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Food distribution

The City of Westland will be distributing surplus federal food 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, to eligible residents who live north of Michigan Avenue.

Westland residents who live south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. For information, call (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens who live in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at building. They can call their building manager for the distribution date.

For the month of July, apricots, corn, green beans, ham, peas, plums and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

Mud Day

Wayne County Parks has a grand plan for the 25th anniversary of Mud Day 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10.

The annual event will be held in the Nankin Mills Picnic Area of Hines Park on Hines Drive south of Ann Arbor Trail. Radio Disney will host a special performance prior to children getting into the mud. There will be special prizes and surprise guests as well as crowning of the King and Queen Mud.

The Westland Fire Department will be on hand to hose off all the muddy kids.

Mud Day is free of charge and is open to kids ages 12 and under. For more information, call Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit the website at www.waynecountyparks.org.

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Police seek help in finding missing teen

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Westland police are hoping the public will help in locating a missing teen.

Clint Hoyt, 16, has been missing since May 25, when his sister dropped him off at a home on Deerfield in Westland, to visit friends. When she returned to pick him up,



Clint Hoyt

she was told he wasn't there. "He actually lives in Indianapolis, Ind., and used to live in Westland," said Westland police Sgt. Stephen Bird. "He was allowed to visit his sister in Mt. Pleas-

ant, and she brought him here for a day. His sister stayed locally and when she came back for him, he was not at the house where she had dropped him off."

She told police she had called her brother on his cell phone and he told her that he was not in Westland. He also told her not to look for him because

he was not going back to Indiana, Bird said.

Bird described Hoyt as "very smart." He has shut off his cell phone since that call and there has been no activity on it since he went missing.

Hoyt's mother Tracy told police her son has tried to run away and return to Westland several times since the fam-

ily moved to Indiana. She had allowed him to visit his sister in Mt. Pleasant, and that she was in charge while he was here.

Tracy Hoyt also had her son listed with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children as an endangered runaway shortly after his disap-

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Ceremony honors veterans' service

HONOREES

Here are the U.S. military veterans honored at American House Venoy in Westland:

- Robert Petteys, Army, private first class, peacetime.
- Michael Derwinski, Army, technical corporal, World War II.
- Thomas McNeil, Air Force, sergeant, World War II.
- Thornton "Lefty" Cummings, Navy, unknown rank, World War II.
- Richard Griffin, Army, specialist fourth class, Vietnam.
- John Krohn, Army, specialist fourth class, Korea.
- Leo Bedeski, Army, sergeant, World War II.
- Jane McKnight, Navy, aviation mate, World War II.
- Charles Webb, Army, sergeant, peacetime.



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World War II veteran Thornton "Lefty" Cummings gets his pin from Michael Paletta, medical director for Hospice of Michigan.

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

On the eve of Independence Day, some Westland veterans were honored for their service to the country with pins, certificates and patriotic music.

"You're going to make me cry," said World War II WAVE Jane McKnight, when she received her American flag pin.

Hospice of Michigan hosted the celebration for veterans last Tuesday at American House Venoy in Westland.

Like McKnight, many of the veterans recognized served during the second World War.

"World War II is the stuff of history books for many of us. For a lot of veterans, those are fresh memories," said Dr. Michael Paletta, Hos-

pice of Michigan medical director. "People today might think that a big deal is something like 9-11. When these veterans think of a big deal, they think of Pearl Harbor, D-Day, the Battle of the Bulge and Guadalcanal." The sacrifices were

made on the homefront, Paletta said, with shortages and rationing.

"You needed coupons to get food for your family and you couldn't get tires any way," he said. "People don't think of that

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Organizers: Festival went well, was safe

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Record high temperatures took a toll on the Westland Summer Festival on attendance, but that isn't dampening the enthusiasm of organizers who have labeled the annual event a success. "I thought it went well," said festival chairman Ken Mehl. "We had more rides than ever, but the

weather worked against us. But it only went against us because it was so hot, so attendance was down."

According to Mehl, the purpose of the festival is to give an opportunity to residents and families "to set aside their problems for a few days and come out and have some fun." He believes that was the case this year. "People liked what we

had this year, the kids thought the white tigers and the bird cage were great," he said. "And the banana derby ... the kids were squealing they were so excited. Everyone had a good time," he said. "Families can go to the festival and they don't have to spend a penny and have a good time. Some of the displays

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Rachel Senkbeil of Canton, Megan Jarman of Westland and Krystal Kaschuk of Garden City couldn't help but scream while riding the Round Up at the Westland Summer Festival.

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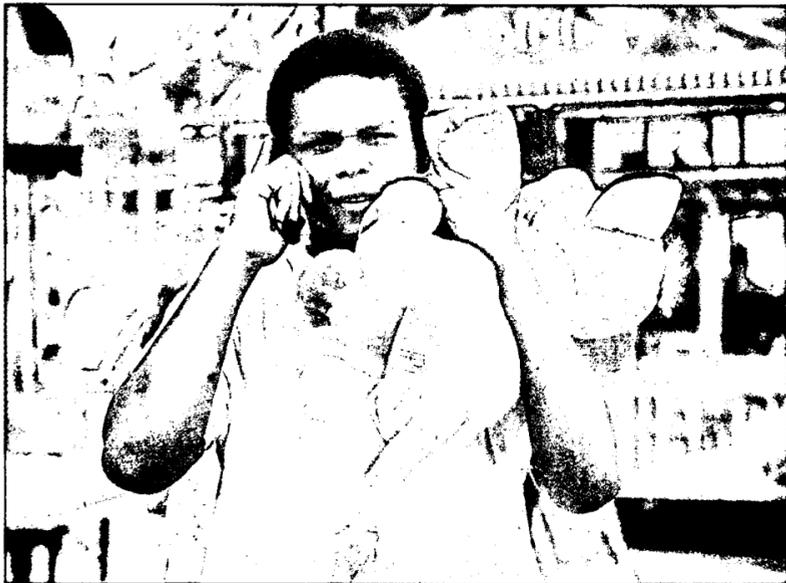
Teen workshop

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center are hosting a "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshop for youth Saturday, July 18.

"Be Proud, Be Responsible!" is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for adolescent youth ages 12-18. The interactive workshop will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy.

All participants will get a free snack in the morning and free lunch. There also will be prizes.

For more information or to register, call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at (734) 467-7904.



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Quosham Gillespie found out it wasn't easy making a phone call with a lion at his neck.



You can't expect the dolphin to walk, so Aushia Thomason carries her son Evan across the festival grounds.

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are free and the music's free."

In its 42nd year, the festival attracted crowds, especially on Fourth of July for the annual fireworks display. Mehl doesn't have a solid figure on how many people showed up, but estimates that it was in the hundreds of thousands.

"People came as early as 6 a.m. to set up their spots for the fireworks," he said. "On site, it was really crowded and it was packed in front of Texas Roadhouse across from city hall."

Police began closing streets around the festival site at mid-afternoon to prepare for the crowd that always turns out for the fireworks. Westland is one of the few cit-



Kyerra Rosenburgh of Taylor finds the driving isn't so easy on the bumper cars.

ies around that has a fireworks display on the Fourth of July, and it's a popular event for families.

But Mehl believes the crowd waited until after the heat of the day to start arriving.

Over the years, the festival has had some security issues which prompt-

ed police to look at a different plan. The city contracted with Livonia to have its reserve officers help with traffic control, allowing additional Westland police officers to be assigned to festival security. There were some incidents, but nothing like the problems several years ago when a young

man was shot in the leg as the fireworks were ending.

According to police Lt. Mike Harhold, the arrangement "worked out very well."

"It was a tremendous help, it made it safer for the people who came to the festival and easier for those involved," he said.

Mehl agrees. "We had enough police out there, it worked out great," he said. Mehl pointed out that

the festival is a volunteer effort and that the money raised this year will fund the next year's event. He said he's already receiving calls.

"A guy told me he appreciated us doing this because Westland is the only city that does it this way," Mehl said. "This is run by a group of citizens and I think it helps Westland."

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pearance was reported to police.

Bird believes the teen may be hanging out in the Norwayne subdivision. People in the neighborhood where he was dropped off have seen him, but are not able to say where he is, he added.

Hoyt is 5 feet 7 inches tall, has dark hair and blue eyes. He also has three tattoos - a tribal mask and a cross with a rose and the words RIP Larry, both on his left leg, and the letters MMKD on his left shoulder.

While Bird doesn't believe anything serious has happened to the teen, he is pursuing different avenues in hopes of locating him.

"I want to make sure he's OK, even if he just calls and tells me he's OK and doesn't want to go home, then I can call and tell his mother something," said Bird. "We have nothing to go on right now. That's why we're looking for help."

People with information about Hoyt's whereabouts can call the Westland Police at (734) 722-9600 or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at (800) 843-5678.

"People can call, and they don't have to identify themselves," Bird said.

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today."

Regardless of when they served and whether their service was long or short, Paletta said he wanted to thank the veterans for their sacrifice.

Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith and Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski attended the program on behalf of Mayor William Wild.

"This was a complete surprise," said McKnight, who turns 87 in September. She worked with the Navy as a WAVES - Wom-



Jane McKnight was the only woman in line when she went to enlist in the WAVES - Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service - during World War II.

en Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service.

"My brother was in the danger zone overseas. We had lost our dad and my mother died when I was three," she said. "I took the day off from work. I went and signed up. I was the only woman in line."

Serving mostly in Florida, McKnight recalls she had earned one stripe and was going for a second when the Allies won the war.

"It was the best thing I ever did except getting married. We had two girls. He's been gone quite awhile," she said.

Another American



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Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith presents an American flag pin to Michael Derwinski, who a technical corporal in the Army during World War II.

House resident Charles Webb, 83, was an Army sergeant during the Korean War. Asked how he felt about the celebration, Webb mimed tears coming from his eyes.

"I tried to join the Airborne but I was rejected because I was under-

weight. So I went into the Army," he said. "They called us out for a formation and said anyone who wanted to be Airborne should step forward. I stepped forward, so I got Airborne anyway."

Joined by other residents, the veterans also

had sing-alongs with patriotic music and instrumental versions of the theme music of each branch of the military, including the U.S. Coast Guard.

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RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of Garden City Public Schools hold its regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Administrative Service Center Board Room, 1333 Radcliff, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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Preschool is like family for teacher, parents and students

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The playscape and classrooms are quiet, a sure sign that it's summer vacation for the youngsters who attend McKinley Co-Op Preschool.

For teacher Carol Miles, it means 29 of her students have moved on to kindergarten or a Young Five program and that in a few months a new group will be sitting at her feet, listening to her read stories.

"It's hard to say goodbye, some of them I've had since they were two years old," said Miles, who's been with the program for 30 years. "I get to know them, I've seen them grow up. I know their families, we become part of a family."

The preschool got its start at McKinley School in Livonia in 1975 and, when the space was needed by the Livonia Public Schools, it moved to the former Good Shepherd Reformed Church in Westland. The preschool recently moved to St. John's Episcopal Church at Bayview and Wayne Road in Westland when Good Shepherd closed and the building sold.

Parents' role in McKinley goes beyond dropping and picking up their children. Because it is a cooperative preschool, they spend twice a month helping in their child's classroom. They are assigned jobs like housekeeping and tending to the library. They also serve on the board and are expected to attend general membership meetings once a month.

Stephanie Flaherty's daughter McKenzie attended McKinley and now her three-year-old son Aiden is studying with Miles. She describes herself as the "party mom" because she handles the class parties.

"I like the co-op because I can work with the kids," she said. "It's sad that some parents don't like it because they have to work in the room



Youngsters and their parents celebrate the end of the school year with a picnic in the play yard at McKinley Cooperative Preschool in Westland.

or do fund raising, but they don't realize that they get to see how their children grow and what they get to learn. I like that."

McKinley didn't have a website when Flaherty was looking for a preschool. She went and saw it. She liked its open layout and the fact that it had a parent and tot class starting with two-year-olds. She also liked the structure.

Now she can't say enough about Miles. She not only has taught her children a lot, she's has taught her a lot as well.

She uses her lessons at home and still goes to her for advice. Aiden likes her as well. He gets up every morning and wants to go to school.

Wonderful teacher

"She's a wonderful person and a wonderful teacher," she said. "He has learned a lot and I love that. He told me he wants to be a teacher so he can get hugs and kisses as the kids come in the door."

"I have a daughter who's 4 1/2 months. If Mrs. Miles is still here, she's definitely coming to

McKinley," she added.

Like Flaherty, Becky Heffner has her second child enrolled at McKinley. Son Brendan was the first graduate and daughter Aubrey is following in his footsteps. She had searched online and found McKinley for her son. He learned a lot of different things that helped him and now her daughter Aubrey is learning them.

"I like the fact that Mrs. Miles used to be a teacher, I think it helps," Heffner said. "He's in first-grade and this program helped him to be student



Sienna Ruel of Wayne takes big bite out of her sandwich at the picnic.



Kara Martinez of Westland looks at the cookbook given to all the parents that the children made and filled with their favorite recipes.

of the month and a better student."

"It's a great school, a very good school, it's awesome," she added. "This was the best decision I ever made."

Miles smiles when she hears their comments. She relates her longevity

as a teacher to that. "You don't stay on the job as long as I have with-out a wonderful family like this," she said.

The families come from Westland, Livonia, Canton, Garden City, Dearborn Heights and even South Lyon "because they had a connection," said Miles. Many times it's because one sister tells another sister about the preschool.

"I've had three families that were my former students who came back with their kids," said Miles. "I've just gotten invitations to graduation parties for two of my former students."

The preschool will hold a Meet and Greet Picnic at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, for families. It'll give new parents an opportunity to meet the members, the teacher and preschool board and for children to meet their classmates. More information about the program registration information and enrollment forms is available on the preschool's website, mckinleypreschool.org.

"The best kept secret is a cooperative preschool," said Miles. "No one knows what it is, but it's the best."

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Woman wanted for making fraudulent bank withdrawal

Fraud

A Chesterfield Township woman told Westland police that on June 28 that someone withdrew \$900 in cash from her account at the TCF Bank branch at 37151 Warren Road.

The woman discovered the transaction after her purse, containing credit cards and bank information, had been stolen at store in Clinton Township. The woman wasn't sure when the withdrawal took place, since that wasn't recorded on the withdrawal slip.

Police were able to obtain a photo of the suspect, a blonde woman, from the bank.

Stolen vehicle

Three Romulus teens were arrested July 4 for possession of a stolen vehicle after being stopped on Marquette west of Wayne Road for a traffic violation.

According to police, the car was stopped after the driver disregarded a red traffic light and turned left on Marquette, almost colliding with a minivan.

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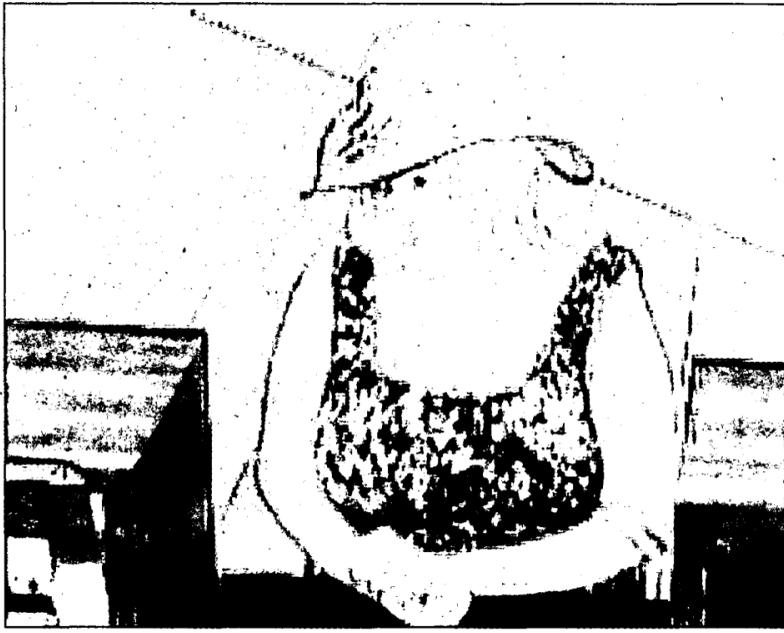
The 2001 Chevrolet Tracker had been reported stolen that same day in Brownstown by a 45-year-old Romulus woman who was an acquaintance of the driver. The teen told police that he had found the keys to the vehicle on the sidewalk and had walked around pressing the key until he located the vehicle.

The one of the passengers told police they had taken the car to meet some females in Westland.

Home invasion

A 20-year-old Livonia man and a 21-year-old Westland man have been arrested following a break-in at a home in the 8100 block of August June 27.

The resident told police he and his wife were returning to the home from a yard sale at their residence in Dearborn when he saw an older model car pulling out of



Westland Police are looking for this woman who is suspected of withdrawing \$900 from a Chesterfield Township woman's account at the TCF Bank on Warren Road June 27.

the driveway. As he got closer, he saw that the driver was the man who had been helping fix up the August Street home. He sent a text to the suspect and asked why he

had driven away, he told police.

It wasn't until his wife went to the bedroom to put her watch away when she found her iPad missing from the top of

her dresser. Also gone was more than \$2,800 in jewelry. The husband checked the house and found a flat screen TV missing from the sunroom and 30 DVDs from

the family room.

Police were able to locate the suspect at a trailer in Canton and arrest him on June 28. A box containing DVDs and iPad case was recovered from a bedroom. He told the police he had sold the iPad for \$160 and the DVDs to a store in Dearborn to support his addition to prescription drugs and marijuana.

Police were able to identify the second suspect through his cell phone number and recent pawn transactions he had made after the break-in. He was apprehended by Hamburg police on July 2 and turned over to Westland officers. He told police he also was addicted to prescription drugs and that he had sold the jewelry to support his habit.

He also told police that the Livonia man had called the homeowner to see if he was at the house and then had used "a credit card or something" to unlock the back door of the home.

Batting cages, netting damaged at Put Me in Coach

Vandalism

The owner of Put Me in Coach located at Garden City Park on Cherry Hill, east of Middlebelt, reported that someone damaged the batting cages and netting and threw balls and bats around overnight June 26 to June 27 after the facility was closed.

The suspects also broke the batting cages.

The police believe

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that an unknown person or persons climbed the fence and cut the netting in the northwest corner of the batting cages. All of the balls were thrown up on top of the netting and bats were tossed about the area.

There was no damage to the pitching machines

and the building was still secure.

Property damage

Residents at a home in the 32000 block of Brown heard a loud crash about 4 a.m. June 27. When they got up to check, they found that someone broke their front picture window, measuring four feet by four feet with an unknown object.

They didn't see any-

one in the area when they looked out.

Theft

A Clare resident who stayed overnight with a resident in the 2000 block of Helen discovered June 26 that somebody went through her 1997 Chevy Blazer and stole several items, including her GPS unit and camera. Her purse and its contents were scattered about the vehicle but nothing was taken.

She said that her vehicle was parked and

locked in the driveway.

Stolen plate

A boyfriend visiting his girlfriend June 25 in the 1100 block of Middlebelt reported that someone stole the license plate from his 1988 Chevy pickup.

The police have no suspects or witnesses.

Property damage

The owner of a Pontiac, parked June 27 in the block of 32000 Pierce, reported that someone threw a five-pound block

of concrete through her front windshield, causing damage.

Suspended license

A police officer on routine patrol stopped an Inkster man at Inkster Road and Bock June 27. A check showed that the man had multiple warrants and suspensions.

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By Sue Buck

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Reader panel to research, give opinion on 13th District

Four Wayne-Westland residents will be taking a close look at the new 13th Congressional District as part of the *Westland and Garden City Observer* readers panel.

William Mills, Debra Fowlkes, Josh Lowe and Caitlin Burns are serving on a panel that will research the five candidates running in the district's Democratic primary to make a recommendation on who they believe is the best choice on the Aug. 7 ballot.

They are acting independently of the *Observer* editorial staff, which is doing its own research and will make its own recommendation on the Opinion Page.

"This is the first time the Westland Observer has done this program which gives our readers and voters in the 13th District more involvement in the local election process," said *Westland Observer* Community Editor Sue Mason. "I am very interested to find out how their

recommendation compares with ours."

The idea is to give voters additional input from which to make an informed decision, Mason said.

The candidates they will be researching are current U.S. Rep. John Conyers, State Sens. Glenn Anderson and Bert Johnson, State Rep. Shanelle Jackson and Wayne-Westland school board Vice-President John Gocci.

Fowlkes, 55, a Westland resident, works for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Married, she and her husband have a son and daughter and a granddaughter. She is a past president of the Wayne-Westland school board, mentor for Westland Youth Assistance and member of the Westland Police and Fire Civil Service Commission.



Mills



Fowlkes



Lowe



Burns

Fowlkes believes her knowledge of the area's "political scene" and her experience as an elected and appointed office holder will help in the selection process.

Lowe, 20, is a Wayne resident. He is currently attending Eastern Michigan University where he is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in secondary education with a focus on social studies. He has a "very close relationship" with his mother Rachel, father Karl and sister Jessica.

He has been involved in the Relay for Life in Ypsilanti, Canton and Belleville and describes himself as organized and open-minded.

"I strive to be conscientious as a young citizen so I can seek information from many sources," he said. Burns is a Westland resi-

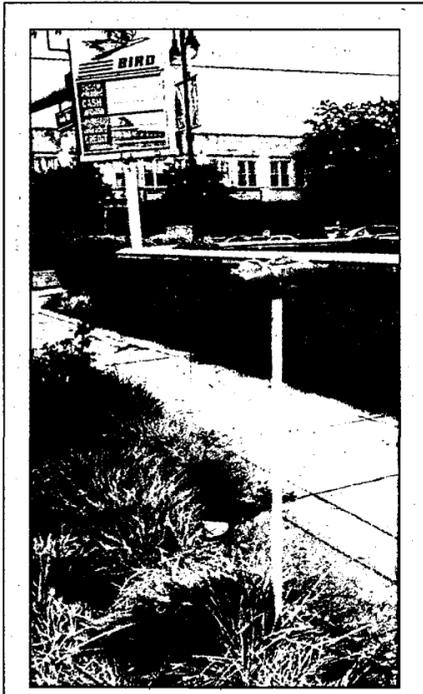
dent and is a fifth-year student at EMU. Her family includes her mother Dawn and father Dale.

Burns tries to participate in as many volunteering activities as her schedule allows. Recently she participated in the Alzheimer's walk and the Firefighters 5K Fun Run. After graduating from EMU this year, she plans to continue her education and get a master's degree in public administration.

"I plan to enter into local and state government within Michigan," she said. "I am very passionate about my state and city and the political goings on within it."

Mills, 68, also lives in Westland and is semi-retired. Married, he and his wife have two daughters, one son and three grandchildren.

He has been involved in a variety of community activities and believes its that strength - 50 years of involvement - that he brings to the readers panel.



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Anderson: Local experience has prepared him for Congress

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Having served on the Westland City Council, in the Michigan House and currently as a state senator, running for the newly redistricted 13th U.S. House seat was a natural progression for Glenn Anderson.



Anderson

"There are so many things affected at the state and local levels by what happens at the federal level. I'm the only candidate with local experience," said Anderson. "My years of public service prepared me well (for Congress). I already have friendships with members of the Washington delegation. It's important in a new position that people have an impression of the quality of people they are working with."

A challenge in the new district, which includes Westland, Garden City, Redford, Highland Park, part of Detroit and several Downriver communities, will be making sure that everyone feels they



are being represented, Anderson said.

"As a state senator, I went from representing one community (as state representative) to four communities. Redford is a really diverse community," said Anderson. "I think they feel I've been a strong representative for Redford. It's the first time I've represented a township."

With the exception of Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, Anderson said he has already met with the chief executives of each community in the congressional district.

"People have known me for so long they don't

need to have questions about who I am and what I stand for," said Anderson. "I'm a person of my word. I believe in hard work. With the district changing as it did, a number of people encouraged me to run."

Michigan continues to be a donor state sending more tax dollars than it receives back, Anderson said, something he'd like to change, in particular regarding transportation. He said he would try to get appointed to the congressional transportation committee.

"As vice chairman of the (House) transportation committee, I know the issues and needs. I served on the transportation task force," said Anderson. "We recommended to the full legislature to find another funding source for our transportation needs - bridges and roads all over the state - two years ago."

The economy and job creation remain the top issue for the area, Anderson said.

"We need to support those who will create jobs in the district," he said. "I know if jobs are created in Oakland County, people from Wayne County

will be filling those jobs, too," he said. "If people are working, they have disposable income to shop at the mall, buy cars and do home improvements. That keeps other people working."

Since Michigan lost a congressional seat after the last census, Anderson said it's important that those elected work hard.

"We can't afford to have someone warming the seat, we have someone that calls himself the incumbent but doesn't sit down with someone who needs a little help to create jobs," said Anderson. "My work ethic shows that I'll meet with them. I have a totally different work ethic. I'm so excited about the things I see in Detroit area."

Anderson was referring to long-serving U.S. Rep. John Conyers, 83, who had represented the 14th District but shifted to the new 13th District following the redistricting.

If elected, Anderson said he would establish a team who would work with various constituents and groups - accessibility and service lacking from Conyers in his current district.

Still, Anderson said he

GLENN ANDERSON

Age: 58
Home: Westland
Family: Married, two children, two grandchildren.
Education: Wayne State University, University of Michigan-Dearborn
Employment: Worked 28 years for Ford Motor Company in a UAW represented position; state senator since 2006.
Other: Goodfellows, Rotary, Kiwanis, former Jaycee, former planning commissioner, state representative 2001-06, city councilman 1991 to 2000. Chosen as "Legislator of the Year" by the Police Officers Association of Michigan in 2010.

sees Conyers as the person to beat in the primary election - the winner is likely to be the next U.S. Representative in the highly Democratic district.

Another candidate, State Sen. Bert Johnson (D-Highland Park) was dismissive of Anderson citing the low number of bills he had brought to enactment.

"I've represented the people who elected me as my first responsibility. I think there are nine votes I've missed," said Anderson, who noted the large number of votes missed by Johnson over the same time period. "I have one of the best attendance records in the senate and he's in direct contrast with that. How can you ask your boss for a promotion when you don't show up for the job you have?"

A lot of people cite the number of bills sponsored/enacted but that's one side of the job, said Anderson, adding constituent services are also important.

"I've been able to affect legislation by quietly working with other legislators," said Anderson, citing legislation that provides in-state college tuition for veterans returning from the Middle East conflicts.

"I didn't have my name on the bill but got language into the bill so all vets - whether they live in Michigan or Ohio - get the break for lower tuition."

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AROUND WESTLAND

Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland will hold its monthly game night 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 12. The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

For those who like to plan ahead, the center's spaghetti dinners will return

on Sept. 28.

Doo Wop 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 almondine, 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.angelos1958.com.

Mom to Mom sale

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is holding a Mom 2 Mom sale and an open house 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

Willow Creek Preschool

is located at 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. The preschool is currently enrolling for their Tot to Toddler class, 3-year class and 4-year class for the 2012-2013 school year. For more information, call (734) 326-0078 or visit the website at www.willowcreekpreschool.com

Christian Concert

St. Michael Lutheran Church and School are hosting a Christian music concert, featuring the Spoke Folk, at 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 19, at the church at 3003 Hannan Road Wayne. The concert is free of charge, however, a free will donation will be accepted.

The church also will hold a free vacation Bible school 5-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Aug. 6-9.

Pension seminar

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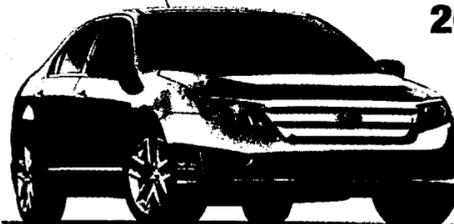
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Upcoming Events

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 15

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Road in Plymouth

Details: Widowed men and women are invited to celebrate Mass followed by fellowship and refreshments at St. Kenneth Church. Join us in a safe and friendly setting.

Contact: For information regarding Mass, call Pat at (734) 895-6246.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 28

Location: Willow Creek Preschool, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

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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 almondine, red skinned mashed potatoes, bread and butter,

coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available.

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GOLF OUTING

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12

Location: Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township

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Contact: For more information, call Tony Mitchell at (313) 550-2117, Vince Toia at (734) 455-2630, NAMI Metro at (248) 348-7197 or go online to www.skinsandpins.org.

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

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

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Contact: Call St. Mel's Church at (313) 274-0684 or send an e-mail to stmcraftfair@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.

McCotter resigns, cites 'nightmarish month and a half'

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has resigned. The five-term Congressman from Livonia has ended his term six months early after what he called a "nightmarish month and a half" in apparent reference to his duplicated signatures on petitions turned into the Secretary of State that resulted in an investigation by state Attorney General Bill Schuette. The duplicate signatures were invalidated, so he fell short of the minimum signatures required to run.



McCotter

On Thursday, *The Detroit News* reported that McCotter also wrote a TV pilot, described by *The News* as a "crude variety show," last year as it appeared his presidential campaign was failing.

Late Friday afternoon, McCotter issued the following statement: "Today I have resigned from the office of United States Representative for Michigan's 11th Congressional District. After

nearly 26 years in elected office, this past nightmarish month and a half have, for the first time, severed the necessary harmony between the needs of my constituency and of my family. As this harmony is required to serve, its absence requires I leave.

"The recent event's totality of calumnies, indignities and deceits have weighed most heavily upon my family. Thus, acutely aware one cannot rebuild their hearth of home amongst the ruins of their U.S. House office, for the sake of my loved ones I must 'strike another match, go start anew' by embracing the promotion back from public servant to sovereign citizen.

"I do not leave for an existing job and face diminishing prospects (and am both unwilling and ill-suited to lobby), my priorities are twofold: find gainful employment to help provide for my family; and continue to assist, in any way they see fit, the Michigan Attorney General's earnest and thorough investigation, which I requested, into the 2012 petition filing.

"While our family takes this step into the rest of our lives, we do

so with the ultimate confidence in our country's future. True, as at other times in the life of our nation, we live in an Age of Extremes that prizes intensity over sanity; rhetoric over reality; and destruction over creation. But this too shall pass, thanks to the infinite, inspired wisdom of the sovereign people who, with God's continued blessings, will again affirm for the generations American Exceptionalism. Truly, it is a challenging and fortunate time to live in our blessed sanctuary of liberty.

"In closing, to the people of Michigan's 11th Congressional District, I can but say this: Thank you for the privilege of having worked for you."

In the statement, McCotter's press spokesperson Randall Thompson indicated that the Washington, D.C., Milford and Livonia offices will continue to operate under the direction of the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives. "Staff will still be available to serve the needs of the citizens of the 11th Congressional District for any constituent needs," the statement reads.

McCotter also reaffirmed that he will not conduct any interviews until the findings of the Michigan Attorney General's investigation have been made public. "As a private citizen, Mr. McCotter will reserve comments until this time," the statement reads.

Contacted late Friday, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said he was shocked and surprised by McCotter's resignation.

"I thought he'd at least finish out his term, but at the same time I realize the importance of keeping your family foremost in your thoughts," Kirksey said. "I hope his future will work out well for him."

Michigan Republican Party Chairman Bob Schostak issued the following statement: "We wish Congressman McCotter and his family the best and thank him for his time serving our state. The Michigan Republican Party remains concentrated and focused on ensuring the 11th Congressional District receives common-sense Republican representation this fall."

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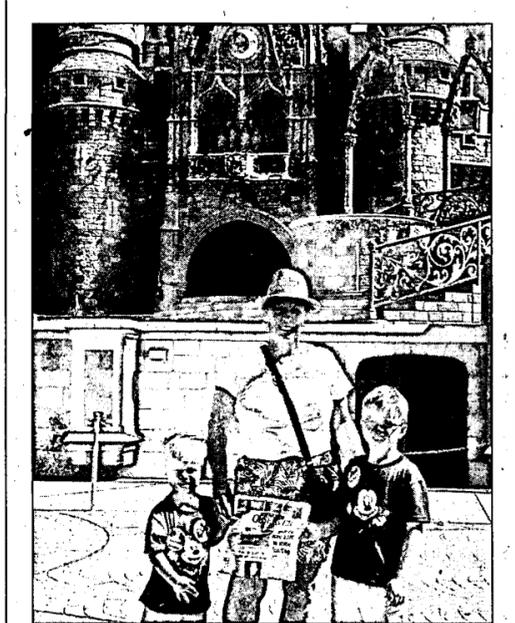
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Wish You Were Here

Nancy Henry of Westland and her family went on vacation to Walt Disney World in Florida where she posed with the grandsons Aaron Henry and Adam Henry from Rogers, Ariz., at the Magic Kingdom with the Observer's Wish You Were Here. Also on the trip was the boys' parents, Jamie and Carissa Henry, and her other son Jeff and his friend Katie from New York. "We had a great time with the Disney family, many memories and pictures to show along the way," said Henry. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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Kaledas: State could learn from private industry

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Bill Kaledas is focusing on word of mouth to get the out fact that he is running as a Democrat in the state representative race in the new 11th District which includes northern Dearborn Heights, Garden City, three precincts in Livonia and five precincts in Westland and the city of Inkster.

Kaledas, 59, was elected to the Garden City Council in 1997 and as the highest vote-getter became mayor pro tem in 1999. He also was elected mayor in 2001. He left the council in 2003, but returned in 2005 following the death of Councilman Mike Wiacek.

He commends the practices of private industry as a way to help lead the state.

11th State Representative District



The 11th District includes Garden City, Inkster and portions of Livonia, Westland and Dearborn Heights.

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"I see a lot of things going on in government and the economy which I think could be fixed by (my) being private industry," he said.

He thinks government is trying to teach private industry rather than private industry teaching government. "It's

reversed," he said.

Streamlining and other processes could help.

He is especially critical of the decline in state revenue sharing.

"I'm standing on the soapbox about revenue sharing," he said. "Statutory revenue sharing has been cut and cut and cut. I believe that the state is balancing its budget on the backs of cities and the cities are forced to lay off police officers and cut services. If the state could put its house in order, the cities would be able to handle local services better because the cities have a closer eye on it. Local city councils understand the needs of the residents more."

He thinks it is good that the issue of changes to the personal property tax are on hold.

"Until the state straightens out its own back yard financially, I would leave it the way it is," Kaledas said. "I would first work on restoring revenue sharing and then work on the

BILL KALEDAS

Home: Garden City
Age: 59
Family: Widowed and remarried; two children and one stepchild
Work: Retired
Education: Air Force Technical School honor graduate, some college, lifetime member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society
Community Involvement: American Legion Post 396, past commander and life member; national director and founding member of the American Legion Riders; AMVETS; Knights of Columbus; St. Raphael Church; former Garden City mayor and councilman; former Planning Commission member; former GCYAA hockey coach.

er for a medium-sized tool and die company in Livonia for 38 years. He retired a couple months ago.

He considers himself semi-retired because he is doing a lot of volunteer work.

He said that his bad hip and use of a cane prevents him from going door to door easily so he is seeking other means to get the work out about his candidacy. "It's been mostly a word of mouth campaign," he said.

Because Kaledas believes that the political system has a lot of potential for corruption by special interest groups, he made a decision at the onset not to accept any campaign money from anybody nor will he accept any endorsements except what is given to the general public through a newspaper endorsement, for example. "I won't do it from anybody," he said.

The political system can't change when those elected into office go in "owing" a special interest group, he said.

"I can't bow down to anybody," he added.

A 59-year resident of Garden City, he wants to work for his neighbors.

"I'm an honest person

with political experience and 38 years of experience in the private sector," he said.

As Kaledas worked in his occupation, he spent a lot of time observing how to streamline processes, reduce waste and improve quality at the same time.

"It's critical right now," Kaledas said. "Manufacturing is in our culture and in our blood. Cars made today in America are 'world class cars.'"

He also supports mining the "largest deposit of iron ore in the Upper Peninsula," and believes that American workers far surpass those in China and Japan because they have more refined skills.

"I see a lot of changes but we need to clear the road blocks to allow the economy to grow so we will have more money (revenue) to send back," he said.

He also wants community colleges to become more streamlined in their curriculum.

"If a guy wants to become a welder, offer classes specific to welding," Kaledas said. "Why do they need a class in English?"

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All applicants must bring a copy of their nursing degree, or transcript, along with a copy of their nursing license and driving license. They should also come dressed for an interview for same-day hiring.

To register for the job fair, interested nurses are requested to call Rita Whitley by Tuesday, July 10, at (313) 244-5906 or send an email to rwhitle1@co.wayne.mi.us.

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A memorable character

Author in right place to meet Sparky Anderson

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

George "Sparky" Anderson, a memorable character in Detroit Tigers baseball history, continues to ignite interest.

And his longtime friend, writer Dan Ewald, is helping to keep Anderson's memory alive with *Sparky and Me*, his recently released book.

Ewald recently spoke at a program presented by the Garden City Public Library in partnership with Bookbeat bookstore in Oak Park. It was held at the Straight Farmhouse in Garden City.

"We want to give a big thanks to the Garden City Historical Society for co-sponsoring this program with the library," said Garden City Library Director Lawrence Marble.

Ewald began his presentation by stating that he knew of Garden City because he had relatives, now deceased, who lived there. He also pointed out that legendary comedian Soupy Sales once lived in Garden City.

Ewald, who did public relations for the Detroit Tigers, called himself "blessed" for being in the right place at the right time when he met Anderson.

Shortly before Ander-



Dan Ewald, author of "Sparky and Me," talks with members of the audience before his presentation at the Straight Farmhouse.

son's death in 2010, the author sat at Anderson's kitchen table for three days and reminisced with Anderson as they had done so often over the course of a 32-year friendship. Out of these conversations Ewald developed a portrait of an extraordinary person.

"It was a bittersweet experience," Ewald said of those final conversations.

There was no doubting Anderson's managing abilities — three World Series championships and a plaque in the Hall of Fame. From Anderson, Ewald learned a more simple lesson, that each person has dignity and deserves respect and compassion.

Ewald was the team's public relations director when Anderson arrived in 1979. They soon became inseparable friends until the end.

"He was a special per-

son in my life and probably had the most influence on my life than anything," Ewald said. "He loved regular, everyday people like we all are."

Although he rubbed elbows with the rich and famous, blue collar people were those he felt most comfortable with.

'Regular guy'

"He was a regular guy and lived modestly," Ewald said. "He took care of his family. He was a very fair person."

Anderson also demanded honesty. He did business with a handshake and disliked contracts.

"He never cheated me out of a penny and I never cheated him out of a penny," Ewald said. "We understood what that handshake meant."

The two shared families and vacations together.

While the book has a lot of baseball stories, Ewald doesn't consid-

er it a baseball book. In fact, the book has been described as a charming, heartfelt memoir.

"If you love baseball, the best books aren't about baseball but books which lead you to it," Ewald said.

Anderson reached out to others who needed help, including street people who came for help to the church across the street from old Tiger Stadium. Anderson also encouraged Tiger players to do the same for the homeless.

"Some of them were just hanging on to life one day to the next," Ewald said.

Warren Flagg, a Plymouth resident, asked about the baseball strike which started in 1994. Replacement players from a variety of areas and ages were used.

"It was a black mark in baseball history," Ewald



Romen Deron of Garden City listens to tidbits about the Detroit Tigers.



"Sparky and Me" is a recently released book by author Dan Ewald which talks about his friendship with Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson.

said. "We opened our doors and said, 'come on in.' It was comical."

It truly bothered Anderson and he refused to manage those players.

"He did it because it was the wrong thing for baseball," Ewald said. "It just wasn't right. It undermined the tradition of baseball."

It didn't mean that he sided with the owners or disliked the replacement players, Ewald added.

"It almost cost him his job immediately," Ewald said. "It took a lot of guts. He told everybody, 'Wake me up when this nightmare is over and I will come back.' He was

a very principled person."

Mary Jane Schildberg, president of the Friends of the Garden City Library, asked if Anderson had a favorite player.

"He particularly loved Alan Trammell," Ewald said, because he made it look so easy when he played that he was almost taken for granted."

Ewald believes that Trammell should have been put in the Hall of Fame five years ago.

"He was the model player," Ewald said. "He never got into any trouble and never complained."

Umpires?

Diane Kurgan, a Garden City resident, asked about umpires and their training.

"Now they have a union," Ewald said.

Anderson was good about rules and knew the rule book.

"What bothered him was inconsistencies by umpires," Ewald said. "He didn't care if he (the empire) blew a call as long as he was consistent all the time."

Anderson liked umpires who told him in advance what they were looking for.

"Dan Ewald is a wonderful writer," said Adult Librarian Dan Lodge. "I enjoy his work very much."

The book, which costs \$25.99 is available at bookstores. For more information about other Garden City Public Library programs, call (734) 793-1830 or visit www.garden-city.lib.mi.us.

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Experts Predict...

BUSINESS NEWS GOLD DOWNTURN

Is Gold on the Edge of a Violent Downturn?

Gold is on the brink of a "violent downturn" and could even fall as low as \$700 an ounce as the risk of deflation in developed economies grows and technical pointers turn bearish, one expert tells CNBC.

"Just like you see oil falling from \$115 to \$80 - we will see the same thing with gold and it's already underway. It appears that the market has decided on gold's fate. And it's not looking pretty. It looks like gold is about to see prices collapse"

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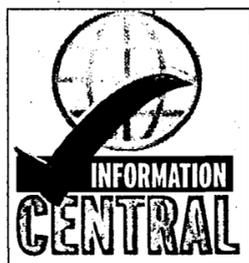
Major League Baseball's celebrated the season's half-way point with its 83rd annual All-Star game at Kauffman Stadium on Tuesday, July 10. This game pitted the best players (as selected by the fans) from the National and American Leagues to play against one another. Festivities also included a FanFest and a Home Run Derby, where the game's strongest hitters try to out-hit one another.

A recent alteration to the rules gives the league which wins this game home-field advantage for the World Series in October (a controversial topic for some fans, but one which baseball officials hope make for a more entertaining All-Star game).

According to mlb.com, the National League has won the game 42 times, the American League 38 times, and there have been two ties (home-field advantage wasn't decided at the time of the ties).

Our local team was represented well this year, even though the team's overall win-loss record is not living up to high expectations. Members of the Detroit Tigers selected to play in the game include Miguel Cabrera, Justin Verlander and Prince Fielder who also was selected to participate in the Home Run Derby.

If you are interested in more information about this year's All-Star Game or past or pres-



ent players, check out Major League Baseball's website (mlb.com). The Westland Public Library also has many fiction and non-fiction books about baseball players, how to play baseball, and how to better watch baseball. If you have any questions, feel free to stop by the Reference Desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or look online at www.westland-library.org.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

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Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

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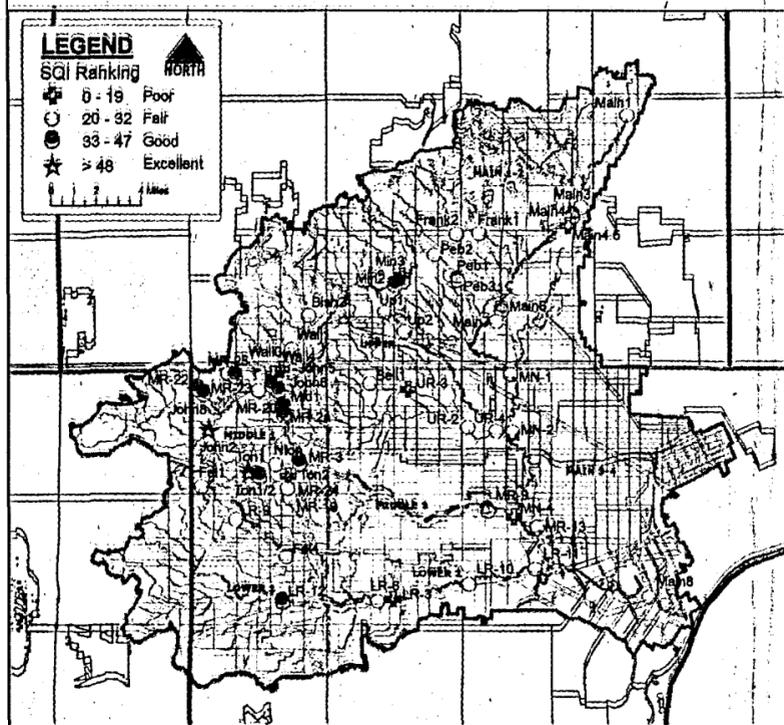
Computer classes, as well as one-on-one computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at (734) 326-6123 to find out more.

Children, teens and adults: The Summer Challenge is in full swing. Stop by the library and register now.

As of July 1, the library's new hours are closed Sunday and Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, noon-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Information Central was compiled by Andy Shuck, adult services. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

2012 Spring Bug Hunt Results



Bug hunt indicates two branches of Rouge improving

Friends of the Rouge's 2012 Spring Bug Hunt Report, released July 2, has some good news for the Rouge River.

Two branches of the Rouge River - the Middle Branch and the Main Branch - are showing an upward trend in scores.

The Spring Bug Hunt is an annual event that is part of a program to collect data on the "bugs" that live in the streambed. Technically called "benthic macroinvertebrates," the type and abundance of mayfly, dragonfly and stonefly larvae can be translated into a "score" for a site, telling biologists whether a site is good, fair, poor or excellent.

Friends of the Rouge have been collecting data since 2001.

The two branches that showed improvement were the Middle Branch that includes Johnson Creek and the Walled Lake Drainage and follows Hines Drive from Northville to Ford Road in Dearborn, and the Main Branch in Troy, Birmingham, Bloomfield, Beverly Hills and Southfield.

The Spring Bug Hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge in

partnership with Wayne County Department of Public Service Watershed Management Division and supported by the Erb Family Foundation.

The Fall Bug Hunt will be held on Saturday Oct. 20, and volunteers are welcome. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to sign up, visit therouge.org/index.php?id=687627.

Friends of the Rouge is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts.

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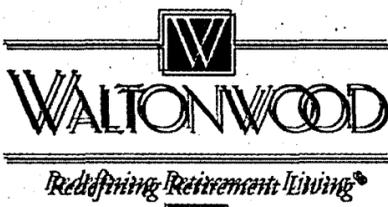
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SPORTS

Olympic swimmer

Bachrouche eager to compete in pool at London Games

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Katya Bachrouche of Farmington Hills attended the recent U.S. Olympic Trials in swimming, not to compete but to train for the upcoming games in London, England.

Bachrouche, who will represent Lebanon, was already assured of an Olympic berth, and it stirred her competitive spirit to watch other Americans strive for that goal.

"It made me really excited and eager to race," she said. "We don't have anything like the Trials in Lebanon. Seeing everybody gear up and race was really cool."

Bachrouche, a state champion at North Farmington High School and an All-American at the University of Virginia, holds dual citizenship through her father, who was born and raised in Lebanon.

With his help, Bachrouche met with members of the Lebanese Olympic Committee last year, trained with a club team in Beirut and represented that country at international swim events.

At the World University Games last summer in China, Bachrouche finished seventh in the 400-meter freestyle, becoming the first Lebanese athlete to make the finals in any sport in that competition.

She participated in the Lebanese championships in September, but that was more of a technicality, something she had to do to be eligible.

Please see SWIMMER, B2



UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
Katya Bachrouche of Farmington Hills won four gold medals in swimming at the Pan-Arab Games.



JODY STEWART | WINSTON-SALEM DASH PHOTOS

Wayne Memorial High grad Justin Collop finds himself back in the starting rotation with the Chicago White Sox's high-Class A affiliate Winston-Salem (N.C.) Dash.

Back in the groove

Ex-Wayne pitcher Collop thrives in minors

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Justin Collop isn't afraid to give you an honest assessment of his four-year minor league baseball career thus far.

"I'd say I'm a little behind - last year didn't help," said the 2006 Wayne Memorial High grad and former University of Toledo pitcher. "I was hurt for most of the year and it kind of held me back, so you just kind of build your way back. By sitting out and being hurt, you just kind of learn, but now I'm rolling and getting through it."

Collop, who was a sixth-round pick of the Chicago White Sox in the 2009 MLB Draft, will be making his seventh start of the season on the mound Sunday for the Winston-Salem Dash of the Class A Advanced Carolina League.

And 24-year-old Collop is enjoying his best season statistically with a 6-2 record and 3.63 earned run average. In 62 innings, the 6-foot-1, 185-pound right-hander has struck out 41 and walked 24.

The former Zebra standout, who battled rotator cuff tendonitis last year while throwing just 53.2 innings, has found his niche during his second year with Winston-Salem.

"I'm definitely glad to be



Collop

back in the rotation," Collop said. "I'm more comfortable there. It's where I've been my whole life. I've just been doing what they want me to do lately and it's kind of working out for me. I just like starting because you can control the game and make adjustments throughout the game instead of one or two innings. It fits my personality better doing it."

And Collop's contributions haven't gone unnoticed as the Dash captured the Southern Division first-half title with a 44-19 record.

"Collop is having a terrific year," Winston-Salem manager Tommy Thompson said. "He's been a long guy, been a setup guy and he has closed games. He has done everything he has been asked to do, and he has stepped up well with his win-loss record. He is healthy this year, which is a great sign for him and he competes and goes out there and pitches like a bulldog."

Collop is not considered a strikeout pitcher, but he is learning the tricks of the trade. He'll use a four-seam fastball, a sinker, changeup, slider and

split-finger.

"I feel I have the tools," Collop said, "but you've got to utilize them in a way to get hitters out - reading hitters, seeing where they're at in the box, their approach to a certain pitch ... you try and build off of that. I've worked on a fastball, a sinker, off-speeds and just try and polish the whole repertoire."

Although there was an adjustment period of leaving the bullpen, Collop knows what it takes to go the distance. During his second minor league season with the Kannapolis (N.C.) Intimidators of the Class A Atlantic League, Collop logged a career-high 154 innings going 9-12 with a 4.26 ERA as a starter.

"You have to have the stamina to go out there six, seven, eight innings as opposed to being a reliever," Collop said. "In both, you have to be in shape, but starting you're more on a scheduled routine. When you're a reliever, you kind of work here-and-there and have a day off. The running is a little different. The big thing is to recover quickly and get back out there a day or two later. But when you're starting, you have four days off."

Please see COLLOP, B3

This old stash is a Pot o' Gold

Sometimes you question yourself on why you've become a pack rack.

I'm probably Exhibit A. I'm not totally messy, but I tend to stack things instead of throwing things away.

I have just about every sports section I've ever produced at the Observer in my 33 years on the job. That's approximately a total of 3,432.

It's my own personal archive system, but it's



Brad Emons

probably a fire hazard as well. I have papers stacked in various places in my home office upstairs that total 70 inches high.

Then I have several grocery sacks, three big boxes and another 42-inch stack of old sports sections stack sitting in my basement.

So why do I keep them?

Because from time-to-time, I get some outlandish requests such as: "You wrote a story about my daughter's softball team in 1986, where can I get a copy?"

Our electronic archives only go back to the turn of the century, while anything prior to that might - and I say *might* - be somewhere on microfilm at the Livonia City Library.

One of those crazy requests came earlier this spring from a lady in Tennessee who said we wrote an article about her husband calling his own shot - a-la Babe Ruth - for a Livonia Adray sandlot baseball team to beat the Canadian Olympic Team at Ford Field.

Not positive

She wasn't sure it was 1983 or 1984, but she was sure persistent with the e-mails because she had to have a copy of the story. That's because she wanted to frame it and give it her husband as a 25-year anniversary gift in June.

Of course, one of the former Livonia Adray coaches, Stu Rose (now an assistant at Madonna University, referred my name to her. (Thanks, Stu, I thought you were a friend.)

Frankly, I would have remembered like it was yesterday if John DePillo (who he went back then by the spelling of DiPillo), had homered to beat the Canadian Olympians.

Please see EMONS, B3

Hockey-playing couple ties knot at rink



PHOTOS BY CHRIS FLECK | PHELECK PHOTOS
Newlyweds Laura Vogel and Michael Ellis skate a post-ceremony victory lap at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

Suburban Ice Farmington Hills plays host to wedding party

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

This was one wedding in which everybody had cold feet, and nobody thought that the least bit unusual for the occasion.

Michael Ellis and Laura Vogel were married June 28 at center ice inside Suburban Ice Farmington Hills, so that small inconvenience was to be expected.

The couple met there during a session of the Breakfast Club, a morning instructional hockey class for adults and one of numerous offerings by Suburban Hockey.

Vogel, 49, said the plan to have the wedding on the ice sheet at Suburban Ice was the brainchild of Ellis, 54.

Please see WEDDING, B3



It was wedded bliss on ice for Laura Vogel and Michael Ellis.



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All-Area baseball team stocked with diamond gems

FIRST TEAM

Chris McDonald, P, Stevenson: The senior right-hander, bound for Hillsdale College, finished with an 8-2 record with one save.

The second-team Division 1 all-stater boasted an earned run average of 1.76 with 78 strikeouts in 71.2 innings.

McDonald also made all-district, all-region and all-KLAA.

When he wasn't pitching, McDonald also played third, second and shortstop while hitting .386 with 28 RBI.

"Chris pitched a big game in the districts and got a win and a save in the regional," coach Rick Berryman said.

Sterling Sharp, P, North Farmington: The junior pitcher was his team's MVP, posting a 7-0 record with three shutouts and one no-hitter.

Coach Mike O'Connell was careful to protect Sharp's arm, limiting him to eight starts. Sharp had 50 strikeouts and just seven walks in 48 innings, and he had an impressive 1.90 ERA. Sharp, who is being recruited by numerous Division I schools, also played shortstop when he wasn't pitching. He batted .254 and had 10 RBI.

"What makes him a good pitcher is he changes speeds well," O'Connell said. "He can unleash the fastball, but the best thing about him is he changes arm slots and speeds. Sometimes, I wish he'd go to the fastball and blow it past them, but he's a pitcher as opposed to a thrower. I think all these college and pro scouts, when they see him, that's exactly what they see. If he continues to work hard, he has a great future ahead of him."

Tyler Steele, P-1B, Garden City: The senior completed a stellar high school career by going 6-2 on the mound while hitting at a .360 clip at the dish. Headed to Concordia University in Ann Arbor to play football and baseball, Steele posted a sterling 1.85 earned run average in his role as the Cougars' pitching ace. The four-year varsity letter winner was a two-time all-WWAC performer.

"Tyler has left an outstanding legacy at Garden City, helping us to win three straight league championships and two districts," coach Steve Herman said. "He's been a great leader for the young players, both on the field and off. He's an outstanding student and a great kid; he has an outstanding future ahead of him."

Rich Guglielmi, C, Plymouth: The senior catcher brought an all-around game that sparked Plymouth to its first KLAA South Division championship and 27-9 record.

He hit .429 with nine doubles and three homers while throwing out 70 percent of baserunners trying to steal on his arm.

Guglielmi earned team MVP honors, as well as selection to the all-conference and all-district teams. And he was named to the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

"Rich was the best defensive catcher we saw this year," coach Bryan Boyd said. "He was a catalyst for our 27-9 season and our first division championship in school history."

"He will be missed next year behind the plate and in the middle of our lineup."

Guglielmi, who also excelled his senior year as goaltender for Plymouth's hockey team, will play baseball

at Saginaw Valley State University.

Mike Vomastek, C, Stevenson: The junior catcher, a three-year starter, hit .398 this season with 34 RBI and seven extra base hits after moving from the second to the third spot in the batting order.

The all-KLAA pick finished with an on-base average of .526. His career batting average is .390.

"Mike is one of the best defensive catchers in the area," Berryman said. "He had only three strikeouts in 146 plate appearances this season."

Tyler Goble, 1B, Plymouth: Another key player for the Wildcats' team success this spring was the senior first baseman.

Goble batted .407, with a team-high 44 hits, along with 10 doubles, two triples and two homers and 31 RBI. His defense also was superb.

"It's not easy to put together back-to-back 40-hit seasons," Boyd said. "Tyler's leadership was a big part of our success this year."

He was honored with the team's Chase Zebari Academic Achievement Award for grade-point average (3.85) and was Plymouth's male athlete of the year.

Other accolades included all-KLAA, all-district and all-district academic honors. Goble, also an outstanding linebacker at Plymouth, will play Division I football at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Travis Harvey, infield, Stevenson: The first-team Division 1 all-stater, who played primarily infield, finished his junior year with an impressive 55 RBI.

The all-KLAA selection was also among the state's leaders in homers (eight), including three grand slams while hitting .373. He posted a team-high 15 doubles and with a slugging percentage of .671.

"Travis was a versatile player who could play third, second and was our back-up catcher," Berryman said.

Ryan Bazner, 3B-P, Canton: The senior pretty much did it all as a four-year player for the Chiefs and was rewarded with his selection to the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

Bazner, a team co-captain, hit .366 with nine extra-base hits and 15 RBI. On the mound, the hard-throwing righty went 4-3 with a 3.32 ERA while striking out 53 batters in 46.1 innings.

During his Canton career, he compiled a won-loss record of 19-3.

"Ryan had an outstanding four-year career both as a pitcher and position player at Canton High School," said coach Mark Blomshield in an e-mail to the Observer. "His nomination as an all-star was primarily due to his long-term consistency as a strong high school player."

Bazner will be playing college baseball at Saginaw Valley State University.

Josh Gorman, infield, Franklin: The versatile junior infielder was the Patriots' top hitter on the season with a .451 average (37-for-82) including 10 doubles, a triple and two homers to go along with a team-high 26 RBI.

The all-KLAA and all-district pick struck out only nine times and boasted a slugging percentage of .671 and an on base percentage of .536.

"Josh had a great year for us," coach Matt Fournier said. "He hit in the three-spot from Day One this year and led in the team in almost every big offensive category."

"Although primarily a third base-

man, he was our most versatile infielder. He made all the routine plays at second and short when needed to pay there, and excelled in all the games he was at third. We look forward to having him next year."

Connor Dwyer, OF, Churchill: The senior outfielder, headed to Saginaw Valley State on a four-year President's Scholarship in the pre-med program, finished the year with a .378 with 22 runs scored and 20 RBI.

The all-KLAA selection also stole 11 bases while drawing 15 walks.

"Connor hit in the three-spot for us all season and was as consistent as ever," coach Ron Targosz said. "You knew that he was always going to put the ball in play, as you could see that he only struck out four times all season."

"Connor was very solid for us in the outfield where he committed only three errors while having five assists. His extra base power, along with his speed on the bases, were trouble for many teams this season."

Connor Mohr, OF, Farmington: Mohr is a three-year starter in center field for the Falcons. He batted .438 as a junior the past season; his 46 hits included four doubles, seven triples and two home runs. From the lead-off position, Mohr had 17 walks and 20 RBI; he had 18 stolen bases and scored 45 runs. His percentages were .667 for slugging and .542 for on base.

The left-handed Mohr also made six pitching starts and had three complete games with one shutout. He was 3-4 with a 2.20 ERA and team-high 41.33 innings.

"Connor is very reliable at the plate and extremely fast," coach Pete Finn said. "He's one of the best competitors I've ever had, and I'm very proud of him. I'm looking forward to having one more year with him."

"I kinda forced him into pitching, but he's doing a lot better at that. He has a very good change-up. He's learned how to pitch over the last couple years, which I think is pretty cool."

Nick Hazergian, OF-P, Canton: In just his sophomore season, Hazergian proved versatile for the Chiefs at the plate, in the outfield and as a left-handed pitcher.

He batted .404 in his second year with the varsity, clubbing a team-leading four home runs and driving in 24.

In just over 37 innings pitched, Hazergian struck out 50 batters, going 4-2 and posting a 2.25 ERA.

For his efforts, Hazergian was named Canton's MVP, along with selection to the All-KLAA, all-district and academic all-district teams.

"Nick is a tough competitor and ultimate team player which has earned him all-conference and all-district honors as a sophomore (in his) first full season on the varsity squad," Blomshield said.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Rick Berryman, Stevenson: The eighth-year coach guided the Spartans to the Division 1 state quarterfinals and a school-best, 28-12 record this season.

The 64-year-old Berryman is 367-249 overall in 19 seasons as a varsity coach including a 152-114 mark at Stevenson and a 215-135 record at Redford Union where he retired as an administrator in 2002.

Berryman led Stevenson to a pair of Kensington Conference and KLAA Lakes Division crowns in 2010 and 2011. The former Eastern Michigan Uni-

versity pitcher (1966-1969), where he went 19-6, has also a longtime summer sandlot coach with Michigan Rams of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

He credits much of Stevenson's success to his coaching staff of Lou Pirronello, Dave Marcon and Nate Hoffman, along with scorekeeper extraordinaire and wife June Berryman.

"This is a team that hit a bad spell and we lost to Northville and Novi, and then all the sudden got hot and peaked at the right time," said Berryman, whose team captured district and regional crowns. "Mike Kanitra and Chris McDonald (both pitchers) were good all year. Mike got very good and our bats just got hot. We had a five-game run of three games in the district and then two in the regional where we hit like we've never hit all year."

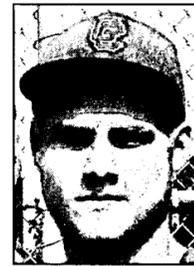
The 2013 season also looks promising for the Spartans. "We lost only four seniors, two of whom were starters," Berryman said. "We have pitching, hitting and all those guys coming back. But McDonald will be hard to replace, but (Jake) Semak and Kanitra threw very well this year. Between them they had 12 victories."



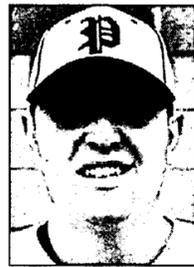
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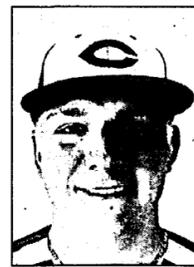
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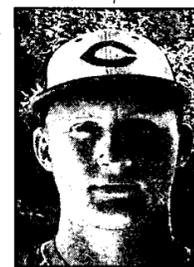
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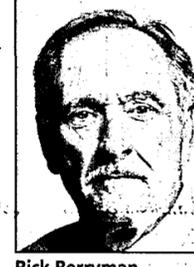
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Connor Mohr Farmington



Nick Hazergian Canton



Rick Berryman Coach of Year

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Chris McDonald, Sr. P, Liv. Stevenson
Sterling Sharp, Jr. P-SS, N. Farmington
Tyler Steele, Sr. P-1B, Garden City
Rich Guglielmi, Sr. C, Plymouth
Mike Vomastek, Jr. C, Liv. Stevenson
Tyler Goble, Sr. 1B, Plymouth
Travis Harvey, Jr. Inf., Liv. Stevenson
Ryan Bazner, Sr. 3B-P, Canton
Josh Gorman, Jr. 3B-SS, Liv. Franklin
Connor Dwyer, Sr. OF, Liv. Churchill
Connor Mohr, Jr. OF-P, Farmington
Nick Hazergian, Soph. OF-P, Canton

SECOND TEAM

Mike Kanitra, Jr. P, Liv. Stevenson
Mike Stafford, Jr. P, Canton
Justin Thompson, Sr. P, Plymouth
Dan Cameron, Jr. C, Liv. Churchill
Daniel Jipping, Soph. C, Ply. Christian
Eric Stanis, Jr. C, N. Farmington
Nick Lagerstrom, Sr. 1B, Liv. Stevenson
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Ben Gehan, Sr. 1B, Liv. Clarenceville
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COACH OF YEAR

Rick Berryman, Livonia Stevenson

SWIMMER

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"It wasn't as intense as people might think," she said. "It was more relaxed, a lot of fun. The environment was more of a summer league meet for me in that there were a lot of kids everywhere and everybody was having fun. It wasn't as focused other nations' national championships."

It was more serious in December when Bachrouche returned to the international stage for the Pan-Arab Games in Doha, Qatar.

She won four gold medals in the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle and the 200 IM, and she also earned bronze medals in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle.

"From a swimming perspective, it was the best meet I've had," Bachrouche said. "I dropped time in just about every event and earned some gold medals for Lebanon. That was a really great time."

"I had competition in every event, which helped me to go my best times. It was just a really cool experience. It was a half-way check point for the year, to get some races and to see where I was at."

Bachrouche moved from Virginia, where she had been training, to Los Angeles in February to work with the Trojan Swim Club, a post-grad team at the USC. That's how she ended up at the U.S. Trials in Omaha, Neb.

"The team has a large international contingent," she said. "There were eight of us who couldn't swim in the U.S. Trials. Instead of being by ourselves in California, the coaches took us with them and trained us in a pool nearby while the Trials went on."

Bachrouche, who is the only woman and one of two swimmers on the Lebanese team, goes to France on July 14 to continue her training in a lead-up to the London Games July 27-Aug. 12.



Katya Bachrouche confirms it is indeed gold.

"Most athletes are going to some European country to train to get used to the time difference," she said.

Chosen event

Bachrouche will swim one event, the 800 freestyle, at the Olympics. The prelims are Aug. 2 and the final race is the night of Aug. 3.

"I had to pick one of three, so I picked the 800," Bachrouche said. "That's not til the fifth day. The 400 is the second day, and I want to go to the opening ceremonies. I can do that and give my legs enough time to recover before I race."

"It would have been nice to swim more than one event, but I can focus all my energy on one. It's a long event, too. It's not like I'm going to swim for a minute. I feel I'm getting the biggest bang for my buck, if you will."

Bachrouche also believes she has the best chance to do well in the 800. Her best time is 8:44.5 and is well under the Olympic selection time of 8:51.82.

Realistic goal

She said many people don't understand how keen the Olympic competition is and what reasonable expectations are.

"They say, 'Oh, you're going to win a gold medal,'" she said. "No athlete will go into it saying, 'I don't want to win one.' Swimmers can be pretty realistic about where they stand with the rest of the world. In other sports, a terrible team can have the game of its life. Swimming is a lot more difficult than that."

"My goal time is to hit the A standard (8:33.84). I don't know what place that will put me. If I can crack the top 16, that would be amazing. If I get a second swim (in the final), I'll finish in the top eight."

Bachrouche, who speaks the Arabic dialect of Lebanon, said the Lebanese Olympic officials have welcomed her with open arms.

"The Arab Games was the solidifying fact," she said. "I spent a lot of time with the Olympic Committee members. With the success I had, it made them more aware of me."

"It helps that I have language on my side. I'm very culturally in tune; I grew up in a very Lebanese family. I'm lucky for my dad instilling that in me from a young age."

Proud moment

Her parents will be in London to see her swim, and family and friends in two countries will be watching on television.

"I'm proud to be able to represent Lebanon in the Olympics and put them on the map," Bachrouche said. "From a family perspective and broader national perspective, it's the opportunity of a lifetime, and I'm really fortunate to have it."

"Going for the U.S. would be really cool. But Lebanon is such an underdog in the world, I think it's nice to be able to try to advance their place in it."

"I think I can do enough to make people recognize the country. It's not about me. I'm there to represent my country and not just myself."

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And Jackie DiPillo, John's wife, wasn't going to quit.

I finally cried "uncle" as she finally badgered me to go down into my archived dungeon on a cold Saturday afternoon in April and start what I thought was a fruitless search.

The search didn't go well at first, but after 20 minutes, I eventually I dug it out of a box buried amongst several other boxes and stumbled – and I mean *stumbled* upon – the article.

No byline

And of course, I didn't remember writing it. That's because I didn't cover that story in July of 1984. It was Chris McCosky, who now covers the Detroit Lions beat for the Detroit News, who wrote about the infamous "calling his own shot" homer while as John DePillo was overheard saying while waiting in the on-deck circle.

That was almost 28 years ago to be exact, and needless to say, Mrs. DiPillo was pleased I was able to retrieve it and mail my only original copy to her.

Of course, I was sworn to secrecy because she wanted to present it to her husband as a surprise.

And speaking of surprises, I stumbled upon another surprise just this past week in my dungeon of archives.

An e-mail came in recently from an Amy Mullins, a former member of the 1987 Livonia Franklin girls soccer team.

The e-mail read: *Dear Mr. Emons - Recently there was an article in the Livonia Observer stating that the Livonia Franklin girls soccer team won their first ever districts. I believe that back in 1987 they also won. Could you please look into this? Thanks so much - Amy Mullins*

Not quite right

When our Garden City-Redford sports editor Ed Wright covered Franklin's upset 2-1 shoot-out district final win last month over 17-1 Garden City, everybody connected with this Franklin team was convinced it was the school's first-ever district title.

Apparently there were no records kept at the school, or anything documenting that fact inside Franklin's main gymnasium where the championship teams are listed on the wall (by sport).

Given it was late and being on a tight Friday night deadline, I didn't question the validity of Ed's story, but upon

reflecting back, a red flag immediately was raised in my mind.

I put in a quick call to Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye, who couldn't verify one way or another. I even searched on the internet for a phone number for tJudy Brda, who I did remember being the coach.

But given the limited time, I had no success.

There was a little nugget, however, inside my brain that kept telling me that Franklin, had indeed, previously won a district title.

And what I've learned in my 33 years in the newspaper business, any (small or big) mistake will eventually be exposed.

So I went back to the dungeon – once again – and began my search (minus any incendiary devices).

Stand corrected

And low-and-behold, Amy Mullins was dead right.

The Observer headline read: "Chargers, Franklin motor toward regionals."

To refresh anybody's memory, Franklin crushed host Southfield for the district title that year, 7-0, behind two goals apiece from Gayle Cheadle and Heather Colvin. In that game, Linda McCaul, Deanne Brda (Judy's daughter) and Andrea Horn also scored goals for the Patriots.

Ironically, Franklin's district semifinal win was even more amazing – 18-0 over Redford Bishop Borgess. (So now you know why the Michigan High School Athletic Association instituted an eight-goal mercy rule.)

What I didn't remember at all – going back 25 years – is that the 1987 Franklin team also won a regional game against Dearborn Edsel Ford and lost in the regional final, 3-1, to a 19-1-1 Troy Athens squad. (Salem went on to beat Livonia Churchill that year for the state title, 2-1.)

Franklin finished 8-9-1 overall that season and that team can still claim it was the most successful in school history when it comes to making a state tournament run. (This year's Franklin team finished 6-12-4 overall and lost in the regional semifinals to host Saline, 5-0.)

The moral of this story is that you can't take everybody's word at face value, and if you have any doubts that something is inaccurate, go to the dungeon and start sifting through all the boxes.

Those stacks of sports sections still come in handy, I'm slowly starting to learn.

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Madonna lands two spikers from D2 champion Fruitport

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham signed two more players to NAIA letters-of-intent Friday in Fruitport alums Breanna Geile and Ashley Hulbert.

The 5-foot-9 Geile, who helped Fruitport to back-to-back MHSAA Division 2 titles in 2010 and 2011, will join promising sophomore sister Samantha on the MU squad, the first duo of siblings to play for

the Crusaders since Jacqui and Anna Gatt (Livonia Churchill).

"Breanna is a dynamic athlete with excellent court skills and game sense," Abraham said of the two-time all-state selection. "She was all-state as an outside hitter, but will probably be one of our most intense defensive players. Breanna sees the other side of the court very well and is an excellent all-around

player who can have an immediate impact on our team."

The 5-foot-10 Hulbert comes to MU after two seasons at Muskegon Community College where she led the NJCAA Division II ranks in total kills (689) and kills per set (4.65) as a sophomore.

She is a two-time NJCAA National Player of the Week and led Muskegon to a share of the MCCA Western Confer-

ence title while earning all-MCCA and NJCAA Region 12 first-team honors.

"Ashley is an experienced outside hitter who is a real smart hitter," Abraham said. "She has a set of versatile shots in her attack and plays all the way around. She is a great athlete who is quick and a very good defender. We brought her in to challenge for a starting position immediately."

WEDDING

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"It was all Michael's crazy idea, actually," she said. "He announced in class one day we were getting married, which we were. And, then, he turned to one of the coaches and said: 'And we want to get married here on the ice.'"

"The coach looked at me and said, 'Are you OK with that?' It wasn't something we had really talked about. He wanted to make sure it would be special and memorable, so I was like, 'Yeah, why not?'"

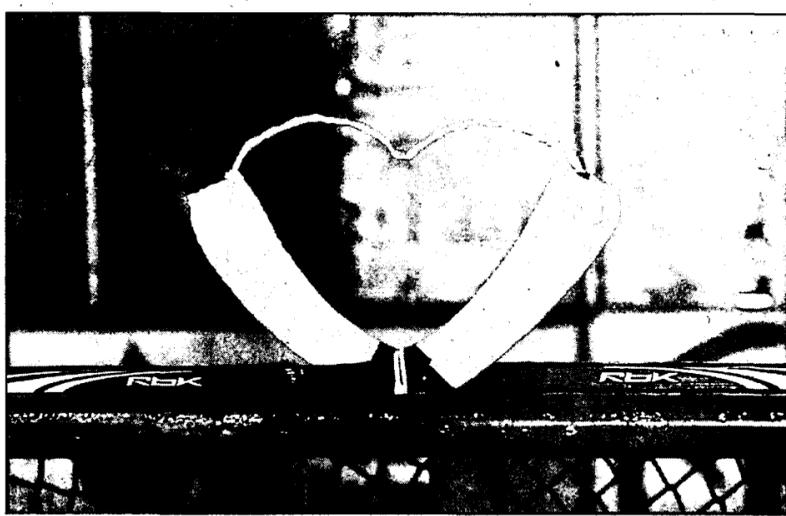
"He planned the whole thing; I just had to show up."

Ellis, a salesman and former Garden City resident, wanted to do something quick and low-key, that wasn't going to be too big a deal, he said. There were about 50 invited guests and maybe twice that many who were at the rink and witnessed the event.

"It was nice and it all worked out very well for us," Ellis said. "We'll all remember it for the rest of our lives, and everybody went away saying it was the best wedding they'd been to."

There was a very practical reason why people would say that, too.

"It was a hundred degrees outside, and we were in the rink," Ellis said. "We looked like geniuses at that point. It was quite nice. It was just low-key. We had the best man, the best woman and all our friends from the hockey team."



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It's not your ordinary wedding decoration. A pair of hockey sticks are arranged into the shape of a heart.

The bride and groom wore skates, and guests were offered them if they chose to be seated on the ice; otherwise, they sat on the team benches or in the stands.

The couple was married legally in a civil ceremony earlier that day. Lyle Phair, the Breakfast Club instructor, officiated in the more-relaxed setting of Suburban Ice, sending the couple to the penalty box for a *holding* infraction.

While the newlyweds served their two minutes, the gathering was treated to a pair of Frank Sinatra love songs. Vogel, a lawyer, and Ellis returned to the ice and exchanged vows when the clock showed their penalty time had expired.

At the conclusion of the wedding, they skated through the "Tunnel of Hockey Love." Instead of crossed

swords as in a military wedding, friends and teammates held hockey sticks aloft to form the tunnel.

"Once we went through, we couldn't stop," Ellis said. "We had to turn around and go back through. It was really unique."

"It was the most fun I've ever had," Vogel said of the entire event. "It's a shame more people don't have fun at their wedding as opposed to being stressed out at their wedding."

Ellis added Suburban Hockey, which didn't charge for the ice time, was very accommodating and generous.

"Suburban did a really nice job with the rink," he said, regarding the many decorations. "They dressed it up like we were special."

"Basically, they did this for us for free, and

that's just unbelievable — that somebody would do that for you. We're real appreciative to Suburban Hockey."

Ellis and Vogel share an obvious love for the game of hockey, too. But they're not spectators; they're on the ice playing nearly year round. Vogel plays on four teams, Ellis three.

"She skates through the summer," Ellis said, adding he needs the time off, citing team commitments, the Breakfast Club and invitations to play drop-in hockey. "Before you know it, we're on the ice six days a week."

For a honeymoon, the newlyweds spent the weekend at a family cottage.

"We tried to go to drop-in hockey, where you just show up and play, but we couldn't find one," Vogel said.

Hoelt takes cage job at Lutheran Westland

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Lutheran High Westland is staying within the family to select its new boys basketball coach.

Jim Hoelt, a former three-sport athlete in basketball, football and baseball and 1994 Lutheran Westland grad, has been named to replace Doug Haller, who stepped down after three seasons to free up more time to pursue a masters degree.

Haller, also a Warrior alum, finished 26-37 overall in three seasons and guided Lutheran Westland to a 12-10 record and the finals of the Class D district tourney before losing to Detroit Westside Christian Academy.

"We were very pleased with Doug's coaching and were looking forward to him continuing as our head coach, but also understand his need to pursue an advanced degree at this point in his life," Lutheran Westland athletic director Mike Unger said.

"We wish him nothing but the best."

The 36-year-old Hoelt currently teaches seventh- and eighth-grade at Concordia Lutheran in Grand School where he has spent the 12 years. He also serves as the school's athletic director and has coached at the Redford grade school

(formerly known as Hosanna Tabor).

"I do not know much about the team, and from what I saw a little bit last year, the height is not quite there," said Hoelt, who is a Concordia University (of Ann Arbor) graduate with a degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in math and English. "But I'm am looking to get out and run and play some defense. My main concern is always defense first – making sure we shut down the other team before we put the ball in the basket. Defense is where it's at for me."

During the 1998-99 season, Hoelt served as an assistant coach at Lutheran Westland under Dan Ramthun.

"Offensively – because of the height disadvantages – I'm not necessarily trying to stick with a perimeter team," Hoelt said. "I told other people, too. I'm not trying to be Rich Rodriguez and strip down the offense to what I want to do with it. We've got to go with what we have and adapt an offense to what we have."

After working a Lutheran grade school basketball camp last week, Hoelt said he plans to get acquainted with the team before the summer ends.

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COLLOP

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And what a difference a year makes.

"Last year I was healthy, got hurt, healthy, got hurt and was never really on a roll," Collop said. "Right now I feel good."

And playing in Winston-Salem has been nothing but a positive experience.

"It's an awesome environment," Collop said. "The stadium (BB&T Ballpark) is brand new, a lot of fans are here every night and it's definitely the best place I've ever played in the minor leagues. We ended up winning the first half and we'll be in the playoffs at the end of the year. Everybody works hard and plays together. That's why we were successful."

Following his first year in the minors, Collop came home and stayed during the offseason with his family in Wayne. The second year he worked out and continued to pursue his degree (in person-

al finance) at the University of Toledo.

During this past off-season he lived with his brother Tommy and spent time in working out during the winter months at the University of Miami (Fla.).

"When you're in a warm weather state like that you can work out, get you're throwing done and not have to worry about going indoors," Collop said.

The next jump for Collop is Class AA Birmingham (Ala.) followed by Class AAA in Charlotte (N.C.).

Comiskey Park seems thousands of miles away, but Collop isn't jumping ahead. He can only control and be concerned about the present and get back on schedule.

"You've got to go with the flow," the former all-Observer pitcher said. "You never really know. You just keep doing what you're doing and hopefully things work out."

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Titans triumph

The Livonia Titans, a 13-and-under team, captured the Southeast Michigan Baseball Tournament title June 17 at the Eastern Michigan University Recreation Complex in Ypsilanti. Team members include (front row, from left): David DeNova, Tim Ohtake, Joe Wozniak, Brayden Dewhirst, Joe Hattley, Evan Cummins; (middle row, from left) Mark Petterson, Aaron Youmans, Brian Turske, Nate Leach, Kolby Dewhirst, Nick Beers; (back row, from left) coaches Tyler Dewhirst, Harry Youmans, Brian Dewhirst and Mike Wozniak.



League soccer champ

The Farmington Soccer Club's under-9 Flash Black 03 is the champion of the Western Suburban Soccer League Division 5 spring session with a record of 6-2-0. The team members are (front row, from left) Sameer Torke, Eli Worthing, Jake Michalski, Hemil Shah, Connor Jaisle, (back row, from left) coach Eileen Monique, Jacob Kujawa, Martin Marks, Aidan Dsouza, Ronit Dey and Shrey Udupa.



Blues sing happy tune

The 14-and-under South Farmington Blues won the Brighton Baseball Classic June 24. The Blues scored victories over the Michigan Bulldogs, Southwest Oakland Warriors, Grosse Pointe Redhawks and Brighton Bulldogs. The team members are (front row, from left) Frank Zak, Rich Lantz, Shoya Ishikawa, Dan Carty, Nate Wenson, (back row, from left) manager Doug Creighton, coach Paul Wenson, Stephen Satterfield, Ian Schmitzerle, Nico Janigian, Mike Scott, Cam Creighton, coach Mike Lantz and coach Sean Carty. Not pictured are Evan Esicher and Will Krushena. The Blues also won the Play at the Cage tournament in Ypsilanti and were runners-up in Frankenmuth.



Ferocious Force

The 6th grade Plymouth Canton Force travel basketball team went undefeated at the recent AYB Oxford/Macomb DSE basketball tournament. Decisive victories were posted against the CYO Allstars (46-14), West Bloomfield B3 Bombers (57-18), Detroit Arsenal (39-25) and Ann Arbor DSO Sports (55-13). Pictured from left are Connor Engel, Brandon Stevens, Andrew Neal, Noah Brown, Amit Tiwari, Eian Barker, Matt Buschman, Trevor Genaw, coach James Brown and Himmat Jagdev. Not pictured are Max Okolo, Colin Troup and Niko Barach.

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Give peace a chance

Livonia group focuses on inner calm, education, advocacy

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Colleen Mills wants to make your life more peaceful.

She and her colleagues at Citizens for Peace plan a day-long yoga event this summer designed to help you find inner peace.

They'll also welcome Keith Gunter, member of Alliance to Halt Fermi 3 and founding partner of Beyond Nuclear, to their next meeting to talk about nuclear waste — an experience aimed at enhancing your peace education.

Their mid-summer vegetarian potluck will offer tasty cuisine while offering a chance to meet other peace advocates and reflect on nonviolence to animals.

"Peace is for everyone and it's so much fun," said Mills, president of the Livonia-based non-profit organization. "Piece by piece, we are shifting the consciousness of people. We've influenced thousands of people who have come to our events. We've been non-stop doing incredible work. It will be nine years and we've never missed a monthly meeting. Peace doesn't have time to take a summer



Members of Citizens for Peace staff a booth at the recent Inner Peace Festival in Ann Arbor. That's Colleen and her husband, George, at right.

vacation. We keep working."

Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. Gunter's talk on nuclear waste and decommissioned nuclear plants in Michigan is set for Tuesday, July 10. The next meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14, is an annual potluck dinner. Participants can bring a dish to pass or make a \$10 donation. "Peace, Love and Yoga: Movement ... Mandala ... Movie ... Meditation," a special event, runs 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Farmington Road and Five Mile. It will feature yoga sessions for all skill levels, lunch, meditation, mandala coloring, and a film, with the \$35 per person proceeds split between Citizens for Peace and the Yoga Association of Greater Detroit. Its last summer meeting, 7 p.m. Sept. 11, will focus on readings from the peace collection of more than 650 books the organization donated to public libraries

in Livonia, Redford, Westland and Commerce Township.

Membership

"We're one of the newest peace groups of 160 peace groups in Michigan, but we're the most diverse, dynamic and energized. We combine inner peace, education and influencing the political arena. We have people coming from all over for our meetings," Mills said, adding that the group's 13 board members live throughout the Metro area. "We have a little over 70 paid members, but we've literally influenced thousands of people."

Through the years, the group has distributed information at numerous events — everything from a Red Hot Chili Peppers concert to the recent Ann Arbor Inner Peace festival. It sponsored retreats, workshops on nonviolence, a film festival and welcomed dozens of guest speakers and experts to monthly meetings. Last year it organized a rally in Lansing, as a part of the "moveable peace move-

ment" that encouraged participants to walk from Detroit and other cities to the state capitol building.

Just 15 individuals started the group nearly nine years ago after they attended a meeting on advocating for a U.S. Department of Peace. Participants at the meeting met in small groups and were charged with contacting their U.S. representatives. Mills had just retired from teaching elementary school in Detroit after 35 years, and wasn't sure how she would spend her leisure time. After the advocacy meeting, which drew experienced and budding peace activists from across the state, Mills knew she wanted to do more than simply contact her congressman and pen a letter to the editor. "I made a commitment. I said, I'm going to have a meeting every month."

Setting goals

Mills and her colleagues met with Rep. Thaddeus

McCotter of the 11th congressional district, and Mills' husband, George T. Mills, a former public relations officer for the Navy and a retired Detroit school teacher, got information about the Department of Peace to the press. Mills is proud that the fledgling Citizens for Peace was the first of 15 groups, formed from the advocacy meeting, that contacted both the press and a congressman. But as she vowed, Mills took the process a few steps further.

"The next few meetings we came up with a mission statement, and goals and objectives. We came out with what was important to each of us," she said, explaining the organization's inception. "Education was huge. Everyone voted for that. The other was influencing the world. We also wanted to be peaceful ourselves. We didn't want to be angry, anti-war protestors out there.

"We're trying to spread the idea that peace is possible. People feel discouraged. They have to realize that it (peace) comes from within, then their relationships with others will be more peaceful. They'll draw more peace into their lives. If you focus on the negative, that is what you'll get."

Mills said the group tries to keep meetings light, even when discussion topics are weighty.

"We try to present a perspective that makes sense to us and have fun doing it," she said. At the upcoming meeting on nuclear waste, for example, the guest speaker will give participants a chance to spin his "Wheel of Misfortune."

"People will be informed ... but we do it in a fun way."

For more information about Citizens for Peace, read the group's blog at www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com or call Mills at (734) 261-7589.



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CLASS OF 1962

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July

ADULT ACADEMY

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Paul Stunkel will lead adult learning. The series is "Theology for the Fearless: Who is God? What do we mean by 'incarnation?' and Other Conversations"

Contact: (734) 422-1470

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 28

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

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

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

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 19

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

Details: Spoke Folk Christian music concert; free will donation

Contact: (734) 728-3315

FREE LUNCH

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m., July 14

Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, (northbound Southfield service drive), north of Eight Mile, in Southfield

Details: This is a free luncheon and all are welcome

Contact: (248) 569-2972

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 14 and 11 a.m. July 15

Location: Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Church, 290 Fairground, Plymouth

Details: Emmanuel Ametsife, a lay minister from Lome, Togo will speak at the Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Church about

the history and activities of the Laestadian Lutheran Church of Togo. Ametsife has been involved with Laestadian Lutheran Church mission work in both Togo and Ghana since it began in November 2000. In addition to serving as a lay minister, he serves on the national board of the Laestadian Lutheran Church of Togo, and as a translator on Laestadian Lutheran Church mission trips. The event is open to the public

Contact: (734) 459-8292 or (248) 875-7011

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 screened. 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

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday-Friday, July 12-13

Location: St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Church, 2330 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Contact: (313) 538-1142

SEEKING CRAFTERS

Time/Date: Show is Oct. 6

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

Details: An 8- by 10-foot space can be rented for \$30. Tables are available for \$5 and electricity for \$5. Crafts must be handmade; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the community

Contact: (248) 478-4708 or e-mail jsinc2436@yahoo.com

SUMMER RETREAT

Time/Date: 8:30-11 a.m. July 11 and Aug. 1

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plym-

outh Road, in Livonia
Details: The retreat is aimed at moms and will begin with Mass at each session, followed by a continental breakfast and a program. The theme for the series this year is "Whole and Holy: The total Catholic Woman." Participants may sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 classes to fit busy schedules. A children's ministry is available at \$2 per child per meeting. The first session was held in June. The second session will focus on body and will include a spa morning. The last session will discuss spirit, looking to St. Teresa of Avila and St. Francis de Sales for ways to integrate women's daily lives with a heart for holiness.

Contact: (734) 261-1455 Ext. 207 or www.livoniastmichael.org

THEOLOGY DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 11

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills

Details: "Wine, Cheese and Theology" brings folks together for conversation over light refreshments. It is led by First Presbyterian's Transitional Associate pastor, the Rev. Jim Faile. Discussion topic is forgiveness

Contact: (248) 474-6170

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 9-13

Location: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, between W. Chicago Road and Joy, in Livonia

Details: For children, age 4 through 5th grade. No registration fee

Register at: http://www.christthekinglivonia.com

Contact: (734) 421-0749 or (734) 469-4190

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. July 23-27

Location: St. Matthew Lu-

theran Church and School, 3885 Venoy, Westland
Details: The theme is "IncrediWorld Amazement Park." Kids will experience the wonder of God's creation made in six days. As they travel back to the beginning, they will put on their "Bible glasses" and get a closer look at God's design features in animals. Kids will make crafts, play water games, relays and more. Aimed at age 3 to 6th grade.

Contact: (734) 425-0261

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 30-31 and Aug. 1-2

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Sky - Everything is Possible with God" is the theme. Aimed at children, 3-5th grade. Preschoolers must be potty-trained. Free CD of music from the week. Cost is \$10 per child, \$25 for families with three or more children. Registration forms are available in the church office. Church office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call ahead to assure someone can help you

Contact: Pam Gunderson at (734) 422-0494, Ext. 14, or visit rgpc.children@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, July 30-Aug. 3

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: "VBS Olympics" is aimed at children, age 3 through 5th grade and will include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. Cost is \$5 per child and registration is available now

Contact: (734) 422-1470, ext. 17 or e-mail to christianeducator@sppc-email.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: Social hour at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 18

Location: G. Subu's, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Cash bar and dinner buffet followed by cards, games and conversation until 9 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes meal, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door with cash only. RSVP by July 10

Coming up: Dinner at 6 p.m. at Hazel Park Raceway, 1650 E. 10 Mile at Dequindre in Hazel Park. For menu, info and sign up, call Marilyn at (248) 543-1018. Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 21 at St. Valentine Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford, followed by social hour and snacks. Sign up to bring food items such as veggie tray, dip, chips, salad, cheese and crackers. RSVP by July 12 to let organizers what dish you'll make. Call Ann Marie at (248) 477-6167, Donna at (734) 420-0461 or Laura at (734) 942-3866

Contact: Mary Anne at (313) 565-5749, Joan at (734) 331-6866 or Carol at (313) 562-3080 for G. Subu event

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m., July 15, 22 and 29

Location: at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, located at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road in Canton

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church hosts the service. Bring a lawn chair to the event

Contact: (734) 459-3333

August

CROP WALK MEETING

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 1

Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Individuals, faith communities and other organizations interested in participating in the Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 7 may send a representative to this orientation meeting. Attendees will receive Walk materials and strategies for recruiting

walkers
Contact: Donna Gray at (734) 812-7698; dgrayce@sbcglobal.net

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 Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. 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

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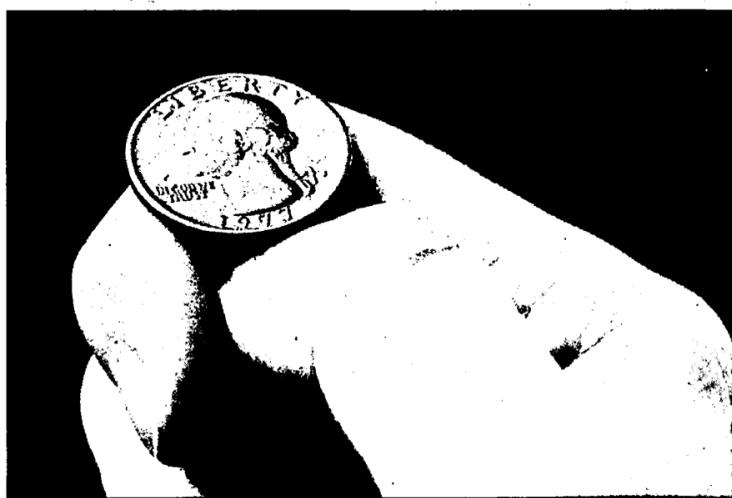
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E-mail causes me to worry about you

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

In all my years of writing this column I have received many e-mails from readers and each one has been important and most have been sent a reply.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

When I send a reader my personal cell number and ask him or her to call me, you can bet that the issue is very serious or maybe even life threatening.

I did that a few weeks ago with the writer of the following correspondence and I have not heard from Caite.

She wrote: "I had an Uncle Joe who could fix everything for

everyone in the extended family. His humor was like yours, too. My problem: Only occasionally does my LG front loader not drain at the end of a cycle. After about a month's respite, it has begun not to drain once more. When this happens I set it for the drain and spin cycle which successfully drains. This has just now happened and if it happens again, I will write you soon again.

"Other than for this problem, I do like this washer very much for its energy saving of water and the fact that stains come out fine and the motion is gentle on fabrics and pillows, sometimes baseball caps, too. I manage the mold buildup by using OxyClean for several cycles, and also monitor the rubber seal, wiping it out with Oxy and removing as much scum as possible. So this machine and I function together pretty well. But how about this

occasional drain problem? Do I have to call for a repair man? ... to tell me...what?

Dryer problems

"Another problem: The Maytag dryer, the middle grade one, purchased around 10 years ago. It coughs at the end of its cycle, jumping a bit when it finishes and sometimes dumping articles on its top to the floor. I have adjusted the legs at the base of the machine to conform to the floor level. Once again this does not always occur. I have set the cycle for five minutes and stayed to watch the action. It didn't happen when I was watching. The Gremlins don't like to be watched.

"Another subject: Thank you very much for your latest fine article on cleaning out dryer vents. My husband and I spent a couple of hours doing this together a month ago. It was

rewarding work, and shocking, too. I did not realize that the dampness causes the lint to form a substance something like paper mache. Most interesting phenomenon and there comes a good deal of accumulation of it. It's clearly a fire hazard. I wrote to a niece in San Francisco, quoting from your article and she wrote back that she was going to get the project back onto her front burner. Her mother, my sister, urged me to write, and she, too, is convinced to be regular about a thorough cleaning. So goes the grape vine.

"But I want to thank you sincerely for your article. If Uncle Joe were alive he probably would have lectured me the same way. Maybe his spirit inspires us all. We all carry a share of the load of wisdom to be communicated. Hope to hear from you."

Call me

Why am I worried about this reader and why did I send her my cell number? In this e-mail she tells me that the clothes dryer coughs and jumps at the end of the cycle. This could be the drum rollers seizing up because of bad bearings. Should this happen during the run cycle, the drum will stop turning but the burner assembly will continue to heat and ignite the clothes inside the drum. It's happened to many clothes dryers and I don't want it to happen to Caite. Please call me Caite so I can stop worrying about you. Stay tuned.

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GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Country Garden Club

The 19th Annual Garden Walk, sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 11. The tour includes six gardens. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments at historic Mill Race Village. Proceeds from the event support charitable contribu-

tions to local and national horticultural causes. Tickets are \$10 at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main, Northville; (248) 380-8881. Limited tickets will be sold the day of the event and will cost \$12 at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville. Visit the Country Garden Club of Northville website at <http://cgcnv.org>.

Butterflies

Learn how to maintain a butterfly garden at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175

Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Get tips on how to improve your butterfly plantings and increase the number of the creatures you attract to your yard. \$3 for non-members. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or www.sembabutterfly.com.

Belleville Walk

The Belleville Area District Library will present its seventh annual Garden Walk, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, July 22. The theme is "The Decorated Garden" with an emphasis on using art and other objects as focal points in the garden. Each of

the five gardens on the tour artfully incorporates handmade objects. The Garden Market Place returns to the library lawn this year. A Garden Walk ticket is not necessary to shop the Market Place. Advance tickets are available for \$10 each at the Belleville Area District Library, Antiques on Main, and Garden Fantasy Greenhouse & Florist until July 21. On the day of the Garden Walk, tickets are \$12 and available only at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville. Addresses with maps are available at the library on the day of the walk. Call (734)

699-3291 for additional information or visit www.belleville.lib.mi.us for a copy of the brochure. All proceeds from the garden walk benefit the library.

English Gardens

Learn how to care for your summer garden at a free presentation 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 and 10 a.m., Saturday, July 14. Discover hydrangeas at a free store presentation, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 19 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 21. The presentation will include information about the four categories of hydrangeas and care tips.

Get tips on planning, planting and maintaining flowers in the shade at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 and 10 a.m. Saturday, July 28.

Learn to arrange flowers in a vase at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4. This step-by-step demonstration features lots of inspirations and design basics to get your started.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

BENEFIT SHOW DELIVERS HOPEFUL MESSAGE

People International Incorporated will spread a positive message through music and dance, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

People International is a non-profit musical performance organization made up of members ranging from teens to seniors, who come from all over the country, from various socioeconomic backgrounds, different religions, various careers and who possess a wide range of talent, from amateur to professional.

Their concert, "Keep Holding On," is centered on the theme of hope. The show illustrates the idea in

many different ways and across many different musical styles. The goal is to leave audience members uplifted and re-energized, feeling that they can overcome their struggles.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth and seniors. They're available at the door, online at cantonvillagetheater.org and by calling (734) 394-5300. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, a local non-profit group dedicated to fostering cultural arts in the Canton community.

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Milestones

50th anniversary

John and Marge Gjernes of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 7. The couple met in 1961 while teaching at an army dependents school in Boeblingen, Germany. They were married at St. John's Catholic Church in Monroe.

They returned to Germany where Larry, Dan, and Terese were born. They returned to Michigan in 1965, and another son, John was born in 1970. They now have 13 grandchildren.

John and Marge are involved in real estate after retiring from teaching. They are involved in church activities and enjoy golf, travel, visiting family and friends, and ushering at the Fox Theater.



John and Marge Gjernes

Smykowski-Weidner

Timothy Bailey and Joan Smykowski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Bailey, to Nathan Weidner, son of Wayne and Sandra Weidner of Florissant, Mo.

The bride-to-be received a B.F.A. in industrial design from Wayne State University in Detroit. She is employed by BMW Motorcycles Southeast Michigan in sales, marketing and social media.

Her fiancé is completing a Ph.D. in industrial psychology from Wayne State University. He plans to complete the degree in summer 2012. He has accepted a faculty position with Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo.

The couple resides in Dearborn, but will move to Rolla at the end of July 2012.

Although the final arrangements have not been made, a wedding tentatively is planned for October 2013.



Racine-Shonce

Courtney Robin Racine and Stephen Bradley Shonce announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Bob and Pat Racine of Ann Arbor, graduated in 2004 from Pioneer High School and in 2008 from Michigan State University. She attends Eastern Michigan University, where she will receive a master's degree in speech pathology in April 2013.

Her fiancé, son of Kevin and Jan Shonce of Livonia, graduated in 2004 from Stevenson High School and in 2009 from Michigan State University where he received a master's degree in accounting. He is employed as a certified public accountant with Deloitte & Touche LLP.

An August 2012 wedding will be held in Traverse City.



Piwowar-Gelven

Kara Piwowar and Derek Gelven announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Daniel and Nancy Piwowar of Northville, is a registered nurse and works in the emergency room at Botsford Hospital in Farmington. The 2007 Northville High School graduate earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Michigan State University.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Stacey Gelven of Northville, is a registered nurse and works in the emergency room at U of M Hospital. He plans to continue his education and become a nurse anesthetist. He also graduated in 2007 from Northville High School and earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Michigan State University.

An August 2013 wedding is planned in Leelanau.



Max Alexander Matthew Giffen

Matthew and Jessica (Balko) Giffen of Anchorage, Alaska are proud to announce the birth of their son, Max Alexander Matthew Giffen. Max was born May 2, 2012. He weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.

Max was welcomed home by his big brother, Jack, 20 months.

Proud grandparents are Rex and Claudia Balko of South Lyon, Isabelle Pappert of Canton, and Denis and Marion Giffen of Royal Oak.



SpringElation event benefits Farmington Hills-based JARC

This year's 14th annual JARC SpringElation event at the Detroit Zoo attracted nearly 2,000 partygoers, who joined event chairs Adam Becker of Bloomfield Hills, Dani Gillman of West Bloomfield and Julie Hertzberg of Bloomfield Hills.

The fundraising event raised more than \$320,000 for Farmington Hills-based JARC, a non-sectarian, non-profit organization founded in 1969 by a group of parents concerned about the future of their children with developmental disabilities.

Today, JARC is one of the nation's largest providers of community-based residential services, serving more than 170 adults in its group homes and various supported independent living

arrangements.

In 1998, JARC discovered a need in the community for support services for families who have a child with a disability living at home. Through the establishment of the Harris Children and Family Division, JARC is able to provide these services to over 450 families.

SpringElation is the major source of private funding for JARC's services for children and their families. All proceeds raised at this family community event benefit children with disabilities receiving services through the organization's Merle and Shirley Harris Children and Family Division.

For more information on JARC, visit www.jarc.org or call (248) 538.6611.

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BARAN, EVA M.

Redford, MI. Age 86, died July 6, 2012. Visit, Tuesday, 2-8PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial 2 PM, Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at St. Patrick Catholic in Brighton.

KAYS, JOSEPH LEONARD

Age 82, of Bloomington, Indiana died Friday, June 29th at Bell Trace Health & Living Center. Graveside services were held Saturday, July 7th at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Pike County, Indiana. Joe was born in Pike County, Indiana on April 6, 1930 to Oliver T. and Mary Etta (Harris) Kays. He graduated from Winslow High School in 1948 and Indiana University, School of Business, in 1952 with honors. Following graduation, ISI Lt. Joseph L. Kays served in the Air Force as an auditor during the Korean Conflict. After his Air Force service, he was employed by General Motors at facilities in both Michigan and Indiana retiring in 1987 with 32 years of service. Following retirement he returned to the Bloomington, Indiana area. Joe was a member of the church of Christ. Most recently he was a member and former elder of the North Central Church of Christ in Bloomington. Joe is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rowena Alice (Chesser) Kays, whom he married September 17, 1950. He is also survived by his daughter, Kim (Dennis) Dirks of Avon, Indiana and his son, Mark (Kim) Kays of Canton, Michigan. Survivors also include his granddaughter, Courtney Dirks, and his grandsons Jeremy (Rachel) Dirks, Steve Kays, and Tim Kays. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Wilma (Kays) Grow, and his brother Ancil O. Kays. Joe's family would like to express special thanks to all the staff at Bell Trace Health & Living Center and the Bloomington Hospital Home Health & Hospice for the wonderful care that was given to Joe during the last five years. Memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer Association of Greater Indiana, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46260; Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871; IU Health Bloomington Home Health & Hospice, Medical Arts Building, 619 West First St., Bloomington, IN 47401 in memory of Joseph L. Kays. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

MICHELIS, JUDY ANN

Age 69, June 30, 2012. Beloved wife of Richard. Dear mother of Matthew (Mary), Leah, Anne (Stacey) and Valerie (Scott). Loving Nannie of Karlee, Kamryn and Evan. Special friend of Danielle and Melanie. Memorial service to be held at a later date. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



EANES, LEWIS C., SR.

Age 62, July 1, 2012 of Waterford. Beloved husband of Tania. Loving father of Lewis Jr. and Jacob. Cherished son of June and the late John. Dear brother of Deborah (Patrick) Kenny, John (Mary Ann), Barbara (Charles) Darnell and Christopher (Sheila). Also leaves many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service Friday 12 Noon at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd (between Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



POLICE, FRANK L.

Age 83 of Livonia, passed away on June 30, 2012. Loving husband of the late Louise B. Beloved father of Frank Police, the late Daniel Police, Eva T. Police, Maria (Anthony) Kraska and David Police. Proud grandfather of Shannon Police, Steven and Angela Kraska. Funeral service Tuesday, July 10, 2012 from St. Michael's Catholic Church 11441 Hubbard Rd, Livonia, Mr. Police will lie in state beginning at 10:00am until time of mass at 10:30am. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth on Monday, July 9, 2012 from 1-9pm with a Rosary service at 7:00pm. Frank will be buried next to his beloved Louise at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital -Tribute Program P.O. Box 1060, Dept. 142 Memphis, TN 38148-0421. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

HOLLINGSHEAD, CAROL MAY

Age 89. Died October 23, 2011 in Bedford MA. Born August 18, 1922 to Earl and Evelyn May and raised in Highland Park. Graduated from the University of Michigan and married Pell Hollingshead in 1944. They moved to Birmingham in 1947 where she lived until 2001. Predeceased by Pell in 1989, she is survived by children Carol Jane, Robert, David, Ann, their spouses and nine grandchildren. A beloved wife, mother and grandmother, she was also a tireless volunteer in the community at St. James Church, the Senior Men's Club, St. Ann's Mead, BASCC, the Baldwin Library and Birmingham Heart Association. A memorial service will be held at St. James Church, Birmingham on July 14 at 10:30.

SILLS, THOMAS M.

Age 71, of Las Vegas, formally of Sterling Hts, died June 25, 2012. A memorial mass will be held at 10am on July 25th at St. Ephrem Catholic Church, 38900 Dodge Park Rd, Sterling Hts.

WINSLOW, INEZ M.

92; June 30, 2012. Inez was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin E., Esq. (d. 2008). Dear mother of Chaplain David A. (Doribell) Winslow, US Navy Retired; devoted grandmother of Frances Papapietro and David A. Winslow Jr.; Mrs. Winslow is also survived by her great grandchildren, Richard Papapietro III and Gabriella Papapietro. Inez graduated with a B.A. degree from Whittier College, Whittier, California in 1941 and received her M.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in medical social work in 1947. She was a longtime teacher and social worker in the Detroit, Highland Park and Farmington schools. A graveside service was held at South Oak Grove Cemetery, Stuart, Iowa. No local services are planned. Arrangements are entrusted to the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, (248-474-5200) heeneys-sundquist.com

LEFLER, ROBERT "BOBBY", II

Age 37, of Westland, died suddenly 06/30/12. Visitation Sat. 7/7/12 from Noon-5pm with the service beginning at 5pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 59255 10 Mile Rd., South Lyon.

MARTIN, RANDALL A.

Age 58. June 24, 2012. Beloved husband of Holly, Dear father of Mark and Julie. Dearest son of Patricia and the late Albert Martin. Brother of Mark and Scott. Funeral Service Sunday, July 8, 2012, 2:00p.m. at Crosspointe Meadow Church, 29000 Meadowbrook Rd., between 12 Mile and 13 Mile Road in Novi.

MEFFER, DONNA J. "YaYa"

Willis, MI. Age 82. Died Friday, June 29, 2012 at her daughter's home with her loving family around her. She was born February 20, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of John and Madeline Smith. On April 26, 1947, she married Angelo Meffer and he preceded her in death in May of 1987. Survivors include four children: William "Bill" (Bev) Meffer, Patricia Taylor, Catherine "Cathy" (Mark) Martin and Barb (Brad) Davidson; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral service was celebrated on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Janowiak Funeral Home with her son-law-law, Brad Davidson officiating. Burial will follow in Cadillac West Memorial Cemetery, Westland, MI. Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home where the family will receive friends on Sunday from 2-8 p.m.



JOHNSON, BARBARA A.

60, of Eureka, formerly of Detroit, Michigan and Denver, Colorado, died on Monday July 2, 2012 at 8:50 AM at Advocate Eureka Hospital. She was born February 16, 1952 in Peoria to Herman and Mary Ann Sauder Baer. Her mother survives in Eureka. Also surviving are one daughter, Kyra Johnson of Goodfield, one brother, Ron (Deann) Baer of Edelstein, one sister, Deb (Leon) Klopfenstein of Haviland, Ohio and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, and one brother Raymond Baer. Barbara was a computer programmer for many years. She retired from Lockheed Martin in Denver in 2003. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church in Washington and formerly in Detroit and Denver. She loved the outdoors. Especially hiking and gardening. She had a green thumb and enjoyed working with her flowers. There will be a funeral service for Barbara on Friday July 6, 2012 at 10 AM at the Washington Apostolic Christian Church. Church ministers will officiate. Visitation will be Thursday July 5, 2012 from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at Deiters Funeral and Crematory in Washington and from 9 - 9:45 AM Friday at church. Burial will take place in Princeville at the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery at 2PM Friday. Memorials may be made to Eureka Apostolic Christian Home or to Woodhaven Retirement Community, 29667 Wentworth St., Livonia, MI 48154. Barbara's memorial website may be found at www.deitersfuneralhome.com where online condolences may also be sent to the family.

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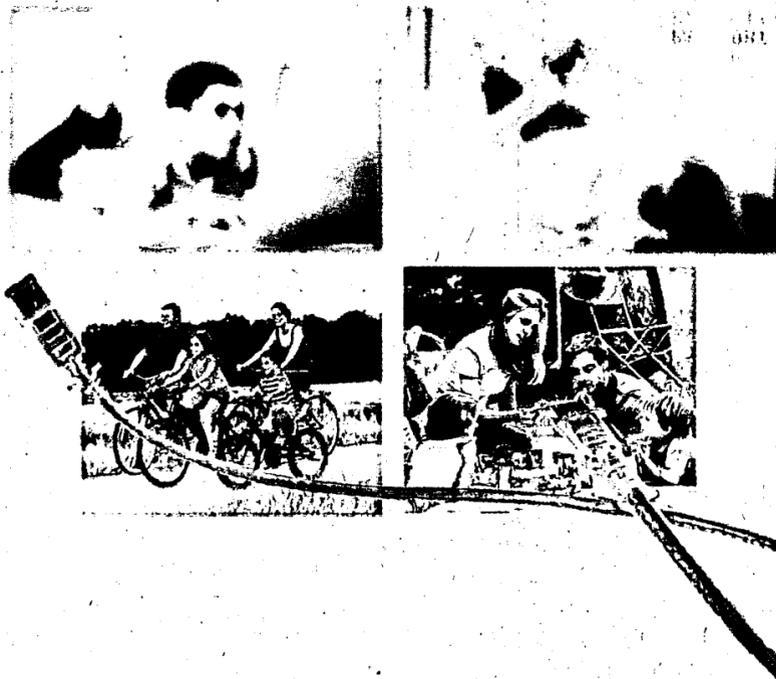
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With warm weather to bask in, there are plenty of reasons to cut down on screen time. Replacing sedentary hours with creative or physical activities can lead to a happier and healthier home. To help your family unplug, the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a national non-profit founded by the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation to combat childhood obesity, brings you 10 ideas on how to cut down screen time:

1. Create a schedule - Craft a plan to decide which shows your family will watch. To increase effectiveness, create a schedule for other electronic use, such as Internet and video games.
2. Keep a log - Have your kids track the time they spend in front of screens. The number may prompt them into making behavioral changes.
3. Make goals - Instead of setting strict time limits, create goals for cutting back on screen time and reward your family for reaching them.
4. Mix and match - Constructively multitask when using electronics. While watching TV, perform exercises or make crafts. When using the computer, take breaks to stretch and walk around.



5. Participate in outdoor activities - Join a family club or play a sport.
6. Find a hobby - Adding a hobby to your family's day can help you evade those omnipresent electronics.
7. Screen-free zones - Eliminate screens from mealtimes. Instead, have family discussions or eat outside if the weather permits. In addition, remove screens from

- bedrooms.
8. Cover it up - Cover up electronics not in use. This will encourage your family to engage in other activities.
9. Build a blockade - Put all electronics in one room for a day and avoid the space at all costs.
10. Have a library adventure - Take a family trip to the library. Reward your child for reading by allowing them

to stay up 15 minutes past their bedtime. For more tips on ways you can cultivate a healthy lifestyle and help reverse the trend of childhood obesity visit: www.HealthierGeneration.org. The goal of the Alliance is to reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity by 2015, and to empower kids nationwide to make healthy lifestyle choices.

NEW FACES

Two doctors have joined the staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Ekaterina Lensou Vaysberg, Ph.D., is a licensed clinical psychologist



Vaysberg who sees patients in her office located at 19855 W. Outer Drive, Suite 208E, in Dearborn. Vaysberg completed the doctoral program in clinical psychology at University of Detroit-Mercy. Her clinical training includes an inpatient psychiatric practicum at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac; an outpatient psychiatric practicum at Psychological Assets, P.C., in Southfield; and the psychology internship at the University Psychiatric Centers of Wayne State University in Detroit.

Vaysberg, who speaks Russian fluently, is a member of the American Psychology Association and the Michigan Psychological Association.

Patricia Strimpel, M.D., is a board-certified neurologist who sees patients at the three offices of Associates in Neurology, P.C.: 27555 Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills; 26850 Providence Pkwy., Suite 210, in Novi; and 22250 Providence Dr., Suite 602, in Southfield.



Strimpel

After receiving her medical education from American University of the Caribbean Medical School, Strimpel performed her first year of clinical training at St. John's Hospital in Detroit. She served her neurology residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. Strimpel also trained for a year in a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology and epilepsy at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

July

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

Here's a sampling of offerings:

- Eating Disorders Support Group meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 18 and 25.
- Alzheimer's Support meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 11.
- "Focus on Living" Cancer Support is a monthly self-help group facilitated by a nurse. Next session is 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12.
- Diabetes Summer School is a two-hour class with a speaker presentation and

discussion each month during the summer. The session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 17 is "A Look Backward and Forward at Diabetes Medications." • Breastfeeding class runs 6-9 p.m. Monday, July 23 and is aimed at expectant mother. There is a fee for this one-time session. The Diabetes Summer School will be held in the community room at Westland Shopping Center, located at Central City Parkway and N. Wayne Road. Other classes are held at the hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City; (734) 458-4330.

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• EMT Saturday Class	7/21/12	Sat	Taylor
• EMT Day Class	8/7/12	T-Th	Taylor
• EMT-S Bridge Class	8/7/12	T-Th	Taylor
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• Paramedic Evening Class	10/9/12	T-Th	Taylor

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