled a record of 61-30, including Class A district titles in 2009 and 2011.

He also guided Stevenson to the KLAA Kensington Conference Central Division titles the past two seasons and was named Observerland Coach of the Year in 2009.

Last season was Allie's best as the Spartans finished 19-4 before losing to eventual Class A state runner-up Detroit Southeastern in the regional semifinals, 52-45.

"Stevenson basketball has been part of my life for the past 14 years and will remain part of me forever," said Allie, who took during the 2007-08 season for Brad Miller. "The memories I'm taking away from my experiences as both a player and coach in this program are priceless. I'd like to thank the students, parents, coaching staff, our fans, alumni, administration, and all those who have supported our program over

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Abraham's 25th year could be golden for MU spikers

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

There's always constant when it comes to Madonna University women's volleyball.

MU should be contenders once again in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, be nationally ranked and the schedule will be daunting.

As Jerry Abraham embarks on his 25th season as MU head coach, the Crusaders could be knocking on the door to return to the NAIA Nationals for the first time since 2008.

The Crusaders finished 29-9 a year ago, including 14-2 in the WHAC as they captured their 12th conference regular season title in 14 years.

Nine players return along with six newcomers as MU lost only Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin) and Anna Gatt (Livonia Churchill) to graduation.

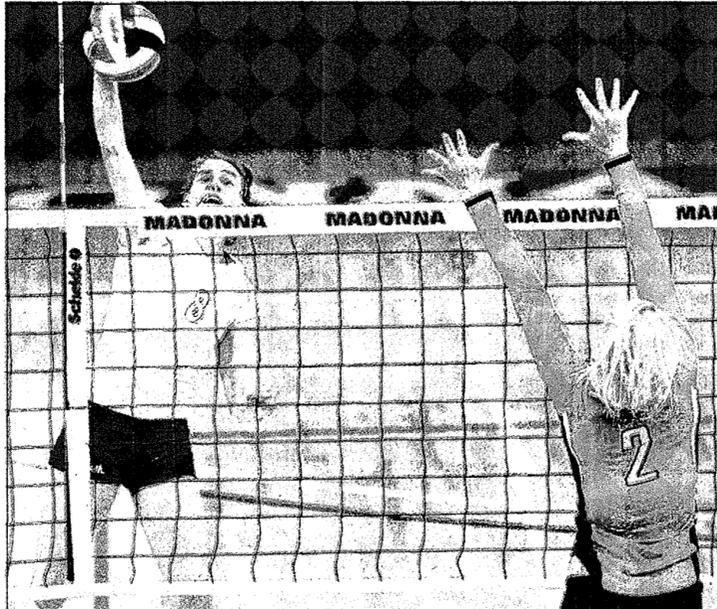
Dempsey, an undersized outside hitter, was second in kills (468 total) and first in digs (488 total), while Gatt, a back row specialist, had 240 total digs.

"I just think we're confident and have the ability to fill some spots that we lost," Abraham said. "It all depends on us bringing in the new kids, having them mesh fast and blending in with the veterans and get this thing going right away."

"But the thing I like about it is that we have excellent depth defensively. We have a good blend of veteran returners, along with a talented group of newcomers. I think they've mesh in short pre-season that we've had so far and you can see the veteran kids are bringing the younger ones along. We had a great spring and a great summer conditioning program."

Honorable mention All-America Karie Altman, a three-year starter, returns to middle. The 6-foot senior tri-captain, the Crusaders' "go-to player," according to Abraham, led MU with 488 total kills and 126 blocks.

WHAC Setter of the Year Evia Prieditis, a red-shirt sophomore with 1,549 total assists (11.4 per set), also returns to the starting lineup along with starting libero Amanda Koszela, a fifth-year



Senior tri-captain Karie Altman (left) returns for her fourth season as a starter for the Madonna University women's volleyball team.

senior and tri-captain, and senior outside hitter Megan Fricke (436 kills), also a tri-captain.

Also returning are Riga, Latvia natives Anastasiya Baranvoska, a 6-foot junior middle hitter (210 kills), and red-shirt sophomore Anastasiya Seremetjeva, a 5-11 outside hitter.

Seremetjeva played only four matches last season after going down with a knee injury which required surgery.

"I think the key to this season is an old cliché," Abraham said. "We have to stay healthy in a couple of spots. Megan (Fricke) hurt her knee in the spring and Anastasiya (Baranvoska) off a knee injury, but both are strong."

"Anastasiya is wearing a brace, but is O.K. to go. She's on schedule. She made our running workout (Monday) and it will take a couple of weeks. She's a pow-

erful outside-hitter who we truly missed last year. She was instrumental in our offensive plans last year and is a terminating type of attack player. She hits hard."

Other returnees include 6-3 sophomore middle hitter Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland), outside hitter Lauren Mora and right-side hitter Miranda Sechler, the latter whom saw action as a starter.

Freeman could hold the key to MU's postseason aspirations.

"She's made tremendous progress and we hope she's an impact player on the block or attack," Abraham said. "We're counting on her for a big second year. She hits hard, and with her size, provides a big block up front."

Abraham has six new faces led by 5-10 outside hitter Samantha Geile, who

helped Fruitport to the Class B state championship title last fall.

"She's a strong kid who can play anywhere on the front row," Abraham said. "She has a good chance to compete as a starter. She hits the ball and is a feisty performer. She's a blue collar player."

Abraham also reinforced his back row with the signing of liberos Cassie Castro (Saline), Amanda Obyrcki (Allen Park Cabrini) and Roxy Duzey (Sterling Heights).

"They're all around 5-4 or 5-5, all fast and talented," the MU coach said. "They were the most valuable players on their high school teams and all have the ability to play defensively. We have more depth on defense, no doubt."

Also in the fold is 5-9 outside hitter Taylor Dziejewit, an All-Region XII player from St. Clair Community College, along with 5-11 middle- and outside-hitter Kayla Vogel of Hastings.

"Taylor can play the left or the right side," Abraham said. "She has a fabulous jump, great arm swing with a big attack. She can play all the way around and has the ability to start. She also has that two years (college) experience."

MU will try and unseat Indiana Tech as the defending WHAC playoff champion under a new scheduling format. Eight teams the Crusaders will play this season advanced the NAIA Nationals last season.

MU opens its season Wednesday, Aug. 24 at home against St. Francis (Ind.).

"Last year was probably the best conference from top-to-bottom since I've been here as far as overall talent," Abraham said. "It should even be better this year honestly. It's going to be really competitive. We only play everybody one time. The new format I'm not in favor of - I'm here to say. We're playing Indiana Tech on the road and don't get a chance to play them at home. We had to pick up more non-conference games and pick up one more tournament. We beefed our schedule up. It's going to be more competitive. It's lots of volleyball, but I think we'll be ready for it."

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Leading the way in the first flight (from left) were low gross third-place finisher Sarah King, low gross champ Arlene Shields, low net runner-up Barb Coury and low gross runner-up and low net winner Elaine Crawford.

GOLF

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ing a runner-up finish as a freshman at Cranbrook. "I've been having a problem getting on greens in regulation, so I did a lot better with that today and I was pleased with my score."

She was also pleased with the way 5,350-yard Whispering Willows layout played on a hot and muggy day.

"I hadn't played here," she said. "Last Saturday I took a cart out, my mom (Sally) and I and we rode around and mapped out the different holes. It's really nice, really well-conditioned. Very fast greens, I was kind of surprised with that. Usually courses like this are slower, but it was really nice, well kept and maintained. I'll definitely play in this again next year."

Morton, who says she averages 240 yards off the tee, captured three Golf Association of Michigan events earlier this summer and added a third in the Ann Arbor Invitational.

"I've been working on my game, and I'm definitely improving," said Morton, who first picked up a club at age 8 and began playing in competitive tournaments at 11.

Morton captured the championship flight by nine strokes over

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Aug. 8 at Whispering Willows Championship flight: 1. Shellie Morton, 69; 2. Deb Horning, 78; 3. Cindy Hill, 83; 4. (tie) Suzanne Madej and Jennifer Pattison, 86 each; 6. Lauri Poniekiewski, 89; 7. (tie) Kathy Konel and Ellen Howell, 92 each; 8. Pat Witek, 96; 9. Jane Kersjes, 98. **Low net:** 1. Horning, 68.

First flight: 1. Arlene Shields, 86; 2. Elaine Crawford, 90; 3. Sarah King, 91; 4. (tie) Cynthia Pinkard and Barb Coury, 96 each; 6. Annette Wiseward, 97; 8. Kathy Brennan, 99; 9. Lu Stockton, 101; 10. Donna Haapala, 102; 11. (tie) Susan Merrick and Susan Mortimore, 103 each; 13. Shellee Andrews, 105; 14. Denise Buechel, 106; 15. Monica Oliver, 113. **Low net:** 1. Crawford, 67; 2. Coury, 69

Livonian Deb Horning, who shot a respectable 78. Horning also took low net honors with a 68.

Ypsilanti's Cindy Hill was third low gross with an 83, while defending champion Jennifer Pattison of Farmington Hills and Suzanne Madej tied for fourth with 86 each.

The first flight was an all-Livonia affair as Arlene Shields took low gross honors with an 86 followed by Elaine Crawford and Stevenson High golfer Sarah King with 90 and 91, respectively. Crawford was low net with a 67, while Plymouth's Barb Coury was second low net with a 69.

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Glenfield contributes to World Series title

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

The Michigan-based Compuware Girls Fast-pitch Softball Club 12-and-under team is sitting on top of the world today thanks in part to the contributions made by Garden City resident Kaylen "K.K." Glenfield.

The eighth-grader-to-be at Garden City Middle School proved to be a spark plug for Compuware when it captured the 12U 2011 World Series held July 26-30 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

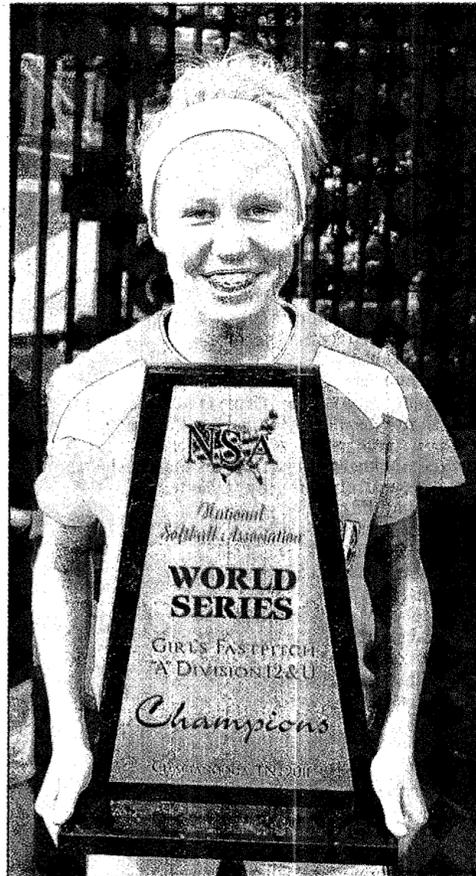
In addition to setting the table for the team's offense as its leadoff hitter, the speedy Glenfield provided dependable glove work at short-stop and in center field.

The team finished with a stellar 47-7 record, including a 33-3 mark in Michigan tournaments.

More than 200 teams from 20 states competed in the World Series' five age brackets. Compuware won eight games over the five-day tournament, including triumphs over teams from Ohio, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee.

"Most of our girls have played together for two years now," Compuware coach Edward Ewald Jr. said. "The girls persevered in 100-degree Chattanooga heat."

"It is extremely difficult to win a tournament of this caliber, competing against teams from the South. Compuware



Garden City resident Kaylen Glenfield helped her Compuware fast-pitch softball team capture a 12U national title.

is extremely proud of the girls' accomplishment."

Compuware rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the semifinal game against the Florida Cruisers to prevail 4-3.

"Our girls gained con-

fidence from that victory," Ewald said.

The team then upended the Ohio Classics on Friday and Saturday to claim the title.

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morning, defense in the afternoon.

"In the morning, we went through our inside plays after drills," Herrington said. "We worked on sprint-out passing and the punt team."

"We had weights and a lecture. We

put in our base defense and some base coverages in the afternoon. Then, we put in blitzes and ran inside plays against our inside defense.

"It's great, but it's still touch football: It'll feel good on Thursday. As soon as we get the pads on, some kids will step up and some will move down the line. But we'll find out when that happens."

FOOTBALL

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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field.

But first things first. Sawchuk liked the pace of Monday's workouts.

Assistant coaches, including 2010 state finalist Tony Rhodes, oversaw various stations.

Rhodes' group worked on maintaining a low stance during one exercise. The players started at Point A, crouched under a four-foot-high trampoline.

On the signal, they retreated from beneath the so-called agility screen and caught a pass from Rhodes before moving on to Point B — a ropes course to run forward and shuffle sideways through.

Sawchuk said the various stations enable players — who arrive in top shape to begin with — to really get after it.

"What we're trying to do, like we always do, is we want to be faster, faster, everything up-tempo," Sawchuk explained. "Get in, get out, do it as fast as we can, quality reps, not waste time, not have kids stand around."

That approach stands to reason for someone whose T-shirt reads "All Day, Every Day" on the back.

"Our motto is nobody's going to out-work us and nobody's going to be in better shape than us," Sawchuk added.

Adding that supreme work ethic to a roster filled with players who had a major taste of success in 2010 could mean more trouble for Plymouth's KLAAs rivals.

"Everybody on the team has to buy in like all the kids bought in last year," Sawchuk continued. "You don't just show up and expect to get there because you got there last year."

"There's a lot of work involved. Since the off-season they've been working their tails off. We'll see."

Stevenson transition

On Monday, the new varsity coach was on one side of the field and the new JV coach was on the opposite end at Livonia Stevenson.

Matt Fielder, who served last season as the defensive coordinator, takes the reins from old head coach, Tim Gabel, who just so happens to be the new head JV coach.



Gabel

Gabel, who posted a 103-56 in 16 seasons, including a trip to the 2007 Division 1 state finals, resigned shortly after the 2010 season.

"I think Tim had a lot (of other) interests and wanted time to do other things," the 35-year-old Fielder said. "He liked the actual coaching, but being a head coach took up so much time."

After some subtle coaxing from Fielder, Gabel agreed to stay on staff as the JV coach. It will prove to be an added bonus.

"I coached JV football under my dad (Jim)," Fielder said. "Tim's a good friend and I love to coach with him. It doesn't hurt to have Tim as a resource. He'll be a good sounding board."

The last time Gabel coached a JV team was 1992 when he had only 17 show up the first day. On Monday, he had a total of 43.

"The time commitment is probably one-third," Gabel said. "It doesn't feel like football season. You just spend way less time, but I'm happy to be there. I still like being around the kids, but I just don't have all of Matt's responsibilities."

And how did the first day a training camp go for the new coach?

"Opening day is one of those situations that you want to go perfect, but you have to work for it," Fielder said. "We did a lot of work in the offseason, so we were able to establish some things and they came ready to work. As far as Day One I thought we're moving forward and moving in the right direction."

—Brad Emons

Talent to soar

As usual, Redford Thurston will be relying on quality over quantity during head coach Bob Snell's 23rd season at the helm.

"We've never had a ton of numbers, but the kids who do come out know they're going to get an opportunity to contribute," said Snell. "Unless you can't defend yourself or you're going to put a teammate in danger of getting hurt, you're going to play here. That's why kids rarely if ever miss practice here. They know they're going to play."

Although the Eagles lost a good chunk of last season's 9-3 squad to graduation, Snell is upbeat as he looks ahead to the fall.

"I'm excited because we have a lot of new kids we're going to have to coach up," said Snell. "Last year we had a lot of returners, so it was more fine-tuning during this time of year. This year we're going to be spending more time coaching the fundamentals so that these kids are ready once the season starts."

Among those returning for the Eagles is 6-foot-1, 205-pound senior wide receiver/defensive back Eric Wilson, who has drawn interest from several Division 1 college programs.

—Ed Wright

Guarded optimism

Last fall, Garden City knocked on the door of success during head coach Scott Murray's first year at the helm, finishing 2-7 with a couple more near-misses.

This year, the Cougars are determined to knock the door down.

"The thing I'm most excited about is the experience we have returning from last season," said Murray. "This team's overall character is very good, too, and I love their work ethic. I love the fact that these kids don't complain. They do what they're told and the work hard to improve."

Familiarity with Murray's system will be a huge asset for the Cougars — especially compared to year one of his regime when everything had to be taught for the first time.

"You can already tell that this year is going to go smoother," he said. "Last year at this time, we weren't able to do nearly what we're doing now. We're running play-action and throwing the ball now in our first practice; last year we were only able to work on our belly plays."

The Cougars' summer was dotted with weekly speed and agility work, and a few seven-on-seven competitions.

"You're allowed to play in seven seven-on-seven games, and I think we did four," said Murray. "But we picked quality teams to play against — Plymouth, Michigan Collegiate, Wayne and Allen Park. We tried to seek out speed to see how we matched up. I thought we competed very well. The kids are working hard and just trying to get better."

Day one of new era

First-year Redford Union head coach Tony Crawley learned a lot about his 25-player squad on Monday as the Panthers worked out for the first time as a team at Hilbert Middle School.

But the veteran head coach learned a lot about his new home base in the weeks leading up to Monday's inaugural practice.

"North Redford is the true definition of community," said Crawley. "I can't tell you how impressed I have been by the members of the community who have offered me support — from the Blue & Gold Club to the players parents, it has been amazing. I've even had local business owners ask me what they could do to help."

The Panthers' transition to a new system will be smoother than expected thanks to the basic structure of Crawley's offense of choice.

"I like to run the basic 'T' formation," Crawley said. "It should go smooth because it's the same offense that Hilbert-Middle School and the Redford Rangers run, so a lot of our players are familiar with it."

—Ed Wright

Ending summer with a bang



The Motor City Giants 10U travel baseball team wrapped up a highly-successful season in late-July by taking first place in the End of Summer Roundup tournament at Bicentennial Park in Farmington. Pictured are (front row from left) Garrett Colasinski, Liam Radomski, Ben Wright, Thomas Dono, Jack Savage, (second row from left) Justin Kuhn, Ben Spencer, Jacob Kash, Lucas Binguet, Ivan Krohta, (back row from left) coaches Frederick Binguet, Dave Colasinski, Tom Dono and Ryan Smith.

No. 1 dunker



JANE HURSEY | PHOTO

Livonia Stevenson's 6-foot-9 Jalen Reynolds (left) captured the slam dunk contest in 2011 Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan All-Star Festival Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Reynolds, headed to Brewster Academy (N.H.) in the fall, won in the finals over Romulus guard Ray Lee (far right). Presenting the awards were Westland John Glenn boys basketball coach Dan Young (middle). Reynolds scored nine points and Canton's Dietrich Lever added seven as the White routed in the Black in the A-B boys game, 114-82. Tyrin Wade of Lansing Sexton was MVP of the White team with 20 points, while Mr. Basketball Dwaun Anderson (Suttons Boys) took MVP honors for the Black with 23 points.



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ALLIE

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the years.

"Looking back on all the success we've had, I'm grateful for having had the opportunity to coach such fine young men. These kids dedicated themselves to the program and did everything they could as a team each year to change the basketball culture here at Stevenson."

Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said the varsity position job posting application period ends on Thursday, Aug. 11.

"Mike has decided to pursue different career positions," Hyman said. "He

decided to resign on his own. He wants to be a college coach some day. I talked with him on the phone and he's pursuing college opportunities, or perhaps work at a basketball skills center. But he wants to pursue a college opportunity."

Allie is not a faculty member at Stevenson, but is a collegiate soccer official who has done games in the Big Ten.

"I'm not sure where basketball will take me from here, but I've always aspired to coach at the Division I level and will do whatever it takes to fulfill that goal," Allie said. "For me, there was never going to be a right time to step down, but I felt it was necessary in order to move on to the next chapter of my life. I have great confidence in the future of this program and our continued progress in building a basketball tradition at Stevenson."

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Canons, a Christian rock band from Tecumseh, is among the performers at Heart Beats 2011, Music With A Message, the free concert presented by Plymouth First United Methodist Church.



Concert melds message, music in Kellogg Park

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

"Heart Beats 2011, Music With A Message," Plymouth First United Methodist Church's free summer concert, will return to downtown Plymouth Saturday, Aug. 20.

Jan Seamonds, a member of the organizing committee, expects the contemporary Christian music will draw a mix of families, teens, older adults and kids to Kellogg Park.

"This is our third year for the concert but only our second year in downtown Plymouth," Seamonds said. "The first year we were in Heritage Park in Canton, but we didn't have the same foot traffic as here."

"There are so many people in the park. It's that small-town atmosphere with a lot of people milling about. We

thought it would be a great place to reach out to the community."

The setting was a hit, drawing members of other churches, residents, and downtown regulars to the concert last year.

"Our observation is that there are a lot of young people hanging out at Kellogg Park. The idea is to give them an opportunity to listen to Christian rock bands," said Cathy Montgomery, program secretary at the church.

The family-friendly event this year will run from 5-9 p.m. and will include four bands:

- Canons, a Christian rock/worship group from Tecumseh
- Saltz and Beck Band, from Canton Friendship Church, plays a variety of musical styles, from country and jazz to southern gospel to 70's rock.
- Matthew Moore,

influenced by groups from Blindsides to Chris Tomlin, writes and performs contemporary Christian rock.

• Chosen, plays a variety of Christian music styles, and performed at the concert last year. The group will play several songs during Sunday worship service, Aug. 21, at the church.

Seamonds said the church will give away free bottles of water at the Heart Beats 2011 concert, offer free face painting and balloon creations for kids.

"The teenagers love the face painting, too," Montgomery said. "Last year we had a lot of people show up. There were kids running around and a lot of mixed ages. We're trying to touch the community."

For more information about the concert, call the church at (734) 453-5280.

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CUDE, ANN

Owner of Chuck's Service Center in Plymouth passed away at her home with her family at her bedside on August 7, 2011. Born in Salem, Michigan to parents Raymond and Eva Speers. Beloved wife of 46 years to the late Charles. From 1960-1974 Ann and Charles operated Chuck's Marathon Station located on the northeast corner of Main and Mill St in Plymouth later Chuck's Shell Station located on the northeast Sheldon Rd and Ann Arbor Rd in Plymouth. In 1974 they opened Chuck's Service Center located at 285 N. Main in Plymouth and is still proudly serving the Plymouth Community. Ann was blessed with five loving children; Joe (Laura) Cude, Sherry (Jim) Brandt, Susan Callen, Gail (Mark) O'Neill and John (Lynne) Cude. Proud grandmother of Eric, Scott, Melissa, Erica, Katie, Christian, Megan, Mark, Sean, Shane, Ryan, Kyle, Jonnie Rae, Becky, Rachael, Ronnie, the late Mary, Jared, Patrick and Makenzie. Great grandmother of Carryn, Kayleigh and Lilia. Dear sister of Dee (Mary Lou) Speers, George Speers, Ivan Speers and the late Neil Speers. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held Thursday 11am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. She will be buried next to husband at Parkview Memorial in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Michigan Chapter, Inc 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076-3911 Share memories at schrader-howell.com

MOELLERING, MICHAEL

August 3, 2011, Age 58. Husband of Laura. Loving father of Maddy, Lindsey and Jane. Dearest son of Paul and Evelyn. Loving brother of Tom (Dianne) Moellering and Michelle (Gene) Walker. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Mike will be dearly missed by family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, Friday at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Mike Moellering Memorial Fund for his daughters, 40461 Newport Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170. Please share a memory at: www.rgrharris.com.



PRIMO, WENDY FULLER

Age 53, died on August 3, 2011. Loving mother of Dante. Beloved daughter of Edythe Fuller and the late Herbert Fuller. Dear sister of Alison (Gary) Mellon and Lisa (John) Weyer. Preceded in death by sister Christina Cambric. Cherished friend of Joseph Slanda. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Memorials suggested to Sasha Farm or the Alzheimers Association



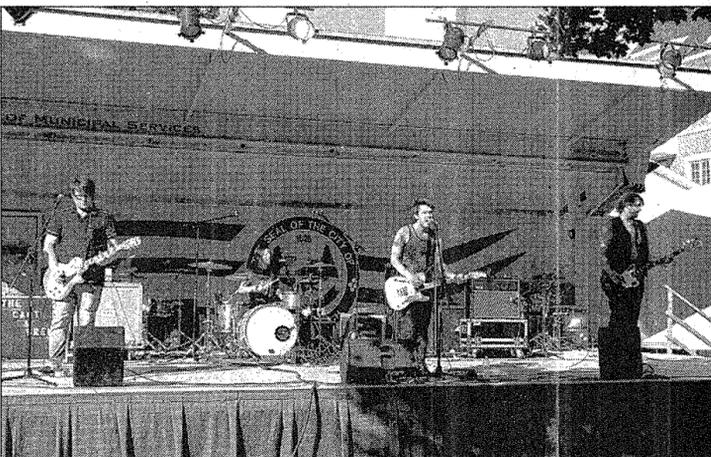
NEWTON, JEAN

Age 90, August 8, 2011. Loving wife of 68 years to the late Joseph. Dear mother of Betty (Ronald) Beiser, Robert (Jacque), Richard, Nancy (Richard) Piechowski. Grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of six. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shrine Crippled Children. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

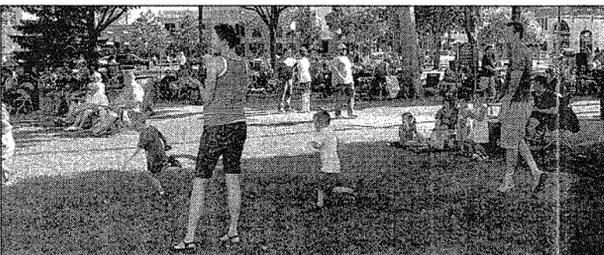
TOSH, IRMA ELIZABETH

Age 86 of Canton, MI. August 6, 2011. Beloved wife of Warren for 62 years. Loving mother of Dennis (Edith) and Diana (Dennis) Slevin. Wonderful grandmother of Eric (Emily), Elizabeth (Brian), Jason (Katie), Amanda, Jonathan (Chelsea) and Matthew. Great grandmother of Jayden and Alexa. Dear sister of Betty and Corine. Visitation was held Monday, August 8th, 3-5pm. Service was held Tuesday 11am at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, Taylor Chapel. Interment at Oakland Hills Cemetery.

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A band entertains with rockin' music and Christian lyrics at Plymouth First United Methodist Church's outdoor concert last year.



Families enjoy Plymouth First United Methodist Church's free concert last year in Kellogg Park.

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Click up your heels at annual tap dance festival



Denise Caston of Ferndale founded Motor City Tap Fest.

By Sharon Dargay
O&E staff writer

Denise Caston of Ferndale begged her family for tap lessons when she was 3 years old.

Craig Fuchs of Canton was 7 when he started tapping.

Both will bring years of dance experience to the 4th Annual Motor City Tap Fest, Aug. 18-21 in the Old Main building on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit.

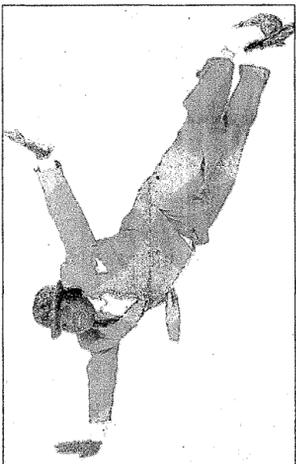
The festival will include master classes, a jam session and a performance, "Masters of Tap," by elite tap teachers and dancers, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 in Orchestra Hall, Detroit.

"I think it's great to have a tap festival in Detroit again," said Fuchs, a recent Wayne State dance graduate who is coordinating festival events at the university. "There was a tap festival in the 1990s. Then for a few years there was no festival at all. When Denise started it a couple years ago, it was great and it has grown really fast."

Caston, who grew up in Clarkston, danced with the Radio City Rockettes in New York, before returning home to create a tap festival in Detroit. She also founded Detroit Tap Repertory, a performing group that includes Fuchs.

The festival draws participants from across the country, with a wide range of tap dance skills. Its faculty includes veterans of Broadway, television and film.

"One was on *So You Think You Can Dance* a few weeks ago.



Robert L. Reed incorporates a handstand into a routine. He'll teach technique and stylization at Motor City Tap Fest.

Another, Gregg Russell, was nominated for an Emmy," Caston said.

Starting out

This year, for the first time, the festival will welcome both children and adult beginners to classes. The Youth Camp is designed for tap students 12 and under with less than four years of tap training. Cost is \$60. Youth Camp classes run 12:45-2 p.m. and 2:15-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

"I'm excited to offer 'absolute beginner' class for adults," Caston said. "If you're an adult and have never tap danced before but you'd love to try it, I've added the class for you.

"You don't have to be a Gregory Hines," she added. "You don't even need a pair of tap shoes." The beginner class costs \$25 and runs 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Master class teachers include Caston, Russell, Karen Callaway Williams, Star Dixon, Rod Ferrone, Robert Reed, Claudia Rahardjanoto, Ardie Bryant, Bril Barrett and Sarah Reich. The festival honors veteran tap dancer Ardie Bryant.

Fuchs has assisted at the festival in the past, but this is the first year he's coordinating classes, the student showcase and the jam — "everything that goes on in the rooms at Wayne State."

He trained in classical, modern, swing and salsa dancing while at the university, but says tap was his passion.

"The program at Wayne is very centered on modern, but as I went on I found myself doing more and more tap, even though there is no academic focus on tap," he said.

"In Detroit tap is still on its way up. Denise has helped a lot with her Detroit Tap Repertory group."

Fuchs, who grew up in Westland, will move to New York — a hub of tap — after the festival to begin carving out a living as a dancer. He'll be back in Detroit over Labor Day weekend to dance with the Detroit Tap Repertory at the Detroit International Jazz Festival.

"We usually perform early in the day and we still end up stopping traffic," he said.

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Craig Fuchs of Canton is coordinating dance festival events at Wayne State University. He'll perform with Detroit Tap Repertory during the Masters of Tap show.

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Gregg Russell is among the dancers who will teach and perform at Motor City Tap Fest.

Red Hot Chili Peppers debut album at theaters

You can be a part of the Red Hot Chili Peppers concert in Cologne, Germany, without leaving Wayne County.

The band will debut its new album *I'm With You* in a concert that will be captured live and presented the same day on select movie screens at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 and re-broadcast Thursday, Sept. 1.

Tickets are available now for \$15 at AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia and for \$17 at Canton Cinema, 43555 Ford Road, Canton. The program will run 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Red Hot Chili Peppers, singer Anthony Kiedis, bassist Flea, drummer Chad Smith and guitarist Josh Klinghoffer will perform the new album in sequence, followed by some of their greatest hits. The live concert performance will be shown, via satellite, to more than 450 theaters in the U.S.

I'm With You will be released in the U.S. and Canada on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

For more information visit www.FathomEvents.com.



Carol Lipinski, (left) plays Sr. Mary Cecelia, Joanna McKay, is Sr. Mary Justus and Karen Curtsinger is Sr. Mary Ignatius in the Still Got It Players production of "Murder Can Be Habit Forming."

Convent comedy opens in Canton

Still Got It Players will stage *Murder Can Be Habit Forming*, a light-hearted mystery comedy, Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 17-20, at the Village Theater in Canton.

Debbie Lannen directs the troupe of senior citizens that includes Patricia Watson, Carol Lipinski, Robin Hoover, Marion Busa, Beth Brooks, Linda Trigg, Joe Arcel, Tom Strock, Jack Galazka, Lee Thomas, Philip Lukasik, Nana Allen, Ray Frasier, Richard Pientak, Dee Morrison, Lana Collins and Terry Vivani.

The play tells the story of bus passengers who seek refuge in a convent during a blizzard. The Reverend Mother Mary Cecilia provides them lodging for the night, but soon realizes that a serial killer known as "the Mary Murderer" is among her guests. Luckily, police detec-

tive Patrick McDougal is on the bus and takes charge of solving the case.

Performances are at 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 17-18; 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19; and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, age 19-59, and \$13 for seniors and students.

Call the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or (734) 394-5300 or visit online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org. Tickets also are available at the box office, which opens one hour before show time.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

For more information about Still Got It Players, call (734) 480-4945 or visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

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Musical feet

Fuchs' senior solo performance at Wayne State earlier this year involved 10 minutes of tap dance.

"People weren't sure how I was going to pull it off. Dancing takes a lot of endurance. But I did it. I got a lot of good feedback."

Fuchs, who also choreographs, said he enjoys tap because it "is one of the only styles of dance where you get to make music while you're dancing."

Although tap dance may bring to mind "lightning-fast feet," it also includes a variety of styles, such as the relaxed "soft shoe," and sand dancing. "Sand dances are awesome. Instead of tapping

your feet, you brush your feet across a floor covered in sand.

"A lot of tap is improvisation. It's rooted in the same sort of tradition as jazz. It's one thing I like about tap. You can't go to a music jam downtown and bust out your ballet slippers like you can with tap. That's what makes it fun. You can do it socially, as well."

Tickets start at \$25 for the Masters of Tap show. Visit www.dso.org and click on events and tickets to purchase them.

Cost for the festival tap dance jam at 8 p.m. Aug. 18 is \$5 and \$10 for "Tap Jam 101" at 7 p.m. Aug. 18.

The student showcase at 8 p.m. Aug. 19 costs \$10. Individual classes are \$30 for one class up to \$220 for nine classes. Class observation tickets range from \$20 for one day to \$50 all four days. Visit www.motorcitytap-fest.com

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Details: "13 Ways to View a Blackbird and Other Thoughts in Thread," is an art quilt show featuring two groups of work by artists from across the Midwest

Contact: (248) 344-0497

WALKING PHOTOGRAPHY

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m. Aug. 17

Location: Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills

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Contact: Register at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or in person at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile. To learn more about Jacob Nothstine's photography, visit www.jfnphotography.com

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Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

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Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Erin Jackson with Steve Bills and Amit Jain, through Aug. 13; Andy Woodhull with Jeff Dwoskin and Justin Sullivan, Aug. 17-20; Dave Landau with Cory

Latarski, Aug. 24-27

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

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Time/Date: KT Tatara, Aug. 11-13; Geoff Tate, Aug. 18-20; Nathan Macintosh, Aug. 25-27; Michael Kosta, Sept. 8-10; James P. Connolly, Sept. 15-17

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

Concerts

Contact: (734) 455-1453

THE ARK

Time/Date: The RFD Boys, Aug. 12; Cris Williamson, Aug. 14; John Lee Hooker, Jr., Aug. 15; Katie Geddes, Aug. 16; Open Stage, Aug. 17; Sumkali, Aug. 18; Todd Snider, Aug. 19; Bill Bynum & Co., Aug. 20; Simon & Garfunkel Retrospective by AJ Swearingen & Jonathan Beedle, Aug. 21; The Rosie Burgess Trio, Aug. 23; Goitse, Aug. 24; Great Lake Swimmers & The Pines, Aug. 25; Suzy Bogguss, Aug. 26; Finvarra's Wren, Aug. 27; Brother Sun featuring Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway & Pat Victor and Jen Cass, Aug. 28

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

HERITAGE PARK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11

Location: 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: Free summer concert series, Stars in the Park, features Steward Francke and band

Coming up: Arizona Son with Devin Scillian, Aug. 18; and Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 25

Contact: (248) 473-1848

KELLOGG PARK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 12

Location: Downtown Plymouth

Details: Michael King & Friends

Coming up: Mass Transit Band, Aug. 19; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2

Family series: Noon, Wednesday concert series features Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 10; Guy Louis, Aug. 17; and Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," Aug. 24

Contact: www.downtownplymouth.org for evening concerts; www.plymoutharts.com for noon concerts

TOWN SQUARE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday through August

Location: In the pavilion at Town Square in downtown Northville

Details: Free concert series includes The Crutches with top rock and dance hits, Aug. 12; Gia Warner with rock classics, Aug. 19; and Justine Blazer, rock/country, Aug. 26

Tunes on Tuesday: The family series of free concerts runs 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday and features Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 9; Zippity 2Dads, Aug. 16; Imagination Theater, Aug. 23.

Contact: (248) 349-0203

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Chrome Folk Bar-B-Q, Aug. 6; Jennie DeVoe, Aug. 12; Matt the Electrician, Aug. 18; Ana Egge with Jason Myles Goss, Sept. 9

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

Dance

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

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Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livornois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

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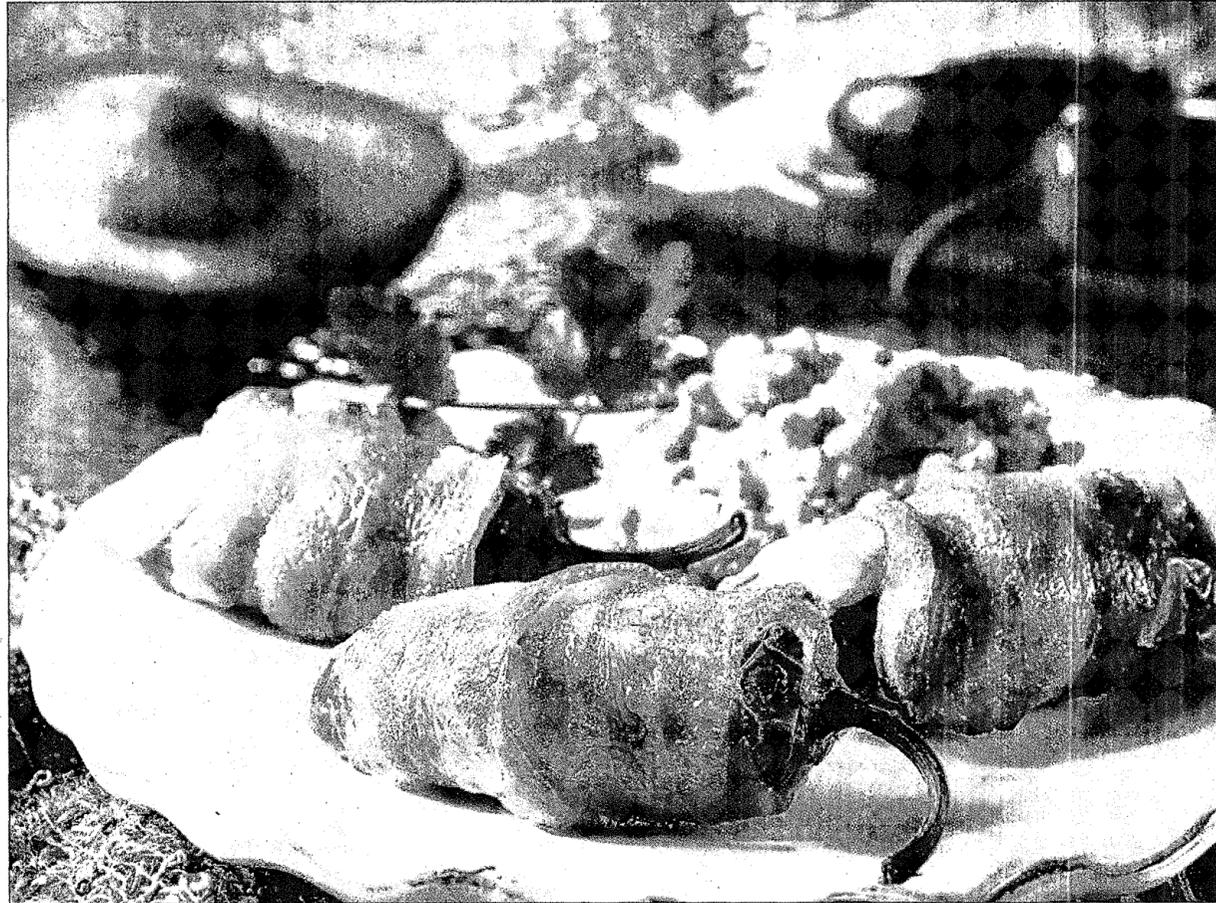
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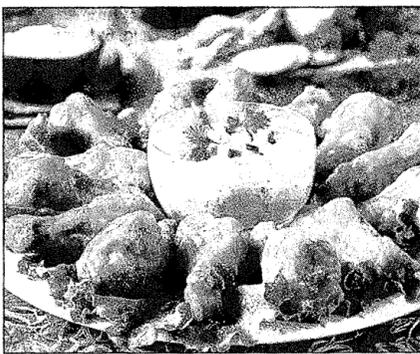
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Easy Jalapeño Poppers



Creamy Green Onion Mini Meatballs



Hot Chicken Wings with Cucumber Ranch Dip



King Ranch Chicken

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Makes 6 to 8 servings

1 packet of Lay's Dip Creations Country Ranch seasoning mix
1 green bell pepper, chopped
1/2 medium white onion, chopped
2 teaspoons canola or vegetable oil
18 6-inch yellow corn tortillas
1 1/2 cups chicken stock
2 cups sour cream
1 pound Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

1 10-ounce can diced tomatoes with green chilies, such as Rotel; drained

1 4-ounce can green chilies, drained
1/2 pound chicken, cooked and cubed
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Put the drained tomatoes and drained chilies in a medium bowl. Sauté the onions and bell peppers in the 2 teaspoons of oil until the onions turn translucent and the peppers are tender (2-3 minutes). Add to the bowl of tomatoes and chilies and mix to combine.

Blend chicken stock, sour cream, dip mix, salt and black pepper until smooth.

Spray the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray and cover the bottom of the pan with 6 yellow corn tortillas. Sprinkle 1/2 of the chicken and 1/2 of the vegetable mixture on the layer of tortillas. Pour 1/2 of the sour cream mixture over the vegetables and top with 1/2 of the shredded cheese. Repeat twice, beginning with tortillas and ending with a layer of cheese.

Cover with foil and bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until hot in the center and cheese is melted.

Easy Jalapeño Poppers

Makes 8 poppers

8 medium sized jalapeños
4 ounces (1/4 pound) Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
8 slices of bacon
8 short wooden skewers or wooden toothpicks
1 packet Tostitos Dip Creations Freshly Made Guacamole prepared according to instructions
3 avocados

Create a slit in one side of the jalapeños using a small sharp knife. Do not cut all the way through the ends. Remove the seeds and membrane for a milder popper.

Stuff a pepper with 1/2 of the cheese. Wrap with a slice of bacon and secure the bacon with a skewer. Repeat with the 7 other peppers.

Preheat oven to 425°F. Sear poppers on all sides over high heat in a nonstick pan until bacon is golden brown. Transfer to a baking sheet and bake for 8 minutes.

Serve hot with the guacamole on the side.

Hot Chicken Wings with Cucumber Ranch Dip

Makes 4 servings

Wing Sauce
1/2 cup hot sauce
1 tablespoon butter
Cucumber Ranch Dip
3 tablespoons Lay's Dip Creations Country Ranch seasoning mix

1 cup sour cream

1/2 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced

1/2 cup buttermilk (optional)

2 tablespoons lime juice

2 tablespoons cilantro

Pinch pepper

Wings

16 chicken wings

3 tablespoons canola oil

Preheat oven to 425°F.

To make sauce: Add hot sauce to a pot and bring up to medium heat.

Add butter and whisk until melted. Set aside.

To make dip: Add ingredients to a bowl and mix thoroughly using a rubber spatula. Set aside.

To make wings: Add wings to a sheet tray and toss with oil. Bake for 20 minutes.

Once the wings are done in the oven, remove them from the sheet tray and dump them into a bowl.

Add the hot sauce and toss until wings are evenly coated.

Serve the chicken wings along with cucumber ranch dip for dipping.

Creamy Green Onion Mini Meatballs

Makes 4 to 6 servings

Sauce for Meatballs

1/2 cup heavy cream

1/2 cup Daisy brand sour cream

4 ounces cream cheese

1 packet Lay's Dip Creations Garden Onion seasoning mix

Mini Meatballs

2 tablespoons Lay's Dip Creations Garden Onion seasoning mix

1 pound ground beef (preferably 80:20 ground chuck)

3 tablespoons Italian bread crumbs

1 tablespoon green onion, sliced

1 tablespoon garlic, minced

1 egg

Pinch salt and pepper

2 tablespoons green onions, chopped — optional garnish

Preheat oven to 425°F.

To make the sauce: Add heavy cream, sour cream and cream cheese to a sauce pot on medium heat. Whisk until ingredients are melted. Then add one packet of dip mix and whisk until smooth. Hold over low heat.

To make meatballs: In a mixing bowl, add all ingredients and mix thoroughly. Roll the meat mixture into golf ball size meatballs. Place the meatballs on a sheet tray lined with parchment paper and bake for 15 minutes.

Once baked, add the meatballs to meatball sauce and toss to coat. Serve hot. Garnish with chopped green onions if desired.

SIMPLE PARTY TIPS

- For simple starters, set out bowls of spiced nuts and marinated olives, or a fruit and cheese platter. Mix up a batch of your favorite dip and serve with pre-cut veggie sticks or your favorite chips. Pre-packaged dip seasoning mixes are a quick way to deliver fresh taste with less fuss.
- Take advantage of store-bought items. A crusty loaf of bread from a local bakery or a fresh fruit tart from the grocery store will add a lot of flavor and style without adding extra work for you.
- Be resourceful. If you want a nice centerpiece for the table, use what you already have. A pretty bowl filled with bright lemons or oranges brings color and fresh fragrance to the table in no time.

MSU student builds career success through internship

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Stephen J. Short II, 21, of Troy is getting some great on-the-job training this summer through an internship.

Short, a 2008 Troy High School graduate, will be a senior this fall at Michigan State University in construction management.

At the spring 2011 meeting of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Charitable & Educational Foundation Board, Richard Komer of Wineman & Komer Building Co. suggested that the foundation sponsor a summer intern from Michigan State University's Construction Management program to work with a BIA member company.

"I'm learning in this internship," Short said. "I do think it could benefit me in school also." He's getting paid, which helps with tuition, books and other college expenses.

BIA leaders are glad to offer the internship.

"This will serve the dual purpose of offering the intern hands-on experience in our industry, and giving our members and our foundation the opportunity to help shape the future of home building in our area," said Komer in a statement.

BIA's CEO, Michael Stoskopf, contacted the MSU Construction Management Program and obtained resumes. He also located a builder who was interested in participating in the program: BIA's 2010 Builder of the Year, Pinnacle Homes.

Short was tapped to fill the position that is funded half by BIA's Foundation and half by Pinnacle Homes. Short became interested in construction while working for his father's plumbing business.

He praises his superintendent, Ben Reyff, as good to work with. "Ben has told me that residential is a whole different animal as compared to commercial," said Short, the son of Maria and Stephen.

Short is working at Pinnacle's Country Club Village Community in Rochester Hills. His responsibilities include checking on the daily progress of home construction. "He is doing a great job," said Reyff. "He is taking a lot of initia-



Stephen J. Short II (left), intern, John DePorre, Pinnacle Homes, Richard Komer, Wineman & Komer Building, and Michael Stoskopf, BIA's CEO.

tive and helps us to keep track of jobs to be done. This is an opportunity for him to see the whole process of home building."

Short's dad is a plumbing contractor and the younger Short began working summers with him around eighth grade. "More of the management part, the management and scheduling of the project" is what he's getting this summer at the internship, running through around Aug. 19.

"So far, it has been a good experience," Short said of the internship. Much of it is similar to his MSU coursework.

"I can actually say that it's very similar." At MSU, students trained in a computer scheduling program not totally used at his summer internship.

"All the other courses I've taken definitely went right along with what I'm learning in this internship," Short said.

John DePorre, president of Pinnacle Homes, said in a statement, "Our involvement in the internship program through BIA has been a terrific experience. This program has allowed Pinnacle Homes a cost-effective way to recruit a highly qualified and motivat-

ed student to assist our field managers with their day-to-day tasks, thus allowing our field managers to pursue other projects. It's also nice to fulfill a professional responsibility by providing Stephen with real work experience, and in return be on the receiving end of some fresh, new ideas Steven has brought to Pinnacle Homes."

Short said, "I'm actually not completely sure of what I'm going to do yet" after college graduation. He may work with his dad or in another professional capacity.

BIA's Charitable & Educational Foundation was established in 1991 to promote and improve the availability of affordable housing opportunities for low-income families throughout Southeastern Michigan and to create a viable opportunity for BIA members to give back to their communities by volunteering their professional talents and skills, and making cash and in-kind contributions to help meet the needs of those less fortunate.

The foundation's mission is to engage in activities that promote and improve housing opportunities, combat commu-

nity deterioration, and inform and educate the general public and members of the construction and property management industries on issues relating to affordable housing. Since its inception, the foundation has raised and distributed nearly \$1.6 million to housing-related nonprofits including Lighthouse of Oakland County, Southwest Solutions, Jewish Family Service, Michigan Colleges Foundation and others.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing nearly 600 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 175,000 individuals and companies.

The BIA contributed to this report.

Chinese project massive effort

Q: I understand that there is a great deal of redevelopment in China as well as the building of the "Three Gorges Reservoir." What have they done with the people that lived there?

A: Since the state still runs the show in China, notwithstanding its capitalistic economy,

they have literally displaced the people that lived in the city where the dam was built. In a recent article in the Beijing



Robert Meisner

English newspaper, the government indicated that improving the living standards of people displaced by the construction of the Three Gorges Reservoir, "while increasing economic and social prosperity will be a top priority for the government." According to the government, it will increase industrial restructuring, boost employment incentives, and improve the social security aid being offered to the residents. The government also claims to vow to protect the environment, take steps to prevent geological disasters over the long term and better manage the effects of the project on the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River. The main body of the Three Gorges Dam is located in the town of Sandouping, in central Hubei province. Apparently, since 1993, when the project was started, 1.35 million people have been moved to make way for the construction of the largest hydroelectric dam in the world.

Q: I have heard about a recent case in the Supreme Court regarding people who are front lot owners who property abuts a public road running parallel to the lakeshore. Do they or do they not have riparian rights?

A: In the 2000 Baum Family Trust vs. Babel case decided by the Supreme Court of Michigan in 2010, the court indicated that the front lot owners whose property abuts a public road running parallel to a lakeshore have riparian rights in the lake, as similarly situated persons have always had in Michigan. The Court also indicated that when the public road is dedicated to the county, it does not receive title in the nature of private ownership but takes a "base fee" or "nominal title" only, therefore, it does not obtain beneficial ownership of the land or the usual rights of the proprietor, therefore, the county could not exercise rights to the road because such uses would be incompatible with the underlying dedication. In that case, it was the Charlotte County Road Commission.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 25-29, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Bloomfield Hills	1362 Bramblebush Run # V-81	\$180,000
	1900 Tiverton Rd	\$1,060,000
	801 W Long Lake Rd # D1	\$33,000
	739 Windemere Ct	\$448,000
Bloomfield Township	7341 Chula Vista Ln	\$325,000
	1180 E Square Lake Rd	\$242,000
	1719 Hickory Bark Ln	\$270,000
	211 N Glenhurst Dr	\$509,000
	4396 Pine Tree Trl	\$445,000
	4896 School Bell Ln	\$200,000
	3500 Sunnydale Rd	\$315,000
	3591 Wabeek Rd	\$259,000
Commerce Township	8400 Cascade St	\$84,000
Beverly Hills	16249 Birwood Ave	\$124,000
Birmingham	908 Bennaville Ave	\$115,000
	2286 Dunstable Rd	\$220,000
	435 Lewis Ct	\$193,000
	612 Park St	\$430,000
	1010 Smith Ave	\$410,000
	736 Southfield Rd	\$1,031,000

710 Grand Traverse St	\$22,000
8643 War Bonnet Dr	\$122,000
Farmington Hills	
21262 Cass St	\$19,000
21304 Colwell St	\$74,000
35100 Hillside Dr	\$112,000
29644 Middlebelt Rd Unit 250	\$52,000
34601 Thornbrook Dr	\$192,000
32274 W 12 Mile Rd	\$51,000
21227 Waldron St	\$54,000
30934 Westwood Ct	\$170,000
Franklin	
25 Riverbank Dr	\$425,000
Milford	
3860 Dabate Ct	\$160,000
450 W Maple Rd	\$397,000

51236 Luke Ln	\$234,000
24009 Ripple Crk	\$125,000
23515 Stonehenge Blvd	\$53,000
27087 Victoria Rd	\$259,000
23115 W Le Best	\$147,000
South Lyon	
26521 Mallard Ct	\$60,000
Southfield	
26262 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$41,000
21978 Frazer Ave	\$35,000
17021 Maryland St	\$86,000
White Lake	
956 Hidden Cove Dr	\$163,000
1395 Waverly Dr	\$73,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 2-6, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	2467 Amber Dr	\$163,000
	43121 Barchester Rd	\$145,000
	7637 Embassy Dr	\$233,000
	44555 Fair Oaks Dr	\$156,000
	45623 Hanford Rd	\$200,000
	49956 Jackson Ln	\$285,000
	185 Morgan Dr	\$103,000
	2134 Preserve Cir W	\$133,000
	3914 Ravensfield Dr	\$90,000
	3271 Riverside Ct	\$135,000
	42940 Saxony Rd	\$95,000
	43538 W Arbor Way Dr	\$45,000

7059 Weatherfield Way	\$212,000
7551 Wheaton Dr	\$160,000
Garden City	
32415 John Hawk St	\$37,000
Livonia	
29452 Bobrich St	\$45,000
14826 Country Club Dr	\$138,000
11355 Denne St	\$65,000
38111 Elsie St	\$104,000
34444 Fargo St	\$299,000
14834 Ingram St	\$78,000
27670 Oakley St	\$244,000
16658 Penn Dr	\$170,000
16830 Pollyanna St	\$153,000
14405 Riversside St	\$144,000
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Northville	
44725 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$275,000
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44615 Broadmoor Cir N	\$350,000
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16049 Johnson Creek Dr	\$135,000
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40778 Rayburn Dr	\$262,000
326 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$205,000
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777 Thayer Blvd	\$410,000
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46070 Forestwood Dr	\$285,000
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42024 Micol Dr	\$85,000
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11316 Crosley	\$30,000
10045 Grayfield	\$34,000
9111 Kinloch	\$55,000
8883 Riverview	\$38,000
15170 Salem Ct	\$62,000
13988 San Jose	\$55,000
14234 San Jose	\$8,000
25994 Southwestern Hwy	\$15,000
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11367 Wormer	\$45,000
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33027 Chapman Cir	\$109,000
7547 Manor Cir	\$15,000
33433 Melton St	\$88,000
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33083 Sandra Ln	\$40,000

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Foreclosures

A program on "Buying Foreclosures" will be presented by Linda Orleans, sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Aug. 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

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 - Felt sorry about
 - Easily irked
 - Mine passages
 - Mr. Hurok
 - Peach centers
 - Cuts timber (2 wds.)
 - Luau strummer
 - River horse
 - Geese formation
 - Comebacks to accusations
 - Crawl with
 - Country addr.
- DOWN**
- Meager
 - Hindu mystics
 - Pantry contents
 - Nights, in classifieds
 - Garden annual
 - Prong
 - Cone producer
 - Elec. unit
 - Caesar's worst day
 - Earl — Biggers
 - Flee hastily
 - Wise to
 - Back when
 - Where the lion roars
 - Glazed goody
 - Grabs a cab
 - Pre-owned
 - Sea, to Cousteau
 - Cat burglar's quest
 - Fiesta shouts
 - Become limp

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	A	G	S	M	C	C	I	H	E	M
O	R	A	L	E	L	A	N	A	T	E
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			2			9		5		
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7	1	4	8	2	9	5	6	3
3	9	6	4	1	8	2	7	5
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9	7	1	4	6	8	3	9	2
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

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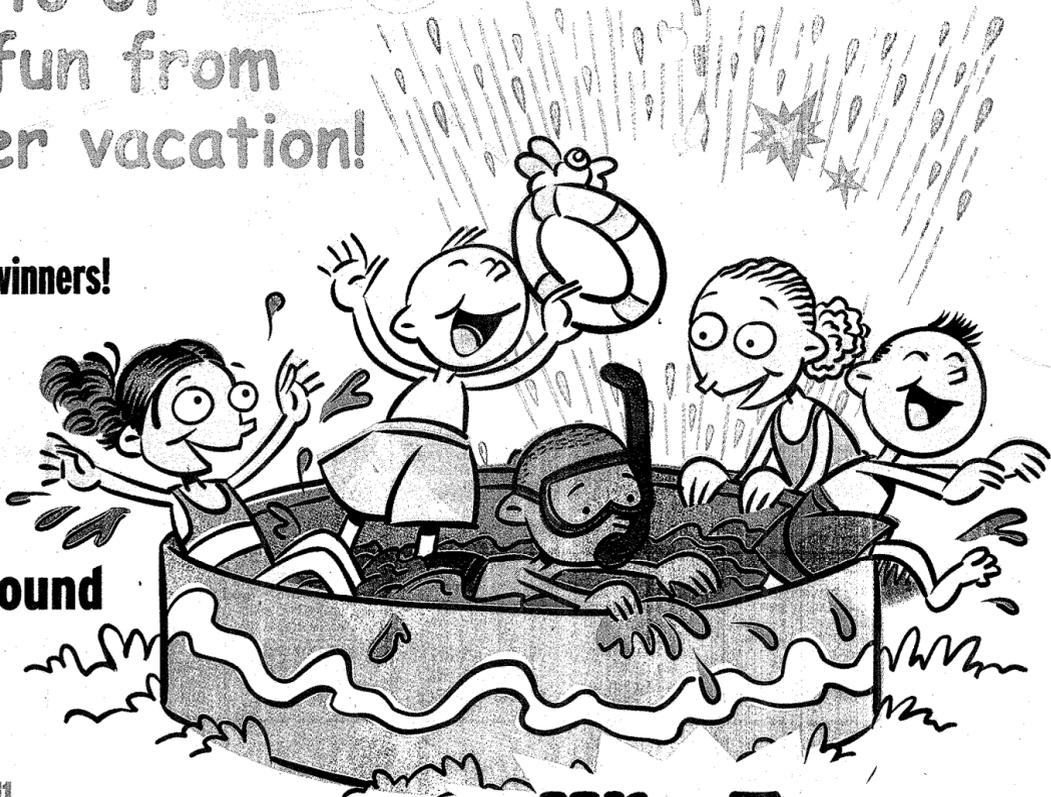
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