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City hall remediation OK'd

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

After some sticker shock at the price to convert the now-closed Bailey Center into a temporary city hall, the Westland City Council voted to accept a bid to remediate asbestos in the current city hall.

Meanwhile, the erosion of the soil around the city hall foundation continues

to increase, a problem related to ongoing water problems in the building's basement. Council has not decided on how and where to build a new city hall.

"We thought the Bailey Center would be an alternative. Our recommendation is that we move forward with the city hall remediation," Mayor William Wild said. "With the conditions at city hall,

we have to do something pretty quick. I'd be in favor of putting money into the Bailey Center, if we had a plan in place. I wouldn't do it without an exit strategy."

Engineer Wayne Hoppe of OHM provided a report estimating a \$620,000 cost to transform the Bailey Center into a facility that could serve as a temporary city hall until a new municip-

pal building is constructed.

The mayor and council decided to look at a temporary city hall partly in response to an anticipated high bill for asbestos remediation on a building that is expected to be replaced in the near future.

The bid from Asbestos Removal Technologies is for up to \$46,320, but could be reduced to

\$38,920 if city workers move furniture and files to facilitate the work.

The work involves cleaning and sealing asbestos containing material used to seal windows and that is now crumbling. The remediation was ordered by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration in

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The roof of the McKee barn crosses the intersection of Marquette and Wayne Road on its way to its new home at the Westland Historic Village Park.

Takin' a ride

Movers deliver McKee barn roof to village park

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

With police cars stopping traffic and closing intersections, there was the appearance of a presidential motorcade Tuesday morning on Wayne Road.

The passenger was a lot bigger and slower moving, however, as the roof of the McKee barn was moved from behind the family farmhouse on

Cowan to the Westland Historic Village Park on Wayne Road south of Marquette.

Onlookers included Dale and Jan Clements of Redford. The late Elmer McKee, who lived his entire life on the family farm, was Dale Clements' uncle.

"I spent a lot of time here, I used to sit on my uncle's lap while he was driving the tractor," Dale Clements said. "I used



Dale (left) and Jan Clements of Redford stand in front of all that remained after the McKee barn was relocated to the Westland Historic Village Park Tuesday. Dale Clements is the nephew of the late Elmer McKee.

to watch the Quo Vadis drive-in from the porch. As the trees got taller, we moved down the street." Located on Cowan east

of Wayne Road, the McKee family farm had been a fixture in Nankin Township since 1874. McKee, who died in July 2011 at

96, and his late wife Sarah had no children, so the home was being sold

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Salvation Army holding Christmas in July fundraiser

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

A sound synonymous with the holidays will be heard in Wayne and Westland on Friday and Saturday when the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps conducts its Christmas in July fundraiser.

Volunteers will man Red Kettles at Heathland Market at Ford and Wildwood in Westland

and Northside Hardware at Wayne Road and Glenwood in Wayne on Friday and Saturday, July 20-21 and July 24-25. Street collections also will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 21 and 28.

The fundraising is critical for the corps, Corps Officer/Pastor Capt. Derek Rose said. "Donations are down about \$12,000 from last

year for the summer day camp," Rose said. "We're still offering a full program for children, but are shifting money from other areas to support it. Programs for children are our top priority."

According to Rose, some \$16,000 was raised for the program through mail-in donations last year.

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Roofing chemicals likely cause of building fire

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

An early Monday morning fire that damaged a commercial building on Wayne Road south of Palmer was likely caused by chemicals that were being used to replace the flat roof.

The fire was reported at 4:45 a.m. at the one-story building at 2116 S. Wayne Road. One unit of the building, which was

vacant, burned in the fire. "The fire originated in the ceiling. The building was just under new ownership and they were working on the flat roof," Westland Assistant Fire Chief John Adams said. "There were two contractors — the first one was fired. It's possible there was incompatibility of the chemicals used for adhesion."

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response to a complaint filed by a city worker.

The city has already received several extensions on getting the asbestos remediated, Personnel Director Cindy King said.

A year ago, Hoppe produced a report outlining the poor conditions at the current city hall, including ongoing water problems that despite various efforts to correct have electrical panels in standing water even during the current dry weather.

"The soil around the building is moving. I can't say if the building is moving because I don't have a benchmark," said Hoppe, who noted areas of erosion that were two to six inches lower than last year. "Presumably the soil is being washed away. The soils beneath the building are very fine and fully saturated."

Council has reached a

consensus that city hall needs to be replaced, but hasn't approved a plan to do so. Earlier this year, it was proposed that a new city hall be constructed on city-owned land behind the William P. Faust Public Library funded through the Tax Increment Financing Authority, which also funded the construction of the library itself.

That plan drew complaints from neighbors and others who preferred construction of a new municipal building on the current Ford Road site.

Wild recommended a second look at the current city hall site after that was recommended by a panel of urban planners and architects who reviewed the proposals. Funding for construction on the current city hall location is an issue since it is in the Downtown Development Authority District and the DDA has insufficient revenue to pay for the project.

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This year, the corps has received \$2,000-\$3,000. He's not sure why donations are down and worries it could impact the after-school program the corps offers.

"We're looking at possibly reducing it from 36 weeks to 32 weeks," he said.

To offer a full after-school program costs \$20,000. The corps receives \$7,000 from the Salvation Army head office and parents pay \$1 for the program which generates another \$3,000. That leaves \$10,000 that corps needs to raise. Some money from the Christmas bell ringing and donations throughout the year help pay for it.

But donations are down and the urgent need right now is money for the summer camp, he said.

There are four more weeks left of the day camp, offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday

through Friday at the Corps Community Center on Venoy south of Palmer. The camp averages 60 children per day and costs parents \$40 per week. It includes two field trips each week, lunch, crafts and character building.

"We have a pretty good quality program at a reasonable cost," Rose said. "It's one of the cheapest camps around. We actually have a waiting list. We could expand it, if we could get funding for it."

Rose is hoping the summer bell ringing will remind people who in the past have supported the camp financially to send in their donations.

People can drop their donations in the red kettles during Christmas in July or send them to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army at 2300 S. Venoy, Westland 48186.

"I'm thankful for the support we receive from the Wayne-Westland area, especially Westland," Rose said.

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Sections of Wayne Road were closed Tuesday morning as D&B Movers moved the barn roof from the McKee farm on Cowan to the Historic Village Park.

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through a trust.

"I'm glad they are able to save the barn. When they asked us about donating it, nobody in the family didn't say yes right away," Clements said. "Who knows what the new owners would have done with it. He (McKee) would be happy to see it go to the museum."

"He was into so much in Westland and helping, he'd be pleased," Jan Clements agreed. "He's up there saying, 'Take it easy.'"

The walls of the 1930s vintage barn were found deteriorated. Faced with a huge bill to move utility lines to facilitate the move, a decision was made to detach the roof. Doors, beams and other parts of the lower barn were preserved and will be used to rebuild it at the Historic Village Park.

D&B Movers handled the relocation of the roof, which will be jacked up over its concrete foundation and walls will be built to meet it.

"They're looking to start building in a couple of weeks. It should take 10-14 days to build," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski, who worked on the project with Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia.

Gebhardt, who got \$50,000 allocated from Wayne County Parks millage for the project, and Jo Johnson of the Westland Historical Society, were on hand for the move and met the barn



Wayne County Commissioner Joan Genhardt (from left), Jo Johnson of the Westland Historical Society, and Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski stand in Wayne Road as the barn roof is maneuvered on to the Westland Historical Village Park site.



Stacks of timber await delivery to the park. The wood will be used to build new walls for the barn.

at the Historic Village. WLND taped the pair talking about the barn, standing on Wayne Road as the roof was being moved — not a sight you see every day.

"Years and years we've wanted a barn — as soon as we got the farmhouse," Johnson said.

Plans calls for the pole barn, used to store farm

equipment, to be demolished once the barn is ready.

"It's in bad shape and it hides the Octagon House," said Johnson, who was taking photos of the move.

When the McKee family bought their farm on Cowan, Johnson said it was purchased from Ebenezer Bennett, who

supervised the mental hospital at Eloise.

"He is credited with taking the inmates out of their dark cells," Johnson said.

Over the years, the acreage was sold for development, including what is now Lutheran High School Westland located next to the farmhouse.

D&B Movers has handled other moves for the Historic Village Park including the Octagon House.

Compared to other buildings, the barn roof was a pretty easy project, said Don Brown, who worked on the project with his son, also named Don.

"(Moving) the wires would have cost a fortune. It doesn't weigh much — 25 to 30 tons," said Brown, whose son is a third-generation house mover. "I build the hydraulic equipment."

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FIRE

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It's likely that the different chemicals used by the two contractors started a fire in the wood roof of the vacant unit, Adams said.

"When I looked at the

burn pattern on the wall, all the major damage was at the roof line," he said. "There was no damage below about three feet up from the floor. All the fire pattern indicated it originated in the ceiling."

The unit on the north side of the building happened to be vacant and didn't contain furnishings

or items that would add to the fire, Adams said. There was little or no fire damage to the adjoining units in the building which house businesses, including a tax service and a physical therapy company.

"The building had appropriate fire walls and protected the other units. They had minor smoke damage," Adams said. "The northeast corner of the building facade is rid-

dled with fire damage."

This was the first major fire since the Westland and Wayne fire departments merged July 1; firefighters from Garden City and Inkster also responded to the fire.

One of the Wayne fire apparatus utilized in fighting the fire has a 134-foot articulating aerial ladder.

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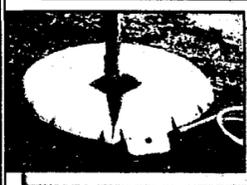
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Ex-teacher pleads guilty to sex charges



FILE PHOTO
Ex-Wayne Memorial High School teacher Brandon Tomblin, seen with his attorney Robert Mullen, has pleaded guilty to multiple criminal charges that he had sex with two male students and exchanged nude photos with a third teen.

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Former Wayne Memorial High School teacher Brandon Tomblin of Canton is facing sentencing Aug. 9 after he pleaded guilty to multiple criminal charges amid allegations he had sex with two male students and exchanged nude photos with a third teen.

Tomblin, 26, could face up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton for sexual incidents two teens say happened in Tomblin's office, at his sister's Garden City house and in his car while parked off a Romulus road. A third boy said he and Tomblin traded explicit photos on their cell phones, but never had sex.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller has confirmed Tomblin's guilty plea last Thursday to charges of third-degree criminal sexual conduct,

fourth-degree CSC, child sexually abusive activity, using a computer to commit a crime and distributing sexually explicit material to children.

Tomblin's decision averted a trial and came just five weeks after the three teens, now ages 16, 17 and 18, testified June 8 during a preliminary exam in Romulus 34th District Court that they had voluntary sexual contact last year with Tomblin, though Judge Tina Brooks Green ruled such relations between a teacher and students cannot by law be consensual.

"This happened in the high school in his office, and he's a teacher," Green said of one incident.

Tomblin's defense attorney, Robert Mullen, couldn't be reached for comment.

Tomblin, described as a vocal music teacher who was well-liked among students and other teachers,

became embroiled in controversy after a 16-year-old student's mother contacted police to report inappropriate contact between Tomblin and her son.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy has said school officials cooperated fully when law enforcement authorities began investigating allegations against Tomblin.

Under questioning by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Brian Surma during the June 8 court hearing, one male, now 18, said he appeared in a production of *Hairspray* directed by Tomblin, exchanged texts with him and eventually had unprotected sex in the teacher's office during after-school hours.

On another occasion, the teen said he and another alleged victim rode with Tomblin to a place in Romulus, where they parked. He said he sat in

the back seat while Tomblin performed oral sex on the other boy, now 17.

On yet another occasion, the 18-year-old teen testified he and the other teen accompanied Tomblin to Tomblin's sister's house in Garden City, where other sexual acts occurred. The 17-year-old gave similar testimony.

The teens said Tomblin never offered them alcohol or drugs.

The third male, 16, testified in June that he and Tomblin sent texts to each other and traded nude pictures using their cell phones. He said they never had sex.

Tomblin's family has declined to comment. However, Mullen has said Tomblin has strong support from family members who have repeatedly appeared in court on days his case was heard.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Bible school

The Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church is holding a "one of a Kind Zoo" vacation Bible school from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at the church at 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, in Garden City.

The program is for youngsters ages 3-13. There will be Bible stories, featuring a donkey, lion, whale and snake, along with a special Friday evening lesson about a sheep and a very special shepherd, Jesus. Each night will be devoted to one of the animals and the habitat in which they live while learning how God sometimes uses animals to teach.

There also will be

games, crafts and snacks. To register, call Alice Merrifield at (734) 427-3982 or email Juanita Malaski at Nita07rea@yahoo.com.

East reunion

The Garden City East High School reunion of the classes of 1968 through 1973 will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 22, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

Tickets cost \$60 per person and include appetizers, dinner buffet, open bar, DJ and dancing, pizza and coffee bar at 11 p.m. and memory book. Only 450 tickets will be sold. The deadline to purchase tickets is Aug. 25. People

who reserve tickets will receive a confirmation of payment within 10 days, which will serve as entry to the reunion.

A link to the reunion information and reservation sheet can be found on the Garden City (East) High School reunion page on Facebook. Checks should be made payable to Class Reunion 68-73 GC East.

Graduates from 1968 and 1971 can send their reservations to Pat Lyon Kubert, 6907 Kings Mill Drive, Canton, MI 48187.

Graduates from 1972 and 1973 can send their checks to Sue Cook Tasselmyer, 11901 Algonquin Drive, Pinckney, MI 48169.

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and 1970 can save a spot through Debi Cassidy Haller, 2108 Copley Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Fall Kick-Off

Save the date: Saturday, Aug. 25.

That's when Garden City High School will host a Community Fall Kick-off, showcasing its activities, clubs and sports in a spirited fun family atmosphere. Aspiring athletes will have a chance to meet the high school athletic teams and coaches and find out about the Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, DECA, PTSA, band and JROTC.

The kick-off will be held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the high school parking lot at 6400 Middlebelt, north of

Ford Road.

Outdoor Flea Market

An outdoor flea market will be held the second and third Saturday of the month now through September in the field across Elmwood Street side of the Garden City Historical Museum on Merriam Road. Reserve a spot by calling Diane, the manager of the Garden City Craftique Mall, at (734) 765-7999.

Farmers Market

Come out and support the new Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday through Oct. 31 at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middle-

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Police recover stolen truck, trailer in Detroit

Stolen vehicle

Garden City police recovered a resident's 1999 Ford pickup truck and trailer after it was stolen about 4 a.m. July 11 from a home in the 31000 block of Hennepin.

The resident, who works for a lawn service, said the truck belonged to another person but the lawn equipment belonged to him. The truck and trailer were stolen from the driveway where they were parked.

A Garden City police officer located the vehicle being driven away at Ann Arbor Trail and Inkster Road.

After a short pursuit into Detroit, the truck was recovered with minor damage to the vehicle caused by the suspect as well as damage to the ignition.

Before the pursuit into Detroit began, Dearborn Heights police heard the call and arrived to assist the Garden City officer in the area of Beech Daly and Warren Road. The suspect accelerated his vehicle and the chase began, ending at Orangelawn and Minock in Detroit, police said.

The suspect bailed out of the truck in Detroit and the police officers chased him unsuccessfully through yards, police said. The unknown suspect was described as a black man about 6 feet tall and 175 pounds.

Break-in

Garden City police responded to an alarm about 6 a.m. July 12 at Healthy Drugs, 827 Inkster Road.

Police discovered the front door had been pried open, damaging the lock and door jamb.

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The door to the pharmaceutical room was also pried open.

Reported stolen were codeine tablets and Viagra pills. An inventory of other losses is under study.

Break-in

A resident in the 33000 block of Rosslyn reported at 7:15 a.m. July 13 that someone stole tools from his garage. He found his gate open and admitted that his east side walk-in garage door was left open.

Stolen from the garage were a cordless drill, a corded saw and a women's style mountain bike. The owner could not provide any serial numbers for the stolen items.

Disorderly conduct

A 48-year-old Westland man was arrested for disorderly conduct and transported to Garden City Hospital about 7:15 p.m. July 10.

A resident reportedly was sitting on his porch in the 31000 block of Marquette when a drunken man staggered up to the porch, complaining that he was getting a divorce. He was holding vodka bottles.

The resident called the police but by the time the police arrived, the man had staggered off.

The police located him further down the street.

His blood alcohol level was .345 and an ambulance was called so that he could obtain medical treatment, police said.

Retail fraud

Garden City police

arrested a 13-year-old Dearborn Heights teen who stole an airsoft gun from the Kmart store at 29600 Ford about 8:30 p.m. July 11.

The boy was caught on the surveillance tape removing the BB gun from its packaging and placing it in his waistband. He returned to his family and left the store without paying for the gun.

A loss prevention officer met the boy and his mother outside of the store and they cooperatively went back inside for questioning. The case was referred to the Family Resource Center in Garden City.

Retail fraud

A customer shopping at the CVS store at 27435 Ford told a clerk that on July 14 she observed another customer stealing items by concealing items on his person.

The suspect was described as a black man about 50 years old who left the location without paying for the items, which were baby formula and make-up. The man left southbound on Inkster Road in a full-sized, white work van. No one obtained a license plate number.

The surveillance plate was stored as evidence.

Theft

A Detroit woman who works at a group home in the 1600 block of Belmont reported July 13 that someone stole \$170 in U.S. currency from her purse which was left in the front living room. She said that she didn't suspect the clients because they are in wheelchairs and don't go into that room.

By Sue Buck

Power tools taken from garage, unlocked sheds

Shots fired

Just before 2:30 a.m. July 15, two residents in the same building at Woodcrest Apartments told police they heard numerous shots fired but saw no one or any vehicles from which the shots could have originated.

Officers checked the area and found no damage to the building or cards. The officer did recover 11 40-caliber shell casings on the ground.

Break-in

Three Stihl chain saws, a backpack blower, a power washer and miscellaneous tools valued at \$3,150 were reported stolen July 15 from a garage in the 35000 block of Oakwood. The owner told police that someone had pried open his garage door to steal the items.

The man's neighbor who also lives in the 35000 block of Oakwood reported someone had stolen items from his unlocked sheds. Reported stolen were a reciprocating saw, a rotozip saw, an air compressor, three chain saws, a power washer, framing nailer and a backpack blower valued at \$3,250.

Larceny

A Westland man was arrested for allegedly stealing a cell phone from a resident of the Landings Apartments, 7072 Lakeview, July 15. The resident old police he and another person were sitting on the first floor patio. When they went inside about 9 p.m., the resident said he left his phone on the patio table.

From inside the apartment, the witness saw a man run up and grab the phone before fleeing on foot. The witness provided a description of the suspect.

The resident's father was able to use the telephone's GPS to locate the phone moving west on Dover near Bedford. Officers went to the area where they located a man

WESTLAND COP CALLS

matching the suspect's description.

Officers recovered the missing phone which was identified by the phone number and had photos of the owner and the witness.

The suspect denied stealing the phone, adding he hadn't even been at the Landings Apartments, police said. Officers pointed out they hadn't mentioned where the phone had been stolen.

Break-in

On July 15, a resident of an apartment at 7400 Central told police she had been gone for the weekend and returned home to find two flat screen televisions, a purple laptop computer and a wooden jewelry box stolen. Inside the jewelry box, the woman said were a platinum and diamond wedding ring and a gold freeze watch with diamonds valued at \$3,500. The other items were valued at \$1,500.

The woman told police she found a window, which she hadn't been able to lock, was open.

Vandalism

A Redford resident, 17, was arrested July 15 for vandalism and two counts of assault and battery following an incident near Merriman and Joy.

A 17-year-old Westland resident told police he was driving eastbound on Joy with four passengers just before 10:30 p.m. when a group of unknown people began yelling at them.

When the car stopped for the light at Merriman and Joy, the driver said the suspect was riding a bicycle and caught up with the car. The suspect picked up the bicycle and threw it at the 2000 Chrysler breaking the passenger side window. Two of the passengers received a minor

laceration from either the breaking glass or the bike itself.

The suspect told police that he was threatening to throw the bike when it accidentally slipped out of his hands. A witness unrelated to either group told police the bike had been thrown intentionally.

Police reported that all of the teens involved are students at Livonia Franklin High School.

Larceny from a vehicle

Just after 4 a.m. July 16 police were called to the 39000 block of Randolph Court after residents reported seeing a man breaking into parked cars. One witness said he saw the man take a computer printer from a neighbor's vehicle. When confronted, the witness said the suspect dropped the printer and ran.

The suspect attempted to climb a fence but was unable and walked back to the witness.

Police said the man, 19, was intoxicated. He was arrested for larceny and being an intoxicated minor.

Larceny

On July 14, the owner of a rental home in the 2100 block of Ackley told police that workers renovating the house arrived to find someone had stolen 30 inches of copper pipe from the basement. It had caused some water to run onto the carpet. The workers noticed a window was ajar.

Larceny

A resident in the 1900 block of Ackley told police July 15 that someone had stolen the air conditioning unit which had been located behind his home. The officer noted several thick wires coming from the house to the air conditioning unit had been cut. The unit was valued at \$1,000.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Car show raises \$4,000 for Skill Center



Kevin Waite of Garden City polishes his dragster for the car show.



Nate Creedan points out the his favorite car to his mother Rebekah and sister Emma. Westland residents liked the 1966 Ford Mustang.

PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Seventy cars recently filled the lawn of the Western Wayne Skill Center in Westland for its annual classic car show.

In its eighth year at the former Henry Ford Junior High School, the car show raised some \$4,000 for the center. Operated by the Livonia Public Schools, the special education center provides employability exploration and special education work experience for students from throughout Wayne County.

The show was staged by Don Nicholson. It started in 2001 at the Automotive Hall of

Fame and move to the center on Ann Arbor Trail near Merriman some eight years ago. The show featured 70 classic cars, ranging from classics and hot rods to muscle cars and dragsters.

There was music by the Six Foot Poles and the presentation of the Dave Gladwish Memorial Award. The award honors Dave Gladwish who was a longtime race announcer at Detroit Dragway and Milan Dragway who died of cancer in 2003.

This year's recipient was Stan Shelton, vice-president of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce,



Classic cars were lined up on the lawn of the Western Wayne Skill Center for its annual charity car show.

was honored for the time he donates above and beyond.

"He's one of the guys who is always there to help out," said Nich-

olson. "Stan has been shooting pictures and helping out at events.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Summer Bonanza

The Westland Historic Village Park will present its Summer Bonanza from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at the park on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

There event is free of charge and features antique cars and old-fashioned games for visitors to see and do. Food also will be available for purchase. Parking will be available at John Glenn High School on Marquette west of Wayne Road.

For more information, call (734) 658-5296 or send email to don@donnicholson.net.

Fun Day

Community Free Will Baptist Church will hold at Community Fun Day 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the church at 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland.

There will be free food, bounce houses, Westland fire truck, face painting, games, silent auction and more. For more information, call (734) 536-1210.

Bible school

The Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church is holding a "one of a Kind Zoo" vacation Bible school 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at the church at 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy.

The program is for youngsters ages 3-13. There will be Bible stories, featuring a donkey, lion, whale and snake, with a special Friday evening lesson about a sheep and a very special shepherd, Jesus. Each night will be devoted to one of the animals and the habitat in which they live while learning how God sometimes uses animals to teach.

There also will be games, crafts and snacks. To preregister, call Alice Merrifield at (734)

427-3982 or email Juanita Malaski at Nita07rea@yahoo.com.

Open House

Westland Free Methodist Preschool is holding an open house 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, July 23, at the preschool, 1421 S. Venoy, between Palmer and Cherry Hill, Westland.

The preschool offers classes for three- and four-year-olds, and parents can save \$25 off the enrollment fee at the open house.

For more information, call (734) 728-3559 or go online to preschool.livesarechanging.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.willowcreek-preschool.com

Cheer Tryouts

Tryouts for the fall cheer teams at John Glenn John Glenn High School will be held 1-3 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 1-2, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 3 in Gym 4 (enter in back of building)

Students must have a current physical on file or in your possession to try-out. Bring or wear shorts, T-shirt and gym shoes. Be ready to participate and be active.

For more information, contact Ashli at (586) 876-9035.

Volunteers needed

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring,

compassionate volunteers to help with office tasks or to serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate one-two hours of their time per week.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Volunteers receive training and ongoing coaching, and social opportunities are available as well.

The next new volunteer orientation will take place at the Compassionate Care office at 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A, Canton. Contact Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, to apply for a brief interview at jgalat@cch-net.net or call (888) 983-9050.

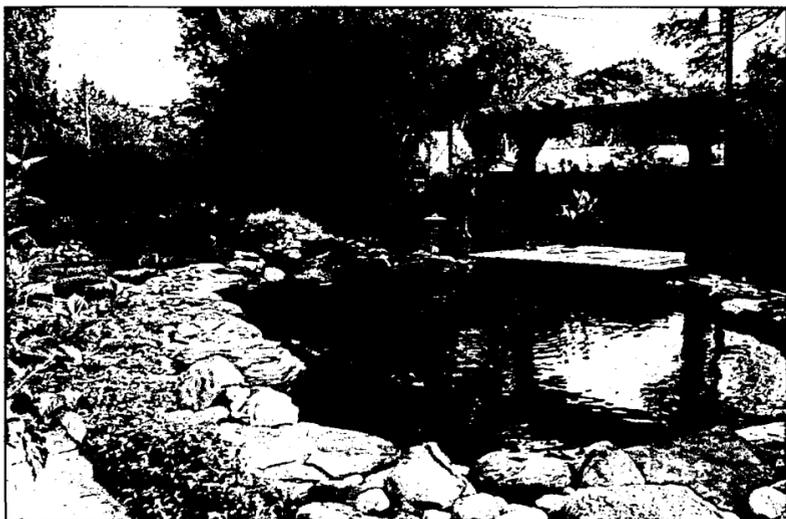
Rocket Camp

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

The camp is open to high school students and costs \$100, including a T-shirt. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 23.

There will also be a Youth Camp 4:30-6 p.m. July 25-27 for kindergarten through eighth-grade students in the Wrestling Room. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is at 4 p.m. Monday, July 25.

Registration forms are available at glennwrestling.com. For more information, contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.



The pond of Ray of Teri Alexander of Livonia will be featured during Saturday's tour.

Club hosts pond, water garden tour

Ten homes in Livonia, Westland and Garden City will be featured in the Michigan Koi and Pond Club's 14th annual pond and water garden tour this weekend.

The self-guided tour will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 21, and feature 10 unique backyard settings.

The home owner's yards express their personalities, hobbies and interests along with various garden and aquatic plants, according to Ron Kardynski, MKPC vice-president and pond tour chairperson.

"Our club's annual tours are unique in a way that we select different areas of southeast Michigan to host the tour," he said. "This year the ten homes selected will be in the Livonia, Westland and Garden City. We are excited to have such a wide variety of Koi along with beautiful gardens."

The backyards include water features and ponds up to 12,000 gallons. There also are several small fairy gardens. "In the past two years, we have noticed that

fairy gardens are gaining in popularity and this year is no different," Kardynski said. "Two will be on display with one being a 150-square-foot area nestled under a group of evergreens."

The tour costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-15 with an adult. Wristbands and a tour booklet will be given with ticket purchases. The booklet contains a description of each yard and a map to the homes. Koi Cops (MKPC club members) will be at each location to handle any questions.

Tour wristbands and tour booklets can be purchased the day of the tour at 32525 Six Mile, on the south side between Farmington Road and Merriman.

For more information, visit the club website at www.mkpc-se.com or call Kardynski at (734) 646-7607.

The MKPC was founded March of 1996 after the founder, Gil Orris, took some advice from a pond supply store on how to get rid of algae in his pond which resulted in the death of every

fish in his pond except one.

After losing 15 mature Koi, he felt there had to be a better way to learn about the hobby and that others in the area were probably also experiencing "learning pains" and may want to join in. Seventeen people attended that first meeting at his home, and the club has met continuously ever since.

MKPC is one of the oldest and largest Koi and pond clubs in Michigan and a member of the Associated Koi Clubs of America. Members range from those just learning about the hobby who have yet to have their first pond to members with three decades of experience in the hobby. Some members have very small ponds with either a few or even no fish to one of the largest being a garden with a half dozen ponds from 1,000 gallons up to 25,000 gallons.

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William Gabriel
City Controller

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #971B, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Retail Hot Tub Outlet, 5930 N Hix Road, Parcel #028-02-0006-000, East Side of N Hix Road, North of Ford Road, Edward Sabotchick (John W Arthurs) *

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 8, 2012.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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Buyout seminar a success; don't fall for latest scam

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I want to thank the nearly 600 people who attended our seminar last week (sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers) regarding the Ford and General Motors pension buyout.



Money Matters
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It was great to see so many people and to hear so many intelligent questions. It was obvious that people understood the importance of this decision regarding whether to accept a buyout for their pension. Hopefully, the seminar accomplished our goal of helping people make the right decision for their individual situation.

Unlike so many oth-

er seminars I've heard about where the goal was to sell a product, our goal was, and always is, to help you keep more money in your pocket — exactly where it belongs. As a side note, when Ford comes out with its information, I plan to do educational seminars targeted specifically for the Ford buyout.

Don't get scammed

Sometimes I shake my head and say, "What were they thinking?" Then I realize they weren't thinking at all. What I am referring to is a story last week about many metro Detroiters who have been swindled due to a utility paying scheme. People were told either in person, via email or on social media that President Obama would pay their utility bills. They were told that all they needed to do was forward their Social

One of the reasons why scam artists are successful is because we allow them to be. We let our guard down because we don't think we have to protect ourselves or we sometimes just don't think. The bottom line is that it is up to us to protect ourselves from the low lives in our society who prey on our good nature.

Security number and bank routing information, along with information on their utility bills, and they would be reimbursed.

Unfortunately, many people provided the necessary information and, as opposed to having their utility bills paid, money was stolen from them. I know that many people think that the government pays for everything, but come on, we have to be reasonable. My philosophy has always

been if something smells too good to be true, it's smelly.

Scam artists don't take the summer off, they work 24/7 365 days a year. Unfortunately, government and law enforcement officials can only do so much to protect us. You and I have to be the ultimate protector of our personal finances.

As far as I'm concerned, when anyone asks for sensitive financial information such as a bank account number

or Social Security number, the automatic answer ought to be no. Of course, there are certain situations where you have to surrender your Social Security number, however, these are few. Remember, just because someone asks that does not mean you have to give it to them.

One of the reasons why scam artists are successful is because we allow them to be. We let our guard down because we don't think we have to protect ourselves or we sometimes just don't think. The bottom line is that it is up to us to protect ourselves from the low lives in our society who prey on our good nature.

One mistake people make is not reporting an incident to the proper authorities. I suspect that many people are so embarrassed that they don't want to report

that they've been taken advantage of. As difficult as it is, you must.

In the old days when the crooks robbed you, they generally had a weapon in their hand and looked very intimidating. In today's world, the crooks don't carry weapons and don't look intimidating. In fact, many times they are very friendly and outgoing. However, the results are the same. In today's world, we have no choice but to constantly remain on guard and always protect ourselves. The crooks never take a day off and they have no shame.

Good luck!

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



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Westland resident Jessica Border shares a laugh with Red Cross nurse Erika Lach of Lincoln Park as she gets ready to donate blood.

Annual blood drive attracts a crowd at Gordon Chevrolet

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

A blood drive that brings in 360 units of bloods and 94 new donors is worth celebrating for the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, which is facing a blood shortage.

And that's the number of units blood collected at the third annual blood drive held last Thursday at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City.

"It was phenomenal. For every pint we took in, we can potentially help three people," Diane Risko of the Red Cross said. "It's one of our highest drives in southeastern Michigan."

"It was huge," said Susan Ianni, general manager of the Gordon Chevrolet. "We had 421 donors and 360 were able to give blood, which means we were able to save 1,080 lives."

Ianni worked with radio station WMUZ-FM (103.5) on the blood drive. The radio station promoted the blood drive and registered donors. The donation slots were filled in less than a week, due in part to the dealership giving a free Cedar Point ticket to donors who made it through the initial registration.

The radio station sent staff and it also broadcast live from the dealership. Gordon Chevrolet staff also helped, as did volunteers from the Red Cross.

The service bay at the dealership was used to check in the 421 people who signed up. The Red Cross set up donor beds in the activities center and in the Activities Center at St. Raphael Church and even brought its mobile blood donation vehicle to accommodate the crowd. The blood drive also was a community event. There was a bounce house for kids, face paint-



Gordon Chevrolet employee Brian Thomas gets in some snacks as directed by Red Cross after giving blood.

ing, hot dogs and refreshments. When the hot dogs ran out, Ianni brought in pizza. When Garden City Hospital heard about it, it sent over its mobile wellness bus and did free cholesterol and blood pressure screenings.

"It does impact our ability to sell cars, but it's still worth doing," Ianni said.

The blood drive comes at a time when the Red Cross has put out an emergency appeal for donations, meaning it has less than a one-day supply of blood on hand. The Red Cross provides blood to 43 hospitals in southeast Michigan.

"One car accident victim can use 50 units, that means it takes 50 people to help one person," Risko said. "We need 700-900 units a day every day, 365 days a year. Whether it's a holiday or not, the need is still there."

Also needed are platelets for cancer patients. The Red Cross is able to get just two tablespoons of platelets from a unit of blood and it can take up to 10 people to make up one unit, Risko said.

"It's very critical; platelets only have a five-day shelf life," she said. "We call them the gold in your blood."



The showroom of Gordon Chevrolet was one of two locations used for the dealership's annual Red Cross blood drive.



Lukas Bojanic and his sister Brooklynn sit in the canteen after their mother Christina of Canton had donated blood.

Blood donations drop off during the summer. Schools are closed, auto plants go on shutdown and people go on vacation, so blood drives like the one at Gordon Chevrolet are important in meeting the need.

"The average blood drive brings in 25-31 units of blood. When we get a drive like this that brings in hundreds of units, it's phenomenal," Risko said. Ianni is committed to doing the blood drive next year and is looking

to use the parking lot at St. Raphael to accommodate more parking. "I'm a military mom. I have a son in the Navy in Afghanistan. I understand what it means to have a shortage of blood," she said. "People don't realize how much blood

we go through because of the war. I do. "We had 90 new donors and I hope they realize how easy it is and go in and give every three months," she added.

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Blood done wait to be checked in the service bay at Gordon Chevrolet. More than 400 people signed up to donate blood at the dealership's third annual blood drive.



Blood donations also were done in activities center at St. Raphael Church.

Oakwood Annapolis earns new trauma certification

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne is now a Level III Trauma Center.

The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACSCOT) verified the facility this month, making the hospital the first in the region to earn the distinction.

"This achievement recognizes our dedication to providing the highest levels of clinical quality to injured patients and is central to our vision of becoming the recognized

leader in clinical quality, service and value as an independent health care system," said Eric W. Widner, division president of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

The trauma center verification is a voluntary process overseen by the ACSCOT, which is designed to improve trauma care. It includes an on-site review of the hospital by a team of experts that look at everything from readiness, resources, pol-

icies, patient care and patient outcomes, and performance improvement.

Drs. Mohammad Hakim and Ralph Scolari, along with John Cargill, RN, trauma and emergency management coordinator, led the team for Annapolis, but Widner said the credit does not stop there.

"This is a big win for our entire team, including our EMS partners in care," he said. "For our patients and the communities we serve, this accomplish-

ment confirms our commitment that the best possible care will be provided to injured patients."

There are three main levels of trauma verification, ranging from Level III to Level I, each with specific criteria that must be met by a facility seeking that level of verification.

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital opened in 1957 and became part of the Oakwood Healthcare System in 1989. A \$4 million

renovation and expansion of the emergency department is currently under way at the hospital that is designed to increase bed capacity and significantly improve efficiency, patient privacy, geriatric and bariatric care safety and provide a greater capacity for isolation and decontamination services.

The new waiting room and other internal improvements will support the "Start Up" and

"Fast Track" initiatives, which are designed to ensure that patients are seen by a physician sooner.

"It's a continuation of our commitment to provide the highest level of care to the community," Widner said. "We are confident that through these changes we will improve community access to and satisfaction with emergency care services provided at Oakwood Annapolis."



A new, 54,000-square-foot store in Canton will complement Busch's locations in nearby Farmington, Plymouth and Livonia, among the market's 16 southeast Michigan locations.

Busch's brings 100 jobs to new market

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

By this time next year, western Wayne County residents are going to have another popular place to shop for groceries.

Ann Arbor-based Busch's Fresh Food Market, an independent family supermarket chain, has announced plans to open a new 54,000-square-foot store in Canton. The announcement was made by CEO John Busch.

The store will anchor the shopping plaza at 225 S. Canton Center (where Farmer Jack used to be). Busch said the store is expected to open by summer 2013 and will employ approximately 100 full- and part-time associates.

The Canton location will mark the 16th Busch's supermarket in Michigan. "We've wanted to bring Busch's to the Canton community for several years, and finally the tim-

ing and opportunity are right," Busch said. "We look forward to serving our new neighbors in this wonderfully diverse and family-friendly community with the finest quality products and personal service every shopper deserves."

Busch's real estate entity purchased the Canton location building and the accompanying multi-tenant building. Busch said the chain got help completing the transaction through support from Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Terry Bixler of ROC Real Estate.

In addition to Canton and Plymouth, Busch's other locations throughout southeast Michigan include markets in Ann Arbor, Carleton, Clinton, Dexter, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Pinckney, Rochester Hills, Saline, South Lyon, Tecumseh and West Bloomfield. Busch's Fresh Food

Market, which celebrates its 37th anniversary this year, is a locally-owned Michigan company that blends the best of today's freshness, selection and quality with the personal service and wholesomeness of a neighborhood grocer.

In addition to fresh produce, local and organic choices, deli and bakery items made from scratch, USDA Choice meat, fresh seafood and an extensive beer and wine collection, Busch's offers popular national brands, imported specialty foods and convenient meal solutions.

Busch's supports charitable organizations and school children in the communities it serves. In addition, Busch's offers MyWay, a personalized shopping program that provides online ordering and advance notice of sale prices.

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Setbacks set us up for greater success

By Clarity Patton Newhouse
Guest Columnist

It's going to be a sunny day! This morning I woke up thinking about someone I met about eight years ago, who is one of the sunniest people I know. His name is Willie Jolley and he's the author of a delightful book whose key message is right there in the title: *A Setback Is a Setup for a Comeback*.

We all face setbacks in our lives. No matter how successful we are or want to be, success involves overcoming setbacks. Sure, let's make the most of the good

A SUNNY NOTE

times. But we can also bounce back from the bad times.

As Willie Jolley puts it, sometimes you're the windshield and sometimes you're the bug. "When you're the windshield, you are big and strong and invincible; when you're the bug, you will keep running into obstacles." He reminds us that even on the days when we're the bug, the outcome depends on our attitude.

A positive attitude helps develop resiliency. "When you hit the windshield, you no longer smash and crash and die." You bounce off the windshield and are "thrust into a higher trajectory and you start to fly at a higher level."

Willie's book touching-ly reminds us that we can survive setbacks and use

them to propel ourselves to even greater success.

Today - whether windshield or bug - let's have a sunny day!

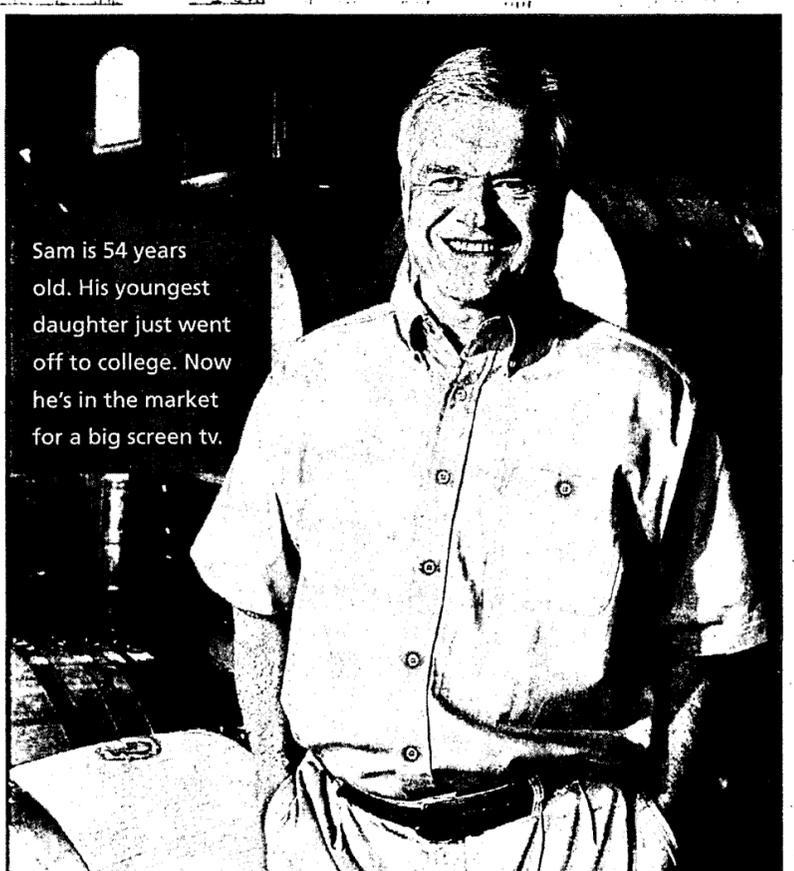
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P.S. "There is little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative."

W. Clement Stone

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Financial classes

The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center will present a financial tools workshop Aug. 14 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia to help small business CEOs better understand their financials.

"Five Keys to Achieving Fiscal Fitness" is designed to help the non-financial manager business owner strengthen financial literacy and improve the ability to access capital businesses need to grow.

The state-wide program is sponsored by Fifth Third Bank. Topics to be discussed include:

- Identifying problems using your balance sheet and income statement
- Providing ways to increase your company's cash flow
- Using breakeven analysis to improve decision-making
- Planning the working capital to support your growth
- How to keep your

banker on your side

Cost is \$25 per participant with scholarships available for Fifth Third clients.

Networking and continental breakfast start at 8 a.m. and the seminar is from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Register online or call (734) 487-0355 for more information.

The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center is a statewide business assistance program.

New PVM hire

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan is pleased to announce Lynn Alexander as vice president of public affairs. PVM has acquired Your Aging Well Advisor, LLC, which was founded by Ms. Alexander. She will remain as resident and will also serve as vice president of public affairs for PVM.

PVM, headquartered in Southfield, is a faith-based, non-profit, multi-site system that has served seniors of all faiths since 1945. Serving 3,500 seniors, PVM has

25 senior living communities with choices across the entire spectrum of senior living.

Your Aging Well Advisor has provided seniors and their communities with education programs and consulting on issues which impact 50+ in age individuals. Alexander is a former Michigan cabinet official and director of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging. Many communities and agencies, as well as citizens, have called upon her expertise as a policy maker and consultant. She also is the author of the book, *Caregiver Tsunami*, and a columnist for *The Best of Aging Magazine*.

PVM will continue the work of Your Aging Well Advisor as part of its mission to provide a community support system for its residents and neighbors. Assisting seniors in aging well has been a key part of our strategic planning while providing award winning wellness programs and communities for aging well.

OUR VIEWS

Congressional primary

Anderson is solid choice in 13th District

Thaddeus McCotter and his failed bid for re-election in the 11th Congressional District has overshadowed the battle that has been brewing in the new 13th Congressional District. A crowded field of candidates, including a respected veteran congressman, are vying for the right to be the Democratic nominee in the November general election.



Sen. Glenn Anderson

John Conyers, the second-most senior member of the House of Representatives and dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, is making a bid for a 24th term in Congress, moving from the 14th District to the new 13th District that includes part of Detroit and Dearborn Heights, Ecorse, Garden City, Highland Park, Inkster, Melvindale, Redford Township, River Rouge, Romulus, Wayne and Westland.

Also in the running are State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland; Wayne-Westland school board Vice-President John Goci; State Rep. Shanelle Jackson, D-Detroit, and State Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park.

By virtue of his years of service and seniority, Conyers would seem to be the logical choice, but in our view, the 13th District needs new and effective representation. The district is as much suburban as it urban. Three of the communities — Detroit, Ecorse and Inkster — are in financial distress. The need is for a representative who will go to Washington, get in the trenches, and fight to bring federal dollars back to Michigan and the 13th District.

Selecting that candidate has not been an easy task. Conyers has a track record of success and serves on influential committees in Congress, but appears to be relying on the past rather than getting out and meeting with people in this district. Name recognition alone isn't grounds for another term in office.

The four newcomers all believe they can do the job. They all say that they will not be a "seat warmer," but rather an energetic representative who will work hard for the benefit of the district. They maintain that they can cross over to the other side of the aisle and work with Republicans to get legislation passed that will benefit the district, the state and the country.

In listening and in talking to those four candidates — Conyers did not participate in the *Observer* interview process (despite repeated attempts to schedule a one-on-one session) — we believe the candidate who can best do those things is Glenn Anderson.

Anderson has extensive legislative experience at the local and state level. He is tenacious and committed. He takes up issues and champions them, working behind the scenes to get support. He proposed anti-bullying legislation as a state representative and continued to press for its passage as a senator. He worked diligently with his colleagues and was successful in retaining enhanced funding for the Garden City and Wayne-Westland School Districts in the State School Aid Act for several years.

He has done a good job representing Westland, Livonia, Garden City and Westland as a state senator. Part of representing people is to be available to them, and Anderson does that. He is involved in his district and provides excellent constituent services.

We also are impressed that, in pursuing the Democratic nomination, Anderson has meet with all of the mayors, except Dave Bing, of communities in the 13th District, to find out the issues they face. He doesn't want to guess, he wants to know what needs to be done.

The August primary will be a partisan election. Voters will need to register their party preference. For those who plan to vote in the Democratic primary, we recommend Glenn Anderson as the candidate who should move on to the November general election. We believe he has the ability to represent both the suburbs and Detroit in Washington equally and effectively and that his legislative experience and ability to connect with constituents will benefit the entire 13th Congressional District.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan to watch any or all of the Summer Olympics?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"I'm going to watch almost every event on NBC, CBC, ESPN. I'm more interested in swimming and track and field. That's where we win the most medals."

Manohar Sardeeshpande
Westland



"I probably will, I usually do. I like it all so I'll watch as long as it's on TV."

Bill Maddern
Westland



"I like watching the swimming and diving, anything that has to do with water. I also like watching the gymnastics."

Tom Presnell
Westland



"I'll watch all of it. What they show, I'll watch."

John Lakatos
Westland

LETTERS

Why the rush?

I have been a constituent of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter and am delighted he will not be representing anyone or anything but himself from now on. Aside from the incredibly stupid renomination petition issue, McCotter announced he would resign from his House of Representatives seat six months before his term ends. Why not just belly up and contribute minimal effort from now until Dec. 31 and help his successor in the transition? But not Mr. McCotter.

I have to proudly confess that I had never voted for him. Not that I knew he was a nut, but that he was much too conservative me. He was obviously a bright guy, but I sensed he didn't have any touch with real people. The first contact I had was last winter, when I emailed his office about the 2012 Medicare premium that would be deducted from my Social Security check. I never received a response. The second — and last — contact was an email request for a copy of the president's 2012-13 budget. Two weeks after my request, I received an email response from a staffer who referred me to a government website. I ignored the response because I didn't want to print hundreds of pages when the staff could have easily just sent me a copy through the U.S. Postal Service.

The circumstances of Mr. McCotter's earlier-than-needed departure from Congress generates another more immediate problem. Because state law required a primary and general election (which will be held along with the scheduled Nov. 6 election), it will cost taxpayers in his district an estimated \$650,000 in additional local funds. The reason is that his 11th Congressional is far different then the newly-reapportioned district when a new representative will be elected Nov. 6.

Aside from Mr. McCotter's well-deserved ridicule, he should also pay for the \$650,000 election costs from his own funds.

It's the minimum action he could take for his soon-to-be gone constituents.

As a retired community editor, I have observed hundreds of elected officials in action. All had a degree of ego, but nearly all had a sense of public service. They wanted to make a difference in the lives of their constituents, even as risking their political future.

It is clear that Mr. McCotter consulted no one but himself in deciding to quit six months before he would have left office anyway.

His departure and the circumstances preceding it are a well-deserved embarrassment.

Leonard Poger
Westland

Supports Anderson

Tuesday, Aug. 7 marks an important election day. I am en-

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Elections: We will not publish any political letters that raise new issues in the last edition before the election.

couraging you to make the time to vote.

Having served on the city council in the city of Westland for eight years and having been involved for more years than that in local politics, I speak from experience with regards to the importance of citizens being involved in the workings of their government. I also acknowledge the importance of citizens turning out in support of candidates that they believe will work for their best interest.

Although I haven't been active politically since leaving office (my 2-year-old grandson has been a wonderful distraction), I still have an interest in politics and care deeply about the future of our community.

I am thrilled to state my support for Glenn Anderson in his run for Congress! The timing is perfect and Glenn Anderson is the perfect candidate. I can count on one hand the people I would trust to send to Washington, and he is No. 1 — by far! Glenn Anderson has served the residents of Westland honorably for many years and still cares enough to want to continue to serve.

Glenn Anderson listens, does his homework and always fights the good fight.

My husband Ron and I have followed Glenn's political career for more than 20 years and are proud to know him.

Many people in Michigan continue to face challenges as the "recovery" has not yet reached every home.

Unemployment, inadequate health care coverage, personal bankruptcy, foreclosure, student loan debt, rising insurance rates — these are not vague concepts for catchy headlines, these are real issues that have touched the lives of my family and those of my friends, relatives and neighbors.

It is important that we have a representative in Washington that can speak to the serious issues

facing people in southeast Michigan, and Glenn Anderson is the best choice to carry our concerns forward.

It is not time to throw in the towel in frustration with our government, but to become committed to improving our future by exercising our right to create the type of government that actually works for the people and not special-interest groups. A great first step is to exercise your right to vote for Glenn Anderson on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Cheryl Graunstadt
Westland

Library is heart of Westland

Westland doesn't have a traditional downtown, but it clearly has a central gathering place. That is the William P. Faust Public Library. The library serves as the very heart of this city.

Nearly 900 people went to the library every one of the seven days of the week the building was open. As of July 1, 2012, the building is back to a 40-hour schedule with employees laid off and programs cut due to the fact that the library has less money because of a downturn and the devaluation of all Westland property.

The library can go back to its full programming operation by voting "yes" on the library millage on the Aug. 7 ballot. The cost will be between 25 and 50 cents a week per household. What a bargain!

We need the library open so our people without computers can continue their online job hunts and resume work with the help of library staff. We need the library open so teens have a place to go to read, to go online and be part of the many teen programs.

Every day, all day, you see parents coming with their children for learning how to go online, to do puppet shows, to learn through crafts, to be read to at the very earliest ages. You see parents taking home tons of books so everyone can continue to read at home.

From toddlers to seniors, from the unemployed to the employed, to families in need of an outing like the movie nights, the open mic nights, the many programs from learning how to save your home from foreclosure to learning gardening tips, our Westland Library has so much to offer. It needs to be open 70 hours to continue to be the Heart of Westland.

We need everyone to have a place to go where they are wanted, where they can learn, where maybe they can get a job and learn the values of lifelong learning in a safe place. Please vote yes Aug. 7. A yes vote is the best investment we can make for all Westlanders.

Gail McKnight
Retired judge, Westland

Providing for Paws fills flatbed to help families with pets

Joanne Dixon is hoping to fill a 50-foot flat-bed truck with pet supplies to help families suffering from financial hardship who own pets.

The Garden City resident is the president and founder of Providing for Paws which holding "Fill a Flatbed for Furry Friends" event 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday,

July 21, at Goody's Pet Supply, 35240 E. Michigan Ave., Wayne. Misfit Angels Rescue and Heaven Will Wait Animal Rescue are also sponsoring the event.

"We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we help them to keep their pets in the home and not end up on the streets, left behind in abandon

homes, euthanized or placed in rescue by providing food assistance, spay and neuters, vaccines and other medical services their pet may need," said Dixon.

Providing for Paws services families in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. There will be raffle

baskets and rescue merchandise. Adoptable pets also will be on site for those interested in taking in a new furry four-legged best friend, Dixon said, adding that leashed friendly pets are also welcome.

On the flatbed wish list are dog food (wet or dry), dog treats, collars, leads, crates (especial-

ly large sized), dog and cat toys, food and water bowls, dog beds and crate bedding, preventatives, dog shampoo, cat food (dry and wet), cat treats and catnip, cat litter, litter boxes, cat collars, cat carriers/small crates, cat beds, cat shampoo/dips, gift cards - pet supply stores, large chain stores, gas cards, office supply

stores, office supplies, paper towel, bleach and anything pet related.

A similar fundraiser is planned for the Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital at 21230 Dequindre, Warren. For more information, visit the Providing for Paws website at www.providingforpaws.org/flatbed-for-furry-friends.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

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.
Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is holding a Mom 2 Mom sale and an open house. The preschool is currently enrolling for their Tot to Toddler class, 3-year class and 4-year class for

the 2012-2013 school year. **Contact:** For more information, call (734) 326-0078 or visit the website at www.willowcreekpreschool.com

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
Details: The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro chapter will have two golf courses - the Strategic Fox or the Golden Fox - open for its annual skins and pins golf outing. It includes 18 holes with a cart, a gift bag for all golfers, closest to the pin on every hole, a hole in one contest to win a two-year lease on a new car, brunch in the Golden Fox Clubhouse immediately after golf, \$25 Skins on every hole and special contest holes. For those that are not golfers, but want to join in on the fun and have chances for the prizes, sign up for the brunch.
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.

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12
Location: St. Sabina Church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail, just

east of Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights

Details: St. Sabina is holding rummage sale, craft sale and Right to Life bake sale. Donated items can be dropped off at Gym Door #10. Craft tables are \$20 for parishioners and \$25 for non-parishioners. Business sponsor tables are \$50.
Contact: maryloujaniga@yahoo.com

CRAFTERS WANTED

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

Location: St. Theodore's Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland

Details: St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors please.

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

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

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

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

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

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 13

Location: Perrinville-Early Childhood Center, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia

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

Contact: Tami at holiday-craftfair@yahoo.com or Brenda at wjob2010@yahoo.com.

Education

WILLOW CREEK

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

Contact: (734) 326-0078

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland

Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.
Contact: (313) 561-4110,

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OPEN ENROLLMENT

Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne

Details: St. Mary School is currently registering students for the 2012-2013 school year. Openings are available in pre-K 3 and 4 and kindergarten-eighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.

Contact: For more information, call the school office at (734) 721-1240

Organizations

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings,

programs and events.

Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

FAMILY CAREGIVERS

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

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

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Redford All-Stars headed to K'zoo for state tourney

Boys finish 5-0 in District 5

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Sweltering 100-degree heat didn't seem to faze members of the Redford Little League 9- and 10-year-old All-Stars as they hustled through Tuesday afternoon's baseball practice at Redford's Claude Allison Park.

The All-Stars' cool-as-cucumbers demeanor was not too surprising considering they've already proven they're pretty good at performing when the heat is on.

Last week, the team — which is made up of select members of the six-team Redford Township Little League — won the 9-10-year-old Michigan District 5 championship when it went 5-0 in a double-elimination tournament held in Lincoln Park.

Among the five wins were two late-inning rallies, including a two-out walkoff triumph in its second-to-last contest.

The title-winning performance earned Redford a berth in this weekend's state tournament in Kalamazoo.

"Every player on the team contributed during our 5-0 run," head coach Jason Cantrell said. "It wasn't just one or two kids. Everybody stepped up."

Cantrell noted that the team doesn't have one obvious strength.

"It's just a good, all-

around team," he said. "All the boys play with a lot of heart and they want to win. They play with a lot of composure, too."

Following the conclusion of the regular season in late June, the league held an evaluation session for all players who wanted to try out for the All-Star squad.

Cantrell was selected by the league board to serve as head coach.

"All of the kids were evaluated and we chose a team," he said. "It didn't matter how they did during the course of the season."

The All-Stars had just 10 days to prepare for the district tournament once the evaluation process was completed.

"We were able to put together a good, solid team," Cantrell said. "The boys get along well and they're working hard in practice."

The All-Star squad is made up entirely of Redford residents.

The All-Stars' most thrilling victory in the district tournament came when Justin Cantrell delivered a clutch two-out, two-run single to spark a come-from-behind 4-3 victory over a Lincoln Park team.

"Justin got the big hit, but it wouldn't have meant anything if the

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Jason Gaines (left) chases Devin Gobel in a run-down during the Redford All-Stars practice Tuesday night at Claude Allison Park.



Jim Sechler holds the trophy after the Fast Eddie II racing team won the Governor's Cup last year in Ohio. With him are (from left) crew member Tim Collins, driver Dan Kanfoush and his son, Eddie.

Racing team chases 8th powerboat title

Sechler's Fast Eddie II is perennial APBA champ

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Jim Sechler isn't accustomed to being in any other place but first in the American Power Boat Association points standings.

That's something new for the Farmington Hills owner of the Fast Eddie II and his hydroplane racing team. But that's okay with Sechler for now.

What matters is where you finish. Half the season remains, and the perennial champion hopes to be back on top when it's done.

Fast Eddie II has won seven consecutive APBA national championships in the one-litre modified inboard class, and Sechler



Jim Sechler

expects to be in contention for an eighth despite increasing competition.

"It's a marathon; it's not a sprint," Sechler said.

"You really don't start looking at points til the end of the year and not in the middle. In the end, there will probably be four or five teams that will be going for the title."

Sechler's team had a later start this year due to scheduling changes. It didn't have as many early races; consequently, it's behind in the points race at present.

Fast Eddie II has had

just seven racing days so far; whereas, it had that many before the start of May last year. Many of its competitors have had eight, nine or more days.

"Most years we start racing so early; we begin the year leading in the points, and we maintain it throughout the year," Sechler said.

"This year we're starting behind, and we're going to be behind most of the year until we get our 15 (required races) in."

"We looked at the schedule and knew that was going to be the case. Usually, we front-load the schedule and race real hard in April, March and May."

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Hole-in-one

Richard Behrendt Jr. aced the par-3 13th hole July 12 at Glenhurst Golf Course.

The 57-year-old resident of Garden City used a pitching wedge on the 125-yard hole.

It was the first career ace for Behrendt, who picked up the sport 15 years ago.

MWGA lineup

A strong contingent of women golfers from the Observerland area will compete July 21-22 at the Michigan Women's Golf Association State Championship at Timber Ridge Golf Club in East Lansing.

Area golfers slated to compete include Lisa Bishop (Garden City), Kathy Brennan (Livonia), Barbara Coury (Plymouth), Linda Morton (Westland), Monica Oliver (Farmington Hills), Lauri Ponikiewski (Livonia), Pat Shelton (Farmington) and Lu Stockton (Canton).

More than 40 golfers from around the state will take part in the MWGA tournament.

Bucks No. 1

The Michigan Bucks won the Premier Development League's regular-season championship for the third time in their 17-year history Sunday with a 4-0 win over the River Cityrovers at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

The win also gave the Bucks the right to host the Central Conference Final Four this weekend.

The 10-time Great Lakes Division champions will take on the Heartland Division's No. 2-seeded Real Colorado Foxes at 6 p.m. Saturday. In the second half of a doubleheader, the Heartland's No. 1-seeded Thunder Bay Chill will play Great Lakes runner-up FC London at 8 p.m.

The semifinal winners will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas to determine who will represent the conference in a PDL semifinal match July 28.

Thunder Bay defeated the Bucks in overtime in 2010 and duplicated the effort last season when it scored a late goal to win back-to-back conference championships.

Kevin Cope, Stew Givens (PK), Zach Steinberger and Matt Bahner scored goals Sunday for the Bucks.

Goalkeeper Adam Grinwis finished the regular season with a record of 8-0-1, five shutouts and the PDL's best goals-against average (0.44). Tom Catalano tied for the PDL lead in assists with 12.

Win or lose, Salem alum Roth always glad to be home

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The greens at the U.S. Senior Open last week had longtime Michigan golf pro and Salem grad Jeff Roth feeling blue.

Roth — who played for the Rocks' state championship boys golf team in fall 1973 — struggled on the large, challenging greens at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in



Roth

Lake Orion late during Friday's second day of the tournament.

"I putted my way into oblivion on the last 11 holes," Roth said, chuckling. "I've played that golf course so many times since I was a teenager, so I don't have any excuses. It was just

some poor putting."

After posting 71 Thursday, the best score among all Michigan golfers at the par-70 course, he slipped to 76 Friday to miss the cut by a mere three strokes.

Roth finished with a two-day tally of 147. Roger Chapman captured the tourney with a 68-68-66-200 score.

"For the most part I played very well," Roth

said. "I kind of let it slip away from me. I played kind of a sloppy bogey on 16 and had a three-putt on No. 18 for a bogey, so I was pretty disappointed at the finish."

Still, even a tough day is pretty good for Roth when it entails hitting a ball off a tee.

"I love playing, I love competing," said Roth, 54, a 1975 graduate of Salem.

"Part of playing and competing is dealing with the valleys as well as enjoying the peaks."

Catching up

But the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame member enjoyed returning to his former home state (he now is based out of New Mexico) to meet up with some of his old Salem friends such as Chuck

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New room in works for Rocks

But sponsors sought to help pay for \$9,000 PCC project

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Next season, if all goes according to Ryan Ossennmacher's plan, his Salem varsity boys hockey team will finally have a place to call its own at Plymouth Cultural Center.

A summer project to construct Salem's locker room is in full swing, with the help of the Rocks' booster club — which fronted the funds to get the work under way, Ossennmacher said.

When the puck drops in November, what once was a nondescript cinder-block storage area will be transformed.

It will feature royal blue team colors everywhere, not to mention 20 individual lockers as it becomes a place to display Salem Rocks pride.

"We don't have the funds to put (\$9,000) into Salem's locker room," the veteran coach said. "So they're going to help us pay for it initially and then our sponsorships will reimburse the booster club."

"It's just being done this way because we need to get it done (now)."

Ossennmacher also credited arena staff for being receptive to the project.

"We are very appreciative of the staff at the PCC for their help in this process," Ossennmacher said. "And we are looking forward to continue calling the PCC our home rink."

Salem will be the last Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hockey team to have official facilities. Arctic Edge Arena in Canton features locker rooms for the Canton and Plymouth boys teams, as well as the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls team.

Meanwhile, Ossennmacher stressed that 17 of 21 teams in the KLA will have their own locker room by the start of 2012-13.

"It's not just a spot to keep equipment," he said. "It's a lot about the pride and respect of having your own room and taking care of it. You can show up before games when you want to, you're not waiting for someone to get out of your locker room. After practice you don't feel rushed to get out of there."

He said on-ice competition is only part of the deal for varsity hockey players.

"They're also playing for the locker room atmosphere, hanging out with the guys," Ossennmacher said. "By having your own room, those relationships have a tendency to be formed a lot stronger."

Concurring from personal experience was Jeremy Majszak, head coach of the Canton Chiefs, housed at Arctic Edge. He said the Chiefs hav-

ing a locker room solely for the team continues to be a plus.

"Our locker room is our home away from home during the season," Majszak said. "It's really nice (having) everything in one place and it being stored there so you don't have to cart things back and forth like our equipment, TV for game review and sound system to name a few."

"It's a real nice setup, something incoming players really look forward to having."

Sponsors sought

For the Salem project at PCC, Hines Park Lincoln is the main sponsor so far.

But Ossennmacher is still looking for others to step forward and make \$500 donations to the project.

For that money, sponsors would get a permanent plaque in the locker room, advertising space in game programs and the team website and a tax writeoff.

In a recent letter Ossennmacher sent to prospective sponsors, he wrote that "With this donation, we can continue to provide our players, parents and the community with a varsity hockey program at the highest level."

Those interested in making a sponsorship donation should email Ossennmacher at ryanossennmacher@wlcsls.org or give him a call at (248) 207-3917.

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Westland bodybuilder Jordan Janowitz strikes a pose during a recent competition. The 24-year-old former cross country runner placed first in a state tournament July 14 in Rochester Hills.

Area bodybuilder earns top prize

Diet of hard work pays for Westland's Janowitz

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Westland bodybuilder Jordan Janowitz's diet is probably very similar to the ones his sport's old-school predecessors consumed — with one pretty significant exception.

Jammed onto his five-meals-a-day training-season menu are grilled chicken breasts, brown rice, oatmeal, protein shakes, more grilled chicken breasts and veggies.

"If I want to change it up a little bit, I'll put a little barbecue sauce on my chicken," Janowitz quipped.

The one missing ingredient that separates Janowitz from bodybuilding's 1970s icons?

"I don't do steroids," he said. "Never have, never will. It's smarter and healthier to stay natural."

It's hard to argue with the 24-year-old's logic — or his recent results.

On Saturday, the Wayne Memorial alum placed first in his weight class at the NPC Natural Michigan Bodybuilding Championships held at Rochester High School in Rochester Hills.

Janowitz earned first-place points from all five judges in the 12-man field and earned the golden sword that is awarded to each weight class champion.

The top five scorers in each weight class must provide urine samples, which are later tested for steroids and diuretics.

If any are detected, the un-natural competitors are disqualified.

"I've always been active — I ran cross country and played basketball in high school — but after high school, I wanted to gain some size," said Janowitz, who said his measurables at Wayne Memorial were 5-foot-7 (his current height, too) and about 145 pounds. "I started lifting at Powerhouse Gym (in Lincoln Park) and Bodyrocks (in Livonia), and began seeing results. I started getting a few compliments and I was told I had good genetics for the sport, so I kept at it."

Janowitz said his current weight is 168.

"During the off-season, I got up to about 209 (pounds)," he revealed. "It takes me about four months or so to get down

to where I need to be to compete."

Somehow Janowitz manages to juggle a pretty extensive weekly training regimen into a schedule that includes school work (he's a full-time student at Eastern Michigan University) and regular work (he's employed at an area grocery store).

"I work on one body part one day a week for about an hour," he said. "It's high-volume, high-intensity training."

Saturday's title-winning effort was Janowitz's third competition this year. He finished fourth in his inaugural event in April and seventh at a meet in Redford in May.

Janowitz credits his trainer — C.J. Jackson — and a heightened level of cardiovascular work for his recent improvement.

Saturday's first-place showing qualified Janowitz for the 2013 Mr. Natural Universe competition.

"I'd really like to do this as long as I live," he said, when asked about his long-range bodybuilding plans. "Kind of like Jack Lalanne did."

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Wrestling camp

Canton's varsity wrestling program is hosting the "Intensive EMU Wrestling Camp" again this year, running from July 23-26.

The Eastern Michigan satellite camp will take place at Canton High School's gymnasium from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. all four days. Among counselors will be Canton 2011 state champion Anthony Abro.

According to the camp brochure, participants will receive plenty of individual attention and focus on "a combination of running, lifting, technique, drilling, intense practices, and end of the day competitions."

The Canton Wrestling Boosters will have concessions available daily during 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch items.

For more information, call (734) 927-5141.

'Summer Blast'

The second annual Garden City High School Summer Blast Soccer Camp will be July 23-27 from 6-8 p.m. at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood in Garden City.

The camp, which is open to all players in U4 through U12, will be orchestrated by members of the Garden City High School varsity and junior varsity coaching staffs.

To register, visit www.GotSport.com. The camp costs \$30.

Walk-up registration is available the first day of camp at 5 p.m.

Golf Xperience

Junior golfers have a unique opportunity to hone up on their tee shots and short game.

Pheasant Run Golf Club, Canton's premier 27-hole golf course, is hosting a special Athletic Golf Xperience Camp for junior golfers (ages 12-18), from Monday, July 23 through Thursday, July 26. The four-day camp (\$240), with two sessions daily (8 a.m.-to-noon; 1-5 p.m.), aims to help youngsters receive one-on-one attention to

improve their golf game's accuracy as well as the distance of drives, pitches and putts. To help do just that, there will be six students per instructor.

No previous golf experience is necessary to sign up, but they are required to bring a putter and 7 iron. In addition, athletes should bring sun screen, water bottle and golf shoes.

The Athletic Golf Xperience camp features the Nike Golf 360 Functional Performance System, which develops athleticism as the foundation for all its golfers.

To register, please call the Pro Shop at 734/397-6460. To learn more about this camp or the great summer specials at Pheasant Run Golf Club, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton, please visit www.golfprgc.org.

Wayne football

Wayne Memorial will be staging summer football camps.

For more information, call new varsity football coach Lee Grizzell at (313) 408-8765.

Victory Soccer

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

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

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

Glenn wrestling

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

Registration will be at

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

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

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

MU boys hoops

Madonna University will stage a series of summer boys basketball camps including:

All-Star — 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 23-27; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3, both at Madonna (cost \$200 each); Post/Perimeter, 4:30-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3 (cost \$150).

For more information, visit www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

MU cross country

Madonna University will stage its 2012 base camp from 8-9:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 23-27, at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The cost is \$75. There will also be long training runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturdays at Cass Benton Park (cost \$2).

For more information, visits www.MadonnaCrusaders.com.

LTU soccer

Lawrence Tech University men's coach Will Dyer and women's coach Jamie Scott will stage a co-ed soccer camp for ages 4-13 from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, July 23-27, on the campus of LTU, 21000 W. Ten Mile Rd., Southfield.

The cost is \$60 per person (snacks included along with discounts for LTU alumni).

For more information, visit www.BlueDevilAthletics.com.



Storm warning

The 16-and-under Livonia Storm Twigg/Johnston girls fastpitch team got a 1-hitter from pitcher Mary Green in a 7-0 win last Friday over St. Charles (Ill.) to capture the Silver Bracket at the five-day Chicago Bandits Champions Village Tournament in Omaha, Neb. The Storm also defeated the Colorado Buckaroos (11-0) and Darien Fuzion of Wisconsin (9-1) earlier in the day en route to the title. Team members include (front row, from left): Ashley McDowell, Anna Lewis, Celeste Boyer, Mary Green, Sarah Cramton, Rikki Keene, Hannah Rowlett, Julia Twigg, Maggie McGowan, Hallea Garcia, Lauren Michael; (back row, from left) coaches Tom Johnston, Art Garcia, Jerry Twigg and Bill Rowlett. (Not pictured are Morgan Johnston, Jessica Jones, Maddie Omietanski and Katie Holt.)



The 12U Motor City Riversharks pose with their newest trophies after winning the KVBSA Advanced Playoffs Sunday afternoon. Pictured (front row from left) are Brendan Olepa, Andy Lentine, Gage Moyers, Joe Watson, Nik Patel, (back row from left) head coach Bill Boyd, coach Ed Olepa, Brian Martin, Kyle Winfrey, Jeremy Armstead, Brenden Lacorato, Ryan Boyd, coach Jerry Moyers, Chase Every and coach Mark Winfrey.

Motor City Riversharks devour competition

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

If the Motor City Riversharks 12U travel baseball team had a theme song this summer, it would probably be the opening tune from "Jaws".

Opposing teams quickly discovered that their records weren't safe when they shared a pool, division or bracket with the Plymouth-Canton-based 'Sharks, who carved out a stellar 36-8-2 record — often against elite competition.

Under the guidance of head coach Bill Boyd and assistants Jerry Moyers,

Mark Winfrey and Ed Olepa, the team captured first place in the Alan Trammell Division of the Kensington Valley Baseball & Softball Association with a near-perfect mark of 17-0-1.

Other noteworthy successes for the team included championship performances in the KVBSA Advanced League playoffs and at the Pinckney Pirate Classic; runner-up showings at the Play at the Cage Tournament and Shiawassee Shootout Tournament; and a third-place finish at the Ripken Experience Tournament in Myrtle

Beach, S.C.

The team also reached the quarterfinal round of the AA 12U Michigan State Tournament.

The Riversharks posted a team batting average of .401 while scoring 417 runs. Their team earned run average was a stingy 2.63.

Team members include: Jeremy Armstead, Ryan Boyd, Chase Every, Brenden Lacorato, Andy Lentine, Brian Martin, Gage Moyers, Brendan Olepa, Nik Patel, Joe Watson and Kyle Winfrey.

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Rams' late surge sparks 4-2 win

Trent Drumheller went 2-for-4 with two RBI Monday to lift the Michigan Rams to a 4-2 victory over the Michigan Steel in a Livonia Mens Collegiate Baseball League contest at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The visiting Rams (15-15-1) trailed 1-0 after the first inning and each team scored a run in the fourth. But a three-run fifth catapulted the Rams into the lead for good and the strong pitching of starter Keith Paslean and closer Donnie Eaton ensured the victory.

Paslean went 6 2/3 innings, giving up one earned run while walking just two and striking out five. Eaton retired the only batter he faced for the save.

For Steel (15-16), Pat Delpa collected two hits and drove in a run while Calvin Franklin tallied the only other hit.

Other Rams contributing on offense included Brandon Katta (2-for-3, one run), Zach Zott (double, RBI), Miles Sorise (1-for-3, RBI), Eaton (1-for-1, run), Garrett Gordon (double, run) and J.P. Maracani (1-for-4).

RAMS 2-4, BULLS 12-2: On Sunday at Bicentennial Park, the Michigan Rams earned a split of a doubleheader against the Michigan Bulls (22-6) thanks to strong pitching by starter Evan Piechota, who gave up just one earned run over six innings.

Closing out the nightcap win with a scoreless inning of relief was Donnie Eaton.

The Rams scored a run in each of the first four innings to take command. Garrett Gordon (2-for-4, run, RBI), Justin Sherman (1-for-3, run, RBI), J.P. Maracani (1-for-4, run) and Trent Drumheller (1-for-4, run) were key performers at the plate.

In the opener, the Rams gave up four runs in the first inning and never could bounce back in a five-inning game ended by the 10-run mercy rule.

The host Bulls led 5-2 after three innings and blew open

the LMCBL contest with three runs in the fourth and four more in the fifth.

Maracani slugged a homer for the Rams, while Gordon doubled in another run.

Earning the win for the Bulls was Josh Vandemak, who went the distance, scattering five hits.

RAMS 2, RED SOX 1: A complete-game, two-hitter by Michigan Rams starting pitcher Jeff Sorenson keyed this LMCBL victory Friday at Ford Field in Livonia.

Sorenson faced just two over the minimum, allowing one walk and two hits while striking out 13. The only Red Sox hits were collected by James Moore and Ben Mahigian.

For the Rams, Gordon Garrett drove in Dominic Jamett (1-for-2) with the game-winning run in the fifth.

Chipping in with two hits in three at bats was Donnie Eaton, with other contributors including Brendan Katta (1-for-3, run, RBI), Miles Sorise, Zach Zott and J.P. Maracani (each 1-for-3).

Taking a tough loss for the Red Sox (12-16) was Chris Renaud. He pitched all six innings, allowing seven hits and walking four.

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"By the time July and August came, we could pick and choose where we wanted to go. This year it's the opposite. We'll be racing like crazy in August just to catch up."

Fast Eddie II, which is driven by Dan Kanfoush of Buffalo, N.Y., has done well in its limited action thus far, winning every heat on the seven racing days.

All races are two-day, weekend events with two heats Saturday and two Sunday. (The second day was cancelled in Lakeland, Fla., so Fast Eddie II has seven official days). Each racing team can enter 20 events, and the top 15 finishes count toward its overall points total.

Fast Eddie II has won this year on Walled Lake and in South Dakota and Washington. Sechler hopes to add a fourth victory this weekend (July 21-22) in the annual Quake on the Lake.

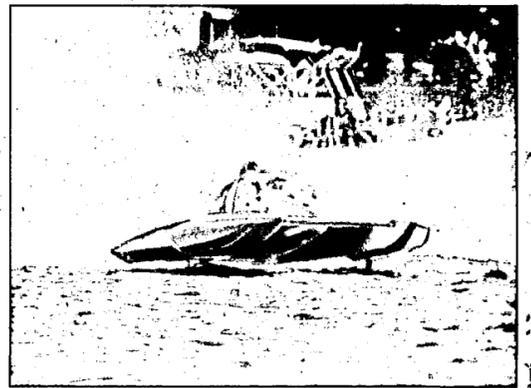
It would be the second straight win for Fast Eddie II in the races on Pontiac Lake in Waterford. Sechler's boat has won the one-litre modified title there every year but one since 2006.

"By far this will be the toughest year (to win)," Sechler said. "There will be more fast boats in our class than there ever has been. There are at least six boats that could easily win it."

"It's pretty fair to say the competition has caught up to us. It's not catching up."

Major events

Fast Eddie II won the Western Divisional



Fast Eddie II, owned by Jim Sechler and driven by Dan Kanfoush, will be in action again this weekend during the annual Quake on the Lake in Waterford.

championship — one of the four major races — two weeks ago on Black Lake in Olympia, Wash., but it was a hard-earned victory, Sechler added.

"It was really tough to win, which is good," he said. "That was our goal, to build up the class. The top three boats from that race are going to be here this weekend along with several others. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Pontiac Lake also will be host to the APBA World Championships — another of the four majors — on Saturday, offering bonus points and helping to attract quality competition.

Winning a qualifying heat will be worth the usual 100 points, but the winner of the final heat will earn 150. Sunday will be a regular day of racing in terms of points.

Fast Eddie II, which is sponsored by Metro Aircraft Instruments, won two majors last year: the Summer National and World Championship.

Not a big deal

Sechler has never won all four in the same year — the Eastern Divisional being the fourth — but that has never been a big

priority.

"That's going to be pretty difficult to do now," he said. "I'm happy because the competition has gotten to the point where five or six boats can win any given race."

"It used to be we'd show up, and we had a chance to win the race unless something happened. Now it's anybody's race, which is what racing is all about. It's good."

"Our approach is to try to win every race. If it so happens we win those (majors), that's great. Our goal is to win as many as we can and to be on top at the end of the year."

The Fast Eddie II is running as well as it ever has, according to Sechler, who does much of the work on the boat. He added his team is on track to be where it wants despite trailing in the points at the present time.

"We recognized this year would be a little different because of the race schedule," he said. "Things can change very quickly in this sport, but we've been able to do what we wanted to do. So I'm very happy with where we are."

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The Redford All-Stars pose with their hard-earned trophies. Pictured are (front row from left) Payton Jackson, Jason Gaines, Shane Rakowski, Jordan Szabo, Justin Cantrell, Nathan Raniszewski, (middle row from left) coach Keith Zurenko, David Rozmys, Grant Ingersoll, Ryan Zurenko, Devin Gobel, Nole Ligon, Derrick Yancey, (back row from left) manager Jason Cantrell and coach Eric Thompson.

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two kids ahead of him wouldn't have reached base," Jason Cantrell said. "This whole thing has been a team effort." The All-Stars will join 15 other district champions in Kalamazoo to battle for the Minor A state championship. The national Little League tournament doesn't start until the boys are 11 and 12 years old, Cantrell said. "We're excited about the trip," Cantrell said. "We'll be seeing some very good teams, but I like our team, too. It should be fun."



Redford All-Stars hurler Justin Cantrell delivers a pitch during Tuesday night's practice.

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Thomas and Tom Willette (now co-athletic director in the Plymouth-Canton district). Thomas and Willette came out to Indianwood to visit with Roth last Wednesday, when the final practice round took place. Then after he was eliminated from the tournament, Roth got in some weekend golf at Spring

Meadows Country Club in Linden and Flint Golf Club — the latter where he was head golf pro for a number of years before relocating to New Mexico in 2010. Roth currently is the golf pro at San Juan Country Club in Farmington, N.M. "I enjoyed being back there and I always enjoy coming back to Michigan and playing and I hope to do that for years to come," said Roth, who hopes to play competitive golf for a

couple of more decades at least. Actually, it won't be very long at all before Roth will be back golfing in Michigan. "I'm going to be back in the state here in a couple weeks," he said. "I'm going to play at the Tournament of Champions up at Boyne Mountain. "Then I'll be back in New Mexico for the rest of my golf season." He added that he's "kind of lucky that I got two homes now. I got a beautiful place to work in Farmington, New Mexico, and Michigan will always be home."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Hawk golf outing

The Farmington Harrison High School Football Boosters Club will have its annual golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5, at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon. The event will be a Texas Scramble starting at 2 p.m. The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. A steak dinner will follow the golf outing. A registration form is available at www.gohawks.org, or people may register by calling Dave Race at (248) 376-1535.

GCHA registration

The Garden City Hockey Association will begin accepting walk-in registrations for the upcoming 2012-13 season at the Garden City Civic Arena 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 26, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 28.

GC learn-to-play hockey program

The Garden City Hockey Association will be offering a novice hockey program for kids who would like to learn to play the sport. The eight-week program, which begins in September, costs \$40. Rental equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information on the program, visit www.leaguelineup.com/gcha; or contact Darlene Hennessey at shortdog@wideopenwest.com or (313) 917-4173.

Cheerleading coach needed

Livonia Clarenceville High School is currently accepting applications for its varsity girls cheerleading coach position. To apply, send a resume, letter of recommendation and references to Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

Maybury run

The 2012 Roadrunner Classic, sponsored by the Northville Road Runners, will be Saturday, July 21, at Maybury State Park (use the Eight Mile Road entrance one mile off Beck Road). The 1-mile run-walk on a paved trail will be at 5 p.m. followed by the 8-kilometer run-walk on dirt and paved trails at 5:30 p.m. Registration and packet pickup will be 3 p.m. race day. The family fun event includes story hour, face painting and hands-on activities. Post race activities include pizza, live music, libations and homemade baked goods.

Registration fees are \$25 (8K) and \$5 (1-mile) before July 21. Race day fees are \$30 and \$5, respectively.

For more information, visit www.northvilleroadrunners.com; or call Bart Gregoroff at (734) 748-2555.

WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford). The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for junior freshmen (7-8), freshmen (8-10), junior varsity (11-12) and varsity (13-14). In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football). For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

CYO volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8). Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization. To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart5959@sbglobal.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

Charity bowl

The seventh annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue will take place 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

All proceeds benefit the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Whether you bowl or not, you can help animals in need by becoming a sponsor, making a donation, donating an auction item or by getting pledges (donations).

The event has raised nearly \$100,000, and organizers are hoping to surpass that figure this year. Participants can earn V.I.B. (Very Important Bowler) status by raising \$300.

The event includes bowling, food, music, auctions, raffles, karaoke and more. For more information, email michelle@yourbowling-coach.com or call (248) 615-9060.

Coaches wanted

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

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

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek

at (734) 591-2386.

Divine Child jobs

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

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

Glenn golf outing

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

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

Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

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

Hilltop glow golf

Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth is hosting Glow Ball every Friday night through Sept. 1 for just \$25 per player.

The fee includes nine holes of golf, glow ball, neon necklace. Plus there are food and drink specials available.

For more information, call (734) 453-9800 or go to www.hilltopgc.com. Hilltop is located on Beck Road just north of Ann Arbor Trail.

Carr speech

Lloyd Carr, former University of Michigan football coach, will be the celebrity speaker for the St. Joseph Mercy Oakland annual Fall Spectacular fund raiser 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the hospital's cardiac care unit in the new South Patient Tower.

Carr's teams won or shared five Big Ten titles and the 1997 national championship during his 13-year career as head coach at Michigan. He was recently inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Daniel and Kim Nye and Chris and Tracee Chelios are the honorary co-chairs for the event. Guy Gordon of WDIV-TV will return as the celebrity master of ceremonies.

Dinner will be served, and an afterglow will follow. Tickets are \$350 per person.

For more information and tickets, call (248) 858-3161. Sponsorship opportunities also are available. For other information, call (248) 858-6146.

TEAM TRYOUTS

Riversharks

The 13U and 12U Motor City Riversharks travel baseball teams will have tryouts for their 2013 teams Aug. 7, 11 and 12 at the Walz Quadrplex, which is located on Forest Road (between Venoy and Hubbard roads) in Wayne.

The 13U tryouts will be 7:30-9 p.m. on Aug. 7 and 1:30-3 p.m. on Aug. 11 and 12.

The 12U tryouts will be 6-7:30 p.m. on Aug. 7 and noon to 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 11 and 12.

Players must commit to playing between 40 and 50 games, including weekend tournaments, from April through July. Sign-ups for both teams begin 30 minutes before each tryout.

Players do not need to attend all three tryouts. For more information and to pre-register for the tryouts, send an e-mail to motorcityriversharks@gmail.com. Both teams placed first

in their respective divisions this summer in the Kensington Valley Baseball & Softball Association.

Blue Jays

The 11U Michigan Blue Jays travel baseball team is holding tryouts for the 2013 season over the next month at Eastern Michigan University, 100 Westview Street in Ypsilanti (the team's home field).

Sessions will be 9-11 a.m. Saturday, July 28 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12.

There are several spots available for the team, comprised of boys from the Plymouth/Canton and Ann Arbor areas.

Older players also are invited to take part in tryouts for other Blue Jays teams. Players ages 12-17 can try out from noon to 2 p.m. on July 28. Also on Aug. 12 will be tryouts from noon to 2 p.m. for ages 12-15 and 3-6 p.m. for ages 16-18. Visit www.michigan-

bluejays.net and contact the coach at coach.bluejays@hotmail.com to confirm your date.

GCYBSA

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will be hosting several tryouts for travel and competitive teams in the coming weeks. All tryouts are Saturdays at Canton High School's varsity field; a \$10 fee will be charged.

The tryout schedule is as follows: July 28: 12-13U (4-6 p.m.), 14U (6:15-7:35 p.m.); Aug. 4: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11-12U (2:15-4:15 p.m.), 13-14U (4:30-6:30 p.m.); Aug. 11: 9-10U (noon-2 p.m.), 11U (2:15-3:35 p.m.); Aug. 25: 9-14U players will take part in a makeup session between 9 a.m. and noon. Times will be assigned.

Pre-registration is urged. Info can be found at www.gcybsa.com. For more information contact dankrafft@hotmail.com or cott@canton-mi.org.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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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

BIBLE TALK

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, July 22
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: These one-hour meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Christ. No collections will be taken. Ministers are Matthew Jensen and Jason McNally
Contact: (515) 851-2939

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 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.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 28
Location: Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, Westland
Details: Free food, bouncy houses, Westland Fire Truck, face painting, games, silent auction and more
Contact: (734) 536-1210

CONCERT

Time/Date: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21
Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth
Details: "Heart Beats 2012, Music with a Message," is a free outdoor music event hosted by Plymouth First United Methodist Church. It will feature music performed by the following Christian based bands: Impact band, The Beck and Saltz Band and Chosen. Their music covers many styles including praise, rock and alternative. Family event with free balloon animals and face painting
Contact: (734) 453-5280 or www.pfumc.org.

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

MOVIE NIGHT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25
Location: Bixman Hall at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: "Monsignor Quixote" will be screened. A brief discussion will follow the film. Admission is free and refreshments

will be served
Contact: RSVP at (734) 425-5950
RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, July 27 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 28
Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia
Contact: timothyilivonia@yahoo.com; (734) 427-2290

SEEKING CRAFTERS

Time/Date: Show is Oct. 6
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inster 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 hand-made; no resale. Profits will go to mission work in the community
Contact: (248) 478-4708 or e-mail jsinc2436@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. July 23-27
Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, 3885 Venoy, Westland
Details: The theme is "IncrediWorld Amusement 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, age 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: 5 p.m. Saturday, July 21
Location: St. Valentine Church, 14841 Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Mass 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.
Contact: Ann Marie at (248) 477-6167, Donna at (734) 420-0461 or Laura at (734) 942-3866



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HOISINGTON, RUSSELL F.
 July 14, 2012, age 85. Beloved husband of Marlene. Dear father of Lesley Castle, Peter (Susan) Hoisington, Joseph (Josefina) Hoisington, Heather (Jay) Brittingham, Linda Gowans and Lisa Shott. Grandfather of Benjamin, Raymond, Christopher, Dayton, Brittany, Jesse, Tyler, Daniel, Daniel and Cassie and great-granddaughter of Kirra. Memorial gathering Thursday from 4pm until time of special remembrances at 6pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Memorial service Friday, 11am at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 West Six Mile Road, Northville. Contributions suggested to St. John's Hospice, the Salvation of Army or Plymouth Rotary Foundation. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

PASSAGE, MARION F.
 July 15, 2012, age 96; member of Saint Andrew Episcopal Church of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Beloved mother of Carolyn Kleinsmith and Rita Passage. Dear grandmother of Douglas (Astrid), Jeffrey (Emily) and Erik (Susan) Kleinsmith. Great grandmother of Christian, Alexander, Ethan, Olivia, John and Grant. Memorial service Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 11 am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers contributions suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675; or the Secret Service Uniform Division Benefit Fund, Attention Rosie Manning, 2057 Stargrass Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22192. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

JONES, V. JEAN (DEARTH)
 Age 68 of Naples, FL formerly of Westland, MI. Passed away on July 11, 2012. Beloved mother of Rhonda (Jason) Moore. Survived by her brother, Ronald (Diana) Dearth, Nancy Henry, Debra (Robert) DeMoisey Patricia (William) Engle and grandmother of Zoe Moore and her pet Sophie. A private service was held.

SMITH, DENNIS JAMES
 July 14, 2012. Age 54. Beloved husband of Janet M. Dear father of, Dale (Erin) and Denise. Brother of Dianna (Danny) McComas; Dorothy (Al) Mumy; Daniel, Dean (Sara) and Kelly (Romeo) Suryono. Loving grandfather of Devon and Travis. The family has entrusted care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home (734) 981-1700. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com

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Station wagon documentary debuts at Concours d'Elegance

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

It was the perfect vehicle for the drive-in.

It hauled cargo and kids alike.

It looked attractive dressed in bright colors, wood trim and "jet age" styling.

And it's going to get the respect it's due at this year's Concours d'Elegance, July 29 at the Inn at St. John in Plymouth.

The station wagon of the late 1950s and early 1960s is a featured class at the show that will include such entries as:

- A 1960 Dodge Polara with wild fins and space age styling, that is believed to be the only remaining example in the U.S.

- A 1959 Mercury Colony Park, the most luxurious wagon built by Ford.

- One of six custom-built 1959 Cadillac Broadmoor Skyview models that contain a plexi-glass observation panel in the roof.

- The 1958 Rambler Ambassador Custom Hardtop Cross Country, a top-of-the-line Rambler aimed at the full-sized market.

- 1961 Chrysler New Yorker Town & Country, a prestige model with towering tail fins.

The station wagon also stars in its own documentary, *Wagonmasters*, that will debut with hourly screenings as a pre-Concours event on Saturday, July 28 in the Inn at St. John Conference Center. Filmmakers Sam Smartt, 25, and Chris Zaluski, 26, both master of fine arts stu-



Chris Zaluski (left) films Stephanie Lovett and her "peacewagon" as Sam Smartt captures sound, during a shoot in Winston-Salem, N.C. for their documentary, "Wagonmasters," that will screen at Concours d'Elegance in Plymouth.

dents in the documentary film program at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., will be on hand to show their work and answer questions.

"This is going to be its first public screening, although it's still a work in progress," said Smartt, in a telephone interview last week.

Cultural icon

The pair embarked on the project after learning that Volvo planned to discontinue its station wagon sales in the U.S. last year.

They started filming in February 2011 and travelled across the country to interview station wagon enthusiasts in California, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Vermont, as well as in Ontario,

Canada.

"It's about the cultural significance of the station wagon," Smartt described the film. "The station wagon is a very interesting lens with which to look at changes in American culture. It was an icon of the American dream in the 1960s."

The station wagon fell out of favor, becoming "uncool" as the 1970s and '80s unfolded. Families decreased in size. Gas prices went up and motorists became concerned about safety and pollution, Smartt said.

He pointed out that the station wagon was saddled with a stigma (uncoolness) that 1990s mini vans would later inherit. Even the marketing term, station wagon, met its demise as car

companies phased out their "workhorses on wheels."

"There is no one out there marketing station wagons. They might market a sport wagon, but the whole V-8 thing is a dinosaur. It typifies American family life of the past."

Still, the filmmakers found motorists and collectors for whom the station wagon is still very much alive today.

Peace wagon

One owner who appears in the film lives less than a mile from Smartt's home and drives a station wagon decorated with peace sentiments.

Another person they met not only drives a '62 Falcon, but wears vintage clothing and lives in a 1957 house with vintage furniture.



CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

What: Exhibit of vintage and antique vehicles from 1900-1970

When: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, July 29

Where: Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: Featured classes this year include Pioneers Pre-1900, Cord Cousins, Trans-Am under 2 liters, Trans-Am over 2 liters, Slingshot Rails, Featured Designer Retrospective, Jaguar vs. Corvette, Jet-Age Station Wagons, Micro Cars, Supercars and Station Wagon Pedal Cars

Events: Charity gala, 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday, July 28 at St. John's Atrium; Vintage car auction, noon-5 p.m. Saturday, in St. John's Ballroom; free screening of "Wagonmasters" documentary, shown on the hour from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday in St. John's Conference Center; 6th Annual Bumpers, Bikes and Bands exhibit of cars, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, in Old Village section of downtown Plymouth. For more events see concourusa.org

Admission: Tickets are available online or at the gate and cost \$25 for adults, children under 12 are free. Tickets for the Saturday night gala are \$175

Contact: (248) 645-8645 or go to www.concourusa.org

"He's one of the only, if not the only person in the country who reproduces fake wood grain. That's what most people think is the most uncool thing about wagons."

The pair filmed four station wagon owners in Michigan, including Mike Bonkowski of Livonia who restored the station wagon his parents owned when he was a kid.

"It was passed down to him when he got to high school," Smartt explained, adding that the car subsequently "sat in a junk

yard for 10 years" before Bonkowski began restoring it.

Smartt said the film appeals to "car people" and "non-car people" alike, especially Baby Boomers who recall the station wagons of the past.

"Anyone who grew up in that era will appreciate this film. There are a lot of interesting people. It's got humor in it and it's not dry."

For more about the film, visit wagonmastersthe-movie.com. For more about Concours d'Elegance, visit concourusa.org.



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Blake Morgan sings with the Western Michigan University's vocal jazz group, Gold Company.

Livonia musician wins international honor

DownBeat Magazine, an international jazz publication, has awarded Blake Morgan, co-founder of the group Goodnight Mr. Max, the distinction of top Blues/Pop/Rock Group. Morgan won the award for the music he wrote on the group's *Sleepaway* album. The award, announced in the magazine's June issue, was published in the 35th annual Student Music Awards section of *DownBeat Magazine*.

Goodnight Mr. Max was founded by Livonia natives, Blake Morgan, who composes the music, and Graham Liddell, who writes the lyrics. The group, anchored by Morgan on lead vocals and guitar, and Liddell, on vocal harmonies and guitar, features an interchangeable array of musicians playing acoustic-driven music with strings, horns, harmonies, and tribal percussion. Morgan describes the sound as orchestral indie/acoustic freak folk. Goodnight Mr. Max pairs chamber orchestra ensembles with the rhythmic instruments of sub-Saharan Africa, melding traditional and tribal styles with today's revival of folk music.

Morgan is entering his senior year of studies at Western Michigan University where he is majoring in vocal music performance and choral music education. He is a member of Gold Company, WMU's internationally renowned vocal jazz group and also sings in the WMU University Chorus. He is currently touring Europe as a counselor and singer with the Blue Lake Fine Arts International Choir. In addition to the *Goodnight Mr. Max, Sleepaway* album Mor-



The cover of the "Sleepaway" CD.

gan also released a solo album.

This is not the first major award Morgan has won for music he has written. As a sophomore at Stevenson High School, Morgan won an award at the national level of competition in the PTSA Reflections program for a song he composed. Morgan and Liddell went on to record that winning song on an album with their band, Knockturne during their senior year at Churchill High School. One of the songs from that album, *I Remember Your Smile*, was selected by the senior class to be their prom song.

Morgan's interest in music took root at Coolidge Elementary School and continued to grow as he advanced to the Riley Middle School Jazz Band then to the Stevenson High School Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and Pit Orchestra. He transferred to Churchill his junior year of high school so he could be part of the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program and while there was also in the Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra and Chorus.

Visit Goodnight Mr. Max on their Facebook page for more information and to listen to their *Sleepaway* album.

Art

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Through Aug. 24
Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: "Fire and Ice" exhibit features photos by Royal (Roy) Severs. Severs was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001. His now-limited mobility, however, has not put a damper on his love for photography. He often uses a vehicle to get him to his subjects, whether on land or water

Contact: (248) 473-1800

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

Exhibits: Patti Smith: Camera Solo, shows performer Patti Smith's photographs, through Sept. 2; Five Spanish Masterpieces features works by Picasso, Goya, Velazquez, El Greco and Dali, through Aug. 19; Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: "Behind the Lens 6" includes more than 100 photos taken by Pioneer Middle School 8th graders during a trip to New York City

Contact: (734) 416-4267

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through July 31

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
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Contact: (734) 394-5300

Comedy

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

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

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Mike Dambra, through July 21; Dwayne Gill, July 25-28

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

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Mike Baldwin, July 19-21; Andy Woodhull, July 26-28; Shen Wang, Aug. 2-4; James Ervin Berry, Aug. 9-11; Mike Bonner, Aug. 16-18; KT Tatar, Aug. 23-25

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedy-castle.com

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Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

MOON DUSTERS

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

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

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

Film

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 and movies start at dusk; open nightly through Sept. 2

Location: 14900 Beck, Plymouth

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Contact: (734) 453-8300

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 20-21, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, July 22

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Dark Shadows," \$3

Coming up: "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 27-28 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 29; "The Avengers," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5; "Men in Black 3," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12

Summer Cinema: All shows screen at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," Thursday, July 19; "The Rookie," Thursday, July 26; "Raiders of the Lost Ark," Thursday, Aug. 2; "Batteries Not Included," Thursday, Aug. 16; "Wallace & Gromit The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," Thursday, Aug. 23; and "Muppets from Space," Thursday, Aug. 30. Tickets cost \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 21

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: "Cool Hand Luke," tickets \$4
Coming up: Abbott & Costello double feature, "Buck Privates," and "Abbott & Costello meet the Killer," 8 p.m. Aug. 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 11, \$5; "North by Northwest," 8 p.m. Aug. 24; and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 25

Contact: (313) 537-2560

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Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.

Exhibits: "The Chris Webber Collection: Exceptional People During Extraordinary Times, 1755-Present," includes rare artifacts collected by Detroit native Chris Webber, through September; "Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney," through Sept. 9

Contact: (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday through Nov. 7

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies" is the new exhibit, featuring 14 reproduction inaugural gowns. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

Contact: (734) 455-8940

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Junior Brown, July 22; Danny Britt & Marvin Dykhuis, July 23; Rebecca Loebe, July 24; Open Stage, July 25; Buckwheat Zydeco, July 26; Lucciana Costa, July 27; Jay Stielstra in "An Old Man in Love," July 28; Chuck Prophet, July 29; Slide Ireland, July 30; Riverfolk Festival Songwriting Contest, July 31; Mindy Smith, Aug. 1; Maia Sharp, Aug. 2; The Makem & Spain Brothers, Aug. 3; Riverfolk Festival Finale Concert with Christine Baffa & Friends, Bob Black & His Bluegrass Boys, Songwriting Contest Finalists & The Raisin Pickers, Aug. 4; Harpeth Rising, Aug. 6; The Persuasions, Aug. 7; Open Stage, Aug. 8; The Applesed Collective, Aug. 9; Candye Kane, Aug. 11; JJ Grey & Mofro, Aug. 12

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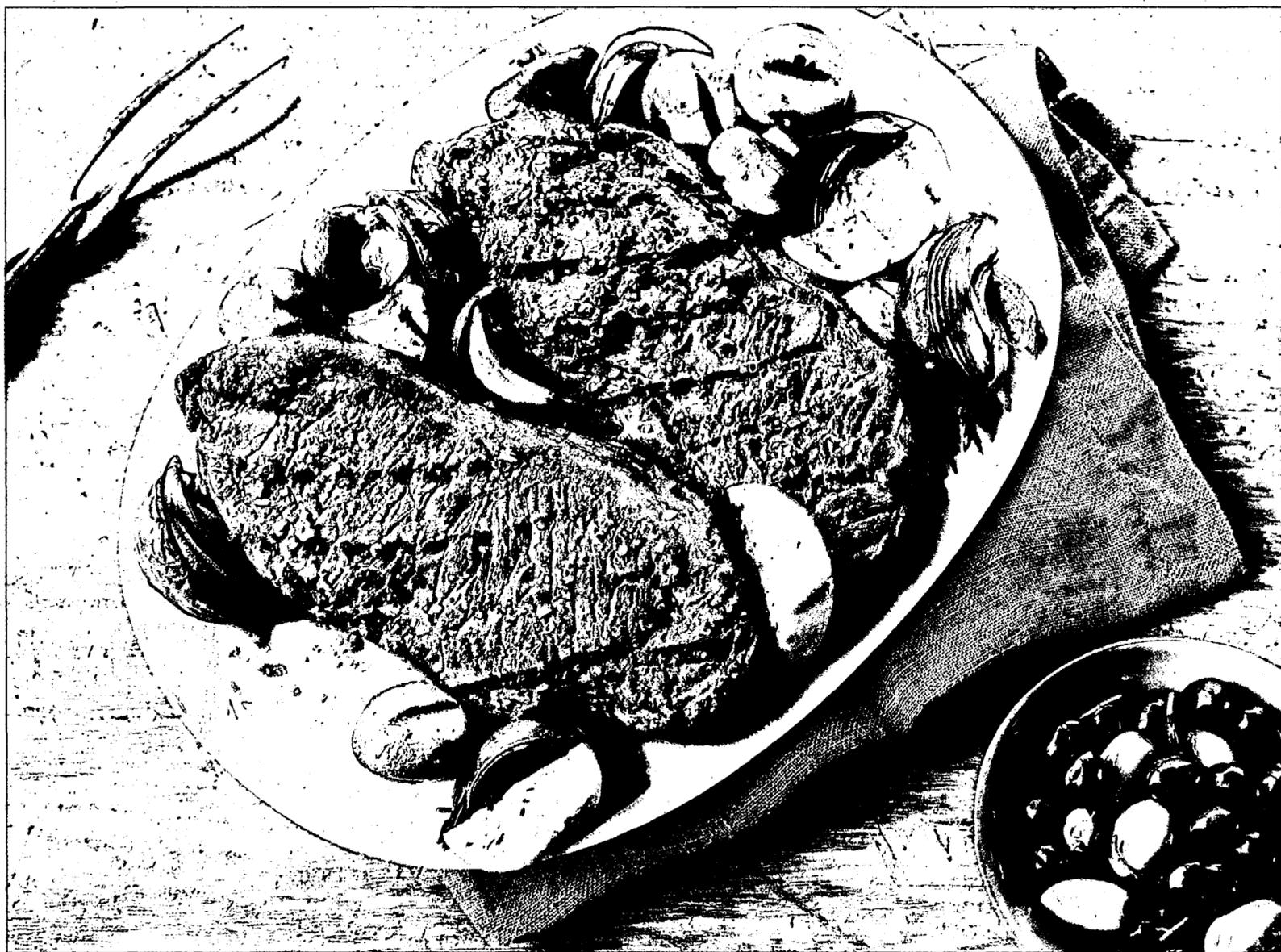
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Grecian Top Loin Steaks and Mushroom Kabobs

FIRING UP FOR A Grilliant Summer

Simple steps for grilling brilliantly

Whether cooking on a gas or charcoal grill, at home, at a park or at a tailgate, grilling provides an unmistakable aroma, a sizzling sound and maximum flavor. And research shows that when it comes to grilling, nearly three out of four Americans choose beef as the meat they grill the most often; but nearly 30 percent are still looking for more information on how to harness the power of the grill.

For guaranteed, delicious results when grilling beef, try following these three easy steps:

1. Choose your cut

Some of the best cuts for grilling include naturally tender ribeye, top loin (aka strip) and ground beef. Flank steak is also an excellent choice after a dip in a tenderizing marinade.

Tip: Rubs and marinades are easy ways to add flavor and tenderize.

2. Prepare your beef

Prepare grill (gas or charcoal) according to manufacturer's directions for medium heat. Remove beef from refrigerator and season with herbs and spices, as desired.

Tip: Wait to salt until after cooking so you don't draw out the natural, flavorful juices from the meat.

3. Grill

Place beef on grates and grill, covered, turning occasionally. Test doneness with meat thermometer: Cook burgers to 160°F and steaks to 145°F for medium rare or 160°F for medium.

Tip: Turn steaks with long handled tongs instead of a fork. Do not press down on steaks or burgers as flavorful juices will be lost.

Tip: For detailed grilling time by cut, visit www.BeefitsWhatsForDinner.com and type in "grilling."

Grecian Top Loin Steaks and Mushroom Kabobs

Total Recipe Time: 30 minutes
Makes 4 servings

Lemon Pepper Rub:
3 large cloves garlic, minced
2½ teaspoons lemon pepper
1½ teaspoons dried oregano

Steak and Kabobs:
1 pound medium mushrooms
1 medium red onion, cut into wedges
2 tablespoons olive oil
6 lemon wedges
2 boneless beef top loin steaks, cut 1 inch thick (about 1½ pounds)

¼ cup crumbled feta cheese (optional)
Combine rub ingredients.
Combine mushrooms, onion, oil and 2 teaspoons rub in medium bowl; toss. Alternately thread mushrooms and onion onto six 12-inch metal skewers. Finish with a lemon wedge.

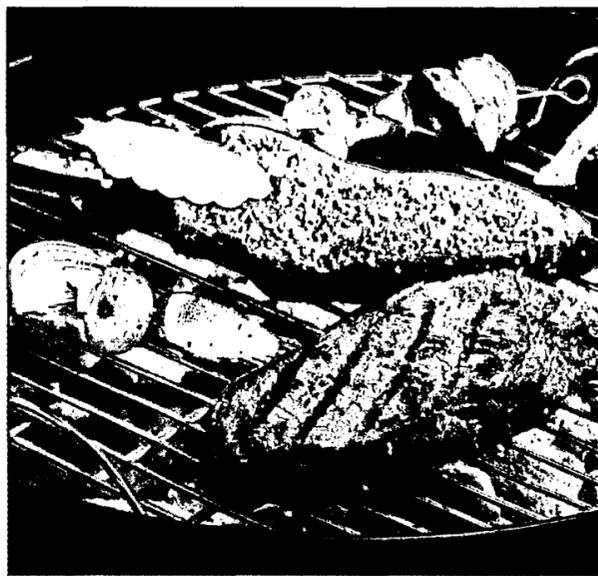
Press remaining rub onto beef steaks. Place steaks and kabobs on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill steaks, covered, 11 to 14 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 11 to 15 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally. Grill kabobs 6 to 8 minutes or until mushrooms are tender, turning occasionally.

Remove vegetables from skewers; toss with cheese, if desired. Carve steaks. Season beef and vegetables with salt.

— Courtesy of The Beef Checkoff



Grecian Top Loin Steaks and Mushroom Kabobs



Place steaks and kabobs on grid over medium, ash-covered coals.



Firecracker Burgers with Cooling Lime Sauce

Total Recipe Time: 35 minutes
Makes 6 servings

1½ pounds ground beef
6 sesame seed sandwich rolls, split, toasted
1 cup watercress or mixed spring greens

Seasoning:
1 tablespoon curry powder
1 tablespoon Caribbean jerk seasoning

1 teaspoon salt

Sauce:
½ cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
¼ cup low-fat plain yogurt
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
2 teaspoons grated lime peel
¼ teaspoon salt

Combine ground beef and seasoning ingredients in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Shape into six ½-inch-thick patties.

Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 8 to 10 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 7 to 9 minutes) until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F, turning occasionally.

Meanwhile, combine sauce ingredients in small bowl; set aside.

Spread sauce on cut sides of rolls. Place one burger on bottom half of each roll; top evenly with watercress. Close sandwiches.

— Courtesy of The Beef Checkoff

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• Temperature is critical when grilling. Don't grill over high heat. This may cause charring on the outside before the inside has reached desired doneness, which is why it's best to grill over medium heat. If using a charcoal grill, make sure the coals are white, ash-covered.

• Trim visible fat before grilling to prevent flare-ups.

• Less tender cuts, like flank steak, benefit from a tenderizing marinade. Think acidic ingredients like lime juice or vinaigrette.

• Keep raw meat separate from other foods. Use clean plates and utensils for cooked food.

For more delicious recipes, grilling tips and simple rub or marinade ideas, visit www.BeefitsWhatsForDinner.com.

Rally planned to urge Congress to support homeownership

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, Michigan Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Homebuilders are joining forces to host a major mid-summer Rally for Homeownership where federal, state and local officials will join with Michigan citizens to highlight the need for pro-housing policies at the local, state and federal levels. This non-partisan event is one of seven major homeownership rallies currently planned by NAHB throughout the country in 2012.

"It is important that we revive the housing market, create jobs and spur growth for the entire U.S. economy," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of BIA. "The home is central to American life, and homeownership is a cherished ideal for most families."

Legislative and regulatory proposals now under consideration by government policy makers would greatly harm homeowners, home buyers, the housing market and the nation's economy. "It is important that Michigan families know homeownership is under attack and have an opportunity to have their voices heard by our legislators," said Robert Filka, CEO of MAHB.

The event, which is open to everyone who is interested in protecting and enhancing the American dream of homeownership will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 20, at Gardenview Estates Development, located at Joy Road and the Southfield Freeway in Detroit. As many as 700 concerned citizens, legislators and policy makers are expected to attend.

NAHB has established a website at which people can register to attend the rally and sign a petition of support. The site can be found at www.ProtectHomeownership.com. The site describes how tax, legislative and regulatory policies currently under consideration would scale back or eliminate the mortgage interest deduction and make mortgages and small business loans unaffordable and difficult to obtain. It also features expert analysis and reports, data from homeownership surveys and polls, and the answers to many frequently asked questions about housing and homeownership.

"A strong housing market is not only important to help more Michigan citizens realize the dream of homeownership, but it is essential to revitalizing Michigan's economy," Fil-

ka said. "When builders are constructing homes that means jobs and investment, which provide a better quality of life and support for Michigan schools and municipalities."

"Housing means jobs," Stoskopf said. "NAHB estimates that for each new home that is built, three new jobs are created, not only for builders but in the industries where lumber, concrete, lighting fixtures, heating and cooling equipment and other products that go into a home are produced. More jobs are created when real estate agents, lawyers and brokers provide services to home builders and home buyers. Beyond that, every house that is built generates about \$90,000 in government revenue—\$67,000 in federal taxes and \$23,000 in state and local taxes."

Approach short sale with care

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Our condominium lawyer has contacted us about a short sale of a unit owner where there are substantial assessments due and owing and wants us to make a substantial compromise of the back assessments. What has been your experience?

A: Obviously, each case depends upon its own facts and circumstances, but generally, I advise my community association clients to stand firm with respect to short sales since it is the

mortgage company that should bear the brunt of any loss given the fact

that they permitted the loan to be made in the first instance, perhaps, based upon unjustifiable reasons or basis as has been shown throughout the country. Perhaps you should get a second opinion from another attorney who is experienced in community association law and who may be best able to negotiate with the mortgagee and/or the seller of the unit on behalf of the association.

Q: We are talking about converting our voluntary association into a mandatory one. Is that difficult?

A: Generally, it is difficult to get all of the members of the subdivision involved in the mandatory association unless you are providing substantial benefits to membership in that association. Another way in which a voluntary association can become a mandatory one, is through governmental action creating a water, tax, utility or similar district including, perhaps, a special assessment district; or as previously discussed, creating a new association where each member would have to choose to join. Also, if this is a homeowner's association, membership of individual owners would have to be evidenced by recording a declaration including covenants running with the land in order to bind present and future owners. You are best advised, however, depending upon your jurisdiction, to consult with a knowledgeable real estate and/or community association attorney.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit rmeisner@meisner-law.com.

This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Realtor associations urge responsible appraisal process

Developing and reporting property values more accurately is critical to improving market performance, reducing risk and strengthening the housing finance system, according to the National Association of Realtors.

That message was delivered recently by Frank Gregoire, immediate past chair of NAR's Real Property Valuation Committee, in testimony before the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Involvement regarding appraisal oversight.

"As the leading advocate for housing issues, Realtors know that an accurate appraisal is an important part of the home buying process and that a strong and independent appraisal industry is critical to restoring faith in the mortgage origination process," said Gregoire, a state-certified residential appraiser and president of Gregoire & Gregoire Inc. in St. Petersburg, Fla. "There are many challenges currently facing the appraisal industry, and we see appraisals as one of the most crucial and overlooked aspects of the recovery of the real estate market."

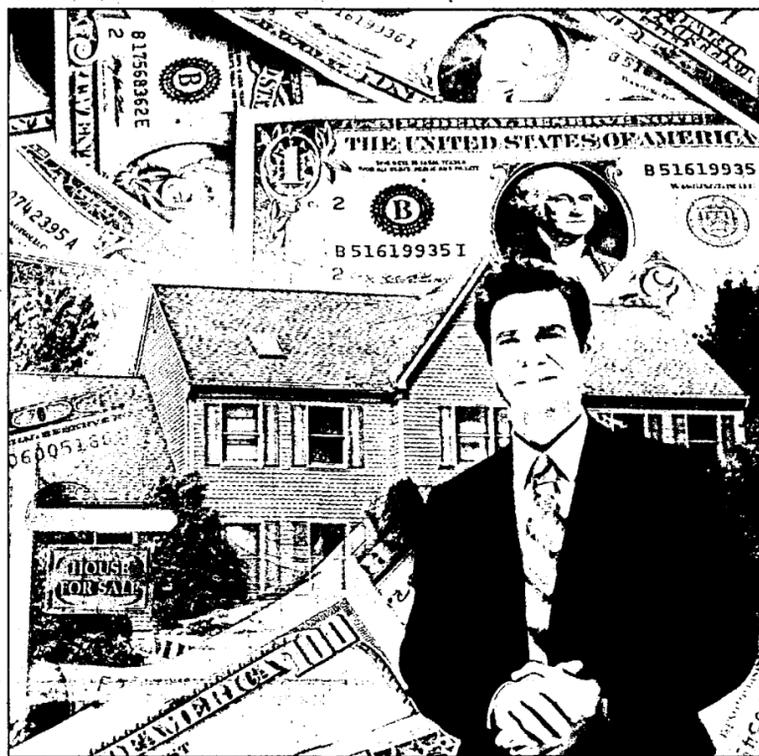
Bob Taylor, a Realtor, heads up the appraisal management company for the Michigan Association of Realtors. He handles marketing and development, and was MAR president in 2010. He's with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Birmingham and has been a Realtor 38 years.

"I was very pleased with Frank's testimony," said Taylor, who knows Gregoire professionally. Taylor chairs the Research Committee for NAR this year, and is on the Real Property Valuation Committee with Gregoire for NAR.

"Let's say quality, I think that might be a better way to put it," Taylor said of appraisal issues. "There's a lot of misinformation, which has made it difficult."

Fee erosion
"There has been some erosion of fees." Some more experienced appraisers have retired or don't do mortgage work. "There are also many that do an excellent job," Taylor emphasized.

The appraisal is done for the lender. "They need to make sure the collateral is sufficient," Taylor said. He had four transactions in 2010



where the house didn't appraise sufficiently for the mortgage, but the deals went through by other means.

"They found other ways to make it work. It's strictly designed to evaluate the collateral of the house," Taylor said.

Appraisers evaluate history, and look at a certain period of days. "It took a little bit of time for them to accumulate the empirical data" that the metro Detroit market is improving. Agents could assist with real-time information to demonstrate market improvement, he said.

"The appraiser can't just decide on a whim that this is what's going on," Taylor said. He sees the bigger problem is agents and purchasers need to understand lenders are less concerned about process than perhaps they should be. Agents need to identify those lenders that care. MAR has developed some questions for agents to ask their lenders, such as "How do they operate when there is a reconsideration of value?" Buyers should receive prior to closing a copy of the appraisal done on the house, Taylor said.

"We want real estate agents to be prepared for the questions" coming from that report. All appraisals must be ordered on a random basis, but there should be a panel of appraisers close to the market who can appraise it on a given day.

Those pros must understand the mean-

ing of being north or south of Five Mile in Livonia, Taylor said. If appraisers come from Troy or Saline, "you can end up with somebody who doesn't understand those nuances in the marketplace."

The buyer can meet the appraiser, but should understand it's not a client-type situation like a home inspection. "The appraiser's really working for the lender. It's really not something I would see the buyer attending," Taylor said.

Nothing prohibits the agent from talking to the appraiser, he stressed.

His observation is that MAR "is working very diligently to better inform its members about the appraisal process."

House testimony

In his House testimony, Gregoire said that a number of issues are impacting the credible valuation of real property, including appraiser competency and local market knowledge, challenges in accurately estimating market value in stabilizing markets, and the lack of oversight and regulation of Appraisal Management Companies (AMCs).

While many AMCs provide legitimate services for legitimate fees, a large number of AMCs are contributing to problems in the appraisal business and the overall housing market, said Gregoire. There is evidence that AMCs are often compromising appraiser independence by insisting appraisers include

ject to state AMC registration requirements, which exacerbates problems because it leads to different standards and creates confusion. Lenders should also be prohibited from retaining an AMC's services if that lender maintains any level of ownership in the AMC.

Other appraisal challenges include limitations of the current reporting format, lagging market information, discrepancies in market definitions, the funding structure of appraisal programs, and a declining number of appraisers. NAR represents about 30,000 state-licensed and certified appraisers throughout the country, who report that their colleagues are leaving the industry for many reasons, but among the most cited is that experienced appraisers refuse to work under the current AMC-imposed climate.

Gregoire said that while appraisals are the gold standard for mortgage origination, there is also an important role for broker price opinions, comparative market analyses and automated valuation models. While some organizations focus only on appraisals, NAR is the only real estate trade association that can speak with authority on appraisals and alternative valuation products.

NAR has long been seeking to ensure credible valuation of real property for the industry and since 1993 has encouraged appraiser members to demonstrate their professional competence by earning one or both of NAR's appraisal designations. The Residential Accredited Appraiser (RAA) and General Accredited Appraiser (GAA) are awarded to certified appraisers with education and experience in excess of the minimum state qualifications.

Earlier this year, NAR also adopted the Responsible Valuation Policy, which serves as a guide for members and staff in advocacy efforts for federal legislation and regulatory policy. Through its subsidiary, the Realtors Property Resource (RPR), and its Real Property Valuation Committee, NAR is able to provide one of the most comprehensive sets of data and tools for determining credible home values.

O&E staff writer Julie Brown and the National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.

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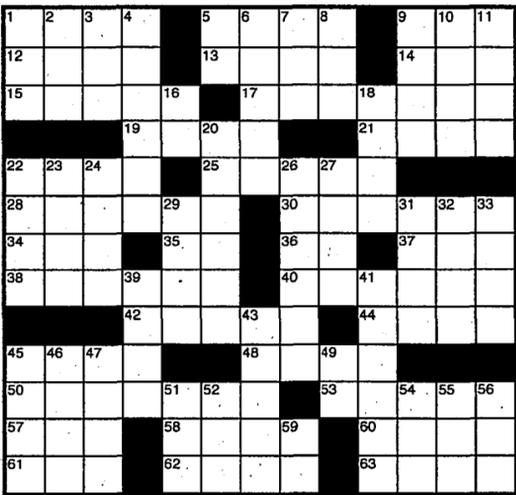
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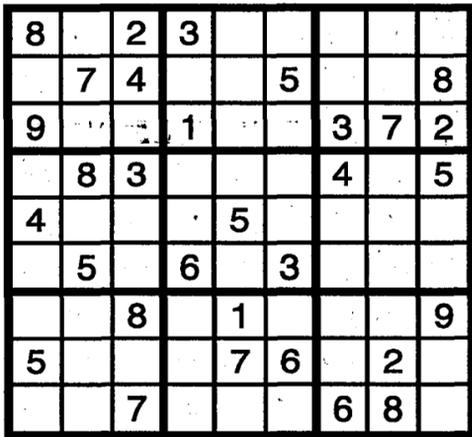
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- Item to dunk (2 wds.)
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- Aria performer
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- Today's paper
- Links org.
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- Arthur Conan Doyle
- Striped antelope
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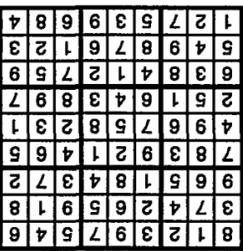
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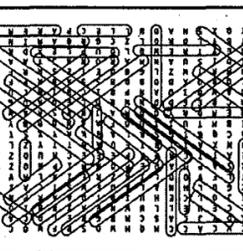
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