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Westland boy hit by car dies of injuries

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The family of a Westland boy who died after being struck by a car is seeking help in paying his funeral and medical expenses.

Kayale Fruge, 8, had been hospitalized on life support since the June 20 accident. He died Wednesday.

A funeral for Kayale is being planned at Husband Funeral Home in Wayne, with services at New Hope Church. His family has established an online account at gofundme.com/xu5w8f8 to receive donations.

"His mother needs help with the funeral costs and medical not covered by insurance. There was a lot not covered," said Alesia Whiting, Kayale's great-aunt.

An only child, Kayale had just completed second grade at Thorne Intermediate Elementary School in Dearborn Heights.

"Kayale was a typical little kid. He loved cars, trucks, movies and video games," Whiting said. "He always wanted to make something of life. He always wanted to help you. He wanted to be a police officer when he grew up."

Kayale lived with his mother Sequoia Fruge in the neighborhood where he was killed. The accident occurred about 8:15 p.m. on Darwin near Delton Court.

Kayale Fruge

"He was in the yard near a fence walking home. She (the driver) ran him down and kept going," Whiting said. "He was nowhere near the street. She veered off the roadway."

Police said witnesses followed the vehicle to a home in Romulus after the accident. Romulus police were called and a suspect taken into custody.

The driver was intoxicated and illegal narcotics also are believed to have been a factor in the accident, according to police.

Kimberly Garrett, 39, of Romulus has been arraigned on felony charges, including drunken driving causing serious injury, one felony count of reckless driving causing serious impairment of a body function, one felony count of failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in serious impairment or death and a misdemeanor count of operating while intoxicated/second offense.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Kayale and his family," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "The Westland Police Department anticipates that the charges against Kimberly Garrett will be amended by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office."

At arraignment, a not-guilty plea was entered for Garrett, who remains jailed in lieu of $500,000 cash/surety bond.

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Staff from Hope Healthcare in Westland celebrated 250 years experience recently. They posed with Westland Mayor William Wild (far right) and state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland (left, at rear).

Westland's Hope Healthcare care specialists celebrate their longevity

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There tends to be a lot turnover among people working as certified nursing assistants.

Hope Healthcare Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center would be an exception. The CNAs, called residential care specialists at Hope, have a tendency to stay on the job.

"I looked through the seniority list. The top 21 people had 250 years in this building and they had worked other places," said Kathleen Tolbert, director of nursing. "The experience speaks for itself. I'm a newbie at two years."

There was a recent weeklong celebration of the resident care specialists, including a visit by Westland Mayor William Wild and state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

"We're family-oriented. We fall out, we fall in but we love each other," said RCS Patrice Lewis of Detroit. "That's what

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Work on Jefferson Barns center moves forward

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Work is continuing at Westland's Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center.

There is a new floor in the gym, a volunteer library is being organized and the Westland Community Development Department is expected to move into the building at the end of July.

"The biggest thing is moving in without having air conditioning – we'll have to get windows units," Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell said. "It is coming together.

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Volunteers setting up a library at the new Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center pose with Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell (second from right) and state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland (right, at rear).

Rec center stays open during talks

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

As efforts continue to work out a privatization agreement, the Wayne Community Center will continue operating.

"We'll keep the doors open. The council passed a motion at the last meeting to keep the negotiations open in case there was a problem after July 1," interim City Manager Lisa Nocerini said. "I told the staff to hold their hats on and work through it."

Wayne's budget for the fiscal year beginning Wednesday doesn't include funding to operate the facility, which would have otherwise meant closing the doors. The ice arena and pool had already been closed at the center, which has been heavily subsidized from the strapped general fund.

The city has been in negotiation with HYPE Athletics to take over the community center operations. Tax-exempt bonds, which were issued to fund the community center construction, will require a Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act, or TEFRA, public hearing.

"HYPE is a tax-exempt organization, but would still benefit," Nocerini said. "It is a leasing agreement versus a management agreement."

At a special meeting Friday, the council was expected to vote to schedule the TFRA public hearing for July 21. That's a regular council meeting night and Nocerini said she is hopeful the council will be able to consider an agreement with HYPE the same night.

"I think we will have an agreement with HYPE. I'm optimistic. Their programs are outstanding and will be a real benefit to the community," Mayor James Hawley said. "I've not seen anything to lead

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Westland youngster to compete in national pageant

Eight-year-old Breanna George is looking for top honors when she competes July 2-4 in the National American Miss Michigan Pageant in Dearborn.

The National American Miss pageants are held for girls ages 4-18. Breanna, the daughter of Shawn and Miranda James of Westland, is competing in the Junior Pre-Teen division. The winner of the pageant will receive $1,000, an official crown and banner, bouquet of roses and air transportation to the national pageant in California.

Breanna George

Breanna is involved in her younger brother's school, where she reads to the class, collecting donations and giving out food to the homeless. She also enjoys, dancing, singing, modeling and art.

"I aspire to be a singer and an advocate for the less fortunate," she said.

The pageant will be held Adoba Hotel in Dearborn.

City honored for Norwayne efforts

Westland's work at renovating the Norwayne Historic District has received an honorable mention in the 2015 City Livability Awards Program during the U.S. Conference of Mayors' 83rd annual meeting in San Francisco.

"The successes of the revitalization efforts are due to the collaboration among government, schools, churches, nonprofit organizations and community residents," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "Our focus has been improving the quality of life for our residents and that is why we have focused on economic development, enhancing parks and recreation as well as implementing programs that improve the health and well-being of our residents."

Wild

A part of the Arsenal for Democracy, Norwayne was built for workers at the Willow Run B-24 Bomber plant during World War II. It began as a community with 2,000 residential units, elementary schools, fire house, church, businesses and municipal building.

Norwayne received national historical designation in 2013 and is on the Register of National Historic Places.

After many years of decline and neglect, Wild designated the Norwayne revitalization as a top priority for his administration in 2009.

The city uses local and federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program, CDBG and HOME funds for single-family home renovations, demolition of blighted structures, green space, roads, sidewalks, water and sewer upgrades and park renovations.

The city is renovating the vacant elementary school as the new Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center. The community center will house social programs, volunteer library, Nankin Transit and the Norwayne boxing gym.

The Norwayne Citizens Council provides community organization and social programming, including community events and a community garden.

These efforts keep this remarkable community on the right path to once again be a Community of Choice.

This is the 36th year in which cities have competed for the award, which is sponsored by the Conference of Mayors and Waste Management, Inc.

The award recognizes mayoral leadership in developing and implementing programs that improve the quality of life in America's cities, focusing on the leadership, creativity and innovation demonstrated by the mayors.

This year's winning cities were selected by former mayors from a pool of more than 200 applicants.

"Our City Livability Awards Program gives us the opportunity to highlight mayoral leadership in making urban areas cleaner, safer and more livable," said Tom Cochran, CEO and executive director of the Conference of Mayors.

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Salvation Army rings bells in July

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is holding its Christmas in July Campaign again this year.

Salvation Army bell ringers will be ringing in the streets at the corner of Warren Road and Wayne Road, near the Westland Shopping Center, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 11 and 18, weather permitting.

Organizers have alternative dates in the event that the weather is bad those days, including Friday, July 10, 17 and 24, and Saturday, July 25.

The campaign is an effort to help fund the local Summer Day Camp program and has a goal of raising at least $3,000, Envoy Jim Hulett said.

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Residential care specialists Greer Myers and Patrice Lewis celebrate during RCS week at Hope Healthcare.

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keeps us coming back. We have 30 and 25 years here, some have 13-14 years. That's a lot of longevity."

With the hours spent on the job, Lewis said the employees spend more time together than at home.

"This is our Hope family," she said.

Belleville resident Pam Hixson has worked at Hope's Westland facility on Cherry Hill for more than 30 years.

"I really never left here. I kind of like it; it's like family. And I love the residents," Hixson said.

With 19 years working at Hope, Marrion Fuller worked at other facilities in her career.

"I love my job, my residents and my co-workers. It's wonderful here," said Fuller, a Redford resident. "It's a warm, friendly place. It's just like one big happy family."

The original building occupied by Hope was opened in 1964, with an addition built in the 1970s. It serves up to 129 patients for short- and long-term skilled care, hospice and nursing home services.

"Turnover is very high among resident care specialists. Of 10 facilities we have in Michigan, we have the lowest turnover at 14 percent," Tolbert said. "That's why I wanted to do something for them. They go above and beyond. I have great respect for them."

Along with a photo op with the mayor and state representative, the resident care specialists had a week of activities, including cake and lunch, a barbecue complete with a DJ and games like *Family Feud*.

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me to believe the council can't come to an agreement if the issues are all addressed."

Coming to an agreement might take a month longer than expected, Hawley said, but he was hopeful the due diligence was being completed.

Keeping the community center open for another month under city operation won't have a serious budget impact, Nocerini said, after consulting with Plante Moran, which is serving as the city's finance director.

"It's not a perfect scenario. I'm not sorry that we have a little extra time so both sides have a good deal," said Nocerini, who was hopeful that HYPE will be able to take over community center operations by Aug. 1.

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The IT installation is just about complete. (IT director) Dan Bourdeau confirmed the service date, that's why I feel comfortable with the July date."

A former elementary school, Jefferson Barns is located on Grand Traverse, east of Venoy. The vacated Dorsey Center will be occupied by Safe Step.

» Volunteers, mainly coming from nearby Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, are coming in weekly to shelve and organize donated books for a library inside Jefferson Barns.

"It will be run by volunteers. They are kind of in the process of putting together how they want it to work," Campbell said. "People can come in and sign out books. They need a method for keeping track of the books."

The target date is to have the library open and operating in September.

» Building trades students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and volunteers from Safe Step have completed a project removing the gym floor from the closed Bailey Center and installing it in the Jefferson Barns gym.

"The gym is finished. That will also open in September," Campbell said.

Plans are underway to have a youth basketball league in the renovated gym.

» The Wayne Metro Community Action Agency will be renting space in the building. Not only will the services currently housed at the Dorsey Center move to Jefferson Barns, staff from Taylor and Garden City will also be relocating.

"They are consolidating their financial empowerment services in one location. They help people become financially independent," Campbell said.

» Nankin Transit, which currently has offices in the Westland Department of Public Services building on Marquette, will be relocating to Jefferson Barns in October.

"They were looking for the building trades students to do the work," Campbell said. "They started the office renovations, but then the school year ended. Nankin Transit will wait to move until the students can finish work on the office."

» The Westland Police Department has a community relations office in Jefferson Barns. "They will be able to do programming as soon as they move in," Campbell said. "That office just needed some minor painting."

» The Norwayne Boxing Gym has been operating in the building since it opened earlier this year.

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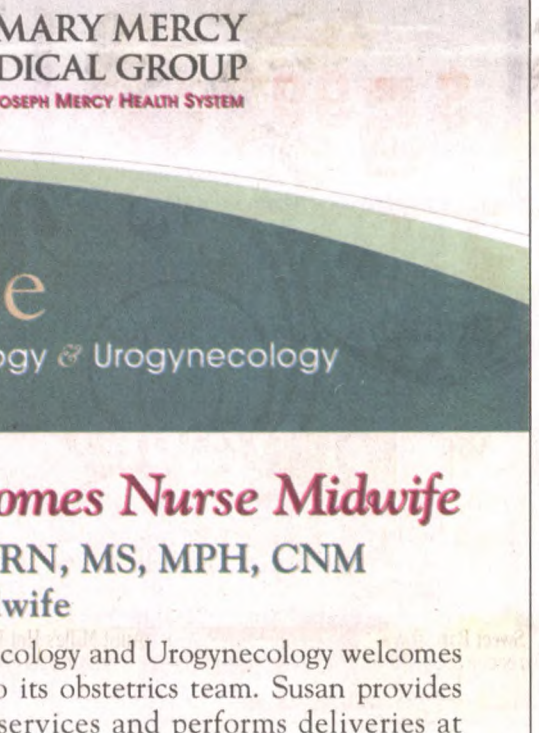

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Career Tech students shine at IVD Challenge

The students and staff of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center have a few more trophies to add to the school's showcase.

They were at Belle Isle to compete May 23 in the eighth annual Innovative Vehicle Design Performance Challenge. The event was hosted by Square One Education Network and encourages STEM – science, technology, engineering and math – skills to create mini and full-size IVD vehicles.

There were 55 high schools participating in the competition. William D. Ford collected two first-places honors for innovation and ambassadorship and a second-place for Figure 8 performance for its full-scale IVD.

"Many thanks to instructors J.C. Irvine, Jim Schirmer, Zack MacLean and Mark Batko," Career Tech Principal Steve Kay said. "It was a full-day event on Belle Isle, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the students did excellent and represented Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the William D. Ford Career Technical Center well."

The IVD Project is all volunteer on the part of students who work on the vehicle after school with Schirmer, the auto tech teacher, and Irvine, who teaches game design and programming. For this competition, the students transformed a dune buggy into their IVD.

This year's competition focused on infotainment and safety, specifically an early warning system in the case of the William D. Ford students.

Students also competed in the mini IVD competition.

"Unfortunately, we did not win, but were very close and competitive," Kay said.

Pure Michigan was at the event filming as part of a four-minute career technical video meant to change the perception of the auto industry. Kay has said the video's goal "is to transform how we look at the industry and see it in a different light and see that there is more opportunity out there."

The center was selected for the video because of its more than 14-year relationship with the Square One Education Foundation, which sponsors the IVD project.

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Showing of their trophies are William D. Ford Career Technical Center students (from left) Juwan Jamison, driver, auto technology; Christopher Lockard, Mitchell Massengill and Raelyn Edwards, game design and programming, and Luz Navarro, auto technology.

Westland student receives full scholarship to MSU

Zachary Smith of Westland, a recent graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, has received a full scholarship to attend Michigan State University beginning this fall.

Smith

"Several aspects of the university were appealing to me, including the ability to get involved in research right away with the Professorial Assistantship program and the depth of the study abroad program," Smith said.

During his time at Churchill, Smith participated in chess and tennis. He plans to major in biochemistry at MSU.

Smith was chosen from an MSU applicant pool by the director of admissions and dean of the Honors College on the basis of his high school program, achievements and standardized test scores.

"Each year, Michigan State University receives tens of thousands of applications from bright and talented students from around the world," said Jim Cotter, director of admissions. "Being honored with a full scholarship to attend one of the nation's most widely recognized universities is truly exceptional."

In all, 19 incoming MSU students will receive either a University Distinguished Scholarship or an Alumni Distinguished Scholarship. The scholarships are considered among the most competitive awards in the country. They cover full tuition, room and board and a stipend for up to eight semesters of study. The average high school grade-point average for these scholarship recipients is approximately 4.4. The average ACT score is 35 (out of 36) and the average SAT score (critical reading plus math only) is 1,540 (out of 1,600).

Smith will join the Honors College along with more than 650 other incoming students.

LPS board approves separation agreements for three teachers

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

The Livonia school board has approved separation agreements for three teachers, including two it had filed tenure charges against for alleged misconduct.

The board approved the agreements for Kelly Graham, a teacher and longtime coach at Stevenson High School; David Adkins, who worked at the Livonia Career Technical Center; and Sherry Aronson, a fifth-grade teacher at Cooper Upper Elementary School.

Graham and Adkins, the two teachers against whom the district had filed tenure charges in May, are withdrawing their challenges to the charges so the state tenure commission is dismissing the cases, said Stacy Jenkins, the district's administrator of communications.

The agreements outline the conditions for the district to accept their resignations, she said.

FILE PHOTO

The Livonia school board approved a separation agreement Monday for Stevenson coach Kelly Graham. The board had suspended Graham in May for alleged misconduct.

Aronson is resigning under the terms of the separation agreement, Jenkins said.

All three agreements are confidential personnel matters and the district cannot discuss them, she said.

Adkins, reached Tuesday by the *Observer*, said he had no comment. Messages seeking comment were left with Graham and Aronson.

Graham was the volleyball head coach at Stevenson for 20 years. In 2013, her team reached the state quarterfinals. She also coached track and field and previously coached at Livonia Churchill. She was listed on the Stevenson website as teaching personal fitness, gymnastics, sports and track and field. She had been employed by the district for 27 years.

Adkins taught auto technology. He had been employed by the district for 20 years.

Aronson spent her entire teaching career at Livonia Public Schools, starting in 1986 as a first-grade teacher at Adams Elementary (now Perrinville). Later she taught fifth-grade at Adams, moving to Cooper when it became a fifth- and sixth-grade building, according to the Cooper Upper Elementary School website.

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MOD Pizza opens first state location, raises $6,700 for LPS Foundation

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Several fast-casual pizza restaurants have begun to infiltrate metro Detroit. Livonia-based Team Schostak Family Restaurants believe it's found the right brand to be successful across the region with MOD Pizza.

"This is not just another restaurant for us," said Jake Schostak, brand manager for Team Schostak Family Restaurants. "This is something we really believe is something very, very special. We have a unique brand and we're just excited to share it with everybody else."

The first MOD Pizza in Michigan, which stands for "made on demand," opened Monday at 13229 Middlebelt in Livonia under the direction of Team Schostak. Another location is scheduled to open at Seven Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township in August, plus Schostak said the company hopes to open 25 shops across Michigan over the next five years.

With the opening, the store hosted a "pay what you want" day Monday, allowing customers to choose their price. About $6,700 was raised during opening day, with all proceeds going to the Livonia Public Schools Education Foundation.

DAVID VESELENAK

Rich Greene of Livonia (left) works with Kory Harp of Seattle in preparing pizzas last week during a preview lunch at MOD Pizza. The store, located on Middlebelt south of Schoolcraft, opened Monday.

The Livonia store is one of the few located east of the Mississippi River, with most shops operating in Washington, Oregon, Arizona and California near its Seattle headquarters, where it began in 2008. Schostak said his family's company, which operates several Applebee's and Burger King restaurants across the state, looked carefully at what it next wanted to operate. He said MOD Pizza seemed like a no-brainer, especially with the pizza culture throughout Michigan.

"Fast-casual is always picking up steam," Schostak said. "Michigan is such a big pizza state; it only made sense that pizza and fast-casual would intersect with each other."

The store in Livonia has some localized touches, including a modified city of Livonia logo on a canvas on a back wall and photos of local landmarks in Livonia and Redford on a wall covered in photographs, including Livonia City Hall, Stevenson High School, Franklin High School and Thurston High School.

Personalized food

The company focuses on making personal pizzas and salads with a variety of unique toppings, sauces and flavors. Prices range from just under $5 for a six-inch pizza to just under $11 for a double crust pizza. Also available are milkshakes, fountain drinks and a selection of draft beer and wine.

The ovens cook the personalized pizzas at 730°F for no more than five minutes.

"It gets dished out pretty quickly," Schostak said. "It's hot, fresh, personalized and you get it quickly."

Northville resident and Schostak employee Warren Strietzel stopped in during a preview lunch last week and ordered a pizza with pepperoni, sausage and crumbled meatballs on it, as well as a milkshake. He said he was impressed with the taste, especially the thin crust.

"The crust is thin crust, but still flavorful," he said. "This was perfect."

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Music from the Heart series resumes July 9

The Music from the Heart outdoor concert series continues 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 9, in Livonia with a performance by Dean Martin and Friends, who play a blend of songs.

The free concerts, held each Thursday through Aug. 27, are held on the steps of Livonia City Hall, located at Five Mile and Farmington roads.

Sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department, the series started with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Dean Martin and Friends will be the second performance.

This rest of the schedule is as follows:

» July 16 – Dan Raffety Band, top 40/Motown

» July 23 – The Millionaires, big band

» July 30 – Steve King and the Dittilies, oldies

» Aug. 6 – Motor City Soul, classic rock

» Aug. 13 – Billy Mack and the Juke Joint Johnnies, '50s oldies

» Aug. 20 – Comic Groove Band, variety dance music

» Aug. 27 – T.J. Thomas and Kentucky Strait, country

The arts commission is appointed by Mayor Jack Kirksey. Members are chairperson Brian Duggan, Donna Eno, Haitham Fakhouri, Grace Karczewski, Dan Pawlak, Carrie Spurling, Dan Spurling, Karen Voran, Jerry Valentine, Pam Valentine, Kira Leeper and Robert Khzouz.

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Music lovers gather for the Music from the Heart concert series at Livonia City Hall.

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Independent contractor? The good and the bad

Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Q: Dear Rick: I have been unemployed for a couple of years now and I was just offered a new job. It is basically the same type of job I had before, although I would not get any benefits. On my first day, I had to sign a variety of forms and one of the things that I signed was an agreement saying that I was an independent contractor and not an employee. When I asked about that, I was told that it doesn't mean that much and the only difference is that as opposed to them withholding my taxes, I would have to do that myself. My question is, did I make a mistake by signing this document and, in addition, is there anything else that I should know?

A: The first thing you should know is that there is a difference between being an employee and an independent contractor. As an independent contractor, you are your own business and, as a result, you don't have the same rights granted an employee. For example, as an employee, if you lose your job, you're entitled to unemployment. It is not that easy to collect unemployment as an independent contractor. In addition, as an employee in most businesses, you receive paid vacations. That is not the case with an independent contractor. The relationship between you, an employee and your employer is totally different than the relationship between an independent contractor and the company.

From a tax standpoint, what they told you was correct, but it's not the whole story. As an employee, if you were paid $1,000 a week, the paycheck you receive at the end of the week would not be $1,000. It would be $1,000 less federal and state withholding taxes and Social Security. On the other hand, as an independent contractor making $1,000, your paycheck would be for $1,000. You, as your own business, are responsible to make estimates for your state and federal withholding. In addition, you are also responsible for Social Security. As an employee, your employer would withhold 7.65 percent from your check for Social Security and Medicare. In addition, your employer matches those amounts. When you are an independent contractor, you're treated as self-employed and, thus, you are responsible for both the employer and the employee ends of Social Security. Your rate is 15.3 percent for the first $118,500. You may discover that being an independent contractor substantially raises the amount that you are paying into Social Security.

One of the benefits to being an independent contractor is that you are allowed to deduct expenses. Employees have a much more difficult time deducting expenses vs. an independent contractor. If you have substantial business expenses, it is much easier to deduct those for tax purposes than if you were an employee. Furthermore, you can establish your own retirement plan, which may allow you to contribute more than you could otherwise in your 401(k) plan.

The reason many companies want to classify someone as an independent contractor is so they're not responsible for employee-related costs such as the matching of Social Security, federal and state unemployment taxes and perks such as health care. That does not mean it's not also good for the independent contractor, but in many situations the independent contractor ends up paying more in taxes.

If you accept a position and become an independent contractor, it is important to make sure you pay your taxes on time. Many people think taxes are due April 15, but that's when your tax return is due. The payment of taxes is done on a quarterly basis. It is important for independent contractors to make timely quarterly payments, not only to the federal government, but also to the state of Michigan.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Livonia, Westland businesses part of largest Medicare fraud takedown

A nationwide sweep led by the Medicare Fraud Strike Force in 17 districts has resulted in charges against 243 individuals, including 46 doctors, nurses and other licensed medical professionals, for their alleged participation in Medicare fraud schemes involving approximately $712 million in false billings.

The charges were announced last week by U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch and Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

In addition, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services also suspended a number of providers, using its suspension authority as provided in the Affordable Care Act. The coordinated takedown is the largest in Strike Force history, both in terms of the number of defendants charged and loss amount.

In the Detroit area, 16 individuals, including six doctors, a social worker, a pharmacist and two physical therapists were charged with a variety of health care fraud and kickback schemes totaling over $122 million. The schemes involved services that were medically unnecessary or never rendered, including physician visits, hospice care, home health care and the billing but not dispensing of pharmaceuticals.

In addition, law enforcement agents executed search warrants at eight locations and seizure warrants of 24 bank accounts related to the alleged schemes. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has moved to suspend 14 providers associated with the schemes.

Among the charges filed or unsealed:

» Five individuals, two physicians and three owners of hospice and home health care companies, were charged in an indictment with conspiring to commit health care fraud for their roles in a $58.3 million scheme to defraud Medicare by submitting fraudulent claims for home health care and hospice services that were medically unnecessary or not provided.

The owners of the home health care and hospice companies, two of whom are also physical therapists, paid physicians and recruiters kickbacks for referring patients, then billed Medicare for unnecessary services, which were often never provided.

The companies, located in Livonia, are A Plus Hospice and Palliative Care, At Home Hospice, and At Home Network Inc., a home health care agency. The physicians who solicited and received kickbacks also submitted claims to Medicare for medically unnecessary physician services through their companies are Dr. Waseem Alam, Woodward Urgent Care, and Hatem Ataya. Those physicians prescribed beneficiaries medically unnecessary prescriptions, including controlled substances, for which Medicare also paid.

Also charged were Shahid Tahir, 45, of Bloomfield, Muhammad Tariq, 60, of West Bloomfield, and Manawar Javed, 40, of West Bloomfield.

» Dr. Laran Lerner, 59, of Northville, a physician, and Mohamad Bazzi, 42, of Dearborn, a licensed pharmacist and pharmacy owner, were charged by complaint with an over $24 million health care fraud scheme. Dr. Lerner provided medically unnecessary prescriptions for expensive pharmaceuticals for which Bazzi's pharmacy, Advanced Pharmacy Services would bill Medicare, but not dispense.

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City adds more water fun at Clements Circle Park

The city of Livonia is offering youngsters who live near the Clements Circle Pool a bit of water fun each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon this summer.

Two inflatable water features – an 18-foot high water slide and a slip and slide – will be at Clements Circle Park from noon to 4 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday through Labor Day, weather permitting.

This is the second year the Clements Circle Pool has been required to remain closed due to damage caused by a contractor and lawsuits that have been filed.

"We know the Clements Circle Pool is very popular," Mayor Jack Kirksey said. "Keeping it closed is a big disappointment for many families. We are taking extra steps to provide some fun activities for the kids in the neighborhood."

The water slides are being rented by the city and will be staffed by Livonia Parks & Recreation aquatics employees, who will enforce safety rules at the park. Children ages 3 and under are permitted to ride with an adult only.

Additionally, the city is providing free outdoor pool passes to residents of Section 36 (bounded by Plymouth, Joy, Middlebelt and Inkster roads) to use Shelden or Botsford pools this summer. Residents are invited to bring photo ID to the Livonia Community Recreation Center to register for a pool pass.

This summer, Livonia Community Transit buses will also be providing rides from the Clements Circle Pool parking lot to Shelden Pool at about 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each weekday (not weekends or holidays). Return trips will leave from Shelden Pool to the Clements Circle parking lot at about 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The fee will be just $1 each way.

Bus riders must meet the same restrictions as required for pool admission. Children age 11 and under must be accompanied by someone over age 16.

For more details, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 734-466-2298.

Wish you were here

Philip and Maureen Abele recently traveled with the Observer to Fairfield Glade, Tenn., for a couples golf outing. "The trip was highlighted by my first-ever hole-in-one on No. 4 at the Druid Hills course," Philip Abele said.

Redford Police seeking suspect in check fraud case

Redford Township Police are looking for a check fraud suspect who made deposits at Bank of America at 24400 Joy Road in Redford.

The suspect is a black male in his late teens or early 20s driving a black Chevy Camaro convertible.

The Redford Police Department posted photos of the suspect from surveillance cameras on its Facebook page early Thursday morning.

Anyone with information is asked to call Redford Police at 313-387-2551.

– *By Karen Smith*

The suspect in this photo is wanted for questioning in a check fraud case at Bank of America at 24400 Joy Road in Redford.

Thief saws four catalytic converters off cars in Redford

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Redford Township had four larcenies of catalytic converters take place in the same general area, likely by the same person, between 3-5 a.m. Wednesday, according to Redford Police.

The culprit is described as a black adult, approximately 6 feet tall and 230 pounds, wearing a gray hoodie. He was driving a 2015 silver Chevrolet Impala with a dent near the driver's side rear tire.

He was observed by two witnesses, police said.

The man parked his car next to the victim's vehicle in the street, lifted the vehicle with a jack, then cut off the catalytic converter with a power saw that was loud enough to be heard inside nearby houses, police reports said.

All four damaged vehicles were parked in the street. They were a Malibu, a Seville, an Aurora and a Grand Am.

The locations were on Seminole north and south of Seven Mile, Indian north of Margareta and Macarthur north of Curtis.

A Redford Police officer spotted the vehicle in the area of Grand River and Telegraph and began a pursuit that was terminated for safety reasons.

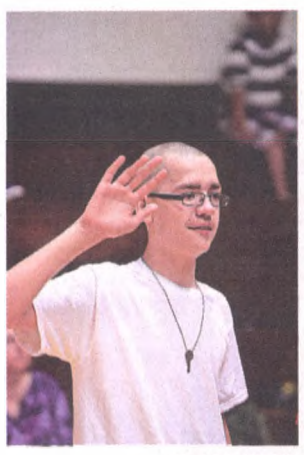
Residents are advised to pay attention to unusual noises and suspicious vehicles at night and to report anything unusual to the police. Residents are also advised to park vehicles in as secure an area as possible.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Redford Police at 313-387-2551.

Education can take boom out of bombs

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

TOM BEAUDOIN
Cadet Jesse Rayer of South Lyon is all smiles as she shows off the bomb suit's helmet that is almost as wide as her.



TOM BEAUDOIN
Sea cadet Collin Miller asks question about the bomb detection equipment.

TOM BEAUDOIN
Cadet Jacob Nicolia of Garden City has a hard time getting his arms around the helmet worn by bomb technicians.

TOM BEAUDOIN
State Police bomb technician Sgt. Tim Ketvirtis explains how the digital X-ray system works at the demonstration at Cambridge High School in Garden City.

Jesse Rayer wasn't surprised when Tim Ketvirtis had her try on a bomb disposal helmet.

Rayer was the smallest of a group of Sea Cadets and Navy Leaguers, but it wasn't her size that got her to put on the heavy helmet.

"My dad asked him to pick me," the South Lyon youngster said.

Her father is a Michigan State Police detective and knows Ketvirtis, an MSP sergeant and bomb technician who brought the protective clothing and remote-controlled robots used to deal with suspected explosives to Cambridge High School in Garden High School recently.

"Education is the key to why we have safe outcomes," Ketvirtis said as he explained the different pieces of equipment. "We don't tell you how to do it; we tell how to be safe."

Rayer liked trying on the helmet that has headlights, a camera and air pack and weighs more than 18 pounds.

"Oh, yeah, it was heavy," she said of the helmet. "It made my head move back and forth."

Ketvirtis showed the cadets the bomb squad's No. 1 tool – a portable X-ray. It can be used to exam suitcase, packages, containers and even a bomb to see what's inside. The screen can be held by a robotic arm that bomb technicians control from a distance and the picture is so clear that "we can see the timer move."

"The kitchen timer is old technology; the cellphone is new technology," Ketvirtis said about devices used to trigger bombs. "We train on the robots. Some of the newer ones use video game-style controllers."

Pieces are evidence

Ketvirtis was a crime scene investigator before becoming a bomb technician. While criminals may think nothing is left once a bomb explodes, a lot of evidence can be found in the pieces that are left behind.

DNA, trace fibers and fingerprints are among the information that can be found in the remnants.

"Everything that blows up goes to our facilities; it's forensic evidence," he said. "A lot of bomb makers think that once they make a bomb and it blows up, it's gone, but that's not the case. It's just pieces. We put it back together and start working our way back. Bomb makers leave DNA unless they wear gloves and shirts to protect themselves."

When not on a call, members are training. They talk a lot about chemicals and biological elements that can be used in bombs. They also educate the public about bombs and bomb threats, Ketvirtis said.

The bomb suit weighs 50 pounds and is made of cloth that contains Kevlar, a ballistic-proof material, as well as ceramic plates in the front of the jacket and pants to protect the wearer. Kevlar is also used in the back to provide spin protection.

"All of the protection is in the front of the suit," Ketvirtis said. "You walk up to a bomb and you back away. You keep the protection between you and the bomb."

The helmet also is designed to provide blast protection and the camera records everything the technician sees.

The entire suit has the highest rating for fire protection and the shield on the helmet is designed to force the pressure from an explosion to go around the technician.

"When you're in the suit, you don't run too fast, you don't move to fast," he said. "It feels lighter when you put it on, but we work in it 30-40 minutes. We have to wear a cooling vest to keep out core temperatures down."

Education is key

Ketvirtis told the cadets his job is to make sure the robots are working. He takes them apart "all the time" and has extra parts in the bomb squad truck to make repairs.

Squad members learned a long time ago that education is the key to keeping people safe. People learn to be safe and "they become our eyes and hopefully stop something from happening."

"The education portion is huge," he said. "We're not telling people how to do it, we're telling them how to be safe and, once they're educated, if they see something that isn't right, they can call us."

The Sea Cadets program is for youths ages 13-17, while the Navy League Cadets are for those ages 11-14. The James M. Hannan Division and the training ship Bristol Bay meet at Cambridge High School, 28901 Cambridge, Garden City. For more information, contact Lt. Ed Brennan at 248-685-9568.

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An x-ray of the hip revealed only moderate loss of joint space and no evidence of a tumor or a cancer. Twenty years ago, I would have ended an evaluation as there was nothing more I could do uncover the cause of his discomfort. I would have concluded, on the basis of the available information, that he might be exaggerating a trivial impairment.

However, today a physician has the opportunity to look further for cause and diagnosis. In this case, I could order an MRI; that imaging provided an answer.

The pictures showed that the patient had torn a tendon -the gluteus medias- that inserted into the hip. The MRI also confirmed that the patient had no cancer, tumor or infection of the hip or in its surrounding area. I could inform the patient that he was basically sound and that he had suffered an injury that might take weeks to resolve, but which would eventually heal.

Modern technology allows a physician to take a second look when traditional ways to diagnosis fail to give an answer. Modern medicine has its defects such as being expensive and a times revealing abnormalities that have little to do with the patient's problem. But in sum, what we have represents a great improvement compared to what we had.

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'Action Speaks' to a group of area volunteers

By Jay Young
Correspondent

For the past five years, a contingent of residents from Canton, Westland and other western Wayne County communities has journeyed to Mount Joy, Pa., to join other volunteers from around the country at a large distribution center operated by Global Aid Network, the humanitarian arm of Campus Crusade.

Seven area residents who made a recent trip include Jay and Linnea Young of Canton, Orville and Pat Butzin of Canton and Dennis and Della Danielson and Ruth Wenzel of Westland.

Founded in 2003 as an outgrowth of Operation Care Lift (another arm of CRU), the organization offers a holistic approach to meeting the needs of displaced and disadvantaged peoples throughout the world through several avenues, including food, seed/harvest, education, water, sanitation and hygiene and relief programs.

According to the latest statistics from the United Nations, the number of displaced persons today stands at more than 43 million, the highest number since the mid-1990s. Of that number, 27 million have fled their home countries due to sectarian conflicts in the Middle East and elsewhere. Of the total number of refugees, 41 percent are children. Women account for about half of all refugees, most seeking refuge in developing countries which can least afford to care for their needs.

It is within that context that GAiN purchased a large, former fish hatchery in the rolling, rich farm lands of central Pennsylvania and transformed it into a modern distribution facility, complete with a large meeting room, called the Gospel Hall, fully-equipped kitchen and administrative offices amid 70,000 square feet of warehousing space.

Since its founding in 2003, $226 million in aid consisting of thousands of packets of seeds, bales of clothing, bags of beans and rice, medical and hygienic supplies, blankets, quilts and water filtration and irrigation systems have been shipped around the world.

Much of the work has been accomplished through the efforts of more than 100,000 volunteers, who have gathered twice a year in June and October to sort, stuff, count, package, sew, cut, measure and otherwise perform the time-consuming tasks necessary to get the various supplies ready for shipment.

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The former fish hatchery in central Pennsylvania has been transformed into a modern distribution facility.

"We couldn't afford to ship nearly the amount of aid around the world we do without the help of these volunteers," said Phil Liller, director of the GAiN Logistics Center. "We purchase some aid and stockpile donations for months prior to our two work weeks to provide the items to keep our hundreds of volunteers busy. Local residents also come in throughout the year to sew, quilt or string gospel beads and process clothing, among other things."

In addition to gathering and shipping aid around the world, GAiN supports trips to a number of third world countries, where volunteers conduct vision screenings and construct eye glasses; distribute water filtration and irrigation systems; provide natural disaster aid; and host dental or medical clinics organized by in-country CRU staff.

GAiN president Al Goff challenged this year's volunteers to "go, give, volunteer and pray." He told the story of an encounter with a Syrian refugee during a recent trip to a Middle Eastern refugee center to illustrate the harsh realities of life for thousands of displaced persons.

While at the camp, he met a young woman who was forced to marry at age 13, had three children and was then abandoned by her husband by age 19. She was subsequently imprisoned for two years for her conversion to Christianity before being released and escaping to a refugee center in a neighboring country, where she was helping other refugees cope with being separated from their homes and families.

"Action Speaks" was the theme of this year's work week, emblazoned on T-shirts worn by volunteers, and was a motivating factor for the Michigan volunteers in attendance. "I love to give of my time and effort," Pat Butzin said, "because I truly believe my actions to help others, counts.

SUBMITTED

Pat Butzin of Canton with Lorie Mumaw from Delaware. Butzin helped work on dozens of quilts destined for needy families and children.

"I shared my knowledge of quilting with two teenagers this year as we worked on dozens of quilts destined for needy families and children. Some people don't realize how good it makes you feel to help others," she added.

Anyone interested in going, volunteering, giving or praying for the work of GAiN is encouraged to go to its website at www.gainusa.org. The reward is knowing your efforts are helping to alleviate the suffering of others in need throughout the world.

Jay Young of Canton has been part of a group of volunteers to the GAiN Logistics Center for the past five years. He is the former director of community relations for the Livonia Public Schools. Retired in 2007, he and his wife Linnea like to travel and do volunteer work.

More than 100,000 volunteers gather twice a year to sort, stuff, count, package, sew, cut, measure and otherwise perform the tasks necessary to get the various supplies ready for shipment.

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Notice is given that the City of Westland shall conduct Civil Service testing to crea a list of qualified applicants for filling future laborer positions. Qualified individuals must c mplete a job application and submit a resume to determine eligibility; only those individuals who fulfill minimum requirements will be tested. Minimum requirements: Commercial Driver's License with A endorsement preferred or obtained within six (6) months from date of hire, High School diploma or GED equivalency, Certificate (25-48 credit hours resulting in certificate), or Associate's degree in any skilled trades preferred; or the equivalent education and/or work experience. Work is performed primarily outdoors and in all types of weather. Must be able to work overtime, including weekends and holidays. Competitive pay and comprehensive benefits package. For placement on Civil Service Eligibility List, applicant must successfully pass all testing. The City will limit Civil Service testing to the first fifty (50) applicants, based on date of submission of application and resume, who meet the minimum requirements. Your completed application, a resume including five (5) references will be accepted beginning 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 6, 2015 at the Office of Personnel, City Hall, City of Westland, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185-2016. The application process shall run from 10 a.m. July 6, 2015 through 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2015 after which time no applications shall be accepted. Application for employment may be found on City website www.cityofwestland.com. EOE

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE
CITY PRIMARY ELECTION, TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the City Primary Election is Monday, **July 6, 2015.**

Candidates for the following office are to be voted upon:

Mayor

The following proposal will be voted on:

PROPOSED POLICE AND FIRE MILLAGE RENEWAL

A proposal to authorize the renewal of a levy of 0.35 percent of the assessed value (3.5 mills) on all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City as new additional millage of 5 years duration for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing for the operation and equipment of the Garden City Police and Fire Departments. It is estimated that 3.5 mills would raise approximately **$1,704,445.00** when first levied in 2016.

Yes No

This notice is given by order of the Garden City Clerk Allyson Bettis.

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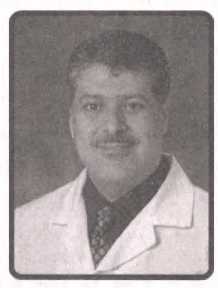

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 10

Location: Wilson Barn, 29350 W. Chicago, Livonia

Details: Locally grown produce, honey, home-baked items and American-made crafts. Free activities this year include a Kids' Corner with special craft projects from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 27, July 25 and Aug. 29 and pony rides from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 8. The market will be closed for the holidays July 3 and Sept. 5.

Contact: www.wilsonbarn.com

FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Thursday, through Oct. 8 (no market July 2 or Aug. 13).

Location: 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford in Central City Park, Westland

Details: A variety of food, craft vendors, special events and music is featured at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market. EBT accepted.

Contact: 734-326-7222 or email at westlandchamber@gmail.com

GREENMEAD SUNDAY TOURS

Time/date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 28, July 12, 19, 26; Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

Details: All tours start at the Gift Shop, the building closest to the stop sign, about in the middle of the park. New this year the last Sunday in June, July, August and September have been designated as "Ice Cream" Sundays. The Livonia Historical Commission will be treating guests to an ice-cream novelty at the AJ Geer Store; just show your paid admission pass. Cost is $3 for adults, $2 for students. Tours will also be held in the fall on Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6 and 13.

Contact: (248) 477-7375

AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY

Time/date: 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28

Location: 37855 Lyndon St., Livonia

Details: The Livonia Amateur Radio Club and the Ford Amateur Radio League will conduct Field Day exercises, setting up temporary operating stations and contacting other ham radio operators throughout North America who are also training to handle critical emergency communications. Watch us communicate via the same medium in use in the aftermath of the recent earthquakes in Nepal. We will be using a wide variety of operating modes including Morse Code, Voice Mode, Digital Modes and Satellites. The event is open to ham radio operators as well as the general public. Admission is free. Come out and see how LARC and FARL are prepared to handle emergency communications if needed.

Contact: http://www.livoniaarc.com or k8uns@arrl.net

NORTHVILLE ANNUAL GARDEN WALK

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 8

Location: Seven private gardens in and around Northville and Northville Township

Details: Included in your ticket price are the options to experience a garden market, live music, a member plant sale and a stroll through the 19th century village setting at the Historic Mill Race Village. Non-refundable tickets are $10 and can be purchased from Gardenviews Garden Gallery, 117 E. Main Street, 248-380-8881, after June 8 and on the day of the walk at the gate at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold St. in downtown Northville. This year ticket holders will also be able to enter a free drawing for gift certificates and garden items donated by local greenhouses, florists and garden centers.

Contact: mjmandell2012@gmail.com; 248-478-3391

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, July 13-17

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia

Details: "G-FORCE", VBS is open for potty-trained 3-year-olds through those entering 6th grade. Through song, crafts, snacks, science, recreation and interactive Bible story. Cost is $10/child for the week, $30 for families of four or more.

Contact: Church Office at (734) 422-6038

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/date: 5-7 p.m. July 13, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 14 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 15

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: Early-bird charge for July 13. Specials at end of sale. The sale is held in the lower level on the southeast side of the church.

Contact: 734-427-2290

CAR WASH

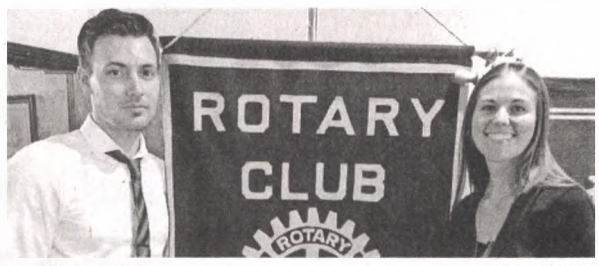
Time/date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18

Location: Claude Alison Park, Redford

Details: Money raised will benefit the Redford Township Sister City Organization. Any donation amount will be accepted.

Do Unto Others supplements work of Special Olympics

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer



JULIE BROWN

Rob Sherman of Belleville and Stacy Kessel of Redford brought the story of their new nonprofit, Wayne-Westland Do Unto Others, to Westland Rotary.

A new nonprofit, Wayne-Westland Do Unto Others, is supplementing the work of Special Olympics and improving life for people with developmental disabilities.

"DUO is very near and dear to our hearts," said Stacy Kessel of Redford, Do Unto Others president. She and Rob Sherman of Belleville, vice president of finance for the nonprofit, are among co-founders who shared the story at a recent Westland Rotary luncheon.

Both Kessel and Sherman have coached Special Olympics, he for 10 years and she for five. They were at a Central Michigan University gathering for Special Olympics and realized the need for a supplemental but separate local group for education and socializing.

"Special Olympics is great," said Kessel, who grew up in west Michigan and earned a bachelor's degree in business with an advertising and promotion major from Western Michigan University in 2008. "We realize it's a good need in our area."

Their focus is beyond Wayne-Westland to nearby communities, to serve the developmentally disabled and their families. Activities beyond Special Olympics have included a trip to the Detroit Historical Museum followed by a Pizza Hut dinner, "to laugh and have a good time and experience situations they may not have before," she said.

Transportation is an issue for many with developmental disabilities, Kessel said, and some don't have parents nearby to help.

Another activity was a play, *Young Frankenstein*, which included meeting the actors.

"The actors were great," said Sherman, a Belleville High graduate who attended ITT Technical Institute. "It was a really great event."

Wayne-Westland Do Unto Others also seeks to give educational information and resources for parents and the disabled. "Some of the parents don't understand what the whole process is," said Kessel, who also works in marketing at Gleaners Food Bank.

They're reaching out to area group homes, including some adult residents who were earlier in Special Olympics. Sherman noted fundraising (it has 501(c)3 status) will include team jerseys very much in need of replacing.

"It's hard for somebody with Down syndrome to approach somebody for a donation," said Sherman, who works in real estate and has a small commercial painting and drywall business.

They're organizing a 5K and Family Field Day as a benefit Saturday, July 11, at Lower Huron Metropark, 17845 Savage Road, Belleville. Registration will be 8-9 a.m. for the 5K with the fun run/walk 9-11 a.m.

The Family Field Day will start 11 a.m. and include softball, tug of war, a three-legged race and more. Registration information is at DUO5KFieldDay.eventbrite.com or you can email 5KFieldDay@duo.org or go to www.wwduo.org.

Price for the 5K is $35, with a $10 charge per person for the Family Field Day.

"We want to get as many people as possible," Kessel said, adding organizers hope to make this event annual. She noted the social benefits, including interaction of the general public with those with disabilities.

"It is life-changing, it is amazing," she said of volunteering, adding they'd appreciate volunteer help July 11 at the 5K and Family Field Day. "You leave with a smile."

Kessel, a high school soccer player, added, "They've become a second family."

They serve on a board of five, which includes several co-founders for Wayne-Westland Do Unto Others and is helped by a committee of volunteers.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
SUMMER TAX NOTICE

The 2015 summer taxes will be payable from July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015 without penalty. Beginning September 1, 2015 a 4% penalty and ½% interest per month will be added to the unpaid taxes. Beginning March 1, 2016 all unpaid 2015 REAL property taxes must be paid to: Raymond J Wojtowicz, Wayne County Treasurer, The International Center Building, 400 Monroe, 5th floor, Detroit, Mi 48226 with penalty and an additional 4% administration fee plus 1% per month interest computed from March 1, 2016

ALLYSON M BETTIS
Treasurer-City Clerk

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Notice of Public Auction

Thursday, July 9, 2015
At or After 10:00 am
1-800-Mini Storage of Redford
15440 Telegraph, Redford Mi 48239

1008	Alphonso Seals	2636	Jacqueline Ward
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Goods are to be sold to satisfy landlord lien.
All goods will be sold to highest bidder for cash.
1-800-Mini Storage reserves the right to reject any bids and reserves the right to bid on unsold units. Contents include but are not limited to furniture, appliances, household goods, clothing, boxes & more.

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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, **on July 9th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Library Architectural Services

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS
AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township"), intends to issue and sell its general obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Eight Million Dollars ($8,000,000), in one or more series, for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping improvements to the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System of the Township, including all appurtenances and attachments.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations.

BOND DETAILS

SAID BONDS will be payable in annual installments not to exceed twenty (20) in number for each issue and will bear interest at the rate or rates to be determined at a public or private sale but in no event to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law on the balance of the bonds from time to time remaining unpaid.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Garth J. Christie, Clerk
Charter Township of Redford

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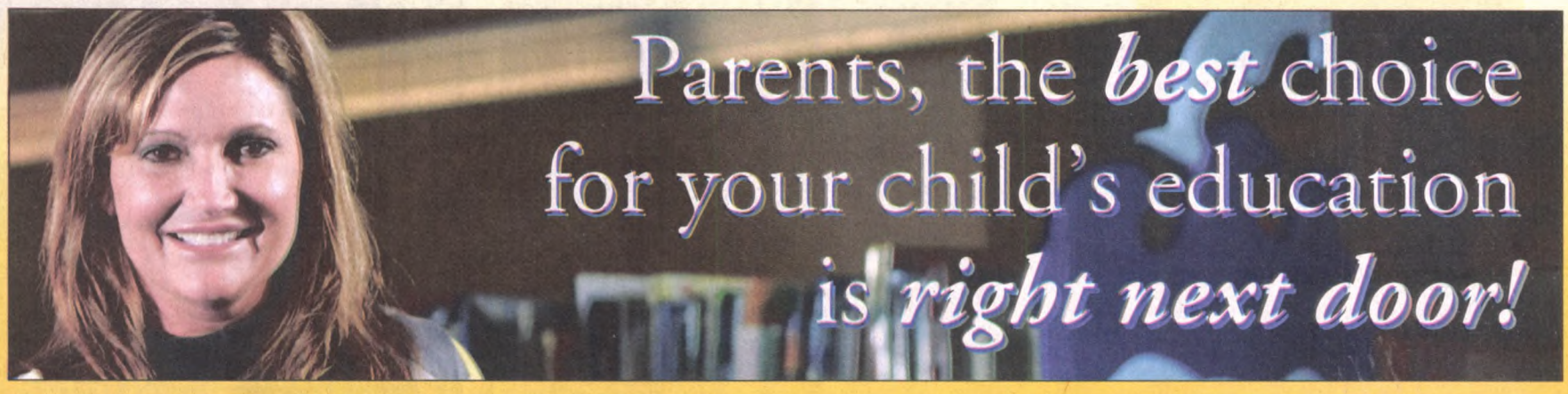

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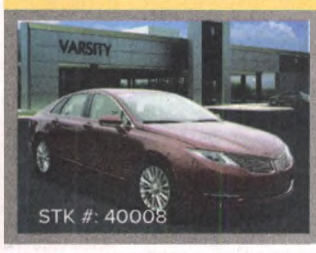

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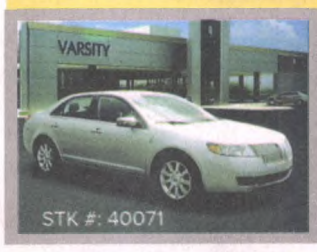

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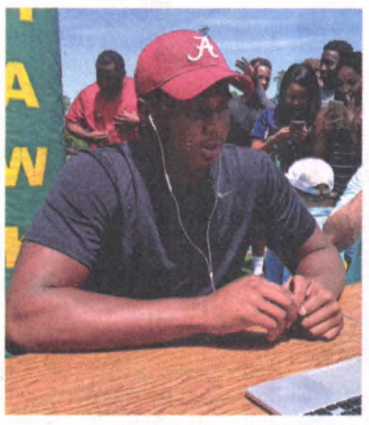

DAN O'MEARA

Khalid Kareem does a live interview Wednesday afternoon with ESPN from the stadium end zone at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

Harrison grid standout picks Alabama

Star defensive lineman Khalid Kareem had offers from 39 major schools

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Th phrase "Roll Tide" is not often heard in Michigan, but it was stated a few times Wednesday afternoon at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

The occasion was Khalid Kareem's announcement of his verbal commitment to play football at the University of Alabama in 2016.

The 6-foot-4, 245-pound defensive lineman, one of the most sought-after players in the country, made his decision late Tuesday, choosing the Crimson Tide over Michigan.

Kareem, who is preparing for his senior season with the Hawks, will graduate in December and enroll early next year at Alabama, a perennial contender for the national championship under coach Nick Saban.

"It's just the best fit for me and my family," Kareem said. "It gives me the best opportunity to play and to succeed on the college and professional level, potentially."

He visited the university in Tuscaloosa two weeks ago and was there on another occasion for the spring game.

Kareem said he developed a close relationship with other Alabama coaches, including former Michigan State head coach and Eastern Michigan assistant Bobby Williams.

"I've been in contact with them every week through the (recruiting) process," he said. "Since our relationship was so good, it just impacted my decision. Coach Saban said he's very excited to have me on the team."

What he likes most about Saban is that he's a down-to-earth guy, Kareem added.

"He's all about his players," he said. "He has an open-door policy where anybody can come in and talk to him about anything. That's what I really liked about him."

Kareem, who had 39 schol-

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REC-KING IT

HIS KIND OF CLUB

Camaraderie, friendly competition among reasons Canton golfer loves sport

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

As the golf ball soared through the air in the direction of the pin at Willow Golf Course's No. 6 hole, Steve Wieczorek intently tracked its flight.

It was Father's Day and Wieczorek was out on the New Boston course with his buddies, so things already were going great for the nearly 59-year-old Canton resident — who began playing golf as a youngster when he caddied at Redford Township's Western Golf & Country Club.

But he didn't know he was about to live the dream of every recreational golfer. He aced the 180-foot tee shot, scoring his first-ever hole-in-one.

"I was struggling until then really bad," Wieczorek said Thursday, recalling the June 21 feat. "I said, 'I'm just going to stay down, swing real easy, keep my head down and whatever happens, happens.'

"I thought it was a good shot and it was even better when I got up there and found it was in the hole. The other guy said it was really close, because it looked like it was tracking right at the pin."

There was a mark on the green where the ball struck, about 18 inches from the cup.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

Leaning into a fairway shot is 58-year-old Steve Wieczorek. As a youngster he caddied at Western Golf & Country Club in Redford Township.

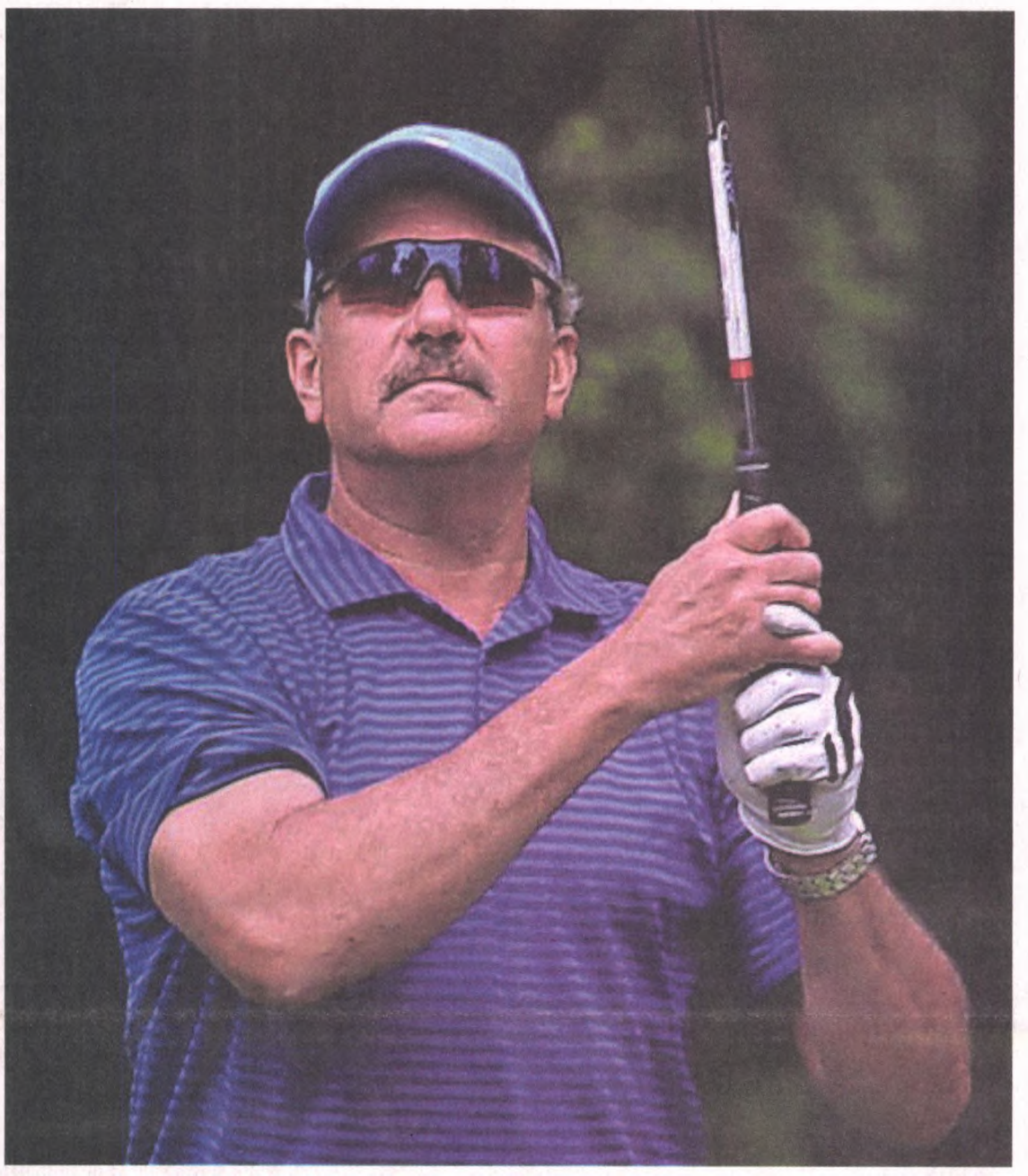
"So it must have bounced right in," Wieczorek said. "It's a great feeling."

Wieczorek talked about his accomplishment after playing nine holes in an adult league at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton.

One member of his Fellows Creek foursome, Len Byrne of Canton, also happened to be with Wieczorek on Father's Day at Willow.

"That was one of those ones you weren't sure went in the hole," said Byrne, 60. "You couldn't tell from the tee box; you knew it was close. But until you walked up there looking for the ball and can't find it ... then you realize it's in the hole. It's pretty neat."

Wieczorek said the only other hole-in-one he ever witnessed was by Byrne, so it was fitting that his friend was there to reciprocate.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton's Steve Wieczorek watches the flight of his ball Thursday at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Good and lucky

"I really didn't think I was ever going to get one," the Redford Thurston graduate said. "But I feel very lucky that I was able to get one. Kind of neat to have your buddy with you and witness the whole thing."

For Wieczorek, any success

See REC-KING IT, Page B2

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SOCCER

Young, local players cheer on, learn from United States team

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Sometimes it's difficult for Taylor Meadows to keep her emotions in check when she's watching the United States women's soccer team compete in the World Cup, the 11-year-old AC Milan Detroit attacking midfielder admitted.

"I really get into it," the Canton resident said, while cracking a wide smile. "When the games get really intense, I scream at the TV."

Taylor can count herself in the majority of young female soccer players who get charged up about the U.S. team, which had advanced into the round of eight heading into Friday night's game against China.

With a roster filled with talented, charismatic and high-character players, the Americans' appeal is broad and strong – especially with impressionable upper-elementary and middle school-aged players who admire how the team operates.

"Prior to this era, you really didn't see as much interest in the United States team in the World Cup," AC Milan president and 12U girls head coach Chris Burnette said. "For a long time, it just wasn't a cool sport.

"Now the World Cup really impacts these girls, because they can watch the games and see what I'm telling them to do in practice sessions being performed at a high level by players they look up to."

Juliana Morrow confirmed what her coach said, revealing she doesn't wait long to apply what she sees on TV to her skill set.

"I'll watch a game and look for moves the players make," said Juliana, a student at Riley Upper Elementary School in Livonia. "Then I'll go out in the

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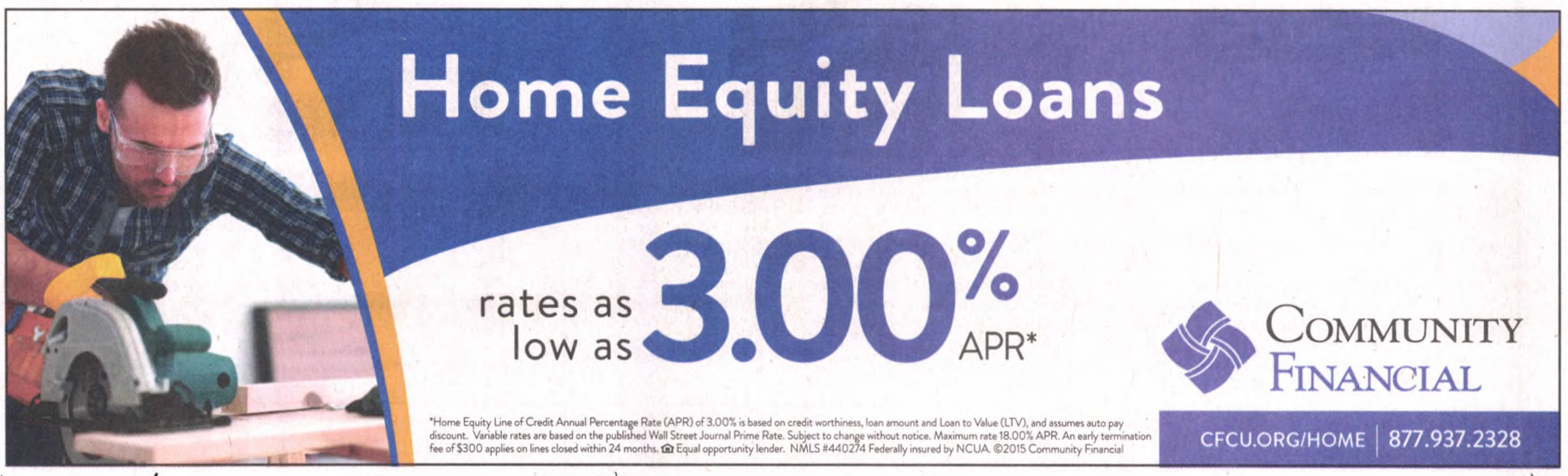
ED WRIGHT

Members of the AC Milan Detroit 12U girls soccer team have been avid fans of the United States as they battle toward a World Cup title. Pictured are (front row, from left) Kirsten Jones, Olivia Ahlgren and Reagan Burnette, (middle row, from left) Taylor Meadows, Sarah Marasco and Juliana Morrow and (third row, from left) Kenzie Hare, Grace Distelrach and Audrey Porter.



REVITALIZING REUNION

THE TIGERS' UNBREAKABLE BOND

Original Garden City West football players come together for ex-coach

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Pictured is the Garden City West logo.

Members of the first Garden City West football team reunited last weekend at the Plymouth home of Bill Gray. Pictured (from left) are Gray, Ray Spry, Bob Hollingsworth, assistant coach Chris Babler, Mike Taft , former athletic director Bill Pinnell, Gary Kalen, Chuck Dobbs, head coach Harold Burkholder, Bob Gamache, Joe Kuciemba, Danny Herbert and Ed Beaumont.

Fifty-year spans can turn once-vivid high school football-themed newspaper articles to an aged golden tint.

Five decades can deteriorate knees, hips and other essential joints and they can scatter members of even the most close-knit high school football teams across the country, if not the world.

But father time's chisel hasn't diminished one bit the bond members of the original Garden City West football team developed during their memorable mid-1960s run.

That was never more obvious than last Saturday evening at the Plymouth home of Bill Gray – the Tigers' glue guy, who has orchestrated recent get-togethers that have not only been well-attended by West's inaugural group of players, but a few of their 80-something-year-young coaches as well.

"When you're still hanging with guys you've known for 50 years, it's a pretty big deal," Gray said. "There's a lot of love between these guys."

The attraction to congregate with their old buddies is so magnetic that some former Tigers traveled across the country for the team's latest reunion. Bob Hollingsworth flew in from Edmond, Okla., while Gary Kalen traveled the farthest, catching a flight from Portland, Ore.

"A lot of us grew into men on that team – we learned about honor and integrity," said Hollingsworth, who still plays slow-pitch softball at a championship level. "I've used principles I learned from the coaches on that team and from my teammates throughout my life – not just in sports, but in how I live."

Garden City West opened in 1965 with only sophomore and junior classes at the site of the current Garden City Middle School.

Due to decreasing enrollment, West was switched to a middle school following the 1981-82 school year – with the Tigers' No. 1 rival, Garden City East, becoming the city's lone high school.

The man given the opportunity to lead the football program during its early seasons was Harold Burkholder, an old-school (even for the mid-'60s) disciplinarian who instantly molded the Tigers into a contingent of fearless warriors.

Burkholder, now 83, is still referred to by his former athletes as a life-changing mentor who built a level of toughness and dignity in his players that led many of them to ultra-successful careers.

Still sharp as a tack, the former coach was dealt a setback last Thanksgiving when his wife of 53 years, Beverly, died.

"Coach really took his wife's death hard, as you can imagine," Kalen said. "His granddaughter reached out to me earlier this year and said it would really lift his spirits if we could all get together again. Being able to see coach again was a very touching experience for all of us."

"His kids brought him to the reunion," Gray added, "and they told us it was the first time he was able to talk about his wife since her death without crying. While it was nice to see everybody again, I think the No. 1 thing all of us took away from our get-together was being able to sit down, one-on-one, and tell coach how much he impacted our lives."

Former West football player Joe Kuciemba, who currently lives in Dearborn Heights, said that Burkholder – and the community of Garden City itself – cultivated an attitude of brotherhood and a sense of belonging.

"One thing about that team," Kuciemba said, "was that everybody had everybody else's back. There were no cliques, no divisions. We were all brothers. We still are."

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ED WRIGHT

Sarah Marasco and Taylor Meadows compete in a quick drill Thursday afternoon.

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backyard with my dad and work on learning what I just saw."

Grace Distelrath, an 11-year-old AC Milan forward who will be a sixth-grader at Cooper Upper Elementary School in the fall, voiced the most-popular answer during an unscientific poll to determine the girls' favorite U.S. player.

"Definitely Alex Morgan," she said, smiling. "She's fast, she works hard, she scores a lot and, well, she's *Alex Morgan*. She's the perfect player."

Not surprisingly, given the position she plays, AC Milan midfielder Sarah Marasco politely disagreed with Grace's choice, picking U.S. center midfielder Carli Lloyd as her favorite player.

"She makes smart decisions with the ball and she's a role model for young girls like me," said Sarah, who will attend Frost Middle School in Livonia in the fall. "She plays like I want to play when I grow up."

Also mentioned in the favorite-player poll were Lauren Holiday – "I like how physical she plays," Audrey Porter said – and Abby Wambach, who impresses Olivia Ahlgren by the way she "runs fast and plays hard all the time."

But Morgan undoubtedly rules.

"I watch all of the players," Taylor said, "but Alex inspires me."

All of the U12 AC Milan players expressed a deep passion for soccer and most admitted they'd like to someday follow in the cleat marks of Morgan, Lloyd and Wambach.

"I'd like to play for the United States when I get older," 10-year-old Kirsten Jones said. "It's going to take a lot of running, a lot of training and playing against good competition, but I think I can do it."

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REC-KING IT

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on the links is a bonus. What he loves most is the chance to get outdoors, spend time with friends and try to play good, consistent golf.

"Sometimes you stand over the ball and you feel like nothing can go wrong, that you're going to hit it good," he said. "A lot of it's mental. I think most of it's mental with golf. That particular day (Father's Day) I didn't have it, except for that one shot."

Thursday afternoon at Fellows Creek, golfing with Byrne, Westland's Tim Robbins and Inkster's Mark Thomas, he had a 43 on the par-36 South course.

But still, it was all good.

"I think you get to meet a lot of good people and there's the camaraderie," Wieczorek said about playing in the Club Canton league. "I like the competition. Even though it's not a *lot* of competition.

"But it just makes you a better person. I look forward to getting out at least once a week and doing something like that. I love being outside and enjoying the scenery."

He stayed with it

An avid bowler and angler, Wieczorek's passion for golf began when he started working at Western at the age of 12.

"I grew up right by the 14th hole" at Western, he said, smiling.

As a caddie, he golfed whenever he could, but "never really took any lessons. Just learned on my own. I played with my father when he was alive and never got really good at it."

But, he added, that didn't matter as long as he was out there whenever he could: "You have your high times and your low times, but it's always been a great game to play."

Of course, finding the time to hit the links became more challenging as Wieczorek got older. First, he married Jeannette. Then, they had two children — pushing golf onto the back burner.

Their daughters, Lindsay and Lisa (now 28 and 26, respectively), never picked up the sport and Jeanette golfed with him only once. Things didn't go smoothly.

"If we would have kept on golfing together, we probably would have been divorced," he said with a laugh.

League a godsend

For him, it was a godsend to find out about the Fellows Creek league about 15 years ago.

"I had a friend I used to bowl with because I like to bowl, too," Wieczorek said. "He told us about it and we live really close. We started out as subs ... we kept trying to get in the league. It took a few years. It's just a great, great time."

It costs him $520 for 20 weeks. Thursday's action marked the end of the season's first half.

There also is enough time to play nearby courses such as Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton or to go on golfing excursions — with his good-natured wife's blessing, of course.

"We always pick a course, it could be anywhere," he said. "I've played Northville. ... we're playing Boyne the end of July, (we'll) go up there for four days.

"This year we're going to play Arcadia Bluffs, which is a really nice course. I'm looking forward to playing that."

Go with the flow

Even though Wieczorek doesn't hit the ball as far as he once did, golfing is much more enjoyable and rewarding than it ever was.

"I find I'm actually a better golfer now," he said. "I concentrate more. I hit better shots now."

And when he inevitably blows a short putt, he doesn't let it ruin the rest of his day, like it might have in the past.

"I used to have more of a temper," Wieczorek said. "Now I just say, 'Hey, whatever.' You shake it off and it seems like it's better. You can always recover if you just let it go."

Yet it's a game he never wants to quit.

"They say a bad day of golf is better than a good day at work, something like that."

Joining the coveted hole-in-one club on Father's Day is about as perfect a day as there can be for rec golfers like Steve Wieczorek.

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CITY OF LIVONIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.,** in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

PETITION 2015-05-01-04 submitted by Aaron and Angela Verant, to rezone the property at 19005 Farmington Road, located on the west side of Farmington Road between Clarita Avenue and Seven Mile Road in the Northeast ¼ of Section 9, from R-3 (One Family Residential) to C-1 (Local Business).

SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

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NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All voters are hereby given notice that the City of Livonia will hold a **City Primary Election** on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2015.

Registrations will be taken at the office of the City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during regular hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE STATUTORY DEADLINE for registering to vote will be on Monday, July 6, 2015, on which day the City Clerk will be in her office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving registrations of electors to vote.

SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF WESTLAND
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #28273-SBS Development 35599-35613 Warren
Req. for 4 variances (a 7.5' side setback variance and a 9.5' bldg. hgt. variance for the existing retail bldg. on parcel 1 and a 7.5' side setback variance and 13'5' bldg. hgt. variance for the existing restaurant bldg. on parcel 2) from Ord. 248 in order to divide a commercial property into 2 separate parcels resulting in a 12.5' setback and 22' bldg. hgt. for the retail building on parcel 1 and a 12.5' side setback and 25.11' bldg. hgt. for the restaurant bldg. on the other parcel; whereas Sec. 9.65(a) requires a minimum side yd. setback of 20' in the CB-3 district and Section 9.6.6(a) requires the minimum bldg. hgt. to be equal to the distance of the bldg. to the nearest property line.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE TESTING
LABORER POSITIONS

Notice is given that the City of Westland shall conduct Civil Service testing to create a list of qualified applicants for filling future laborer positions. Qualified individuals must complete a job application and submit a resume to determine eligibility; only those individuals who fulfill minimum requirements will be tested. Minimum requirements: Commercial Driver's License with A endorsement preferred or obtained within six (6) months from date of hire, High School diploma or GED equivalency, Certificate (25-48 credit hours resulting in certificate), or Associate's degree in any skilled trades preferred; or the equivalent education and/or work experience. Work is performed primarily outdoors and in all types of weather. Must be able to work overtime, including weekends and holidays. Competitive pay and comprehensive benefits package. For placement on Civil Service Eligibility List, applicant must successfully pass all testing. The City will limit Civil Service testing to the first fifty (50) applicants, based on date of submission of application and resume, who meet the minimum requirements. Your completed application, a resume including five (5) references will be accepted beginning 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 6, 2015 at the Office of Personnel, City Hall, City of Westland, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185-2016. The application process shall run from 10 a.m. July 6, 2015 through 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2015 after which time no applications shall be accepted. Application for employment may be found on City website www.cityofwestland.com. EOE

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ALL-AREA BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Athletes out-stride, out-leap, out-throw foes

FIRST TEAM

Vonn Pallett, shot put, Farmington: Pallett had his best performances of the season at the Division 1 state meet and finished second in the shot put and discus.

He had the best shot put of his high school career (56-1½) and the second-best discus throw (163-5) despite less than ideal weather conditions.

The 6-foot-5, 200-pound Pallett is the OAA White Division champion in the shot put (52-11½) and runner-up in the discus (154-7). He was second in the shot put (52-2) and sixth in the discus (154-4) at the Oakland County meet.

Pallett will compete for Grand Valley State University next year while studying for a career in medicine.

"Vonn has been a tough competitor and varsity athlete for four years," coach Kim Sturm said. "During his time at Farmington, he has won league, regional and county championships in the shot put and discus."

Michael Jordan, discus, Plymouth: Already a powerful force for the Wildcats in football and wrestling, Jordan added a third sport to the mix with a sensational season in the throwing department.

He set school records in the shot and discus while notching the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park record in the shot.

After his throw of 154-3 earned him a Kensington Conference championship in the discus, he followed up with the D1 regional championship in the shot (50-7) and discus (138-4), qualifying for the state meet.

Jordan was a consistent scorer all spring, amassing the second most points on the squad.

"M.J. is the of the most athletic thrower that we have ever had at Plymouth," coach Jon Mikosz said. "Everything finally clicked this year and he started throwing to the caliber that he should be in both shot and disc by the end of the year. I look forward to him continuing his success next season."

Nathan Harris, high jump, Plymouth: The four-year varsity performer closed out his prep career in style, finishing in a seventh-place tie at the D1 state meet with a jump of 6-0 even to nab all-state honors.

Other highlights including jumping 6-6 at the Kensington Conference meet to set a new Plymouth record and capturing the D1 regional title with a mark of 6-3.

Consistency and precision in his technique enabled Harris to score the fifth most points for the Wildcats this season.

"Nathan has put in a lot of hard work over the past four years," Mikosz said. "It was good to see all that hard work pay off with him getting all-state this season. He deserved it."

Harris, a two-sport athlete at Plymouth, will attend Concordia University and continue both with men's soccer and men's track and field.

Shakur Lockett, long jump, Churchill: The senior closed out his career in grand style by placing 15th in the long jump at the Division 1 state meet. Lockett was the regional, Kensington Conference

and Livonia City meet champion.

Lockett, who was undefeated during the Chargers' dual-meet slate, peaked with a school-record leap of 21-10.

"Shakur has demonstrated improvement every season he has been in our program, culminating as a recipient of our Michael Guara Award for Most Valuable Field Event Performer," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "Further demonstrating his athleticism, Shakur also competed in the 100 dash and ran the lead leg of our city championship 400 relay team.

"Shakur is one of the most explosive athletes I have coached at Churchill. He also was a starting defensive back on our football team and played guard for the school's basketball team."

Ethan Burke, pole vault, Churchill: Burke, who also garnered first team all-area accolades as a diver this past winter, enjoyed a splendid spring, vaulting to a personal-best effort of 14-0. He was the champion of the Observerland Relays pole vault relays.

"Ethan has been improving every year as a member of our track and field program," Austin said. "A KLAA Scholar-Athlete award recipient, he ran into some bad luck at the regional championship meet when he no-heighted after snapping his pole and falling on his head the night before in practice."

Theodore Lang, pole vault, Canton: It was a strong senior season for Lang, who increased his numbers as the year went on.

Lang was victorious at P-CEP's Bolger-Mangan City Meet with a mark of 12-0 and upped that to 13-10 to win the D1 regionals.

He matched the latter mark at the state meet, finishing 11th overall.

"Teddy Lang was determined to excel in the pole vault in 2015," pole vault coach Matti Kilpelainen said. "He trained hard and smart to improve to 14 feet."

Lang will compete on the men's track and field team at Eastern Michigan University.

Xalen Onyemelukwe, 110 hurdles, Harrison: Onyemelukwe was a state qualifier in this event and one of the area's best in both hurdles.

He was fourth at the North Farmington regional in the high hurdles, fifth in Oakland County and third in the OAA Blue Division. He also competed in the Midwest Meet of Champions.

Onyemelukwe was sixth at the regional, 12th in the county and fourth in the division in the 300 hurdles.

"Xalen was a fantastic hurdler over a four-year period," coach John Reed said. "He trained himself to be one of the best hurdlers in the county and at the state level.

"We will really miss him next season. We wish him great success next year as he plans to continue running track at Case Western Reserve University and study bio-medical engineering."

Michael Ojemudia, 300 hurdles, Harrison: Ojemudia, who will play football at Iowa, is the Oakland County champion in this event with a time of 39.68.

He won the 110 and 300 hurdles at the North Farmington regional and was seventh in the state in the 300. Ojemudia was a key member of Harrison's sprint relay teams, too.

"Mike was the heart and soul of our track team," Reed said. "He was a huge contributor to our overall team success over the past four years. Mike was willing to run any race necessary to help the team be successful.

"Over a two-year period, the Hawks have not lost a dual track meet and Mike had a lot to do with that. He was an all-state performer in the 110 hurdles two years in a row and a regional champ in the 110s and 300s."

Jaron Flournoy, 100 dash, John Glenn: Flournoy earned the distinction as the fastest high school athlete in the state this spring as he motored to first-place finishes at the Division 1 state meet in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

An exemplary football player as well for the Rockets, he will be attending Louisiana State University beginning in the fall with a full-ride scholarship for track and field.

Iwarri Smith, 200 dash, Harrison: Smith had an outstanding senior year and was a state qualifier in the 100 dash and long jump. In the list of top 10 times, he was second only to Flournoy in both sprint events.

Smith is a regional champion in the long jump with an area-best jump of 22-2, and he was the runner-up in the 200.

He is the OAA Blue Division champion in the 100 and long jump. He was fifth in Oakland County in the long jump. He also was a member of Harrison's sprint relay teams.

"Iwarri is easily one of the best all-around track athletes I have ever coached," Reed said. "Iwarri was dominant in the sprints, relays and the jumps.

"It was so fun to coach him as he was able to help the team anywhere. He has Division 1 speed and should consider running track at the next level. We will miss him as he heads off to North Dakota to play football."

Montel Hood, 400 run, Wayne: Hood was an absolute point machine this past season for the Zebras, excelling in everything from the 100 to the 400. His fastest time in the 100 was 11.24, which was the eighth-fastest time registered by Observerland-area sprinters.

Hood's time of 23.04 in the 200 was tied for eighth-best in the area, while his 48.47 clocking in the 400 was second only to Flournoy.

Jonny Dalton, 800 run, Plymouth: The senior's fourth varsity season was his best, winning the conference and regional championships in the 800 run.

Then, at the D1 state meet in Rockford, Dalton earned all-state honors with his eighth-place — and Plymouth record — time of 1:54.66.

He qualified with his first-place time of 1:55.40 at the D1 regional and prevailed at the Kensington Conference meet with a time of 1:55.14.

"He ran the hardest triple that can be done in a meet in my opinion (1,600, 400, 800 runs) in a lot of meets, including the city (Bolger-Mangan) meet," Mikosz said.

Dalton, also part of the state-qualifying 3,200-meter relay, scored more varsity points than any other member of the team. He was named Plymouth High School's top male scholar-athlete.

Keenan Jones, 1,600 run, Franklin: Jones was absolute long-distance beast for four seasons for Franklin. A rare dual state-qualifier in both cross country and track, he placed 10th at the state meet as a junior in the 3,200 with a school-record time of 9:29. This year, Jones was 11th in the state in 1,600 with a extraordinary time of 4:18, just one second away from the school record in that event.

Jones added to his incredible credentials by cruising around the track to the tune of a 1:55 time in the 800, which nearly eclipsed the school record. The hard-working senior was undefeated in 1,600 races until the state meet.

To cap his phenomenal career, Jones was part of the Team Michigan first-place 3,200-meter relay team at the Midwest Meet of Champions in Ohio. He will be taking his talents to Saginaw Valley State University.

"Keenan has had a very successful career at Franklin and he has the potential to do so much more at SVSU," Franklin coach Pat Koelzer said.

Matt Pahl, 3,200 run, Plymouth: Another runner who left a major legacy during his four-year varsity career was Pahl, a state qualifier this season in the 3,200 run and as part of the 3,200-meter relay.

He set a new school and Park record in the 3,200 with a time of 9:29.27 at the Saline-hosted Golden Triangle Invitational.

At the D1 regional, Pahl finished second in the 3,200 (9:39.34) and was part of the 3,200-meter relay team that finished second with a time of 8:19.14 (along with Ethan Byrnes, Matt Weiner and Dalton).

Pahl scored the third-most varsity points for the Wildcats in 2015 and was honored by being selected Plymouth High School Male Athlete of the Year.

"Matt was one of the hardest-working kids I have ever coached," Mikosz said. "Not only is he the school cross country record holder, he is now the school and Park record holder in the 3,200 as well. Meaning that in the entire history of P-CEP, no one has ever run a faster two-mile than Matt."

400 relay, Salem: It was a record-busting spring for Salem's speedy quartet of freshman Andrew Davis, junior Freddie McGee, junior Jacob Miller and sophomore anchor VerShawn Patrick. They were key contributors to the Rocks' KLAA Central Division championship.

The relay team ran together just three times and in those races finished first at the Kensington Conference and D1 regional championships.

They also registered the second, third and fourth fastest times in Salem history. Their fastest time of 43.06 was good for the D1 regional championship and is the second fastest in

Andrew Davis
Salem

Freddie McGee
Salem

Jacob Miller
Salem

VerShawn Patrick
Salem

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park history.

At the state meet in Rockford, they placed 12th overall with a time of 43.23.

"I think this team surprised a lot of people this season because it had two newcomers," coach Steve Aspinall said. "Davis had an extremely successful freshman campaign (breaking freshman records in the 100, 200, 400 relay and 800 relay) and Patrick broke the sophomore record in the 200 and ran the fourth-fastest time in the 100, both as first year runners for us.

"Miller ran the sixth-fastest time in the 100 in school history and is also an accomplished long jumper and McGee ran the 23rd-fastest time in the 100."

Aspinall added that the quartet is the only D1 relay team that will return intact in 2016.

"The future is definitely bright," he said. "Next year, we will look to continue to improve and ultimately the goal is to be top eight (all-state) at the state championships, which we just missed out on this year."

800 relay, John Glenn: The foursome of Johnathan Parker, Freddie Thompson, Kenyatta Mason and Austin Hickerson qualified for the Division 1 state meet after enjoying a spectacular dual-meet season.

Thompson

Hickerson

1,600 relay, Wayne: The Zebras' quartet of Andrew Chant, Montel Hood, DuJon Brown-Deacon and Jah'mir Alonzo enjoyed a phenomenal season.

3,200 relay, Churchill: The foursome of Jon Alessandrini, Brendan Meakin, Dash Dobar and Matt Cohan placed 11th at the Division 1 state meet with a time of 8:00.95. They were regional champions in the event in addition to turning in gold-medal efforts at the Kensington Conference meet, the Livonia City Meet and the Observerland Relays. The team also went unbeaten in dual meets during the regular season.

"Our 3,200 relay team must set the tone for each dual meet which this group did, going undefeated in each South Division dual-meet appearance," Austin said. "Each meet, they improved their time to a season-best 8:00.95 at the MHSAA championship meet. Their group was one of the hardest-working groups on our squad, earning our coveted 'Last Man Standing' recognition more times than not during the season."

Pictured are Churchill 3,200-meter relay runners Jon Alessandrini, Brendan Meakin, Matt Cohan and Dash Dobar.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Rick Austin, Churchill: Austin's 20th year at the helm produced a trophy-case full of awards, including the school's first KLAA South Division title, first Kensington Conference crown and 10th Livonia City Invitational championship.

The Chargers were runners-up at the regional meet, producing 12 state qualifiers. Under Austin's direction, they won the Observerland Relays.

"This has been one of the most athletic teams that I have had the opportunity to coach at Churchill," Austin said. "No matter the meet, our kids embraced the competition to improve their performances. Each week, our confidence grew. I am so proud of this group.

"Much of the credit for our success goes to our coaching staff of John McGreevy, John Filatruaut, Dave Simpson, Taylor Byron and Jordan McClellan. They, along with our captains – Tim Dulin, Demarco McKinney, Caleb Guthard, Paul Romain, Matt Cohan and Ryan Bragiel – kept our momentum rolling during my four-meet absence in the middle of the season.

"This group's success can be directly attributed to their willingness to train as many of our kids started training during the winter in my speed camp. During the season they loved being around each other and were supportive of one another. When you have that kind of team chemistry and bond, great success usually follows. It was a good mix of seasoned veterans and youth."

2015 BOYS ALL-AREA TRACK & FIELD TEAM FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Vonn Pallett, sr., Farmington; 2. Deshawn Baker-Williams, sr., John Glenn; 3. Jannik Schmitt, jr., Salem.

Discus: 1. Michael Jordan, jr., Plymouth; 2. Nick Hitchcock, sr., Stevenson; 3. DeMarco McKinney, jr., Churchill.

High jump: 1. Nathan Harris, sr., Plymouth; 2. Allante Wheeler, sr., Salem; 3. Alec MacDonald, sr., Canton.

Long jump: 1. Shakur Lockett, sr., Churchill; 2. LeDell O'Bryant, sr., Wayne; 3. Torre Crown, sr., Plymouth Christian.

Pole vault: 1. Ethan Burke, jr., Churchill; Theodore Lang, sr., Canton; 2. Caleb Guthard, sr., Churchill; 3. Kyle Reppenhagen, sr., Churchill.

RUNNING EVENTS

110-meter hurdles: 1. Xalen Onyemelukwe, sr., Harrison; 2. Austin Olson, sr., Lutheran Westland; 3. Denzel Tinsley, jr., Garden City.

300 hurdles: 1. Michael Ojemudia, sr., Harrison; 2. Freddie Thompson, sr., John Glenn; 3. Jemal Vaunado, soph., Canton.

100 dash: 1. Jaron Flournoy, sr., John Glenn; 2. Noah Zalapi, jr., North Farmington; 3. Reginald Jennings, sr., Redford Union.

200 dash: 1. Iwarri Smith, sr., Harrison; 2. Austin Hickerson, sr., John Glenn; 3. Donte Eubanks, sr., Harrison; David Graham, fr., John Glenn.

400 run: 1. Montel Hood, jr., Wayne; 2. Jamal Allen, soph., Churchill; 3. Caleb Moraw, soph., Canton.

800 run: 1. Jonny Dalton, sr., Plymouth; 2. Matt Cohan, sr., Churchill; 3. Dash Dobar, soph., Churchill.

1,600 run: 1. Keenan Jones, sr., Franklin; 2. Chaz Jeffress, jr., Salem; 3. Michael Roberts, sr., Canton.

3,200 run: 1. Matt Pahl, sr., Plymouth; 2. Malik Jordan, sr., Wayne; 3. James Weekley, jr., Harrison.

RELAY TEAMS

400 meters: 1. Salem (Andrew Davis, Freddie McGee, Jacob Miller, VerShawn Patrick); 2. John Glenn (Johnathan Parker, Jawon Thompson, David Graham, Jaron Flournoy), 3. Churchill (Tim Dulin, Shakur Lockett, Paul Romain, Lee Yetts) and Harrison (Ramone Dawson, Donte Eubanks, Josh Scott, Michael Ojemudia).

800 meters: 1. John Glenn (Johnathan Parker, Freddie Thompson, Kenyatta Mason, Austin Hickerson), 2. Churchill (Jamal Allen, Tim Dulin, Lee Yetts, Carrington Smith), 3. Franklin (Jeremy Sheppard, Brandon Smiley, Matt Wirick, Nathan Rodgers).

1,600 meters: 1. Wayne (Andrew Chant, Montel Hood, DuJon Brown-Deacon, Jah'mir Alonzo), 2. John Glenn (Austin Hamlett, Freddie Thompson, Kenyatta Mason, Austin Hickerson), 3. Churchill (Jamal Allen, Tim Dulin, Dash Dobar, Carrington Smith).

3,200 meters: 1. Churchill (Jon Alessandrini, Brendan Meakin, Dash Dobar, Matt Cohan), 2. Stevenson (Alex Oquist, Andrew Bambach, Jeremy Webb, Jack Balint), 3. Plymouth (Ethan Byrnes, Matt Pahl, Matt Weiner, Jonny Dalton).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Rick Austin, Livonia Churchill

BOYS BEST TRACK TIMES

SHOT PUT
Michael Jordan (Plymouth) 56-1¾
Vonn Pallett (Farmington) 56-1½
Deshawn Baker (John Glenn) 51-3
Nick Hitchcock (Stevenson) 50-1
Jannik Schmitt (Salem) 49-8
Jonathan Hogan (Clarenceville) 46-5
Michael Grabda (Churchill) 45-11
Collin Caflisch (Canton) 45-11
Demarco McKinney (Churchill) 45-3½
Matthew Wayne (Plymouth) 45-½

DISCUS
Vonn Pallett (Farmington) 165-3
Michael Jordan (Plymouth) 160-5
Deshawn Baker (john Glenn) 160-2
Nick Hitchcock (Stevenson) 147-4
Demarco McKinney (Churchill) 143-0
Collin Caflisch (Canton) 142-8
Jannik Schmitt (Salem) 139-5
Austin Simpson (Churchill) 135-3
Christian Pearson (Salem) 131-11
Tom Krueger (Luth. Westland) 133-6

HIGH JUMP
Nathan Harris (Plymouth) 6-6
Allante Wheeler (Salem) 6-2
Cameron Grace (Salem) 6-1
Alec MacDonald (Canton) 6-1
Brett Lee (Canton) 6-0
Dhruv Patel (Salem) 6-0
Felix Daniel (N. Farmington) 6-0
Devon Cook (Harrison) 5-11
Reginald Jennings (Red. Union) 5-11
Kerry Good (Farmington) 5-10
Iwarri Smith (Harrison) 5-10
Noah Campbell (Stevenson) 5-10

LONG JUMP
Iwarri Smith (Harrison) 22-2
Shakur Lockett (Churchill) 21-10
LeDell O'Bryant (Wayne) 20-11
Torre Crown (Ply. Christian) 20-10¾
Erwann Basset (N. Farmington) 20-4
Mike Licata (Stevenson) 20-1½
Danny Dellah (Wayne) 20-1¼
Jacob Miller (Salem) 20-1
Dhruv Patel (Salem) 20-¼
Christian Sullivan (Stevenson) 20-0

POLE VAULT
Ethan Burke (Churchill) 14-0
Theodore Long (Canton) 14-0
Caleb Guthard (Churchill) 13-6
Kyle Reppenhagen (Churchill) 13-4
Matt Morgott (N. Farmington) 13-0
Andrew Koenigsknecht (Canton) 13-0
Derek Triebwasser (Canton) 12-6
Logan Delonis (Stevenson) 12-4
Jason Morhan (John Glenn) 12-0
Ryan Winnicki (Canton) 11-0
Drew Niemiec (Franklin) 11-0
Ethan Nordstrom (Franklin) 11-0
Hunter Burin (Salem) 11-0

100 DASH
Jaron Flournoy (John Glenn) 10.56
Iwarri Smith (Harrison) 10.80
Noah Zalapi (N. Farmington) 11.21
Reginald Jennings (Red. Union) 11.23
David Graham (John Glenn) 11.24
Ramone Dawson (Harrison) 11.24
Michael Ojemudia (Harrison) 11.24
Montel Hood (Wayne) 11.24
DJ Nykiel (Luth. Westland) 11.24
VerShawn Patrick (Salem) 11.31
Jawon Thompson (John Glenn) 11.34

200 DASH
Jaron Flournoy (John Glenn) 21.25
Iwarri Smith (Harrison) 21.84
Noah Zalapi (N. Farmington) 22.49
Austin Hickerson (John Glenn) 22.54
David Graham (John Glenn) 22.74
Donte Eubanks (Harrison) 22.74
Reginald Jennings (Red. Union) 22.80
Eian Castonguay (Garden City) 23.00
Joshua Scott (Harrison) 23.04
Montel Hood (Wayne) 23.04
VerShawn Patrick (Salem) 23.04

400 RUN
Jaron Flournoy (John Glenn) 48.53
Montel Hood (Wayne) 48.87
Jamal Allen (Churchill) 49.92
Austin Hickerson (John Glenn) 50.09
Caleb Moraw (Canton) 50.83
Jonny Dalton (Plymouth) 50.85
Dirk Thornhill (Canton) 51.19
Andrew Chant (Wayne) 51.55
Isaac Pennock (Canton) 51.70
Jonathan Harris (Clarenceville) 51.79

800 RUN
Jonny Dalton (Plymouth) 1:54.66
Keenan Jones (Franklin) 1:55.88
Matt Cohan (Chuchill) 1:57.20
Dash Dobar (Churchill) 1:59.47
Ammar Chishti (Canton) 2:02.59
Chaz Jeffress (Salem) 2:03.20
Caebryn Crabtree (Thurston) 2:03.21
Montel Hood (Wayne) 2:03.34
Joe Fanelli (Ply. Christian) 2:03.56
Spencer Torok (Salem) 2:03.70

1,600 RUN
Keenan Jones (Franklin) 4:18.57
Chaz Jeffress (Salem) 4:26.67
Jonny Dalton (Plymouth) 4:28.63
Matthew Pahl (Plymouth) 4:31.00
Malik Jordan (Wayne) 4:34.11
Michael Roberts (Canton) 4:37.32
Ethan Byrnes (Plymouth) 4:38.79
James Weekley (Harrison) 4:39.07
Tony Floyd (Franklin) 4:41.22
Jack Balint (Stevenson) 4:41.68

3,200 RUN
Matthew Pahl (Plymouth) 9:29.27
Malik Jordan (Wayne) 9:37.47
James Weekley (Harrison) 9:51.09
Tony Floyd (Franklin) 10:00.50
Devin Gibson (Wayne) 10:05.72
Jacob Kubinski (Salem) 10:11.41
Nick Trevisan (Farmington) 10:11.49
Erik Grisa (Stevenson) 10:17.17
Zachary Clark (Canton) 10:27.35

110 HURDLES
Michael Ojemudia (Harrison) 14.21
Xalen Onyemelukwe (Harrison) 14.45
Austin Olson (Luth. Westland) 14.81
Denzel Tinsley (Garden City) 14.94
La. Giddings-Whatley (Thurston) 14.95
Keyon Thomas (Redford Union) 15.21
Freddie Thompson (John Glenn) 15.31
Garrett Kempf (Luth. Westland) 15.58
Tim Dulin (Churchill) 15.60
Jeremy Sheppard (Franklin) 15.67

300 HURDLES
Michael Ojemudia (Harrison) 38.71
Freddie Thompson (John Glenn) 38.96
Austin Olson (Luth. Westland) 40.49
Jemal Vaunado (Canton) 40.22
Stephen Woodhouse (Glenn) 40.64
Tim Dulin (Churchill) 40.69
Keyon Thomas (Redford Union) 40.94
Brandon Reed (Harrison) 41.24
Xalen Onyemelukwe (Harrison) 41.54
William Hill (Garden City) 41.84

400 RELAY
Salem 43.06
Westland John Glenn 43.13
Livonia Churchill 43.30
Farmington Harrison 43.34
Livonia Franklin 43.99

800 RELAY
Westland John Glenn 1:29.16
Livonia Churchill 1:29.88
Livonia Franklin 1:30.25
Canton 1:31.53
Salem 1:31.94

1,600 RELAY
Wayne Memorial 3:23.40
Westland John Glenn 3:23.60
Livonia Churchill 3:26.82
Livonia Franklin 3:27.94
Canton 3:28.77

3,200 RELAY
Livonia Churchill 8:00.95
Livonia Stevenson 8:07.37
Plymouth 8:13.74
Salem 8:19.69
Canton 8:47.24

Pummill signs with Concordia

Recent Livonia Churchill graduate Hannah Pummill signed a letter of intent to play collegiate basketball for Concordia University in Ann Arbor. The all-conference player and three-year starter is pictured with Concordia head coach Thad Sankey.

KAREEM

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arship offers, had committed to Michigan State earlier this year. He also visited Northwestern, Louisville, Pitt, Penn State and Stanford, among others.

The fact MSU has established a lot of depth on the defensive line in recent years caused Kareem to change his mind about the Spartans.

He said MSU coach Mark D'Antonio was up front about the situation and acknowledged there was a numbers problem.

"They didn't really have room for me on the team," Kareem said. "That kind of ended it. It wasn't good to hear, but it was good to know he was telling me the truth and not just telling me, 'There's an opportunity for you to play,' when there's not."

Though the Crimson Tide and Southeastern

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Khalid Kareem (left) catches a break on the sideline during a Harrison High School game.

Conference teams are noted for red-shirting almost all first-year players, Kareem believes Alabama presents the opposite situation.

"Being a mid-year player, it will give me a better opportunity to play," he said. "The strength in their depth chart right now is low and it will give me a great opportunity.

"The size of the player they want at that position (defensive end/outside linebacker) is basically me and most of the players they have now are a little undersized. That, too, will give me a great opportunity to play."

"A lot of people were saying, 'Alabama is going to be loaded,'" Kareem's father Ken said. "They're not. They suffer from a good problem. They lose a lot of guys to the NFL. Their situation at defensive end is just the same as Michigan or anybody else."

Kareem added the difference in regard to his Alabama commitment is he's 100-percent certain this time.

"I had a chance to see everyone that was on my list," he said. "When I committed to Michigan State, I only got a chance to see a few schools. Since then, I got a chance to get out and see multiple schools and I'm sure of my decision."

After returning from a vacation, he made his decision Tuesday night, talked it over with his dad Wednesday morning and called Saban to give him the news.

"The most exciting aspect is being on a national stage and being a contender for the national championship every season," Kareem said. "It's a feeling of relief that I can focus on playing with my (high school) team and going after a state championship with them."

Kareem, who plans to study business or sports management, emerged as a top prospect last season, helping Harrison reach the semifinal round of the Division 2 state tournament and making the all-*Observer* first team.

"I didn't have any offers last year," he said. "My parents kept telling me, 'They're going to come; they're going to come. Just trust the process and eventually it will happen.'"

"After talking with him, I told him to put his own footprints in the ground and decide where he wanted to go," Ken Kareem said. "We went to Alabama a couple times. Both times we went it made a lot of sense – the position he would be playing, the defense, the roster."

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CITY OF LIVONIA
PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals

July 14, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall – Gallery (5th Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466-2259

APPEAL CASE 2015-06-30: **Reza Gharibi, north side of Taylor Blvd., (15222) between Five Mile and the Cul-De-Sac,** seeking to maintain a covered porch, however, now proposes its use as a carport, resulting in this structure being considered a second garage, which is not allowed.

APPEAL CASE 2015-06-28 (Rescheduled from meeting of June 9, 2015): **Bill Saad,** 37921 Ann Arbor Trail, LLC/Michigan Fuels, Inc., 20755 West Road, Woodhaven, MI 48183, on behalf of Lessee Mobil Oil Corp, **west side of Ann Arbor Trail, (37921) between Ann Arbor Road and Newburgh,** seeking to remove an existing building and one (1) pump island to construct a new convenience store associated with gasoline sales, resulting in the building being at a deficient setback from the Ann Arbor Trail right-of-way, also, the existing pump canopy adjacent to the Ann Arbor Road right-of-way is at a deficient setback of seven (7) feet where ten (10) feet is required and the gasoline pumps under this canopy are at sixteen (16) feet where twenty (20) feet is required.

APPEAL CASE 2015-07-36: **Chantal Vivas, west side of Deering (17571) between Curtis and Lathers,** seeking to maintain a lean-to addition on the south side of the detached garage, erected without a permit, resulting in excess garage area.

APPEAL CASE 2015-07-37: **Ronald Battani, east side of Rensellor, (19980) between Pembroke and Fargo,** seeking to erect a detached garage, resulting in excess garage area. Existing garage to be removed.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 – all comments must include name, address and signature.

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CITY OF LIVONIA
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2015-06-01-05 submitted by Grenn & Grenn, P.C., on behalf of C & L Development Corporation, pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the property at 28911 - 29010 Seven Mile Road (Sunset Office Building), located on the south side of Seven Mile Road between Middlebelt Road and Maplewood Avenue in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, from OS (Office Services) to C-1, (Local Business).

Petition 2015-06-01-06 submitted by Charter Real Estate, on behalf of Livonia Storage Units, pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone a portion of the property at 28153 Eight Mile Road, located on the south side of Eight Mile Road between Grand River Avenue and Angling Road in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, from C-2 (General Business) to M-L (Manufacturing Limited).

Petition 2015-06-02-11 submitted by United Lawnscape, Inc. requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 16.11(b) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a contractor's yard for the outdoor storage of landscaping equipment and materials at 12240 Merriman Road, located on the east side of Merriman Road between Plymouth Road and the CSX Railroad right-of-way in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26.

Petition 2015-06-02-12 submitted by Crosswinds Court Sub Inc. requesting special waiver use approval pursuant to Sections 20.01 and 20.02A of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to develop a Planned Residential Development under the Single Family Clustering option (Arbor Trail Estates) on properties at 35652, 35700, 35800 and 35850 Ann Arbor Trail, located on the north side of Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne Road and Newburgh Road in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

R. Lee Morrow, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
15125 FARMINGTON ROAD
LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474
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The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the:

2015 Pavement Replacement Bid for the 2015-2016 School Year
Cleveland Elementary, Coolidge Elementary, Frost Middle School

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2015-2016 school year, open bids ORBuy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. ·Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein. Copies of the Bid Specifications Sheets can be obtained at the Operations office at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, Monday-Friday, 7:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Sealed bids marked *"PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT BID"* will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 9th day July, 2015. in the Business Office at the Board of Education Complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

The Bid Opening will take place at **10:00 A.M.** on the **9th** day of **July, 2015**, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Business Services, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance-Iran Economic Sanctions Act. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.**

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over $23,127.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification. All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder: to waive any irregularities and/or informalities: and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Nick Armelagos
Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474
"PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT BID"

One (I) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files.
Any questions **regarding bid specifications** should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, hlau@livoniapublicschools.org. 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

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Livonia seminar focus: Africa mission work

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Rev. Emily Campbell felt a call to mission work nearly 10 years ago.

Members of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, where she serves as associate pastor, were interested in expanding their outreach to the world, too.

But they weren't sure exactly where to focus their energy.

"We started exploring," said Doug Kee, a church member. "Just as we were going through that dialogue, when she (Campbell) got a flier announcing the Malawi Mission Network Conference. Malawi seemed like a good possibility. One of their tourist taglines is that they are called the warm heart of Africa."

Campbell and several church members attended the conference, which is held annually in a different city throughout the country, met Malawi-based ministers and learned about mission work in the east African country. The conference will be held this summer in Livonia.

"The conference for us was an answer to our prayer on how to learn more about Malawi. It was less money to learn about Malawi than to go there ourselves," Campbell said. "It prepared us for taking our first trip there and gave us an idea on what to expect, on what to avoid and practical advice."

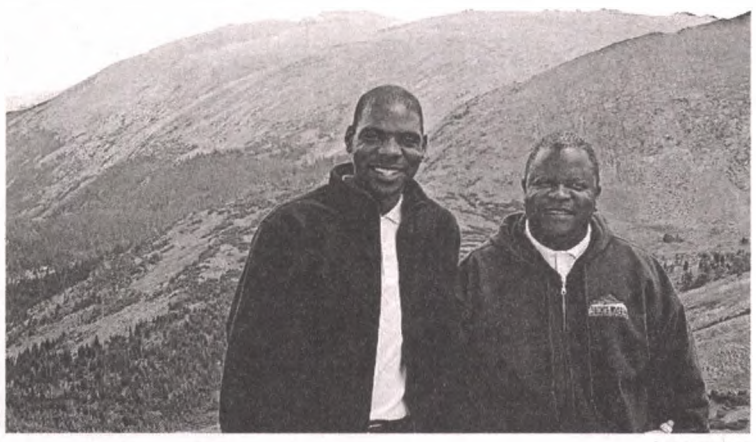
The following year, First Presbyterian developed an ongoing partnership with the Mtenthera Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi. Church members have traveled to visit each other, prayed for one another and joined forces on projects. First Presbyterian also became active in the Malawi Mission Network.

"That continues to this day," said Kee, who has traveled to Malawi 14 times. "The conference does move around the country. We thought, hey, it's our turn."

Conference details

"Build & Rebuild Together to God's Glory," the 2015 Malawi Mission Network Conference, is Aug. 6-9, at the VisTa-Tech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

Keynote speaker is the Rev. Vasco Kachipapa, general secretary, CCAP Nkhoma Synod. The deadline to register is Monday, July 6. Guests from Malawi will include the Rev. Davidson Chifungo, national director of Veritas College, and Hussein Latif, coordinator for the First Presbyterian-Mtenthera partnership.



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The Rev. Vasco Kachipapa, left, general secretary of Nkhoma Synod, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, and the Rev. Davidson Chifungo, national director, Veritas College, Malawi, will speak at a conference on mission work in Malawi, Aug. 6-9 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Full program cost, which includes three nights in the Hampton Inn, Northville, and all meals, is $350-$495, depending on accommodations. Commuter program cost is $200 for the program, two lunches and three dinners, or $100 for one day, including a dinner and lunch. Registration deadline is July 6 at www.malawinetwork.org.

Participants will get a chance to network, and attend workshops and panel discussions. They'll learn how to succeed in Christian ministry in Malawi, how to build church partnerships, overcome partnership challenges and work through a crisis such as floods or droughts.

"The benefit of this type of conference is the sharing of ideas, experience and resources," Campbell said. "Not every mission organization that goes out has to reinvent the wheel."

Kee said the conference is open to any denomination and to individuals and groups, as well as churches, interested in mission work.

"The first time we went we had no idea which way to go," he said. "We said let's explore this, come for a couple of days and learn about it. It worked out for us."

Give your dog a vacation from noisy fireworks July 4

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

I watched a fireworks display Thursday night from inside a cat shelter.

I wanted to see if my feline friends at New Beginnings Animal Rescue, where I'm a board member, would get rattled by the ear drum-rattling booms from a public display up the street.

It was business as usual in the free-roam rooms as cats snoozed or punted toys across the floor. Same story in the cage room, where eating, sleeping and pawing through cage bars took priority.

PET PROJECTS

But that wasn't the case when I returned home during the second half of the show. The continual boom boom sound was more distant, but still audible and I found my dogs in their "safe" place on the bathroom floor. They'll spend a lot of time there, sandwiched between the bathtub and sink during the Fourth of July weekend.

But they don't have to, according to Stacy Karafotis, a former veterinary technician and co-owner of Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare & Boarding in Garden City.

"I have a whole display with fireworks and thunderstorm stuff," she said. "We sell Calming Chews. They have tryptophan, the same thing that's in turkey to calm them down."

The product, with other natural ingredients, helps dogs relax without drugs and cost between $6-$8, depending on chew size, from Lucky Dog.

Music might also calm a nervous canine. Karafotis also sells a CD of classical music specifically arranged for dogs, called *Through A Dog's Ear,* for $18.

"We sell it for thunderstorms and fireworks. You play it every day. It triggers something (to settle down) every time you play it."

She also recommends the Thunder Shirt and suggests that dog owners consider talking to their veterinarian if they suspect calming medication is in order.

"I do not recommend taking your dog with you to a fireworks display no matter if you think he does OK," she said. "This will be a bad time for storms, too. It's supposed to rain all week. Dogs feel it (high pressure) long before the rain comes. Watch your dogs for anxiety, pacing, drooling. Some dogs are afraid of wind. We have a lot of people who have dogs with anxiety problems and they bring them here on days it rains."

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Lola and Hunter love to lounge outside, but fireworks and thunder send them running to the house and their "safe place" in the bathroom.

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STACY KARAFOTIS
PET ADVOCATE

Karafotis said dogs often feel more secure in a pack and are less likely to hear loud noises during daycare sessions inside her building. Her boarding kennel has room for more than 100 dogs.

"We'll probably have at least 10 dogs boarding here on Fourth of July because they (owners) don't want them at home."

Karafotis said calming treats also are available for cats, although she noted they are less likely to become rattled by fireworks and thunder.

The Animal Care Network, a division of the Michigan Animal Adoption Network, also offers these reminders about pets, fireworks and storms:

» Keep them at home inside during fireworks or a big storm, with a fan or other white noise, so they can't hear the noise outside.

» Be sure to confine them if they tend to run and jump fences.

» If your dog is on a chain, make sure it is not near a fence or obstruction that the dog can jump over and get injured.

» Do not throw fireworks at pets or strays.

Get trained in appliance repair

It has been a number of years since I broached this subject and the outlook hasn't improved for many companies in the service industry. I was speaking with my neighbor, Steve, who is in charge of a large construction company, and he told me that the majority of his skilled trade people are 40 years plus and it's tough to find trained new young people to bring into the trades. It is not only the appliance industry that is affected but most of the service industries across America.

Go to school, get an education or you will not make it in life. We hear this all the time until it's ingrained in the mind of all young people within earshot. But in reality, it doesn't apply to everyone. There are millions of young people who are not geared to go on to college for many various reasons. These kids should be geared to get into some form of trade that will provide a great living and a job for life anywhere in this country. This role was a part of school in years past when they had all sorts of shop classes and the students loved those educational formats and then the degree became so almighty important.

Please don't get me wrong, I respect all people who go on to receive degrees and make a success out of life and I also love to hear the success stories from those who work with their hands. I believe the educational system has to go back to the old days of schooling to help and direct the young kids make a smart choice. If not, the service industry will never improve and getting things fixed will be in a sad condition for the American consumer.

Now, of great importance to the homeowner who requires a service technician to repair a major home appliance and the question is: Will you be able to find a qualified repairman to fix it? I know that today we have repair people who visit a home and don't even know how to take it apart. That reason is simple; They have never

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PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

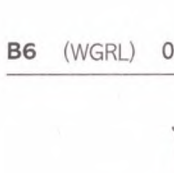
Farmington Hills residents Camryn, 8, Jason Jones, and Kendall, 6, enjoy the Rooftop Party.

Friends and 8-year-olds Rebekah Maibach of Farmington Hills and Ava Boccarossa of Plymouth have fun at the Rooftop Party.

Plymouth residents Tom Short, left, and Fern Espino and Grosse Pointe Park residents Hector and Dora Hernandez await the fireworks display.

Music, fireworks make Rooftop Party a blast

The timing was impeccable for the 57th annual Ford Fireworks on the Detroit River on Monday. Torrential storms hit our area hard in the late afternoon and the late evening. The Parade Company, producer of the Ford Fireworks and the coveted Rooftop Party Fundraiser, made an excellent call to move up the fireworks start time to 9:06 p.m., from the usual start time of 10:06 p.m. The sun was out, spirits were high and 10,000 pyrotechnic effects created by Zambelli Fireworks went off without a glitch.



Julie Yolles

SOCIAL SCENE

Next to the Hob Nobble Gobble, the Rooftop Party — held atop the Miller Parking Garage next to the Renaissance Center in Downtown Detroit — is the Parade Company's second largest fundraiser. Guests are treated to nonstop carnival games, prizes, clowning, unlimited food catered by Andiamo's, dancing and singing to Fifty Amp Fuse and, of course, the best view in the city for the Ford Fireworks.

"We are so lucky that the weather turned out to be perfect," said Parade Company Foundation chair, Eric Larson. "We have a sell-out at 2,500 guests and we raised over $475,000."

Nifty the clown makes 9-year-old Farmington Hills resident Marley Wyatt look pretty nifty.

WDIV-TV Local 4 broadcast live from the Rooftop Party that included Local 4's annual Super Singer competition. Celebrity judges included Farmington Hills native and *American Idol* finalist Jena Irene who performed her new song, *Unbreakable*.

Contact Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-642-9465.

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been trained on that particular product. The way things have changed on our newer products means that the service industry just can't keep up. Service schools are at a minimum which means a lot of on the job training. It's not like the old days when products were just plain simple and a good service tech could tell you what was wrong by just listening to your conversation. So simple in fact that most people could fix it themselves with a little direction.

Complicated repairs

You must also consider how products are made today and if the future holds a throw-away mentality when it comes to your appliances. I am not a big fan of the quality standards that apply to appliances today because I know what quality once was and the improvements sorely needed by manufacturing. As for the appliance repair industry, it is in a tough situation in today's world. I tell technicians that if they can't figure out what is wrong with a product in the first 10 minutes of a service call, they'd just be in trouble trying to figure it out. A good service technician today has to be able to read a schematic and know the value of certain electronic components. The old guy who would hold a stethoscope to the side of a washing machine and tell you what was wrong is long gone. He or she doesn't live around here anymore.

We are in need of some 10,000 appliance repair technicians in this country right now. That's an amazing figure, isn't it? But it shows the importance of why young people should start to think with their hands. Don't think that a repair company will pay you top dollar when you can't be an income producer. Offer to work for next to nothing until you learn and make a commitment to that company that teaches you a trade that makes it enticing to hire you. Not everyone goes to college and not enough of you think of a career in some sort of skilled trades. Stay tuned.

***Joe Gagnon** can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.*

Guide to Employment

Check out these exciting career opportunities!
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Troy CPA firm seeks experienced seasonal 1040 Preparers. Must be available 24-50 hrs/wk as tax season progresses. Potential for continued seasonal employment for future tax seasons.
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Help Wanted - General

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We are searching for a dynamic, high-energy person to assume the roll of purchasing manager. The person must the responsibility to lead, command excellent communication skills and negotiate prices. Will report directly to the general manager.
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Qualifications:
- Associate or bachelor Degree in business, purchasing related field preferred, or, equivalent combination of education and work experience.
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- 20/20 (CORRECTABLE) VISION WITH ABILITY TO SEE COLOR

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Email Resume: stempienassistant@gmail.com

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Financial checklist is a must when divorcing a spouse

Paula Swain
GUEST COLUMNIST

On my 30th birthday, I made the decision to get a divorce from my first husband. It was one of the hardest decision I have ever made. I had two children to support and I wasn't sure if I could make it financially. I was scared but I knew I couldn't stayed married. So I packed up the kids and walked out the door. Even though I had to work two jobs and live in my grandparent's basement, I have never regretted my decision.

Divorce is a huge step and not one to be taken lightly due in part to its enormous emotional and financial ramifications. Most women face a 40 percent decline in their standard of living after divorce. As a woman going through divorce, you may wonder how you can possibly make it on your own. Let's face it, losing your husband's income can seriously change the way you do things. But, the sooner that you take steps to adjust to your new situation, the better for your financial survival. You are now in the driver's seat of your financial future.

This checklist can help you transition from "ours" to "mine" and "yours."

Day-to-day transactions and financial accounts

» Divide all bank account balances as called for in the divorce agreement.

» Cancel joint checking, savings and revolving credit accounts, such as credit cards.

» Establish individual accounts in your name for ATMs, checking, savings and credit cards.

» Let your utility companies know if you're assuming responsibility for the bills or if your name should be removed from the accounts. Make sure to update the accounts for gas, electric, heating oil, water, sewer, cable/satellite television, telephone and broadband Internet.

» Notify all of your creditors of your changed circumstances and responsibilities, including change of address, if applicable.

The divorce agreement negotiated during your proceedings should spell out who owes what to whom and who is assuming which obligations. You should make suitable arrangements for your responsibilities and remove yourself from things you are no longer responsible for.

Other financial assets

» Revoke any joint authorizations or powers of attorney you gave to your ex-spouse over investment accounts and assets.

» Remove yourself from any joint accounts your spouse intends to maintain independently. You may have to explicitly notify the institutions that you will claim no future interest in the account.

» Remove your ex-spouse from any accounts you intend to maintain individually.

Retirement plan issues

» Update the beneficiary designations of your existing retirement accounts and insurance policies.

» Seek a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) for any retirement assets you are entitled to in your spouse's employer-sponsored plans. The QDRO is a tax-efficient way to preserve and enforce your financial interests in your ex-spouse's pensions and defined contribution plan assets.

» Create rollover IRAs in your name to receive any assets you might be due immediately from your ex-spouse's IRAs under the terms of your divorce settlement. Taking those transfers as cash distributions could trigger immediate and costly tax consequences.

Property and other resources

» Update the deeds and title papers to reflect any changes in property ownership conditions specified in your divorce agreement. Notify any mortgage holders and lien holders of the changes.

» Notify all taxing authorities (city, country, school district, etc.) of any changes in responsibility for real estate tax payments.

» Update motor vehicle title, tax, insurance and lease arrangements.

Moving forward on your own

Take a fresh look at your plans for the future to determine whether your divorce will affect your financial needs, risk tolerance and time frames. Among the things to re-evaluate are:

» Life insurance and disability insurance needs

» Investment allocations

» Retirement savings rates

Review your will to be sure that its provisions reflect your new circumstances. If you have no will for yourself, create one.

Evaluate your Social Security status. A divorced person may be eligible for Social Security benefits based on his or her ex-spouse's earnings record if he or she is at least 62 years old, was married for at least 10 years, and does not remarry before age 60.

I am dedicated to walking you though the steps that you need to make to take control of your financial future and prepare you for a secure retirement. Now it is the time to start focusing on your finances.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

JUNE

SUMMER WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

JULY

LECTURE SERIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7-28

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Howard N. Lupovitch, director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University, will explore through video clips and readings what the Jewish presence on television reflects about the complex relationship between American Jews and American culture. Topics are From Absent to Invisible, July 7; Criminalizing Anti-Semitism, July 14; Laughing at Jews, Laughing with Jews, July 21 and Beyond the Yiddishe Mama, July 28. Free for Beth Ahm members. Tuition is $50 for the series or $15 per lecture for nonmembers. Advance registration requested, but walk-ins accepted

Contact: Alison Blau at 248-851-6880 or email ablau@cbahm.org

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 6;30-8 p.m. July 27-30

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: For boys and girls, 5-12, of any skill level. Cost is $25 per students and includes water bottle, instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home. Register at christoursavior.org

Contact: 734-522-6830

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 145600 Merriman, Livonia

Details: For pre-K through sixth grade; the sessions will include music, games, crafts, lessons, fun in a luau adventure theme. RSVP by July 5

Contact: Melissa at 734-466-8694 or Tina at 734-716-8986

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs $3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

Contact: 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

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

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

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

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is $5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

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BOZIAN, EDWIN B. "ED"

Age 88, June 20, 2015.
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BURKALL, LORI SUE

Passed away June 20, 2015, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, after a courageous fight with cancer. She was 54 years old. Preceded in death by her mother, Eleanor Burkall, and both sets of grandparents, Peter and Marie Burkall and Ken and Olive Hughes, of Muskegon, Michigan, Lori leaves behind her father, Al Burkall of St. Joseph, Michigan; sister Linda (Dan) Derbas of Galien, Michigan; sister Julie (Jim) Painter of Centerville, Ohio; brother Don (Shirley) Burkall of Durham, North Carolina; sister Mary (Dave) Schmidke of St. Joseph, Michigan; life partner Burt Sloan of Ann Arbor, Michigan; special cousin Norman (Ilene) Tyler of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Lori graduated from St. Joseph High School in St. Joseph, Michigan, received her Bachelor of Education from Western Michigan University, and her Masters in Computer Education from the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois. During her career she taught special needs students in Dayton, Ohio; Antioch, Illinois; Charlotte, North Carolina; and ultimately, Livonia, Michigan. Lori was exceptionally close to her eight nieces and nephews, always being very interested and involved in their lives. She lovingly shared many special times with each one of them as they grew from childhood into the adults they are today. She was so proud of each and every one of them. While in high school Lori's family hosted Gundi Mathews, a foreign exchange student from Hamburg, Germany, who became a special sister. This wonderful experience led Lori and her partner Burt to open their home and hearts to many foreign exchange students over the years. The bonds formed remain to this day; many students, along with their families, have returned for visits to see their "American mom." When not in the classroom or spending time with family, Lori loved to travel. She enjoyed learning about other cultures and exploring near and far, whether it was on road trips with her dad, taking cruises with Burt or her girlfriends, or backpacking through Europe. She jumped out of airplanes, rode her motorcycle, and loved the water, whether swimming and sailing, or playing cards with her dad at the beach. Lori's creative side led her to explore a variety of artistic avenues. After taking a stained glass class, she fell in love with glass, and subsequently, lampwork (glass bead-making). Her friends and family treasure the unique and beautiful gifts she made for them. To showcase her culinary talents, Lori would entertain friends and even cater various events. Happy were those who were called to her table. Lori will be greatly missed by family, her very many close friends and neighbors, and former students. Her loving and generous spirit and beautiful smile touched the lives of so many. Lori made a difference, and left the world a better place because she was here. Those wishing to share a memory of Lori can do so at www.muehligannarbor.com. A celebration of Lori's life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to either St. Joseph Mercy Hospice Ann Arbor (www.stjoesannarbor.org/hospice) or Youth for Understanding USA (www.yfuusa.org).

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DUVALL, GEORGE A.

Age 93. Husband of the late Carol. Dear father of Kenneth (Joanne) and Joyce. Grandfather of Julianne (Brian) Nafin, Wayne, Theresa, Raymond and Sean. Great-grandfather of Alisha, Kassidy, Owen, Jovanna, Jenna, Kayla, Juanito and George. Great-great-grandfather of Charlee. Visiting Monday, July 27th 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. Service at VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Ave. Redford Charter Twp. Final resting place Great Lakes National Cemetery. Contributions to VFW Post 345 appreciated. Condolences to Charlesstepfuneralhome.com

KIFFNER, HANNAH

Traverse City - Hannah Marlene (Chadwick) Kiffner, 82, of Manistee passed away June 22, 2015, at Munson Medical Center. She graduated from Bentley High School. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

NEWMAN, BARBARA

Passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 20, 2015 aged 61. Beloved ex-wife of Scott Newman, loving mother of Jessica Newman and Jacquelyn (Ryan) Crockett, adored grandmother of Ruby Crockett. Predeceased by her parents John and Helen Golec; survived by sisters Cindy (John) Cipolla, Elizabeth "Buff" Jarema, and by her brother Greg Golec. Barbara spent her youth in Detroit, married and moved to Livonia, and had a successful career as a radiographer. She loved to garden, and enjoyed travel both in the U.S. and abroad. Private memorial to be held by family. Donations may be sent to the Detroit Institute of Arts or the Henry Ford.

SMITH, MICHAEL L.

June 24, 2015. Age 51 of Wayne. He passed away after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan in 1964 and is a 1982 graduate of Romulus High School. He served in the United State Marine Corp and retired as a Sergeant from the Romulus Police Department. He was an avid Detroit Tiger fan and also loved all kinds of sports and never missed a good card game. He is survived by this wife of 26 years, Rhonda; and his children, Zachary and Olivia; his parents, Edward Smith and Fanny Markey; brothers, Robert and David (Judy); as well as aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many close friends. Visitation at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, MI on Sunday, June 28 from 1-9 p.m. Services at funeral home Monday, June 29 at 10 a.m. Burial immediately following at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne. Memorial donations in his honor may be made to the International Melanoma Foundation or Angela Hospice. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.

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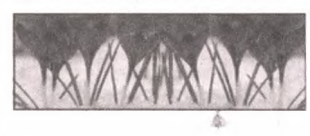
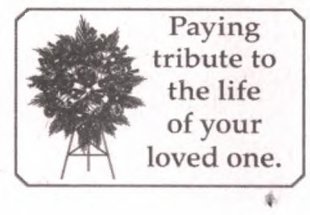


TRUDGEON, JACK HOWARD

Beloved husband and father, Jack Howard Trudgeon, passed into the arms of his heavenly father on April 21, 2015. Born in Calumet, Michigan on July 26, 1920, Jack was married to his dear wife Helen for 63 years. Together they shared a joyous life filled with love of music, family, church, summers at their cabin in the U.P. of Michigan, retirement in Arizona, and final years in Lancaster, California. After military duty in WWII he served as both church and high school choir director for nearly 40 years. He was most happy sitting on the dock of his cabin in the woods, puttering in the back chopping wood, or working in his garden. Jack was beloved by his large extended family and will be sorely missed. He is survived by his brother, William Trudgeon of Warren, and five children and their families: Jill and Kurt Sprenger of Texas, Jane and Robert Neal of California, Susan and Brad Marten of Colorado, Sandra and Douglas McLaren of England, and Garry Perryman of Wales. Cheers, Dad! Memorial service to be held at First Lutheran Church, Winona, Michigan, on July 5th at 2:30. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Lancaster United Methodist Pipe Organ Renewal Fund.

WILCOX, DORIS ANN

76, of Garden City, MI, passed away peacefully where her immediate family surrounding her Monday, June 22, 2015 at Maple Manor, Wayne, MI. She was born October 11, 1938 in Garden City, MI to Doris and Harold Anderson. Surviving are one son, Eric Wilcox of Lisbon Falls, Maine; two daughters, K. Aspen Mikella (Todd Steele) and her grandchildren, Kohen, Kipri and Blake of Lisbon Falls, ME, and Melissa Adams (Benjamin) and grandchildren Braeden and Caelen of Pea Ridge, Arkansas; one sister Theone Alashari (Nasrat) and their children, Sherri, Laela and David; two brothers, Harold Whitney Anderson (Christa) and their children, Robert, Cheryl, Sandy and Linda; and Kenneth Anderson (Doris) and their daughter Jerri, and step-children, Rod, Jan and Susi; along with many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-laws, nieces and nephews on the Wilcox side of the family. Doris was a long time resident of Garden City, living in her childhood home until marring Melvin Wilcox (her children's father) and moving to 28922 Block Street, where she resided for the rest of her life. She graduated from Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing as an RN in 1961. Doris was then employed at the Garden City Hospital for 43 years, many of those years in the ER, and in her later years with G.C. Hospital as integral part of Community Education. Doris was awarded the prestigious honor of the Athena Leadership Award in 2001 for professional excellence and her many years of dedication to the community. She was beloved by all who had the pleasure of meeting her and there will be a void for many that that is impossible to replace. The family will honor the last wishes of Doris and not have a service. There will be a donation to the hospital in her honor, where she worked so selflessly doing what she did best....caring for others.



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You can do it: Overcoming travel-related anxiety takes practice

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For many, the summer months are associated with vacations, get-aways and traveling. Unfortunately, traveling can be worrisome event for some, and they may simply stay home and miss out on the many benefits of travel. For many, travel is a very anxiety-provoking experience.

Travel anxiety may be a part of a more generalized anxiety disorder or it may be a specific phobia which could involve a fear of flying or a fear of driving or a fear of being away from one's familiar surroundings of home. The underlying reasons for travel anxiety, often unconscious, can be uncovered in psychotherapy although the process is arduous and can take a good deal of time. However, while uncovering the reasons for the fear, there are tactical approaches which can be simultaneously pursued.

In addition to working with a therapist who can help you uncover the reasons for your fears, you can also directly face your fears with some straightforward "self-help" techniques. Some call this exposure therapy.

Think logically

In general, the process involves learning control over one's nervous system through breathing exercises with relaxation techniques. This is coupled with challenging one's thoughts about feared situations. For example, the anxious traveler is full of "what if?" questions. These can be listed and then categorically answered.

For example, one may hesitate to fly on a plane because "what if I have an anxiety attack and feel like I can't breathe and am going to pass out?" This can be countered by a statement to one's self such as "If I have an anxiety attack, I'll remind myself that it's painful but harmless, that my rapid heartbeat does not mean I'm having a heart attack, and if I stop breathing and fall down from my shortness of breath, my body will immediately start breathing again on its own."

In flying anxieties, it is interesting that most sufferers aren't worried about the plane being out of control but are worried about themselves being out of control on the plane. Armed with relaxation techniques, deep breathing exercises, and distraction methods, a grounded traveler can become a frequent flyer with practice.

Some airlines offer desensitization programs for those with severe flying phobias in which they are taught these various relaxation techniques on board a grounded plane. In session two, they are taxied around without lifting off, continuing to practice their relaxation exercises and in the final phase, they achieve a take-off, a short flight, and a landing – all under the influence of self-induced relaxation guided by a "travel coach" provided by the airlines who is trained in these techniques.

Critical to desensitize

Fears of traveling by automobile are often, on the surface, experienced as fears of being hurt in an accident. Frequently underneath, there is a real fear of separation. The anxiety may increase the farther one gets away from familiar surroundings of their own home.

Again, as in airplane flying the learning of fear desensitization techniques is critical. So is facing the fear and getting in an automobile, first as a passenger and later as a driver, armed with techniques that will induce relaxation. Mentally rehearsing trips in cars can also help. While in a relaxed state, one imagines the details of what one might see and hear on a motor trip. Through imagination, one can begin to cope with the fears of the physical sensations of anxiety: rapid heartbeat, shortness of breath, feelings of light-headedness, and nausea, etc. The more one rehearses, the more one will be prepared and able to become an observer of anxiety sensations rather than react to them.

The important thing is to face the fear through behavior that will expose the underlying thoughts, fantasies and feelings so as to master them. These usually turn out to be concerns about loss of control of some things.

Len McCulloch *is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in mental health, brain injury, addictions and social work. His clinical practice of 40-plus years includes more than Our Mental Health columns. He can be reached at his Farmington Hills office at 248-474-2763, Ext. 222.*

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Breather's Club

The Breather's Club is free and for individuals with COPD, their friends and family members. Group members share ideas and learn coping skills from health professionals. The club meets from 6-7:30 p.m. July 7, at the Oakwood Cardiac Rehab Center – Dearborn, 22060 Beech. For more information, call Darlene Lingenfelter at 313-562-4132.

Exercise for arthritis

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation, will offer exercise classes beginning in July for adults with arthritis and other related diseases. A general exercise program will run 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14 through Sept. 3. Tai Chi classes are set for 11 a.m. to noon and advanced exercises, for those who have taken the general exercise program, will run 1-2 p.m. Classes will be held at the Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. The general exercise and Tai Chi classes are free but registration is required. The advanced exercise program costs $5 per session. Register by calling 734-655-1310.

Lunch and Learn

Join an open-ended lunch discussion on health and wellness in southeast Michigan, with Lila Lazarus, health reporter, Rob Casalou, St. Joseph Mercy Health System president and CEO, hospital leaders and local officials, noon June 30, at St. Joseph Mercy, 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Register at stjoeshealth.org/classes

Walk with a Doc

Jennifer Beal, a geriatric medicine specialist, will talk about maintaining a healthy lifestyle as you age, noon, July 16, at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. The session also includes a walk. Register by calling Botsford Hospital at 877-477-3621, option 1.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, lipid panel ($15) testing, 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org.

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