



Book Swap

The City of Westland will host an end of the school year Spectacular Summer Book Swap at 6 p.m. this evening (June 14) at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 For, west of Wayne Road.

Children, families, community groups and social groups are invited to come and select free books for their summer reading. In addition, families can bring gently used books to contribute or swap.

The sponsors include Nick Rokicki and Joe Kelley, authors of the children's book *Pete the Popcorn*. They will be at the book swap to talk about their new book.

The book swap includes complimentary hot dogs and other refreshments as a way to celebrate the end of the school year.

Policy change

Survivors of military veterans who die in the City of Westland will now be able to obtain copies of their death certificates from the city clerk at no charge.

The Westland City Council recently approved the change, recommended by City Clerk Eileen DeHart-Schoof.

"Eliminating the cost of death certificates for any veteran who dies in the City of Westland is a small token to the families of those who have given so much for our freedom and liberty," said DeHart-Schoof. "I believe it is the very least and the last thing we can do to thank them for all they have sacrificed."

"I want to thank Mayor (William) Wild for his assistance in allowing this to happen and the city council for approving it," she added.

For more information, call DeHart-Schoof at (734) 467-3184.

Cherished memories

Hundreds of students recently graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and our photographer was there to capture all the big moments. Graduation photos are appearing in today's *Westland Observer* and online at hometownlife.com.

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Working on plans to keep Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church open are the Rev. Gerry Bechard and Kathy Hanson.

'Hopeful': Church works on debt plan to stay open

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

As area Catholic churches close and merge as part of the Archdiocese of Detroit "Together in Faith" program, the fate of Westland's Ss. Simon and Jude Church still isn't certain.

The 600-family parish has to develop an acceptable plan for paying off \$2.3 million owed to the AOD from the 1999 construction of the church on Palmer, if it is to remain open. The parish just got a requested extension for filing the plan, which originally was due this month.

"We are hopeful. If you're not hopeful, you can't put one foot in front of the other," said the Rev. Gerry Bechard. "The whole issue is one of community. We are a community."

The parish has remained steady at 600 families for some years. Financially, the parish is just making its bills each month, said Kathy Hanson, who chairs the parish council.

"There is a little bit extra. We owed \$1.5 million from the construction but the interest keeps increasing. We are paying 5.5 percent to the AOD for the loan," she

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W-W to maintain programs in 2012-13

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Barring a sudden windfall of revenue, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will use up a substantial portion of its fund equity to maintain programs for the 2012-13 school year.

Jim Larson-Shidler, the deputy superintendent of administrative and business services, told the school board Monday evening that the district will pare down the district's fund equity, its savings account, by \$8.4 million to balance the 2012-13 budget, leaving \$1.8 million in the bank.

"We will maintain the full program of choices available to students in 2011-12," said Larson-Shidler. "We are projecting \$99.8 million in revenue and \$108.2 million

expenditures, leaving us with a fund balance of about \$2 million. On the expenditure side, we are looking at ways to be more efficient."

According to Larson-Shidler, the district will start the new budget year on July 1 with \$10.2 million in fund equity, but a cut in per pupil state school aid due to the loss of \$3 million the district received to replace some of the millage disallowed with the start of Proposal A and a \$1.4 million loss due to a 203-student drop in enrollment, the \$8.4 million will be needed to balance the budget.

That puts the fund balance below the minimum of 5 percent fund balance established by school board policy. Larson-Shidler expects a

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Veterans group displays garden's granite benches

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The new Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland isn't set to open until Veterans Day but visitors to the William P. Faust Public Library can see some of the elements in advance.

Recently added to the memorial garden display at the library is a granite bench — one of 20 planned for the memorial which will be in Central City Park. The \$1,250 bench was purchased by Uht Funeral Home with the name of the firm carved into the stone.

"I think it looks very nice, the whole concept is very nice. It's quite an honor for the veterans," said Uht Funeral Home owner Harold Rediske Jr. "I think it will be a very nice addition to the park

behind city hall."

The memorial garden will feature sections honoring each American war with information about the individual war carved into stone panels.

Sponsorships for about half the planned 20 benches have been made, said Westland Veterans Association President Ken Mehl. "They will have engravings of families or businesses," he said.

An additional seven block-style granite benches, which cost \$2,700 each, are planned for the entry into the memorial garden.

The benches and other granite work are being done by Downriver Stone Design of Wyandotte. Fourth-generation stone carver Tom Woodruff

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Westland man charged in Chase Bank holdup

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A Westland man has been charged with robbing a Westland Chase Bank branch June 7 although a woman waiting a running car parked nearby isn't facing charges.

Robert Michael Johnson, 48, has been arraigned in 18th District Court on one charge of bank robbery and being a fourth-



Johnson examination on June 21 before Judge Mark McConnell.

Bank customers began to flee and call police after a man, wearing gloves and a mask covering his face,

entered the bank at 7750 N. Wayne Road near Cowan about 1 p.m.

The man leaped over the counter, police said, taking his time to collect money from multiple drawers. The robber didn't show or imply that he was armed.

As he fled on foot, the robber was slowed, police said, when the cash, which had been stuffed into his clothing, began falling out.

An Westland police officer happened to be nearby when the robbery call was dispatched and spotted the suspect running, still wearing a mask and dropping cash.

A Detroit woman, 28, believed to be Johnson's girlfriend, was arrested after the officer noticed her in a car, stopped with the engine running, on Wildwood north of Cowan. She was released without being charged.

Johnson was on parole for on prior armed robberies. He had been sentenced to concurrent terms of six-30 years and 15-30 years in prison in 1995, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Released from prison in June 2011, Johnson's parole was to continue until June 2013.

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review of the current budget could increase it to \$4 million and pending retirement legislation could add another \$2 million, putting the balance within the 5-10 percent requirement.

"Wayne-Westland was one of a few districts in the State of Michigan whose funding was reduced," he said. "Final legislative action reducing our funding by \$3 million was decided within the past week, leaving no time to plan for 2012-13."

Larson-Shidler added that the revenue and expenditures are "dependent on many variables" like the student count and the pending retirement legislation and are "subject to change as more information becomes available." The federal and state budgets have had to deal with extraordinary economic challenges in recent years and that volatility is expected to continue through fiscal 2012-13, he said.

In response to a question from Trustee Frederick Weaver if there are districts with a similar number of students and buildings that receive the \$7,012 per pupil payment, Larson-Shidler said he knew of "some at that base that are our size."

"There's 448 districts at the base and all got an equity increase of \$128 per student," he said.

Going forward, the district will incur the cost of step increases, about \$1.1 million, at midyear and is planning on a 27.37 percent retirement contribution although that figure is expected to be reduced

with the proposed legislation.

With the new budget, the district will establish a fund for the at-risk money it receives, transferring \$4 million in revenue and a related \$4 million in expenditures out of the general fund.

Wayne-Westland will continue to levy 18 mills on non-homestead property — basically businesses and residential rental units — .9922 mill for its sinking fund and between 4.28 and 4.86 mills in debt millage, generating an estimated \$19.3 million in revenue locally.

School Superintendent Greg Baracy stressed that the administration is doing a number of things to help the district's bottom line, including expanding its shared time services, bring in more students into the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and "aggressively" seeking schools of choice students.

"It's been extremely difficult to generate revenue," he said. "The state has been cutting from us for eight years and with unfunded mandates like the retirement costs, we have paid a dear price."

Trustee Andrea Clawson told the administration she doesn't agree with the ending balance, but voted for it because there is the ability to change the budget and improve the bottom line.

"I see some line items in the budget that could be looked at," she said.

"If there are areas we haven't thought of, please give us that information to us so we can squeeze some more out," said Baracy. "We're working hard to do that."

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Jr., whose father owns the business, brought the granite bench to the library recently.

"The whole layout (for the memorial garden) will be one of a kind," said Woodruff, whose father is a Vietnam veteran and working personally on the stone for that section of the memorial garden.

What had earlier been planned as concrete pavers will now be granite.

"We gave a better price than they got for concrete, granite lasts forever," said Woodruff, adding 180,000 pounds of stone will be used in the memorial garden. "I've already started ordering stuff. It takes a year to a year and a half from design through the final work."

The first phase of the memorial garden will cost \$150,000 which Mehl said is just



Stone carver Tom Woodruff Jr. (from left) of Downriver Stone Design, Uht Funeral Home owner Harold Rediske Jr. and Ken Mehl of the Westland Veterans Association show off the granite bench purchased for the Veterans Memorial Garden by Rediske.

about covered through a variety of fund-raising efforts, donations and sponsorships. That includes carved paving stones that will be installed at the memorial garden.

Along with the bench, the library display also features the MIA/POW memorial, a drawing of the memorial garden and forms for ordering engraved paving stones.

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CHURCH

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said. "We're looking at a variety of different evangelical approaches to increase the parish. We're planning a fair in fall when people are back from vacation."

The AOD is asking for a plan to pay off the debt but as Bechard notes, "in this economy, that's near impossible."

The church was founded in 1959. In July, Bechard will have served as pastor for 23 years. While the parish seems to be getting a good number of young families, Bechard said the impact of the church is felt in the broader community, including Norwayne.

For instance, parishioners have been very sup-

portive of the Red Wagon Literacy Program which provides summer books and other items to those living in Norwayne. Last year, the parish teams gave books to more than 1,300 children and adults. The teams also passed out bottled water, flavoring for the water, toothbrushes, toothpaste, coloring books and crayons, bubbles and bookmarks.

"We're starting to wind down for summer but even the bishop couldn't believe the level of activity in the parish. There is no staff, it's volunteers. People see the need," said Bechard.

At Christmas, the parish provided food, toys and clothing for 82 needy families.

"We hope to assist 100 families this year. It totally makes their Christmas," said Bechard. "It's

a huge celebration for them (the families). It does as much for us as it does for them. We have 30 groups in the parish and a lot of that is outreach."

Parishioners get involved in activities ranging from working in the Norwayne Community Garden to baby showers for unwed mothers at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. The parish has also hosted the World AIDS Day commemoration, including a display of memorial quilts.

"Right now, we're the anchor for Norwayne. There is immediate impact. We get calls for help all the time," said Bechard. "In addition, if this parish is going, there would be no church in Westland until you get to St. Damian (on Joy in the northern part of the city)

or St. Mary in Wayne."

There is a third Westland parish, St. Richard's on Cherry Hill west of Wayne Road which will merge with St. Mary of Wayne when its pastor retires.

Having to attend church so far away can be too much for some people, in particular senior citizens, said Bechard.

"We're facing change that is symptomatic of bigger issues. Mass starts and ends in the parking lot," said Bechard. "Talking to about how is your mom or did your husband get that job. It's ministering to one another. It's one-on-one feet on the ground. It's powerful stuff. When a church closes, a community shatters."

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ROCKET CAMP
The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its annual Rocket Camp 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27 in the Wrestling Room of John Glenn High School, on Mar-

AROUND WESTLAND
There will also be a Youth Camp 4:30-6 p.m. July 25-27 for kindergarten through eighth-grade students in the Wrestling Room. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is at 4 p.m. Monday, July 25. Registration forms are available at glennwrestling.com. For more information, contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

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Residents: Join our election reader panel

In August, Westland and Garden City voters will nominate candidates for each party for U.S. Congress, state House and Wayne County Commission, plus consider several millage requests.

As part of our mission to inform the community about candidates and ballot proposals, the *Observer* will conduct interviews, and attend public meetings and forums. Based on our coverage, interviews and knowledge of each race, we will offer our opinion in the form of a recommenda-

tion to readers.

This election, we will continue that practice, but we also want readers to join in the experience.

The *Observer* is seeking a reader panel for the Democratic election in the 13th Congressional District. Five candidates are seeking the nod in the Aug. 7 primary to represent the Democrats in the November general election.

The U.S. Census-driven redistricting has created a district that stretches from the City of Detroit to Westland and includes

several communities Downriver. Incumbent U.S. Rep. John Conyers is being challenged by two state representatives, Bert Johnson and Shanelle Jackson, both of Detroit, a state senator, Glenn Anderson of Westland and a Wayne-Westland school board trustee, John Goci of Westland.

We are looking for readers who want to find out more about the candidates — not residents who have an ax to grind or those who have already made up their

minds. We want readers who have the interest and the community concern about election issues.

We are looking for voters who represent a wide range of ages and experiences in the community, but are not serving in an elected or appointed position or committed to a specific candidate.

Are you a first-time voter or a local college student? If so, we invite you to apply. Are you married with children, a single mom or dad, a senior citizen, a new resident? We are looking for

you, too.

Our reader panel will research the candidates and make its endorsement prior to the Aug. 7 election. We will publish our reader panel recommendation alongside our recommendation.

If you are interested in receiving a short application, e-mail your name, address and a daytime phone number to Editor Sue Mason at smason@hometownlife.com by Monday, June 25.

To be eligible for the panel, you must be registered to vote, available

to attend one group orientation meeting and be available to meet with other reader panel members in July to conduct interviews and research the candidates.

Reader panel members will be photographed and profiled in the *Observer* and receive a \$25 gift card to Speedway, Meijer, Kohl's or Target.

The Aug. 7 election decisions will directly impact each resident. If you are interested in making a difference, apply for the *Observer* reader panel.

Rotary provides scholarships for grads, campers, mission trips

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Local students are getting help with their education and youngsters will be attending summer camp, thanks to the Westland Rotary.

The scholarships were presented by Rotarian and 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell during a recent club meeting.

"This is a long-standing tradition with our club, and we are glad that due to the generous donations of our members, as well as the community at large, that we are able to continue it this year," said McConnell.

Receiving \$2,000 scholarships from Rotary were:

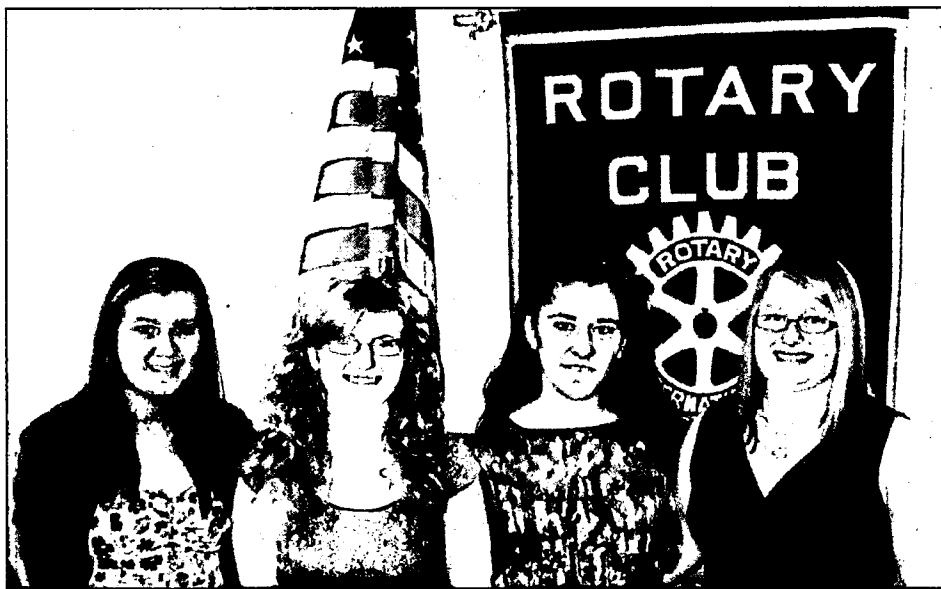
- Westland John Glenn High School graduating senior Ejona Korcari, who plans to attend the University of Michigan. She wants to be a neurosurgeon. Korcari has a 4.05 grade point average and scored 23 on the ACT. She moved to the United States from Albania when she was in 10th grade.



Capt. Derek Rose of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps accepts an oversized check for \$8,100 donated by the Westland Rotary Club. The donation provides \$7,500 for summer camp and \$600 towards Summer Missions.

- Ashley Christensen attends the William Ford Career Technical Center. She plans to attend Wayne County Community College to study early childhood education.

- Wayne Memorial High School graduating senior Kelsey Nimsgern will be attending Wayne



Recipients of Westland Rotary Club 2012 scholarships are Kelsey Nimsgern (left), Ashley Christensen, Ejona Korcari and Rebecca Bizek.

State University where she hopes to get a degree allowing her to work with children in a medical field. She had a 3.86 GPA and a 29 ACT score.

- Also graduating from Glenn, Rebecca Bizek received a \$2,000 scholarship donated by Rotarian Don Douglass in memo-

ry of his late wife Arlene, who taught at Schweitzer Elementary School. Bizek, who has a 3.6 GPA and 21 ACT score, plans to study elementary education at Central Michigan University.

Additionally, Rotary provided \$7,500 to the Wayne-Westland Salva-

tion Army Corps to help fund their youth summer day camp and \$600 to assist three local people on missions to South America.

"The Salvation Army does so much for the community, we can't do enough for you," said Rotary president Mary

Vellardita, presenting a check to Capt. Derek Rose, who heads the local corps.

The annual summer camp begins June 17 and is open to youngsters 6-12 years old.

"There are a lot of physical activities and spiritual enrichment, it's a lot of fun," said Rose.

The \$600 donation will provide \$200 apiece to three local residents to help them reach their fundraising goal to underwrite their trips as part of Summer Missions Teams.

Joshua Hubbard, Brittany Nichols, and Alexis Benefield recently left for their missions. Hubbard will be in Ukraine. Nichols will be in Jamaica and Guyana, while Benefield is in Kenya.

"It's unheard of to have three residents from the same area going on the Summer Missions," said Rose. "You (Rotarians) do an awesome job."

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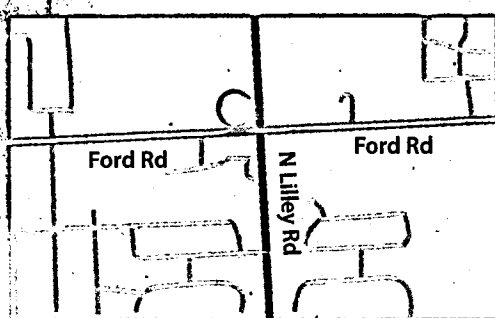
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Residents discover catalytic converters missing

Larceny from a vehicle

On June 9, a resident in the 8000 block of Bristol told police that when she started her 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier, the vehicle was really loud. Once the vehicle was inspected, she said it was found that the catalytic converter had been cut off and stolen.

• A resident of Scotsdale Apartments, 37595 Dale, told police June 11 that someone had stolen the catalytic converter from her 2005 Pontiac Sunfire.

Westland police report that 13 catalytic convert-

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ers have been reported stolen in the last three months.

Break-in

Assorted tools valued at \$7,185 were reported stolen from the garage at a home in the 35000 block of Florence June 11. The homeowner told police that he closed the unlocked garage door about 1:30 a.m. and went to bed. The following day, he said he noticed the drawer which contained the most expensive tools was open and empty.

Break-in

An employee of Trafalgar Square Apartments, 33210 Trafalgar Lane, told police June 9 that she had preparing the model unit for a furniture move. When she entered, she said the shower was running, a wet towel was on the floor and a used bar of soap was on the vanity.

The employee searched for an intruder but found no one. She did find a back pack in the bedroom closet which is on the outside wall. The heating/air conditioning unit had recently been removed and was only covered with a light

screen. The screen had been tampered with to allow entry into the unit.

Inside the back pack, a Michigan identification card for a 22-year-old Detroit man was found. Nothing was reported stolen.

Stolen vehicle

A 16-year-old Detroit resident was arrested June 9 for stealing a 2002 Dodge Stratus from outside Leo's Coney Island at Warren Road and Central City Parkway. The vehicle owner, an Ypsilanti man, told police that a co-worker alerted him after seeing someone walking away from the

unlocked vehicle.

The man checked his vehicle and found some cigarette lighters had been stolen but told police he didn't lock the car. The same co-worker told police she was sitting in her car about 25 minutes later when she noticed the same person now sitting in the driver's seat of car. The car soon started and drove away.

Police were provided with information on the vehicle and a description of the suspect. The car and the Detroit teen were located in the 6500 block of Yale in a parking lot for Hunters West Apart-

ments.

The vehicle was found to have a damaged ignition.

• An employee at a group home in the 36000 block of Glenwood told police June 9 that his 1994 Mercury Sable station wagon was stolen while he was working.

• On June 8, a Canton woman told police that a 2004 Chrysler Concorde was stolen while it was parked at Panera Bread, 35000 Warren Road. She said the vehicle, which had been left with the Club steering wheel locking device in place, was valued at \$3,500.

By LeAnne Rogers

Problem with cab fare ends in passenger's arrest

Suspended license

A 43-year-old Detroit man was arrested about 5:45 p.m. June 7 in the area of Greenwood and Kathryn in Garden City after a caller reported that he was following children.

The man said that all he was doing was asking questions of them to find out where a garage sale was located.

He said that he asked the same question of the female caller who reported him.

When the police arrived to investigate, they learned that the man had several suspended driver's license incidents reported in Detroit.

Disorderly conduct

Garden City police arrested a disorderly 36-year-old Garden City man about 3 a.m. June 9 after he refused to pay the cab driver from Lanease Cab Company the required fare at the end of the ride at Ford and Middlebelt.

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The man had taken the cab ride from downtown Detroit.

He owed \$44 but only had \$24.

The police officer who responded tried to negotiate a resolution by having the customer use his debit card. The customer agreed but wouldn't sign his name in the required space. The cab driver couldn't process the transaction without his signature.

The police officer finally arrested the man for being disorderly.

Breaking and entering

A resident in the 33000 block of Hennepin returned home at 6 p.m. after about three hours absence to find his garage door wide open.

He said that he typically leaves the entrance door to the garage unlocked.

When the resident entered

the breezeway from the attached garage, he noticed that his laptop computer was gone as well as a gold in silver watch which was in a little basket.

When the police arrived, they found no evidence of forced entry.

Stolen plate

A female resident in the 32000 block of Pierce noticed after she returned from work June 11 that her license plate was stolen from her vehicle.

She didn't notice the theft prior to this and said that neither her husband nor anybody else she knew removed the plate.

Stolen mail

A resident in the 29000 block of Marquette said June 6 that parts of his mail were stolen twice in the same week.

He returned home to find that a \$40 bottle of shampoo was removed from a box of bottles delivered June 8 was

gone. Someone slit the top of the box that they came in.

On June 7, he said that someone stole some papers contained within a 401(k) package.

He said that the sheets of paper removed from that package contained sensitive information including his Social Security number.

Stolen car

A resident in the 28000 block of Beechwood called the Garden City police at 5:30 a.m. June 5 to report that someone stole his 2006 Dodge Caravan.

The owner said that there was no sign of broken glass in the driveway where the vehicle was parked. He has all the keys. He last saw the vehicle the night before.

Theft

A 67-year-old Westland woman said that someone stole her paisley wallet about 8 p.m. June 8 after she left her car at 120 Log Cabin in

Garden City Park.

She discovered it after she returned from a 45-minute walk in the park located on Cherry Hill, east of Merri-

Suspended license

Garden City police arrested a Garden City man for driving with a suspended license about 9 a.m. June 6 at Middlebelt and Florence.

The officer had become suspicious when he saw a temporary license plate.

Property damage

A resident in the 33000 block of Rosslyn reported at noon June 5 that somebody shattered the driver's side window of his 1991 Ford that was parked in the street.

• A man who lives in the 31000 block of Barton reported that the driver's side window of his 2001 Lincoln was shattered about 1 a.m. June 5.

He did not see or hear anything.

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Emily McLain (foreground) and classmates Brittany Dean, Alex Gramlich (both kneeling), John Pitera, Sierra Burr, Brittany Keese, Peggie Baker, Ashley Cadotte, Dean Jensen, Jordan Czajka and Cody Blog all wear T-shirts that encourage people to stop using the "R" word.

Westland man attends state trooper training

A Westland man was among 92 prospective troopers who recently reported to the Michigan State Police (MSP) Training Academy in Lansing for the first day of the 123rd Trooper Recruit School.

For the next 19 weeks, between wake-up at 5 a.m. and lights-out at 10 p.m., Mark Bessner will receive training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, first aid, criminal law, crime scene processing and precision driving.

Current MSP members and academy staff, including a school commander, assistant commander and 16 troopers from across the state assigned to the MSP Training Academy on a temporary basis will provide the instruction. Because the school is a residential program, the recruits are only allowed to leave the MSP Training Academy from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Recruits who successfully complete the training will graduate on Oct. 19.

"Starting the first of two trooper recruit schools this year is good news," stated Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the MSP. "It is our hope these recruits will successfully meet and exceed

the challenges they will face during these next few months, after which time they will join the proud men and women of the Michigan State Police who serve in communities statewide with excellence, integrity and courtesy on a daily basis."

Funding made available as part of Gov. Rick Snyder's public safety plan allows the department to run two trooper recruit schools this calendar year in order to hire 180 new troopers.

A second recruit school is set to begin in October. Recruiting is currently underway; interested candidates should visit www.michigan.gov/mspjobs for more information.

The department solicited more than 3,000 potential candidates for the 123rd Trooper Recruit School. Special emphasis was given to recruiting military veterans and certified police officers without employment. In order to be selected to attend the academy, all applicants had to pass a stringent selection process that included a physical fitness test, background investigation and hiring interview.

This is the first class held since 35 members of the 122nd Trooper Recruit School graduated on May 13, 2011.

Students seek to stamp out 'R word'

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Brittany Keese, 15, a cognitively impaired student at Franklin High School in Livonia, has been called the R word many times by people in her neighborhood, and each time, it makes her sad.

"I feel like I am nothing," she says.

Brittany and the other 87 students in Franklin's Transition Program recently designed T-shirts in an effort to get the word "retarded" replaced with "respect."

The shirts have the letter R on the front crossed off and the message "Help stop the 'R' word" on the back.

The first 70 T-shirts sold so quickly, they plan to sell them again next fall.

"We had no idea it would be this huge," teacher Kristen Kandt said, adding that general education students were also buying them up. "It was something small and it became big."

The cognitively impaired students also made a video telling viewers how being called the "R" word makes them feel.

One student in the video uses sign language to show a broken heart, parapro Carolyn Sie-

wick said.

Another student said her mother kept her inside the house the entire summer after she was called the R word by some neighborhood kids. On May 30, they drew giant crossed-out Rs with sidewalk chalk outside with general education students joining in to help them.

Kandt got the idea for the project after seeing an entire issue of Time for Kids devoted to the topic, including a website where people can take a pledge to stop using the R word.

Changed meaning

According to the website, r-word.org, the terms "mental retardation" or "mentally retarded" were medical terms with specific clinical connotations when they were originally introduced. However, today the pejorative forms, "retard" and "retarded," are used widely in society to degrade and insult people with intellectual disabilities.

Kandt and co-teacher Melissa Shaw said the correct term today is "cognitively impaired."

Kandt said she and the other teachers in the program have taught their students that it's OK to have a disability — that

it doesn't make them bad or stupid.

The students typically don't hear the R word at school — Franklin has a community service class with 60 general education students overseen by teacher Julie Cosgrove who assist with students in the Transition program. The class is so popular, there's a waiting list.

Franklin students have forged such good friendships with Transition students they sometimes go to prom or Livonia Spree together.

"The amount of support and compassion from general education students (for Transition students) is phenomenal," Kandt said.

The problem is with kids in the students' neighborhoods, sometimes even family mem-

bers, she said.

Sometimes kids use it without knowing what it means or how offensive it can be.

Transition teacher Melissa Shaw said she's heard young elementary-age students call each other that at soccer tournaments.

The T-shirts improve the Transitions students' self-image and give them more confidence to stand up to people and tell them the R word is inappropriate, the teachers said.

Kandt said she was surprised at how popular the T-shirts were, even among the general education students. "To see how people came on board with it is amazing," she said.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Summer tutoring

Parents have until Friday, June 29, to sign up their children for a summer math and reading tutoring program being offered by the Garden City Public Schools.

The tutoring for kindergartners through eighth-graders will be done by certified teachers the weeks of July 8-11, 15-18, 22-25, July 29-Aug. 1, Aug. 5-8, 12-15 and 19-22. Instruction will be in small groups - two-three children in the same grade level - and available between 9 a.m. and noon and 1-4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. The cost is \$12 for each 45-minute session and a minimum of two days per week per subject is required.

Tutoring will occur at the Lathers Early Childhood Center, 28351 Marquette. For more information, call Suzanne March at (734) 762-8490.

Park and Read

Stop by the Garden City Library at the Maplewood Center for popular Park and Read program, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and the Library of Michigan.

The program, now in its fourth year, offers library card-holders the option of checking out a one-day pass that waives the Recreation Passport entry fee into any of Michigan's 101 state parks and recreation areas.

The one-day pass, a \$10 savings, also provides free, one-time access to any of the more than 500 events scheduled at state parks this summer. Passes are valid for seven days from checkout and are good for day-use only. Park & Read runs now through Oct. 1.

The Park & Read pass is also valid at any of the 11 museums or historic sites within the Michigan Historical Museum system.

Pet-a-Pet

Pet-A-Pet, Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month at the Garden City Hospital Rehab. Pets must be up to date with vaccinations, proof required. Visits are at 3:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

Call Mickie Hickey at (734) 522-0036 for more information or to sign up.

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Fox Run director writes book on leading boys into manhood

By Nathan Mueller
Novi News Staff Writer

Mike McCormick, executive director at Fox Run in Novi, understands the responsibilities that come with being a dad.

But as his first son, Xavier, entered his teenage years, McCormick was still searching for ways to teach him about being a man.

He saw the influences outside sources and culture were having on his son, and quickly made it a point to have a plan to guide him into manhood. That search led McCormick to write a book called *Man Quest: Leading Teenage Boys Into Manhood*.

"If we are not teaching them, they are finding out in other ways," McCormick said. "It's a call for fathers and mentors to step up and work with young men."

The book focuses on six guideposts that intend to help boys on their journey to becoming men. The guideposts are: accept responsibility, lead courageously, pretend about nothing, journey with God, protect your heart, and engage in deep and meaningful relationships.

McCormick took Xavier and 12 other father-son pairs on a "man quest"



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Mike McCormick, executive director at Novi's Fox Run, wrote this book titled "Man Quest: Leading Teenage Boys Into Manhood" after he saw the influences outside sources and culture were having on his own son as he began his teenage years.

journey prior to writing the book, and Xavier said the experience changed his relationship with his father.

"He has been a really big influence on me," said Xavier, 14. "I think it has definitely prepared me (for manhood) because he told me about the struggles he had, and I know what not to do and what kind of choices to not make."

McCormick said he never intended to write a book, but when he chose to put his thoughts to paper he wanted to do so in a way that other father-figures could follow along. The workbook-style publication gives hands-on help, teaching tips and complete agendas for celebration week-ends.

He said boys naturally crave knowing their dads, and being a good role model is essential.

"Our kids watch what we do, model what we do and listen to what we do," he said. "Having a male figure in the house is crucial."

He said he views the

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For information about Man Quest, visit www.manquestmovement.com. The book can be purchased online at Amazon.com or www.elklakepublishing.com.

journey into manhood with his sons as being a long-term thing, and that the "true impact won't be felt for another 10-15 years."

But starting that process early, before outside influences take hold, is important.

His 11-year-old son, Chase, is still a few years away from taking his Man Quest journey with dad, but that doesn't mean he isn't already being impacted.

"He has really inspired me to always do what is right and have a lot of fun with life but never do bad stuff," Chase said.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, June 25, 2012 at 6:54 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 6:54 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed 2012 Water/Sewer Rate Ordinance which is on file and can be viewed in the City Clerk's Office.

Ordinance #
WATER RATES

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 53.03 AND 53.04 OF CHAPTER 53 OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

- That Section 53.03 AND 53.04 OF Chapter 53 of Title V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

§ 53.03 WATER SUPPLY RATES.

- (A) Consumption charges.
Base rate \$34.77 \$33.39 per 1,000 cubic feet
- (B) Quarterly meter charges (in addition to those in division (A) above).

Meter Size	Quarterly Charge
½ - inch	\$4.50
¾ x ¾ - inch	\$4.05
¾ - inch	\$4.73
1 - inch	\$7.65
1 ½ - inch	\$13.49
2 - inch	\$20.11
3 - inch	\$27.00
4 - inch	\$32.91
6 - inch	\$38.01

Service outside city. Water Supply rates charged for water service to premises outside the city shall be 150% of the rates set forth in divisions (A) and (B), or as may hereafter be established for city water supply service by City Council resolution.

§ 53.04 SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATES.

- (A) Consumption charges.
Base rate, including excess sewage \$71.71
\$63.46 per 1,000 cubic feet
- (B) Sewage disposal rates. Charges for sewage disposal service to premises outside the city shall be 150% of the rates set forth in division (A), or as may hereafter be established for city sewage disposal service by City Council resolution.

Industrial waste control charge. All non-residential users shall pay an IWC charge based on meter size. This is a flat rate without regard to consumption. The following rates shall apply.

Meter Size	Monthly Charge	Quarterly Charge
½ - inch	\$ 8.46 7.85	\$25.38 23.55
¾ - inch	\$ 12.69 11.78	\$38.07 35.34
1 - inch	\$ 21.15 19.63	\$63.45 58.89
1 ½ - inch	\$ 46.53 43.18	\$139.59 129.54
2 - inch	\$ 67.68 62.80	\$203.04 188.40
3 - inch	\$122.67 113.83	\$368.01 341.49
4 - inch	\$169.20 157.00	\$507.60 471.00
6 - inch	\$253.80 235.50	\$761.40 706.50

Industrial waste surcharge. Commercial and industrial users who discharge wastes into the public wastewater system in excess of the strength of normal sewage shall be charged a surcharge which reflects their equitable share of the costs of wastewater treatment. The surcharge shall be determined as follows.

Purpose and objective. This section has as its purpose the protection of public health and safety, and because of the widely varying quality characteristics of the sewage discharged by different users of the public sewer and the

publicly-owned treatment works, it is the objective of this section to impose sewage charges which reflect the cost of treating sewage strength factors as well as sewage volume. These charges to commercial and industrial users will be in the form of a payment called a surcharge and will reflect industries equitable costs of wastewater treatment in excess of the strength of the domestic sewage. Sewage charge will be based on a volume rate and surcharged based on volume of discharge and the strength of BOD, suspended solid, phosphorous, fats, oil and grease or other pollutants present in the wastewater. In the event other pollutants are required to be surcharged under this subchapter, authorized variances, or by special arrangements with the owner of the publicly-owned treatment works, the rules and regulations adopted herein will apply, the rules and regulations being on file with the City Clerk.

Authority. This section is adopted pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of Federal Law Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1231 et seq. and applicable Federal Regulations, the requirements of the Settlement Agreement in U.S. v City of Detroit, et al, Civil Action #7-71111.

Industrial waste pollutant strength surcharges. It is ordained that the Schedule of Industrial Waste Pollutant Strength Surcharges is hereby adopted and made effective for users of the wastewater system of the city. The surcharges are to be computed as follows.

Computation of Industrial Waste Pollutant Strength Surcharge

The industrial waste pollutant strength surcharge shall be computed in accordance with the following formula.

SC = 0.0624 V a(BOD-275) + b(TSS-350)+c(P-12)+d(FOG-100)

In which the following apply.

SC = Pollutant strength surcharge fee in dollars for the billing period in Mcf (1000 cubic feet).

V = Volume of waste discharged in the billing period in Mcf (1000 cubic feet).

BOD = Five-day biochemical oxygen demand of the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

TSS = Total suspended solids in the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

P = Phosphorus in the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

FOG = Fats, oils, and grease expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

a, b, c, d = Surcharge rates, \$/pound for treating BOD, TSS, P, and FOG respectively.

0.0624 = Factor which converts Mcf to MM lbs.

a = \$.254.285 /pound.

b = \$.324.341 /pound.

c = \$.3.7293.862/pound.

d = \$.221/2.55pound.

Compliance required. In accordance with the basic service agreement between the city, the county, and the Wayne County Board of Public Works or other properly designated agent of the county named pursuant to M.C.L.A. §§ 46.171 through 46.185, and M.C.L.A. §§ 123.71 et seq., this section provides that any person, firm, or corporation discharging wastewater into the publicly-owned sewer system shall comply with the standards, rules and regulations controlling the quality or quantity of discharge or wastewater into the system. The standards, rules, and regulations shall be established from time to time by the county or its designated agent.

REPEALER.

That Section 53.03 AND 53.04 OF Chapter 53 of Title V of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Except as herein modified, the said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

SEVERABILITY.

The City of Garden City hereby declares that if any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Ordinance hereby adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is intent of the City of Garden City that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination here from such portion as may be declared invalid.

SAVINGS CLAUSE.

That nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any causes of action acquired or existing, under and act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

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Meals will be provided at the sites listed below:

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Lunch Service will start Mon., June 18 - Fri., Aug. 17, 2012* (no service week of July 2-6) at all sites.
Lunch service times will be 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.* Monday-Friday at all sites.
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FILE PHOTO
Mark and Carol Garofoli hold a portrait of their son Mark. They said their son's story could be any child's story.

INVOLUNTARY DRUG TREATMENT BILL

A petition for involuntary drug treatment may be filed by a spouse or guardian, any relative, a private practitioner, the director of a licensed service provider or the director's designee, or any three adults who have personal knowledge of the individual's substance abuse. The longest one can be held is 72 hours.

Criteria for involuntary admission:

- The individual has lost the power of self-control with respect to substance use
- and either of the following:
A. The individual has inflicted, or threatened or attempted to inflict, or unless admitted is likely to inflict, physical harm on himself or herself or another
B. The individual is in need of substance abuse services and, by reason of substance abuse impairment, his or her judgment has been so impaired that the person is incapable of appreciating his or her need for such services and of making a rational decision in regard thereto; however, mere refusal to receive such services does not constitute evidence of lack of judgment with respect to his or her need for such services.

for nearly a year on the legislation, consulting with probate court judges, family attorneys, the Michigan Department of Community Health and others. He said 38 states have some form of involuntary treatment law. Walsh patterned his bill after the Marchman Act in Florida.

Garofoli is trying to get the word out about the proposed law and drum up support for it. He has an online petition he is trying to get signed by as many Michigan residents as possible saying they support the measure (www.change.org/petitions/in-memory-of-mark-garofoli). His initial goal is 3,000 signatures. During the first week, he received 300. He's hoping people help out by mentioning it on their Facebook pages.

"Everyone knows someone that this affects," he said. "We've got to do something."

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GM retirees need to do homework on pensions

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Many salaried retirees from General Motors have already received letters detailing what

is happening to their pension. They have a deadline — by the end of next month — to decide what they want to do.

In the very near future, Ford salaried retirees will also be getting a letter detailing what is happening to their pension. If you are a Ford or GM retiree, what you decide to do with your pension is of major importance and you must make an informed decision. Remember, whatever decision you choose, it is irrevocable. In addition, for those retirees who are married, the decision also impacts your spouse. Therefore, this should be a joint decision based upon what's good for your family.

Even though the deadline for General Motors is more than a month away — and Ford retirees, when they receive their official notice, will have about 90 days — my first piece of advice is do not procrastinate. Start gathering the information that you need to make a decision now. This is too important to wait until the last second.

In making your decision, understand what is happening. From the paperwork sent by GM (and I imagine it will be similar to Ford), the company is getting out of the pension business. General Motors is turning its pension over to Prudential, which will manage the pensions and be in charge of distributions. General Motors retirees are given three options. The first is to keep their present pension. In that

situation, nothing will change other than your money will be coming from Prudential. What General Motors is actually doing is buying an immediate annuity for you.

Lump-sum payout

Another option — and the one getting the most talk — is a lump-sum payout. General Motors basically is giving you the present value of your pension based upon life expectancy. This money will be paid to you in a lump sum that you can transfer into your IRA. Therefore, the transaction itself will have no tax consequences.

The last option is another traditional pension, but it allows you to adjust the terms such as 100-percent joint survivor option or another form of pension distribution. Once again, in this scenario, General Motors is buying an immediate annuity for you.

The key factor when making the decision is your individual situation. For those who don't necessarily depend upon their pension to cover living expenses, a lump-sum payment gives greater flexibility. Unlike with a traditional pension, with a lump-sum distribution you have access to the principal, which you can use throughout your lifetime, and you can leave it to someone upon your death.

Another scenario where the lump-sum distribution makes sense is for those individuals who have health issues. For those individuals who have a shorter than normal life expectancy, taking a lump-sum distribution can be an effective way to increase the inheritance for your loved ones.

The difficult decisions are for individuals who need their GM pension to cover living expenses. Those people need to take an honest look at themselves and ask what type of investor they are. If they are the type of investor that

is risk adverse, one that wants to keep their money in the bank and that's about it, keeping the pension as is will probably be the right alternative. On the other hand, if you're the type of individual who understands risks and doesn't panic every time the market goes through a correction and are willing to put up with the volatility, you will probably come out ahead in the long run by taking the lump sum.

Investment check

One of the key ingredients to helping you make the decision is to focus on the type of investor you are. If you do it that way, you'll make the decision based upon the most important factor, and that is what works for you.

One last note, if you've decided to leave your pension as is, one thing you may want to do is get a competitive bid on an immediate annuity. In other words, if you took the lump sum and bought an immediate annuity yourself, how much would you receive monthly? If you are going to receive more, taking the lump sum and buying an immediate annuity yourself would be a viable alternative.

Many people in this situation are going to seek professional advice. The one caveat is to make sure that you're dealing with a professional, not a salesperson. This is one of the most important financial decisions you'll ever make and you don't want to deal with salespeople who are only concerned about their commissions. If you are going to seek professional advice, make sure it is someone who'll work for your interest and only your interest. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money.matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Law would let families get help for addicts

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Mark Garofoli of Livonia thinks a proposed new law that would let families file a court petition to force their loved one into substance abuse treatment is way overdue.

Had it been on the books in Michigan a year ago, it may have saved his son's life.

"I think it's something every state should have," he said, adding House Bill 5689 mirrors a law in Florida.

Garofoli's son, Mark, committed suicide at age 22, slashing his wrists in the family garage. Addicted to heroin, he could no longer think rationally and had walked out of a rehab facility in Memphis, Mich., just two weeks prior.

Because he was over age 18, there was nothing his parents could do to force him to stay.

"For us as a family it was unacceptable that we couldn't get our son the help he needed," Garofoli said. "Under the current law, our hands were tied because he was an adult."

Garofoli told his story last summer to state Rep. John Walsh, speaker pro tem of the Michigan House, over coffee at Panera Bread.

A moving meeting

"It was one of the most moving meetings I've had since I've been in office," Walsh said in an interview

last week.

On May 24, one year to the day Mark died, Walsh introduced House Bill 5689, legislation he authored allowing families and others to file a petition for involuntary substance abuse treatment for individuals regardless of age.

The longest a person could be held for is 72 hours, long enough to break the cycle, get the drugs out of the person's system and initiate treatment, said Brett A. Visner, Walsh's legislative director.

Under the proposed law, a petition for involuntary drug treatment may be filed by a spouse or guardian, any relative, a private practitioner, the director of a licensed service provider or the director's designee, or any three adults who have personal knowledge of the individual's substance abuse.

The bill is currently in the House Judiciary Committee, which Walsh chairs, and he expects to begin holding hearings on it in the fall.

Walsh said he thinks the bill has a high chance of becoming law, but it will take time to educate other lawmakers about it.

Online petition drive

"We're depriving somebody of their liberty," Walsh said. "We have our job cut out for us; we have to make sure people are comfortable with it." Walsh said he worked

CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Westland City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 2, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., local time, at the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, on a proposed Amendment to Financing and Development Plan for Development Area No. 1 (the "Plan Amendment") proposed by the Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Westland.

The Plan Amendment applies to the "development area" in the Tax Increment Finance Authority district as established in the Financing and Development Plan for Development Area No. 1, as amended (the "Plan"). The Plan Amendment does not change the boundaries of the development area. A general description of the development area to which the Plan applies is as follows:

Land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan generally described as beginning at Newburgh Road, an area south of the William P. Holliday Parkway, and includes the parcels adjacent to Newburgh Road from Warren Road to Ford, then east along Ford Road to the east side of Carlson Avenue, then north along the eastern boundary of the parcels adjacent to Carlson Avenue to Elmwood Avenue, then east to Yale Avenue, then north along Yale Avenue to Warren Road, then east along Warren Road including the parcels on the south side of the street to the Warren/Wayne Road intersection, then east along Warren Road to include the Westland Crossing Mall, then north and west to Wayne Road, then north along Wayne Road to a point 340 feet north of Nankin Boulevard, then west to the southern boundary of the William P. Holliday Parkway, then west along the southern boundary of the William P. Holliday Parkway to Newburgh Road, the point of beginning.

The proposed Plan Amendment restates projects described in the Plan, including the construction of a new City administration building and a new community recreation facility, and proposes several new projects including roadway improvements and resurfacing for Central City Parkway and Newburgh Road, shopping district enhancements, establishment of a business incubator, and a new fire station. A complete description of the restated and proposed projects are included in the proposed Plan Amendment.

The proposed Plan Amendment provides that the term of the Plan will be for 30 years, expiring after the collection of the December 2042 tax levy.

Maps and copies of the proposed Plan Amendment are available for public inspection during regular office hours at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

No families or individuals will be relocated pursuant to the proposed Plan Amendment. All aspects of the proposed Plan Amendment will be open for discussion at the public hearing. The City Council will provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard and shall receive and consider communications in writing with reference thereto. The hearing will provide for the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the proposed Plan Amendment.

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PUBLIC RENEW NOTICE

On June 1, 2012, Educational Media Foundation filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for the renewal of FM translator station W292DK, which is licensed to serve Westland, Michigan. The station rebroadcasts WMXD with an effective radiated power of 0.01 kW.

Our license will expire on October 1, 2012. We have filed an application for renewal with the FCC.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection during our regular business hours. Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the FCC by September 1, 2012.

Further information concerning the FCC's broadcast license renewal process is available at KLVJ, 2288 Airport Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California 95403 or may be obtained from the FCC, Washington DC 20554.

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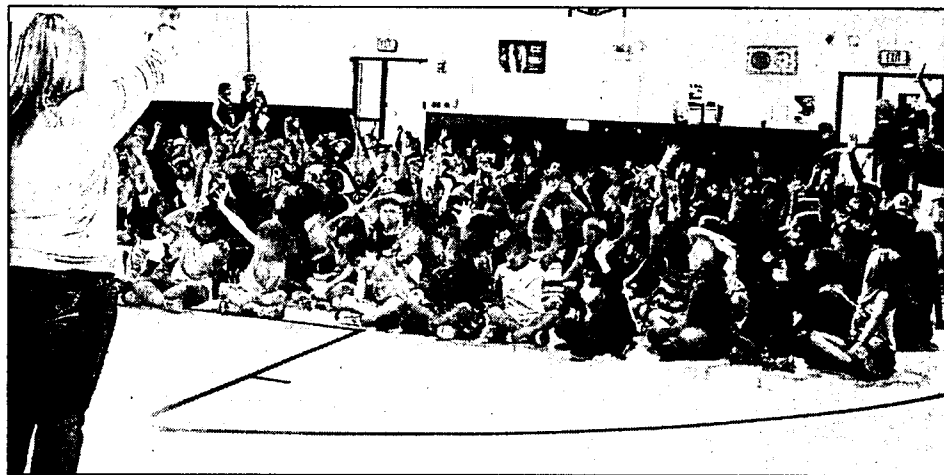
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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 13 06/4/12

- Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
- 124: WFFPAC 5K Run/Walk 7/1/12.
- Placement of board-up fees on 2012 summer tax bills.
- Appr. change of life insurance carriers from Sun Life to UNUM.
 - 125: Appr. bid for vinyl fencing for Municipal Golf Course to Canton Fence supply, amount \$6,280.
 - 126: Appr.: minutes of regular meeting held 5/21/12.
 - 127: Appr. minutes of special meeting held 6/4/12 @ 6:30 p.m.
 - 128: Adopt Fiscal Yr. Budget for 2012/2013.
 - 129: Adopted Res. spreading millage for 2012/2013 fiscal yr.
 - 130: Adopt Capital Improvement Program as amended for 2012/2013 fiscal yr.
 - 131: 2012-13 Admin Fee Schedule.
 - 132: Bid for Assessing Services to WCA Assessing.
 - 133: Appr. 3 yr. Agrmnt. w/WCA Assessing for Assessing Services.
 - 134: Appr. 2 yr. agrmnt. w/McKenna Associates for Building Services.
 - 135: Appr. agrmnt. w/P. Ostrosky as 1st w/lt Director of Building Inspections.
 - 136: Appr. rev. site plan for prop. ext. renovations to McDonald's Restaurant, 34900 Warren Rd. w/contingencies.
 - 137: Appr. checklist: \$618,352.57 & Prepaid: \$752,435.71.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

JAMES GODBOUT
Council President
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EILEEN DEHART
City Clerk, CMC
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Students at Taft-Galloway Elementary School learn about Oakwood Healthcare System's upcoming Red October Run, a community event designed to encourage family fitness.

Oakwood teams with schools to promote youth fitness

The Oakwood Healthcare System is reaching out to young people to promote the importance of physical activity.

Representatives of the healthcare system visited with students at Taft-Galloway Elementary School in Wayne recently to promote interest in — and prepare them for — the upcoming Red October Run, a community event designed to encourage family fitness.

Oakwood has put on the event at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital for 22 years now. It attracts more than 1,000 participants of all fitness levels from across the state. An important part of the event is the one-mile Jr. October, which is geared toward children.

"We have always encouraged children to participate in this event, and to be physically active in general," said Cindy Cook, Community Benefit coordinator for Oakwood.

Cook organizes the run, which is the largest community event Oakwood



Cindy Cook, Community Benefit coordinator for Oakwood, organizes the Red October Run, the largest community event Oakwood puts on every year.

puts on every year.

"It's important to teach children about the benefits of keeping fit; those lessons can last a lifetime," she said.

Cook prepared a pre-race packet for the Taft Galloway students that included several different maps of their Wayne neighborhood with suggested training routes, along with fun coloring activities and a runner's log. Students who

sign up and turn in their log at the Jr. October Run will get a free T-shirt and other prizes. She said she routinely works with groups and organizations to get more young people involved and active.

"We are very excited to have students from our school represent our community at the Red Run Race in October," said Jennifer Edwards, the school social worker at Taft-Galloway Elementary. "It is important that our children understand that a healthy life style is a critical component to learning and growing. The more we teach this at a younger age the better chances are they will carry these ideals with them as they get older."

The Red October run takes place on Oct. 6 and begins at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. The event, which was a finalist for the 2011 Governor's Fit Award, features a 10K run, a 5K run, a 5K walk and the Jr. October run. Registration is now open at www.oakwood.org/redoctoberrun.

Galaxy tablet performs well for price

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

The Samsung Galaxy 7.7 tablet is an impressive piece of machinery that is an Apple logo away from being the next big product. But because it is a Samsung product, it's likely a product you haven't heard of.

The Galaxy tab is a slim, seven-inch touchscreen tablet that operates on the Android Ice Cream Sandwich platform and retails for \$249. And at that price point, it's the best performing tablet this tech guy has seen.

With solid navigation and built-in app features, executing simple tasks like performing a Google search or surfing YouTube is easy for either MAC or PC users.

It also has a screen that rivals that of the iPad. With this tablet, Samsung utilizes what they call, Super AMOLED (active-matrix organic light-emitting diode) technology on a screen with a 1200 x 800 resolution that has 197 pixels per inch. All of that technology speak may sound confusing, but I can summarize for you: the screen is awesome and will be great for watching movies or viewing pictures.

While the screen is

similar to the iPad, the navigation is not. Unlike the iPad, the Galaxy tab offers a default search bar on the home screen so there's no need to download or keep a useless web browser like Safari on your device. It also features key information such as battery life, wifi signal and time on the bottom right hand corner of the device much like a PC.

One of the best features is the camera. It has both rear and front facing lenses so you can take pictures, use your tablet for Skyping or just hold it up and pretend it's the most expensive seven-inch mirror ever.

In terms of apps, the tablet comes pre-loaded with the stuff you will use the most like social networking tools, weather and more. One downside to the weather app though, is like Apple products, it does not offer hour-by-hour forecasts. The app offers a link to a site where users can get more information but the site is not optimized for tablet usage. The end result is a clunky page that will turn you off in seconds.

But unless you are buying a tablet for weather information, don't let my assessment of the device deter you. The other important features functioned appropriately as pages loaded fast. I used the device courtesy of Verizon and it had a 4G connection as well as my wifi connection. Depending on your wireless connection or wifi, page load speeds

may vary.

The Galaxy tab has 8GB of storage, HD video capabilities, photo and video editing software and more. It supports a multitude of video and audio formats and has a 1.4GHZ dual-core processor which is better than my last laptop. Samsung estimates the built-in battery offers up to 50 hours of music play or 10 hours of video play. For more information visit Samsung.com or check out your nearest Verizon Wireless.

Tech Notebook:

• This column often discusses a way to save on your cell phone bill but none of them involve buying an unlimited iPhone plan until now. Cricket Communications recently announced an all inclusive data, text and voice plan for the iPhone for \$55 per month. There is a catch: the phone will cost \$499 for a 16GB 4S and more for models with more storage. But if you keep phones for a long time, the \$50 plus per month you could save will outweigh the upfront cost.

• You can avoid murky water this summer just by downloading a new guide called the Swim App. The app allows users to browse a directory of the cleanest and dirtiest beaches. Check it out in your appstore.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Helping non-profits

As part of a month-long celebration, Toarmina's Pizza donated \$1 for every pizza sold on June 8 to the American Red Cross and \$1 for every pizza sold on June 9 to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Toarmina bread gift cards were also offered, with the entire amount benefiting the nonprofits.

Toarmina's Pizza is a 15-store regional pizza chain known for community involvement. It's the "Home of the 24-inch Pizza." This year marks the pizza company's 25th anniversary.

For information on Toarmina's Pizza, call founder Lou Toarmina at (734) 341-6743 or visit www.Toarminaspizza.com.

Free popcorn

Oak Park-based MJR Digital Cinemas has announced that for the fourth summer in a row,

it will offer Free Popcorn Tuesdays.

All popcorn in all sizes will be free every Tuesday now through Tuesday, Aug. 28. The free popcorn offer also includes one free refill, same day purchase only. It's valid only with ticket purchase, not valid with any other offer and cannot be redeemed for cash.

Free Popcorn Tuesdays are all eight MJR theaters including the Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16 at 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call the theater at (734) 298-2668.

Zoo reporters

Calling all budding TV reporters! The Detroit Zoological Society and FOX 2 are teaming up to give a few lucky kids from Metro Detroit their "15 minutes of fame."

Three children from the FOX 2 viewing area will be selected as Junior Zoo Reporters, each of whom

will deliver a news report from a Detroit Zoo animal habitat for FOX 2 News.

FOX 2 is inviting parents of children ages 8 to 13 to submit a video of their youngster delivering a report on the zoo animal of their choice to MyFOX-Detroit.com. The videos must be one minute or less in length and submitted by 10 p.m. local time on Friday, June 29.

Fifteen randomly selected videos will be placed on MyFOXDetroit.com, and FOX 2 will invite its viewers and website visitors to vote for their favorite Junior Zoo Reporter candidate. The winners will be announced on FOX 2 News Morning.

Each of the three Junior Zoo Reporters will create a feature story at the Detroit Zoo for broadcast on FOX 2 News in August, September and October respectively.

For more information, visit www.MyFOXDetroit.com.

It's important to learn how to learn

SUNNY NOTE

By Clarity Patton Newhouse
Guest Columnist

Does it feel like the world is changing fast? Today's note is by no means an endorsement of AT&T but if you haven't seen their "tailgate" commercial yet, it's worth a peek on YouTube unless that's already so ... 27 seconds ago.

With technology, tastes and trends changing at record speeds, one of the

keys to success in today's high-tech world is flexibility: openness to the idea that the best way to do things yesterday, or only 27 seconds ago, might already be outdated.

In the "old days" learning a particular skill or trade was enough. Now it's equally important to learn how to learn. This isn't just a "technology thing." It applies to all fields because even though not everything is changing at the speed of 4G, everything is changing.

Today, being an expert is becoming less about knowing the answer and more about having the ability to figure it out. Because many of the questions we'll face and solutions we'll devise have never been seen before.

Prepare to navigate uncharted water — and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

John F. Kennedy

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Seventeen serve as Wayne High valedictorians

Seventeen students served as valedictorians for the commencement ceremony for Wayne Memorial High School's Class of 2012.

Earning the honor were Michael Battaglia, Holland Boerjte, Brian Browning, Katherine Chuong, James Doyen, Alexander Driessche, Kayla Evans, Jennifer Farley, Keri Horton, Emily Luke, Jennifer McCaffery, Courtney Ozog, Samantha Rainey, Sara Shefke, Jamie Southard, Kyle Szalai and Meghan Watson.

Also receiving diplomas were:

Michael Acerrano, Devon Adams, Cody Allen, David Alvarado, Marissa Alvarez, Justin Anger, Ajee' Armour, Elliot Arnold, Seth Baker, Cayla Ball, Ashley Barker, Stephanie Barrett, Avery Barron, Aaron Barton, Brittanie Battagin, Elaine Bazan, N'dyah Beamon, Kiley Bearden, Caitlin Becht, Elroy Bell, Brandon Bennett, Leanne Benson, Sekou Bility, Jenise Blair, Roseanna Blevins, Michael Bolton, Cody Borg, Morgan Boyd, Curstin Bragenzer, Alina Brantley, Amandeep Brar, Aaron Bridges, Thomas Briggs, Brianna Britton, Jazmin Brooks, Daniel Brown, Veronica Brummett, Bria Bryant, Destiny Bullock.

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Delani Derr, Kevin Diehl, Dylan Dottor, Joshua Doyle, Gabriel Drake, Alexandra Dudley, Samantha Dugas, Erica Dye, Homer Ellis, Scholastica Enechukwu, Natalie Escobar, Emily Everett, Anthony Ewing, Chelsea Fahey, Eric Farnstrom, Alexis Finger, Jessica Fischer, Annie Fisher, Courtney Flagg, Anissa Forbes, Camren Fountain, Jerry Frame, Ciara Frazier, Jorden Frazier, Michael Frey, Nichole Probe, Amber Frost, Jessica Fulton, Danielle Gallant, Garcia Gabriel, Camiller Gipson, Alexa Girouard, Darnell Givhan, Darren Glassmeyer, Tenario Golden, Tara Gonzales-Wilson, Destiny Graham, Jared Green.

Joelle Green, Justin Groulx, Samantha Grubb, Micaela Guenther, Charles Gutzman, Quanesha Haddley, Shyan Hagen, Jaylyn Hammac, Karli Hampton,



Wayne High graduate Danielle McIntee gets a hug from teacher Amy Story.

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Sheila Davis waves to her nephew Edward Saunders as he enters the arena.



Jordan Riggs breaks into a smile during Wayne Memorial's commencement ceremony.

Paige Hannah, Anthony Hardesty, Torey Hardy, Tiffany Harris, Daniel Hassan, Zachary Hay, Sharif Hegazi, Shaniece Hemingway, Megan Henisse, Jacob Herrst, Chester Hershey, Elizabeth Hesburn, Toris Holland, Micheil Hood,

Thomas Hooks, Courtney Hooper, Shelby Hooper, Alfred Horton, Bernard Hudson, Cody Huffaker, Zackery Huffman, Katrina Humen, Michelle Hunt, Sara Hutson, Jasmine Jackson, Christopher Janos.

Tristan Jarosiewicz, Demarrea Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Donald Jordan, Brooklyn Justice, Emma Karson, Adam Kay, Coty Killen, George Kirkpatrick, Diamond Knight, Devin Korzetki, Kyle Kotajarvi, Kaitlin Koval, Aaron Kuhn, Marissa Kujat, Sean Kunde, Alexis LaBine, Andrew Laitinen, Jenna Langston, Zachary Lankton, Diamyn Lee, Danny Lees, Jacob Lefler, Madeline Lefler, Patrick Leonard, Ta'Nia Lew-

dall McCallum, Kenneth McClendon, Trisha McCune, Tyler McCurry, Danielle McIntee, Kody Meilleur, Samantha Miller, Loreal' Miller-Safford, Lucas Moore, Lavontell Morgan, Lindsay Moss, Aiyanna Moulton, Brandon Mowry, Justin Murray, Joshua Nailor, Steven Nemeth, Nga Nguyen, Alicia Nielsen, Kelsey Nimsgern, Nicole Odom, Brett Odom, Esther Okunroumu, Wendi Overstreet, Leah Palmer, Aimee Papineau, Alexander Parraghi, Cory Patania, LaShauntee' Pearson, Zachary Pechin, Daniel Pelkey, Kayla Perdue, Jonathan Perez, Matthew Phillips, Dennis Picklo.

Brooke Pietruszka, Korinn Pintar, Victoria Poleski, Kayley Porta, Jessica Poster, Andrew Potter, Kourtney Potts, Robert Prough, Shelby Pulk, Chelsea Rager, Tiffany Ralph, Lillian Reid, Jonathan Reitmeyer, Dimitrus Renfro, Jasmine Richardson, Alexandra Riggie, Ashley Riggie, Jordan Riggs, Caneshia Riley, Michael Ringholz, Alyssa Roberts, Michelle Robinson, Thomas Rodler, Jose Rodriguez, Chelsey Roe, Zaakirah Roper, Mark Rowland, Alexander Ruelas, Douglas Rutan, Aarti Sajani, Kurt Salting, Jeffrey Sanchez, Joshua Sanchez, Desiree Sanders, Edward Saunders, Ashley Schaefer.

Cody Schaffier, Christopher Schmidt, Tyler Schmittou, Samantha Schoonover, Alec Shaw, Shawntarrica Shealy, Dylan Shephard, Elizabeth Shepler, Bren-ton Shitta, Devyn Sim-



Graduate Tina Vail gets a helping hand from teacher Debby Joy.



Members of the Wayne Memorial JROTC Zebra Battalion Honor Guard present the colors for the ceremony.

kus, Imari Smiley, Amber Smith, Heather Smith, Kassandra Smith, Marisa Smith, Donavan Snow, Trevin Snowden, Samantha Sparks, Keesa Stamper, Julie Stanfield, Jessie Starr, Cody Strickland, Eryn Struppa, Nicholas Talbert, Natasha Tarnowsky, Annmarie Temmen, Lawrence Tennille, Jamie Thayer, Lindsay Thomas, Lindsey Thomas, DeAndre Thompson, Stephanie Tomlin, Marcel Trinity, Jennifer Troost, Cheyenne Trujillo.

Jazzietta Turner, Brandon Tykoski, Nichole Tyra, Jennifer Tyson, Tina Vail, Leo Veloz, Jennifer Vinson, Nicholas Wagnitz, Dawon Walker, Dixie Watkins, Jamal West, Alyssa White, Jeffrey White, Kayla Wilkie, Bret Williams, Briana Williams, Dominique Williams, Monique Williams, Nicholas Williams, Quentin Williams, Jarret Williamson, Zachary Williamson, Brittany Willis, Andrew Wilson, Brianna Wilson, Barbara Wimberly, Thomas Winkles, Bianca Wise, Maxine Wolf, Catesia Woods, Zachary Woodworth, Khallid Wooten, Ryan Wright, Jordan Wynn, Edward Yarbough, Nicholas Young and Anna Zywek.

CHERISHED MEMORIES

These photos and others in photo galleries at hometownlife.com are available for purchase, contact Web Editor Larry Ruehlen at lruehlen@hometownlife.com for more information.



Upward Bound Director Jan Tomilinson, counselor Larry Brenner, fine arts teacher Erika Hanna and social studies teacher Lee Grizzell ham it up for a photo.

OUR VIEWS



Old Glory

This Flag Day, show you're proud to be an American

At the end of the Vietnam War, the United States was in a funk. Our psyche was bruised and battered by the politics of war and the antiwar protests. Waving a flag was the last thing on our minds. But in the 1980s, a miracle happened at Lake Placid, N.Y. The U.S. Olympic hockey team beat the Soviets. We had something to be proud of and we waved the American flag with gusto.

It was the turning point we needed to reinvigorate our patriotism. We rallied around the flag as we sent our troops off to fight in the Persian Gulf War in the 1990s. And in the aftermath of 9/11, we couldn't get enough of the red, white and blue. Everywhere you looked there were flags, flown to show that even in the face of a great tragedy, we stood united.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress decided our flag would have 13 red and white stripes and 13 stars on a field of blue. Two hundred and thirty-five years later, that flag represents 50 states joined together in the belief that we are "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Today is Flag Day, a day to fly the flag and reaffirm our belief in liberty and justice and to observe our nation's unity. Today is the day to look at our flag and see what it embodies - truth, freedom, honor and justice.

It represents the United States of America, it represents us.

Today is Flag Day, but let everyday be such. Display the flag proudly and show your dedication and commitment to our country. Stand up and be proud to say, "I am an American."

Celebrating dear old dad on his day

On Sunday, we will be celebrating Father's Day and all that fathers do — both for individual families and society as a whole. And dads sure do a lot. When many of us think of dear old dad, we associate him with teaching us how to throw a ball, catch a fish, drive a car, write our first check, and a thousand other little (and big) things that have stuck with us for a lifetime. Fathers are one half of an important foundation from which most people learn how to become productive members of society.

If you want to realize how truly important dads are, simply take a look at the households where there is no father, which is not hard to do, because in today's America there are way too many families where the father is missing.

In fact, the number of children growing up in this country with no father present is roughly 19 million. And the statistics associated with such a scenario are alarming. For example, some studies indicate nearly 40 percent of those children are living in poverty. They are also at a dramatically greater risk of drug and alcohol abuse. Sexual activity and teen pregnancy are also more likely among children with no father around. And fatherless children are twice as likely to drop out of school, and have a far higher probability of getting in trouble with the law.

Men who abandon their families have become a serious problem for our nation. At the same time, we also realize there are many families out there missing a father and it isn't by choice. Perhaps an accident or illness took the father from them. In some cases, another strong male figure has stepped in to provide a good example and love like a father can. Those men should also be celebrated Sunday.

We know Father's Day is perceived by many as one of those greeting cards holidays. Whether or not you buy a card or the proverbial tie for your dad isn't really important. Celebrating him and all the fathers out there for everything they do is — not only on Father's Day, but every day of the year.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Where's your favorite place to have a picnic?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"Kensington Metropark, you get to see a lot of cool wildlife."

Jamie Segerson
Dearborn



"Downtown Plymouth because it has really nice scenery and it's a nice setting. And it has a giant fountain. If it's hot, you can get misted by it."

Ashley Aspenwall
Canton



"Heritage Park. I grew up there and that's where my mom always took us. It's always fun to go there."

Robert Redick
Canton



"McClumpha Park, it's right by my house. It has a spray park and a big hill you can roll down. I still do that."

Bree McCormack
Plymouth

LETTERS

Thanks for story

I wanted to thank you for a wonderful article that was written about my daughter Deandra Franklin. It was about her acceptance in Tuskegee University Medicine-Science Training Education and Preparation (VET-STEP) Program for the summer of 2012 than ran in the Sunday June 2, 2012, edition.

A local business owner, Melvin Hicks of Geek Unitz, a computer store located in Westland on 1850 S. Newburgh, reached out to us to help. I want to thank Mr. Hicks of Geek Unitz for helping my daughter and to Susan Mason for writing a nice article about Deandra's accomplishments.

Traquis Edwards
Westland

Thanks for help

Watch out, world, here comes the Class of 2012 was the theme for the Livonia Churchill High School Class of 2012 senior all-night party. This annual event was held on June 3 and was once again a memorable and enjoyable event because of the support received by businesses and individuals from Livonia, Westland and surrounding communities.

The 2012 Class of Livonia Churchill High School wish to thank the following:

Absolute Tan, AMC 20 of Livonia, American Eagle, Aubree's, The Azzopardi Family, Bahama Breeze, Barnes & Noble Book-sellers, Baskin Robbins, Bate's Burgers, Bed Bath & Beyond, Bernardi Family, Biggby Coffee, Bill Brown Ford, Bill Truskouski, Blackwell Ford, Inc., Bob Evan, Brann's Sizzling Steaks & Sports Grille, Brighthouse, Buddy's Pizza, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cardwell Florist, Champ American, Chili's, Churchill PTSA, City of Livonia Golf Division, Community Alliance Credit Union.

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If you have any questions, please contact your region manager. We thank you for your support and immediate action in this matter, and for your continuing support of your local community.

Alan Flagg

general manager, Light Oils Marketing

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Remember Flag Day

I wrote the following poem in honor of Flag Day, which is June 14. This is my first attempt at writing a poem:

My Flag - My Country

In city after city, the flag is seen
In buildings, churches, schools
so keen.

On flagpoles, porches, uniforms
and parades

With honor, with thanks and
accolades.

Flying over land, sea and air,
We pledge allegiance for we
care.

My heart beats so strong so
loud

When I see the flag, I am proud.
The flag, "Old Glory" is red,
white and blue

So many stars and stripes in its
hue.

From the 13 colonies each
stripe relates

To the 50 stars that represent
the states.

In good and bad times, the flag
flies unfurled

When, so much discord is in the
world.

Our forefathers and we always
crave

The land of the free and home
of the brave.

Immigrants came for work and
a better life,

So they could live and work
without strife.

Becoming citizens in this big
melting pot

They served and afterwards,
their children fought.

In every war, the flag was our
banner,

The symbol of love of our
country's manner.

The flag flew in Europe, Asia
and Middle East

We served with honor that
never ceased.

For the wounded and prisoners,
a beam of hope

Through torture, their courage
is made easier to cope.

The flags fly proudly for those
who gave

Flowers of youth sacrificed and
not saved.

Their seeds, not sown, yet to
mate

For alas, for them it was too
late.

So many, many have perished
Loved ones, whom we all cher-
ished.

Flag-covered coffins, carried by
military hands

Brought home, from far away
distant lands.

The flag is folded into a triangle
at the grave

Presented to the family of one
so brave.

My flag, my county, represents
you and me

This vast land reaching from
sea to sea.

Bernice Rosinski
Livonia

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Thank you.

-Elizabeth Ho

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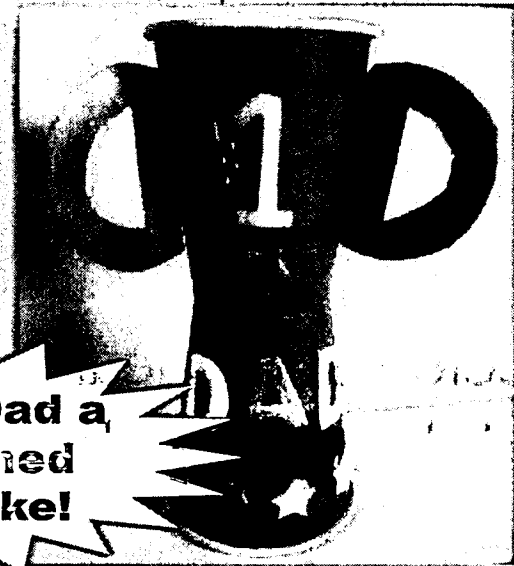
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- 2 paper cups
- Masking tape
- Construction paper or card stock paper
- Gold paint (or any color of your chose)
- Scissors
- small box(optional)

Directions:

- 1 Tape 2 paper cups together at the bottom with masking
tape to create the body of the trophy.
- 2 Paint both cups with gold paint (or other color).
- 3 To make handles cut out two D shapes from the construc-
tion paper making sure to make the flat part of the D a little
thicker so you can fold it against the trophy.
- 4 Paint the D shapes the same color as the trophy.
- 5 Once paint dries, glue the handles to the trophy.
- 6 Decorate your trophy with personalized message, to Dad.

**Create Dad a
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Optional:

To really make your trophy stand out, paint a small box gold
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Source: easypreschoolcraft.blogspot.com

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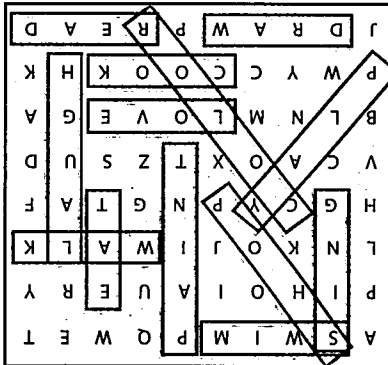
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Upcoming Events

DINNER SHOW

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Friday, June 22.

Location: Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford Road, Westland

Details: Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Ayotte will perform Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Elvis Presley and more at a dinner show at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$27 per person. Dinner includes a tossed salad, rigatoni, roast beef with gravy, Italian sausage saute, green beans almonidine, red skinned mashed potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available.

Contact: For tickets, contact Kathy at (734) 216-9451 or at www.agelos1958.com.

NF WALK

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 23

Location: West Bloomfield High School track, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. for the "Great Steps for NF, Walk for Neurofibromatosis," a genetic disorder of the nervous system that causes tumors to form on the nerves anywhere in the body at any time. The registration fee is \$15 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for children age 2 and under. Walkers registered by June 8 are guaranteed a commemorative T-shirt. Walk-up registration is available for an additional \$5 fee the morning of the walk. All money collected goes to



Doo Wop Dinner Show

The WhatAbouts will do a Doo Wop Dinner Show Friday, July 13, at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford, Westland. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$27 per person. Dinner includes a tossed salad, rigatoni, roast beef with gravy, Italian sausage saute, green beans almonidine, red skinned mashed potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available. Only 100 tickets will be sold. No tickets will be available at the door. For tickets, contact Kathy at (734) 216-9451 or at www.agelos1958.com.

NF Inc. Michigan and will be used for research. There will be a silent auction as well as vendors, who will donate their proceeds to NF research, at the walk. Bids will be accepted before and during the actual walk. Items will be distributed by the close of the event. Cash and checks will be accepted, although cash is preferred for processing purposes. Donations are welcome and appreciated. Donations are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to NF Inc. Michigan and mail to the Saikal's Family at 4253 Somerville Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48323.

Contact: Walkers can register online by going to www.nfsupport.org and then clicking on "Events" or by calling the Saikal's family at (248) 681-3703.

INDOOR MARKET

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, June 27-28

Location: Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights

Details: Eton Senior Center

is currently in search of people to take part in their indoor flea market. The cost to rent is \$15 for an eight-foot table. Table position will be based on first come basis. Vendors are welcome. Deadline for table rentals is Thursday, June 7. Proceeds will go towards the Eton Senior Center Building Fund. Contact: Call (313) 277-7765 for more information.

DOO WOP SHOW

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Friday, July 13

Location: Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford Road, Westland

Details: The WhatAbouts will present a Doo Wop Dinner Show at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$27 per person. Dinner includes a tossed salad, rigatoni, roast beef with gravy, Italian sausage saute, green beans almonidine, red skinned mashed potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will

be available.

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CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29

Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: St. Mel's Women's Club is looking for crafters for its craft fair. More than 50 eight-foot tables available. They cost \$25 each. A table with electricity is \$30. Helpers provided.

Contact: Call St. Mel's Church at (313) 274-0684 or send an e-mail to stmelscraftfair@yahoo.com for applications.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

Location: Perrinville Early Childhood Center, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia

Details: Crafters and vendors are wanted for the Perrinville Early Childhood Center fall craft show.

Contact: Tami at holidaycraftfair@yahoo.com or Brenda at wjob2010@yahoo.com

yahoo.com.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

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

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: - Westland

Details: A support & education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people who are caring for family members 60 and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Call Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004 to confirm time and date, if attending for the first time.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month

Location: Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

Details: Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns.

Contact: Call (734) 58-4330 for more information.

For Seniors

FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland

Details: The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) offers a variety of programs for older adults.

Contact: (734) 722-7632, www.ci.westland.mi.us

DYER CENTER

Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland

Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the

center.

Contact: (734) 419-2020

SENIOR FITNESS

Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. There's an annual membership is \$55 per year or get a daily pass for \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day.

Contact: (734) 793-1870

Volunteers

FIRST STEP

Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

Contact: (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

VNA HOSPICE

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

Contact: (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

SEASONS HOSPICE

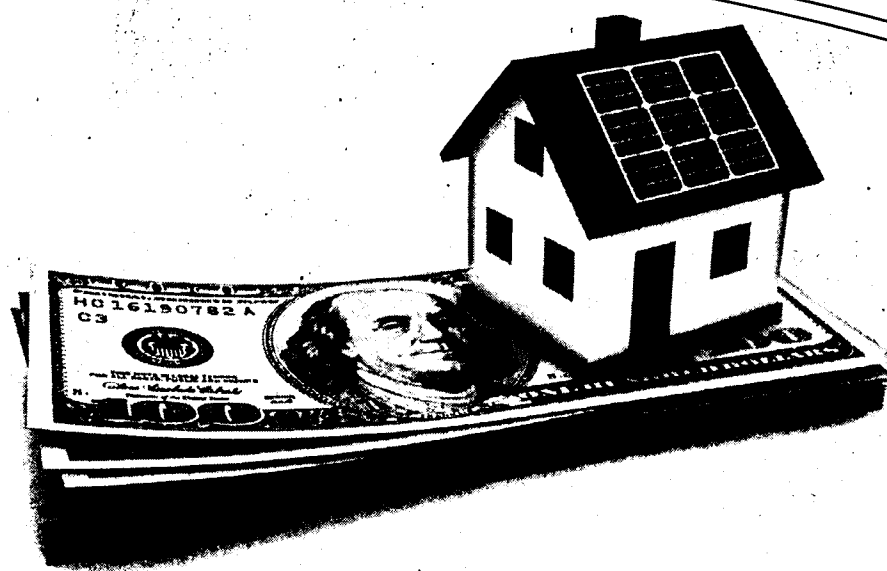
Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

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Blazers survive Elite 8 test

4-2 triumph,
Final 4 next

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

After a bad start, there was a good ending for Livonia Ladywood in the Division 2 quarterfinal softball game Tuesday evening at Novi.

The Blazers overcame a 2-0 deficit in the first-half inning to defeat St. Clair, 4-2, and advance to the Final Four for the third time in four years.

Ladywood (36-3), a state semifinalist last year and finalist in 2009, will play Wayland Union beginning 1:30 p.m. Friday at Bailey Park in Battle Creek.

"We've been shooting for it since last year when we lost in extra innings," Blazers coach Scott Combs said, adding he was raised in the Cereal City and his parents still live there. "Battle Creek is a special place for us, and we're looking forward to it."

St. Clair started the game with four straight hits — the last one being a two-run single by opposing pitcher Brittany Schweiger.

Ladywood senior pitcher Briana Combs retired the next three batters and settled down after that. The Saints had only two more hits in the game.

Combs, who walked two and hit one batter, had just three strikeouts and relied on her defense, which had just one error, in the seventh inning.

"Some days when your pitcher is not as sharp as she should be — she was



Ladywood players celebrate after a come-from-behind 4-2 Division 2 quarterfinal victory over St. Clair Tuesday at Novi.

a little under the weather — you have to stay tough," Scott Combs said. "She limited them to two that first inning, and she shut them out the rest of the way."

"You're not going to have your best stuff 35 times a year. You have to get people out without striking them out, and that's what I was proud of her for doing."

"You couldn't throw anything up and outside in this wind, or somebody was going to pop it over that right-field fence. So we had to throw a lot more inside and work that way."

The Blazers broke a 2-2 tie and won the game with two runs in the sixth inning.

Celeste Fidge, who was outstanding on defense

Please see BLAZERS, B3

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Ladywood's Celeste Fidge takes a fierce cut during Tuesday's Division 2 quarterfinal game against St. Clair at Novi High School.

Irish's Yanik makes NCAAs

Notre Dame University sophomore Megan Yanik (Livonia Ladywood) competed in two events during last



Yanik

hosted by Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Yanik, a native of Plymouth, was 20th overall in the 400-meter hurdles (June 6) with a time of 59.75.

She was also a member of the Fighting Irish's 4 x 400 relay team which finished 19th (June 8) with a clocking of 3:37.97.

For former MHSAA Division 2 state champion in both the 100 and 300 hurdles (2010), Yanik took 11th in the NCAA East Prelims after placing fourth Big East Championships in the 400 hurdles.

She also helped the Irish to a third in the Big East Championships in the 4 x 400 relay.

Moldovan 1st in SEMTA 16s

Livonian Bianca Moldovan, a ninth-grader at Livonia Stevenson High, captured the Girls 16 singles title Monday in the finals of the Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association Muthig District Qualifier with a victory over Mollie Fox of Bloomfield Hills in the championship match held at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Spartans' 'Big Mac' saves day

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson turned to its Golden Arch and got a Happy Meal in the process to capture its first Division 1 regional baseball title since 2002.

Chris McDonald, a rangy 6-foot-5 senior right-hander, pitched a four-hitter to beat Detroit Western International in the semifinals, 11-1, and then came on to get the final two outs and the save in a nail-biting 5-3 victory in the regional championship final Saturday over Grosse Pointe South.

The Spartans, who improved to a school record 28-11 overall, got a sterling pitching effort from 6-5 junior right-hander Mike Kanitra, who took a 5-1 lead into the top of the seventh in the championship game hosted by Grosse Pointe North.

But after Kanitra gave up a lead-off single and a one-out double to Jack Doyle, Stevenson coach Rick Berryman turned to his bullpen.

Things, however, turned south quickly as reliever Nick Lagerstrom hit Matt Reno to load the bases followed by back-to-back walks issued by Jake Semak to Jon Parker and Carmen Benedetti to close the deficit to 5-3.

Berryman then made his third pitching change of the inning going back to McDonald, who was magnificent in the regional semifinal against Western, allowing just one run on four hits and two walks while striking out seven over six innings.

Please see SPARTANS, B4

Quarter blues

Saline halts Stevenson baseball run

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The good karma Livonia Stevenson had accumulated throughout the state baseball tournament disappeared in Tuesday's Division 1 quarterfinal held at the University of Michigan's Ray Fisher Stadium.

The Spartans, coming off a thrilling regional conquest just two days earlier at Grosse Pointe North, couldn't solve Saline starter Brent Vaccaro, who pitched the Hornets to a 5-1 victory.

Vaccaro, a senior right-hander, went seven all innings allowing just five hits while striking out seven and not issuing a walk as the 30-10 Hornets earned their fourth Final Four trip in five years this Friday in Battle Creek.

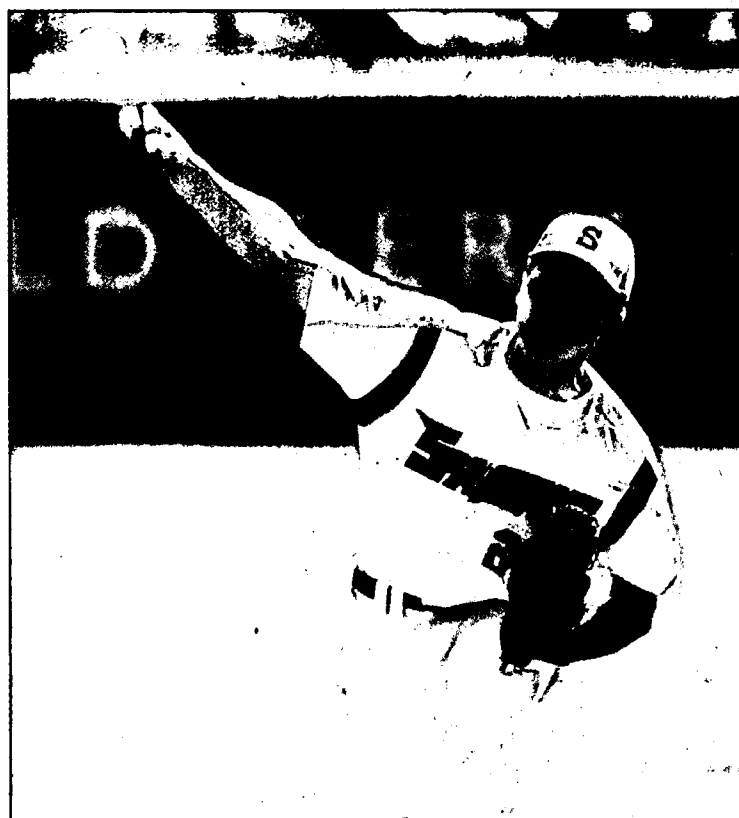
Stevenson bows out at 28-12 overall.

"He's been consistent like that all year," said Saline coach Scott Theisen of Vaccaro. "He's able to hit his spots. Sometimes he gets in trouble when he's up, but he did have good velocity and good command of two, sometimes three pitches, and that really helped."

Saline took a 1-0 advantage in the top of the first inning off Stevenson starter Jake Semak thanks to a double by Gage Hammond followed by an RBI single from Andrew White.

The Spartans evened the count at 1-1 in the bottom of the fourth.

Chris McDonald led off with a single, took second on a tag after Saline catcher Patrick Price made a diving grab of a



Stevenson starting pitcher Jake Semak, who worked the first 4.1 innings, fires a pitch toward the plate during Tuesday's Division 1 quarterfinal loss to Saline at the University of Michigan's Ray Fisher Stadium.

pop foul at home plate, and later scored on an throwing error by the Saline second baseman (off the bat of Mike Kanitra).

In the bottom half of the inning, Stevenson right fielder Brandon Jurczynski made key defensive play when he rifled pinpoint, one-hop throw to catcher Mike Vomastek at home plate to nail Saline runner Stefan Hastings, who was trying to score from second on a single by Trent Theisen.

The Spartans then made their most serious offensive

threat of the game in the fifth when they loaded the bases with one out after Semak was hit by a pitch, Vomastek reached base on a throwing error and Travis Harvey singled.

But the threat stalled when Vaccaro got Chris McDonald on a strikeout and Nick Lagerstrom on an infield popout.

"We made a few mistakes behind him, and really, he didn't get himself into that

Please see BASEBALL, B4

Hebestreit Memorial

A memorial softball game to honor former Livonia teacher, coach and standout senior player Charlie Hebestreit will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Claude Allison Field, 18300 Beech Daly, Redford.

There will be an opening ceremony at 11:15 a.m. followed by a softball game at 11:30 a.m. and picnic at 1 p.m. (burgers and hot dogs provided, bring your own beverage).

Around 75 to 100 are expected to be in attendance with players around the region participating.

For more information, e-mail David Hebestreit at hebes04@yahoo.com.

Dynamo 1st

The Livonia YMCA Dynamo, an under-10 girls soccer team, recently posted a 6-1-1 record to capture first place in the second division of the Western Suburban Soccer League.

Team members included: Andrea Abramson, McKenna Coury, Allison Esker, Emily Esker, Alexis Gibbons, Mandy Laiacomo, Julianna Racette, Sofia Rodriguez, Riley St. Ledger, Abby Woods, and Emily Woods.

The Dynamo are coached by Laura, Don, and Lesley McDougall.

SUMMER CAMPS

Tim Shaw camp

Tennessee Titans line-backer and special teams standout Tim Shaw will stage his third annual "Dream It, Do It" youth football camp (grades 4-12) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Livonia Clarenceville, his high school alma mater.

To register, visit online at www.timshawfootball.com.

Cheer skills

The Future Cheerleaders Skills camps (ages 4-13), sponsored by Livonia Franklin varsity cheer, will stage its tumbling and stunting camp No. 1 from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 21.

Registration will be at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, June 19 at the high school.

Camp No. 2, offering skills and varsity game performance, will be from Aug. 27-30 (includes pizza and T-shirt).

The cost is \$30 per clinic or \$50 for both.

For more information, e-mail bizybizyb@yahoo.com.

Franklin football

The Livonia Franklin Football Future Patriots Camp will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. for grades 1-6 (Session 1) and from

12:30-3 p.m. for grades 7-9 (Session 2) on Saturday, June 16 at the high school fieldhouse and stadium.

The cost is \$25 per session. You will be guaranteed a camp T-shirt if registered by June 8. Registrations will be accepted the day of the camp.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity football coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livonia-publicschools.org.

Churchill baseball

The 2012 Livonia Churchill baseball camp for boys ages 7-14 (before Sept. 1) will be from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 18-20, at the high school field.

The cost is \$50 (if registered by June 1) or \$55 (after June 1).

For more information, e-mail Churchill varsity baseball coach Ron Targosz at rtargosz@livonia-publicschools.org. You can also call (734) 542-6844 or (734) 502-4419.

Franklin baseball

The Franklin Future Stars baseball camp for boys or girls exiting grades 2-8 will be from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, at the varsity field.

The cost is \$60 (includes T-shirt). You

must be registered by Friday, June 22.

For more information, e-mail Franklin coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 968-0499.

Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill summer hockey camp will be from 8-9:30 a.m. and 11-12:20 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 25-29 at Edgar Arena.

The cost is \$175 and registration is limited.

For more information, e-mail Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni at pmazzoni@livoniapublicschools.org.

MU volleyball

Madonna University has scheduled three sessions of summer volleyball camps including:

Advanced (Elite) and General All-Skills - Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; Setters and Youth - Friday through Monday, June 29-July 2; and Hitters and Defensive - Monday through Thursday, July 9-12.

The cost for the setters, hitters and defensive specialty camps are \$135 per player, while the youth camp (ages 5-10) is \$110.

To obtain a camp brochure, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com.

For more information, call the MU Volleyball office at (734) 432-5612; or (734) 254-0698 (evenings).

You can also e-mail MU volleyball coach Jerry Abraham at [jabraham-216180mi@comcast.net](mailto:jabraham@jabraham-216180mi@comcast.net).

Madonna soccer

Madonna University will stage a boys and girls soccer camp from 9-11:30 a.m. (ages 6-12) and from 6-8:30 p.m. (ages 13-18), Monday through Friday, June 25-29, at the new field, located on Newburgh just south of Five Mile Road.

The cost is \$100.

For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Franklin hoops

Livonia Franklin will stage a pair of summer basketball camps including grades boys in grades 4-9 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 25-28 (cost \$65); and boys and girls in grades 1-3 from 9-10:30 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 25-27 (cost \$50).

For more information, visit franklinbasketball.googlepages.com; or e-mail franklinbball@gmail.com.

Victory Soccer

Victory Soccer will offer a series of summer soccer camps including:

High school - 6-8 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, June 27-29, at School-

craft College (cost \$85); ages 6-17 - 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 9-13 16-20, or 23-27, at Livonia's Taylor Elementary (cost \$180 for each); goalkeepers ages 8-17 - 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Taylor Elementary (cost \$18); High School Elite - 1-3 p.m., July 17-20 or July 24-27, at Taylor Elementary (cost \$150 for each).

Call Schoolcraft men's soccer coach Rick Larson at (734) 564-3693; or e-mail rick.larson@victory-soccer.net.

MU girls hoops

The 2012 Crusader Nation individual girls basketball camps will offer two sessions from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 18-21 and July 16-19 (cost is \$150 for each).

For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Kelser hoops

The Gregory Kelsner 2012 Basketball Camp (boys and girls ages 7-17) will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 9-13, at Livonia Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road.

The cost is \$225 per camper (includes lunch provided by Kelsner, Inc. on Thursday and Friday).

For more information, visit www.ljal.com/basketball/camps.

Glenn wrestling

The Westland John

Glenn wrestling program will stage its annual Rocket Camp for incoming grades 9-12 from 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 23-27, at the high school.

Registration will be at 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 23 at the wrestling room. The cost is \$100 (includes T-shirt).

There will also be a youth camp (kindergarten through eighth-grade) from 4:30-6 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 23-27, in the Glenn wrestling room. Registration begins at 4 p.m. Monday, July 23. Included in the \$50 cost is a T-shirt.

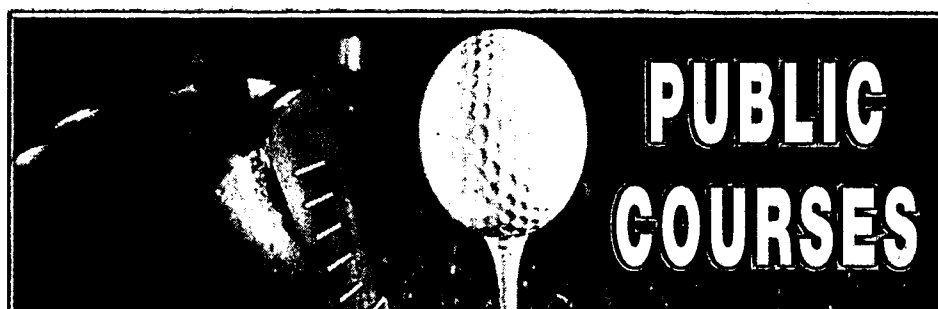
For more information, e-mail Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk at rock-etwrestling@gmail.com; or call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

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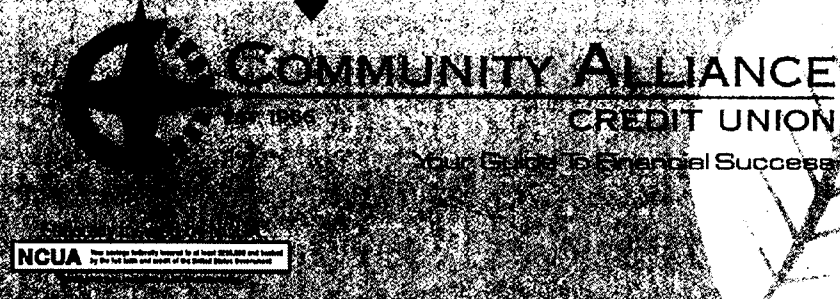
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Ladywood's Haley Lawrence (left) makes the tag on St. Clair runner Bailey Dembinski at second base during Tuesday's 4-2 Division 2 quarterfinal victory.

BLAZERS

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at third base, started the rally with a hard shot off the foot of Schweiger for a hit.

Carli SanMillan followed with a bouncer through the middle for another safety. When the catcher threw wild to first base on Andria Gietl's bunt, Fidge came around to score.

Following a sacrifice bunt by Allyssa Kashat to advance the runners, Michelle Nelson put down another bunt for a hit that scored SanMillan.

"We bunted the ball and put pressure on them, and we're a tough lineup to get out for six or seven innings," Combs said.

"We've been practicing small ball a lot, and you need it because the pitching is just going to get better. You have to scrap for runs; you're not going to get 10."

After the fast start by St. Clair (28-9), the Blazers got a run back in the bottom of the first. Lauren Hayes hit a lead-

off double and, following a passed ball that put her on third, scored on a groundout by Fidge.

Ladywood tied the score in the fourth after Fidge reached on a fielder's choice. Pinch runner Christina Meyer advanced two bases on a SanMillan single and scored on Gietl's hard grounder through the left side.

"It was a rough first inning, but we're a seven-inning team," Briana Combs said of the Ladywood comeback. "I was struggling a lot. My knee has been pretty sore, but I just battled through it. My team was behind me and picked me up."

"I've been there before (first inning). Obviously, it shakes you up, but I just had to keep battling to get three outs and get us up to bat. I knew we'd be fine."

St. Clair threatened in the seventh with runners at first and second with two outs. Fidge, who made a difficult catch on a foul ball near the fence earlier, speared a line shot by Bailey Dembinski to end the game.

"I was standing on

third base and thinking, 'Here we go again,'" St. Clair coach Kevin Mahn said. "Then we hit a bullet down to third. That third baseman is a heckuva player."

"They've been highly ranked all year; (Combs is) the Gatorade Player of the Year. We put the ball in play and hit the ball against her. We have nothing to be ashamed of."

"Nothing surprises me with this group of girls. They've been doing this all year. I expected us to battle and play tough, and I fully expected us to win. It just didn't work out."

The Blazers had eight hits off Schweiger, who struck out seven and didn't walk anybody. The first seven batters in the Ladywood lineup had a hit with SanMillan being the only one with two.

The season continues for the Blazers, and Briana Combs will make her third start in a semifinal game Friday.

"I'm really excited," she said. "We've been looking forward to this all year. We just have unfinished business; so we'll see."

Blazers cruise in regional

Piece of cake.

That was the story Saturday as Livonia Ladywood garnered its third Division 2 regional girls softball title in four years with a 13-0 mercy rule triumph over Center Line in the final Saturday at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Ladywood earned a bye into the Edsel Ford regional final after semifinal foe Detroit Crockett pulled out of the tourney on Wednesday.

The Blazers, who improved to 35-3, had little trouble with Center Line, which reached the final with a 4-2 win over Melvindale.

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Senior pitcher Briana Combs did not allow a hit in tossing her ninth no-hitter of the year. She struck out 13 and walked only one as the Panthers were only able to get two balls in play during the five innings.

Offensively, Ladywood mounted a 15-hit attack with Celeste Fidge leading the way with two hits and four RBI.

Carli SanMillan and Michelle Nelson also added two hits apiece.

SHRINE 6, HVL 1: Royal Oak Shrine (20-8) took advantage of five Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (20-6) third-inning errors to score five runs en

route to a Division 4 regional semifinal victory Saturday at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

Winning pitcher Brittney Stuart held the Hawks to one run on four hits and two walks. She struck out four.

Losing pitcher Julie St. John allowed just two hits and all six runs were unearned. She struck out five and walked only two.

Freshman Ann St. John was the Hawks' top hitter going 2-for-2 with one run scored. "We had a horrible third inning," said HVL coach Eric Ruth, whose team committed a total of seven errors. "We couldn't string a bunch of hits together. Most of our hits came with two outs."

In the regional final, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist improved to 27-7 overall with an 8-0 win over Shrine.

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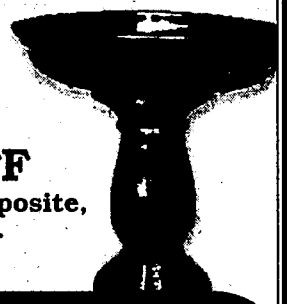


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And McDonald then came through in the clutch, getting South clean-up hitter Cam Gibson, a Michigan State signee and Arizona Diamondbacks' 38th-round draft choice, to chase an outside pitch for a pop out to third.

McDonald then retired DH Andrew Addy on a groundout to short to end the game.

"He said he could do it, so we needed two outs and he did it," Berryman said of his ace, who is headed to Hillsdale College. "I had to take Mike (Kanitra) out. He's at 100 pitches, it's 85 degrees, they're going to see him for a fourth time. I trust my relievers, but they didn't have it. There's a kid (McDonald) that gets a win and a save in the regional final. What can you say about him?"

With Kanitra cruising along with a three-hitter over the first six innings, McDonald figured he'd wouldn't have to return to the mound to close out the victory.

"Especially after pitching the first one (game), I had no idea," McDonald said. "He (Kanitra) was on all day. He had all his pitches working. He was unbelievable today.

"But I had an idea, yep. Before the inning, I told coach, 'Maybe, we'll see.' Then the moment came and I was ready.

"I felt good. I don't know if it was because I was warmed up from the game before, or the game ... I don't know, I felt good."

It was the first regional championship ever for Berryman, who has coached the past eight seasons at Stevenson after an extended stint at Redford Union.

"This is unbelievable," McDonald said. "Being a senior, being my last hurrah, this is unreal. Coach Berryman has been with us throughout the whole



ED WRIGHT | PHOTO

Stevenson's Mike Kanitra (22) gets a warm greeting from his teammates after hitting a 2-run homer in Saturday's 11-1 Division 1 regional semifinal victory over Detroit Western International.

year and all my last four years ... it just feels good, first of all, for him. And as a team, we dreamed about this, and to reach this goal is unreal."

McDonald's bloop RBI single gave Stevenson a 1-0 first inning lead. An RBI single by Jake Semak and a double-steal executed by Semak and Justin Small pushed the advantage to 3-0 in the second.

North got a run back in the third without the benefit of a hit as right fielder Brandon Jurczynszyn had to leave the game with a gimpy ankle after losing a fly ball. Catcher Mike Vomastek also took himself out of the lineup in the first inning after becoming dehydrated.

That forced Berryman to juggle his lineup and make wholesale changes.

(Vomastek, however, did re-enter late in the game.)

"What happened is that he started throwing up in the dugout, got a little overheated," Berryman said of his senior catcher. "We flip-flopped some things. We drove Mike around in an air conditioned car and I was saving him for the end of the game for that one at-bat. "Even the backups — they didn't make errors. Matt Hunt went in there and played first base. They're on the team for a reason. They filled in admirably."

Stevenson added two more runs in third to push the lead to 5-1 on an RBI single by Josh DeYonker and RBI single by Kanitra.

But it was Kanitra's solid outing on the mound that deserved kudos.

"He has been getting better, better and better," Berryman said. "God knows, I ride him. He doesn't know how good he can be. In his last three outings he's improved tremendously and today was the pinnacle of his hard work. He's earned it and has worked very hard to get to this."

Dan Griesbaum also agreed.

"Give that pitcher (Kanitra) credit, he was not throwing mid-to-upper 80s (mph), but he kept us off balance," said the South coach, whose team finished 25-12 overall. "He'd get two or three pitches over for strikes and he had us guessing a little bit. You have to give him all the credit because we hit a very good pitcher in the first game (8-5 win over University of

Detroit Jesuit) who was throwing upper 80s to 90 and we scored eight runs. Then he (Kanitra) came out and kept us off balance."

Stevenson scored an even more impressive win in the other regional final over 27-8 Western International as Travis Harvey delivered the big blow with a grand slam over the left field fence in the third inning, while Kanitra added a two-run blast clearing the right field fence in the fourth to go along with a two-run single in the fifth.

McDonald, Semak and Lagerstrom also knocked in runs.

But it was the four-hit pitching of McDonald that kept the Detroit Public School League champions and last year's state semifinalist off balance. 2

"Their kid pitched great, he did a good job and we didn't hit too well today," Western coach Juan Carlos Sanchez said. "We've worked so hard on pitching and defense all year. It's really surprising to see that be our downfall today."

Sanchez decided to go with sophomore right-hander Louis Chapa as his starter.

"I felt the kid we started gave us the best chance," Sanchez said. "I got a chance to see Stevenson twice and felt he had the best chance. He didn't have his change-up today, his curveball wasn't as sharp as it usually is. I probably left him in there one batter too many."

"After the grand slam, I went back to my other kid (Hector Gutierrez), my ace at the point. I have three aces, I don't look at it that I have one kid better than the other. I can count on all three kids and not worry about it. I still feel confident, but when you don't hit, you don't defend, it makes it harder. You have to do two of the three well, and then you still don't have a chance to win the game unless you do all three well."

Stevenson, meanwhile, collected a total of 22 hits on the day.

"We set up a hitting thing where we hit off an 88-to-90 mph pitching machine for two days," Berryman said. "They were so geeked to swing the bat that nobody was going to throw hard enough to scare them. And they executed it perfectly. Some of it continued in the second game. We just hit the ball well."

Berryman, meanwhile, clutched the coveted regional trophy and reflected on the accomplishment afterwards.

"I've been to the finals of this a couple of times, but never won one," Berryman said. "This is the first one."

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BASEBALL

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jam," Scott Theisen said. "They (Stevenson) hit a few balls and got some base hits out of it. We felt comfortable that he was going, and going well. We didn't want to have to go to Justin (Goike) and the two runs we got in the sixth really helped."

Saline took the lead for keeps with a pair of runs in both the fifth and sixth innings.

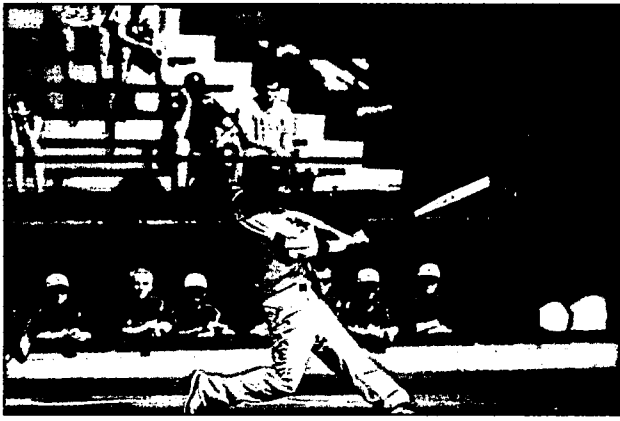
Courtesy runner Brandon Gordon scored what proved to be the game-winning run when he eluded a rundown at third following an errant throw by the Stevenson catcher after Andrew White had singled.

Mike Hendrickson then doubled home White to make it 3-1 after five innings.

The Hornets then added two more in the sixth on three hits against Stevenson reliever Mike Kanitra, including a sacrifice fly off the bat of Trent Theisen followed by an RBI triple by Hauck. The Saline rally was aided when the Spartans failed to cover a bunt by Hammond with no outs in the sixth.

"We had them in a rundown — it was just a miscommunication," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said of the fifth-inning error. "You either go after them and shorten the distance, so you stay on the bag and the catcher runs them back. One was thrown to the bag and one was running at them to shorten the distance ... and is was just a miscommunication."

"But regardless, that cost us a run and not cov-



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Stevenson's Mike Vomastek takes a healthy cut at the plate during Tuesday's Division 1 baseball quarterfinal against Saline. The junior catcher left the game in the bottom of the sixth after taking a ball to the throat while trying to block a wild pitch.

ering first cost us a run, but we still lose 3-1."

Stevenson, meanwhile, was out 10-5, as Vaccaro retired the final eight batters he faced to close out the victory.

"The pivotal part and the big changing part of the game was when we had the bases loaded," Berryman said. "It's obvious, we put them away if we get a hit with the bases loaded. With our fifth and sixth hitter we don't get the big hit and they (Saline) just nit-picked away with runs. We hit the ball well. We didn't hit pop-ups. I think we had six line drive outs to outfielders."

But it was the key base knock which eluded the Spartans all afternoon.

"We still need to get what I call 'the hit' that scores the runs," Berryman said. "But I'm proud of them. We hit with them, but they're a good team. But when you get a day like today the momentum swings — we get that hit with the bases loaded, it's a whole different momentum switch."

It was Stevenson first quarterfinal appearance since 2002 and the Spar-

tans could be poised for another run next season as only McDonald, Lagerstrom, Justin Small and Peter Michalak graduate.

"We had a school record for wins (28) and that's nothing to be ashamed of and were among the final eight teams in the state — that's pretty good," Berryman said. "And we only have four seniors."

Meanwhile, Saline is knocking on the door once again after being state tournament bridesmaids four times (2010, 2009, 2008 and 1998). They will face Hudsonville beginning at 1 p.m. Friday at Nichols Field in Battle Creek in one semifinal. The other matchup pits Warren DeLaSalle and Howell.

"Throughout the season we've played a formidable schedule and I think we've been battle tested," said Theisen, whose team has outscored five state tournament opponents by a combined 51-4. "That's part of the scheduling that we've built."

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Wayne proves no match for Saline

Wayne Memorial's 2012 baseball season ended Saturday with a thud in the Division 1 regional semifinal at Monroe as the Zebras fell victim to state-ranked Saline, 11-1, in a six-inning mercy.

Wayne finishes the year at 14-18 overall, while Saline improved to 29-10.

Saline was paced by Austin Hauck, who went 3-for-4 with three RBI and a run. Gage Hammond also went 3-for-4, scored three runs and added an RBI in the Hornets' 12-hit attack.

That was more than enough offensive support for starting pitcher Brent Vaccaro, who held Wayne scoreless over the first four innings

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allowing just three hits and a pair of walks in earning the victory.

Saline jumped on Wayne starter Tyler McCurry for five runs on six hits in 2.1 innings. Chris Briggs went the next two inning, while Jacob Lefler worked the final 1.2.

Lefler collected two of Wayne's five hits. Kody Wojewski's sacrifice fly scored Briggs in the fifth for the Zebras, who couldn't overcome a 7-0 deficit after four innings.

The Hornets advanced to the regional final by blanking Allen Park, 8-0 on a no-hitter by pitcher Justin Goike, while the Jaguars ousted South-

gate Anderson in the other semifinal, 12-2.

SHRINE 13, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 3: Winning pitcher Jared Terrill helped his own cause by going 4-for-4 at the plate to power Royal Oak Shrine (23-7-1) to the Division 4 regional semifinal triumph Saturday over Lutheran High Westland (9-15) at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

Mark Mika went 2-for-3 in a losing cause for the Warriors.

Senior left-hander Taurrek Fikes was the losing pitcher, but shattered a 20-year school record with 107 strikeouts on the season snapping the previous mark of 90.

Fikes also set a new school record for innings pitched with 68.2.

Host Liggett, ranked No. 1 in the state, defeated Shrine in the regional final, 12-0, after dispatching Allen Park Inter-City Baptist in the semifinal, 3-1.

Bucks continue winning ways, 4-0

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third shutout of the season in four starts.

The loss drops the Inferno to 3-5-1 (10 points).

The Bucks return to PDL action 7:30 p.m. Friday to face Forest City London (Ontario) in a key Great Lakes clash. For ticket information, visit www.bucksoccer.com.

BUCKS 1, FIRE 0: In front of nearly 800 fans Saturday night at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School, Nate Boyden headed home the game's only goal off a Stew Givens throw-in at the 24 minute mark to give the first-place Michigan

Bucks (4-0-1) a victory over the Chicago Fire (3-2-1) in a PDL Great Lakes Division match.

Goalkeeper Adam Grinwas earned the shutout for the Bucks, who were coming off a 0-0 deadlock Thursday night in Toronto against the host Lynx.

"We played some very nice soccer in the first half and probably should have had more than just a one goal lead," Bucks coach Gary Parsons said. "But our second half was sluggish, to say the least."

"We allowed them to start playing and to get into a rhythm and it could have cost us. These guys are too good once they get into the flow, so we had to try and get back to our game plan to close this thing out."



Storm champs

Livonia Storm's Team Bacigal recently captured the 10-and-under division crown at the 2012 Downriver Raiders Classic fastpitch softball tournament. Members of the Storm include (standing, from left): coach Joe Schornack, Casey Walker, Rachel Klisz, Kourtney Klatt, Elena Wioncek, Emily Paluk, Coach Elizabeth Bacigal, Maddie Tripp, coach Bob Bacigal; (kneeling, from left) Jenna McCann, Madison Bacher, Riley Hannigan, Madeline Schornack and Maggie Bacigal.



Rattlers 1st

The Livonia Rattlers, a 12-and-under baseball team, recently captured the first annual Livonia Junior Athletic League Summer Classic tournament. Team members include (front row, from left): Cade Bunton, Davis Brown, Jacob Anderson, Trey Gorman, Jacob Way, Michael Ohtake, Michael Iacovacci, Ryan McCamant; (middle row, from left) Mark Mettje, Jacob Sabo, Dallas Young, Kevin McParlan, Kent Goodling; (back row, from left) coaches Tim Gorman, Rob McCamant, Brian Bunton and Chris McParlan.

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The Westland John Glenn wrestling program will stage its 15th annual golf outing fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 15 at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Included in the \$85 cost is golf, cart, lunch at the turn and steak dinner.

Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

For more information, e-mail Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com; or call Judy at (734) 634-4595.

CYO volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8).

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization.

To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart5959@sbcglobal.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m.

Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford).

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for Junior Freshman (7-8), Freshman (8-10), Junior Varsity (11-12) and Varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

Women's golf

The 10-week, 18-hole Livonia Women's Golf League will begin at 8 a.m. Thursdays starting June 21 at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Non-residents are encouraged to join.

For more information, call Beth Nemes at (248) 473-9068; or e-mail tbw-

4boys@aol.com.

Need cheer coach

Livonia Franklin is seeking a freshman girls competitive and sideline cheer coach for the upcoming season.

For more information, e-mail Franklin athletic director Ron Hammie at rhammye@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 744-2655, Ext. 47117.

Girls hoop coach

Livonia Clarenceville is taking applications for its varsity girls basketball coaching position for the 2012-13 season.

Those interested should send a resume, letter of recommendation and references via mail to: Kevin Murphy, athletic director, Clarenceville H.S., 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152. You can also e-mail Murphy at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking varsity golf and varsity pom pon coaches for the fall of 2012.

An afternoon and weekend bus driver is also wanted to take teams to games.

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Divine Child jobs

Dearborn Divine Child High School has head coaching vacancies for girls golf and boys ice hockey.

Resumes and letters of interest should be sent by June 10 to: Tony DeMare, athletic director, 1001 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128; or e-mail demare@divinechildhighschool.org.

Boys hoop coach

Dearborn Heights Annapolis is seeking a varsity boys basketball coach.

Those interested should send a letter of interest and resume by May 15 to: Scott Wiemer, Annapolis High School, 4650 Clipper, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125; or e-mail wiemersc@d7.k12.mi.us.

Rams run out of time, tie 2-all

Father Time was the winner in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League battle Monday night between the Michigan Rams and the Michigan Outlaws at Bicentennial Park.

The game ended in a 2-2 draw after eight innings and a 2-hour, 30-minute time limit leaving the Rams with a 6-1-1 record, while the Outlaws stand 2-5-1.

Miles Sorise went 3-for-4 with an RBI to pace the Rams' eight-hit offensive attack. Donnie Eaton also collected two hits, while Zach Zott drove in the other run.

Evan Novak knocked in a run for the Outlaws, who scored twice in the four inning to overcome a 1-0 deficit before the Rams tied it with a run in the top of the seventh.

Sean Koerber worked

COLLEGE BASEBALL

the first six innings for the Rams, allowing two runs (both unearned) on three hits and four walks. He struck out seven before giving way to Jeff Sorenson, who pitched two scoreless innings and struck out three.

The Outlaws used three pitchers with Luke McCatty going the first three before Steve Vores went the next four. D.J. Vandecareye pitched a scoreless eighth.

The trio combined for eight strikeouts and walked only two.

RAMS 6-1, RED SOX 1-2: On Sunday, the Rams (6-1) swept a double-header at Ford Field from the Red Sox (2-5). Brandon Katta went 3-for-3, including a double and one RBI as the Rams rolled in the opener, 6-1. Trent Drumheller also chipped in going 3-for-4 with a double

and RBI.

Winning pitcher Keith Paslean worked the first four innings, allowing just one run on one hit and two walks. He struck out seven before reliever Josh Richardson took over and kept the Red Sox off the board on two hits, a walk and four strikeouts.

Paul Lobur went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Red Sox. Starter Jake Baldwin, who gave up five runs on seven hits and six walks in four innings, suffered the loss.

In Game Two, Miles Sorise had two hits and two RBI, while J.P. Marcani and Garrett Gordon also collected two hits apiece in a 9-2 Rams victory.

Zach Zott also had two RBI, while Marcani, Gordon, Donnie Eaton and Just Sherman each added apiece.

Winning pitcher Mitchel Patterson worked the first five innings allowing one earned run. He struck out 10 and walked only two. Josh Payzant finished up.

P.T. Panas went 2-for-3 for the Red Sox, while pitcher Michael Burgher suffered the loss.

RAMS 6, OUTLAWS 1: J.P.

Marcani clubbed a 3-run homer and two pitchers combined on a one-hitter Friday in a Michigan Rams (4-1) victory over the Michigan Outlaws (2-3) in LCBL action at Bicentennial Park.

Wayne State left-hander Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Stevenson) pitched 2.1 innings of perfect relief while striking out four to pick up the victory. Rams starter Donnie Eaton went the first 4.2 innings allowing one run on one hit and five walks while fanning five.

Garrett Gordon also collected two hits, while Justin Sherman and Mark Wagner (Henry Ford Community College/Stevenson) also knocked in runs for the Rams.

Travis Cahoon had the lone hit and Jim Docant knocked in the only run for the Outlaws (2-3).

The Rams trailed 1-0 through four innings before scoring three times each in the bottom of the fifth and sixth innings off Outlaws reliever Mark Mall, who gave up all six runs on six hits in three innings.

Mall fanned eight, walked three and hit one batter.

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June

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Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 23

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

COURAGEOUS LIFE SERIES

Time/Date: June 17 and 24

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: A screening of the movie, "Courageous" kicked off the series on June 3. It also will be shown at 6 p.m. June 24. Series topics are "Fighters Versus Flyers," June 17 and "Team Players Versus Lone Rangers," June 24

Contact: (248) 476-8222



Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia will screen the movie, "Courageous," on June 24. This is a scene from the film, which tells the story of four police officers who are also fathers, hoping to raise their children in a God-honoring way.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, June 14, 21 and 28

Location: Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville

Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Denis B. Theroux, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement

organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the parish office.

Contact: The church at (248) 349-2621, www.olvnorthville.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 28-30

Location: In the thrift store at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Details: All items, except those marked firm, priced over \$1 are 50 percent off the price marked; bake sale

Contact: (313) 534-7730

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 24

Location: St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, north of 14 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge in Birmingham

Details: The peer group celebrates its 10th anniversary. Includes Mass, refreshments and fellowship. Enter from the rear of the building before 2:30 p.m.

Contact: Gerry at (586) 795-0477

July

MOVIE NIGHT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18

Location: Bixman Hall at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: "The Way" will be screen. A brief discussion will follow the film. Admission is free and refreshments will be served

Coming up: See "Monsignor Quixote" at Summer Movie Night, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 at the church

Contact: RSVP at (734) 425-5950

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniast-michael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

CLOTHING BANK

Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

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Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

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New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. **Contact:** Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPSnext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs

Contact: (313) 563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Meth-

odist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656 or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: (734) 459-3333

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturdays

Location: In the church rectory conference room, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: St. Monica's Prayer Group is open to all women who want to support one another in praying for their children, regardless of age.

Other prayer sessions: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday, includes parish prayer and Eucharistic adoration, with Benediction service following.

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

PRESCHOOL

Ward Preschool

Time/Date: 2011-12 school year

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Enrolling now for children turning 3, 4 and 5 years old by Dec. 1.

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Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at (313) 283-8200; lef@dwo.org

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We lost an honest man on June 9, 2012 — just two weeks shy of his 75th birthday. Bob was surrounded by his loving kids Jerilyn German Petersmark (Frank), Dr. Beth German (Dr. Martin Garber), Amy German (Matthew Draving), Mary Ansbro (Peter), and Jonathan German (fiancée Carolina Floegel). Grappa to Caitlin, Christopher, Joseph, Samuel, Benjamin, Sarah, Nathan Robert, Evan and Ella. Also Tom Coyne, Joseph's dad. Kay (Kohler), the love of Bob's life for over 56 years, passed in November 2010. Bob's wish was to be cremated. Funeral Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI on Friday, June 15 at 9:30 am (visitation at 9:00 am) and luncheon at 11:00 am. Please honor Bob's life by offering a kindness to a stranger.

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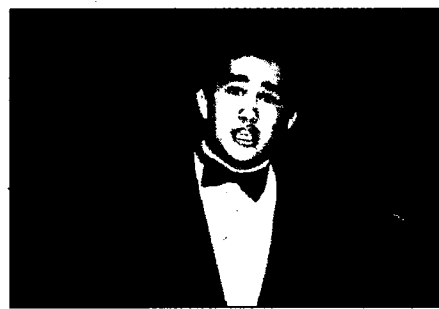
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Livonia native makes professional opera debut



By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Jesus Vincente Murillo was at the right place at the right time.

Arbor Opera Theater needed a bass singer to play Colline in Puccini's *La Bohème*. Murillo, a junior at the University of Michigan, was ready to make his professional debut.

"How I heard about the heard about the part was I went to a showing of opera in a small black box theater. It was horrible weather that day. No one showed up," said Murillo, a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and its Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program. "I was sitting in the audience, maybe there were 12 of us and who is sitting behind me but the director of *La Bohème*."

Murillo overheard the director say he was in desperate need of a bass singer to play Colline after the actor originally hired for the part had dropped out.

"It was serendipity. I was right there. I turned around and said may I audition for you?"

Murillo will make his professional opera debut in the role Thursday, June 4 in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater in the Michigan League Building, 911 N. University, on U of M's central campus in Ann Arbor. Performances continue at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 15-16 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 17.



Jesus Murillo (center) portrays Sir Marmaduke in "The Sorcerer" at the University of Michigan.

Tickets range from \$22-\$55. Students and senior citizens pay \$15. Call the Michigan Union ticket office at (734) 763-8587.

His role

La Bohème looks at young Bohemians living on the edge in the 1840s in Paris, France and focuses on Mimi and Rodolfo. Colline, a philosopher, sells books to pay his living expenses. In a last ditch effort to save his friend, Mimi, who needs medicine, he sells his coat.

"He sings the coat aria. It's a very famous aria from the opera," Murillo noted. "He sings goodbye to the coat and talks about having the coat all his life. It has so many memories."

"It's a fabulous role. I love it. Its breathtakingly beautiful moments still get me. It's such an honor to do it. I'm the youngest person in the cast by far and the rest are well-established professionals."

The fast-paced rehearsal process was unlike

anything Murillo had experienced in the theater. "The first day of rehearsal everyone had to come memorized. Everyone was completely off book. The first day of rehearsal we staged the first act."

The show is a major step forward in his career.

"What's different about this one is it's grand opera. In the past I've done mostly Gilbert and Sullivan light opera and musical theater," he said. "This is a full Puccini score. It's much more challenging and expressive, the pinnacle of operatic theater."

Young singer

Murillo, who hopes to pursue a doctorate degree in vocal performance and teach on the college level, began singing at age 8 while at Adams Elementary School in Livonia. Through his school years at Riley Middle School and Churchill High School, he landed more than 12 lead roles

in musicals. He also sang classical music in the Ann Arbor Boy's Choir.

Although he performed in musicals while in CAPA, opera was a perfect fit for his rich, bass vocal tones.

"My voice is too heavy for musical theater," he said. "I have an operatic voice. It was natural to go the operatic route."

Two years ago Murillo placed first in the Classical Singer Regional Competition at U of M and made his operatic debut at the Detroit Opera House as the lead in *The Very Last Green Thing*. He studied Italian opera and diction on a scholarship in Piobbico, Italy last year and has performed in *The Mikado*, *The Elixir of Love*, *The Sorcerer*, *Carmina Burana* and *The Marriage of Figaro* while at U of M.

Murillo also served on the executive board of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society at U of M.

"I'm still taking a lot of classes, but trying to get more stage performance."

With four resident opera companies in Ann Arbor and many performance opportunities at the University of Michigan, Murillo isn't worried about getting stage time.

"I really want to thank all the teachers that helped me in my life. I wouldn't have gotten anywhere without my teachers. I want to dedicate this performance for them."

Audition set for five-women cast

The Farmington Players will hold auditions for *The Dixie Swim Club*, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 17, at its Barn theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile, located just west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

The play tells the story of five southern women, all former members of their college swim team, who meet every year for a long weekend in North Carolina. The ages portrayed in the comedy are 44, 49, 54 and 77.

Audition registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. Call backs, if necessary, are set for 7 p.m. Monday, June 18. Rehearsals will begin the second week of August.

Mandatory dates are Sept. 23 and 30; and Oct. 1-3, 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, and 25-28. For more information, contact Tim Timmer at (248) 568-7159 or e-mail to dixieswimclub@farmington-players.org.

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Paddle a canoe, pet a camel, hear live music at Liberty Fest

Canoeing on the big pond isn't a new feature at Canton's annual Liberty Fest, but it may be one of the least known attractions.

"The people who know about it flock to it," said Jason Lombardo, recreation specialist for Canton Leisure Services. "It is isolated from the carnival activity. It's a nice time. It can get you away from the hustle and bustle."

Heavner Canoe Rental in Milford will rent canoes and kayaks during the three-day festival, Thursday-Saturday, June 14-16 at Heritage Park, located west of Canton Center and south of Cherry Hill. Paddling on the pond will be available all day Friday and Saturday. Festival hours are 5-10 p.m. Thursday, 1-11 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday.

Cost for canoe and kayak rides is \$7 per person. All riders must wear life jackets. Lombardo said the pond, at its deepest, is about 10 feet.

"They will have staff there who can get in the water and help out. Some people get out there for

the first time and end up doing circles," Lombardo said. "It's (canoeing) something that you don't get to do every day. Why not take advantage of it at the festival?"

The west end of the pond will be home to birds, camels and other animals that visitors can meet close-up during the festival. Catch Disney's *The Muppets* movie under the stars Friday in the nearby amphitheater.

Other Liberty Fest highlights:

- Fifty Amp Fuse rocks the Canton LIVE! Stage 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, while the Amphitheater Stage features a Zumba party. Annabelle Road, Deep Fried Pickle Project — with music for kids — and Dymond Harding take the Canton LIVE! Stage on Friday. Earth Angels, Olympian Chung Do Kwan and Silver Sounds will perform on the Amphitheater Stage on Friday. International music and dance runs from 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday on the Canton LIVE! Stage, followed by Big Will and the 360 Degrees Band. On Saturday,

the Amphitheater stage will offer a dance and vocal showcase at noon, Canton Chieftettes at 1:30 p.m., Central City Dance at 2 p.m., singer-songwriter Pat Predd at 3:30 p.m. and the group SHOUT! with a Beatles tribute at 8 p.m.

- America's Most Wanted Car Club displays cars and trucks 5-8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday.

- The Liberty Run on Saturday will attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the number of runners and walkers dressed in Statue of Liberty costumes. The 5K will start at 8 a.m.

- A traveling 911 memorial will be on display 2-8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday at Canton Fire Station #1.

- The Marketplace will feature artisans, crafters, community groups and local businesses.

- The carnival will be open 5-10 p.m. Thursday, 1-10 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday.

- Fireworks wrap up the festival on Saturday.

— Sharon Dargay

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Location: At the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

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Contact: (248) 473-1856

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Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 24

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

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VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: Through June 28

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Spring Art Exhibit, "Artistic Expressions," includes watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel and mixed media art work, juried by Nancy Wolfe of Eastern Michigan University.

Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org.

Comedy

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 4

Location: The Power Center, E. Huron at Fletcher in downtown Ann Arbor

Details: Song parodies and sketches by political satirists, The Capitol Steps. Tickets are \$30-\$50

Contact: (734) 764-2538 or A2SF.org

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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

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Plymouth eatery will crown Shepherd's Pie champ

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Peas, carrots, onions, ground beef and mashed potatoes — how fast and how much can you eat?

If you can put away a couple pounds worth in less than eight minutes, you might have a shot at this year's championship title in Shepherd's Pie eating at Sean O'Callaghan's in downtown Plymouth.

The third annual contest runs 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the restaurant, 821 Penniman.

Co-owner Sam Khashan hopes to line up about 20 pie-lovers to down the hearty, stick-to-your-ribs comfort food.

"We see a lot of contests on TV and the Food Channel. We had never seen anything with regard to an Irish theme," Khashan said, explaining why he and his brother, Kevin, created the annual event. "It took off the first year. A lot of people signed up and came in to watch it.

"Last year's champion will be in it again this year. Last year's champ ate 6 pounds 6 ounces. That's almost like competitive eating."

Contestants will compete in two groups. The winner of each group will go fork-to-fork for the championship title, which comes with a trophy, \$100 cash, T-shirt, and bragging rights. All contestants will walk away with a prize.

Walk-in registration will be accepted if any spots in the line-up are available at event time. Spectators are welcome to watch the action. Happy hour will run all night.

"We'll play some fun music leading up to it, like a boxing event," Khashan said. A Michael Buffer-style announcer will make sure the competitors' stomachs get ready to rumble. "It's a heavy dish — mixed vegetables and ground beef."

The gastronomic athletes will eat the same kind of Shepherd's Pie served in the restaurant.

Mashed potatoes top the mixture of beef — which is simmered in a Guinness demi-glaze — and braised vegetables.

Khashan will watch the competition but won't participate in the fast eating event.

"I'm not that crazy," he said. "One (pie) is max for me."

Bake your own Shepherd's Pie

You can enjoy Shepherd's Pie at home with this easy-to-make version courtesy of Kraft Foods:

Easy Shepherd's Pie

1 pound ground beef
2 cups hot mashed potatoes
4 ounces (½ of 8-ounce package) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, cubed
1 cup Kraft Shredded Cheddar Cheese, divided
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 cups frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
1 cup beef gravy

Heat oven to 375°F.

Brown meat in large skillet; drain. Mix potatoes, cream cheese, ½ cup Cheddar and garlic until well blended. Combine meat, vegetables and gravy; spoon into 9-inch square baking dish. Cover with potato mixture and remaining Cheddar. Bake 20 minutes or until heated through.



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Easy Shepherd's Pie

Healthy Living: Save 70 calories and 9 grams of fat, including 5 grams of saturated fat, per serving by preparing with extra-lean ground beef, Philadelphia Neufchatel Cheese and Kraft 2% Milk Shredded Cheddar Cheese.

Barbecue Shepherd's Pie:

Prepare omitting the garlic and substituting ¾ cup Kraft Original Barbecue Sauce mixed with 1/2 teaspoons onion powder for the gravy.

Note: If using instant mashed potatoes, omit the milk when preparing the potatoes.

CITY BITES

Festival food

CANTON — Liberty Fest, Thursday-Saturday, June 14-16 in Heritage Park, will offer several ways to dine and donate to a worthy cause at the same time this weekend.

• Proceeds from the Canton Firefighter's annual spaghetti dinner will help victims of house fires. Rose's Restaurant will cater the dinner, which will be served 5-9 p.m. Friday. Cost is \$7 for teens and adults; \$5 for children, 5-12; and free for children under 4.

• The Canton Lions Club's annual pancake breakfast benefits local Lions Club charities. Breakfast will be served 7-11 a.m. Saturday, in the north pavilion at the park. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

• The Canton Kiwanis Club's "Chicken and the Works" barbecue benefits several community projects including the Club's efforts to give dictionaries to every third grader in Plymouth and Canton; baby showers for Mott Children's Hospital; and its "adopted" schools, Walker Elementary and Farrand Elementary. The chicken hits the grill 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday. Dinner consists of a half roasted chicken, chips, baked beans, roll and butter, brownie, pop or bottled water and costs \$8 before the barbecue and \$10 at the dinner. "To go" dinners with curbside service also will be available. For more information call (734) 710-1224.

• All proceeds from the Canton Rotary Club Fundraiser will benefit the Rotary Foundation, which supports many local charities. The group will sell a rice bowl with chicken or vegetables and a choice of four sauces, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday. Cost is \$8.

Wine tasting

LIVONIA — Sample the wines of the Merryvale Estate, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty. Merryvale is a family-owned winery that has turned Napa Valley grapes into world flights for the past 25 years. Cost is \$20 for Wine Club members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations call (734) 432-3800. No reservations are required for Ladies Night, 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays; Wild Wednesdays, 5-9 p.m. Wednesdays; and Swinging Saturdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturdays. Flights are \$10 on Tuesday and Saturday. The next Wild Wednesday, June 27, will feature Ben Eberlein, sommelier from Fox Distributing with wine trivia.

Ice cream and cake

PLYMOUTH — Stop by Three Dog Bakery through Sunday, June 17 to help celebrate the store's one-year anniversary under Gary Atkinson's ownership. He'll have doggy ice cream — Lickety Split — for canine patrons and cake for their two-legged pals. The bakery is located at 550 Forest; (734) 453-9663.

Thai cuisine

FARMINGTON HILLS — This month's "Porch Party" at the Longacre House will feature traditional Thai dishes, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 15. Discover dances and music of Thailand, along with rice whiskey. The event is designed for ages 21 and over. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. Pre-register at \$15 or by tickets at the door for \$20. (248) 477-8404 or visit www.longacrehouse.org.

Decorate a cookie family for Dad

What better way to spoil dad on Father's Day than with a dessert made just for him? A sweet treat is a great way to say "thank you" to the most important man in your life. And, since it's his day, choose one that reflects what he loves most of all — his family.

The celebration experts at Wilton have created a fun and memorable recipe just for the occasion — Dad's Perfect Family Cookies. They're sure to put a smile on Dad's face.

Start with a basic buttery sugar cookie dough; roll and cut with boy, girl, dog and cat cutters. When the cookies are baked and cooled, it's time to paint the family portrait.

Kids will love decorating cutouts in each family member's likeness — remember to decorate Dad using his favorite colors. Use Color Flow Icing — special icing that makes it easy to outline and color almost any design — to "dress" the cookies. Or for a convenient, ready-to-use option, try Cookie Icing — simply heat in the microwave and squeeze onto cookies. Add personal touches with sparkling sugars, sprinkles, and other candies for outfits, buttons and jewelry.

Use these amazing cookies as fun place cards, or serve as dessert after Dad's celebratory meal. Pour him a cold glass of milk and let him relax and enjoy his special treat.

For more fun baking and decorating ideas, visit www.wilton.com.

Dad's Perfect Family Cookies

2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
1 ½ cups granulated sugar
1 egg
1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
½ teaspoon almond extract
Large and small boy and girl cookie cutters
Dog and cat cookie cutters
Color Flow Icing Mix
4 cups (about 1 pound) sifted confectioners' sugar
Assorted Icing Colors
Mega Sprinkles Tote
Assorted Colored Sugars



Dad's Perfect Family Cookies

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add egg and extracts; mix well. Do not chill dough; divide into 2 balls. On floured surface, roll each ball into a circle approximately 12 inches diameter by 1/8 inch thick. Dip cookie cutter in flour before each use. Bake same-sized cookies together on ungreased cookie sheets 8 to 11 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool completely.

Prepare Color Flow Icing with confectioners' sugar, following package instructions. You can substitute Cookie Icing if you prefer. Tint portions of icing a variety of colors with icing color. Outline cookies and "clothing" with full-strength icing; fill in with thinned icing. Immediately position sprinkles and sugars. Let set. Add hair, facial features, shoes, clothing and other details using full-strength icing. Let dry overnight.

Makes about 2-½ dozen cookies.

Variation: Substitute Cookie Icing for tinted Color Flow Icing. Decorate as directed above.

Courtesy of Family Features

Satisfy your inner turophile

Is cheese a big part of your life? Do you enjoy it as a snack, an appetizer, a tasty, gooey ingredient in cooking? Do you know your Gouda from your Gruyere? You just might be a turophile — a true lover of cheese.

The taste gurus at The Laughing Cow offer this easy-to-make recipe for White Cheddar and Orange-Fig Filo Triangles to help satisfy your inner turophile. For more recipes and snack ideas, visit www.TheLaughingCow.com.

White Cheddar and Orange-Fig Filo Triangles

1 package frozen filo dough (found in the grocery store freezer)
¼ cup butter, melted
1 jar orange-fig spread (such as Dalmatia)
6 rounds of Mini Babybel White Cheddar cheeses, shredded



White Cheddar and Orange-Fig Filo Triangles

Preheat oven to 350°F. Open filo dough and unroll it carefully (it's very fragile). Keep the sheets covered with a piece of plastic wrap until ready for use.

Place one sheet down on your work area and paint with melted

butter using a pastry brush, taking care not to tear it too much. Place another sheet of filo right on top of the first. Using a pizza cutter or a large knife, cut the dough crosswise (the short way) in to 6 strips. At the base of each strip, place a ½ teaspoon dollop of fig spread and a pinch of shredded cheese. Then, fold the bottom corner of each edge up to meet the opposite side of the edge and continue, American flag style, until the strip is folded into a triangle.

Place the six triangles on a cookie sheet. Continue until all filo dough has been used. Then, paint all the triangles with the remaining melted butter and bake until golden, about 10 minutes. Don't worry if some of the filling leaks out, that's fig caramel.

Red Cross offers tips for water, grilling safety

In summer, there are many things to remember — packing, grilling, and heading to the pool. But, it is also important to remember to be safe. At the Red Cross, officials are always looking out for your safety.

Learning to swim is one of the best steps someone can take to be comfortable and safe around water. People can contact their local aquatic facilities to get information about Red Cross swimming classes. Home Pool Essentials <<http://www.homepool essentials.org>> (<http://www.homepool essentials.org>) is an online safety course for pool and hot tub owners.

Other safety tips include:

- Swim only in designated areas supervised by lifeguards. Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone.

- Prevent unsupervised access to the water. Install and use barriers around your home pool or hot tub.

- Maintain constant supervision. Always stay within arm's reach of young children even when lifeguards are present.

- Know what to do in an emergency. If a child is missing, check the water first. Know how and when to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.

- Have appropriate rescue equipment, a phone, life jackets and a first aid kit near the pool.

The onset of grilling season often results in injuries and fires due to careless cooking practices. The Red Cross offers steps people can follow to help stay safe while enjoying those tasty cook-out treats:

- Never grill indoors.
- Always supervise a grill when in use, and make sure everyone, including pets, stays away from the grill.



- Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, the deck, tree branches, or anything that could catch fire.

- Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill.

- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.

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- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using grills.

- Be ready to close the lid and turn off the grill to cut off the fuel if necessary.

- Keep a fireproof pan under the grill to catch any falling ash or grease.

For full information on how to be prepared and to help stay safe this summer, visit [redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) <<http://www.redcross.org>>.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies more than

40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public

to perform its mission. For more information, visit [redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) <<http://www.redcross.org>> or join the blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 9-13, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
41507 Haggerty Woods Ct \$112,000
4348 Hunters Cir E \$62,000
2449 Knollwood Dr \$68,000
44556 Meadowcreek Ln \$130,000
1591 Mulberry Ln \$150,000

2096 S Cavalier Dr \$147,000
44477 Savery Dr \$27,000
42726 Versailles Rd \$165,000
GARDEN CITY
33021 Barton St \$83,000
32120 Brown St \$40,000
28411 Warren Rd \$40,000
LIVONIA
31628 Arizona St \$80,000
9610 Brookfield St \$105,000
14628 Fairway St \$115,000
18549 Gillman St \$40,000
36557 Kingsbury St \$131,000
10219 Laurel St \$102,000
15537 Loveland St \$136,000

18307 Mayfield St \$185,000
20285 Milburn St \$63,000
35148 Orangelawn St \$96,000
19555 Stamford Dr \$185,000
14012 Sunset St \$155,000
28707 Westfield St \$57,000
16752 Woodside St \$205,000
31748 Wyoming St \$88,000
NORTHVILLE
44745 Aspen Ridge Dr \$280,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Feb. 20-24, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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BIRMINGHAM

1127 Derby Rd \$57,000
753 N Eton St \$59,000
1544 Ruffner Ave \$116,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
4361 Pine Tree Trl \$370,000
790 W Long Lake Rd \$140,000
515 Fox Hills Dr N \$52,000
1046 Stratford Pl \$179,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
1795 Cedar Hill Dr \$290,000
1415 Echo Ln \$379,000

4014 Nearbrook Rd \$330,000
4520 Walnut Lake Rd \$425,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
22278 Arbor Ln \$182,000
29972 Richmond Hl \$110,000
21944 Tredwell Ave \$90,000
30056 W 12 Mile Rd \$39,000
MILFORD
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Investors

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Oakland Investors

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Thursday

PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Dart about
- 5 Long March leader
- 8 Mo. expense
- 12 Pro follower
- 13 Mademoiselle's date
- 14 Compete at Indy
- 15 Opposite of nadir
- 16 Spacious indoor mall
- 18 Light refractor
- 20 Custom
- 21 Hung open
- 23 Eggs, to Ovid
- 26 Mr. Bacharach
- 29 Railroad car
- 31 Lady —
- 32 Mineo of old films
- 33 Polite address
- 34 Black-market
- 36 Ferry chaser
- 37 Cloudy region
- 38 Tasty
- 40 Rx givers

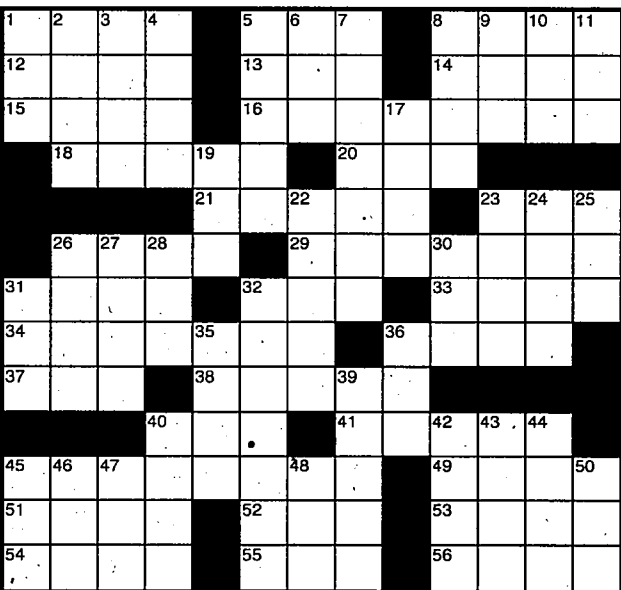
DOWN

- 41 Plains tribe
- 45 Spanish-moss bearers (2 wds.)
- 49 Nudges
- 51 Haik wearer
- 52 Golly!
- 53 Reading desk
- 54 Hunger for
- 55 Naval off.
- 56 Comic-book mutants (hyph.)
- 1 Monastic title
- 2 Reindeer herder
- 3 Centurion's route
- 4 Urban cruiser
- 5 Volcano emission
- 6 "I — — Rock" (Paul Simon)
- 7 Gulf rig (2 wds.)
- 8 Heavy hydrogen discoverer
- 9 Pothole filler

Answer to Previous Puzzle

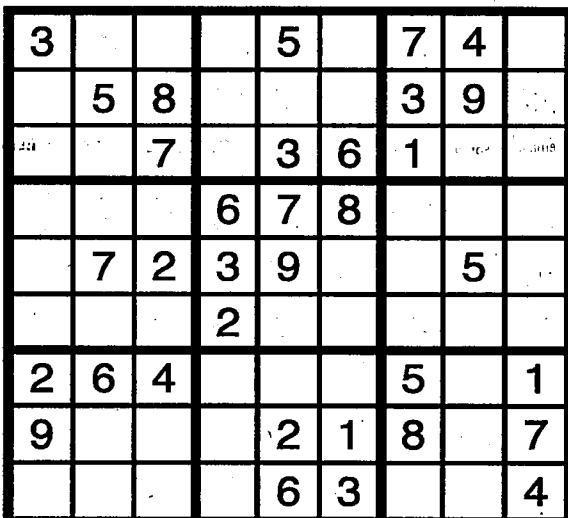
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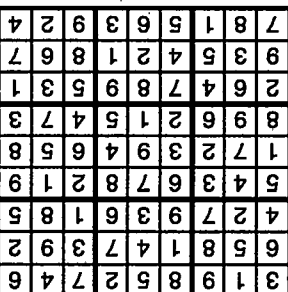
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Word Search — Invention

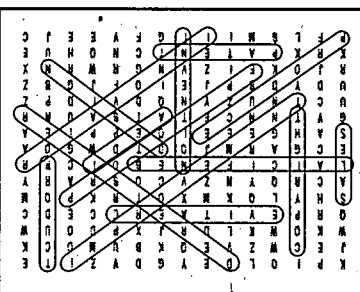
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clothing, toys, books, books.
June 15-16, 9-4. 30062 White
Hall Dr. N/13 Mile, W/Drake.

FARMINGTON HILLS: 33983
Kibby St., W off Farmington
Rd. 2 bks N of 8 Mile. Fri-Sat,
June 15-16 & 20-22 App.
23rd; 9-5pm. Furniture, chil-
dren's toys/games, sporting
articles, clothing, dishes, etc.

FARMINGTON HILLS: Fri. June
15, 10-4. Furniture,
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June 14th, 15th & 16th, start-
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& 7, Inkster & Middlebelt.

LIVONIA Wide Variety!
Antiques, records, collectibles,
furniture, toys, clothes, misc
household, games/game sys-
tems. June 13-16, 9am-5pm.
9126 Newburgh, North of Joy.

LIVONIA- 2 Family Sale!
Antiques, bikes, Christmas &
home decor, & misc. June 14-
16th, 9-5pm. 18263 Wayne
Rd., 7 Mile & Farmington.

**LIVONIA-Electronics, CDs,
DVDs, wedding dress,
GameBoy, DS, books,
clothes, winter coats. New &
used items. Free box. June
15-17th, 8am. 8876 Deering
St., 1st house N of Joy.**

LIVONIA: June 14, 15 & 16,
8:30-4pm. 15530 Riverside.
Household goods, furniture,
clothing, books. Enter Idle
Hills on Ellen.

**LIVONIA: Multi-Family, misc.
household, lawnmower, odds
& ends. June 14, 15 & 16,
9-4pm. 35938 Ladywood,
N. of 5 Mile, E. of Levan.**

**LIVONIA: Nottingham West
Subdivision Garage Sale.**
N. of 6 Mile, btwn.
Wayne & Country Club.
June 14, 15 & 16, 9-5pm.

NORTHVILLE MOVING SALE!
Appliances - household items.
15814 Fry St., btwn Haggerty
& Northville Rd. N of 5. June
15-16, 9am-5pm.

**NORTHVILLE: Multi-Family,
nice variety, some vintage,
double stroller, furniture,
misc. household, decorative
items, no junk. Lexington
Condos, 8 Mile & Taft, follow
signs. June 14, 15 & 16, 9-4.**

NORTHVILLE: June 14-16, 9-3.
49710 8 Mile, 1 Mile W.
of Beck. Across from
Maybury Park. Men's,
women's, plus size & kid's
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decor, computer, furniture
& Longaberger.

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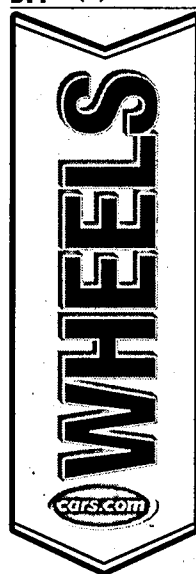
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