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## 175 years and counting

### Church celebrates its past, rejoices in present

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Nestled in the heart of downtown Wayne is a church with a magnificent claim to fame. It's the First United Methodist Church of Wayne, and it's celebrating 175 years.

It started in 1832 with only a handful of people.

"They met in people's houses," said longtime church member Keith DeMolay of Westland.

Now it has about 250 members who come from such communities as Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Canton, Redford, Romulus and Inkster.

Located at 3 Town Square, in an area tucked between east and west Michigan Avenue, it was first called the Union Church. It has had several building changes and now is housed in what was the old Wayne Bank.

A church has stood on the current site since 1862, and the congregation traces its roots back to 1832, when Andrew Jackson was the country's president.

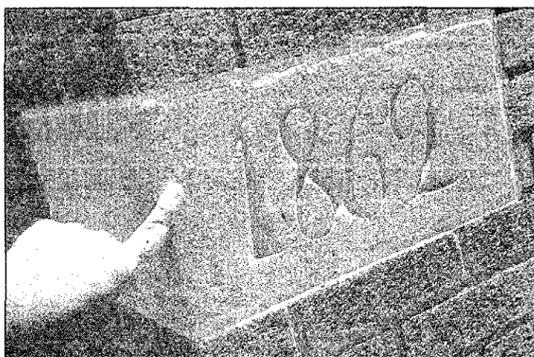
It was five years before Michigan became a state and 29 years before the Civil War started. It was just 56 years after the Declaration of Independence was written.

Winnifred Story, an 89-year-old great-grandmother, has been attending the church since she was 11 years old. She still has a doll handed down by a grandmother who went to the old Union Church.

"I don't miss church unless I'm sick," Story said, sitting inside a church meeting room with a group of members. "It's a big part of my life, and these are my friends."

The First United Methodist Church got its own building in 1862, and a newer church from

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A cornerstone from an older building was used in the construction of the newer sanctuary.



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Helping to celebrate the First United Methodist Church's 175th anniversary are (from left) Larry Nitzel, Winnifred Story, Keith DeMolay, Sandy Ofiara, Sally Nitzel and Jan Podgers.

## Low turnout predicted in primary

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

They've received the campaign literature and heard the candidates make their pitch for votes.

Now, in Tuesday's primary election, Westland voters will narrow the field of candidates for city offices and decide which hopefuls will advance to the Nov. 6 general election.

City Clerk Eileen DeHart predicted a typically low turnout for the primary.

"I'm projecting a 10 to 12 percent turnout," she said Thursday. "I would like to be really, really wrong, but that's about normal for the primary."

Voters will narrow the field of three mayoral candidates to two. Those competing are appointed incumbent Mayor William Wild, former Mayor and current City Council President Charles Pickering and political newcomer Daryl Novack.

Voters also will choose eight City Council candidates from a field of 11 hopefuls campaigning to advance to the general election. Those competing include elected incumbents James Godbout and Michael Kehrer, appointed incumbents Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves, and seven challengers: Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Gary Bulson, Harold Dunn, Sam Durante, Todd Kangas, Mark Rodriguez and write-in candidate John Goci.

All of the candidates were featured in earlier question-and-answer stories published in the *Observer*.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, but many voters have opted to cast absentee ballots.

Of the 59,242 registered voters in Westland, 3,831 people had requested absentee ballots from the clerk's office as of Thursday afternoon, DeHart said. Of those, 2,439 already had returned their completed ballots by Thursday afternoon.

Voters who haven't turned in their absentee ballots are urged to drop them off at the clerk's office at City Hall either Monday or Tuesday.

Voters who can't make it to City Hall may have someone else in their household deliver an absentee ballot to the clerk's office.

"No one outside of the household can bring it in," DeHart said.

Voters who suddenly realize they can't vote at the polls Tuesday also may go to the clerk's office by 4 p.m. Monday to get an absentee ballot and vote right then, on the premises.

Anyone who needs more information may call the clerk's office at (734) 467-3185.

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## Mowed down: Stepped-up efforts trim tall grass complaints

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Besieged by complaints about tall grass, Westland city workers and a landscaping contractor have cut a swath through neighborhoods once plagued by overgrowth.

"It really seems like we've gotten a handle on this problem," Mayor William Wild said.

Early in the grass-cutting season, the city had received 304 complaints about grass not being mowed, particularly around homes left vacant from foreclosures.

To tackle the problem, Wild proposed emergency measures that the Westland City Council adopted in June, amid hopes of cleaning up

neighborhoods and avoiding such problems as a worsening rodent population.

The plan allowed the hiring of a landscaping contractor to help city workers mow grass that grows to eight inches or taller and then billing property owners, even if it meant putting the tab on their tax bills.

Public Service Director Kevin Buford said the effort is working.

"In the last two weeks, we've had only 17 complaints," a dramatic decrease from earlier levels, Buford said.

In a few instances, property owners addressed tall-grass problems themselves, he said, "because they realize the city is serious about this."

Mostly, however, city workers and Westland-based Priority Landscape Contractors, Inc., have worked hard to clear properties of unsightly growth.

The city slaps a sticker on a home and returns in three days to address problems that owners ignore.

As a result, the price tag is increasing for some property owners.

"We send a bill to the owner. If it's not paid by November, then it will be put on their December tax bill," Buford said.

Costs will vary depending on the size of the property and the amount of work involved, he said.

Residents in some neighborhoods have literally stood outside and applauded when workers show up to mow grass, officials have said. In some cases, they have pitched in to keep properties mowed once the city has made its initial sweep.

Only in a few cases have residents been apprehensive about efforts to clean up properties, Buford said.

While a lack of rain and high temperatures can bring their own problems, Wild said one positive aspect has been that grass hasn't grown as fast. That, too, has helped workers battling tall grass on vacant properties.

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Order tasty wings or anything on the menu at Buffalo Wild Wings in Westland on Monday, Aug. 6, and Monday, Aug. 13, and have 20 percent of your bill be donated Westland's Kicks 4 Kids Soccer Project.

Buffalo Wild Wings is at 6677 N. Wayne Road, south of Warren Road.

People also can help a variety of Westland organizations by dining at Applebee's at 36475 Warren Road in Westland. Through its Dining to Donate, the restaurant will donate 20 percent of the bill to the Westland Historical Village Park on Aug. 23 and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept. 27.

Coupons for both restaurants can be obtained at the Mayor's Office or the Bailey Recreation Center.

**Health expo**

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will have its fifth annual Health & Business Expo 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Westland Shopping Center. Participants will have an opportunity to showcase their goods and services. Cost to participate is \$125 for chamber members, \$75 for a nonprofit organization and \$175 for non-chamber businesses.

For more information or to obtain an application, call chamber President Lori Fodale at (734) 326-7222.

**Flower program**

Suzan Campbell of Michigan Natural Features Inventory will speak about native wildflowers and butterflies at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. A native wildflower plant sale will be held at 5:45 p.m. The program is free, however, registration is required. Call the library at (734) 326-6123.

**Garden club**

The newly formed Westland Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at one of the member's home. For more information, call or Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918.

**Summer luncheon**

Ashford Court Senior Residence on Joy west of Newburgh, Westland, will host a Summer Celebration Luncheon at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15. The guest speaker will be Sandy Baumann, national speaker, author of *Feed Your Brain for Learning, Feed Your Bones and Feed Your Brain for Memory* and health columnist for the *Mature Advisor* newspaper.

There also will be door prizes and tour of the facility. Seating is limited, so call Ashford Court at

(734) 451-1155 by Monday, Aug. 13, for reservations.

**Plant exchange**

A plant exchange will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Westland Historical Village Park, 857 Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill. For more information, call Kim Peterson at (734) 591-6506.

**Scholarship pageant**

Applications are being accepted for the 2007 Miss Wayne County Scholarship pageant, an official Miss America preliminary.

Young women who live, work full time or attend school full time in Wayne County and who are ages 17-24 are eligible to participate.

The winner will represent Wayne County at the 2008 Miss Michigan Pageant in Muskegon. Areas of competition include interview, lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, evening gown, talent and onstage question. The winner will also receive a cash scholarship.

For more information, call (734) 367-0560 or by e-mail at SheilaMae116@aol.com. To request an application, visit the Web site at www.misswayneco.com. The deadline for entering in Aug. 19.

The pageant will be held on Sept. 8 at Livonia Churchill High School in Livonia.

**Rotary Club**

The Westland Rotary Club is having a new-member drive. The club meets at 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at The Salvation Army, on Venoy south of Palmer, for lunch and fellowship. Anyone interested may call past President Mark McConnell at (734) 421-5510.

Also, the club will have a fund-raiser at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at Joey's Comedy Club. The show, *Comedy for a Cause*, will help the club support the Salvation Army, children at Jefferson-Barns and Lincoln elementary schools; veterans returning from Iraq; and other causes.

Tickets are \$15 each. Anyone interested may call Mary Gregosky at (734) 729-5401.

**2nd Chance benefit**

Second Chance at Life will have its annual Run-Walk-Bike-Skate fund-raise, 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11, at Nankin Mills area in Hines Park.

The non-profit organization's mission is to promote donation awareness and is helping saving lives with the support of the University of Michigan Transplant Center.

For more information, call (734) 513-5187 or visit the organization's Web site at www.secondchanceatlife.org.

**Fun Day**

Come and be part of the fun and games at the Wayne County Community College District's Family fun Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at its Western Campus at 9555 Haggerty, Belleville.

There will be free hot dogs, chips and soda, bouncers, arts and crafts, face painting and balloon art, tours of the campus, a movie room with free popcorn, safety presentations by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and a program by the Bat Conservation Program at 1:30 p.m., followed by the DTE EnviroMagic Show at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 697-5194.

**Unity in the Community**

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior is sponsoring "Unity in the Community" 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the church, 29425 Annapolis, Westland.

Aimed at "building the community" and "strengthening families," there will be free food, gospel music, free clothing drive, T-shirts, games and rides and health services. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

**Medicare seminar**

Ford Motor Company retirees will have the opportunity to get an explanation of Medicare Part D benefits during a free seminar 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh south of Ford in Westland. Call (734) 722-7628 to register.

**Marathon bingo**

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 3323 is holding a marathon bingo noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the post, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland. A second marathon bingo will be held noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, to benefit youth activities projects.

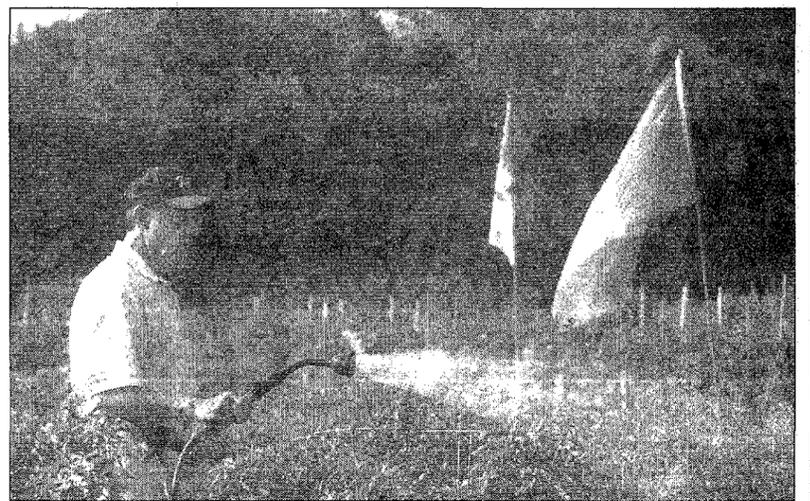
**3-on-3 hoops**

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps will hold its first annual Hoopin' for the Sal' 3-on-3 double-elimination basketball tournament 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11, at Salvation Army parking lot, 2300 Venoy south of Palmer in Westland.

The divisions are co-ed and include Open (adult ages 18 and up), Middle (15-17) and JV (12-14). The cost is \$80 per team. Registration starts at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11.

Awards included a 20-inch flat screen TVs to the Open Division winners; trophies and T-shirts to all other divisions.

For more information, call Capt. Matt O'Neil at (734) 722-3660.



Jim Viazanko waters vegetable plants for a friend, Bill Holbrook. Viazanko will have his own plot next year.

**Gardeners test their green thumbs at Greenmead**

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

Gardeners come for the free water, open space and solitude.

After a summer's worth of sweaty work, they leave with a bounty of homegrown vegetables.

Bushels of tomatoes wait to be plucked from their vines at Greenmead Community Gardens.

They're plump and green now. In a few weeks, they'll be canned, given away or turned into salsa by people like Richard Strzalkowski of Redford, who has gardened at Greenmead for five or six years.

"I make salsa out of the peppers. I can the tomatoes. The broccoli, she eats before I get home," Strzalkowski said, pointing to his daughter and helper, Mary, 18. She nodded.

Beets, onion, potatoes, cabbage, cucumber, okra, broccoli, carrots, squash, zucchini and corn are only a sampling of the other types of produce produced there.

More than 150 gardeners share three acres on the campus of Greenmead. Each gets a 24-foot by 24-foot plot and access to a garden hose.

After that, they plant according to taste. One man planted bok choy. Another grows peanuts. A woman watering her husband's garden was secretly pleased the green beans (not her favorite vegetable) were succumbing to the heat.

"Everything is starting to ripen," said Felicia Cross, with the Community Resources Department. "They're rewarded for their hard work."

The rentals are \$25 for a resident or \$35 for a non-resident.

"You have to travel, but the expense is pretty low," said Paul Cockfield of Livonia.

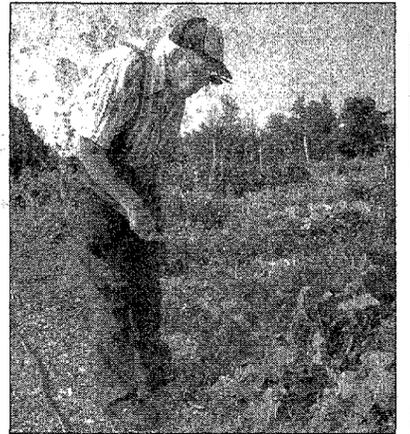
He and his wife, Linda, share their garden plot with another couple. They're retired, but he works part time at Seven Mile and Newburgh, so he comes after work.

"It's been hot. You have to be out here," he said.

Strzalkowski said the \$25 rental probably doesn't even cover the cost of the water each gardener uses.

The O'Meara family of Livonia watered their garden Tuesday night.

"We should be here every other day," said Carol O'Meara, accompanied by her daughter, Megan, 10, and son, Sean, 7, and Megan's friend, Maggie Ellis, 11.



Hugh Everett is 91 years old but that doesn't stop him from chopping weeds on his garden plot.

The children begrudgingly come to help, O'Meara said. "They like picking, but they don't like watering."

Megan found two ripe tomatoes and some green beans.

"We really like the fact that we can have a garden here, but we really wish it could be in our own back yard," Carol O'Meara said. "We have a pool, a shed, a playscape and a big dog, so we have no room for a garden at home."

Strzalkowski visits his double garden plot three to four times per week.

"It's good solitude," Strzalkowski said.

Bill McClaran, 79, of Westland has been gardening at Greenmead for 15 years.

"If you stick around longer, you get a better spot," he said. He's close to the water and likes the condition of his soil. "Way down there it's mostly clay," he said, gesturing to the back of the gardening area.

He grows onions, two kinds of squash, green beans, string beans, tomatoes, beets, carrots and okra.

Much of the food gets given away.

"We give a lot of (the vegetables) to the nursing home where (my wife) used to work," said McClaran, who also donates to the staff at his dentist's office.

"I just consider it exercise mostly, and recreation."

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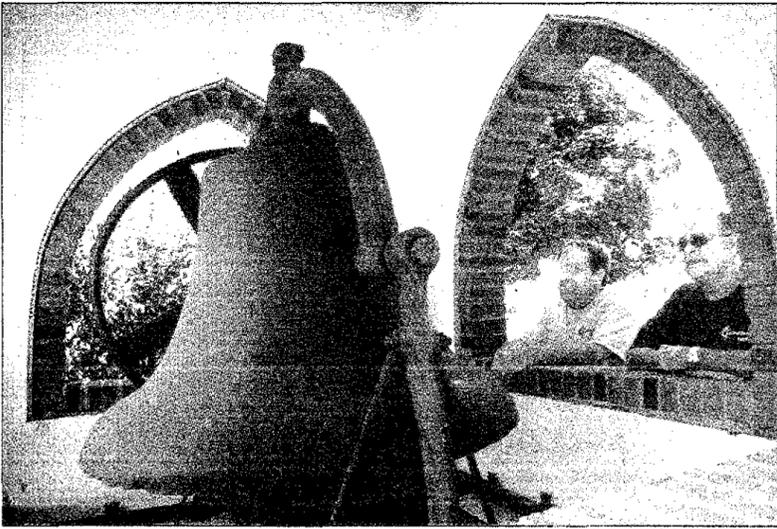
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Keith DeMolay (left) and Larry Nitzel look at the original bell from the church built in 1929 church. It is housed in a structure on church grounds.

## CHURCH

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1929 still stands on the site and is mostly used for storage. The current sanctuary, with an incredibly high ceiling that slopes heavenward, was built in 1956.

An original bell from the 1929 church has been taken down, but it is proudly displayed on the church grounds.

In one area of the sprawling church complex, members have decorated a wall with old pictures, news articles and other memorabilia celebrating the 175th anniversary. In all, the church has had 67 pastors, including the current Rev. David Stewart.

"This is a wonderful place to worship God," said longtime member Sally Nitzel, 64, who attends with 66-year-old husband Larry.

The church is having a year-long celebration that included a picnic Saturday in Goudy Park in Wayne.

Activities included everything from old-fashioned sack races



The First United Methodist Church of Wayne's current sanctuary, with its vaulted ceiling, was built in 1956.

to face-painting to music by the Praise & Worship Band. Church members also have been sporting their commemorative T-shirts.

The congregation helps the community in numerous ways:

■ Wayne resident Sandy Ofiara, 62, said the church provides emergency food to residents in the Wayne and Westland area.

As she talked about her church, she turned to proudly display these words on the back of her maroon T-shirt: Celebrating the Past, Rejoicing in the Present, Praying for the Future. Serving Christ in Wayne, Michigan, for 175 years, 1832-2007.

■ Westland resident Jan Podgers, 72, said the congregation works with other churches to offer a warming center for the homeless at Full Gospel Temple in Westland. She also said church members at Christmas time fill shoeboxes with presents that are sent to less fortunate people around the world, and they send aid to children in Haiti.

Church members concede that they would like to draw more young people into the fold to ensure that their church survives for many years to come.

"We don't have many young people," DeMolay said, "but we keep praying that everything will be OK."

If the church's history is any indication, it certainly will be.

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## NEWSMAKERS

**William J. Goen** of Westland has been appointed director of IT operations for Netlink's global IT infrastructure operations. The appointment is effective immediately.

Goen comes to Netlink from Lafarge North America in Bingham Farms where he held positions of regional IT manager, director of technical support and director of technical infrastructure support.

Goen boasts more than 30 years of IT experience. He began his career as a hardware engineer at the University of Michigan Computer Center in 1977. He joined Applicon, Inc., in Ann Arbor in 1981 as a producer of

CAD/CAM software and was named senior manager of operations in 1991.

In August 1993, he joined McKesson Pharmacy Systems in Livonia serving as director of strategic initiatives until he joined Lafarge in late 1999.

Goen has a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering from the University of Michigan and an master of science degree in manufacturing technology from Eastern Michigan University.

He is a past president of the Westland Figure Skating Club, Detroit Metro Council of Figure Skating Clubs and the Tri State Council of Figure Skating Clubs.

He also is a music official for United States Figure Skating.

Comerica Bank has announced that **Michael R. Schmidt** of Garden City has been named vice president of its Middle Market Banking—Environmental Services office in Detroit.

Schmidt will be responsible for commercial lending and other financial services to environmental industries, primarily those businesses involved in waste collection and disposal.

Schmidt joined Comerica in 2003 and holds a master's degree in finance from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

## City sets dates, times for food distribution

The City of Westland will be distributing surplus food to eligible residents at several locations during August. Residents living north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

Westland residents living south of Michigan Avenue can get their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, or the second Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. For information on that distribution, call (734) 729-4737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers must contact the building manager for their distribution date. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

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INFORMATION CENTRAL

Color

Have you ever heard of Roy G. Biv? No, but you have definitely seen him! Roy G. Biv is a nickname for the colors of the rainbow, or prisms. They always appear in the same order and are the properties of light - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet.

An ancient science in many cultures says each color has a spiritual property. Modern day color theory states that each color definitely invokes a mood for those surrounded by the color. For instance, red is the color of fire and blood, so it is associated with energy, war, danger, strength, power, determination as well as passion, desire and love.

Orange combines the energy of red and the happiness of yellow. It is associated with joy, sunshine and the tropics.

Orange represents enthusiasm, fascination, happiness, creativity, determination, attraction, success, encouragement and stimulation.

Yellow is the color of sunshine. It is associated with joy, happiness, intellect and energy.

Green is the color of nature. It symbolizes growth, harmony, freshness and fertility. Green has strong emotional correspondence with safety. Dark green is also commonly associated with money.

Blue is the color of the sky and sea. It is often associated with depth and stability. It symbolizes trust, loyalty, wisdom, confidence, intelligence, faith, truth, and heaven.

Purple combines the stability of blue and the energy of red. Purple is associated with royalty. It symbolizes power, nobility, luxury and ambition. It conveys wealth and extravagance. Purple is associated with wisdom, dignity, independence, creativity, mystery and magic.

A much more detailed analysis can be found on the Web site, [www.color-wheel-pro.com/color-meaning.html](http://www.color-wheel-pro.com/color-meaning.html).

How can you incorporate the powers of color into your daily life? The library has a good selection of books on interior design that focus exclusively on color schemes.

Check out the non-fiction area of 747.94. There you will find titles such as "House Beautiful Color, Color Style:



How to Identify the Colors That Are Right for Your Home" or "The Home Color Book."

A good plan would be to decide on the room's purpose and from there decide the mood you would like to create by painting in that color. A restful color for a bedroom is light blue, but even a lack of color creates a mood.

A recent trend is for a neutral color scheme. It is restful to the eye when there is not a lot of contrast in the tones used. Cream and tan interiors give a modern look.

Another possibility is the all white color scheme. See "At Home With White: Celebrating the Intimate Home" for ideas.

There are endless, inspiring ideas for using color.

Whatever your information needs, stop by the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, or call us (734) 326-6123. You can also logon 24/7 at [westland.lib.mi.us](http://westland.lib.mi.us)

Highlighted Activities

**Microsoft Word for Beginners: 7 p.m. Aug. 17.**

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word - a word processing program that lets you create a variety of documents including letters and resumes. Learn how to set margins, change font style and size, check spelling and print. No registration is required.

**Internet 101: 7 p.m. Aug. 15.**

A beginner's guide to the Internet - how do I get around a Web site, what is a Web site. No registration is required. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Intermediate Stamping With Cari: 7 p.m. Aug. 15.**

Learn to incorporate paper folding and embossing techniques in your stamping projects. All supplies are provided, but seating is limited. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to register.

Information Central is compiled by reference librarian Cathy Pense. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.



Cruisers of the Week

The Westside Rod and Custom Car Club's recent Cruiser of the Week was Gus Koston of Redford with his low and raw 1926 Ford Model-T Roadster. Member of the Week is Dave Poirier with his 1951 Chevy pickup. The Westside Rod and Custom Car Club has been holding car shows on Wednesdays at the Romanowski VFW Post on Joy Road east of Middlebelt in Westland.

Anderson: Plan brings jobs to community

State Sen. Glenn Anderson is praising the kickoff of Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) effort, a worker development program that emphasizes linking training to existing jobs.

"The ability of displaced workers to compete in our changing economy - and the resulting prosperity of our communities - directly relates to the training we make available for workers," said the Westland Democrat. "This crucial program will help bring jobs to our community, fill the needs of local companies, and give thousands of workers a second chance at success."

In April, Anderson helped pass an amendment to the Department of Labor and

Economic Growth budget that made possible funding for many of the displaced worker programs included in NWLB.

The federal Workforce Investment Act provides funding for worker retraining programs. NWLB allows workers to use that funding for higher education programs at colleges or universities like Schoolcraft College, as well as training programs. The initiative ensures that programs run by local school districts also are eligible. Both Livonia and Wayne-Westland Schools operate separate from the intermediate school districts eligible for this funding.

"Training workers for the jobs that are actually available is crucial to bringing success

to our local economy," said Anderson whose 6th District includes Livonia, Westland, Garden City, and Redford Township.

To take part in NWLB, participants must earn a certification or degree needed in a high-demand occupation or gain the entrepreneurial skills necessary to start their own businesses. By 2012, Michigan will have a shortage of 334,000 skilled workers. Eligibility includes any person who is currently unemployed, who has received a notice or termination or layoff from employment, or whose family income is \$40,000 or less.

Participants must be at least 18 years old, must not have graduated from high school within the last two years, and

must not be full-time college students. They have three years to sign up for the program.

Partners in the No Worker Left Behind initiative include Michigan's 28 community colleges, the Michigan Community Colleges Association, the Michigan Works! Association and 25 Michigan Works! agencies, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, four-year colleges and universities, and licensed proprietary schools.

The Governor proposed NWLB in her 2007 State of the State address. For more information about NWLB, call Michigan Works! at (800) 285-WORKS (9675) or go to the NWLB Web site at [www.michigan.gov/nwlb](http://www.michigan.gov/nwlb).

Hospital sponsors wellness programs

Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, offers a weekly schedule of health and wellness programs for residents. The lineup this week includes:

**Monday, July 30**  
**Childbirth Education** (fourth of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours and there is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register.

**Tuesday, July 31**  
**Diabetes Self-Management Education** (fourth of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes. Participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. The program is certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health to assure quality and compliance with State

and National Diabetes Education Standards. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

**CPR - Infant and Child** at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, this class is designed for those who care for children. This class teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and in children victims age 8 and under. This class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center at 6701 Harrison just north of Maplewood. There is a fee. Participants will receive certification upon successful completion.

**Wednesday, Aug. 1**  
**Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens** at 10:30 a.m. The staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman.

Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

**CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic** at 5 p.m. Attention, CPAP and BIPAP users: Did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year? Have you been wanting to try a new style of mask, but don't know how to get one? Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center can help. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center in Room 329 at Garden City Hospital, 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 with any questions or for more information.

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**Eating Disorders Support Group** at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Both males and females are invited to attend. This meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

**Thursday, Aug. 2**  
**Men's Health Seminar: BPH Game Plan Starts with U** at 6 p.m. Garden City Hospital will host an evening seminar to increase awareness of prostate health with keynote speaker Chuck Hall of Fame basketball coach Chuck Daly, who will discuss his game plan with BPH. A local urologist specializing in men's health issues will discuss benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), commonly known as enlarged prostate, and encourage screening. Sign-ups for Garden City Hospital's Prostate Screening Day in September will be offered at the seminar. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations are recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, call (734) 458-4330.



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entered in a random drawing to win tickets to an upcoming Tigers game and concerts at DTE Music Theater or The Palace. "Tell us what you want to read about in your *Observer*," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor. "Your opinion matters to us as we strive to improve our newspaper and online coverage." Deadline to submit survey information and be eligible for the ticket drawing is 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6.

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The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Coco of "The Coco, Foolish & Mr. Chase in the Morning Show," which airs weekdays from 6-10 a.m. on FM98 WJLB.

The show is known throughout metro Detroit for its laughs, amazing prizes, hot topics, celebrity gossip and interviews, news and more.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of Coco and would like to have lunch or dinner with her at Buddy's Pizza in August.

Send your fan letter to [BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com](mailto:BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com) and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the August contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21.

A photograph of you and Coco will be published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* and online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

Buddy's will also present at check for \$500 to the Detroit Recovery Project, the charity of Coco's choice which supports individuals in identifying and resolving barriers to achieving a healthy and productive drug-free lifestyle.

The August winners will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of Pro Tran Transportation, make-over from "Beauty Salon by J.Lyle Lmt. featuring stylist and makeup artist Christine Fitzpatrick, a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" include Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4), Attorney Geoffrey Fieger, Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and *O&E* columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters. The stars featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.



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# MDOT: Bridges are safe

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Bob Byrnes admits in the 27 years he's been driving trucks for various soft-drink companies, including the last 10 for Pepsi, he's never really thought much about the safety of the various bridges in his travels.

But after Wednesday's collapse of the Interstate 35W bridge in Minneapolis, thoughts of safety become more common.

"After something like that you think about it," said Byrnes, who was making a delivery to the Speedway station at Sheldon and Five Mile Friday. "It's more on your mind now, but usually isn't not something you think happens to you. It happens somewhere else."

The I-35W bridge in Minneapolis, which collapsed into the Mississippi River, had been deemed "structurally deficient," a rating that means all or portions of them required either repair or replacement.

According to Michigan Department of Transportation officials, there are some 285 bridges in the metro Detroit area that have the same designation.

MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said a list was being compiled of bridges in western Wayne County listed as structurally deficient, but the list was not yet available.

He did say, however, there probably are some in this area.

"There would almost have to be, given their age," Morosi said. "However, 'structurally deficient' doesn't equate to 'unsafe.' It's a term they use in the federal inspection guidelines. (Michigan's) bridges are safe."

National Bridge Inspection Standards require MDOT to inspect bridges every two years. According to MDOT Director Kirk Steudle, the Mackinac, International and Blue Water bridges are inspected annually, exceeding federal requirements.

"We are confident we have safe bridges in Michigan and carefully manage them to ensure the safety of the motoring public," Steudle told the media Thursday. "If we had concerns about any particular bridge, we would immediately take appropriate action. It is important to note that bridge collapses such as the one that happened in Minneapolis are extremely rare."

That's why drivers like Will Neafsey aren't overly concerned, despite the fact Michigan is among the 10 worst states in the nation, with some 16 percent of its bridges deemed "structurally deficient."

"I didn't even think about it driving to or from work (Thursday)," said Neafsey, a Northville resident who works in Dearborn Heights. "After they finish the investigation, if they find something systemic, then you worry about it. Until then, it's an anomaly."

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The YWCA Head Start Program services youngsters living in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Redford and Garden City.

The school readiness program services 14 communities in western Wayne County - Westland, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth, Belleville, Dearborn, Livonia, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Romulus, Taylor, Wayne and Van Buren Township.

For more information or to enroll a child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 19.

The YWCA of Western Wayne County also has many opportunities for college students to build on their career

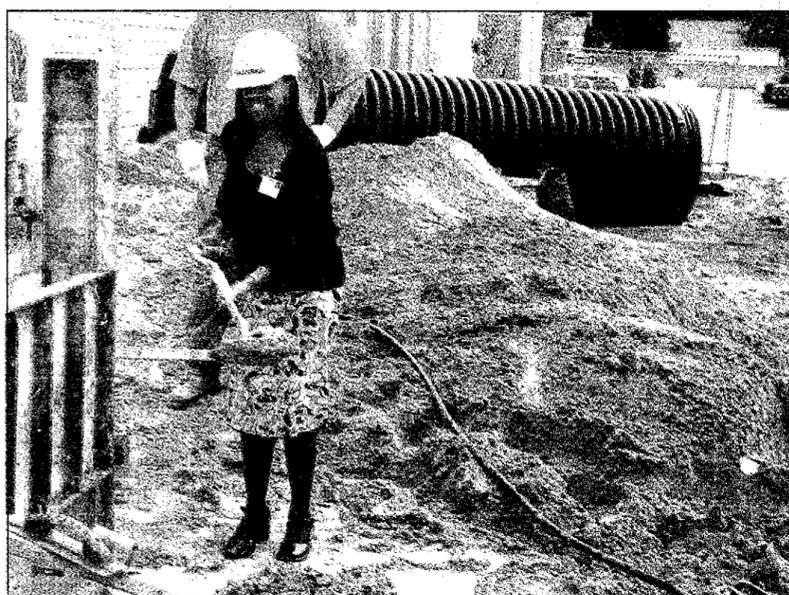
skills through internships.

Internships are available in communications, media relations and computer information services.

Additional opportunities are available in early childhood education, education administration, social work and women's studies just to name a few.

"Our internship programs offer flexible schedules for busy college students and credit for class coursework," said Murphy. "Our internship program is structured to help students implement the skills they've learned in the classroom for real-world, professional experience."

For more information about internship opportunities, call Erin Evans at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 14 or contact her by e-mail at [eevans@ywca-wwc.org](mailto:eevans@ywca-wwc.org).



Shelly Clark, Garden City Hospital's manager of patient registration, pours the first shovelful of concrete for the new surgical center.

# Hospital staff helps 'pour' surgical center foundation

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Construction of a 37,500-square-foot addition to Garden City Hospital is moving ahead, following a recent foundation pouring ceremony.

Employees, members of the hospital board and hospital foundation board were on hand to watch Shelly Clark, manager of patient registration, pour the first shovelful of concrete. Clark had the honor after winning a raffle held for employees who have supported the hospital financially through its Partners in Health program.

"This was mostly an employee event for those who donated to the hospital last year," said Matthew Heffner, director of public relations and marketing. "Because it was a foundation pouring event, it was right to recognize people who are the foundation of this hospital, the employees."

Physicians and employees will sign the last beam as part of the topping-off ceremony, Heffner said.

Once the structure is enclosed in brick, which is expected to happen in November, work on the inside will start.

The addition should be completed by mid-summer 2008.

As part of the foundation pouring ceremony, participants were treated to a tour of the site as well as a look at the model of the new patient rooms.

"The rooms are getting new flooring, heating and cooling and all new furniture," Heffner said. "Rooms on the second floor, our major patient floor, are all being done."

The start of construction comes a little over a month after the Garden City Council approved revisions of the Planned Development for the hospital site.

The \$15 million addition will be on the north side of the facility along Maplewood. The facility will house six state-of-the-art surgical rooms and three procedure rooms.

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# Steep tuition increases give 'affordable' a new meaning

Michigan's state universities have all piped in with tuition increases ranging from 6.4 percent (U-M-Flint, Western Michigan) to a dizzying 18.1 percent at Wayne State University.

Wayne is technically increasing its undergraduate tuition by 12.8 percent but will be charging a \$13-per-credit contingency fee, which would be rescinded if the Legislature reinstates a promised August payment in October. That will raise tuition by \$1,227 a year to \$8,039 for an average student taking 15 credits a semester.

In a brilliant display of educational double-speak, WSU announced its tuition increase July 25 this way: "In an effort to preserve both excellence and affordability in the wake of a \$23.4 million cut in state funding, Wayne State University's Board of Governors today increased tuition by 12.8 percent."

Isn't that special? This could be a whole new approach for anyone who wants to raise the price of anything.

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The helpful release goes on to reassure that Wayne State is a heck of a bargain at \$226.05 per credit hour (no wait, with the \$13 contingency it's \$239.05 per credit hour).

"In spite of the increase, Wayne State still has tuition rates below average for Michigan's public universities, and significantly less than either of the state's two public research universities," the release says.

Well, all right then. Let's see that would be the two universities with predominantly resident students set in college towns. Wayne State is a commuter school set in the midst of one of the country's least attractive urban centers, a school that serves the needs of working students who can't afford to go to those other two research universities with the rah-rah sports teams.

But I don't mean to pick on Wayne State, my alma mater. All of the state's universities are in jeopardy. They have been a sacrificial lamb for both the governor and the legislature. Both have argued that if taxpayers don't want to cut funding to K-12 schools, then they have to accept cuts to the state universities. It's a poor deal, especially at a time when the state is touting education as a way out of our economic morass and research universities as vital to attracting the new tech businesses.

In a letter to WSU alumni on Aug. 1, President Irvin Reid took a less evasive approach in explaining the university's tuition

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hike (the inflationary 12.8, not the mind-boggling but maybe temporary 18.1): "No one wanted this to happen. We know that every time we are forced to raise tuition it creates a hardship for our students and their families. But the Board had no alternative: Wayne State University faces a potentially catastrophic \$23.2 million reduction in state appropriations in 2008. Our state support now is approximately equal to the funding we received 11 years ago, in 1996, with no factor for inflation."

Reid assures the alumni that WSU has made deep cuts "without compromising the quality of our academic programs and other student services." He also assures that the university will make every effort to provide financial aid.

The kicker, of course, is to ask the alumni's support in prodding state legislators to act on adequately funding the state's universities.

President Reid, consider this my positive response to your call to arms (well, e-mails, actually).

All of Michigan's state universities are important to moving this state back to the position of social and economic leadership it once enjoyed. From those other two research universities to the strong collection of regional universities, they serve in giving our young a chance to survive in a constantly shifting economic environment.

But Wayne State, in particular, provides an educational opportunity for those who would otherwise never go to college. It's a place more than any of the state's other schools that is and can continue to be a beacon toward something better.

Of all the schools, Wayne State needs to keep its costs down. A 12.8 percent tuition hike is a deal breaker for many. An 18.1 percent hike is a heart breaker.

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# Michigan is alone in offering legal protection to overweight workers

Hey, fat people (I mean no disrespect), does the law protect you from losing your job, not receiving that promotion or even earning less pay than your skinny coworkers? The short answer is "no." Employers can legally discriminate against you just because you're fat — that is, in every state except for one — Michigan.

Michigan is the only state in the country that bans discrimination in the workplace based on weight. In 1976, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act was enacted to prevent such workplace bias.

One has to wonder why no other state has followed Michigan's lead. Michigan ranks third in the country for the highest rate of obesity. Nearly 62 percent of Michigan residents are considered overweight or obese according to a 2004 Michigan Surgeon General Health Status Report. Detroit alone was the fattest city in America from 2001 to 2003 as stated in *Men's* magazine.

Obesity is generally defined as being 30 to 40 pounds overweight. Morbidly obese is at least 100 pounds overweight.

Numerous studies show moderately overweight to obese people are discriminated against not just in employment situations. The Rudd Center for Food and Policy Obesity at Yale University, in a study that fat people face bias and discrimination by teachers and even by health care providers.

A recent article in the *Journal of American Association of Justice* observed that jurors perceive fat plaintiffs in lawsuits as not taking care of their bodies and therefore not deserving of a favorable verdict. A British study concluded that attractive criminal defendants are less likely to be found guilty than not so attractive defendants.

Yet, Michigan continues to protect fat people. A 2001 jury awarded nearly \$300,000 to a 360-pound man from Bad Axe who claimed he was fired because he was fat. The company claimed that his morbid obesity caused excessive sweating and the need to sleep during breaks. He was called "lazy." The Michigan jury sent a message. Had the

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Called "size discrimination," its evils are championed by the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance. For example, at its recent annual convention, the group launched a writing campaign to educate Massachusetts lawmakers who are considering legislation to prevent discrimination based on height and weight. The Massachusetts legislation is based on Michigan's law.

The bottom line: It's silly to suggest that fat-friendly laws encourage people to overeat. If a worker is capable of performing the job, the size of that worker should not matter. Public policy should encourage people to get healthy, while the law should provide protection for those who try.

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## Stop on Red Week stresses importance of obeying lights

More than 4,298 crashes that occurred at signalized intersections in 2006 (a decrease from 2005 of more than 500) in Southeast Michigan could have been avoided by one simple action — stopping when the traffic light was red.

Seventeen of those crashes (five more than in 2005) were fatal. SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, along with the Federal Highway Administration, have designated Aug. 5-11 as the 10th annual National Stop on Red Week.

"We at SEMCOG hope that these statistics help to drive home the fact that there are serious problems at lighted intersections," says Paul Tait, SEMCOG executive director. "We're all in a hurry these days, and there's a lot of construction and congestion, but please remember to stop when the light is red. And even when the light is green for you, make sure that the vehicle with the red light has actually stopped before proceeding through the intersection."

In 2006, 37,149 traffic crashes took place at signalized intersections in Southeast Michigan (down from 40,212 crashes in 2005); 10.7 percent of those (or 4,298) involved red-light runners. Of the 60 crashes that resulted in fatalities at signalized intersections, red-light runners were involved over 28 percent of the time.

While the red-light running numbers are still high, they have been declining. Why? In Southeast Michigan, that is likely due to some recent engineering improvements:

Increased signal retiming to optimize green time, reduce traffic delay, and promote progression on corridors reduces motorist frustration and their inclination to run red lights.

Additional information on the nation campaign can be found at [www.stopredlightrunning.com](http://www.stopredlightrunning.com).

## Include everything when considering monthly expenses

My husband and I are in our mid-40s. We have been contributing to 401(k)s, Roth IRAs and MESP's. We have minimal debt and money to invest. In figuring out what our monthly expenses are — we spend a lot of money on whatever we feel like buying — do I only include in the must-have utilities, house payments, insurance, etc., or everything else?

Congratulations on being debt-free and saving for your child's college education. I also love the fact that you are using Roth IRAs in saving for your retirement in addition to 401(k) plans.

When you determine your monthly expenses, you should include everything, including the luxuries and the unnecessary items that you purchase. Only by determining your true monthly expenses will the number calculated be relevant to you.

The luxuries and the little



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

unnecessary items that you purchase on a regular basis are part of the quality of your life. Even though you do not necessarily need these items, if you did not have the flexibility and luxury of purchasing them on a regular basis, it would reduce your quality of life.

The goal of saving money for retirement is to be able to maintain your present lifestyle. By including all your purchases in the calculation, it will help determine a realistic amount you will need in retirement.

This number is essential to good financial planning. Before someone starts investing their money, they need to establish an emergency fund of money. To me, an emer-

gency fund of money should be anywhere between three to six months of living expenses. Once again, not what you potentially can live on per month, but what it actually costs you to live a month, including all the incidentals and luxuries.

One good way to determine whether your number is somewhat accurate is to look at your monthly take-home pay. Then you can determine what you are saving on a month-to-month basis.

I'd like your comments on how to assess the need for life insurance after retirement. It seems we have enough money to last throughout our lifetime and neither my husband nor myself is currently generating any active income. Is there a compelling reason to purchase life insurance?

I've always been a believer

that life insurance — in fact, all insurance — is a means of covering risk. Unfortunately, too many people purchase life insurance as an investment and as far as I am concerned, that makes no sense.

In the case of life insurance, we all know that eventually we will leave this earth. However, that doesn't mean we all need life insurance.

If no one loses out financially, either because no one is financially dependent upon that individual or there are enough other resources to offset the loss, then there is no need for life insurance.

For those who need it, I recommend term insurance.

Term insurance is the simplest form of life insurance because it allows you to buy insurance for the period of time you need it. Some people may need life insurance for a 10-year period, while others need it for a 30-year period. It is the rare individual that needs life insur-

ance for their entire life. Term insurance is a fraction of the cost of whole life, variable, universal life and the other types of life insurance that are sold. Many salespeople do not like to sell term insurance because the commissions are not as generous as with other types of insurance.

I believe life insurance is an important product in many situations, however, you have to use the right product and it has to be cost-efficient.

Anyone considering life insurance should always consider term insurance as an option and never forget to shop insurance around for competitive bids.

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# Budget woes force cuts in P-CEP sports

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

One full-time athletic director and two freshmen-level sports will be eliminated over the course of the next year at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park due to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' ongoing budget woes, according to Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan.

Additionally, the cost for athletes to play the surviving sports was raised significantly this summer to help reduce a budget deficit that continues to jolt the district's athletics programs like an unblocked blitzing linebacker.

The P-CEP's staff of two athletic directors — which was pared down from three when Plymouth High School A.D. Terry Sawchuk's position was cut following the 2006-07 school

year — will dwindle to one full-time "Park-wide" athletics administrator next summer, Ryan confirmed. The lone A.D. will be assisted by three part-time athletic directors who will work out of each of the three schools.

The P-CEP's two present A.D.'s — Sue Heinzman and Tom Willette — will have to re-apply for the one remaining position just like all other prospective candidates because it is a new position, Ryan explained.

Sawchuk, who served as the Plymouth athletic director since the school was opened in 2002, was named an assistant principal at Discovery Middle School in Canton earlier this summer.

Members of the Board of Education also voted to cut freshmen baseball and softball beginning next spring and to raise the "Play to Participate" fees to

\$180 for the first sport (up from \$150) and \$100 for the second (up from \$80). Athletes can play a third sport during a school year for no charge. Also, students who qualify for the federal free lunch program are not required to pay the "Play to Participate" fees.

The hike in participation fees, which will take affect immediately, will put a \$75,000 dent in the deficit, Ryan said.

"I realize people are not going to be pleased with these moves, and I don't blame them, but the Board has had to make \$4.2 million in cuts and even after that we're facing a \$3.6 million deficit," said Ryan. "One man called me after he found out that freshmen baseball was going to be cut and he said, 'If you could cut apple pie, you'd probably do that, too.'"

Please see **BUDGET, B3**

## CHANGES IN THE WIND

Following are some of the budget-related changes that will affect P-CEP athletes over the next year:

- **Rising costs:** The fees for "Play to Participate" for Plymouth, Canton and Salem athletes will be \$180 (up from \$150 last year) for the first sport and \$100 (up from \$80) for the second;
- **Staff reduction:** One of the two current athletic director positions will be eliminated prior to the 2008-09 school year; the lone A.D. will oversee sports at all three schools with assistance from three part-time administrators (one at each school);
- **Don't play ball:** Freshmen baseball and softball programs were eliminated; respective booster clubs are trying to raise funds to save programs.

## Sidelines

### Proben qualifies

Livonia Churchill senior Josh Proben fired an even-par 71 to win the Boys 17-18 age group July 30 at the Kensington Metropark Golf Junior Golf Tournament.

The 17-year-old Proben shot 3-under on the front nine and now qualifies to play in the Metropark Junior Championship, Thursday, Aug. 9, at Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown.

Josh's 13-year-old twin brothers, Ben and Nick, eighth graders at Frost Middle School, also competed in the Boys 13-14 age division, shooting 98 and 101, respectively.

### Big Day tickets

The Westland John Glenn Booster Club is offering discounted pre-sale tickets at \$7 for students and \$9 for adults for the Big Day III Prep Football Showdown when the Rockets take on Livonia Franklin beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 24, at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

The all-day ticket includes admission for the Warren Cousino-Fraser game at 2 p.m. followed by the Allen Park-Detroit Finney game at 5 p.m.

The Glenn Boosters will offer the advanced tickets at the south entrance of the school from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7 and Thursday, Aug. 9; 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 11, and 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 during Glenn's four-way scrimmage between Southgate, Trenton and Algonac.

Tickets at the gate are \$10 for students and adults. (Children 5-and-under are free).

### Run Thru Hell

The Pinckney Running Club will sponsor its annual Run Thru Hell, a 4.8- and 10-mile foot race beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Hell Creek Ranch, located on Cedar Lake at Patterson Lake Road.

Pre-registration, received by Aug. 4, is \$17. Late registration is \$22. Trophies will go to the top six finishers in each age group.

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### Hole-in-one club

Zach Osburn, 10, of Plymouth, used a 9-iron to ace the 105-yard, No. 1 hole at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox on July 27.

Osburn fired a round of 37 for nine holes.

### P-CEP ticket prices

Ticket prices for Plymouth-Canton Educational sporting events were announced recently. Single-event admission prices will be \$5 for adults; and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Entire-season family passes (good for two adults and all of their children) will run \$125 while student season passes will cost \$30.

The passes are only good for regular-season events.

## Local icers set for elite showcase

Several Observerland high school hockey standouts have been invited to participate in the prestigious 33rd annual Hockey Night in Boston's "Summer Showcase of the Stars," an event that has been a proving ground for up-and-coming stars since 1975.

The showcase kicked off July 28 in Salem, NH, with

**An All-Star series will be held prior to the tournament's championship game on Aug. 13.**

a unique jamboree-style format that will have 12 of the 18 teams playing six mini-games against six different opponents. The Michigan players will converge on Salem Aug. 5-13 for a series of three 20-minute period contests, including playoffs.

The games will be witnessed by a host of college and NHL scouts.

An All-Star series will be held prior to the tournament's championship game on Aug. 13. Close to 50,000 spectators are expected to witness the games.

The local players who will be displaying their skills at the showcase include: Ian Barnaby (Canton Crush/Plymouth Twp.), Alex Kolpacke (Novi Catholic Central/Livonia), Max Popour (Waterford Kettering/Clarkston), Chris Schaefer (Farmington Falcons/Northville), Mat Topolweski (Motor City Chiefs/West Bloomfield), Joey Ramirez (Farmington H.S./Farmington Hills), Patrick Smiatecz (Plymouth H.S./Plymouth), Cole Rochowiak (Garden City Midgets/Livonia), David Williams (Birmingham Seaholm/Bloomfield Hills), Adam Messina (Brother Rice H.S./Bloomfield) and Louis Ronayne (Livonia Midgets/Northville).



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Livonia's Mike Panek, who attends Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, captured the Boys 15-and-under Division at the Meijer Junior Tour's final stop at Paint Creek Country Club.

## Top 50 Tour makes final stop of year

BY DAN STICKRADT  
STAFF WRITER

Under the hottest temperatures of the season, Megan Clemence was equal to that heat Wednesday at Paint Creek Country Club.

The recent Lake Orion High School graduate fired an 81 under humid conditions on the hilly and picturesque course to win the 16 & Older Division on the final day of the regular season to the Top 50 Jr. Golf Tour, which is in its fifth season.

Clemence was one of four champions — all from the *Observer & Eccentric* coverage area — who captured a flight in the final tune-up on the tour's upcoming state championships, Aug. 13, at Flushing Valley Country Club near Flushing.

Clemence plays on the Southeast tour and will face off against top golfers from the Central Michigan and West Michigan tours in the state tournament.

"This is the first time I've won it," said Clemence, who is fifth in the Southeast tour 16 & Older Division with 313 total points. "I was having a pretty good day."

Chelsea McCulley of Allen Park was second in the 16 And Older Division, six shots back at 87. Abigail Hall of Troy was third with a 91 and Marni Weinstein of Farmington Hills claimed fourth with a 93.

Tour leader Minjoo Lee of Clarkston skipped the event. Joo has 600 total points, more than any player from any division on the tour.

Joining Clemence on the winners board were Derrick Burns of Clarkston (Boys 16 & Older), Michael Panek of Livonia (15 & Under Division) and Gabbie Yurik of Oakland Township (Girls 15 & Under Division).

Yurik, who sits in third on the tour with 289 points, shot an 87 to lead her division. Tourney leader Renee Kuczeski (545

Please see **TOP 50, B3**



Former Pistons coach Chuck Daly speaks to an audience Thursday night at Garden City Hospital.

## Daly still coaching

### Prostate health Hall of Famer's concern

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Chuck Daly was known as a highly successful coach while making his rounds around the world of high school, college, professional and even international basketball.

Daly guided Penn to the NCAA Final Four, coached the Detroit Pistons to two NBA titles, and led the illustrious "Dream Team" to an Olympic gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Games.

These days, the 77-year-old Daly is trying to get a different message across.

The Hall of Fame coach, who spends most of

his days in Florida, stopped by Thursday night at Garden City Hospital to give a free talk to create awareness for a male mid-life opponent — BPH (benign prostatic hyperplasia), which affects nearly 8 million men in the U.S., including Daly.

BPH is a medical condition that, in most cases, means the prostate is enlarged, but not cancerous. It's also not life-threatening, but left untreated, can lead to constant timeouts to the bathroom.

Over half the men in their 60s, and 90 percent of men over the age of 70, have BPH.

Daly shared the stage with area urologist Dr.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Churchill Pom Pon

The ninth annual Livonia Churchill varsity pom pon clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 25, at the high school gym (located on Newburgh between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail).

The cost is \$35 per person includes T-shirt, music CD and snack.

Participation is limited to the first 100 registrants.

Participants will be invited to perform their routine at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27 at a Churchill varsity boys soccer game.

For more information, call Robin Schwarz at (734) 464-0556.

RU football blitz

Redford Union football players will be taking part in a different kind of blitz when they go door-to-door from 5:30-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

The players will be offering to sell discount cards for \$10 each. On the back of the cards are the names of 20 area businesses who will offer savings to card users. If they are used, the cards, which are valid until Sept. 2008, will pay for themselves, said RU varsity football head coach Miles Tomasaitis.

For more information, call Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.

WYAA frosh football

Westland Youth Athletic Association still has openings for junior freshman football players, ages 7-8 (by Sept. 1). Junior freshman football is new to the Westland Youth Athletic Association and games will be played prior to regular games of the Westland Comets and Westland Meteors.

Registration is 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road). For more information, call (734) 421-0640 or call Galen Huren (Meteors) at (734) 716-6047, Mark Simkow (Comets) at (734) 732-1176 or Keith DeMolay, (734) 516-9269.

Youth baseball tryouts

The Michigan Bulldogs Baseball Club will be holding tryouts for their new U10 team

for the 2008 season from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, Aug. 11 and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 at Bicentennial Park, Diamond 6 in Livonia. Players not turning 11 prior to May 1, 2008 are eligible. For more information, contact Scott Linsner at (734) 740-7498 or e-mail coachscott@michigan-bulldogbaseball.com.

Garden City's Michigan Blue Thunder U11 boys travel tournament baseball team will hold tryouts for the 2008 season on the following dates: 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12; 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18; 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22.

All of the tryouts will be at the Garden City Park Baseball Diamonds (Cherry Hill east of Merriman).

For more information, call (734) 756-1090.

Individual tryouts for the 2008 13-and-under WaCo Wolves, member of the Midwest Super League, will be staged throughout the month of August. The Wolves, who will also play in a local league and travel to tournament in Tennessee, Kentucky and Nebraska, are seeking three highly-skilled and dedicated players.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820; or e-mail BJHWolves@aol.com.

The Livonia Baseball Club, along with the Livonia Baseball & Softball Association, will stage 2008 tryouts for the following age groups for players who are committed to playing at a high level while preparing them for high school baseball.

Tryouts for the following age groups will be at Rotary Park (fields nos. 1 and 2) on Saturday, Aug. 25:

Under-9: 9-11 a.m.; under-10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; under-11, 1-3 p.m. (rain date is Sept. 8);

Tryouts will also be held for the following age groups on Sunday, Sept. 9 at Rotary Park including: under-12: 10 a.m.-noon; under-13: noon-2 p.m.; and under-14: 2-4 p.m. (rain date is Sept. 15).

Players ages are determined as of May 1, 2008. Arrive 30 minutes early to register and warm-up.

For more information, call Bruce Rosen at (313) 531-0721; or e-mail mblr1218@aol.com.

Fastpitch tryouts

Tryouts for the 2008 Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball teams will be held two different weekends including 10 a.m. to noon (10- and 12-and-under) and 1-3 p.m. (14-, 16- and 18-and-under) Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 1-2 and Sept. 8-9, at Bicentennial Park (fields nos. 9 and 10).

You need to attend just one of the four dates above in order to make a team. Non-residents are welcome. Additional teams are sought for each age division.

For more information, call Ken Jewell at (734) 266-9109; or e-mail kjewell@livoniastorm.com. Information is also posted on www.livoniastorm.com.

RU volleyball tryouts

Here comes the first sign that high school sports seasons are indeed changing.

With volleyball moving from the winter to fall, Redford Union varsity girls volleyball coach Marchelle Johnson is trying to inform those interested in playing this season that tryouts for the upcoming season are imminent.

All prospective RU players, whether looking to play varsity, junior varsity or freshman, are invited to attend fall tryouts on Monday, Aug. 13 at the high school gym. Tryouts for the junior varsity and freshman teams will be 6-7:30 p.m. while varsity tryouts are slated from 7:30-9 p.m.

Athletes must bring a completed physical card in order to participate.

Those interested in the tryouts should contact Johnson at (313) 300-2131.

Elks Soccer Shoot

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage the annual Elks Soccer Shoot at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 at the Livonia Community Center soccer fields, located at Five Mile and Hubbard roads.

Boys and girls age divisions include 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 (determined as of Aug. 1, 2007).

The competition is free. First-place finishers advance to the state finals in October.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.



Fastpitch queens

The Livonia Storm, a 10-and-under girls fastpitch softball team, captured first place, July 20-22, in the Grand Blanc Tournament. The Storm also won division title during the regular season. Team members include (front row, from left): Hallee Warren, Rachel Mattison, Jamie Klotz, Kacie Murray, Alex Knorp; (second row, from left) Katie Shereda, Erika Randall, Hanna Warren, Natalie Reilly; (third row, from left) Julie Bonk, Natalee Dziewit, Kali Corredino, Brianna Turri-Casarez; (top row, from left) coaches Bob Warren, Jim Klotz, Mike Reilly and Pat Bonk.



Inter-City Champs

After posting a 3-8-1 regular season record, 16-and-under Livonia Baseball West captured the week-long double-elimination Colt Division Inter-City championship recently with a 18-16 win in the tournament finals over the Dearborn Heights Tigers at Garden City High School. Members of the Livonia Baseball West include (back row, from left): assistant coach Paul DeNapoli, Tyler Cronin, Jim Vayis, assistant coach Dan Andaloro, Chris DeNapoli, Adrian Motta, Jake Herman, Ken Masiarczyk, coach Garrett Mota, Maxwell Petrie, Simon Bank, Josh Andaloro, John Strauch, Mike Shonce and Robert Lowers. (Not pictured is Alex Smythe, Steve Trapp and Tyler Vines.)

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**Silver medalist**

Rosie Rae, 9, a fourth-grader at Kennedy Elementary School in Livonia, earned a silver medal with a second place finish in Juvenile Girls Figures, July 25, at the 2007 USA Roller Sports Figure Skating Championships held in Omaha, Neb. She is coached by Vickie Hudson (right) of the Skatin' Station in Canton. The event was the largest roller sports competition in the U.S., qualifying older skaters for the World Class Team junior and senior competition this October in Brisbane, Australia. Rae, who started skating less than two years ago, qualified to compete at the national level by finishing first in June at the Great Lakes Regional in Loveland, Ohio. The regional included skaters from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

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"These cuts are painful, but unfortunately they're necessary," Ryan pointed to relatively low tryout numbers in freshmen baseball and softball as one of the primary reasons those sports were targeted. Just 72 ninth-graders tried out for baseball at the three schools last spring, he said. "And Plymouth and Canton didn't even field freshmen softball teams this past year due to low numbers," Ryan continued. "Salem had 11 girls on its freshmen softball team." Heinzman said the respective sports' booster clubs are already working on plans that could prevent freshmen softball and baseball from meeting a sad demise. "The members of the booster clubs are working hard to try to save the freshmen programs," she said. "If they can

raise enough money, there could still be teams, but the parents would probably have to drive the players to the away games and each player may have to pay around \$150 before the season starts to help cover the cost of the umpires and coaches." Heinzman said that she and Willette are determined to make sure that not one student-athlete is prevented from participating in a sport due to financial reasons. "Just like there are 'No Child Left Behind' programs, we want to make sure there are no athletes left behind here at the Park," she emphasized. "If anyone knows of an athlete who may not be able to afford to pay the 'Play to Participate' fee, they should contact either myself or Tom Willette and we'll do whatever we can to help."

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**3 Bucks gain PDL All-Star nods**

As the No. 3 seed in this year's United Soccer Leagues-Premier Developmental League postseason, the defending national champion Michigan bucks are very well-represented on the 2007 63-member PDL's postseason lists. Thirty teams were represented by the 44 players selected to the Central, Eastern, Southern and Western All-Conference Teams. The unbeaten regular season champion Hampton Roads Piranhas became the first team since the introduction of All-Conference Teams in 2003 to have five players honored on their respective All-Conference Team. There were five previous instances of teams having four players honored (Cape Cod 2006, Ocean City 2005 and 2004, Central Florida 2004, and Chicago 2003). The Kansas City Brass and Michigan Bucks had the next highest number of honorees

with three players selected. Seven teams had two players honored. Michigan's three honorees on the Central Conference First Team included forward Kenny Uzoigwe, midfielder Nate Jafta and sweeper Michael Holody. On the 11-member PDL Dream Team, the top players from all four conferences, Uzoigwe and Jafta were voted in by head coaches and general managers. Also on the list were goalkeeper Evan Newton (Hampton Roads Piranhas), Defenseman Dwayne Demmin (Mississippi Brilla), David Horst (Hampton Roads Piranhas) and Josh Howard (Kansas City Brass); midfielders Sean Franklin (San Fernando Valley Quakes), Bruno Guarda (DFW Tornados) and Ciaran O'Brien (Tacoma Tide); and forwards Pablo Campos (Fresno Fuego) and Andrew Wheeler (Hampton Roads Piranhas).

**TOP 50 JR. TOUR RESULTS - PAINT CREEK**

Here are the results of the Top 50 Jr. Golf Tour's final day of the regular season, Aug. 1, at Paint Creek Country Club in Orion Twp.

**BOYS 15 & UNDER:**

Michael Panek (Livonia) 76; Andrew Rickerman (Canton) 77; Charles Vana (Holly) 80; Brian Turner (West Bloomfield) 81; Shani Patel (Bloomfield Hills) 83; Kyle Gordon (South Lyon) 84; Zachary Conrad (Canton) 84; John Keller (Farmington Hills) 86; Evan Inger (Grosse Pointe Park) 88; Matthew Sheperd (Oxford) 88; Richard Comyn II (Walled Lake) 88; Zachary Wick (Shelby Twp.) 89; Jack Harris (Milford) 92; Ryan Nowlin (Bedford Corners, N.Y.) 92; Nick Williams (Farmington Hills) 93; Owen Franks (Northville) 97; Kyle Wesley (Lake Orion) 99; Jeremy Burstein (Farmington Hills) 103.

**BOYS 16 & OLDER:**

Derrick Burns (Clarkston) 72; Brent Yurik (Oakland) 74; Vishal Shah (Troy) 75; Brandon DeVita (Fenton) 77; Derek Estrada (Highland) 78; Robbie Sims (Clarkston) 78; James Uelmen (Ferndale) 78; Travis Dodson (Garden City) 79; Jeff Kohl (Bloomfield Twp.) 80; Brandon Stone (Clarkston) 80; Kosta Ramirez (Dearborn) 80; Christopher Zak (Gross Pointe Woods) 80; Joseph Veltri (Rochester Hills) 82; Trevor Seiter (Auburn Hills) 83; Joe Rubino, (Shelby Twp.) 84; Jason McRae (Howell) 86; David Gebard (Commerce Twp.) 86; Jarred Horner (Clarkston) 86; Andrew Bogus (Lake Orion) 88; Eric Keast (Plymouth) 88; Scott Waico (Novi) 99; Mason Malsiner (Rochester Hills) DNT.

**GIRLS 15 & UNDER:**

Gabrielle Yurik (Oakland Twp.) 67; Renee Kuczeski (Troy) 96; Maggie Hughes (Lake Orion) 103.

**GIRLS 16 & OLDER:**

Megan Clemence (Lake Orion) 81; Chelsea McCulley (Allen Park) 87; Abigail Hall (Troy) 91; Marni Weinstein (Farmington Hills) 93; Theresa Broniak (Plymouth) 115.



Zach Conrad of Canton watches his drive split the fairway during Wednesday's Top 50 event.

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points) of Troy was second at 96 and Maggie Hughes of Lake Orion was third at 103. Burns, who is only 17th in his division with 178 total points, fired a 72 to top all golfers on the day. Brent Yurik of Oakland Township was two strokes back with a 74 and Vishal Shah of Troy carded a 75. Brandon DeVita of Fenton was next with a 77 and Derek Estrada of Highland, Robbie Sims of Clarkston and James Uelmen of Ferndale all tied for fifth with a 78. Shah's 577 tour points leads the pack heading into the state finals. Panek's round of 76 won the younger boys division by just a stroke, edging Andrew Rickerman of Canton (77), Charles Vana of Holly (80), Brian Turner of West Bloomfield (81) and Shani Patel of Bloomfield Hills (83) rounded out the top five. It was the second individual win on the summer for Panek. Vana is the tour card leader with 587 points.

**No ordinary ace: \$10,000 shot spans 3 generations**

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Hole-in-ones have become common place in the game of golf, but Brighton's Robert Padget calls his \$10,000 ace shot "priceless." Padget, playing in the Livonia Junior Athletic League golf outing July 27 at Fox Creek, used a 6-iron on the 150-yard, No. 3 hole to record his first-ever hole-in-one. "It was a pretty shot," the 67-year-old Ford Motor Co. retiree. "I used my 150-yard club. It was the right height when I hit it. It bounced once and dropped in. But the greatest thing is that I had my

grand kids there when I did it. They gave me 'high-5s.' It's a wonderful moment, something I'll keep for the rest of my life." Ironically, Robert's son, Bob, Jr., of Westland, a coach in the L.J.A.L., was scheduled to play in his foursome, but was "voted off" by his three sons, Robert III, 16; Blake, 13; and Dylan, 10. "They were very excited that they were going to be with me," said Robert, Sr., who has a total of 12 grand children. "They couldn't wait until the their father came in to tell them what happened. That's more important than the money."

And speaking of money, Padget isn't sure how he'll spend it all. "After paying the bar tab - I bought everybody a round of drinks - and taxes, I'll make a gift," he said. "I may go on a European river cruise. My wife (Cathy) and I love to travel." Ironically, Padget's wife, Kitty, beat him to the punch. She carded an ace six years ago at Fox Hills. "I've come close, within a foot or two," Robert, Sr. said of his past near-misses. "I've been trying to play catch-up with her ever since." Robert, Sr., however, was bound to get his ace. The for-

mer Canton resident consistently shoots anywhere "from the low to mid-80s, and into the 90s." He plays 27 holes each Tuesday - 18 in a morning men's league at Brighton's Timber Trace, and nine later in the day in the evening at Fox Hills. Robert, Sr. also plays the third Wednesday of each month with a group that travels around to different area courses. And on Friday nights, Robert, Sr. and Kitty play in a couples league at the Links of Whitmore Lake.

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**DALY**

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Kenneth Lim and fielded questions from the audience. "I ignored the symptoms, it started at age 50," Daly said. "The three years I worked for Turner Broadcasting I always scouted and needed to find out the closest urinal. I used to get up three to four times per night. Finally I said, 'I need to see someone.' When you talk about seeing a urologist, especially young guys, they want to run and hide. If you have similar symptoms, simply see a urologist and he will help you." Daly now endorses a medication called Uroxatral. He also receives two prostate screenings each year. "So far, so good," he said. "It's under control and I hope to keep it that way." Daly, who coached high school basketball in Punxsutawney, Pa., still maintains his sense of humor.

He told the mostly middle-age men's audience: "I'm going to tell you what Liz Taylor told her seventh husband. 'I'm going to make this brief.'" Daly enjoys his summer returns to Michigan and reflected on his career in Detroit. "I was here nine years, five unusual years," he said. "I left in '92. I was talking to Matt Dobek (Pistons Media Relations) the other day and he said we've had eight coaches in the last 15 years. So I'm proud of the nine years I lasted. I never made money until after I left here, so leave some money at the door (laughing)." Daly is an avid golfer and recently had his knee replaced. "I got a new knee," he said. "That's because I had to get down on my knees all the time begging those (NBA) guys to play." Daly still keeps close tabs on the NBA and he commented on the recent blockbuster trade between Boston, which

obtained All-Star Kevin Garnett, and Minnesota. "For the immediate future, it's a great trade, it makes them a contender, but only time will determine that because you've got to develop chemistry," Daly said. As far as the Pistons resigning Chris Webber, Daly offers: "With him (Webber) it's 50-50, I don't know how he felt the way things ended up. I've heard different teams have shown interest. I don't know where he's at as far as his health or whether he wants to return. It's a grueling season and he's been there before." Daly's talk was sponsored by the Prostate Cancer Education

Council, a non-profit organization. Gary Ley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Garden City Hospital also urged the audience to get a prostate screening. "The best health provider is you," he said. The next prostate screening will be from 8-11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at GC Hospital, located at 6255 Inkster Road, in the Allan Breakie Medical Office (lower level classrooms). Appointments are necessary (labwork fee only). Call (734) 458-4330.

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# Redford Rebels hope to turn Corner during 2008 season

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

The wheels fell off fast for the Redford Rebels in Wednesday's finale of their debut season, suffering a 10-4 setback to the visiting Huntington Woods Cats.

After the Rebels raced out to a 2-0 lead in the second against Cats under the lights at Capitol Park, starting pitcher Ryan Smith suddenly lost the strike zone in the top of the fourth.

Before the frame ended, 12 Cats came up to the plate and seven scored - with six walks and three wild pitches doing most of the damage.

Despite the sudden momentum switch, the Rebels did not quit and tacked on a couple late runs to bring a smile of satisfaction to manager Bruce Corner.

"They (Cats) didn't hit the ball hard on us," he said. "They really had just one hit all night, but that's baseball. But we never quit, and that's one of the things I was most

impressed about with these guys. One of our mottos is (play) seven innings."

Keying Redford's early rally were back-to-back doubles by Smith (Thurston) and Bobby Ray (Redford Union), followed by a run-scoring fielder's choice off the bat of Jeremy Wafer (Thurston). Ray later brought in a run with a sacrifice fly.

According to Corner, who was ejected midway through the contest for disputing an umpire's ruling on a play at third base, the season didn't go as well as he hoped.

The U-16 travel team - believed to be the first of its kind in Redford - finished with a record of 9-18 in the Midwest Alliance Travel Baseball League.

But Corner has more than enough optimism that the program will begin to gain some steam entering into 2008.

"This was a great experience for the kids," Corner said. "It was a great experience for the coaching staff as

well. When you're going in as a first-year team, you know you're going to have some ups and downs."

He said the team's coaches will try to get a jump on next year by talking to high school athletic directors about pin-pointing prospective players and by monitoring players during the winter as they practice at the Bullpen, a facility in Farmington Hills.

"We'll add a few more pieces and get fired up for the spring," Corner said.

Meanwhile, the Rebels opened the home-and-home series Tuesday against the Cats with a 7-5 road victory.

Earning the victory was Bobby Ray, with a complete-game one-hitter and eight strikeouts.

Leading the hitting for Redford were Jesse Hess (two hits), Joe McCulloch (two hits, two RBI) and Jason Ellrich (double, two runs, two RBI). Contributing a two-run single was Mark McRobb, while other RBI were collected by Eric Ely and Zac Carroll.

# A's seize Capitol Park crown with 2-1 triumph versus Reds

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Charlie Finley is somewhere up their smiling after the West Division champion A's edged the East Division champion Reds, 2-1, for the first-ever Capitol Park Senior Little League title for ages 13-15 held on July 27 in Redford.

Ryan Showalter's RBI sacrifice fly in the bottom of the eighth inning scoring Joe Solimanto accounted for the game-winning run. Solimanto led off the inning with a walk and advanced to third on a wild pick-off throw.

The championship game featured strong pitching and defense.

A's pitcher Anthony Stadler went 7.1 innings, allowing only one run.

Reds counterpart Bobby Andrus, celebrating his 14th birthday, worked himself in-and-out of trouble for five innings.

Following the game, A's manager Tom Allison accepted the championship trophy with his team congratulated by Reds coaches Bill Sullivan, Brian Gehan and Derek Street in a show of sportsmanship.

The A's, who captured the West Division with a 10-2 record, used one big inning to dispose of the Mets (managed by Tom Small) in the tournament on July 23.

In second game, the Reds held off a determined Dodgers squad, managed by Mike Klix and Brian Luark, 7-5, as catcher Dallas Martin made a diving catch of a two-out pop fly in foul territory with the tying runs on base.

On July 25, the West Division



The 2007 A's roster includes Tom Allison, assistant coaches Curt Smart and Vince Griffin; players Tyler Cooley, Jacob Corr, Erik Elrich, Justin Forrestall, Nick Griffin, Ryan Griffin, Robert Kniffen, Kyle Peltier, Steve Rakowski, Ryan Showalter, Joe Solimanto, Anthony Stadler. The 2007 Reds roster includes manager Bill Sullivan; assistant coaches Brian Gehan, Derek Street, Pat D'annunzio and Laurie D'annunzio; players Bobby Andrus, Ben Baker, Robbie D'annunzio, Syd Davis, Ben Gehan, Brandon Krehmelmer, Dallas Martin, Jordan Mayes, Ryan Powell, Justin Street and Tylar Street

Braves took advantage of a fielding miscue to score the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat the East Division Indians, coached by Jimmy Matties and Robert Calverly, in a battle of second-place teams.

On July 26, the Braves, coached by Dan Bisaro and Jerry Tierman, fell to the Reds in a slugfest, 13-12.

With the Reds leading 13-10 in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Braves' Dylan Bross brought his team to within two on an RBI ground rule double which traveled 325 feet to left field.

Colin Aldridge followed with an RBI line single to center, but the game-tying run was denied on the play thanks to an Andrus' laster-like throw to the plate for the game-ending out.

## Capitol Park picnic

The Capitol Park Senior Little League will stage a picnic for players and their families, along with an early registration for next season at a reduced cost, from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 at Capitol Park, which featured a lush new infield grass and red clay infield topping.

The first-year league is comprised of players from the Redford-American Little League and North-Redford Central Little League with boundaries including Telegraph and east of I-975 on the west; Nine Mile road on the north; and Jax Road on the south. For more information about the league or registration for 2008, call Bill Sullivan at (313) 535-8143.

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# Concealed stays perfect in CABA tourney

Concealed Security remained the only undefeated team through Thursday's double-elimination round of the 11-year-old Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series held in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Concealed, 5-0 in pool play, clubbed three homers in an 11-4 triumph over Lake County (Ill.).

Austin Stevens (Livonia) drilled a 3-run homer in the second inning to make it 4-0 followed by John Slater's round-tripper on the next at-bat for a five-run margin. Brennan Williams (Commerce), who went 3-for-4, contributed a 2-run homer in the sixth.

Mike Vomastek (Livonia), Alex Roed (West Bloomfield) and Slater each collected three hits in the victory to keep Concealed and Elk Grove (Ill.) as the only undefeated teams in the double-elimination bracket.

Six other teams remained alive with one loss.

On Wednesday, Concealed defeated Rockford (Ill.), 14-6, and the Indianapolis Express, 12-4, both four-inning mercies.

Jake Genser (Commerce) went 2-for-3 with four RBI, while Williams added two hits, scored twice and knocked in two runs in the win over Rockford.

Vomastek also had two

this and two RBI, while Jake Semak (Livonia) had three RBI, a hit and two walks.

Rockford pitchers walked seven batters.

Slater, the winning pitcher, allowed four earned runs on six hits and two walks in four innings.

In the win over Indy, Concealed rallied for a 4-0 deficit with six runs in the top of the second inning and six more in the fourth.

Roed led the way with three hits and two RBI. Dee Jawad and Genser each added two hits and two RBI.

Genser, who pitched two scoreless innings, got the win in relief of the starter Roed.

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## Living your life with no distractions

There is something so gratifying and simplistic about watching a beautiful sunset as the day comes to an end or just spending time sipping a cup of your favorite tea early on a quiet Sunday morning.

These are just two things that give some of us pleasure, but for many of us these simple, gratifying things get overlooked, passed over and pushed to the back of our lives.

I am sure you've heard the saying "Take time to smell the roses." Well, in this day and age, we seem to be

confronted with so many distractions that some people don't even know what roses are anymore, and that is a sad commentary.

So how many distractions do we have to deal with in everyday life?

Believe me, I have

seen them all, from the latest in fancy technology, from iPods to flat screen TVs. Hunting equipment seems to be a big one and the all famous "big boy" toys — cars, ATVs, boats and the like.

Work for many of us is a common distraction as you may already know. How many times have you heard this excuse or even used it yourself: "Honey, I can't go to your family reunion — I have to work."

Sounds familiar, right? And even with all the forms of distractions we have, nothing seems to satisfy. I have watched individuals spend 15 minutes on video games, then move on to chatting on the computer, then jump to watching TV and the next thing that comes out of their mouth is, "I'm bored."

Believe me, I can't see how that is possible; if I did all of that I'd need a nap, but maybe that's just me.

I can't begin to express how grateful I felt when a self-professed got-to-have-it gadget guy friend of mine finally said the words that inspired me to write this piece. After weeks of trying to plan a get-together, trying to juggle schedules and commitments and just everyday life, we finally got a chance to have dinner and catch up on each other's lives.

When my friend told me he knew all the time he spent collecting the latest upgrades in satellite radio and golf equipment that he would never use and how all of this was just a form of distraction and he knew life had so much more to offer, I was so thankful for his self-revelation.

My friend and I aren't the only ones who long for a simpler time and more peace and control over our lives, but let me be the first to say that if we don't step up and do it for ourselves, no one else will.

Prime example of what I mean: I am so tired of trying to have a conversation with someone and every other minute their cell phone is going off and rest assured that every call that comes in is most important and must be answered right away — NOT!

The only people I can think of that may be that important when it comes to phone calls are the president of the United States or some other world leader. And trust me, I am not friends with Mr. Bush or former Prime Minister Tony Blair.

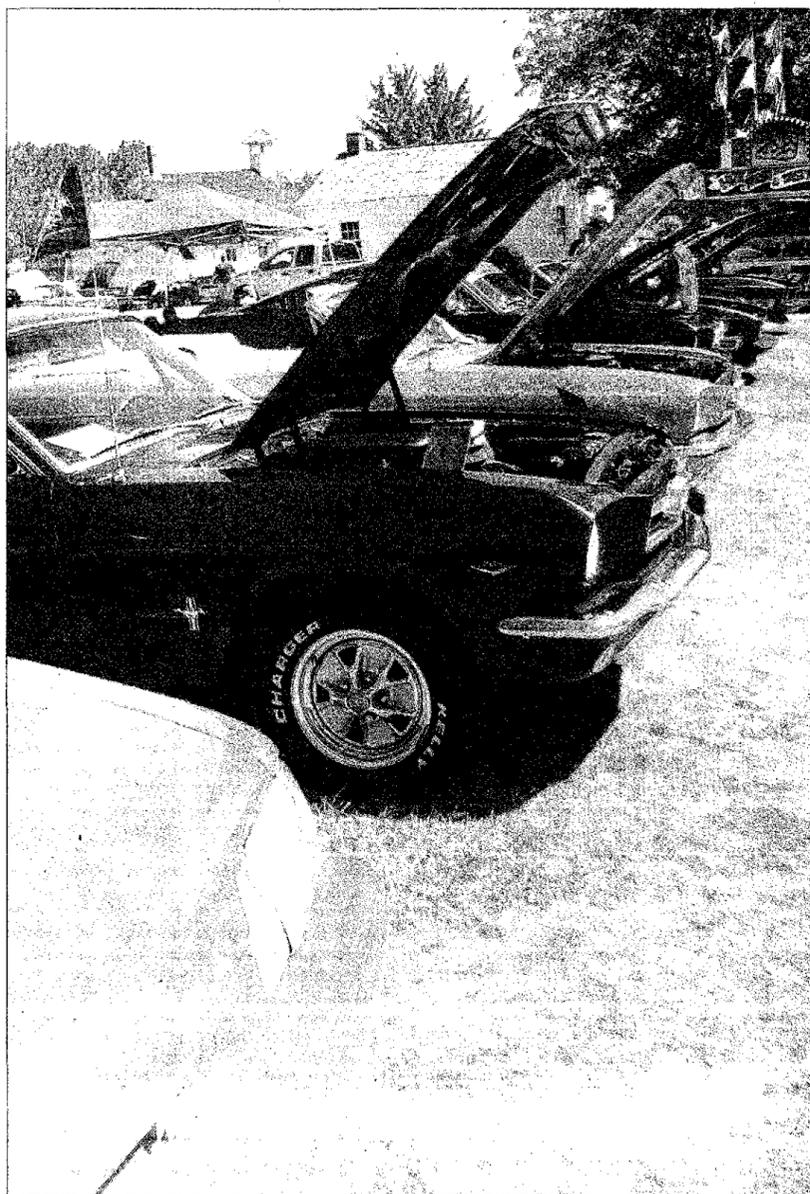
So with that said, I have made it a goal to ditch the cell phone — well, not chain myself to it is more like it. I must admit I never did, but the simple fact of seeing people act like they can't live without it makes me cringe and it is one big distraction.

Let your family and friends know that quality time with them is important, more so than any gadget could ever be. Believe me, my friends, the iPhone won't raise your kids or plan their birthday parties.

So if you want your life to mean something, it's up to you. It's up to all of us to make the necessary changes that will garner us a life worth living.

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# Mustang memories



The 19th-annual Mustang Memories car show, Sunday, Aug. 12, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, will include about 40 categories.

## Ford buffs gather to talk about the cars they love

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

If there's one thing car buffs love, it's a chance to hang out and talk with other car buffs.

If everything goes as hoped next weekend, between 400-500 Ford enthusiasts will have the chance to do exactly that when the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan hosts its 19th annual "Mustang Memories" car show at Livonia's Greenmead Historic Park, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12.

Car enthusiasts will gather to have their autos judged in some 40 different categories, both stock and modified, and to help raise money for charity.

Mostly, though, they come for each other.

"It's the kind of show that shows off the hard work participants put into their cars," said Bob Paul of Plymouth, who will once again take part in the show. "It's a place for fellow car enthusiasts to get together."

The show drew some 365 cars and 1,300 spectators last year, and show organizers are hoping for a better turnout this year.

"The interest in Fords is still there," said Mike Rey, the show chairman and club vice president who hopes this year's show draws 1,500 spectators. "The Mustang is definitely one of the most popular cars."

It's the club's third year at Greenmead. The show used to be held at the Wilson Barn on Middlebelt at West Chicago, but it outgrew that site.

When club officials started scouting other sites, Greenmead seemed a natural fit.

"We had so many entries, we didn't have any place to put the cars," Rey said of the barn. "Greenmead is perfect. It gives us plenty of room and a great ambience."

### CARS ON DISPLAY

**What:** 19th annual Mustang Memories car show

**When:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12

**Where:** Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia

**Why:** Ford cars in some 40 categories vying for "Best of Show" trophies

**How much:** \$4 donation; children under 12 free

**Details:** www.mocsem.com

Last year's Mustang Memories event drew more than 350 cars to Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park.



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## Magical garden

### Boy Scouts transform area at historical park

BY ANGELA HARRIS  
CORRESPONDENT

The overgrown lilac bush did not want to come out. Neither did the massive trees or weeds sprouting from every possible inch. But after 12 hours of gardening, more than 30 volunteers led by Boy Scout Matthew Macinkowicz of Troop 1382 of Livonia, transformed the Newburg Church garden at Greenmead Historical Park. The troop is based out of VFW Hall 3941 in Livonia.

"I thought, 'oh, my Lord. This is never going to get done,'" said Holly Root, a volunteer Scout mother when she first saw the garden. "Now, it looks wonderful. It's great for the community."

The garden is an area used

for photographs by people celebrating events at the church located in the historical park at Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia. It is especially popular for wedding photos.

After removing a 10-foot lilac bush, an 8- by 4-foot evergreen, 4- by 4-foot evergreen, and several small trees, the volunteers transformed the overgrown garden into a "place for anyone to come and sit and look at nature and enjoy," Root said.

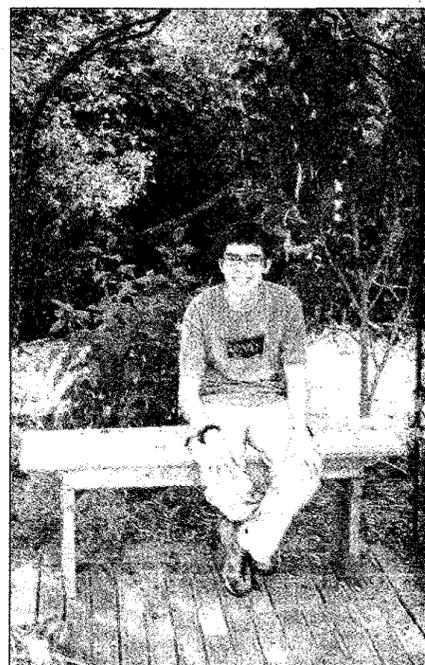
### MANY HANDS

Volunteers rebuilt the brick retaining wall behind the garden and sitting area. They also mulched, replanted with period appropriate flowers and refurbished the paths. Antique

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Scoutmaster Bob Tacoma plants day lilies alongside the renovated Newburg Church Garden at Greenmead Historical Park.



Matthew Macinkowicz sits on the bench under the arbor in the newly renovated sitting area in the garden next to the Newburg Church at Greenmead Historical Park.



Boy Scout Chris Arnold, 15, left, of Livonia and other volunteers move mulch into the Newburg Church Garden at Greenmead.



Jade Piechota, 17, of Livonia plants hydrangea in the Newburg Church Garden at Greenmead Historical Park.

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bricks now outline the inner gardens to create a uniform boundary.

The garden helps to capture the romance of the Victorian era using roses, coral bells, balloon flowers, scabiosas, alyssum, yellow corydalis, and various other flowers and shrubs from the turn of the 20th century.

"I was amazed at how neat it looks," said Marian Renaud, program supervisor at the historical park. "There is a variety of species in such a small space. It's very quaint. It's a very serene little place. It's a great accent for the church."

To keep the workers hydrated throughout the project, Trader Jpe's of Northville donated multiple cases of water, vitamin water and snacks.

"We like to get involved in the community and any chance we have to help the community, we feel it's a situation where everyone wins," said Chris Franklin.

The project, which took place on June 30, and July 1, was Macinkowicz's Eagle Scout

project, which has been in the planning since December 2006 when Macinkowicz approached his aunt and Advanced

Master Gardener Ann Marie Macinkowicz-Harris about helping her do the restoration.

"The church garden had to be completely renovated because it had become an overgrown eye sore," Macinkowicz-Harris said. "Each year, it became more of an overwhelming task to maintain the integrity of the garden."

**MAKING CHOICES**

Supervising the workers and making the decisions was the hardest part for Macinkowicz because he was afraid he would not always make good decisions.

"It only takes a minute to make a bad decision that you will regret for the rest of your life. I saw that in a movie once," Macinkowicz said.

Prior to the project, Macinkowicz, who has Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism, was concerned about having enough volunteers to accomplish everything that needed to be done, but said he was wrong.

"Saturday was good because we got a lot of work done,"

Macinkowicz said. "The garden looks tremendous, beautiful, gorgeous."

The purpose of doing the project is to teach the scouts about project management and give them an opportunity to control and run a project with children and adults start to finish, said Bob Tacoma, Scoutmaster.

"It is a really big job and everyone worked well together," Tacoma said. "It was really fun."

Assistant Scout Master Rick Cummings said he enjoyed watching the "good scout spirit" and teamwork that everyone showed despite being together for such a long time.

Through working on his project, Macinkowicz said he learned how to be in charge and that a lot can happen over time.

**'EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS'**

"I was somewhat concerned about Matt in his role because of his disability and that he

may become overwhelmed," said Henry Macinkowicz, Matt's father. "I am really proud of how he handled it. He exceeded my expectations."

Macinkowicz's project included multiple tasks and times of reassigning roles, something that other projects may not have, Henry Macinkowicz said.

Not only did Macinkowicz have to plan roles for the day of the project, but also purchase the plants, make sure the proper tools and supplies would be available on the day of the event, plan around events at the church, and plan a budget which was submitted to the historical park for approval.

"He even set the weather up," Henry Macinkowicz said. "It was perfect weather — not too hot."

Cummings said he was very impressed with Macinkowicz's leadership and the job he did.

"Hats off to Matt," Cummings said. "He has a heart of gold."

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In addition to the stock- and modified-class judging, categories also include daily driver and display class. Club members will have their cars judged separately, and "Best of Show" trophies will be handed out.

Rey said judging categories were expanded this year because owners of cars other than Mustangs felt they were being bunched together with cars that belonged in other categories.

And club members will have their cars judged by members of the Mustang Club of Mid-Michigan to avoid the appearance of favoritism.

"It's really a Ford and Mustang show, so we added a lot of classes to reach out to try and get everybody accommodated," Rey said. "Our member cars will be judged separately so people don't think, if we get a trophy, it's because we're a club member."

The show obviously showcases Mustangs, from as far back as 1964, as well as other Ford vehicles.

But Rey said the most popular just might be the most recent ones, as new as 2005.

Rey said when he joined last year, the club had "maybe four or five" people who owned the newer models.

"Now that's probably more like 20 or 25," Rey said. "Interest in the new cars has gone way up. They're very popular."

While participants will be vying for the various trophies, they'll also be trying to raise large sums of money for charity.

Proceeds from the show will benefit, in part, the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, Children's Hospital of Michigan, the Humane Society of Monroe County, Gilda's House and Rainbow Connection.

Last year's show raised some \$7,000, and Rey said they're hoping to at least match that.

"That was a huge number and far exceeded what we expected to do last year, and if we could raise that again, that'd be great," Rey said. "That's definitely important to us. It's us giving back. It helps the club keep going, and if we can give back, that's a great feeling."

And while that's all well and good, in the end the car enthusiasts will be just as happy about simply being together.

"It's a chance for car enthusiasts to talk to people about restoration," said Paul, the Plymouth man who helps run a car show in Plymouth every week during the summer. "There's a lot of camaraderie that comes out of this."

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It's Christmas in August at the American Lung Association of Michigan (ALAM). As part of its efforts to raise funds to support lung health research, education and advocacy, ALAM is currently selling holiday cards.

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Proceeds from the sale of cards will support the organization's mission to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. ALAM has embarked on a year-long, statewide Catch

Your Breath: Women's Lung Health Campaign to raise awareness about women's lung health and funds for research into lung disease.

More than 70,000 women will die this year from lung cancer, more than from breast, ovarian and cervical cancers combined. Nearly 10,000 Michigan women are living with life-threatening lung diseases such as lung cancer, asthma, emphysema, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Thousands more have died. At the same time, lung cancer in never smokers is on the rise. Non-smoking-associated lung cancer is higher among women than men, and second-hand smoke has been established as a major cause.

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# Vintage wheels

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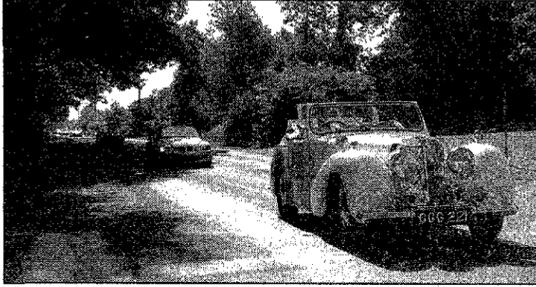
Sir Callaby is no "trailer queen." Hermann Schaller of Clarkston wouldn't think of carting his 1949 Triumph 2000 Roadster — dubbed Sir Callaby because of its aristocratic design created by Frank Callaby — like a trophy, on the back of a trailer bed. He likes to get behind the wheel of his prized vehicle and drive to Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club events, vintage auto shows, to dinner with club members and for an occasional spin in the country.

"Of course, I'd never drive in the rain. I have to be careful in traffic because people don't expect a turning signal coming out of the side of a car," said Schaller, whose car uses an old-fashioned turn signal called a trafficator.

He'll exhibit Sir Callaby in the prestigious Concours d'Elegance next weekend at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills. It's Schaller's first time participating as an exhibitor. He hopes to drive in the Concours motoring tour from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 3, as well as display Sir Callaby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the grounds at Meadow Brook.

"Some of the exotic cars at Meadow Brook's Concours may not really be used. They are trailer queens, brought in by trailer and put on display," Schaller said, adding that some are too valuable to risk driving on city streets.

"It's nice to have an old car and drive it. I like taking the back



Hermann Schaller of Clarkston will show his 1949 Triumph Roadster at the Concours d'Elegance, held on the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills

roads out towards Fenton. I'll meet members for dinner at a club event. Last year I drove about 1,200 miles. This year it definitely will be more, may 2,000 miles."

Like Schaller, Dana Hansen of Rochester Hills likes to drive his sporty 1970 De Tomaso Mangusta GT Coupe around town. He's also a first-time Concours d'Elegance exhibitor this year.

"I was quite honored to be asked in the show. I'm a do-it-yourselfer. I did amateur car restoration in the past. Cars have been my life," said Hansen, who also owns a replica of a 1965 Shelby Cobra.

He likes to drive the Mangusta to local cruises, car shows and to dinner out with his wife.

"I was so taken with the design and styling of this car that I created an information Web site, Mangustainternational.com. It's generating so much interest in the

Mangusta community."

## FEW MANUFACTURED

The car, one of about 401 produced by De Tomaso from 1967-71, turns heads wherever it goes. Car designer Giorgetto Giugiaro was about 19 years old and working for Ghia when he designed the Mangusta GT's shark-like exterior. American designer, Tom Tjaarda, who later designed the exterior of the Pantera, styled the Mangusta interior. The car has an American Ford engine in the back of the vehicle, Italian body and a German transaxle.

"My wife and I came out of a restaurant once and noticed nose prints on the back. I just chuckled to myself. I'm not an attention type person. I am passionate about cars."

Wing doors in the back of the car allow access to the engine.

## First-time exhibitors at Concours d'Elegance drive and show their stylish sports cars

### CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

**What:** 200 vintage autos on display  
**When:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 5

**Where:** Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills

**Details:** Related events include a fashion show and party on Thursday, Aug. 2; motor tour, art exhibit, auction on Friday, Aug. 3; breakfast and auction on Saturday, Aug. 4

**Tickets:** Tickets for the Concours on Sunday, Aug. 5 are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate. Call (248) 269-7672 or visit [www.meadowbrookconcours.org/](http://www.meadowbrookconcours.org/)

They and the car hood are made of aluminum. The rest of the car is steel.

"All of the elements combined result in a unique style car. It is very low in height — 40 inches from the ground to the roof of the car — and it's also quite wide because it's an Italian design. To me the car is styling first and functionality second. When you sit in the car you conform to the form. There's no chance the car will accommodate you."

Hansen said he spent an entire winter removing and dismantling everything "from the driver's seat back."

Being able to speak with the car's last owner and it's first owner helped with research.

"I was so drawn to the car before I owned it. I went to Meadow Brook and saw the car parked there. I was talking to its owner when the original owner and his wife walked up. We stay in touch and I've learned a lot of neat stories about the car."

Hansen, who works in the "tooling side" of the auto supply industry, suspects about 200 Mangustas are left in the world. Four of them are in Michigan.

Schaller, who also works in the auto supply industry, saw the Triumph 2000 Roadster for the first time while on a trip to Singapore.

"I said that would be the car for me. Then I was looking for one and they are hard to find."

Schaller, who grew up in Germany, joined a Roadster club based in England.

"They pointed out to me one car for sale in the states and one in England."

### MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

He found Sir Callaby in Chicago, Ill., owned by an attorney who "didn't know much about technology."

"That is not a good idea for a car," said Schaller, who has improved the brakes, cooling system and other mechanical systems since buying the car in 2006.

"The car is as original as is reasonable or possible. When I bought it, it didn't have the origi-

nal engine. The outside of the car and the interior is one of the most original of its kind. Cars didn't have flashing turning signals, they had trafficators that came out of the car like a hand. My car still has that.

"It's the last car built with a rumble seat and has a second windshield that comes up to protect people in the back. It's pretty rare."

The car won honors in other shows last year, including the top people's choice and judge's choice award at one event. At a show in southwest Michigan, it received the sponsoring club's president award for being the most interesting vehicle.

"I've always liked nice classic lines. You know what's wrong with today's cars? Performance-wise they are fantastic, but they don't have the charm that cars used to have. Specifically the interior with the instruments and the wooden dashboard."

"They've become so well done and reasonable," Schaller said, with a sigh. "In former times, cars were rolling sculptures."

Schaller is looking forward to the Concours d'Elegance. Like Hansen, he also was invited to fill out an application to be considered for the show.

"It was like applying for a job application. It's a big thing because none of our cars ever made it into Meadow Brook."

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The best example is pain medications. As you know, all medicines have side effects, and in certain instances, such as with the non-steroidal Bextra, physicians don't always learn about a particular side effect until several years after the medication is on the market.

If your doctor prescribes medication for pain relief, and you feel you may be able to work through the pain without the prescription, you are on good grounds to wait before using the medicine.

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## ENGAGEMENTS

## Woods-Bocik

Mike and Kathie Woods of Deshler, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Woods, to Nick Bocik of Toledo, Ohio, son of Jack and Kathy Bocik of Canton, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Patrick Henry High School and 2003 graduate of Bluffton College with a degree in child development. She is employed as a child care resource and referral specialist with N.O.C.A.C.

The prospective groom is a 1999 graduate of St. John's Jesuit and a 2003 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a degree in criminal justice. He is employed as a police officer



with the city of Toledo.

A September 2007 wedding is planned for Immaculate Conception Church in Deshler, Ohio.

## Cantrell-Hoef

John and Sandra Makula of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Corey Michelle Cantrell, to Ronald Hoef, son of Lou Hoef of Wayne and John Hoef of Battle Creek.

The bride-to-be attended Eastern Michigan University and has a degree in psychology. She is employed with Starfish Family Services.

The prospective groom is employed by Sverdrup.



A May 2009 wedding is planned.

## Koss-Beckman

Pat and Mary Koss of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie Koss of Westland, to Robert Alan Beckman, son of Linda Beckman of Clarkston.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of science in nursing. She is a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Oakland University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He received a master's degree at OU in engineering management. He



is employed at Toyota Boshoku America as a lead engineer.

A Sept. 29, 2007, wedding is planned for St. Sabine Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights, followed by a reception at Burton Manor in Livonia. The couple will take a Hawaiian cruise for a honeymoon.

They will make their home in Westland.

## Hodur-Coccia

Diane Angela Hodur of Dearborn Heights and Michael James Coccia of Livonia are planning to be wed May 16, 2008, at Lovett Hall at Greenfield Village.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Czeslawa Hodur of Dearborn Heights. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is a gymnastics instructor at the Livonia Family Y.

The prospective groom is the son of Rebecca and James Coccia of Livonia. He is graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as a wine



representative for J. Lewis Cooper.

## Karakula-Martin

Jessica Karakula of Livonia and Travis Martin of Indiana were united in marriage Aug. 5, 2006, at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth.

Jessica is the daughter of Barbara and Stephen Karakula. Travis is the son of Verna Dell Martin.

Jessica graduate from Ladywood High School and Eastern Michigan University. She teaches in Leavenworth, Kans.

Travis, a Marine Corps veteran, received in bachelor of science degree in business management from Colorado Technical University. He is employed by ITS Logistics



in conjunction with BNSF Railroad.

The couple resides in Kansas.

## WEDDING

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## REUNIONS

## Andover High School

## Class of 1987

7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, The Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Please register at Classmates.com for more details!

## Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15, 2007, at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Looking for alumni. Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375-5406, Jim Greenless at (248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627-2447.

## Berkley High School

## Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kimsiasophia@gmail.com. Reunion Web site is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

## Birmingham Seaholm

## Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information: www.seaholm62.org. Contact: Greg Frontier at gfrontier@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cfollis@myblue-light.com.

## Bishop Borgess

## Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248)685-8747 or by e-mail kharning@yahoo.com.

## Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

## Burt Elementary and Junior High (Detroit)

## Class of 1967

For information contact Contacts: Sandy Rhodes Luoma at sandysgardden2003@yahoo.com, Sue Smith Nykamp at suenykamp@yahoo.com or Margaret Hadcock Gallagher at edgalagher@prodigy.net

## Clawson High School

## Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Troy on Crooks Road in Troy. Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information, e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at (248)593-6182.

## Dearborn High School

## Class of 1952

A 55-year reunion on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the O'Kelly Banquet Hall, 23663 Park St., Dearborn. Reunion begins at 2 p.m. with buffet dinner at 4 p.m. Call Marianne Hoak (313)274-9064 or Carolyn Haseltine Chambon (734)420-2591.

## Dearborn Fordson

## Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

## Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

## Detroit Chadsey

## Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

## Detroit Central High School

## Class of 1947

A 60-year reunion, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007 at Drake Park, between Maple and 14 Mile Road in West Bloomfield. Contact Jack (Jake) Ginsburg at (248)842-1738 or Paul Davidson at (248)851-2355.

## Detroit Cody

## Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5, 2007. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD, champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50s graduates. Call 800-859-9502 or email lore@wideopenwest for details. Cost is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and much more.

## Annual 1950s-60s

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, at Hines Park, Merriman Road Pavillion. Call Jerry Marszalek at (313)532-0134 or Phil Varilone at (313)562-3579. Check Classmates.com for pictures.

## Detroit Cooley

## Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion, Sept. 28-29, 2007, Sheraton Novi Hotel. Contact: Sharon (248) 334-7641 or Sue (734) 632-0350 Email: shadden@med.wayne.edu.

## Classes of 1967, 1968

Reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Discounted tickets before March 1. Contact Dave Junquist at (810)667-9131, Web site www.geocities.com/cooleyreunions67. All classmates are encouraged to register for inclusion in memory book at www.classreport.org/usa/mi/detroit/cooley1967

## Detroit Cooley

## Classes 1960-63

6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. For information and tickets, call Joyce (Karagozian) Obenhoff (586)754-3984, Sharon (Wand) Wiltberg (586)977-1469 or (586)864-2352, Roger Avie (248)476-5400 or Robert Pостоian (248)788-2746.

## Detroit Denby

## Class of 1947

A 60th reunion will be held noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Lakeland Banquet Center. Contact Lucille at (734) 427-0579.

## Class of 1957

A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 7, 8, and 9, 2007, at the Thomas Edison Inn, Port Huron. Seeking lost graduates, January/June classes. If you are not yet on the mailing list, please e-mail maroonfowl@aol.com or call (248) 642-0249.

## Detroit Girls Catholic Central

## Class of 1967

Searching for classmates of the class of 1967 for a 40th reunion this summer/fall. Contact Diane Kangas (Krok) at (586)446-9011 or Mary Mezzardi (Winowiecki) at mmezadzri@hotmail.com.

## Detroit Henry Ford

## REUNIONS

## Class of 1967

A 40th reunion will be held 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia. Seeking January, June and summer graduates from 1967. For information, call Ellen (Neihoff) VanderRoest at (248)684-7705 or email chuckandelvan@comcast.net.

## Class of 1977

Looking for classmates for a 30-year reunion. Information at henryford-highschool.com.

## Detroit Holy Redeemer

## Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 12, 2007, at O'Kelley KofC Council, Dearborn. In interested in attending or know the whereabouts or former classmates, contact John Duff at oliverlynn@aol.com or phone (734)261-3346.

## Detroit Mackenzie

## Class of 1957

Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734)425-8278.

## Detroit Osborn

## Classes of 1970, '71, '72

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, Best Western Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights. Alumni can update their addresses by either calling Sharon at (734)261-3264 or e-mailing celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit Web site at ctrinc.dvincinet.com

## Detroit Western

## Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion will be held in Sept. 15, 2007 at Warren Valley Country Club, Dearborn Heights. Seeking information on classmates from that year. All other classes welcome. Contact Helen Knights at (734)285-4927 or Ralph Brighton at (734)513-7499.

## Classes of 30s, 40s, 50s

Sept. 21, 2007, Dearborn Hills Golf Club, \$25. Contact Simon Hachigian at (313)565-4997.

## Detroit Redford

## Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 17, at Embassy Suites, Livonia. Buffet dinner with cash bar. \$60 per person. Contact Sandi911@comcast.net or call (248)646-8134.

## Detroit Southwestern

## Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

## Detroit St. Theresa

## Class of 1961

Sept. 22, 2007. For information, contact Dick Johnson at Sttheresa1961@aol.com.

## East Lansing High School

## Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion, Aug. 24-26. For information, contact Linda Foster at (517)543-3041.

## St. Mary of Redford

## All classes

St. Mary of Redford School Alumni "All Class Sock Hop" (Reunion) will be Saturday, Oct. 6; 4 p.m. Mass, 6 p.m. Reunion. For information, contact: Dave DiPonio at ddiponio@wadetrin.com or (313) 363-6153 or Jamie Sloan at jes521970@aol.com or (248) 391-0607. The Sock Hop will be held in the "Old" SMR Gym on Mansfield in Detroit. Reservations by Sept. 14.

## Fordson High School

## Garden City High School

## Class of 1972

A 35-year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct. 13, 2007. For more information, contact Lori Howe Richards on at (734)421-7808 or lhowerich@hotmail.com or Sharon Burke Parkila at (734)421-3108 or sparkila72@aol.com.

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**MARK CUMBO**

Age 49, passed away on June 2, 2007 after a brave battle with pancreatic cancer. Mark is survived by his wife, Norma, daughter Jordan, son Evan, mother Joan Cumbo, siblings Ron Cumbo, Denise (Rick) Brewis, Robert Cumbo, Kathy (Tim) Williams, Janet (Spencer) Krueger, Jim Cumbo and mother-in-law Pati Bonanno. Preceded in death by his father, Milton, brother, Paul and father-in-law Bill Bonanno. Along with being a very loving and devoted husband and father, Mark was very active as an usher at St. Edith, he coached and played hockey for the Livonia Hockey Association and was dedicated to his work at Lenover's Building Products in Livonia. He will be missed by many friends and family. Mark was laid to rest on July 2, 2007 in the Cremation Garden at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



**SHARON LEE (Dever) MOCK**

Returned with grace to our Savior, August 1st, 2007, after a valiant fight with illness. Born Nov. 1st, 1946, in Detroit, MI, she was a graduate of Farmington High School. Married to Kevin D. Mock, of El Paso, Texas, she made her home in Fayetteville, AR. After her husband's death in 1989, she returned to care for her parents, Maurice F. and Betty F. Dever, of Farmington. A lover of books and fine arts, her craft work was much admired, and was featured in national publications. With kindness and generosity, she worked for the Farmington Goodfellows at Christmas time, crocheted work for Premies and supplied funds to Forgotten Harvest. She extended herself tirelessly to work in Family History and discovered not only past relatives, but a host of cousins, she made dear friends with her clever cards and letters she created. She leaves to mourn two beloved daughters, Shannon Lewis of Westville, OK and Meghan (Keith) Banton, of Rapid City, SD, and three loving grandchildren, Brealyn Lewis, Maclane Lewis and Delaney Holland. She was a caring daughter to Maurice F. Dever of Farmington, and a wonderful sister to Susan (Martin) Zapinski, of Farmington, and Michael (Kit) Dever of Jackson, MI. A devoted aunt to Tracey (Mark) O'Brien, Tonye (Daniel) Nadwornik, Terrye (Andrew) Kraft, Tandy Zapinski, Jason Dever and Faith Dever, she also leaves a host of grandnieces and nephews and host of friends she made around the country. Affiliated with the University Baptist Church of Fayetteville, AR, she still kept old friends at 1st United Methodist Church of Farmington, MI and new friends at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints in Livonia, MI. She leaves in sorrow, her mother-in-law Pat (Bud) Brake and family of Texas, and her oldest friend Shirley (Dennis) Palm of Westland, MI. She is pre-deceased by her husband, Kevin Mock, her mother, Betty F. Dever, her aunt, Virginia Dever and her granddaughter, Faye Elizabeth Lewis. Services were held August 4th, 2007. Memorial tributes suggested to Forgotten Harvest, 21800 Greenfield Road, Oak Park, MI 48237. Arrangements entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington. [heeney-sundquist.com](http://heeney-sundquist.com)

**CLYDE P. YOUNCE, JR.**

August 1, 2007, age 83. First and foremost a loving husband and father. Accomplished wartime and private pilot. Catcher for the Washington Senators. Owner and operator of T.H. Russell Masonry Company. Police officer for the City of Wayne. Race car and motorcycle builder and owner Beloved husband for 63 years to Shirley. Dear father of Karen (Hugh) Sutherland, Mary (Donald) McFarland, Cecilia (David) Harrah, Martin (Teresa) Younce, Marilyn Younce, Cynthia (Randy) Fleming, Cory (Thomas) Rogers and the late Perry Younce. Loving grandfather of Adam, Sarah, Beth, Bob, Nick, Leandra, Jill, Cassie, Amber, Kathryn, Phillip, Carly, Mitchell, Alexander and Taylor. Also leaves seven great-grandchildren, brother of Theda and the late Donald. Services were held Saturday at St. Thomas A'Becket Church. Share memories at [schrader-howell.com](http://schrader-howell.com)

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## It's important to limit your cholesterol intake

Robert from Farmington Hills e-mails saying he has high cholesterol. How important is it for him to lower it?

Robert, it is extremely important! A number of studies proved lowering your overall cholesterol can reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke. More than 100,000,000 Americans suffer with high cholesterol and experts have found what you eat is a major cause of the condition. So what can you do? Cut down on saturated fat and avoid trans fat. Research found trans fats increase your LDL, the bad cholesterol, and decrease your HDL, the good kind.

**Peter's Principles**

Peter Nielsen

Limit your daily cholesterol intake to less than 200 milligrams a day and increase your complex carbohydrates and fiber, which includes fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Frank from Novi says he is having a hard time remembering things he never used to forget, like telephone numbers. What can he do?

Well Frank, the first thing you need to do is exercise your brain. That is right, just like you exercise your body you need to do aerobics for your brain.

Researchers studied thousands of patients suffering with memory loss and found three things you can do right now to improve your memory.

First, expand your brain. You can widen your brain regions by reading aloud, drawing a picture or writing down information.

It will help you remember it later. Next, repeat, repeat, repeat.

When you want to remember something you just heard, repeat it out loud. Finally, challenge yourself. Do activities that force you to concentrate like crossword puzzles or try a new hobby or project which requires skills you aren't familiar with.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

## Cyberknife beams radiation with precision accuracy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Cyberknife technology is not only changing the way Dr. Geoffrey Thomas treats patients at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, but who he treats.

The neurosurgeon would never have considered removing a tumor in the 96-year-old man he saw two weeks ago, but that was before the hospital purchased a \$4 million Cyberknife, which isn't a knife at all but a robotic radiosurgery system designed to emit beams of radiation with precision accuracy.

Thomas was all smiles as he talked about the man who still rides his bike. Cyberknife uses image guidance technology and computer controlled robotics to treat previously inoperable tumors.

"I might have said we can't treat you because of risk," said Thomas. "We're treating tumors of the brain, benign and malignant. In the past, I didn't want to take out the tumor because of the risks and location. Before I would watch it grow until the benefits of surgery might outweigh the risks. With brain tumors there is more risk than a tumor on the back of the hand. We usually wait for something to happen. Now we can treat early. I'm seeing more patients with tumors because Cyberknife is giving me more ways of treating patients."

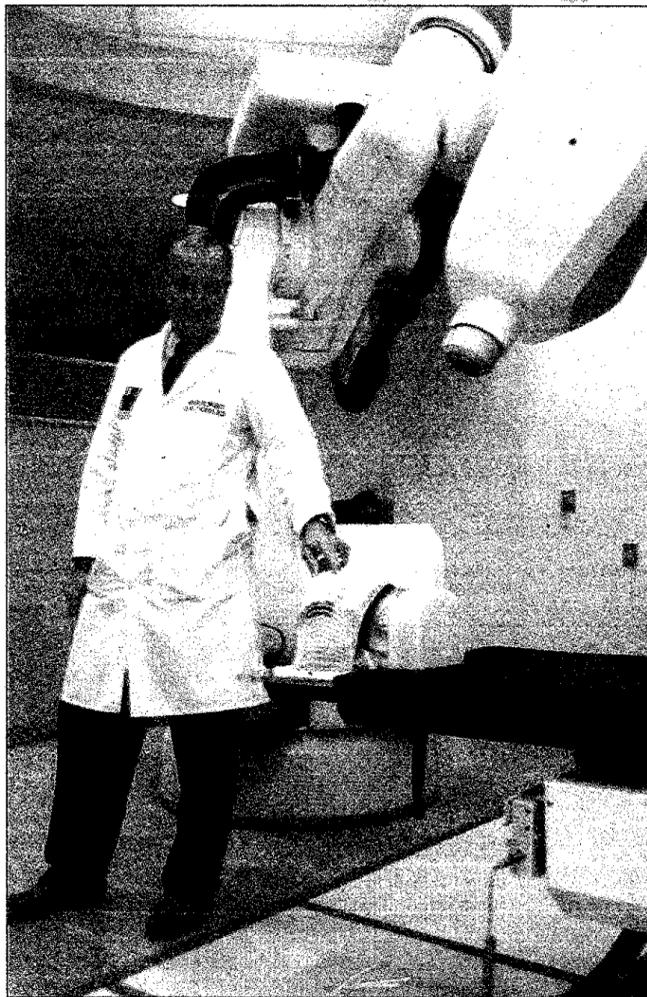
The FDA approved the Cyberknife System for treatment of tumors of the head and base of the skull in 1999 and tumors everywhere else in the body in 2001 because of its effectiveness. Dr. John Adler, professor of neurosurgery and radiation oncology at Stanford University Medical Center, developed Cyberknife in 1987 after completing a fellowship with Dr. Lars Leksell, founder of radiosurgery.

"Effects of radiation are affecting over time. Sixty percent (of tumors) will eventually shrink. Others will not grow," said Thomas. "Research has shown it does work over time. We're able to treat a lot of cancer in the spine with incredibly safer treatment. Radiosurgery has been around for a while (to treat tumors in the brain). With Cyberknife we can treat different areas of the body."

### EASIER TREATMENTS

Cyberknife makes treatments easier for patients by reducing the amount of visits from five days a week for five- to six-weeks, to one to three sessions. It is performed on an outpatient basis.

## Cutting-edge



Dr. Geoffrey Thomas explains how the Cyberknife System at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is able to avoid critical areas such as the eyes.

Technology

"When you ask a patient, coming every day for five-six weeks is a huge stressor," said Thomas. "They're sick and not necessarily driving themselves. With Cyberknife for some benign things they can play golf the same day. Acute side effects are small. Fatigue is not nearly anywhere as bad as standard radiation. Some people have headaches. One lady we treated her three days before her vacation and two days after. The goal is to keep them active."

Thomas explains the technology as the robotic arm moves around the head of the mannequin on the table. Surgeons, radiation oncologists, physicists, and Cyberknife therapists work as a team to develop a plan to deliver radiation from up to 200 different points.

"We discuss the dose, is it right for the patient, how long the dose, from which direction it's going deliver," said Thomas, who works on the plan with Dr. W.M. Sahjidak, in the radiation oncology department at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. "All cross in one point. Each beam doesn't do much but they concentrate the dose of radiation which is huge. You can miss the eyes. That's what the planning does. There's a finite number of positions to miss critical structures."

Movement of the lung, prostate, pancreas and other organs due to breathing creates an accuracy problem when delivering radiation. Not

so with Cyberknife because of a tracking system that detects movement and corrects for it throughout treatment.

"It compiles a model so it knows how the lungs move and (Cyberknife) moves with them. If I'm off by a millimeter it won't let me treat," said Cyberknife therapist Sylvia Davidson, who delivers Cyberknife, learning the system. "It delivers much larger doses of radiation. What's different is the tracking system. It's three-dimensional with two different X-ray systems in the room so I can correct for movement. Four cameras in the room allow us to see the patient from all angles."

"While conventional radiation lasts 20 to 30 minutes, a patient's on the table for a Cyberknife treatment one to 2 1/2 hours. Conventional can only give so much (radiation) because healthy tissues are in the way. If you're treating an area as big as a dime, you've got tons of healthy tissue surrounding the area. If you can shrink the margin you're delivering less radiation to healthy tissue."

### PATIENT COMFORT

Less radiation to healthy tissue can improve patient comfort, says Matthew McMullen, a medical physicist whose job begins with software to integrate CT scans, MRIs and PET imaging into a plan for the areas to be treated.

"With the machine, we don't need to give a margin at all because the robot or knife tracks to where the patient moves. It's fundamentally different from how we treat patients," said McMullen.

Donna Ingleby-Burr was diagnosed with endometrial cancer in January.

While performing a hysterectomy in February, physicians discovered the cancer had spread to the Canton woman's left lung.

Because she has severe chronic emphysema, she wasn't a candidate for standard radiation.

Ingleby-Burr turns 80 in August.

"I went in and they planted gold beads in my lung. Cyberknife hones in on the area where gold beads are," said Donna Ingleby-Burr. "With regular radiation I would have 25 to 35 treatments. I had it in four. It's so concentrated. There's nothing invasive. I got up from the table hungry. It did make me tired but I'd been tired ever since starting chemo in April."

"I would tell anybody go for it. I feel great. I'm eating like a pig. That's important when you're a cancer patient. You need every ounce. This has given me a chance at life."

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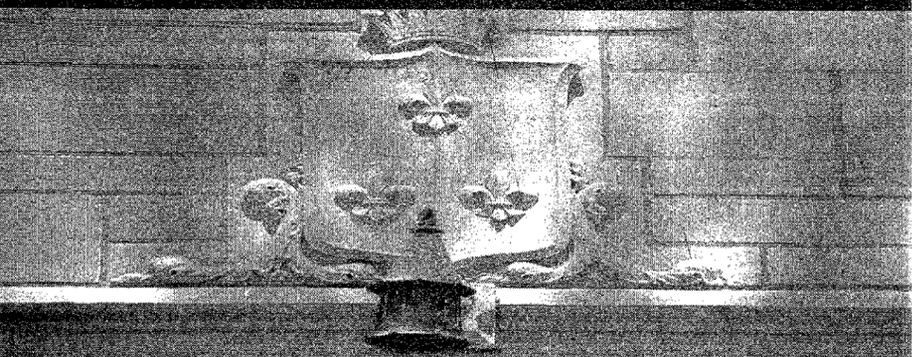
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