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**Furlough day**

The offices of the Wayne County Clerk's Vitals Statistics Division and its Westland Satellite Office on Henry Ruff north of Michigan Avenue will be closed Monday, Aug. 6, due to a mandatory furlough day. The services affected by these closings are birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, assumed names, notary publics and concealed weapons. Other furlough days scheduled for this year are Sept. 17, Oct. 8, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3.

**Election day**

City offices, including the 18th District Court and the Recycling Center, will be closed Tuesday, Aug. 7, for the August primary election. Rubbish pickup and curbside recycling will not be affected. The city clerk's office will be open Tuesday for election business only. Questions regarding voting should be directed at the clerk's office at (734) 467-3185. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day.

**Back to school**

The three words kids dread — back to school. The Norwayne Community Citizens Council is hosting a return to school resource program from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Dorsey Community Center. United Health Care has provided 400 backpacks which will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis to youngsters. Other school supplies will be provided. The program is open to youngster attending kindergarten through 12th grade. Various social support agencies will also be on hand to provide assistance relating to a successful return to school. During the event, St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church will be holding a bake sale, and Wayne County Community Services will hold a garage sale.

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**City clerk foresees low turnout for primary**

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

When Westland voters head to the polls for the Tuesday's primary election, they will be considering millage questions and helping to fill a congressional seat.

"I think the turnout will be about the same as the last time — 15 to 17 percent," City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof said.

In Westland, that means about 10,000 voters are likely to cast a ballot, either by absentee or by going to the polls that will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day.

"I haven't heard much (from voters) about the election, it's been pretty quiet. I've had a few questions," Schoof said.

One thing Schoof wanted to remind voters was that since it's a primary election, there is no

crossing party lines in the partisan races. That means voters will only be able to vote in either the Democratic and Republican races.

With no primary races for state representative or Wayne County Commission, Schoof said the busiest race on the primary ballot is to fill the newly reconfigured U.S. House 13th District seat. Extending from Westland east to include Garden

City, Redford, part of Detroit and south to include Downriver communities, the new 13th District covers a lot of diverse communities.

In the traditionally Democratic district, the winner of the Democratic primary is expected to take the seat. The five candidates include veteran U.S. Rep. John Conyers, who pre-

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**FBI mum about search at Bray's**

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

Burgers are again sizzling on the grill at Bray's Hamburgers after the business was shut down for several hours Thursday while FBI agents executed a search warrant.

"All I can say is that we executed a search warrant at Bray's and several other locations yesterday (Thursday)," FBI spokesman Simon Shayket said. "Beyond that, I can't make any comments."

The search warrants executed at the Westland restaurant, sold to a new owner in 2011, are part of a larger ongoing investigation, Shayket confirmed. The locations where search warrants

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Bray's Hamburgers was open for business again after being closed for several hours Thursday as FBI agents executed a search warrant. STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Hearing adjourned in fatal motorcycle accident**

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

A preliminary examination for a Plymouth man charged with two drunken driving felonies in the traffic accident that killed a Garden City man has been adjourned until Sept. 10.

Free on bond, Robert John Montgomery, 79, appeared in Westland 18th District Court Thursday to waive his right to a preliminary examination within 14 days and allow the adjournment.

Montgomery is charged with operating while impaired causing death and operating while impaired causing serious injury. Police said he had a .10 blood alcohol level at the hospital following the July 24 accident. The legal limit for drunken driving in Michigan is .08.

Gary West, 56, of Garden City was killed in the accident at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Park Drive. His wife Susan,

54, was critically injured in the accident.

The accident happened just before 9:30 p.m., Police said the motorcycle ridden by the Garden City couple was southbound on Hines Drive.

As the motorcycle approached Ann Arbor Trail, police said a four-door sedan traveling northbound attempted to make a left turn onto Ann Arbor Trail.

The motorcycle dropped to the pavement and began sliding. Police said the motorcycle struck the turning vehicle causing both rider and passenger to be ejected.

Unlike his wife, Westland Police Officer Kevin Yudt said that Gary West was not wearing a helmet. Susan West sustained multiple injuries in the accident, Yudt said.

Montgomery has no prior alcohol-related offenses, according to police.

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**Recall petitions filed for mayor, clerk, five council members**

By LeAnne Rogers  
 Observer Staff Writer

Petitions seeking to recall seven Westland elected officials, including Mayor William Wild and Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof, will be considered Thursday by the Wayne County Elections Commission.

Recall petitions were filed by two residents, Burke Rock and Bill Campbell, against Wild, Schoof, council President James Godbout and council members Adam Hammons, Meriam Kadi, Michael Kehler and Dewey Reeves. Recall petitions were not filed against the remaining two council members, Christine Bryant and Bill Johnson.

Rock confirmed that two sets of petitions with essentially the same language had been filed seeking to recall the seven elected officials.

In general, the recall language stems from a proposal, not adopted at this point, to build a new city hall behind the William P. Faust Public Library within the Tax Increment Financing District. Campbell, who couldn't be reached for comment, lives in the Newberry Estates Sub-

division, which abuts the city property.

Regarding Wild, the petition cites his appointment of two married couples to the TIFA citizens council.

"There is obviously nothing illegal or improper about it. Both couples are long-time residents and held in the highest regard," Wild said. "I understand their frustrations and they have the right to use recall."

The petitions filed to recall Schoof charge that she exaggerated the legal requirements that resulted in the public hearing and vote on the amended TIFA plan, with projects including construction of a new city hall, on July 2 during the Westland Summer Festival which is held on the city hall grounds.

Officials at the Wayne County Election Commission didn't respond to requests to confirm the specific language on the petitions. The three-member commission is charged with deciding whether the language on the petitions would be clear to voters — veracity isn't a consideration under state law.

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viously served in the old 14th District, state Sen. Glenn Anderson of Westland, Wayne-Westland Board of Education member John Goci, state Sen. Bert Johnson of Highland Park and state Rep. Shanelle Jackson of Detroit.

Westland voters will also be asked to approve a 0.99-mill increase in funding for the Wil-

liam P. Faust Library. If approved, the increased millage would be levied for 10 years.

Due to declining property tax values in recent years, the library cut its budget, laying off staff, eliminating programs and reducing the library's hours of operations to 40 per week.

A mill is levied as \$1 per \$1,000 of the property's taxable value or half the amount the property should sell for. At the average Westland property value of \$58,600, the

0.99 mills would cost that homeowner about \$29 per year.

Wayne County voters are also being asked to approve a 10-year renewal of the jail millage. That levy would be at the 2011 Headlee rollback amount of 0.9381 mills. The millage funds the operation of three county jails and juvenile detention programs.

Like other metro Detroit residents, Westland voters are also being asked to approve up to 0.2 mills for 10

years to provide funding for the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Due to the Bailey Center closing July 1, Precincts 4 and 8 have been moved to Edison Elementary School on Marquette at Wildwood, joining Precincts 5 and 29.

"That is the only change in the precincts this year," Schoof said, noting new voter registration cards were sent out some time ago.

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Golf outing

The Westland Lions Club will hold its annual golf outing Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club, 5200 Polo Fields Dr., Ann Arbor.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. for the four-person scramble. There will be a hole-in-one contest and closest to the pin and longest drive contests for both men and women, lunch and beverages at the turn, dinner, featuring filet mignon and chicken marsala, and dessert and door prizes. The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$450 for a foursome. Dinner only is \$30. Sponsorships ranging from \$100 to \$1,200 also are available.

For more information, call Ken Sharp at (734) 595-8305 or George Marvaso at (313) 801-5321. Registration and checks, made payable to the Westland Lions Club, can be sent to 6581 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48185, or faxed registration to (734) 467-7157, Attn: George.

### Garage Sale

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is hosting Michigan's longest garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, on West Michigan Avenue in downtown Wayne. Booth space is available for \$25 per space. Call (734) 721-0100 or send an email to sherrie@waynechamber.net.

### Dinner show

Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Aytte will perform Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Elvis Presley and more at a dinner show Friday, Sept. 21, at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford Road, Westland.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 per person and include dinner and the show. Dinner includes a tossed salad, pasta, main course, potato, vegetable, cannolis, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available.

For tickets, contact Kathy at (734) 216-9451 or at www.angelos1958.com.

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were executed included restaurants, but also some other businesses.

FBI agents, armed and wearing body armor, arrived at the restaurant before 9 a.m. and closed the business. Customers trying to get a hamburger at Bray's Thursday morning found the drive-

way blocked with a vehicle and the employees sitting on the grass.

Employees were saying no comment as they waited outside the restaurant. FBI agents also weren't making comments as the search warrant was executed inside the restaurant with the blinds pulled down.

It is unclear what the agents were seeking with the search warrants.

It also was hard to tell

the Ford Road mainstay, with its donkey statue, wasn't open for business. The parking lot was filled with cars of the employees and the federal agents.

A few bystanders gathered to watch and the sidewalk was getting filled with television crews, reporters and photographers.

The Bray brothers opened their first hamburger stand at Ford and

Inkster roads in Garden City in 1950. The business later located further west on Ford, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Open at 7 a.m., Bray's draws early morning customers for breakfast sandwiches and on week-ends is open until 4 a.m. for those with a late-night burger craving.

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### Circus is coming

Tickets are available for two performances of the Kelly Miller Circus on Saturday, Aug. 11.

Sponsored by the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, the performances will be at 2 and 5:30 p.m. The circus will be held on diamond two at Attwood Park next to the Wayne Community Center.

Tickets are \$6 for children age 12 and younger, \$10 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the Wayne Community Center, Wayne City Hall, the Wayne Chamber of Commerce and two Wayne business, the Avenue Bar and Grill and Tim Horton's.

### Fund-raiser

AmVets Post 171 is holding a Vendor Sale/Garage Sale/Swap Meet/Mom 2 Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the post, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

In addition to the vendors, there will be food available, hourly raffles and entertainment. Indoor spaces (hall) are \$25, with \$10 for table rentals, outdoor (parking spaces) are \$20. Proceeds will be kept by individual vendors.

For more information, contact Kelly Taylor at (734) 890-1055 or by email at taylorsskkt@gmail.com or Jennifer Basco at (636) 221-9573 or by email at j\_basco08@yahoo.com.

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# 103: 'It doesn't feel that old'

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Ruth Malak cannot lie about her age. After all, it's one worth noting. She turned 103 on Saturday.

When she turned 102 last year, Malak admitted that she never thought she'd live that long. This year she kind of enjoys it. "It doesn't feel that old," said Malak, a resident of the American House on Joy Road in Westland.

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

She described herself as the homeroom teacher and maintained control of her students by calling them by name. Misbehaving was good for having to stay after school "but not for very long."

"It was an hour or so, but I never kept them that long," she said. "I felt they had to have fun and play."

Those who know her describe Malak as a gifted organist. Her sisters have said she can play by ear. She hears a melody and can play it. Her mother taught her "a little bit" and she took about two years of lessons. Then she used her teaching skills to share her love of music with youngsters in the neighborhood.



Ruth Malak said that 103 doesn't feel that old. The Westland resident reached that milestone Saturday, Aug. 4.

She has an organ in her room. When she plays, she sings along. According to Flora Khaimov, American House executive director, she has new "students."

"We're all her students in her music school," she said.

Malak recalls working at a bank and at the J.L. Hudson store part-time while going while going to college. Her favorite past time was roller skating, which she said she did quite a bit at a rink in Detroit.

"I went to the roller rink because there were boys and girls there skating, it was very nice," she said. "And it had organ music, it was beautiful. I loved the organ and when I got old enough, I played it."

At 103, her memory is cloudy. She has two younger sisters, Catherine Shay and Jean Airol,

and a brother Merville who is deceased. She was married to Steve Malak, whom she said she met roller skating, and they lived in Detroit for 55 years.

"We had no children, I married late in life because I taught school," she said. "I taught the three R's - reading, writing and arithmetic."

When her husband died in 1997, she lived in with her sister, but ended up moving to American House that same year. She's hasn't lived at the assisted living facility the longest, another resident has been there 25 years, but she is the oldest resident.

"She's a joy to be around, she's a wonderful person," said Khaimov. "She's doing great, and we just love her."

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Westland residents named to the Dean's List included:

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A crowd of kids and parents showed up for last year's back-to-school event.

## Bounce Back to School set for Aug. 28

Livonia Public Schools Foundation is continuing its tradition of welcoming children back to school in a big way. From 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, Livonia Stevenson High School's athletic grounds will transform into a magical bounce house extravaganza.

This year's event will be bigger than ever with extreme bounce houses, including a bungee blast, laser tag and obstacle course. The event will feature many popular bounce houses, as well as tattoo artists and balloon artists. An added petting zoo attraction with pony rides promises to delight.

The carnival games were a popular favorite last year. The games will be returning, along with giant tricycle races. Livonia Police and Fire Departments will bring more excitement when the fire truck and K-9 police dogs arrive.

"This event offers a great evening to hang

out with family, get reacquainted with school friends and simply have fun," said Ken McMullen, LPS Senior Communication Specialist and special event coordinator.

The cost is \$5 fee per school-aged child. Pizza, pop, water, cotton candy and sno cones will be available for purchase.

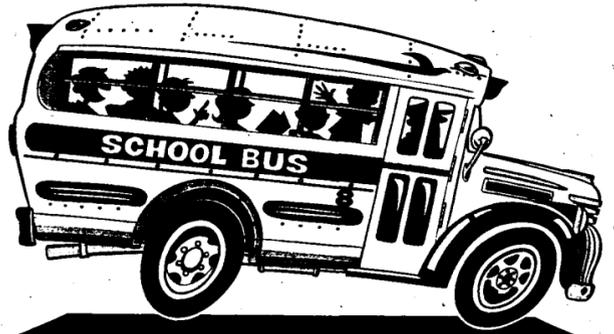
This event is made possible with donations from the following sponsors: Parkside Credit Union, Ralph Thayer Automotive, Westland Shopping Center, Alpha, Allstate Insurance - Cheryl Bowker, Rock Out Entertainment and UPS Store.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the LPS Foundation to support the Competitive Edge College Savings Program for LPS students.

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# Friends, families say good-bye to slain teens



PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Friends and family members walk with Michael and Carrie Bobbish into Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where services were held for their 17-year-old son Jourdan whose body was found in a field on Detroit's east side July 27.

Family and friends gathered Friday to remember one of two Westland teens found murdered in Detroit.

Services for Jourdan Bobbish, 17, were held at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

The services for Jacob Kudla, 18, were scheduled for Saturday morning at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

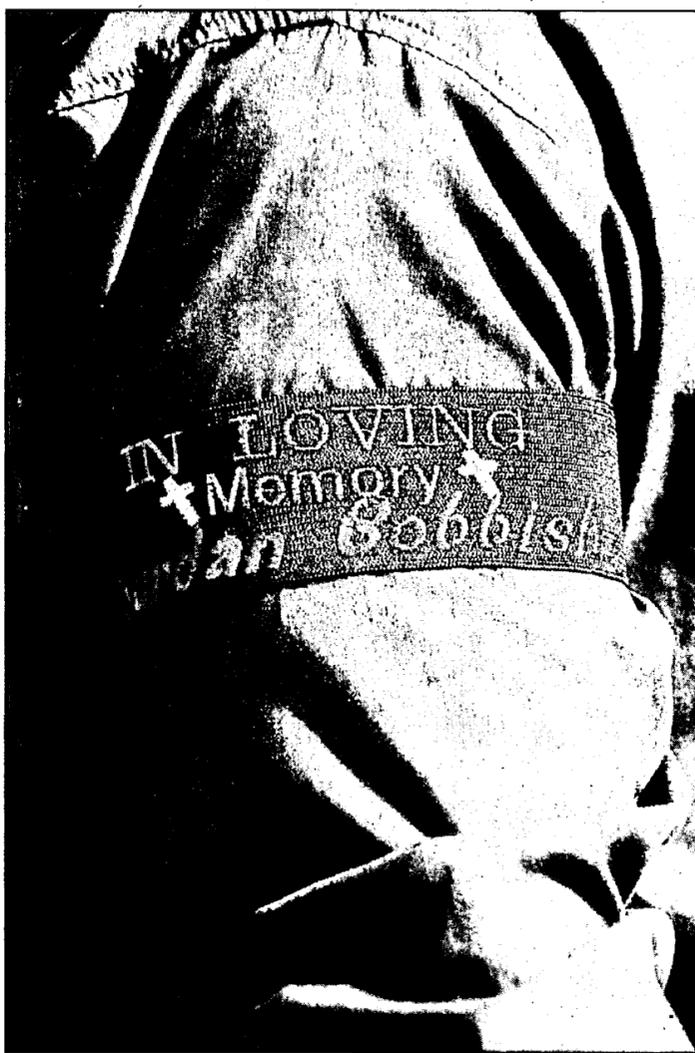
A Livonia Churchill High School senior, Bobbish and Kudla, a Churchill grad who was attending Schoolcraft College, didn't return from a July 22 visit to Kudla's uncle on the east side of Detroit.

Kudla's car was located outside an apartment building on Detroit's west side with the stereo equipment missing. Two men were arrested and

have been charged with stealing from the car, which they were cleaning with bleach.

The teens' families mounted efforts to locate the pair and held a candlelight vigil in Churchill's parking lot.

The boys were found fatally shot in a debris-filled field near Detroit City Airport about five miles from where they were last seen.



Mourners wear arm bands in remembrance of Jourdan Bobbish.

# Car show helps coalition spread anti-drug message

"Get hooked on cars, not on drugs."

That's the message from the Garden City Community Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse, which is revving up its engines to "drive out substance abuse" with its first Classic Car Show.

The event, hosted by Don Nicholson Enterprises, will be held in the Garden City High School parking lot 6-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6. It will feature

classic cars, face painting, clowns, food, musical entertainment provided by DJ Benny Spears from Benny and the Jets, as well as activities for the kids provided by the National Guard Counter Drug Task Force.

Garden City Hospital will have its mobile unit there to do free blood pressure checks. And the Garden City Fire Department will hand out a limited number of smoke detectors. There's a 50/50

raffle and a silent auction.

Susan Nicholas, director of the coalition, said that items have been donated by local businesses and individuals, including Red Holman, Prestige Eyewear, Marcos Pizza, Cherry Hill Lanes, Zeibart, Gamers Ave., Community Dental Associates, Barbee and Bean Hair Design, Ken Stewart and Monica Ful-ton.

"Plus you can pick up

a commemorative first annual Garden City Community Coalition Classic Car Show T-shirt designed by local artist Zach Wojnar and printed by local print shop Carol's Specialties," Nicholas said. "These shirts were made possible by the generous donations of Podium Skates, Prestige Eyewear, Hegira Inc., Party Animal, John Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, Garden Drugs, State Farm

agent Bobby Branch, Dr. Valerie Sabb, Body Empire, Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition and Community Dental Associates."

The coalition will use the funds from the free event to continue to support the war against substance abuse in the Garden City community by providing current trend information on alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, prescription drugs and syn-

thetic drugs like K2 and Spice. The coalition staff will be on hand passing out prevention information and answering questions on substance abuse issues.

The coalition is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all who live in Garden City by promoting a lifestyle free from the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.



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# Saving Zeus

## Westland woman raises funds to treat dog's rare disorder

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Melissa Crowley is putting social media to the test in getting the word out about her dog Zeus. She has a blog, a Facebook page and even a Saving Zeus website, all aimed at helping her 6-year-old Rottweiler.

A part of her "family" since he was seven weeks old, Zeus is in need of medical testing and treatment of a rare genetic disorder that is causing him severe pain and difficulty walking.

"He is the most loving, caring, gentle giant in the world. He truly loves everyone," the Westland resident said. "He is my utmost favorite dog of all the dogs that have been in my life over the last many years. The thought of losing him makes my heart break and causes me physical pain."

Zeus was diagnosed with immune-mediat-

ed polyarthritis in May. According to Crowley, an allergic reaction to antibiotics has caused his immune system to attack his joints, leaving permanent damage in its wake.

Zeus has allergies and Crowley estimates she and her husband have spent upward of \$20,000 on allergy treatments and skin and ear infections over the years.

He had been on an antibiotic for a skin infection for 14 days. It hadn't cleared up, so a second round was ordered. Eight days into the second round, Crowley came home to find that Zeus wouldn't get up for anyone, including her neighbor that he "loves." He couldn't put weight on his front legs, he had difficulty sitting and standing.

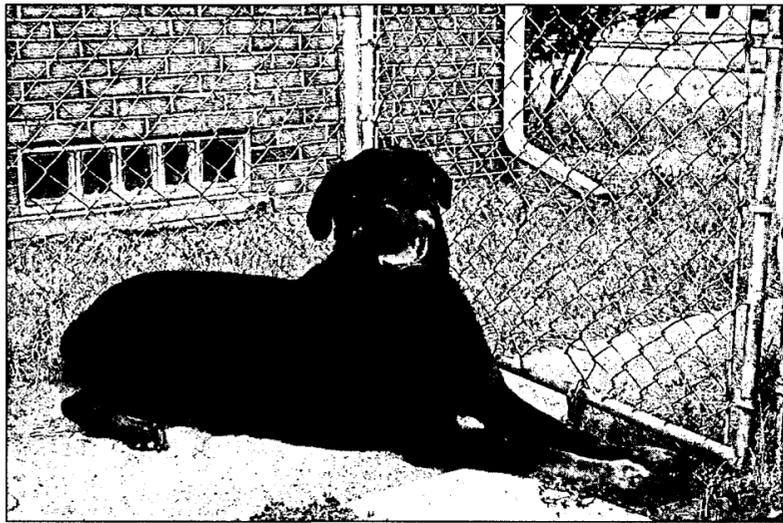
She stopped giving him the antibiotics and within 24 hours he was back to normal, but shortly after that he had several acci-

dents in the house, something he never does.

"The doctor wanted to do an urinalysis for a bladder infection and used a different antibiotic that had to be made especially for him. A 10-day supply cost \$300," Crowley said. "Within three days, Zeus couldn't walk. The vet said he was having a reaction to the antibiotic. This time he didn't get better."

Zeus was put on two different types of pain medications, but those didn't provide relief. Now doctors are using high doses of the drug prednisone to depress his immune system so that it stops attacking his joints. Each time they lower the dosage to a safer level, though, he has a relapse.

The prednisone is keeping Zeus comfortable, but it isn't a long-term solution. Prednisone can cause diabetes and Cushing's disease. The doctor at the Michigan Veterinary Specialists in Southfield wants to do digital X-rays and joint taps to see what else is going on in Zeus's joints. The tests alone cost \$2,000, and Crowley estimates she



Melissa Crowley has started a fund-raising drive to benefit her six-year-old rottweiler, Zeus, who has a rare disorder, Immune-Mediated Polyarthritis.

needs \$5,000 for the test and the treatment.

The Catch-22 is he needs the tests before he can get the treatment.

"We don't have the funds and the only other option is to wait until it gets worse and we have to have him put down," Crowley said. "We've spent so much on this dog over those six years, but this time we don't have \$2,000. My husband calls him the million-dollar dog."

Crowley has launched an online fund-raising site, [www.giveforward.com/SavingZeus](http://www.giveforward.com/SavingZeus), where people can log on and make a donation, and a Saving Zeus Facebook page — [www.facebook.com/#!/SavingZeus](http://www.facebook.com/#!/SavingZeus). She also is blogging about her beloved pet at [www.savingzeus.wordpress.com](http://www.savingzeus.wordpress.com).

So far she has gathered \$1,205 in donations.

She's also doing a fundraiser — Putt for a Cause ... and Save These Paws — planned for Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Putting Edge, 44225 W. 12 Mile, Novi. The event will be 1-4 p.m. and include 18 holes of miniature golf, arcade games, pizza and pop, prizes for the most holes in one and best game score and a 50/50 raffle. Advance tickets are \$20 and \$25 the day of the event. Tickets are available by calling Crowley at (248) 755-0550 or at [melissacrowley66@att.ent](mailto:melissacrowley66@att.ent).

Admitting that it saddens her to see her dog in so much pain and unable to do the things he loves to do, she hopes she'll be able to raise the money needed to save him

before it is too late. If Zeus's condition worsens and he passes away before the fund-raising efforts are complete, or if they don't raise enough money for his tests and treatment, proceeds will be donated to his veterinarian, Dr. Steven Mantay, owner of Healthy Paws Veterinary Medical Center in Westland, to help another animal in desperate need of medical attention, Crowley said.

"I just can't bear to sit back and wait until the day comes to put him down without doing everything I can to try to help and save him," Crowley said. "I will be completely heartbroken, if we lose him."

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# Contamination site has Brookfield resident concerned

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

As the grand reopening of Central City Park nears, a similar pollution remediation project is under way on a parcel that will soon be available for recreational use.

Located south of Ford and west of Hix, the approximately 28 acres of the 180-acre parcel known as the National Airport property is now owned by the City of Westland.

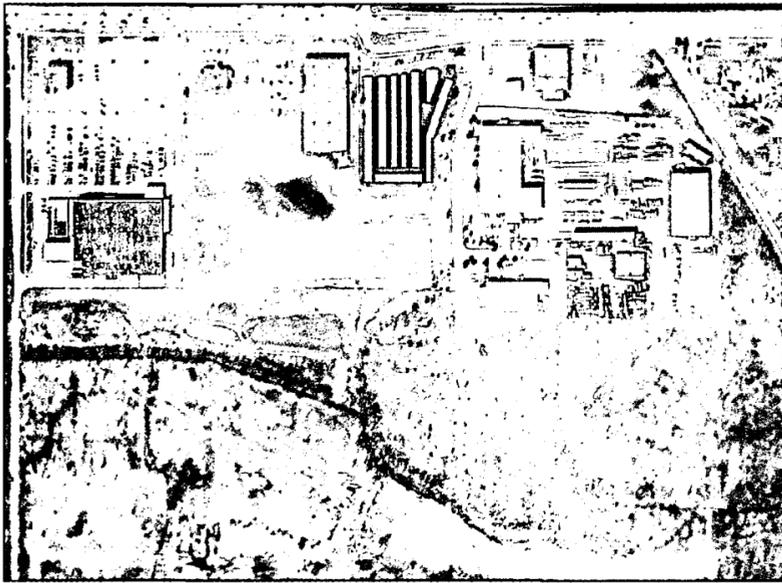
Most of that 28-acre parcel was used as a general and industrial landfill from 1958-65 and remnants of drums were removed in 1994. There is concern about direct contact exposure to lead and arsenic in the soil and methane gas needs to be monitored.

Like Central City Park, this property has a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality-approved plan for remediation that includes removing existing trees, regrading, installation of geotextile barrier which will be covered with top soil and grass, along with methane gas monitoring.

"The same folks at the MDEQ who were involved in Central City Park are involved in this," said City Attorney James Fausone. "There is no problem with the metals on the site moving."

Patricia Fenech, who lives in the Brookfield Village subdivision south of the property, is upset that she wasn't notified about the contamination when she bought her home in 2007.

"My concern is me and it's a concern for other residents. No one told us



In the 2002 U.S. Geological Survey aerial photo, the site of the former National Airport was largely covered by several commercial buildings. However, it appears that a section of runway pavement from the former east/west runway still remained intact (at the center of the photo), as well as some of an unpaved northwest/southeast runway.

about the contamination," said Fenech. "The mayor (William Wild) said people knew about it. The developer knew about it."

Having the contaminated property nearby has affected her home's value, said Fenech, adding she would be legally required to disclose the nearby contamination, if she were to sell her home.

"The developer told us it (the property) was a wetlands," she said. "My concern is that the city should have put up signs saying 'don't enter - it's contaminated' like they did at Cooper School."

Citing a letter from the MDEQ, Fenech said no one is supposed to be in contact with the soil on the property.

"Kids play there, swim in

the creek - I've seen them. There is a lot of sexual activity at night," Fenech said.

The former landfill was located at the northern part of the parcel while the subdivision is located south of the parcel.

"There is no migration of the contamination, there was no requirement to give notice," said Fausone, noting the landfill had been closed since 1965.

"The site has been studied extensively. It's at the north side of the site and not near the residents."

Methane gas occurs naturally as landfilled materials break down, he said, so methane levels will be monitored.

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An approximately 26.9-acre portion of the 180-acre parcel was used as a municipal and industrial landfill. That includes 8.5 acres that later was part of the Imagine Theater property. The site was closed in 1965, the year before Nankin Township became the City of Westland.

When the airport closed in

1980, a development company purchased the property. In 1992, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources designated an approximately 26.9-acre portion of the property as the former landfill, which allows unrestricted development of the remaining approximately 155 acres of the original 180-acre parcel. The Consortium of Ford Motor Company and 3M has been involved since 1994 when a consultant removed and disposed of drum remnants that were discovered on the site. The site has been extensively studied. Some direct contact exposure risk to lead and arsenic was found and needs to be controlled. Methane gas that needs to be monitored. The consortium plans on obtaining a DEQ approval of a final remediation plan that will allow eventual use of the site for recreational purposes.

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# Inspire Theatre puts out casting call for ' Mousetrap '

Westland's Inspire Theatre will be holding auditions for its upcoming production of The Mousetrap.

Auditions will be held 7-9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 20-21, at the theater located in Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road.

Five men and three

women ages 18 and up are needed. There will be cold readings and those interested in auditioning should arrive at 7 p.m. and plan to be there the entire two hours.

The Mousetrap first opened in 1952 in the west end of London in 1952, and has been running continuously since then. Based on the story by Agatha Christie,

the play centers on a group of strangers who are stranded in a boarding house during a snow storm, one a murderer.

The suspects include the newly married couple who run the house, a spinster with a curious background, an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef, a retired Army major, a strange little man who

claims his car has overturned in a drift, and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. Into their midst comes a policeman, traveling on skis.

The play is known for its twist ending. The Inspire Theatre production will be 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 3-4, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28 and

Nov. 4. Tickets can be reserved by calling (734) 751-7057.

The Inspire Theater's Inspire School of Theater Arts also is gearing up for the fall. It will offer three new classes beginning Saturday, Sept. 15. Registration for classes will be 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 8. The 10-week classes will conclude with a class presen-

tation open to the public.

On tap is Theatre for the Advanced Beginner at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. This 10-week class is for students who have taken Introduction to Theatre. The class will focus on building characters, tapping into emotion and "being real." The class project will be Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Auditions will held the first week of class and parts will be assigned the following week.

The play will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

The other two classes are Introduction to Theatre for Kids offered at 11:45 a.m. Saturdays and Theatre for Homeschoolers at 11 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Both classes will teach children the basics of the stage while having a lot of hands-on fun. Students will receive instruction in stage directions, finding their voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as improvisation. This class will conclude with the students participating in the presentation of A Christmas Carol.

All class schedules are subject to change. Class sizes are limited, and a second class for each group could be offered if the need arises. The cost is \$20 per class or \$150, if paid at registration.

Inspire Theatre began in 2005 and has produced such plays as the Wizard of Oz, Father of the Bride, It's a Wonderful Life, and original productions, most written by Inspire Theatre founder Len Fisher. Fisher, who majored in the theatre at Youngstown State University and holds a degree from North Central University, has been involved in theatre most of his adult life. He has acted, produced, written, and directed more than 50 productions and has directed children and adults both professionally and on the community level.

Inspire School for Theatre Arts began in the fall of 2010 as an outreach from Inspire Theatre for local creative children to learn the elements of theatre in a safe, nurturing environment.

For more information, contact Fisher at inspire@inspiretheatre.com or (734) 751-7057.



Len Fisher is the artistic director for the Inspire Theatre in Westland.

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# Marilyn Monroe's death 50 years later

On Aug. 5, 1962, the world was stunned to learn that Marilyn Monroe had died at her home. Was it an accidental drug overdose? Could it have been a suicide? Possibly a murder at the hands of a powerful political clan or the mob? Those were the many theories that still float around. Fifty years later, Monroe's life and death is still a popular subject.

Born Norma Jean Mortenson (changed to Baker shortly afterward) on June 1, 1926, she would become one of the most iconic figures in the world. She was equally famous for her looks, style, talent and her love life. She was married to prominent figures like Joe DiMaggio and Arthur Miller. She was linked to both John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, her co-stars and other actors, even mobsters. She was also known to be depressed and seeing a psychiatrist during the last years of her life.

No one knows for sure what happened that night which adds to the mystique of her legacy. She had made phone calls to several people with her condition seemingly deteriorating. The ultimate time and cause of death which were reported are still also debated with some people suggesting there was a major cover-up. Whatever the reason, Marilyn Monroe is still extremely popular and influences many of today's celebrities.

If you are interested in learning more about Marilyn Monroe's life, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has the following biographies: *Marilyn Monroe* by Frances Lefkowitz, *Marilyn Monroe* by Michael Ventura, *Marilyn Monroe* by Barbara Leaming, and *Marilyn, Joe & Me* by June DiMaggio.

*Joe & Marilyn* by Roger Kahn is available as a book on disc and the documentary *We Remember Marilyn* is available on DVD. Fiction titles that deal with Monroe include Andrew O'Hagan's *Life and Opinions of Maf the Dog, and of His Friend Marilyn Monroe* and Joyce Carol Oates' *Blonde*. Also

## Farmers market adds jams, jellies vendor

The Garden City Farmers Market has added a jam and jelly vendor to its lineup.

The homemade jams and jellies are made come from fresh fruits from Michigan.

"Nothing goes better with toast or PBJ sandwiches than homemade jam and jelly," said market manager Kitty Crutchfield.

Michigan corn is also here.

"Pick up a bunch for your barbecue," Crutchfield said. "There is nothing like it."

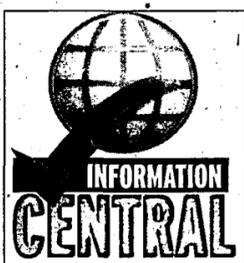
Grab some Michigan peaches, too.

"It's getting toward the end of the season for these little gems, you don't want to miss them," she said.

Cantaloupe made an appearance last week.

"They were gone before you knew it," Crutchfield said. "There will be more this week but remember first come, first served."

The Garden City Farmers Market is organized by the Chamber of Commerce with a sponsorship by the Downtown Development Authority. It is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Wednesday in the parking lot south of the Kroger store, in the Ford and Middlebelt area.



popular is the movie, *My Week with Marilyn*, an account of the filming of the movie *Prince and the Showgirl*.

Although she died at an early age, her legacy lives on in her movies. Titles available at the library include *All About Eve*, *Niagara*, *Seven Year Itch*, *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, *Prince and the Showgirl*, *Clash by Night*, *Bus Stop* and *Some Like It Hot*.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, noon-9 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and closed Sunday and Monday.

### HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

**Organizing Your Computer:** 2 p.m. Aug. 8

This class is for intermediate computer users who want to learn the structure of the computer, how to manage the desktop, the difference between save and save as, using a flash drive, how to create files and folders and how to manage them. Prerequisites: Internet 101 and Introduction to Microsoft Word or previous experi-



Fifty years later, questions still linger about actress Marilyn Monroe's death.

ence with the Internet and Microsoft applications.

**Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting:** 7 p.m. Aug. 8

The Library Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month in one of the Library's meeting rooms. Board meetings are open to the general public.

**Writers Workshop:** 7 p.m. Aug. 8

The Writers Workshop critiques an individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, mem-

oir, etc.). We will tell you what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. The goal of our group is to help get writers published. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit the Reference Desk or contact andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org.

**Learn about Hoarding Disorder:** 7 p.m. Aug. 9

Join Janet Kester, psychotherapist and professional organizer specializing in chronic disorganizing and hoarding who

will address the topic of Hoarding Disorder. Learn what it is, how to talk to a hoarder and treatment and assistance options for hoarders. Anyone interested in learning more about this disorder and the deleterious effects it may have for a hoarder and family members are encouraged to attend. Sign up online or call the library at (734) 326-6123 to reserve your seat.

**Teen Summer Reading Program Finishers Celebration:** 7 p.m. Aug. 11

Own the Night Summer Reading Program finishers (and one guest each) are invited to an After-Hours Video Game Party at the library! Come and play *Dance Dance Revolution*, *Rock Band*, *Guitar Hero*, and more! Invitation needed.

**Family Scavenger Hunt:** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 18, ages 5 and up with an adult

Come be part of this summer's family competition! Each family will get a sheet of items to find around the city. Figure out where you can find the items, drive there and then take a picture (on a digital or phone camera) with your family in it. Once you have taken a picture with all the items on the list, come back to the library to get a prize. There is no time limit but the sooner you make it back, the better choices you have of prizes! You will need a car, a camera, and your family. It will take between 45 minutes

and 90 minutes. You may not want to bring children younger than five since it involves getting in and out of a car multiple times. Also, you may want to show some team spirit and pick a family color to wear!

**Job Seekers Lab:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

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

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

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

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

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# Teens test skills at library Game Fest



Friends Melissa Green, Dana Howell and Desiree Hahn, all of Garden City, dance along to Just Dance 2 at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. Two wore wigs for fun.

By Sue Buck  
Observer Staff Writer

Garden City teens and tweens, who don't often have programs geared to their age group, had a chance to try their skill at video games brought in by Tip Top Entertainment.

The games on large screens were provided through an arrangement between the Garden City Library and Dianne and Nate Mikulich, Tip Top employees. The company is based in Bay City. The Mikulichs are from Saginaw.

They set up four different game systems in a room in the Maplewood Center last Tuesday apart from the Garden City Library. Library space is limited and the new library millage money, which became available July 1, has allowed the library to add programs and activities.

The game systems set up included Band Hero, Super Smash Brothers Brawl, Kinect Adventures and Just Dance 2.

"It's basically free play for the kids who come in," Nate Mikulich said. "Libraries are our normal setting. We probably have been to two dozen libraries this summer doing Game Fest."

The furthest he traveled was to a library in the little town of Stevensville, near the Indiana border.

Band Hero is a spinoff of the popular Guitar Hero video game and features full band play — lead and bass guitar, drums and vocals. The object of Super Smash Brothers Brawl, often abbreviated as SSBB or simply Brawl, is to knock an opponent off the screen. Kinect Adventures uses



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Jacob Cecil plays Band Hero at the Maplewood Center.



Kenny Love and Nate Mikulich play Super Smash Bros. Brawl.

full body motion to allow the player to engage in a variety of mini games. The object of all the mini games is to get the highest number of adventure pins, which earn the player medals.

The concept of Just Dance 2 is to follow on-screen choreographed moves set to classic dance tracks.

Kenny Love, a Garden City resident, was the first player. He chose Smash Brothers, which he played with Nate Mikulich.

"My mom read about it (Game Fest) in the news-

paper," Love said.

Friends Desiree Hahn, Dana Howell and Melissa Green, all Garden City residents, chose to play Just Dance 2 first.

"We just like to dance," Green said.

"It's pure entertainment," said Stephanie Charlefour, the Garden City Library youth and teen librarian, adding that kids need a safe place to gather and have fun.

"They didn't want to leave," she said.

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# Food pantry aided by Arctic Edge festival

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Arctic Edge Ice Arena employees estimated that nearly 600 people attended a Family Fun Fest that helped raise money for Canton-based Open Door Ministry, a local food pantry that feeds 460 area families every week and helps them find jobs.

Brook Boggs, arena marketing specialist, said the three-hour event last weekend drew more than twice the number of visitors organizers had expected.

"We thought we might get 300 people," she said. "We were very pleased with the turnout."

Families and particularly children enjoyed free activities, such as open skating, face-painting, balloon sculpting and ice cream, though the event had a serious component for aiding Open Door Ministry.

Early tabulations indicated a strong response to the effort.

"Our raffle proceeds and a portion of a sports memorabilia silent auction helped us earn \$1,600 to donate to the Open Door Ministry," Jonathan Castine, Arctic Edge marketing and design specialist, said Tuesday.

As more money rolled in, the amount had climbed to \$1,718 by Thursday.

Raffle prizes included an academic evaluation by Huntington Learning Center, a Summit on the Park birthday party



PHOTOS BY JOHN CASTINE, HOCKEY WEEKLY

Tim Thurmond, balloon sculptor, created balloon animals for over three hours and spent five hours earlier in the day on the large penguin to his left. Lindsay Allen, 6, of Canton gets an elephant balloon as her mom Lisa looks on.

package and a one-night stay in a jacuzzi suite at Canton's Holiday Inn Express, among numerous other gifts.

Children also had an opportunity to meet Arctic Edge's new mascot, Artie Edge, who took to the ice with youngsters. They also were wowed by acclaimed balloon sculptor Tim Thurmond, who brought a 6-foot-tall pen-

guin made of balloons.

Open Door Ministry Director Steve Darr had called it "fantastic" that Arctic Edge helped out the food pantry, which has seen demand for help increase.

For more on the ministry, go to [www.opendoor-foodministry.org](http://www.opendoor-foodministry.org).

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Sophie Wegryn, right, of Ypsilanti gets flower art on her hand by one of five face painters at the Fun Fest.

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Open Door Ministry food pantry volunteers Michele Yoder (from left), who runs the jobs program, and ministry co-Directors Jackie and Steve Darr at the Family Fun Fest.

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1. Regulated Use Waiver, the applicant is proposing to establish an acupuncture massage clinic at 30032 Ford Road and this site is within 300 feet of residentially zoned property. Per Section 154.163 of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance, regulated uses shall not be located within 300 feet of a residentially zoned property unless such restriction is waived by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
2. Regulated Use Waiver, the applicant is proposing to establish an acupuncture massage clinic at 30032 Ford Road and this site is within 1,000 feet of two existing regulated uses. Per Section 154.163 of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance, regulated uses shall not be located within 1,000 feet of a two or more existing regulated uses unless such restriction is waived by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and should be addressed to the Building Department at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the application may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing.

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The cost is \$20 and will include three games of 9 Pin No-Tap bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop. All proceeds will go to the American Diabetes Association.

For more information, call Shawna Fleming at (734) 635-4477 or John Fleming at (734) 604-0227.

**Open House**

The Garden City Co-op Preschool is holding its annual open house 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

Housed in Garden City Presbyterian Church at 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road, the preschool offers a toddler program, 3-year-old class, and a 4-year-old class.

Parents can stop by the open house with their child for a chance to meet the teacher and discover what the preschool has to offer. More information

is available by calling (734) 261-2838 or online at [www.gardencitycoopreschool.org](http://www.gardencitycoopreschool.org).

**Open House**

Party Animal Travel is holding an open house 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at its new location at 6543 Middlebelt, Garden City.

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Come out and meet the GC Community Chat Crew - Kerry, Kelly, Tom, Derek and Ben - who will be doing their show live at Party Animal.

Call (734) 525-9777 to save a spot.

**Challenge Grant**

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum have received financial commitments again this year from several individuals who will match up to \$10,000 in donations to the organization.

The deadline to submit

pledges for the dollar-to-dollar matching grant is Oct. 31. If you donate \$25, the total donation to the Friends is \$50. FGCHM is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and does not receive financial support from the City of Garden City for its operation and maintenance. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

This is the third and final year of a three-year matching grant campaign to help preserve the Garden City Historical Museum. Donations can be made payable to FGCHM and sent to the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriam Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

**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 Middlebelt in the Town Center Plaza. Also visit its new Facebook page at <http://gardencityfarmersmarketmichigan>.

Interested vendors can call (775) 303-1169 or (734) 422-4448 or send an email to [gcfmm@gmail.com](mailto:gcfmm@gmail.com).

**Don't pay off student loan with 401 (k) disbursement**

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: My husband and I have decided that it would make sense for me to quit my job and become a stay-at-home mother. At work I have a 401(k) plan which is approximately \$75,000. My husband thinks that I should have my 401(k) plan rolled over into an IRA. I, however, still have a student loan and would like to take the money from the 401(k) plan to pay off my student loan. I owe approximately \$50,000. Do you think that is a good idea? My husband says that with his income we should have no problem continuing to make the debt payments. I figured it would be better to just pay the debt off. Currently, the interest rate on my student loan is 4 percent.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

**A:** In reviewing your situation, it doesn't make sense to pay off your student loan. I recommend that you transfer the money from your 401(k) plan into an IRA.

My reason is based upon a number of things. The first deals with retirement.

I cannot stress how important it is to put whatever you can away for your retirement. As I've said many times in the past, retirement is a brand new concept in the history of mankind and it's going to cost you more than you think. It is possible that you and your husband will live longer in retirement than you worked. I believe that by investing the money in a well-

balanced and diversified growth portfolio, you will (in the long run) earn more than you are paying in interest. Of course, that doesn't mean that every year you will earn more, because there will be some years when the market is down. However, over the long run, you will do much better by letting your 401(k) money grow tax-deferred in an IRA.

I also based my conclusion on if you do withdraw money from your 401(k), it is subject to tax, both from the federal government and the state of Michigan. It will also be subject to a 10-percent penalty. Therefore, you will lose about 40 percent of your money between taxes and penalty.

**Tax-deductible**

Another factor is, more likely than not, your student loan interest will be tax-deductible. According to the IRS, you can deduct up to \$2,500 in student loan interest every year. The one caveat is the fact that the deduction phases out if your modified adjusted gross income for a married couple is more than \$120,000. If your income is more than \$150,000, then the deduction is not available. For most people, modified adjusted gross income is the same as adjusted gross income. And you can deduct your student loan interest even if you do not itemize deductions. This is one of the few deductions that you can take even though you may not itemize. IRS Publication 970 spells out the tax rules for deducting student interest and deals with all the tax benefits available for educa-

tion. On the whole, I am a fan of reducing debt. I generally like as little debt as possible. However, there are exceptions to the rule. The major exception is home mortgages. Particularly with the low interest rates we now have, the after-tax cost of mortgages is very low, therefore, in many situations it does not make sense to pay down those debts early. Student loans are also another potential exception. In this situation, because of the tax ramifications associated with withdrawing money from a retirement account, it generally does not make sense to use those resources to pay down your student loan.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to allocate as many resources as they can for their retirement. We all know that eventually there will be changes in Social Security and they won't be for our benefit. Pensions are generally a thing of the past. It is up to us to save for our retirement.

The key to making sure that you can have a long and happy retirement, from a financial standpoint, is to save as soon as possible and invest wisely. That means making sure you have a well-balanced and diversified portfolio geared for long-term growth.

Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [moneymatters@hometownlife.com](mailto:moneymatters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit his website at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).



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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135. At the hearing all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard on the following agenda item.

1. Regulated Use Waiver, the applicant is proposing to establish an acupuncture massage clinic at 30032 Ford Road and this site is within 300 feet of residentially zoned property. Per Section 154.163 of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance, regulated uses shall not be located within 300 feet of a residentially zoned property unless such restriction is waived by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
2. Regulated Use Waiver, the applicant is proposing to establish an acupuncture massage clinic at 30032 Ford Road and this site is within 1,000 feet of two existing regulated uses. Per Section 154.163 of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance, regulated uses shall not be located within 1,000 feet of a two or more existing regulated uses unless such restriction is waived by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and should be addressed to the Building Department at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the application may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing.

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# Judge orders trial in sexual assault case

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

A sexual act on a young child or inadvertent contact by a drunken man dancing.

That's the question in the case of Paul James Williams of Detroit, who is facing two charges of second-degree criminal sexual conduct stemming from an incident July 4 at the Westland Summer Festival.

The mother of a nearly five-year old girl, who isn't being named, testified Thursday in Westland 18th District Court about the incident. The woman said that she was with her daughter in the seating area by the bandstand about 9:30 p.m.

After talking with the girl's grandmother, who was seated in front of the bandstand, the woman testified that she and her daughter started to leave the row of seats. The daughter was in front, the mother followed pushing a stroller. Williams was dancing in the area at the end of rows of chairs.

"He (Williams) started dancing around my daughter. He leaned over so his genitals were against her back side gyrating for about 30 seconds," the mother testified. "I pulled him away. A few other people noticed. I started yelling at him and saying they (witnesses) were calling police. He ran."

The mother testified that Williams made physical contact with her daughter with his genitals and also had his arm around her rubbing her chest. She had trouble

describing what Williams had been wearing and conceded she wasn't sure how long there had been contact when questioned by defense attorney Joseph Cross.

Security staff at the festival detained the man until Westland police arrived, the mother said, but when she went to the Police Department a short time later, Williams had been released. Several days later, she said she followed up with police and charges were filed.

Another witness, Christopher Staneff testified that he had noticed Williams and female companion dancing around for about 20-25 minutes.

"He was intoxicated, dancing around and stumbling into people," he said.

Sitting nearby, Staneff said he saw the mother and child head down the seating aisle where Williams was dancing. He described Williams as dancing crouched with one arm extended and waving in the air like a cowboy.

But Staneff testified that he also viewed the contact with the girl as inappropriate and yelled at him.

"He straddled the little girl for three to five seconds. I said 'Are you f---g kidding me? You just assaulted little girl. He said no he didn't," Staneff said. "I yelled for the police and chased him. Others chased him, too."

In the initial contact with the officer, Staneff said he was told to shut up and let the police handle it. He returned to talk with other witnesses, he

said, in case the mother wanted to sue the police.

Staneff testified that Williams was very close to the child but due to his sight line he was unable to say definitely whether there had been physical contact. The mother had a side view and would have been able to see if there was contact, Staneff said.

Cross argued that Williams shouldn't be bound over for trial, noting discrepancies in the mother's testimony and earlier statements to police. He said that Staneff didn't see physical contact.

"He (Staneff) said there could have been touching, it wasn't in his sight line, not that it didn't happen. There's a difference," said Judge Mark McConnell.

There was also no testimony that Williams had approached the child, Cross said, rather she happened to walk to where he was dancing.

"The burden is very low (at the preliminary examination). It's clear from the testimony that the defendant had a hand on the child's chest while grinding his genitals into her buttocks," said McConnell. "There are some differences in the testimony. These are questions of fact."

McConnell ordered Williams bound over for trial on both charges and added a bond condition of not possessing or consuming alcohol. Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment is set for Aug. 16.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Political races

## Anderson, Bailey deserve nomination

Westland and Garden City residents will go to the polls Tuesday, Aug. 7, to nominate candidates for the November general election for national, state and county offices.

After careful consideration and interviews with the candidates, we recommend **Glenn Anderson** as the Democratic nominee for the 13th U.S. Congressional District. For the state's reconfigured 11th House District, we recommend **Cody Bailey** as the Democratic nominee. The Republican candidates are unopposed in those races.

### 13th Congressional District

In the 13th Congressional District, John Conyers, the second-most senior member of the U.S. House of Representatives, is making a bid for a 24th term in Congress in a new district. Joining him in the Democratic race 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 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.

We believe the candidate who can best do that 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 has worked diligently with his colleagues on getting an anti-bullying measure passed and in retaining enhanced funding for the Garden City and Wayne-Westland school districts in the State School Aid Act for several years.

We believe Anderson 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. We recommend **Glenn Anderson** as the Democratic candidate who should move on to the November general election.

### 11th House District

Four candidates are seeking the Democratic nomination for the state House 11th District, which includes five precincts in Westland. They are Cody Bailey and Bill Kaledas of Garden City, David Knezek of Dearborn Heights and Dorothy Webb Grady of Inkster.

Bailey has a background in small business through his experience as founding partner in the Student Venture Board that helped launch seven student businesses and create more than 20 jobs while at Albion College and working in his family business.

He understands Michigan's recovery is tied to the growth of the business sector. While he supports the elimination of the personal property tax, he offers up a proposal of a 2.5-percent end-year profit tax. Businesses would pay after they make money; those that don't make money wouldn't be penalized.

He wants to see the creation of a Commission on Small Business and Entrepreneurship to help small businesses create jobs; a Michigan Main Street Bank to provide startup loans for developing small businesses and bridge loans for existing businesses to remain viable, especially in times of financial strain; tax credits for businesses that invest in the state and create jobs; and a return of the state's film tax incentive that will help diversify Michigan's economy.

Bailey has several pieces of legislation he would introduce in his first 100 days, one of which would lock down the State School Aid Fund to make sure the money goes for where it's meant — K-12 education. Bailey has said he is prepared to work all sides of the aisle to accomplish it.

We recommend **Cody Bailey** as the Democratic nominee in the 11th House District.



Sen. Glenn Anderson



Cody Bailey

# Vote yes on DIA, jail, local proposals

Voters also will decide the fate of several tax requests. On the county level, they include the renewal of the Wayne County Jail tax and the new Art Institute Authority millage request. In Westland, residents will decide the fate of a 0.99-mill tax request to fund the William P. Faust Public Library, while residents of the Garden City Public Schools are being asked to approve the renewal of the district's non-homestead property tax levy.

### Art Institute Authority

The Art Institute Authority millage would be a new tax for residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, if approved. We recommend the millage because of the direct benefits to residents and the Detroit area.

The proposal — 0.2 mills for 10 years — would cost the owner of a \$130,000 home about \$13 annually over the next decade.

While no one likes to pay more in property taxes, the amount is relatively small. Residents in the counties that approve the tax would receive free general admission to the museum. Adult tickets now are \$8, and a family of four pays \$24, so the tax would be a savings for most families that visit the DIA just once a year.

Each county that approves the tax would have an authority to oversee how the money collected is spent.

Without voters in at least two of the counties approving the tax, the DIA may

be forced to close selected galleries on weekdays, and eliminate school tours and community outreach programs. The DIA receives no state, county or city funding. It has been relying on the private sector to make up the shortfall in its \$25 million operating budget, something it can't do long term.

The DIA is one of the top six comprehensive fine arts museums in the United States. It would be a shame to let a jewel like the DIA slowly fade from existence, especially when the benefits to taxpayers and the metropolitan area far outweigh the cost.

Vote **YES** on the DIA ballot proposal Aug. 7.

### Wayne County Jail millage

The jails millage is a 10-year renewal. The tax (0.9381 mills) costs the owner of a home with a market value of \$130,000 about \$60 a year. It is estimated to generate approximately \$39 million in property tax revenue in 2012.

Retaining the millage means keeping more than 2,000 accused felons off the streets. While there is a lot of grumbling about how Wayne County manages tax dollars, most suburban leaders (of both parties) and all law enforcement officials admit this is a necessary renewal.

Vote **YES** on Proposal J to continue funding the Wayne County Jail system.

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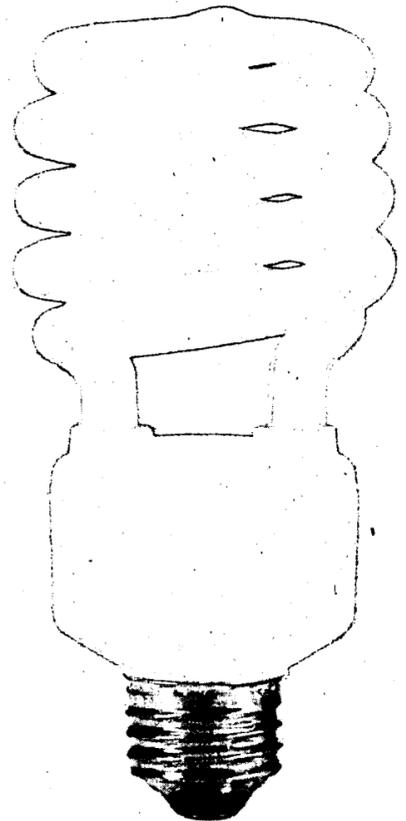
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## VOTE

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### Westland Library millage

Since it opened 15 years ago, the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland has gone beyond being a source of books and periodicals for residents to a cultural hub, bringing in people for everything from movies and concerts to computer, craft and exercise classes and special exhibits.

However, the state's economic woes and declining property values have cut into amount of money the original library millage, which stands at 0.9477 mills, collects. The library had to lay off almost one-third of its employees, reduce its hours and cut programs and spending as of July 1 as a result and it could get worse if new revenue isn't found.

The Westland Library Board, which governs the facility, is asking for a second 0.99-mill tax levy for 10 years to offset the loss. The millage being sought Aug. 7 would generate about \$1.3 million the first year. Based on an average home valued at \$58,600, it would cost the homeowner \$24.75 annually or about 48 cents a week.

We believe Westland voters need to get behind this tax request. A library is an important asset and having one can attract people to the community. The cost will be small, but the rewards will be huge. We recommend a **YES** on the 0.99-mill library tax request.

### Non-Homestead Tax Renewal

Residents in the Garden City Public Schools are being asked to renew a 19.832-mill non-homestead tax levy for six years.

Renewal of the non-homestead tax is a quirk of Proposal A. It is the one piece of the legislation that requires voter approval. Unlike the 6 mills levied statewide on primary residences, the non-homestead tax is paid by the owners of commercial, industrial and some personal property (like rentals). It won't cost primary homeowners a single penny.

Proposal A allows school districts to levy 18 non-homestead mills. Garden City's request is for more. The additional amount is a hedge against Headlee rollbacks. The Headlee Amendment requires that any millage be reduced if annual growth on existing property is greater than the rate of inflation. Having the extra mills allows Garden City to roll back the millage and not affect the 18 mills it levies. It also eliminates the need for a Headlee override election, required to increase the millage back up to 18 mills.

The request is an important one for the district, and we recommend a **YES** vote on the

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Save our library

As a resident of Westland, a homeschooling mom of five children, I feel like the Westland Public Library is a cornerstone for our youth, families and community at large.

Think of all the services the library offers not only to the youth and children but to adults and seniors as well. Friday night movies, eBooks, teen programs, job seekers lab, summer concerts, storytimes, computer classes, summer reading programs, new homebound program locations, 1-on-1 computer training, craft classes, research databases, health and financial programs, special exhibits, exercise classes the list goes on! All for just being a resident of our fine city!

Naturally the library is a place to grow, and enhance our community, why there is any question whatsoever about how it will proceed to operate in the future is nauseating, honestly.

I won't try to hide my disdain or cynicism about why the library was even a source for budget cuts. When we have street sweepers, fencing that is put up and then taken down the same season at local parks, and other "free" community events that frankly don't serve the community as a "whole," there should be no question about cuts and where they come from. Now I am not criticizing the fine folks at city council, or Mayor Wild and his staff, but I certainly would think

that Westland residents are smart enough to know and see a mistake when it is on the horizon. That is exactly what budget cuts to the library would be, a mistake.

The staff at the library have already had to face tough times as we all have when the housing market and property value slowly descended in our community. As our homes have gone down in value so has the property taxes and the library's budget. Why do more damage?!

We all need the library, young, old or in the middle. No, most senior citizens are not using the new splash park, but they can read or listen to an audio book. No, my children who are all 8 and under, rarely attend free events and we use the park occasionally but we are at the library every week, and have participated in many of their programs. Sure my neighbor who is in college and employed recently became unemployed, guess what?! There was help for him in job seekers lab. This mama, who wanted to learn more about knitting and yoga did not have to pay a cent because my awesome local library provided both!

In closing, I say, keep your new parks and free events etc., my family and I stand by the library and all it offers and what it represents. Bring on the education and help, for our community for our youth! Save our library!

Jayna and Gordie Graham and our children,  
Jonah, Ben, Nora, Ezra, and Leland

Wayne County Circuit Court located in Detroit, Michigan  
KRIKOR HOLDING, LLC (Plaintiff) vs. CRAIG WHITE,  
SHEILA UNDERWOOD and WELLS FARGO BANK,  
N.A. (Defendants)

This proceeding is in regard to a "quiet title complaint" relating to the property at 35814 Canyon Drive, Westland, MI 48186 filed by KRIKOR HOLDING, LLC against Defendants.

An answer is required by one or both of the Defendants by August 27, 2012.

If Defendants do not file an answer on their behalf in this action a judgment may be entered in favor of Plaintiff, KRIKOR HOLDING, LLC.

Contact Plaintiff's attorney if you have any interest in this matter at 313-846-6300.

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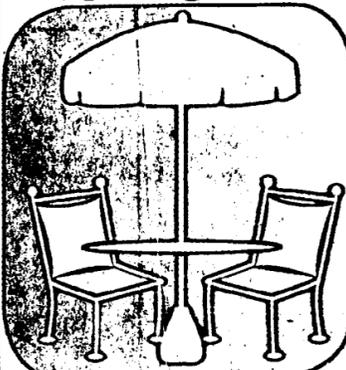
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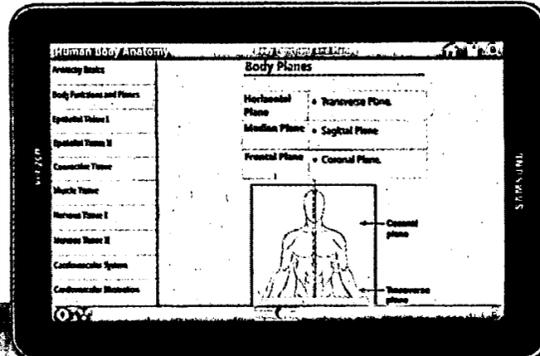
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# SPORTS



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Members of the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team learn blocking technique on the sled Thursday afternoon. A heightened emphasis on safety is stressed for all drills.



Garden City Youth Athletics Association football commissioner Scott Murray holds an older, replaced helmet with one of the program's new helmets. The new helmets are lighter and the interior padding better helps absorb collisions.

## Clinic targets injury issues

Canton-based Dynamic Athlete Performance will team up with Henry Ford Health System to offer a free-of-charge Lower Extremity/ACL Prevention Clinic on Monday, Aug. 20, from 6-8 p.m. at Dynamic Athlete Performance, which is located at 46615 Michigan Avenue.

The clinic will feature a presentation on lower-extremity anatomy, ACL injury-prevention tips and specific strength-training exercises for athletes who compete in sports such as soccer, basketball and volleyball.

Among the presenters will be Henry Ford Health System sports medicine physician Brett Martin, former world-class decathlete Chad Smith and athletic trainer Nicole Schreiber.

To register for the clinic, call (734) 961-3271 or send an e-mail to info@d-a-p-t.com.

## YOUTH FOOTBALL'S 'SAFETY' BLITZ

### Junior gridiron programs place high emphasis on players' health

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

In an era when concussion-related scrutiny continues to pile on the National Football League, junior gridiron gladiators have never been safer.

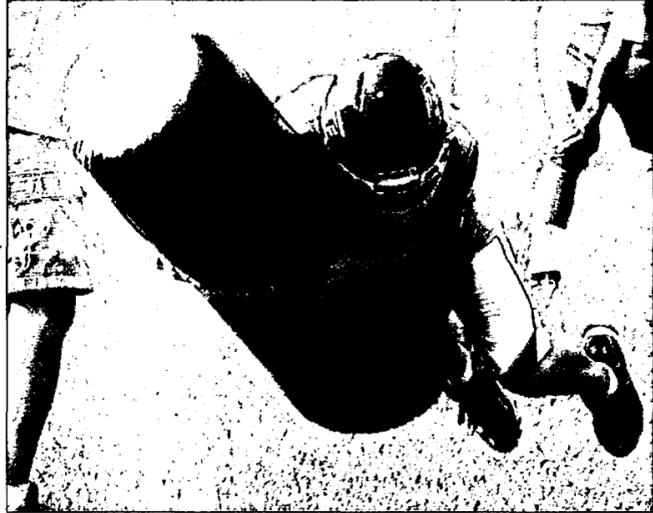
That is the overwhelming consensus of several Observer-land-area youth football coaches and administrators, who say a recent all-out "safety" blitz has made the sport's athletes as safe as ever.

In addition to significant equipment improvements — particularly pertaining to helmets — coaches are much better educated when it comes to concussion recognition and post-concussion treatment.

"From what I've seen, player safety is a lot better now,

even compared to four or five years ago," said Jake Wieloch, the varsity head coach of the Canton Lions. "There's been a jump in quality in the design of the equipment and our coaches have a much greater awareness of what's going on out on the field as far as recognizing concussions.

"Just like with everything, parents need to weigh the risks against the benefits. Football is a contact sport, so there are risks involved, but thanks to the upgrade in equipment and education, the risks aren't as great as they were several years ago. Also, the benefits of playing a team sport like this are numerous: Learning life lessons like getting up after you get knocked



Livonia Falcons player Sean Miastdowski displays proper shoulder-first tackling technique during Thursday's practice.

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## Combs ESPN All-American

Livonia Ladywood pitcher Briana Combs was recently named to the Gatorade/ESPN All American second team for the 2012 season.

Combs, was also named 2012 Miss Softball by the Michigan Interscholastic Softball Coaches Association and 2012 Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year.

Combs, who will attend Cleveland State University in the fall on a softball scholarship, boosted a career record of 149-11 with 1,400 strikeouts and an earned run average of 0.21.

She went 38-1 her senior year with 378 strikeouts and an 0.21 ERA while batting .528 as the Blazers captured the MHSAA Division 2 state championship in June.

## 2012 LONDON SUMMER OLYMPICS

## Schmitt's gold rush continues

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Allison Schmitt did it again and did it in the clutch.

The Canton High grad earned her second gold medal in as many days pushing the United States in front in the anchor leg to capture the women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay Wednesday night at the London Summer Olympic games.

The 22-year-old, coming off a gold medal performance Tuesday in the 200 freestyle, provided the anchor leg as the Americans clocked an Olympic-record 7 minutes, 42.92 seconds. The time was only 0.84 second off the world record.

"The best thing is to bring home gold for the U.S.," Schmitt said. "It's my first Olympic gold medal in the relay."

Joining Schmitt on the podium for the gold medal



KIRBY LEE | USA TODAY

Canton's Allison Schmitt (far left) proudly flashes her 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay gold medal along with teammates (from left) Shannon Freeland, Dana Vollmer and Missy Franklin.

ceremony were relay teammates Missy Franklin, Dana Vollmer and Shannon Freeland.

"The first three ladies had an amazing swim and I just wanted to bring it home for them," Schmitt said.

Australia led by over a

half-second entering the final leg, but had to settle for silver in 7:44.41.

Schmitt swam the final leg in 1:54.09, just half second off her 200 freestyle first-place finish and the second

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## Bachrouche PR's in 800 freestyle

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

North Farmington grad Katya Bachrouche, representing Lebanon, posted a personal best time of 8 minutes, 35.88 in the women's 800-meter freestyle Thursday at the London Summer Olympic Games.

The 22-year-old University of Virginia All-American finished second in Heat 2 behind Julia Hassler of Liechtenstein, who was clocked in 8:35.18.

Bachrouche, however, did not make it to the Friday's finals.

American Katie Ledecky, only 15, won the gold medal in an American record time of 8 minutes, 14.63 seconds. Spain's Mirela Belmonte Garcia took the silver in 8:18.76, while Great Britain's Rebecca Adlington grabbed the bronze in 8:20.32.

Bachrouche's time ranked 18th overall among the 35 preliminary heat participants. She bested her previous 800 freestyle time

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## Redford Jr. grid practice

The Redford Catholic junior football program will kick off Monday with condition practices from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Loretto in Redford.

Players between the ages of 8 and 14 who are interested in playing football are encouraged to sign up on Monday. The program is especially in need of freshmen players.

For more information, contact Pat Wagner at (313) 690-0117.

The team kicks off its 2012 season on Aug. 25.



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Canton's Allison Schmitt is all smiles after anchoring the U.S. to a gold medal in the women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay Wednesday at the London Summer Olympic Games.

## SCHMITT

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fastest split ever in the world on Tuesday.

"I knew it was close, I saw it was neck-and-neck all race and I just wanted to swim my own race like in the 200 last night," Schmitt said. "I just wanted to feed off that energy and bring home the gold tonight for the relay."

France touched third in 7:47.49 to earn the bronze while Canada was a distant fourth in 7:50.65.

"I knew Allison was going to pull off something amazing and the rest of us had to at least be even with everyone else," Vollmer said, "knowing that I fought as hard as I could that last 50 to either get ahead or at least stay even with the field so every person diving in would have the best chance they could."

Earlier in the day, Australia clocked a 7:49.44 in Heat 1 to earn the top qualifying time. The Americans, winner of Heat 2, were seeded second going into the finals after posting a time of 7:50.75.

Schmitt, who took a year off from the University of Georgia to train for the Olympics under coach Bob Bowman at the North Baltimore Aquatic Club, has earned a total of four medals during the London Games including two gold, a silver in the 400 freestyle and a bronze in the 4 x 100 freestyle relay.



Canton's Allison Schmitt (far left) flashes her gold medal after winning a gold medal Tuesday in the 200-meter freestyle at the London Summer Olympic Games.

The 2008 Canton grad also earned a bronze medal in the 800 freestyle relay at the Beijing Olympics.

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# Area athletes to be inducted in CMU Hall

The late Kevin Young (Farmington High) and Allison Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) are among six former Central Michigan University greats who will be inducted this fall into Marcy Weston Athletics Hall of Fame.

Receiving the highest honor bestowed by the department are soccer player Allison Campbell (2000-01), baseball player Young (1992-94), cross country/track coach Craig Fuller (1982-86, 1990-2008), wrestler Carleton Kinkade (1984-88), softball player Hope Robertson (1998-2001), and basketball player David Webber (1999-2002).

The newest class will be enshrined on Friday, Oct. 26, in a ceremony at the CMU Events Center. The free event is open to the public and begins at 7 p.m. The group will also be recognized at halftime of the 3:30 p.m. football game against Akron on Saturday, Oct. 27.

"This is another class of inductees that has continued the proud tradition and championship culture of CMU Athletics," CMU Director of Athletics Dave Heeke said. "Our induction ceremony is the highlight of the year as we look forward to reuniting with our former student-athletes and celebrating alongside the many people who have helped them succeed."



Kevin Young



Allison Campbell

The late Young was a key member as a third baseman of the 1994 baseball team which captured the Mid-American Conference tournament title and appeared in the NCAA tournament, along with the 1993 team that won the MAC regular season championship.

He earned first-team All-America honors and was the MAC Player of the Year in the 2004 season, during which he batted .415 with 17 home runs and a then CMU-record tying 63 RBI.

Young was selected in the 1994 Major League

Baseball Draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers and reached double-A in 1997 before retiring from pro baseball after four seasons.

A native of Farmington Hills, Young passed away unexpectedly in 2008 at the age of 36. His wife, Michelle, and children Hanna and Liam survive him.

Campbell was a two-year standout on the women's soccer team after transferring to CMU from the University of Tennessee.

She was named first-team All-Mid-American Conference in 2001 and second-team in 2000. Her name frequently appears in the CMU soccer record book, with single-season records for goals (14), assists (8) and points (33).

Campbell also set a single-match record with three goals in a game against Buffalo in 2001.

She has earned two master's degrees from the University of Massachusetts and is currently a merchandising representative for a leading sales and marketing services company in Livonia.

## OLYMPICS

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of 8:44.5 by over nine seconds.

The top three prelim times were posted by Adlington (8:21.78), Denmark's Lotte Friis (8:21.89) and Ledecy (8:23.84).

Bachrouche, who was able to walk through the

London Summer Games' opening ceremonies, was only one of two swimmers to represent the Lebanon team. She holds dual citizenship through her father, who was born and raised in Lebanon.

Bachrouche, who turns 23 on Aug. 18, finished seventh last summer in 400 freestyle at the World University Games in China. Last December, Bach-

rouche captured four gold medals in the 200, 400 and 800 freestyles, along with the 200 IM, at the Pan-Arab Games held in Doha, Qatar.

In February, Bachrouche moved to Los Angeles to train with the Trojan Swim Club, a post grad team at USC.

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# SAFETY

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down; and to keep going when you feel like stopping."

## Just say know

There is a growing trend among youth-league organizations to require coaches to recognize the symptoms of concussions. The Garden City Youth Athletic Association mandated such a program this summer.

"We asked all of our head coaches to complete an online program offered by the University of Michigan," said GCYAA football commissioner Scott Murray. "They had to complete the program and then pass a test."

Murray, who is also the head coach of the Garden City High School varsity football team, said concussion awareness has increased dramatically in recent years.

"Back in the day, they used to say, 'You got your bell rung kid; shake it off and get back in there,'" Murray said. "Nowadays, if a concussion is diagnosed, the kid sits out and he stays out until he is cleared by a doctor."

"We do a better job of tracking the athletes' concussions and other serious injuries," added Pat Elvy, who oversees the Farmington Rockets' football operations. "A player is not allowed to play after he suffers a concussion until he is cleared to return by a doctor. If he suffers a second concussion, he's not allowed to play any more."

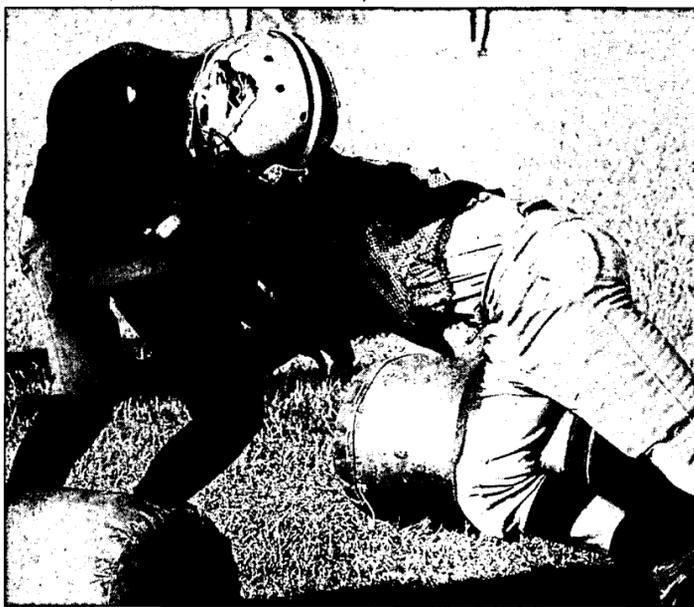
Elvy said the sport's mentality has changed 180 degrees when it comes to dealing with concussions.

"You used to hear things like, 'Suck it up, be a man,'" he said. "Now there's more education out there and we understand the seriousness of the situation."

## High tech

Comparing the helmets today's young players wear to the ones their parents strapped on is like comparing a Lexus to a Pinto.

Modern headgear is lighter, better-padded and designed to absorb



ED WRIGHT

The Canton Lions worked on proper form tackling mid-way through Friday night's practice at Heritage Park in Canton.

the shock of collisions.

"The price has gone up considerably," Murray said, "but when you consider the kids' safety, it's well worth it."

The helmets used by the Livonia Junior Athletic League's players are packed up and sent away to the manufacturer each year so that they can be thoroughly inspected.

"We send them to Riddell for re-conditioning every year," said Mark Mims, who heads the Livonia Falcons' program. "Each helmet is tested. If they don't pass the test, they're rejected and taken out of commission."

A new rule was also recently instituted that requires all helmets that are 10 years old to be thrown out — even if they're fit enough to pass inspection, Wieloch said.

Kevin Poet, the president of the Plymouth-Canton Steelers, said the Steelers' organization has been pro-active when it comes to player safety.

"We have done several things with regard to a heightened awareness involving concussions," said Poet. "We have yearly certification

of our helmets. We work with Riddell on equipment grants to continuously upgrade our equipment, and we provide concussion training for all our coaches."

Recent studies have shown that mouth guards play a major role in concussion prevention.

"A lot of players will chew the ends of their mouth guards while they're standing on the sidelines during games or at practice," Elvy said. "We check the condition of the mouth guards before every game because one thing that can cause or worsen the effects of a concussion are when the molars in the back of the mouth come together during a collision."

In the wake of the recent revelations that concussions create serious long-term health issues for NFL players, some observers have predicted the demise of tackle football in the next 25 years.

"If that ever happened, it would be very unfortunate," said Murray, "because this game offers so many life lessons that other sports can't."

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ED WRIGHT

Members of the Livonia Falcons flag-football team go through stretching exercises Thursday afternoon. The players are equipped with kick-boxing helmets for safety.

# Youngest gridders are well-protected

By Ed Wright  
Observer Staff Writer

You're never too young to learn the fundamentals of football.

That was the philosophy of the Livonia Junior Athletic League's four youth football programs, which created opportunities four years ago for first- and second-graders to get an early taste of the sport.

"We had a lot of our older players' younger siblings sitting around watching their brothers play, so we decided to start up a flag football program for them, just so they can learn the basics of the sport," Livonia Falcons football unit director Mark Mims said. "There was enough interest to start a team and we have 21 players this year."

Unlike a lot of youth flag football leagues throughout the Detroit area, the LJAL teams

equip their players with headgear to help prevent concussions and other head-related injuries.

"Even in flag football, there can be incidental collisions that take place, so we purchased kick-boxing helmets for all of the players," Mims said. "They only cost about \$17 each, but they provide a layer of protection for the young kids."

The four Livonia flag teams play eight games per season and open the fall with a four-way scrimmage against one another.

"The flag games usually start about two hours before the first tackle game of the day," Mims said. "It's a great way for the young kids to learn all the terminology, what the different positions do and how the game is played."

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### 12-13U baseball

Tryouts for the 2013 13-and-under and 12-and-under Motor City Riversharks travel baseball teams will be held Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 12) at Walz Quadrangle, which is located on Forest Rd. (between Venoy and Hubbard) in Wayne.

The 13U tryouts will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday and from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The 12U tryouts are set for 7:30-9 p.m. on Tuesday and 1:30-3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

All players are encouraged to sign in up to 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the tryout.

Players are not required to attend all three tryouts.

Players must be willing to commit to 40 to 50 games, including weekend tournament play, from April through July.

For more information and to pre-register for tryouts, send an e-mail to motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

### 13-U baseball

The Michigan Bulldogs will be holding tryouts for their 13-and-under baseball team from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, August 5 at Bicentennial Park's (Field No. 8), located off Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia.

Players are asked to show up by 1:45 p.m. to get warmed up and fill out a tryout form.

Email Scott Coughlin at scott.coughlin@yahoo.com for more information.

### 12-U baseball

Open travel baseball tryouts for the 12-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Canfield Arena/Central Park, located south of Ford between Beech Daly and Inkster Roads.

Interested players must be 12 years-old prior to May 1, 2013 and only need to attend one of the two tryout sessions.

For more registration information, call head coach Brad Ebben at (248) 924-0489; or e-mail bebben1.att.net.

Tryouts for the Livonia Longhorns, an under-12 baseball team, will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4 at Livonia Franklin High School.

For more information, call coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499.

### 11-U baseball

Tryouts for the 2013 Motor City Chiefs under-11 travel baseball team will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 at Massey Field, 790 Plymouth Road, Plymouth; and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8 at Castle Gardens, 14501 Hix Road, Livonia.

Players are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to tryout time to register and warm up. (If unable to attend, a player evaluation can be scheduled upon request.)

For more information, call Dan Sheahan at (734) 377-3123; or Ken Gaffney at (734) 395-4058.

You can also e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.com.

### U-11 baseball

The Livonia Lakers will hold under-11 baseball tryouts from 1-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5, at Livonia's Rotary Park (Diamond No. 4).

Tryouts are open to residents of Livonia schools (public or private only).

For more information, email Aaron Rumberger at crumberger@yahoo.com

### U-9 baseball

Tryouts for the Livonia Bats, an under-9 baseball team, will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 at Livonia Franklin H.S.

For more information, call coach Bill Schaffer at (734) 891-3896.

### Plymouth High hockey camp

Plymouth High School hockey players interested in trying out for the varsity team this fall are encouraged to participate in a summer mini-camp that begins Tuesday, Aug. 7, with a 90-minute skate at the Canton Arctic Edge Arena starting at 7:30 p.m.

A second skating session will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9.

The Plymouth varsity hockey mini-camp is a series of on-ice sessions and off-ice workouts for three weeks.

For more information, call Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento at (313) 215-3394, or visit the team's website: www.hockey.plymouthwildcats.com.

### Salem Rockettes set golf outing

The 12th annual Salem Rockettes Golf Outing is slated for

Sunday, Aug. 5 at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

Cost is \$100 per golfer for 18 holes of golf (scramble format) on the Premium Classic Fox course, followed by a buffet dinner and silent auction.

Also on tap will be contests with prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and much more.

Register on-line at www.golfoutingpro.com/event/salem-rockettes.

### Golf classes

Late summer youth and adult golf classes are available during the month of August at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

There will also be a Golf Enhancement Session, Practice Drills for Your Irons, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6 at the practice range.

Included in the \$20 cost is range balls and swing tips. (Golf after 6:30 p.m. is an additional \$10, including cart.)

For more information or to book a lesson, contact PGA professional Tami Bealert at TrainwithTami@yahoo.com; or call (734) 731-0238.

### Meteors hold golf outing

The Westland Meteors youth football and cheer program will stage a golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5 at Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 S. Lotz Road, Canton.

Check-in for the four-person scramble begins at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$75 (includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner). Prizes include best team score, longest drive, closest-to-the-pin, 50-50 raffle and other raffle items.

For more information, call Meteors unit director Don Gibbs at (734) 740-0069; or e-mail unitdirector@westlandmeteors.com.

You can also call booster president Daniel McNea at (734) 781-5253 or e-mail dmnea@ymail.com.

### Hawk golf outing

The Farmington Harrison High School Football Boosters Club will have its annual golf outing Sunday, Aug. 5, at Cat-tails 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.

### Hawks girls hoops

Free tryouts for the Livonia Junior Athletic League Hawks, a sixth-grade girls basketball team, will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the Churchill H.S. Fieldhouse (Court No. 2); 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 and Thursday, Aug. 23, both at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (Main Gym No. 2).

Tryouts are open to anyone who reside in the Livonia Public School district regardless of school.

For more information, contact coach Jennifer Sopko at jennifer\_sopko@hotmail.com; or call (248) 854-4207; or coach Doug Freed at um24osu12@hotmail.com; or call (734) 634-5134.

### Farmington girls swim tryouts

The Farmington High School girls swim and dive team is looking for interested girls to join the team. There are no tryouts, and everyone will get a chance to compete.

Practice officially begins Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Farmington High. For more information, contact coach Driska McCullough at (248) 561-2090.

### Meet the team night at Churchill

Livonia Churchill High athletics will stage a Meet the Team Night beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 at the Carli Auditorium.

All Churchill athletes from all three seasons, along with their parents, are urged to attend.

For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

### 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@yourbowlingcoach.com or call (248) 615-9060.

### Run, bike golf

Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and 9-hole scramble golf event will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superior Township.

The cost is \$65 (through Sept. 15) or \$75 (through race day). Included in the cost is a free golf clinic conducted by PGA professional Tami Bealert at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Hickory Creek. Tami's Tri includes gift pack, prizes and lunch included. Space is limited to 144 golfers.

Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization Growth Works, Inc. of Canton and Plymouth.

To RSVP, e-mail TrainWithTami@yahoo.com. For more information, call (734) 731-0238; or visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

### Triple Threat hoop program

Triple Threat Training is hosting a developmental club for young basketball players at High Velocity Sports in Canton, running from Sept. 9 through Oct. 22. The six-week club is for boys and girls of all ages.

The club (\$250) is designed for those entering grades 3-8 who are interested in taking their game to the next level. Training will focus on improving individual skills, basketball IQ, strength, conditioning, speed and agility.

In addition to age-appropriate workouts will be instructional scrimmages with referees on Sundays from 3-6 p.m. A jersey will be included.

High Velocity is located south of Michigan Ave. west of Canton Center/Belleville Road in Canton. Call (734) 341-1336 or e-mail Troy Coleman at tcoleman@ttsports.net for more details.

# Michigan Jaguars bounce back to capture U.S. championship

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

The Michigan Jaguars '96 Green took last year's US Youth Soccer National Championship loss to heart by earning the Under-16 title on enemy turf with a 2-0 victory over Carolina Elite in Sunday's final at the Manchester Meadows Complex in Rock Hill, S.C.

The national U-15 runner-up from a year ago, the Jaguars captured the coveted title thanks to first-half goal Bloomfield Hills' Nathan McLean (Novi Detroit Catholic Central High), who pounced knock down off his team's long throw in. That was followed by the match clincher during the 79th minute as Saline's Jason Carmack (Ann Arbor Huron) connected off a counter attack.

Jaguars center-defender Zachary Bock (Novi CC) was named MVP of the tournament, while goalkeeper James Hague (Walled Lake) captured the Golden Glove Award.

The Jaguars, the only Michigan squad to win a national title, kept their team virtually intact after losing 3-1 to the Chicago Fire Academy Juniors in the 2011 championship final.

"Actually we carried the same team and added two new players," Jaguars coach Barry Scott said. "I think the difference was knowing the disappointment of not winning it last year. It really made them determined and focused to go back and win it this year."

"That was the driving force knowing they were so close last year - it was the determination and focus to go back and do one better."

On July 25, Berkley's



Members of the U-16 Michigan Jaguars '96 Green hoist the US Youth Soccer National Championship trophy after posting a win over Carolina Elite Sunday in Rock Hill, S.C.

Iain Mason (Birmingham Groves) scored a pair of goals, while McLean and Travis Hamers (South Lyon East) added one tally apiece as the Jaguars opened first-round play with a wild 4-3 win over Arsenal FC Lucey, the California-South Region VI champion.

A day later, Carmack tallied the lone goal in the 43rd minute to give the Jaguars a 1-0 victory over Lehigh (Pa.) Valley '95 United.

That set up a semifinal match Friday against the Scottsdale (Ariz.) Blackhawks with Carmack, Luai Fakhoury (Farmington Harrison) and Hamers scoring goals in a 3-2 triumph.

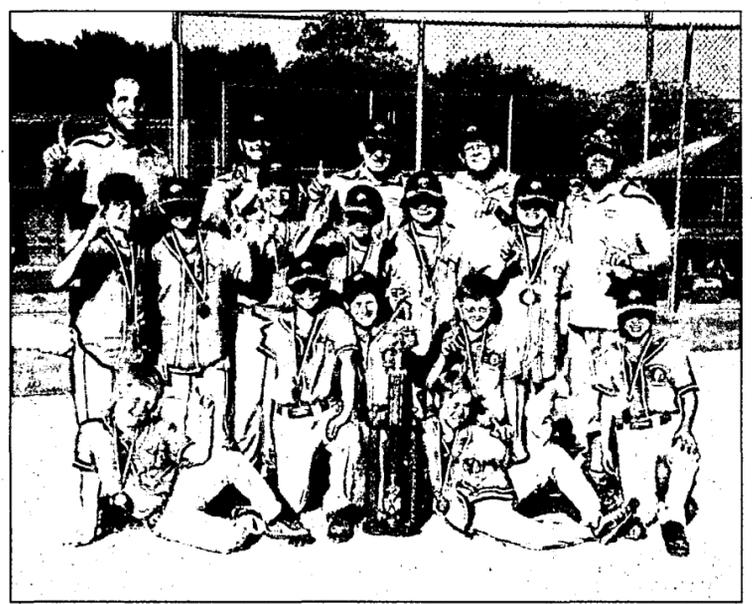
"We're a great team due to the fact that we have a lot of depth," Scott said. "Normally we have three, four or five different scorers. In this tournament we had five or six players that scored at least one goal. So having that depth and being able to have multiple players score from all positions was huge."

The US Youth Soccer

National Championship series began last fall with 10,000 teams competing in state regional and national qualifying tournaments. The field was pared down to the top 60 teams, ages 14-19, with the Jaguars capturing the Midwest Region League, Michigan State Cup and US Region II titles.

Rounding out the Jaguars' 19-member squad includes: center-midfielder Ken Krolicki, midfielder-forward Griffin Parks and Matheo Plate, all of Canton High; midfielder Nicholas Oakley and fullback Matthew Kiura, both of Novi H.S.; defender Philip Ritchie, Novi CC; midfielder Joseph VanHouten, Northville H.S.; midfielder Vikram Mathias, West Bloomfield H.S.; goalkeeper K. Scott Michael, South Lyon H.S.; midfielder Michael Winters, Ypsilanti Lincoln H.S.; fullback Antonio Risto, Dexter H.S.; and defender-midfielder Reid Tennant, Ann Arbor Skyline H.S.

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## Hail to the Chiefs

The 10-and-under Motor City Chiefs closed their 2012 season with 10 straight wins and back-to-back tournament championships at the Wolves Open World Series at Founder's Sports Park in Farmington Hills (July 20-22) and Frankenmuth Summer Heat Tournament (July 27-29). Team members include (top row, from left) coaches Ken Gaffney, Tom Rorabacher, Tom Dono, Dan Sheahan, Dan Behen; (middle row, from left) Gabe Mitchell, Kyle Gaffney, Will Ressler, Thomas Dono, Cory Littlefield, Kyle Littlefield; (bottom row, from left) Matt Behen, Kai St. Germaine, Greg Wiacek, Colin Sheahan, Ryan Strojny; (front) Brandon Rorabacher.



## Softball impact

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Impact, the first-ever 10-and-under team in the history of the Western Wayne County League, finished 11-2 to capture the Silver North Division crown of the WWCL. They also finished runner-up, July 21-22, in the Black River Rumble Tournament in Port Huron. Team members include (front row, from left): Kacey Noseworthy, Sarah Cassidy, Hannah Kramer, Sydney Gordon, Nicole Roggog, Kelly McCullough; (second row, from left) Lyndsey Bruce, Kara Erickson, Isabel Randel, Sarah Williams, Jordyn Kravitz, Jenna Frommer; (back row, from left) coach Deb Lapin, coach Grant Kravitz, Molly Simpson, Kelly Simpson, manager Jeff Simpson and coach Larry Frommer.

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# Bullish on baseball

## Ex-NFL player leads LCBL team to stellar season

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Frank Gallagher played seven seasons in the NFL, but the 69-year-old manager of the Michigan Bulls would rather talk baseball any day.

His 22-and-under Bulls, the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League champion with a 27-8 record, have earned another trip to the 16-team National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series, Aug. 9-14, in Toledo, Ohio.

It's the Bulls fifth straight trip to the NABF World Series.

Gallagher's 2005 team captured the NABF title in 2005 and were runners-up in 2004. Last year the Bulls reached the semifinals.

Gallagher, who played offensive guard for the Detroit Lions from 1967-72, including two trips to the Pro Bowl, has been at the helm of the Bulls since 2001. He is also the owner of the Bullpen Baseball Academy in Novi.

The Bulls had to hold off the hard-charging Michigan Knights (26-9) to win the LBCL title on July 22 with a 5-2 victory in the first game of a double-header as right-hander David Fredericks, who will play next season for Wayne State, got the victory.

"We played extremely well for a long period of time, then we had a bad streak at the end of the year where we lost six out of seven games," Gallagher said. "But the last three games we played extremely well. We were 21-3 at one point. I thought our league was a lot better this year, so we had competition within our league."

Fredericks, who played for Grand Rapids Community College last spring, is joined on a quality starting staff that also includes Josh Vandemark (Madonna University/Hicks-ville, Ohio), Mark Heard (Northwood University/Farmington Harrison) and Riley Smith (Siena Heights/Farmington High).

The team's closer has been Ethan Vasilaiskas (Wayne State).

The LCBL is a wood bat league where low scoring games are the norm as pitching and defense rule.

"We have good pitchers in a good league," Gallagher said of the LCBL. "I shouldn't say this, but Smith probably throws about 70 MPH, but he has had an amazing season. He threw a one-hitter for us against the (Michigan) Rams."

The Bulls' top hitter this season has been outfielder Nick Regnier (Novi), a starter at Central Michigan University, who is batting over .400 to go along with 30-plus stolen bases. Regnier is joined in the outfield by Steve Pelletier (Madonna/Harrison) and Kevin Conway (Wake Forest/Detroit Country Day).

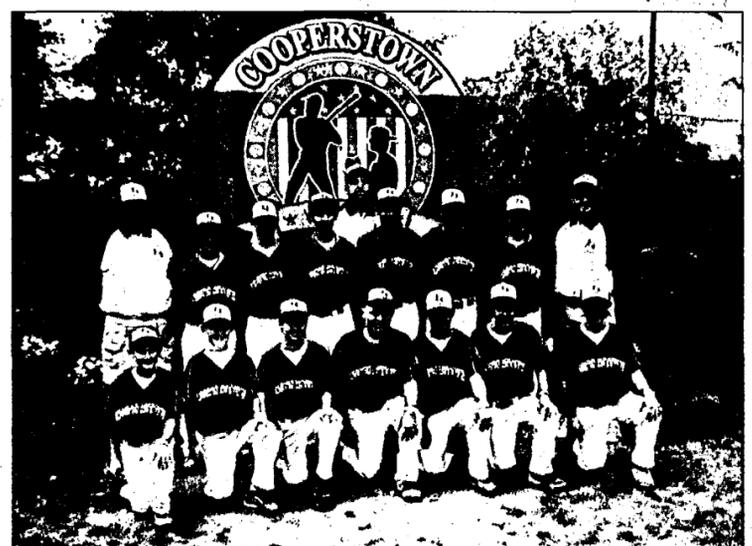
Shortstop Pat Mackenzie (CMU/Birmingham Brother Rice), first baseman Brad Lineberry (Madonna/Plymouth) and third baseman Theo Piccirilli (Western Michigan/Orchard Lake St. Mary) are all hitting over .300, while Ryan Horvath (Owens CC/Madison Heights Lamphere) provides solid play at second base.

Tyler Huntley (Morley Stanwood), a red shirt freshman from CMU, and back-up Jacob Rhodes (Western Kentucky/Bellefonte), both handle the catching duties.

The Bulls open pool play Aug. 9 at Bowman Park in Toledo. The two top teams from each of the four pools advance to the single-elimination semifinals, which will be played at Lourdes (Ohio) University's all-turf field.

"When it came down to winning three of our last four games, we did so," said Gallagher, a native of Chester, Pa., who played his college football at North Carolina. "This team is very good, one of the better teams I've had."

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## Thunder visits Cooperstown

The 12-and-under Livonia City Thunder, AA travel baseball team recently wrapped up a 31-12 season, including 5-2 record in the week-long National Cooperstown (N.Y.) Tournament of Champions at the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The Thunder was fifth seeded team going into the playoffs and placed third overall in a team fielding competition. Jake Beaune led the way with three homers, including one over the park's "Green Monster." Other homers came from Connor Beck, Jack Bushart, Connor Jakacki and Craig Jakacki. The Thunder also captured the Shiawassee Shootout and Memorial Day NIT tournaments, while earning a runner-up finish in the Pinckney Pirates Classic. Members of the Thunder, sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings and Baskin Robbins, include: (back row, from left): coach Dennis Bushart, Jake Beaune, Spencer Weber, Zack Chopps, coach Dave Kubeshesky, Michael Harding, Connor Beck, Parker Graham and coach Joe Jakacki; (front row, from left) Cole Bushart, Jack Bushart, George Ferguson, Carl Clapp, Craig Jakacki, Joe Kubeshesky and Connor Jakacki. (Not pictured is coach Joe Chops).

## Local netters shine in Schoolcraft Classic

Unseeded Aimee Moccia of Livonia won all three matches to capture the Girls 18 singles title, July 27-29, at the U.S. Tennis Association Schoolcraft College Junior Classic.

Moccia, who will be a junior at Stevenson High, defeated top seed Allison Motea of Oakland Township, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 10-6 (super breaker) for the championship after disposing Kelsi Black of Monroe in the semifinals, 6-2, 6-3, and second seed Abigail Haugie of

Brighton in the quarterfinals, 6-0, 6-0.

In the Girls 16 finals, Emma Worley (Northville) defeated Madeline Szuba (Plymouth), 6-2, 6-4. Both were unseeded.

Michiko Ota (Ann Arbor) topped Sydney Phipps (Fenton) for the Girls 14 title, 6-2, 6-1, while top seed Madeline Stone-Wheatley (Ann Arbor) downed Neha Chava (Northville) in the Girls 12 championship.

In the Boys 16 final, top seeded Akihiro Ota (Ann Arbor) downed Jordan

Jacobsen, 7-5, 6-1, while top seed Jordan Lu (Canton) took Boys 14 crown with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Patrick Reed (Monroe).

In the Boys 12s, fourth seed Joseph Croskey (Grosse Pointe Shores) defeated second seeded Sidharth Amarnath (Novi), 6-2, 6-0, while second seed Aditya Suryakumar (Canton) took the Boys 10s singles title with a 6-2, 6-1 triumph over Kenny Prather (Grosse Pointe Farms).

## LionTown

### Livonia artist's work will roar into Birmingham this month

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Alan Casadei is surprised he doesn't have carpal tunnel syndrome.

His painting technique, you see, is all in the wrist. No matter if he's slathering layer after layer of paint onto canvass or carefully applying a sculpting gel to a fiberglass lion, Casadei wields a palette knife instead of a brush to create texture in his creations.

"I've done so much texturing. The way you use your wrist ... it is a wonder I don't have carpal tunnel," said Casadei, 61, with a laugh during an interview Thursday at his Livonia home. "The whole thing with me is to do something different. I try not to do something that everyone else is doing."

When he was selected to paint one of 50 lion sculptures for an upcoming charity fundraiser, Casadei began his project at the same starting line as other participating artists. Each received an identical 58-inch-tall, 4-foot-long jungle cat, primed and ready to become a work of art.

Casadei broke ranks with traditional brush painters to painstakingly apply a texture medium with his palette knife, roughening the lion's smooth fiberglass surface and giving its mane



Alan Casadei and the lion he painted for LionTown, a fundraiser for the Children's Charities Coalition. His work will be on display starting Aug. 20 in Shain Park in downtown Birmingham.

and coat a coarse appearance. He topped the textured medium — which took 40 hours to apply — with silver-hued aluminum industrial paint and colored the animal's eyes and nose black with enamel car paint. He contemplated adding a clear, protective coat to the piece, which weighs

approximately 40 pounds and sat atop a wheeled platform in his driveway last week.

"This took a really long time to do. Every little line is as if I were doing dots," Casadei explained. "That's the kind of work I do, even on my paintings. Each line is done with a palette knife."



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Every inch of the lion shows texture applied by artist Alan Casadei.



Paintings from years of Alan Casadei's work, hang from the floor joists in his basement studio.

#### Art for charity

The silver lion, dubbed "Top Cat" after a cartoon Casadei remembers watching as a child, will go on public display Aug. 20 in Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. It's part of the LionTown

fundraiser that will benefit The Children's Charity Coalition and the Detroit Lions Foundation outreach programs. All of the decorated lions will be auctioned at a gala event Oct. 16 at Ford Field in Detroit.

#### LIONTOWN

**What:** A fundraiser for The Children's Charities Coalition and the Detroit Lions charities includes a display of than 50 lion sculptures — decorated by local artists — an auction of the works and a gala.

**When:** Lions will go on display Aug. 20 and will be auctioned at the LionTown Gala and Auction on Oct. 16.

**Where:** Lions will be on display throughout Metro Detroit including Allen Park, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Rochester, Royal Oak, Warren and Southfield. See Alan Casadei's Lion in Shain Park, in downtown Birmingham.

**Gala:** Tickets range from \$250-\$100 for the event, which will start at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at Ford Field in Detroit. The event will include games and fun on the field, tailgate-themed dinner and cocktails, an opportunity to meet Detroit Lions team members and management, and a silent and a live auction.

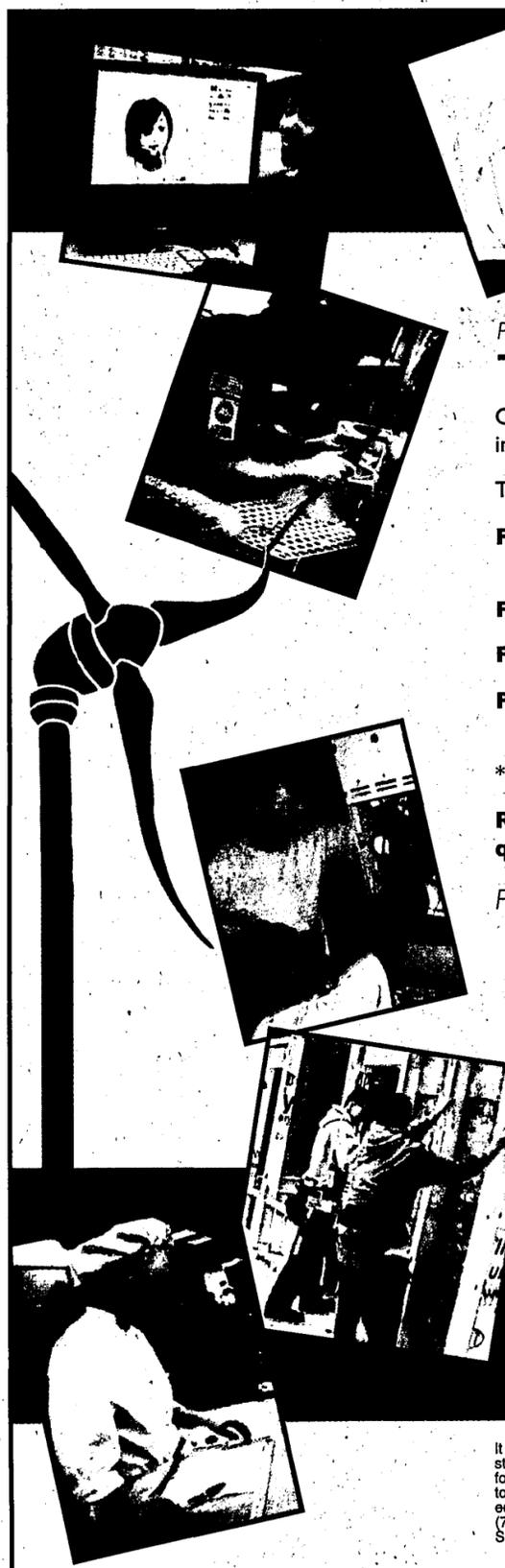
**Contact:** Get tickets by calling (248) 258-5511. Visit [www.liontown2012.com](http://www.liontown2012.com).

Casadei said the texture technique was an easy choice for his LionTown project. That's the way he creates all of his paintings.

"I have my own technique. I use almost anything I can just to see what kind of texture it will make."

That includes materi-

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REUNIONS

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CLASS OF 1957 55-year reunion, Sept. 21-22, at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 1-94 and Belleville Road. Informal gathering starts at 6 p.m., Friday. Social time starts at 5 p.m., Saturday, followed by dinner. For more information call Donna (Watkins) Gotts at (734) 331-9180 or e-mail to donnagotts@aol for more details. Centerline

CLASS OF 1977

35-year reunion, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Ernie's in Clinton Township. \$25 per person. E-mail to chs1977@hotmail.com.

DEARBORN FORDSON

CLASS OF 1946 66th reunion luncheon is planned for 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 at Park Place, 23400 Park, Dearborn. Reserve a place by sending a \$20 check to Sadie Zehra Bondy, 1515 Mason #403, Dearborn, MI 48124. For more information call her at (313) 274-3929.

CLASS OF 1948

The January and June classes will hold a 64-year reunion lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20, at the American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post, 232 Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information call Rose Marie Listwan Kopelkin at (734) 421-1485.

CLASS OF 1952

60-year reunion planned for Sept. 15 at Park Place in Dearborn. For more information e-mail Al Orloff at orloffal@att.net or phone him at (734) 432-9308 or e-mail Marvin M. Smyth at mmsmyth@uno.com or call him at (313) 562-4378.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS

CLASS OF 1982 For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikjan at zman6754@aol.com.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROBICHAUD

CLASS OF 1962

50th class reunion, Sept. 29 at the 1-Under Bar & Grill Banquet Facility in Livonia. The committee is looking for classmates and contact information. All classes are welcome to attend. Send names, contact info and questions to the reunion committee website, robichaud62@yahoo.com. Check out "Robichaud 50th Reunion Class of 62" on Facebook and on classmates.com. Or call Paula (McGue) at (517) 304-9755.

DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.net.

1950S, 1960S

Annual Cody 50s-60s picnic, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Music, camaraderie, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, sweat shirts, tassels, beads, music CD's are all available. Special parking for classic cars. Bring chairs and pop-ups. No need to register. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or e-mail to Pvarilone@wowway.com; Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134 or e-mail to Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net.

DETROIT MACKENZIE

CLASSES FROM 1950-69

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DETROIT MUMFORD

CLASS OF 1962

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ALL CLASSES

Friday, Sept. 14 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Family-style luncheon plus prizes and plenty of school spirit. \$25 per person. Phone Mildred (Lois) Carpenter at (248) 427-0673 for tickets. Deadline is Aug. 25.

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates from January and June classes for 50th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 22 at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. Cost is \$62 per person. Other weekend activities include tour of school, evening icebreaker and Sunday brunch. For information call Judy Alegnani Murray, (313) 399-0507, Judy Hull Rakowski, (734) 459-3832, Helen Knight Tucker, (734) 285-4927 or Ralph Brighton, (734) 513-7499.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

The 50th class reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; (248) 477-7800. The \$60 per person cost includes a welcome reception from 2-5 p.m. and an evening dinner dance with cash bar. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations deadline is Sept. 1. For more information call Michele Cook Hoffmeyer at (602) 290-6006 or e-mail to russmichele@yahoo.com. Check Classmates and Facebook FHS Class of 62 Reunion pages for more information.

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Butterflies

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Artist Alan Casadei spent many hours working texture into the surface of the lion.

## LIONTOWN

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als such as Styrofoam and sawdust that he layers on canvass with acrylic paint, using his palette knife.

Casadei, who is married and has a grown daughter, began experimenting in abstract paintings a few years before his retirement in 2007. He spent 35 years in the maintenance department at General Motors, but also took art classes at Madonna University, the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, the College for Creative Studies and Wayne County Community College, where he earned an associates degree in fine arts.

After retirement he picked up the pace of his painting, spending hours in front of the easel in his makeshift basement studio.

"I always had it in my mind that when I retired that's when I would really start painting. I've been painting and painting and painting. The whole thing with me is I've got to get my stuff out there."

Casadei sold some of his works at a few art fairs and exhibited paintings at a store in Laurel Park mall for about a year. He has a few paintings at a gallery in Peoria, Ill., and at Starring "The Gallery" in Northville, as well as Northville Art House. Occasionally he exhibits at Detroit Artists Market in Detroit. But most of his works hang from the ceiling and on the walls

in the basement, sharing space with laundry, stored Christmas decorations, weight equipment and appliances.

### Subterranean gallery

He cautions visitors to watch their heads as they walk beneath the suspended canvasses. He figures 50-60 paintings are displayed in the room.

"You guys know any galleries that need some paintings?" he quipped. "You can't even move around in here there is so much stuff on hanging on the walls. What I really want to do is go to New York or Chicago, some place where they are really buying."

Casadei has offset the cost of canvass and paint by working as a movie extra. He has appeared in 15 Michigan-made films, including *Stone*, starring Robert De Niro and Edward Norton, (look for him in the visiting room scene) *Real Steel*, and *Red Dawn*. He turned down a three-week stint for the movie, *Oz: The Great and Powerful*, last summer, but recently spent a day on the set of a film about tornadoes.

"It's cool just watching the way movies are made," he said, adding that he'd never trade art for film.

"This is my passion, the painting. The extra work is just a way to get a few dollars for paints and canvass. If I wanted to get serious about it, I'd take acting classes."

## Walk for cancer services, animals

### In Livonia

Registration is under way for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Cancer, an event that celebrates the lives of cancer survivors, patients and honors the memory of loved ones.

The event will start at 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 9 at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, in Livonia. Runners and walkers will be routed through residential streets on the course, which is certified by USA Track & Field.

Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, including transportation for patients traveling to and from the hospital for treatments and necessary products and services from the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center. Last year, the 5K raised nearly \$24,000.

Cost to participate is \$22 for runners and walkers who pre-register on or before Aug. 31. The fee includes a race T-shirt.

Pre-registrations after Aug. 31 are \$27 and include shirts while supplies last.

Race day registration for all runners and walkers will be from 7-8:30 a.m.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run. All runners and walkers are automatically entered into a post-race drawing for prizes.

Register at [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org). Questions? Call (734) 655-1590.

### Walk expands

The Michigan Humane Society will hold several kickoff events this month for its annual Mega March for Animals, which will offer two walk



sites this year.

In addition to its Hart Plaza home in Detroit, the largest walk for animals in Michigan also will be held at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Both Mega March walks are scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 7.

The kickoff events will give walkers and team captains information about the two locations, as well as fundraising efforts. Online registration will be available at each kickoff event.

Attendees will receive a free gift and anyone who registers for the 2012 Mega March at a kickoff event will be entered into a drawing to win three months of free pet food. All Mega March registrants who sign up online also will receive a free collapsible pet bowl.

Local kickoff events are:

- 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the Berman Center for Animal Care, 900 N. Newburgh, Westland.

- 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14 at Canine College, 23717 Research Drive in Farmington Hills.

Registration also is available at [www.michiganhumane.org/MEGA](http://www.michiganhumane.org/MEGA). For more information call (866) MHUMANE.

## Program aims to help seniors live happy lives

Botsford Commons Senior Community will offer its "Living the Fullness of Life" program at three locations this fall.

The program includes informal presentations by Botsford Commons' experts and their affiliates.

The first presentation is set for 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13 at the McDonnell Towers, 24350 Civic Center Dr., Southfield. Call (248) 426-6908 to register.

The second presentation will be held 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443 for payment and registration information.

The final presentation will run from 11 a.m.-

p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the William Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Register at (248) 473-1830.

With useful, timely information, "seniors can live full, happy lives" stated Margaret K. Lightner, president of Botsford Commons Senior Community.

Presenters will include Richard Young, Ph.D. of Wayne State University on aging and fitness, geriatrician Dr. Annette Carron on healthy aging, Diane Zide on brain fitness and Dawn Doyle with a talk titled "Getting Your Documents in Order; Community Resources."

Space is limited for all dates. Advanced reservations are recommended, but not required.

## Spay/neuter program targets Redford pets

Livonia-based Tail Waggers' 1990 is offering a new program to help Redford Township residents spay or neuter their pets at low cost.

Pet owners are required to contribute toward the cost of the surgery, but the amount is based on their income levels. A complimentary rabies vaccine is included with the service as well as a heartworm test

for dogs. Tail Waggers' 1990 received a grant from PetSmart Charities, enabling it to provide the service, which is available only to Redford Township residents.

To make an appointment, call (734) 560-4660. Visit the Tail Waggers 1990 website at [www.tailwaggers1990.org](http://www.tailwaggers1990.org).

## Golf outing benefits veterans

American Legion Post 32 in Livonia is accepting registration for its 12th annual golf outing.

The event is planned for Sept. 8 at Hilltop Golf Course, 47000 Powell, Plymouth. A shotgun start will kick off the action at 9 a.m.

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Another area where arthritis enters unexpectedly is in the heart. Investigations over the last two years have uncovered a relation between rheumatoid arthritis and coronary artery disease. A person with rheumatoid arthritis is more than two times as likely to experience a heart attack as someone who does not have rheumatoid arthritis.

This increased risk occurs because rheumatoid and similar arthritic conditions, bring on a concomitant inflammation. The inflammation is not confined to the joints but reaches throughout the body with a predilection for the coronary vessels. In turn, blood vessel inflammation causes a loss in the smooth lining of the vessel. Platelets and cholesterol accumulate at the defect, causing occlusion of the artery and an acute heart attack.

Another area where arthritis, in this case rheumatoid arthritis, makes its presence known is in the spleen. The arthritis causes the spleen to enlarge, this change crowds and damages the blood cells and platelets that stream through the spleen. In time the damage is sufficient to cause the cells and platelets to fall apart leaving the person with anemia and a platelet count too low to prevent bleeding.

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# Wayne County Circuit Court candidates face primary race



**ELECTION 2012**

Eleven candidates are vying for three open positions on the Wayne County Circuit Court bench. Six candidates will advance to the November election. The term is six years. Judges are paid \$139,919 annually. Candidates Rohn Mitchell and David Whitaker did not respond to the *Observer* questionnaire. Readers seeking more information leading up to Tuesday's primary can also read questionnaires and resumes submitted to the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. Go to [www.detroitlawyer.org/judicialcandidateevaluationcommittee.html](http://www.detroitlawyer.org/judicialcandidateevaluationcommittee.html). Featured today are responses from candidates **Brian L. Morrow**, **Kelly Ann Ramsey**, **Mark Somers** and **John Joseph Sullivan**. Candidates Karen Braxton, Kevin Cox, Jane Ellen Gillis, Adel Harb and Dana Margaret Hathaway were published in print editions of the *Observer* on Aug. 2. All candidates appear online at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). Judges will appear on the nonpartisan portion of the ballot.

**Brian L. Morrow**

Brian L. Morrow, 55, lives in Northville. He holds a bachelor's degree from



Morrow

Michigan State University and a juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School.

Morrow is married and the father of two adult children. In 2010 Morrow and his wife, Mary, established the Brian and Mary Morrow Community Service Scholarship to reward the initiative of graduating Detroit Public Schools students who have been actively involved in community service projects, and who desire to continue their education at the college or university level.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.)**

I am currently the Deputy Chief of the Juvenile Division of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, where my job involves prosecuting juvenile delinquency cases within the county. These cases range anywhere on the spectrum of offenses from home and school truancy on the low end, to the most serious offenses, such as armed robbery, criminal sexual conduct, carjacking and homicide, at the high end of the spectrum.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**

As deputy chief, I work with the Juvenile Court's administration to maximize efficient use of the Court's limited resources. I developed an award-winning juvenile diversion program called "Teen Court" that is having a positive effect on reducing recidivism among first-time juvenile offenders. I have the judicial temperament, compassion and reasonableness to be a highly effective jurist.

**Describe your trial experience.**

For the first 14 years of my legal career, in which I practiced as an environmental attorney, I was heavily involved in the civil litigation aspects of trial work. Since 1999, I have spent much of that time litigating criminal and juvenile delinquency cases on a nearly daily basis. I have tried hundreds of bench and jury trials at the district court and circuit court level, including homicide jury trials.

**Describe your judicial philosophy.**

Adhere to the "Rule of Law." My job as judge will be to determine what the law is, not what I think it should be. I will separate my personal, social, and political views from the process of judicial decision-making and interpret the law as it is written without bias based on my personal beliefs.

**Pick two endorsements that you are most proud of in this race and tell us why they are meaningful.**

Although I have been endorsed by all the major labor unions, the UAW, AFL-CIO, AFSCME, the Teamsters, etc., I am particularly proud to be endorsed by GCC/IBT District Council 3, Local 13-N, the newspaper pressman's union. It was my deceased father's local, where he served as a union board member until his retirement in 1988.

I am also proud of my

strong endorsement by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy, who embodies the traits that I will endeavor to exemplify as a judge, which are integrity, drive and a desire to do what is just, regardless of popular opinion.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

If elected, I would seek to maximize the court's limited resources by working to develop specialty courts, such as Veterans Court. Veterans Courts recognize that our veterans frequently return home from war profoundly, and negatively, changed by their experience and may commit crimes as a result. Rather than criminalize and incarcerate these veterans, the Court mandates a hybrid of drug and/or mental health treatment services, all of which is funded by the U.S. Veteran's Administration. Aside from being cost-effective, I believe that our veterans deserve the special consideration Veterans Courts offer them as a result of their sacrifice and service.

**What expertise - in business or law - gives you an edge over your opponents?**

My breadth of experience sets me apart from the other candidates in my race. I have nearly 26 years of experience as an attorney, with approximately 12 of those years being spent as the supervisor of other lawyers. I have personally handled hundreds of criminal and juvenile matters. As Deputy Chief, I have experience working with the court's administration to maximize efficient use of the court's limited resources. I also have experience developing specialty courts.

**Kelly Ann Ramsey**

Kelly Ann Ramsey, 56, of Livonia holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School. A Detroit native,



Ramsey

Ramsey is the daughter of a Detroit Police Officer and department of social services caseworker. She is mother to Alexis Delphine Ramsey, a UNIS - United Nations International School, Hanoi - teacher. A lifelong resident of Wayne County, Ramsey serves on the boards of Vista Maria, Child's Hope, Save Our Children Coalition and Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation. She supports the Innocence Lost National Initiative and is a visionary of the "For The Seventh Generation" program.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.)**

For over 20 years, I have served as a referee in the Family Division - Juvenile Section - of the Circuit Court for Wayne County, Michigan. This court has jurisdiction over delinquency, abuse/neglect and adoption cases. During my tenure, I have handled all three such matters. I have adjudicated thousands of cases.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**

So that I may continue to serve our community and address a broader

range of issues that face us all. I have more than 20 years of judicial experience as a referee, and more than five years as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Wayne County.

**Describe your trial experience.**

For almost six years, I served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Wayne County. I routinely handled felony jury trials and bench trials. For approximately three of those years, I was a special assignment prosecutor in the child abuse unit. I performed vertical prosecutions of major offenses against children. I was routinely involved in the investigation of violent acts where children were victims of neglect, physical/sexual abuse, or murder. While in this position, I handled numerous high profile cases involving novel questions of law and unusual facts.

**Describe your judicial philosophy.**

Judges must make hard decisions for the right reasons. We must take the time to know all of the facts, as well as the history of the parties and offenders before us. I've heard it said from people who have appeared in my courtroom that I "come with a warning label" - and I do: I expect parties to come prepared, and if found responsible I expect a permanent change in the offender's behavior.

**As judges we must always follow the law.**

**Pick two endorsements that you are most proud of in this race and tell us why they are meaningful.**

I'm grateful to the many Detroit pastors who have invited me to their churches to speak about the issues facing our city, and for encouraging their members to vote for me.

In addition, I'm grateful to those who once faced charges in my courtroom who have come forward and demanded to work on this campaign. I am grateful to Kris, who worked with my mother over 30 years ago, who wrote to encourage me to keep up the good work: "... those of us at Social Services sure know how it is needed."

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

As demonstrated for over 25 years, I understand and respect the responsibility I have to the people who appear before me and to the community that I serve. I care deeply about - and have the best interest of - the community foremost on my mind. Being elected would allow me to continue this work, but on a larger scale. I will continue to put in a full day on the bench and do the homework and legwork needed to get the job done.

**What expertise - in business or law - gives you an edge over your opponents?**

Between my job as a prosecutor and my time on the bench, I have seen it all. I know the issues that plague our community. I have been a tireless advocate for children and understand that the decisions we make today will have an impact far beyond the current generation. I am deeply concerned, and I operate from that compassion even when making the very hardest decisions and rendering the most difficult judgments.

**Mark Somers**

Mark Somers, 54, of Dearborn holds a bachelor's degree in international relations and Asian studies from Michigan State University and a juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School. His professional affiliations include Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals, Wayne County District Court Judge's Association - First Vice President 2011-2012. He is a member (by appointment of Michigan Supreme Court) of the Limited English Proficiency Steering Committee.



Somers

Somers is married and the father of two adult children. His community activities include: American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee - Advisory Board member BRIDGES participant (Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity), First United Methodist Church of Dearborn - Board of Trustees, Friends of the Dearborn Symphony and Kiwanis Club of Dearborn Outer Drive.

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.)**

I am and have been a District Court Judge for over 9 1/2 years. Elected to the 19th District Court, Dearborn in 2002; re-elected in 2008 and currently serving the six-year term commencing Jan. 1, 2009.

Appointed Chief Judge of the 19th District Court by the Michigan Supreme Court for three consecutive two-year terms - 2006-2007, 2008-2009 and 2010-2011.

As judge of the 19th District Court, I preside over an annual case-load averaging over 2,500 criminal misdemeanor cases and over 150 criminal felony preliminary examinations together with juvenile misdemeanors and thousands of civil cases.

Presiding judge for the 19th District Court Drug Treatment Court from 2005 to the present.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**

I would like to take my years of experience to the next level in order to serve a broader constituency. My particular qualifications are 19 years of private practice and 9 1/2 years of judicial experience. Before taking the bench in 2003 I had over 19 years of general private practice handling criminal, family and civil cases in over 40 state and federal courts and administrative tribunals.

**Describe your trial experience.**

As a practicing attorney I tried both civil and criminal cases in the District and Circuit courts. As a judge, I have presided over hundreds of bench and jury trials.

**Describe your judicial philosophy.**

Determine the plain meaning of the law that is to be applied in the case and to apply that law fairly to the circumstances of the case and the parties. I believe that judges are most effective when they take a "problem solving" approach that seeks practical solutions.

meaningful.

I am honored to have the endorsements of the Police Officers Association of Michigan and the Honorable Virginia A. Sobotka (retired).

The men and women who protect and serve our community have had the opportunity to evaluate my performance on a daily basis for nearly 10 years. From the courtroom to late night and week-end review of search warrant requests they know that I am always accessible. Judge Sobotka's endorsement is likewise a great honor for me. She was Dearborn's longest serving District Court Judge and the founder of the Dearborn Drug Court.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

I can make a difference on the Circuit Court bench by bringing my 29 years of legal experience and the same determination, hard work and judicial philosophy that I have exercised as a District Court Judge.

**What expertise - in business or law - gives you an edge over your opponents?**

I have a lot to offer in experience and service to the bench and community and will leave the comparisons for the voters.

**John Joseph Sullivan**

John J. Sullivan, 42, lives in Northville. He holds a bachelor's degree and a juris doctor from the University of Michigan. His is a member of the Michigan Bar Association, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Michigan Association for Justice and Wayne County Probate Bar Association. Sullivan is married and the father of three children (college, high school and middle school). He has practiced law for 16 years and has been running his own law practice in Wayne County for the past 14 years.



Sullivan

**State the nature of your current practice (member of a firm, independent, etc.)**

I currently run my own private law practice in Wayne County. My current practice includes probate work including Guardianships, Guardian Ad Litem assignments and mental docket work. I have experience in personal injury, contracts, family law, criminal law, real estate and general consumer law.

**Why are you running for circuit court? What are your particular qualifications for this job?**

I have a deep desire to help serve and protect my community and to help people. I have spent a great deal of time serving Wayne County in many capacities and I have served on numerous boards and agencies including both the Michigan Association of Counties and Wayne County's Judiciary and Public Safety Committees. I have experience as an elected law maker in Wayne County and serving as an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Michigan.

**Describe your trial experience.**

I have a great deal of trial experience and work regularly in the Wayne County courts.

I also have experience as an Administrative Law Judge where I have conducted approximately 1,000 arraignments and 100 trials.

**Describe your judicial philosophy.**

My judicial philosophy is to treat people fairly and to look at every case individually. That means that I will take the time to look at all of the facts and circumstances surrounding each case individually. I will treat people in my courtroom with dignity and respect with an understanding that being in court is a very traumatic experience for most people. I will take the time to hear all of the facts of each case and to consider all relevant information. I will act in a moral and ethical manner at all times and make timely decisions that are in the best interest of the parties and our community.

**Pick two endorsements that you are most proud of in this race and tell us why they are meaningful.**

I am not a strong believer in endorsements because it is the voters that really matter. I believe that most voters are smart enough to make their own decisions on who to vote for without being influenced by endorsements. However, I am very proud of my endorsements from the Michigan Association of Police Organizations and from Wayne County Chief Probate Judge Milton L. Mack, Jr. because these endorsements show that a well-respected judge that I regularly practice in front of believes I will make a great judge and that our law enforcement community understands that I will work hard to protect and serve our community.

**How can you make a difference on the court?**

I am a hard worker that will put in the hours to move my court docket timely. I have a reputation for being very patient and having a great judicial temperament. I will make smart decisions that will be beneficial to the parties in court and to our community.

As a judge I will have the opportunity to not only serve our community but to protect our community from criminals and to help people turn their lives around. I will fully utilize all opportunities to help those that need drug and/or mental health treatment to get the assistance that they need so that they do not end up back in our judicial system over and over again.

**What expertise - in business or law - gives you an edge over your opponents?**

I have been a small business owner for over 14 years. I was elected to four terms as a Wayne County legislator. I have served as a member of the Michigan Parole Board and as an Administrative Law Judge. I have very strong moral and ethical values and have always made being a good husband and father my top priority. I have worked very hard for many years to make myself the best and most well prepared candidate for this job.

# Milestones

## Zuzow-Russell

Rebecca Nicole Zuzow and Gregory Page Russell announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Denise A. Zuzow of Redford and Vincent J. Zuzow of Taylor, graduated in 1998 from Lee M. Thurston High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree in corporate communications and public relations from the University of Michigan and a master of business administration degree with a marketing specialty from Madonna University. She works as a director of interactive advertising in the greater Los Angeles area.

Her fiancé, son of Jonathan Russell of Greenfield, Mass., and the late Gail Judith Page, earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a masters of electrical engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is the co-founder and owner of Mavice LLC, a software development company in Santa Monica, Calif.

An August 2012 wedding is planned at Villa Sancti Di Bella Vista in Malibu, Calif.



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## 65th anniversary

Edwin and Rita (Zacharias) Felczak celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary July 5 with their family and friends at St. Damien's Roman Catholic Church. Their dear friend, the Rev. Larry Zurawski officiated the anniversary mass.

The couple married in 1947 at St. Ladislaus Roman Catholic Church in Hamtramck. Their reception was held at Plewa Hall.

Rita was born in Hamtramck and attended St. Ladislaus School. She worked at Vincent's, a local grocery store, and was employed at Hydro-matic GM in Detroit for several years. She enjoyed being a homemaker and was a supporter of their children's activities.

Edwin was born in Detroit. He went to Queen of Apostles School and graduated from Hamtramck High School in 1944. A veteran of WWII (1944-1946) he served with the Army Infantry in the Pacific. He was with the 41st



Rita and Edwin Felczak of Westland



Rita and Edwin Felczak on their wedding day

Inf. Div. Co. A. 163 Regiment. He worked at Dodge Main in Hamtramck and then at Fish-

er Body for 40 years until his retirement in 1989.

The Felczaks lived in Hamtramck from 1947-1955 and then moved to Nankin Township — now Westland — where they currently live.

Their children are Edwin Jr. (Jeannine Hauck) of Fort Worth, Texas; Michael (Shirley Padlo) of Livonia; Marcia (Paul Kopacz) of Lawrenceville, Ga.; and Ritaanne (Brady Otto) of Livonia.

They are the proud grandparents of three granddaughters, six grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

## Weise-Haroney

Devanie Weise and Nicolas Haroney plan to wed in June 2013

The bride-to-be, daughter of Donald Weise Jr. and Vickie and Paul Pavloff, all of Canton, graduated in 1998 from Salem High School and has worked for both Farmer Jacks and Kroger stores. She plans to be a stay-at-home wife.

Her fiancé, son of Jennifer and Nicolas Haroney, Sr., graduated in 1999 from Chelsea High School. He works for Orchid Macdee in Chelsea as a lead programmer making orthopedic parts. The couple met online and visited the Toledo Zoo for their first date. They were engaged July 15, 2011.

Their ceremony will be held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth, with a reception to follow at The Meeting House Grand Ball Room, also in Plymouth.



## Beasley-Thomas

Sarah Beasley and Joel Thomas announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of David and Judi Beasley of Sarnia, Ont. Her fiancé's parents are Wilene Thomas of Canton and the late Curry Thomas.

A November 2012 wedding is planned at Huron Baptist Church, in Sarnia, Ont.



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## CROTEAU, MICHELLE MARIE

Age 53 of West Branch, passed away Sunday, July 29, 2012 at her home. Michelle had lived in West Branch since 1998, formerly of Livonia. She enjoyed her computer, the food network, music and chat rooms. Michelle is survived by her daughter, Faye Croteau of Chicago, her son Eden Croteau of Livonia, her father John P. Young of Livonia and West Branch, her mother Shirley Janisse of Cheboygan, her sisters, Vicki (Dan) Estes of Biloxi MS, Cheryl (David) Wallman of Livonia and Amy Young of Spring Hill, FL and her brothers, David Young of Redford and Michael Young of Indiana and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother John A. Young. Per her wishes, cremation has taken place. Arrangements by Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home, West Branch, Michigan.



## HAUK, JANITA O.

Conductor Emeritus of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, passed peacefully surrounded by her family at her Lake Suzy, Florida home on Sunday, July 29, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 79. After college Mrs. Hauk taught elementary music and vocals

in the Wyandotte and Wayne school districts in Michigan, and played in the Detroit Women's Symphony, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, and the Dearborn Symphony. Her first conducting assignment was with the Livonia (Michigan) Youth Orchestra. Mrs. Hauk and her late husband Marvin Hauk relocated from Michigan to Charlotte County in 1987. She leaves a son, Todd Hauk, of Westland, Michigan; a daughter, Alea Hauk DeNeau of Seattle, WA; a brother, Jan Riedel, of Tiffin, OH; two sisters, Karen Riedel of New York, NY, and DaLee Miller of Pittsburgh, PA; David Bewernitz of Wesley Chapel, whom she raised with her husband as a son; and three grandchildren, Amber Hauk, Natasha Bewernitz, and Jeremy Bewernitz. Visitation hours are on Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Kays-Ponger Funeral Home, 635 East Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Royal Palm Memorial Gardens, 27200 Jones Loop Road, Punta Gorda. In lieu of flowers, friends may make donations in Mrs. Hauk's memory to the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, PO Box 510476, Punta Gorda, FL 33951-0476; Visiting Angels Home Care Services, 25166 Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950; or Tidewell Hospice, 917 N. Arcadia Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266



## FOREMAN, VIRGINIA ELIZABETH

Age 83 of Bloomfield Township, passed away July 29, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Robert W. Foreman (2003). Loving mother of Carol V. (David) Goldfarb and Robert A. (Lisa) Foreman. Proud grandmother of Curtis (Rhonda) Foreman, Derek (Vonne) Foreman, Aaron (Nicole) Goldfarb, Sarah Goldfarb, Edward Foreman, and Conrad Foreman. Dear great grandmother of Natalie and Travis. Mrs. Foreman was an active volunteer at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac for over 35 years. The family will have a private ceremony in her honor at a later date. Share your memories at www.sawyerfuller.com

## GAMBLE, MARTHA MELINDA

Age 49, died Friday July 27, 2012 at Peachtree Hospice in Duluth, Georgia. She was a resident of Alpharetta, Georgia. Martha grew up in Birmingham, Michigan. She was an alumna of Cranbrook Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and a graduate of Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts in 1986. She worked as a coordinator for moving van lines, starting in Michigan with Frisbee and Corrigan, and in Georgia with Suddath. She had recently joined the Village Club in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, her mother's long time club. Martha had a great love for Georgia, animals, flowers, shopping, Sweet Tea and giggles with her girlfriends. She loved golf and attended The Masters many times. She believed in living life in the moment and had the biggest heart and the strongest will to live life. Her favorite quote was by Charlie Chaplin: "A day without laughter is a day wasted." Martha was preceded in death by her parents, Lois K. Gamble and E. James Gamble, her maternal grandparents, Hazel W. and W. Murray Kennedy, and her paternal grandparents, Edward J. and Modesta R. Gamble. She is survived by her brothers John Gamble (Chicago, Illinois) and Paul Gamble (Birmingham, Michigan), her aunt, Susan K. Sisondo, her beloved cat Simba and many other relatives and wonderful friends. A Memorial Service will be held on August 9th at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Atlanta Humane Society and Pet Rescue, www.atlantahumane.org or the Michigan Humane Society, www.Michiganhumane.org. Arrangements by SouthCare Cremation & Funeral Society in Alpharetta, GA (678) 735-5500.



## GEDDES, LORETTA J.

Age 83, July 29, 2012. Dear wife of the late Jim. Loving mother of Dan (Cindy), Bill (Jeannine), Tim (Terry) and Mary (Tom) Laundroche. Proud grandmother of Dan, Luke, Elizabeth, Lauren, Tommy, Jimmy, Kenny, Amanda, Katie, Tabitha and Josephine. Loving sister of Gee (Jim) Meloche and Marilyn (Al) Smith. Also loved by nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends. A generation of neighborhood children in Garden City and 35 years of St. Raphael catechism students felt her love. She touched lives in remarkable ways. Please no flowers. Make donations to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, www.ccfca.org. Services were held Tuesday. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Share memories at www.santeiufuneralhome.com

## NOVOTNY, MICHAEL JOSEPH

Age 61, of Lewiston MI., formerly of Garden City, MI. Passed away August 2, 2012, after a year long battle with pancreatic cancer. Loving husband of Connie (Spence) and father of Joe (Rosemary) and Steve. Grandfather of Deanna and Joey. Brother of Alice Tenace and Jeannette Johns. Son of the late Stephan and Irene Novotny also many nieces, nephews and other family members and many friends. Visitation on Tuesday August 7, 2012 at Husband Funeral Home, 2401 S. Wayne Rd., Westland MI. 1-8 pm and funeral service Wednesday at noon, burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland, MI.

## SCHWAB, PATRICIA D.

Age 72, August 2, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Jerome "Rusty". Loving mother of Timothy (Nicola) and Teresa (Joe) McKeon. Loving grandmother of Sean. Dear sister of Jenny Ryan, Raymond (Jeannie) Ryan, William (Kathy) Ryan and Mary (George) Ryan. Beloved aunt of many loving nieces and nephews. She was deeply loved and will be dearly missed. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm with a 7pm Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). In state Monday 10:30am until the 11am Mass at St. Mel Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster (just north of Warren). In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Mel Church. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



## VATCA, SAM

Age 86, suddenly, July 29, 2012. Beloved husband of Connie. Loving father of Dawn (Todd) Tillman, Shelly (Dan) Buszka, Cindy (Don) Murphy and the late Kimberly Ahola. Dear grandfather of Ashley, Jordan & Mackenzie, Preston & Parker and Cade & Connor. Dear great-grandfather of Angelina. Brother of Helen (John) Gasperetto. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. A Funeral Mass for Sam was August 2, 2012 at St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia. Memorials may be directed to the Crohns and Colitis Foundation of America. Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com

## WIK, TERRY I.

Age 70, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away July 27, 2012. Arrangements: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

## In Memory Of



## IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM C. FERMAN, OD

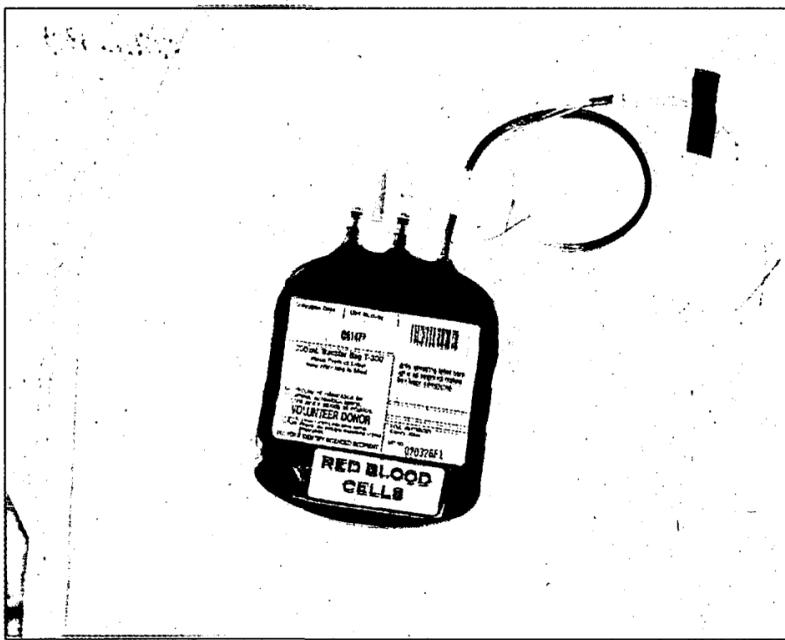
November 29, 1928- August 31, 2007 of Clermont, Florida, formerly of Plymouth, passed away from complication of Parkinson's disease. He was born November 29, 1928 in Detroit. He was a member of the Air Force Reserve attaining the rank of Captain; member of and past president of Wayne County Society of Optometrists, Metropolitan Detroit Optometrists Society and Michigan Optometric Association. He was president of the Plymouth Rotary and past master of the Masons. Dr. Ferman maintained optometric offices in Detroit and Plymouth for 43 years. Surviving is his wife, college sweetheart and the love of his life for 57 years, Ora Lee Ferman; children Gregory Ferman and wife Christine of Plymouth, MI, Susan Gordon, Westland, MI, and Ted Ferman and wife Debra, Canton, MI as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "You are loved beyond forever."

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## Blood drive offers prize, friendly contest

Blood donors will get a chance to win a \$500 gas card for participating in the annual "Battle of the Badges" blood drive, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Participants also may cast a vote for their favorite team in the Battle of the Badges, a friendly competition between the Farmington Hills Police and Fire departments.

"It's a great cause. It's open to the public, too," said Farmington Hills Fire Chief Chuck Nebus, adding that the police-fire contest is designed to stir interest in the blood drive and encourage participation. "We promote it in

the department." All blood types are needed during the Battle of the Badges blood drive. Type O is especially in high demand because it can be transfused to patients in other blood groups and is used in most emergency trauma cases when a patient's blood type isn't known.

Hospitals in southeastern Michigan need more than 900 units of blood each day. Thousands of patients in nearly 70 Michigan hospitals are dependent on blood for the treatment of cancer and other diseases, for surgeries and organ transplants, and for emergency and trauma care.

Blood donations decrease while the need for blood increases during the summer. August is traditionally the most difficult month to collect donations and local inventories often fall to critically low levels.

To make an appointment to donate on Aug. 16, go to [www.redcross-blood.org](http://www.redcross-blood.org). Enter the sponsor code costick-center and follow the instructions to set up an appointment time for the blood drive.

Giving blood takes approximately one hour. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be 17 years of age or older.

For more information, call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

## Lyme group looks at disability support

Attorney Gary Bimberg will talk about social security disability payments at the next meeting of the East Oakland-Northern Wayne Lyme Support Group, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

Bimberg is a frequent lecturer, author and instructor on "Social Security Disability Claims from an Advocate's Point of View." He has been a shareholder and director at Levine Benjamin since 2000, and along with Joseph Houle, heads the Social Security Division at the firm.

The program is open to anyone with a disability or who cares about someone with a disability.

The East Oakland-Northern Wayne Lyme Support Group is sponsored by the Michigan Lyme Disease Association. For more information visit [www.mlda.org](http://www.mlda.org) or call (888) 784-LYME.

## Tool helps parents determine sleep quality

A new app based on University of Michigan Health System research is designed to help parents identify sleep and breathing problems in their children.

The app, called Sleep Champ, features a series of yes-or-no questions about a child's behavior and characteristics that can help parents figure out if their child is getting quality sleep.

The app is based on the Sleep Related Breathing Disorders Scale, a questionnaire developed by Dr. Ronald D. Chervin, the Michael S. Aldrich Collegiate Professor of Sleep Medicine and the director of the University of Michigan Sleep Disorders Center. The scale is designed to assess sleep quality, specifically identifying symptoms of sleep-related breathing disorders.

U-M licensed the scale for use in the app, which was developed by health information technology company, Zansors, LLC. The app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

"Appropriate identification and treatment of childhood sleep disorders can make a huge difference, for years to come, in the lives of children and their families," Chervin said. "I very much hope that, at minimum, the Sleep Champ app will create better awareness about sleep and breathing problems that children can have, and about the potential

consequences." App users will be asked about their child's behaviors, including questions about snoring, breathing and other related characteristics, such as poor attention, hyperactive behavior, impulsiveness and sleepiness that can be signs of poor sleep quality.

"Many parents have unanswered questions or concerns about their children's sleep, and for good reason," Chervin said. "Parents realize, even sometimes when doctors don't, that how a child sleeps could have a lot to do with how they're going to behave the next day. And that can have a lot of influence on the quality of the day for the whole family."

Parents receive a score after answering the app questions. Depending on the score, they may be advised to take their child to a pediatrician or sleep medicine specialist for more information.

"If you're a parent and you fill this questionnaire out and you think your child has some of these symptoms, it might raise the possibility that your child would really benefit from going to a pediatrician and discussing with them to see whether a sleep disorder might be diagnosed," Chervin said.

For more information about the University of Michigan Sleep Disorders Center, visit <http://www.med.umich.edu/neuro/sleeplab/>

## SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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