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## Let the party get started

Chelsea Straub, 9, formerly from Westland, now living in North Carolina, was home visiting her grandfather in Westland last Fourth of July when she was seen with her face painted as a butterfly. The annual festival kicks off Wednesday. The festival grounds will open at 5 p.m. followed by the annual festival parade at 6:15 p.m. It'll end with a bang on Sunday with the fireworks show expected to start around 10:15 p.m. Volunteers are still needed to help out with security and keeping the festival grounds tidy. Call Tony Wager at (734) 637-7992 to volunteer. And if you have a cute child, don't miss the Westland Civitans' tot contest. The deadline for entering is Monday, June 30.

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## '1st words ...'

### Mother recounts night her daughter was killed

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The last time Barbara Green saw her daughter alive, 22-year-old Laci Green walked by her bedroom, paused, looked inside and told her that she loved her.

Laci Green had just driven home to Dunn Court, on Westland's southwest side, after giving a new man she was dating a ride to his place. It was around 12:45 a.m. May 7. She was going to bed.

"She was right in the hallway, looking in the bedroom at me," Barbara Green testified Thursday in Westland 18th District Court.

A couple hours later, Barbara Green awoke when her dog started barking. She looked outside from her second-story bedroom, and she said she saw her daughter's ex-boyfriend, 25-year-old Robert James-the-First Howard, walking toward the house. When she went to wake Laci Green, she was gone.

Westland police believe that Laci Green had earlier gone outside to talk with Howard after he contacted her. Authorities found her body around 6:30 a.m. in a grassy area near the south side of Millpointe subdivision. She had been strangled to death.

Howard, charged with first-degree murder and jailed without bond, appeared Thursday in front of 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli for an unfinished preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. Testimony will resume on July 31. If convicted, Howard will face life in prison.

Taxi cab driver Michael Tabb testified that he twice drove Howard from Dearborn Heights to Westland, most recently around 12:50 a.m. on the morning Laci Green was killed. Tabb said Howard had previously told him that his girlfriend had "slept with somebody" else.

Barbara Green testified that after she saw Howard outside her house, she woke her husband, Edward, before going outdoors. When she saw Howard, she said, "his first words to me were, 'I hope you don't think I had anything to do with this.'"

Barbara Green told her husband to call the police while she and Howard started looking for Laci Green in the neighborhood. During the search, she said Howard suddenly left and started running toward the house again.

Edward Green testified that a pair of shoes that Laci Green wore were outside, next to the house, around the time she was missing. He said he gave orders for no one to move the shoes.

"I had a sick feeling," Edward Green testified. Barbara Green said the shoes were later missing and found in a sewer.

Edward Green testified that his daughter was around 14 years old when she began an eight-year relationship with Howard. Family members and friends said Laci Green, a MotorCity Casino employee and Schoolcraft College nursing student, had broken up with Howard before she was killed.

Defense attorney Bertram Johnson tried to question Edward Green about whether he was against his daughter, who was white, dating Howard, who is black. But Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Sabrina Johnson objected to the line of questioning, and Cicirelli refused to allow it.

Edward Green acknowledged that Howard had stayed at his house off and on while he was dating Laci Green. He conceded he was concerned that his daughter would marry Howard, have children and end up supporting the family.

Edward Green said he allowed Howard to stay at his house and even tried to help him find work, despite his concerns. When asked why in court, he said, "because my daughter loved him."

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Howard

## Small change can mean big change

You may notice small Salvation Army kettles this July when you're out shopping or dining. According to Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with wife Joanna for the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, the local Salvation Army has undertaken a summer Red Kettle effort. "It's to help us out with some expenses we're going to be having this summer season," Rose said. The effort will raise money for the summer season, usually

Salvation Army welcomes new Wayne-Westland leaders, AZ. a harder time for non-profits to raise money. All money raised will go directly to social services and community outreach efforts, including the summer day camp and after-school program. "We do have a tentative goal of about \$2,000," Rose said. "Since it's our first one, we really can't gauge it." Restaurants on board so far

are American Family Restaurant, Brownie's Diner, Pete's Place, Ram's Horn and Leo's Coney Island as well as Norman's Market and Nankin Hardware. "We have a few (more) on our list to see if we can firm up," Rose said. "I can't express enough how much we appreciate them." Unlike Christmas, there will be no bell-ringers by the containers, which are about the size of a coffee can. "Little red ones, and they do have signs that say Christmas

in July," Rose said. The collection will run through the end of July. For details, call the Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660. "We'd like to thank those of the Wayne-Westland area for their continuing support of the Salvation Army and the outreach ministries we do here," Rose added.

— By Julie Brown

## Michigan Avenue added to car cruise season

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What the Woodward Dream Cruise is to Woodward Avenue and Oakland County is what Don Nicholson sees his Cruisin' Michigan becoming. The Westland resident plans to have cars of all shapes and styles cruise Michigan Avenue from Hannan Road on the west to Southfield Road in Dearborn on the east. "It's two weeks after the Downriver Cruise and two weeks before the Woodward Dream Cruise," Nicholson said. "It's almost as long as the Dream Cruise, it's 12 1/2 miles." Nicholson, through his Don Nicholson Enterprises, is organizing the cruise and promoting other groups that will put on car shows along the route. He has permission to use the former Wayne County Eloise property for parking Model A's and Model T's during the cruise. He also has been lining up



Don Nicholson's Don Nicholson Enterprises is staging the first western Wayne County car cruise, Cruisin' Michigan, slated for July 12.

sponsors for the show, and has Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne as a major auto sponsor. He's also working the chambers of commerce in the five communities — Wayne, Westland, Inkster,



Dearborn Heights and Dearborn — the route goes through and with charities and nonprofits that he wants to be vendors along the cruise route. In an effort to attract the support of businesses, he has walked the entire route letting merchants know about the cruise. "In these economic times, all businesses can use a boost," Nicholson said. The cruise will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Cruisers are

being asked to use the outside two lanes and not do burnouts, according to the cruise Web site, [www.cruisinmichigan.com](http://www.cruisinmichigan.com). In addition to vendors and car shows along the route, Six Foot Poles will perform in front of the US-12 Bar & Grill at 34824 W. Michigan Ave. in Wayne. There also will be a wrap-up party after the cruise at the US-12. There also will be a jazz fest taking place in Inkster July 12-13. Nicholson has gotten the support of the Wayne County Commission which passed a resolution sponsored by Commissioners Ronaele Bowman, D-Westland, and Kevin McNamara, D-Canton Township. "This event will provide significant economic benefits for the businesses located along Michigan Avenue," Bowman said. "Local service organizations such as the Kiwanis, Rotary and other clubs will be able to sell merchandise to support their missions."

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# Salvation Army leaders eager to serve God, people

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joanna Rose remembers her family getting help from the Salvation Army when she was a child in southern Illinois, growing up outside St. Louis, Mo. Those Christmas presents meant a lot. These days, she and husband Derek are captains with the Salvation Army, and arrived last week for their new assignment at the Wayne-Westland corps.

"So far, we really enjoy it," she said. "We look forward to finding out more about the community, how we can best serve."

They're living in Wayne with their children Logan, 5, and Lillian, 20 months. The couple, who were previously at the Livingston County corps for three years (their first assignment), have met with Westland Mayor William Wild and other

local leaders.

"What's cool is it has a small-town feel," said Derek Rose, 26. It's larger than their community of Howell and the surrounding area. He's enjoyed meeting the staff and others here, including the Advisory Council the morning of June 25.

They're impressed with the work of predecessors Capt. Matt and Mindie O'Neil, now in Midland, citing their work with after-school and summer day camp programs for kids. The Roses will need to "really see what's our role," he said, aiming to reach out in different areas not yet touched.

"He really believes the youth area is a great need," Derek Rose said of Westland's Mayor Wild.

Joanna Rose, 27, got involved as a youth with the Salvation Army. Her husband got involved through a fam-



Taking over at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps are Capt. Derek and Joanna Rose.

ily member who played floor hockey there when Derek was growing up in suburban Chicago. Derek Rose signed up for a character-building program, similar to Scouting, and then began to worship at the

Salvation Army.

The couple met as teens at a Salvation Army discipleship training camp. They attended seminary on the north side of Chicago. Joanna is now working on a practical min-

istries degree through Olivet Nazarene University.

"No. 1, we want to see people mature and grow in the Lord," she said of their goals for Wayne-Westland, which has its corps center on Venoy south of Palmer in Westland. They also aim to improve the community and meet its needs.

"It's bittersweet," he said of leaving Howell, which has been their first assignment. Salvation Army officers know they'll be transferred every five-seven years. "We had a great time with our corps," he said. "It was a great experience."

Joanna Rose noted the O'Neils wanted the Roses to replace them, and thought Midland would be a good new assignment for them: "That's exactly what happened."

The couple agreed fund raising in a tough economy will be a challenge. The com-

munity has supported the Wayne-Westland corps in the past during the Christmas Red Kettle campaign and other efforts.

"I know it is getting more difficult," he said.

She loves to write, read and spend time with their children. Family time also ranks high with Derek: "They're wonderful little guys and we love them to death," he said of Logan and Lillian.

Joanna Rose enjoys scrapbooking, but has had less time for that.

"I like music a lot," said her husband, who plays bass, drums and the guitar. Despite his Chicago ties, he's a St. Louis Cardinals fan when it comes to baseball.

They're looking forward to their time in Wayne-Westland.

"We're excited," he said. "Head's still swimming a little from all that's going on."

## CRUISE

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"Michigan Avenue has a tremendous automotive endowment and heritage," McNamara said. "The corridor includes the world headquarters of the Ford Motor Company and many other automotive facilities, factories and museums."

Even the state has gotten on board. Lawmakers have passed a resolution declaring July 12 as Cruisin' Michigan Day.

"We're hoping to draw in 50,000-plus cars for the event. We have 400-500 cars coming from out of state for this," Nicholson said. "We have people coming from Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, and the SS Badger is promoting the event in Wisconsin."

Nicholson is no stranger to car shows. He's been in the business for 20 years. He started the Burger Car Show, now known as Autos for Autism, and ran it for seven years for the benefit of the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. He now does a car show for the Western Wayne Skills Center, which raised \$7,000 last year. He hopes to co-promote it with the cruise and raise \$10,000 for the center this year. He also runs the Don Nicholson Charity Car Show and the EnjoyWayne.com Charity Car Show.

Nicholson also has used his expertise to try to raise money to restore the old Wayne Theater. The effort failed and the building, which is on west-bound Michigan Avenue just west of Wayne Road, is scheduled to be torn down.

"Wayne Mayor Al Hadius wanted to keep it around, that's where the cruise came from," Nicholson said. "This is the inaugural event and there's definitely room for growth."

For more information on Cruisin' Michigan, cruisers can call Nicholson at (734) 658-5296 or e-mail don@donnicholson.net.

## AROUND WESTLAND

### Baby contest

The Westland Civitan Club will sponsor the a tot contest at this year's summer festival. The rules are simple. The tot must not reach a third birthday before July 1 and must be a Westland resident. Entries should include a picture no larger than 4-by-6 inches with the tot's name and phone number on the back. Pictures and parents' comments will be attached to a canister and displayed at the Civitan tent during the festival.

Tots will collect one vote for each penny dropped into a canister. Six boys and six girls with the highest totals will become finalists, and their contact persons will be notified on July 5 before 9 p.m. Finalists will parade before the judges at noon Sunday, July 6, and a Tot of the Year will be chosen. Certificates for participants will be available at the Civitan tent.

Proceeds will help fight mental retardation and related disabilities. For more information call Pat Quinn at

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### Community cookout

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior holds a community cookout from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at the church at 29425 Annapolis, Westland. The church also holds a community forum from 7-8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

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## Civitan's club celebrates 30th anniversary

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gerri Faulkner remembers the day her husband Ron came home and said she had to join the Westland Civitans.

"I said, 'What the heck is that?'" Faulkner said. "We went to the second meeting and shortly after that Ron was president-elect. In October or November, we'll have 25 years."

Pat Quinn can relate. It was his wife Linda who went to a Civitans meeting and told her husband he should join the club.

"The Civitans can be a lot of fun," Quinn said.

Their recollections were just a few of those shared by members who gathered Thursday evening to celebrate the club's 30th anniversary.

The club was chartered on June 19, 1978, at the China Star Restaurant on Wayne Road in Westland with the Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne Civitan Clubs as its sponsors and Candice Addison as its charter president.

Over the years, it has had five Michigan District Governors, received numerous Distinguished President Club Awards, the Founder's Award in 1995-1996 and twice earned Club of Excellence honors.

"The Westland Civitans was the best club in the whole world and still is," said Karen Gregory who was there from Florida for the celebration. "That's why I still belong."

Gregory told club members it was Marlene Dean-Doran who got her involved. She admitted she was hesitant at first because of all the work the club does with handicapped children, but soon discovered that Civitans do a lot of other things.

"If you don't like a project, wait five minutes. There'll be another one," she said.

Dean-Doran's name pops up a lot. A member for more than 29 years, she introduced Pat McRannolds to the club when she need help making decorations for an Olympics program at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"I was in Marlene's aquatic class, she said she knew some people," said McRannolds, adding that one thing she sold her on the club was the words in its creed.

"The creed is the way I try to live my life," she said. "If an organization has the same beliefs as me, I'm all for it."

In Westland, the club is synonymous with many popular activities. It originated the annual Halloween Walk and the city's Flag Day ceremony. It sponsors the annual Easter Bunny Brunch and Nursery Olympics, and participates in Turn Off the Violence Night, Relay for Life and Red Wagon Literacy Project.

"What ever we need, you never say no," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Bob Kosowski. "We appreciate that."

Dean-Doran may have said it best when she told members that the Westland Civitans "tremendously great."

"We really make a difference in this community and the thanks we get is a smile or a pat on the back, but best of all is the feeling we have inside," she said.

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# GC man faces trial for indecent exposure

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A Garden City man accused of posing naked for passing motorists in Westland will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for indecent exposure and being a sexual delinquent.

Steven Brian Smith faces trial after he decided to give up his right to a preliminary hearing Thursday in Westland

18th District Court. Smith was charged after he was arrested June 15 in the Venoy-Cherry Hill area, where he was "standing totally naked and posing for traffic," Westland police Sgt. Debra Mathews said.

Smith, jailed with a \$1 million cash bond, averted testimony Thursday as he waived his preliminary hearing in front of 18th District Judge

Sandra Ference Cicirelli. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Smith has a history of indecent exposure and inappropriate contact with children, according to police. He served 12 years in prison for second-degree criminal sexual conduct for a 1994 assault on a boy. In December, he was charged with indecent expo-

sure after he was accused of masturbating by the roadway in the Venoy-Cherry Hill area, police said. While out on bond in that case, he was detained after he was spotted near two Garden City elementary schools, prompting Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli to sentence him to jail for 89 days.

In court Thursday, Smith held his hands to his body,

and defense attorney Marvin Stempien indicated Smith had received three broken ribs and internal bruising during a scuffle with police during his latest arrest.

Cicirelli said he would note in Smith's file that he may need medical attention. A not-guilty plea also has been entered for him.

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**2007 Report to Consumers on Water Quality**

Westland is proud of the fine drinking water it receives from the City of Detroit and furnishes to the residents. This report will list the source of our water, the results of the tests performed on the water, and additional information about water and health questions. State and federal requirements mandate that an annual report be sent to Westland customers before July 1 each year. This is our eleventh report.

**Water Source**

Westland is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Springwells Water Treatment Plant in Dearborn. The water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, and Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale, from very low to high, based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes was determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

**Public Notice Sewage Disposal System Event**

Any person or claimant who experiences an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system that is under the jurisdiction and control of the City of Westland should immediately contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service Director, Kevin Buford, at the following address and telephone number:

City of Westland  
 Department of Public Service  
 37137 Marquette  
 Westland, MI 48185  
 (734) 728-1770

**Important Health Information**

**Overview**

The City of Westland maintains over 325 miles of water main, over 2900 hydrants and over 6000 valves in our system. We have flushed the water mains in one section of the city this year, covering the neighborhoods in the area of Merriman to Inkster and Annapolis to Van Born. This is done to remove buildup from the water main and improve pressure and quality of the water you receive. We will be doing other sections of the City of Westland in 2008 as the weather permits, working through the city on a continual basis. We are also

operating and repairing the valves for isolating the water throughout the city to insure proper operation of the valves in an emergency.

**Lead**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Westland is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Cryptosporidium**

Cryptosporidium is a disease-causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals, including dogs and cats. Symptoms of infection include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headaches, nausea and vomiting. The disease is typically spread through contact with feces of an infected animal or person or consuming contaminated food or water. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface water runoff containing animal waste and sewage discharge. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has been testing for cryptosporidium since 1994 and has not detected it in any of our source water supplies.

**People with Special Health Concerns**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

**National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance**

In 2007, the City of Westland had no monitoring violations. A monitoring violation is not an exceedance of a MCL or health standard.

The Department of Public Service Water and Sewer Superintendent prepared this report for the City of Westland. Data was supplied by the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. If there are any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service at 734-728-1770. This report is supplied to our customers to ensure compliance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976, PA 399, as amended) by 1998 PA 56. This Act was passed to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and the rules promulgated by the United States EPA dealing with this law. Water quality data for community water

systems throughout the United States is available at [www.waterdata.com](http://www.waterdata.com).

**Additional Information**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- ⊗ Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- ⊗ Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- ⊗ Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- ⊗ Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- ⊗ Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or by the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

**WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIREMENT:** Furthermore, compliance with Public Act 222 of 2001, an amendment to Michigan's Governmental Immunity Statute 1964 PA 170, as amended MCL 691.1401 to 691.1419, requires that a claimant who wishes to seek compensation for property damage or physical injury resulting from a sewage disposal system event notify the City of Westland, Water and Sewer Superintendent, in writing, within 45 days after the date the damage or physical injury was discovered, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been discovered. The written notice shall contain the claimant's name, address and telephone number, the address of the affected property, the date of discovery of any property damages or physical injuries, and a brief description of the claim. Failure to comply with the notice requirements may prevent the recovery of damages and bar any claim that a claimant may have.

**SPRINGWELLS WATER TREATMENT PLANT  
 2007 REGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES**

Contaminant	Test Dates	Units	Health Goal MCLC	MCLC Allowed Level	MCL Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water Inorganic Chemicals
Fluoride	8/8/2007	ppm	440.920	n/a	No erosion natural deposits	Water additive, which promotes		Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	8/8/2007	ppm	10100.21	n/a	No Runoff from fertilizer use	Leaching from septic tanks, sewage;		Erosion of Natural Deposits
<b>Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System</b>								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb - Nov 2007	ppb	n/a	80	20.4	7.5-43.4	No	By product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb - Nov 2007	ppb	n/a	60	12.9	4.9-19.0	No	By product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Chlorine	Jan - Nov 2007	ppm	MRLGL 4	MROL 4	0.67	0.61-0.72	No	Water additive used to control microbes

2007 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.21 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

2007 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month - 0	No	Naturally present in the environment
E.coli or fecal	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive	entire year - 0	No	Human waste and animal fecal easte

2005 Lead And Copper Monitoring At Customers' Tap								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLC	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value	Number of Samples Oversall	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2005	ppb	0	15	0 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2005	ppb	13	13	54	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

\*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running Annual Average
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

2007 Special Monitoring				
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source Of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.65	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

KEY TO DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES		
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
n/a	Not applicable	

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**Dear Rick:** A friend just retired. His financial adviser recommended cashing out U.S. Savings Bonds in order to cover his income needs. I said he should first take it from his trust account, then use his savings bonds and then use his IRA. What are your thoughts?



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Rick Bloom

savings bonds are paying a good rate of return, then I would not cash out.

U.S. Savings Bonds are an interesting investment because the interest is based upon when the bond was purchased. The key is to know what interest rate is being paid.

It is a difficult question to answer because there are a lot of unknowns. First, with regards to the U.S. Savings Bonds, what interest are they paying? Is it a high rate of return or, have the bonds matured?

If no interest is being paid because the bonds have matured, I would begin a program to cash out.

Another issue is tax bracket. In some situations, cashing out savings bonds could throw you into a higher tax bracket. It is important to inventory your U.S. Savings Bonds so you know the maturity of the bonds and what interest rate

they pay. Deciding where to take income from is based on someone's individual situation. There are some issues that are important to consider.

In deciding whether to withdraw money from a trust, it is important to remember that a trust has different tax consequences than an IRA or U.S. Savings Bonds.

A trust is a taxable account, however, it does qualify for long-term capital gains treatment.

Long-term capital gains are taxed at a much lower rate than ordinary income. As an example, the average person is in a 25-percent ordinary income tax rate, but only a 15-percent capital gains rate. In order to get the long-term

capital gains rate, you're typically investing in equities as opposed to fixed-income investments such as bonds. Because of the favorable capital gains rate, I put equities into a trust and use that as a long-term growth portion of the portfolio.

When someone first starts needing income from a portfolio, he/she should consider the tax implications. It is important to recognize that the tax benefits of the tax deferral in the IRA and U.S. Savings Bond are somewhat offset by the fact that the money is eventually taxed at someone's ordinary income tax rate, which is typically the highest tax rate.

Assuming that someone is over 59½ and begins to need

income, under present tax laws, tapping tax-deferred accounts and letting the non-tax-deferred accounts reinvest and grow at capital gains rate is a strategy that may make sense.

You'll always need some growth portion in a portfolio. I generally prefer to put the growth portion in the non-retirement accounts — in this case, the trust account — so that it can grow at a more favorable capital gains rate.

One issue that constantly comes up with any sort of tax planning is to remember that tax laws are constantly changing. The strategy you use today

may not be an effective strategy next year.

Use the tax laws of today as a guide and remain flexible.

One mistake many investors make is to underestimate life expectancy. The life expectancy tables are only an average. My general rule is plan to live into your 90s.

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# Circuit court candidates grapple with legal issues

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nine of the 11 candidates for the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court exchanged views Tuesday on a wide range of judicial issues at a forum at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center.

The forum was sponsored by four Wayne County chapters of the League of Women Voters. Questions were submitted by members of the audience.

Participating were Wanda Cal, Richard Cunningham, Sharon Grier, Robert Harris Jr., Daniel A. Hathaway, Susan Hubbard, Connie Marie Kelley, Corbett Edge O'Meara and Lynne A. Pierce. Neil Sawicki and John J. Sullivan were unable to attend, but sent brief statements on why they were running.

The field will be narrowed to six candidates in the Aug. 5 primary. Three judges will be elected in the Nov. 4 general election.

Topics raised included conflicts of interest, dealing with hate crimes, public defenders, lawyer-client confidentiality and alternative sentencing.

On the question of hate crimes, the candidates weighed the conflicting needs of stemming hate crimes while

protecting free speech. "We are guaranteed the right to free speech," said Kelley of Redford, a lawyer specializing in family law.

But she said she has zero tolerance for hate crimes.

Lynne Pierce, a municipal judge in Grosse Pointe Woods, said what's important is if there is action behind the words.

"The problem is when there are just words," Pierce said. She said our laws protect people "even when they say ugly things."

Susan Hubbard, a Dearborn attorney and former county commissioner, said it is important to protect free speech, but that statutes are there to deal with hate crimes.

Sharon Grier, a Wayne County prosecutor, said, "Crime is crime. A certain type of respect is due to the victims of any crimes."

The candidates agreed that public defenders serve a valuable role in providing legal assistance to those unable to pay attorney fees.

"Public defenders are a committed, dedicated group. My only criticism is that the attorneys don't get paid enough," Pierce said.

Cunningham of Detroit, a former judge now in private

practice, said a recent report on public defenders found that Michigan is one of the poorest paying states for public defenders.

"The best attorneys are taking indigent cases in a woefully inadequate pay system," said O'Meara of Detroit, a lawyer in private practice.

Harris of Detroit said the problem he has with the public defender system is that they are appointed by the judges and are too dependent on the judges for more assignments.

Candidates generally agreed that the United States judicial system is "the best in the world."

But Hathaway of Allen Park, who has his own law firm, said he has concerns about the family court system.

"I would like to see more resources put into these courts and keep people from being steamrolled," he said.

"One division that is breaking down is juvenile justice,"

said Cal of Detroit, who is in private practice. "But overall, the system we have is the system we know and trust."

Michigan's large prison population is a concern to all of the candidates.

O'Meara said it was time to treat substance abuse as a health issue and "to give discretion back to judges; mandatory sentences do not work."

"Diversionary programs allow a person to complete probation and wipe their record clean," Harris said.

Grier created the Drug Offense Delayed Sentence Program in the county prosecutor's office.

"It balances punishment with rehabilitation. This program is innovative," she said.

"We need to put more resources into education, reallocate funds from prison to education," Cal said. "When people have dreams, they do other things."

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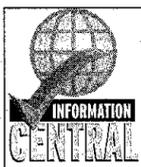
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Called "the most important Black man of this century" by "Ebony" contributor Juan Williams, Marshall often stood alone as the liberal conscience of the Supreme Court.

Over the next 20 years, Marshall went around the country defending the rights of Black Americans. He represented black students in cases against the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas.

In 1961, Marshall was appointed to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Lyndon Johnson nominated Marshall to the Supreme Court in 1967 and he was confirmed by a vote of 69 to 11.

Thurgood Marshall, you can come to the Public Library of Westland and check out the biography "Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary" by Juan Williams.

So stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Bats of the World: 7 p.m. June 30. All ages welcome! See live bats up close with the Organization for Bat Conservation.

Independent Movie Night: 7 p.m. July 1. Come join us for a viewing of "My Kid Could Paint That." This movie follows the early artistic career of Marla Olmstead, a young girl from Binghamton, N.Y.

Adult Poetry Group: 3 p.m. July 7. Interested in reading, discussing, and writing poetry? Please join us for one of our sessions, whether you're a first-time writer or a serious wordsmith.

Computer Classes: Computer Basics at 2 p.m. June 30 and Internet 101 at 7 p.m. July 2. Check the flyer in the library for a complete description and requirements for all classes.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian and homebound coordinator Andrea Perez. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

How well do you spell?

2 Westland seniors win Wayne County's first-ever 'Spellbound'

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How do you spell xenobiotic? Ask Gail MacDonald and Leonard Koze. That's the word the Westland residents had to spell to win.

Wayne County's first ever senior spelling bee. "The last word... I knew it would be X-E-N-O," Koze said.

"I think it's of Greek origin, xeno means of the body," added MacDonald. "I think it means something that isn't ordinary in the body."

Thirty seniors from throughout Wayne County competed in the final round of "Spellbound," held last Tuesday at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

Koze and MacDonald were partners in the spelling bee which started with local contests like the one they were in at the Westland senior Friendship Center in November.

"It was nice to have a partner," MacDonald said. "We got the word 'innocuous' and he insisted there were two N's and I thought there was one. I did the spelling and thought since he was so insistent and there



Gail MacDonald and Leonard Koze had plenty to smile about after winning the first ever Wayne County spelling bee for senior citizens.

was two of us, I'd do two N's." "I was insistent," Koze said. "I was 95 percent sure it was two N's."

According to Koze, it was "happenstance" that he was partnered with MacDonald for the local spelling bee. He'd gone to the event thinking it would be like the ones school children compete in individually.

"I knew the words would be a little more difficult this time around," he added. "I didn't think they were all that difficult, but it did take a few more

rounds." While Koze went online to look at such things as frequently misspelled words and sounds, MacDonald relied on her spelling abilities. She said she learned to spell by the look-and-see method, reading Dick and Jane books.

The method worked well for her. A student in the Redford Union School District, she won a new dictionary after winning the spelling bee for her grade and school when she was in the fifth-grade. In eighth-grade, she was the best speller for her grade, school and district and placed fifth in the state.

"I still remember the name of the kid who won, what school he went to and what word he spelled, but I couldn't tell you what I learned in science," she said.

As winners of "Spellbound," Koze and MacDonald each won an overnight stay at the Marriott Hotel at Detroit Metro Airport. They also received medals, which Koze wore all day Thursday.

"I'm kind of a joker, I told my friends it was pure gold, I'd had it assayed," he said. "I told them I bit into it and it was good to go. I had some fun with it."

Wayne County's spelling events attracted more than 500 seniors. The program is new to Wayne County and is sponsored by Wayne County Executive Robert Picano, the county's Department of Public Health and the Community Outreach division.

"It's a social activity, as well as an educational one," Picano said. "And spelling (contests) recognize no age limits."

Koze is looking forward to next year's spelling bees. He praised Picano for sponsoring the event, saying he put on a nice presentation.

"My hat's off to them," he said. "They said the spelling bee was very popular and that it'll be back next year and it'll be bigger and better."

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Garden City Hospital sponsors classes

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

Monday, June 30 Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching.

Childbirth Education (first of six classes) at 6 p.m. This six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery.

Tuesday, July 1 Get Up and Move at 9 a.m., 3 and 4 p.m. This is an invigorating exercise program designed to help you get up and get moving.

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.

Exercise Express 12:30 p.m. Thirty minutes of exercise including cardio, strength training and stretching.

Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. This is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help you strengthen and define your muscles.

Yoga (fourth of four classes) at 4 p.m. Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind.

CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. CPAP and BIPAP users, did you know that most insurances cover new supplies every year?

CPR - Infant and Child at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Heart Association, this class is designed for those who care for children.

Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. This support group is for those individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders.

Diabetes Self-Management Education (first of four classes) at 6:30 p.m. This comprehensive series is planned to help people Live Well With Diabetes.

in, get out and get on with your day. Fee is \$30 per month or a \$5 drop-in fee. Call (734) 458-3242 for more information.

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 meeting is held in the Garden City Hospital Auditorium. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

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To view the PSAs, go to www.buddyspizza.com.

OUR VIEWS

## Play it smart with fireworks this Fourth

With Fourth of July just around the corner, it is a good time to remind people about fireworks and the fact that there are no such thing as safe fireworks.

Fireworks contain black powder and the amount of black powder determines whether the fireworks are for consumers or for displays. Just knowing that an explosive is involved should be enough for people to exercise caution, but accidents will happen.

Just ask the 6,400 Americans who spent part of their Fourth of July holiday last year in the emergency room. Fireworks can cause blindness, third-degree burns, permanent scarring and even death.

There are plenty of "safe" fireworks avail-

able for people to have their own ground display, but there are also businesses willing to break the law and sell illegal fireworks. Cherry bombs, M-80s, M-100s and silver salutes are just a few types of illegal fireworks.

Even fireworks that are labeled as safe for consumer use can cause injuries. As children, we've all enjoyed waving sparklers, but they have caused more injuries to children under age five than any other type of fireworks. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees. They're hot enough to melt some metals, imagine what they can do to a child.

If you plan to incorporate fireworks

into your Fourth of July celebration, follow these Consumer Product Safety Commission tips:

- Never allow young children to play with fireworks.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Avoid buying fireworks that come in brown paper packaging. That's often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional shows and could pose a danger to consumers.
- Never have any portion of your body directly over a firework device when lighting the fuse. Move back a safe distance immediately after lighting.

■ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not fully functioned. Douse and soak with water and throw them away.

■ Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

■ Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.

■ Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.

We all want to have a star-spangled Fourth of July, but we urge you to do it safely. Don't use illegal fireworks. And if you want to see an aerial show, watch the Westland Summer Festival fireworks at dusk Sunday, July 6, at the civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road.

LETTERS

Shocked by speech

June 20, 2008, was a sad and embarrassing day for the residents of the 11th Congressional District. For it was on that day that our Congressman, Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, took to the floor of the House and gave what I consider a horrible partisan speech. The speech is entitled, "How to Speak Democrat." On a day when the House was considering the serious issues of preventing child abuse and FISA he chose to go on the floor and give a speech that would make a novelty T-shirt vendor proud.

In trying to be funny (on the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives), Rep. McCotter tried to explain that when members of the Democratic Party speak, they often mean something other than what they say. However, he did not phrase it that eloquently, instead he chose to call the members of the Democratic Party - Democrats or Democrat. For those of you who missed his great oratory style and speech on C-SPAN, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EeQ03qRE1s>

His disjointed speech along with visual aids contained the following quotations: "Government means socialism. Democrats support proactive government. Translation, Democrats support proactive socialism."

"Invest translates into waste. Again used in a sentence. Democrats will invest your money. Translation, Democrats will waste your money."

"Speaking global Democrat. Diplomacy equals magic. Democrats will protect America from Iranian nukes through tough principled diplomacy translates Democrats will protect

America from Iranian nukes through tough principled magic."

I was shocked to see that Rep. McCotter chose to waste our tax dollars with this drivel. His taxpayer-funded flyers that he sends to my house, always contain this little reminder: "I work for you." Well, this speech did nothing to advance the interests of the residents of his district. To the contrary, it more than likely alienated him and us from the majority party to which he is not a member.

The 11th Congressional District needs a representative who is willing to work on the tough issues. Someone who is willing to debate the issues of the day and someone who is willing to work with those members who may not agree with his/her positions. Engaging in partisan name calling on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives does not accomplish those goals and only adds to the already deeply divided partisan atmosphere in Washington, D.C.

It is my sincere hope that the residents of the 11th Congressional District will remember this little incident in November and send someone to Congress who will not waste the taxpayers time or money.

Jennifer Thor  
Westland

Re-elect McCotter

Your recent article, "11th District Democratic exchange views," seems to be way off the mark on its representation of Congressman (Thaddeus) McCotter. The Democratic challengers seem to be utilizing an old liberal Democratic tactic - say anything and do any-

thing to be elected!

I have had the opportunity and honor of talking to Congressman McCotter and have found him to be very attentive and concerned about his constituents' needs in our district. The congressman has held town hall meetings to listen to the concerns and issues in the district of all constituents, regardless of party affiliation.

The statement by the so-called Democratic challenger that the congressman yells and storms off is misleading and a serious misrepresentation. Maybe the Democratic challenger needs to take a look at who controls Congress at this very moment.

I hope the constituents in the 11th District will keep this in mind when they step into the voting booth this election season. Congressman McCotter deserves to be re-elected!

Stephen H. Chopek  
Westland

Change needed

Barack Obama's selective posturing and parenting on the backs of black folks is becoming a tired campaign tactic.

Obama has developed a recent and predictable history of visiting black venues to chastise black voters on their personal shortcomings. He is reluctant to take this same show on the road to similar white venues or to other ethnic audiences to challenge them on their cultural foibles.

Obama's laments on black parenting on Father's Day rang hollow. From afar and filtered through the usual media outlets and pun-

its, his remarks displayed a cheap carnival barker applause seeking pandering designed not for his captive black audience but those outside the black pews. Obama's politically scripted urban Southern strategy is aimed not to address urban issues but to recruit and harvest white voters who have always sought a spokesman of color to wage their morality battles with the black urban class.

Obama's scripted siren on black pathologies is not new. It is a theme that is echoed daily in black homes and frequently on Sundays in most black religious venues. Instead of offering up creative ideas and solutions to economic issues or ideas about developing innovative urban paradigms which focus on community business growth or topics about financial themes Obama goes down the same tired trail of blaming the poor.

This penchant for playing the self-righteous social engineer only at black venues runs counter to his theme of change. Apparently black voters are not worthy of those speeches which promote change or which focus on what is right. What is tragic is that unless a black leader has the courage to get in Obama's ear and advise him that black voters deserve and are worthy of more, we can expect the same themes from Obama whenever the ZIP codes and area codes get darker.

Many are tired of black voters becoming a convenient doormat for Obama's political agenda. That is not the change many of us expect from him.

Greg Thrasher  
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**Richard Lalli** baritone  
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PROGRAM  
 Haydn String Quartet in D minor, Op. 76, No. 2 ("Quinten"), Hob. III: 76 (1796-97)  
 Wuorinen New Piano Quintet (commissioned by the artists)  
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**Andras Schiff** piano  
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 Sonata No. 22 in F Major, Op. 54 (1804)  
 Sonata No. 23 in F minor, Op. 57 ("Appassionata") (1804-05)  
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## Bum knee shelves Terek's Olympic Games quest

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Livonia decathlete Paul Terek will be driving up to Eugene, Ore. for this weekend's USA Track and Field Olympic Trials, but he'll be strictly a spectator.

The Franklin High grad's quest to make his second Olympic team and earn a trip to Beijing, China for the 2008 Summer Games has been way-



Terek

21st in the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece and has competed in three

laid by bothersome left knee, which required surgery in early March for a torn lateral meniscus.

The 28-year-old Terek, who finished

IAAF World Track and Field Championships, notified USATF officials late Wednesday night that he was a scratch.

Terek, who trains year-round in San Luis Obispo, Calif., was considered a favorite again to garner one of the three U.S. Olympic Team decathlon spots. But after testing his bothersome knee earlier in the week in an all-comers warm-up meet

in nearby Atascadero, he decided to pull out.

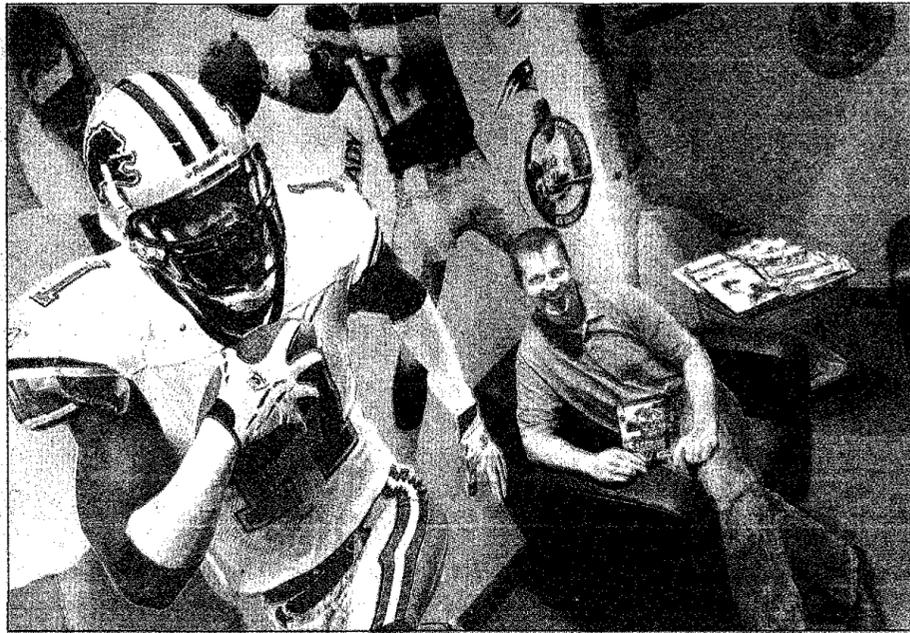
The men's decathlon, which is scheduled to start Sunday, is a grueling two-day event which includes a 100-meter dash, long jump, high jump, shot put and 400 on Day 1; followed by the 110 hurdles, discus, pole vault (Terek's strongest event), javelin and 1,500 run on Day 2.

"Every event requires my left leg and it's frustrating because

if it was my right leg it might have been different," said Terek, a former Big Ten track and field standout at Michigan State. "And if I can't put 100 percent into it and I'm limping, I can't beat half those guys. It affects my performance because I can't drive my leg, push or sprint, so I'm officially out."

Terek's last competition was

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Fathead Chief Executive Officer Brock Weatherup (seated) has led the company to incredible growth during the past two years. Pictured to Weatherup's right is a life-size Roy Williams Fathead.

## THE POWER OF 'WOW!'

Sports fans love Livonia-based Fathead's wall-to-wall coverage

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The second you walk into Suite 180 of the Quicken Loans office building that sits just east of I-275, you're greeted not by a receptionist but by a guy who specializes in receptions — fully uniformed Detroit Lion wide receiver Roy Williams, who appears anxious to run over any defensive back who comes within a straight-arm of him.

Although the greeter is not the in-the-flesh Williams, the life-size image of the 6-foot-3, 211-pound Lion is so realistic that it makes many visitors take a step back and go, "Wow!"

That's exactly the reaction the suite's occupants — employees of Fathead — want to hear from their growing legion of customers, who are drawn to the two-year-old company's vast collection of life-size wall graphics that includes everyone from Joe Montana to Hannah Montana.

### Going strong

In the past two years — and in the midst of a worsening economy — Fathead has flourished, growing from three employees to 60.

And sales have elevated like LeBron James dribbling through a triple-team and soaring in for a spectacular dunk.

"Probably the largest challenge of our business is people getting it," said Fathead Chief Executive

### FATHEAD Q&A

**What is a Fathead?** It's a colorful, life-like, life-size wall graphic of sports and entertainment stars.

**What athletes and entertainers are offered?** There are over 450 wall graphics available, including athletes from all of the professional sports, to moto-cross riders, Disney characters, Sports Illustrated swimsuit models and college football helmets and logos.

**What are the most popular Fatheads?** Over the past 12-month period, Brett Favre's image was the top seller, but the top 10 varies depending on the season and athletes' performances. Among the top 12 recent best-sellers on the company's Web site are Dale Earnhardt, Jr.'s No. 88 car; Boston Celtics Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce; and, not surprisingly, the Red Wings' logo and a detailed image of the Stanley Cup.

**What's next?** The company is on the verge of releasing a tradeable line of products that are reduced versions of the giant Fatheads. Purchasers will receive five 5-inch-by-7-inch wall graphics in each \$12.99 package.

**How can you find out if list of Fatheads available?** Visit [www.fathead.com](http://www.fathead.com).

Officer Brock Weatherup, a resident of Birmingham. "It's not a poster, which people realize right away when they see one or get one for the first time. In fact, it's not anything close to being a poster, so its value is not what a poster's is.

"Equally important is convincing moms, who say, 'OK, does it really peel on and off the wall? Does it really not stick? Does it really not leave a residue?' — things moms care about."

Fatheads are produced when high-definition photographs are blown up and printed onto a material that has a patented adhesive backing.

And — *pay attention, moms!* — the company ensures that walls will not be damaged when Fatheads are removed or transferred from one room to another.

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## Clarenceville star Stewart opts for EMU

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Clarenceville's Jamie Stewart is committed to bringing the Eastern Michigan University men's basketball back into the lime-light.

The program that produced the likes of George Gervin, Grant Long and Earl Boykins got a verbal commitment last week from the 6-foot-4, 180-pound swingman, who averaged 22.4 points and 6.2 rebounds per game last season for the 18-3 Trojans.

Stewart, expected to sign in November, is the Eagles' first commitment for the 2009-10 recruiting class. He can play either the two-guard or the three-

position. Stewart made his decision after Clarenceville completed a week of team camp at the EMU campus. Stewart played his last two games on main court of the 8,000-seat EMU Convocation Center.

"I was real comfortable with the coaching staff and I had a good relationship with the players," Stewart said. "They're a good bunch of guys. Guys like Justin Dobbins (Cleveland, Ohio) and Brandon Bowdry (Taylor Truman), we're friends, we talk on the phone. It's the best fit for me because it's not too far and not too close to home. My family and friends can come and watch me play."

Stewart also had offers from two other Mid-American Conference schools, Central Michigan and Bowling Green, but decided to head to Ypsilanti where he plans to study business. EMU finished 14-17 last season under second-year coach Charles Ramsey.

"I could have waited, but I didn't want to drag things out throughout the school year," he said. "I wanted to focus on school, my season and my grades."

Stewart, who honed his game as a youth in his old Detroit neighborhood at Rosemont Park (near Schoolcraft and Wyoming), plays during the summer months for the 17-and-under REACH Legends, an AAU squad which features Detroit Pershing's Keith Appling and Dion Sims.

"I'm working on being a team leader, improve my ball-handling and being in the weight room consistently," Stewart said of his off-season.

Stewart, earned Class B All-State honors a year ago while shooting 54 percent from the floor, including 39 percent from three-points range, along with a 75 percent free throw average.

The first-team All-Observer pick led the Trojans to an outright Metro Conference title before being ousted by Detroit Renaissance in the Class B district tournament.

"It's a good fit for Jamie because he can go somewhere where he can play right away if he continues to work hard," Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry said. "He's been to a few of their open gyms and he likes the facilities and likes the players. They have some good young players. He feels he can win there and play right away."

"The whole (EMU) coaching staff did a great job, especially (assistant) Carl Thomas. Jamie played the same position (as Thomas), who played in the NBA. Jamie also likes coach (Charles) Ramsey a lot."



Stewart

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## Sidelines

### Hole-in-one club

The Strategic at Fox Hills in Plymouth recently produced a pair of hole-in-ones.

On June 22, Mitzi Saunders, 40, of Plymouth, used a 9-iron to ace the 117-yard No. 16 hole.

Thomas Laichalk, 70, of Livonia, used a 9-iron to ace the 105-yard No. 10 hole on June 19.

### P-C-S lacrosse players honored

Three members of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team earned All-State honors recently at the Michigan Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association honors meeting.

Lady Warrior Stephanie Matusiak was named to the second team Division 1 All-State contingent while her teammates — Kate Spangler and Kaylin Moore — earned All-State honorable mention accolades. The trio played in the state All-Star game, which was held June 14, at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

The Lady Warriors placed third in the nine-team All East Central League.

### PC Pride crowned

The PC Pride 12U Stars slow-pitch softball team placed first in the 18-team Livonia Storm USSSA World Series qualifier held June 20-22. It was an all-Pride final as the team defeated the PC-Senkbeil team, 4-0, in the championship game.

The Stars played eight games in less than 48 hours, allowing just 16 runs. The effort earned the Stars a berth in the USSSA World Series at Disney's Wide World of Sports in July.

The team consists of: Aubrie Cragg, Megan Webster, Kaitlyn McIntosh, Elliott Mitchem, Elaine Gerou, Catherine Porter, Katy Meade, Jessica Webster, Lauren Hayes, Shannon Watson and Casey Bias. The team was coached by Kevin Bias and Mike Gerou.

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## FIRST-TEAM

**Hallie Minch, Sr., P, Garden City:** Garden City's march to the school's first-ever state title had Minch's name written all over it. In her fourth year as a varsity starter, she went 28-3 for the season with an 0.76 ERA, but most impressively mowed through eight postseason opponents — including a 2-1 win in 14 innings against Alpena in the Division 1 state final.

"Hallie's had an incredible career at GC and is finally getting her due," said Cougars' head coach Barry Patterson. "... Our entire team fed off the confidence and composure she exhibited both on and off the field. Her passion for the game and her commitment to winning was truly a godsend."

Minch, an All-State selection, also drove in the title-winning run against Alpena, batting .440 for the season. She also was picked to the All-Mega Red, All-District and All-Region teams.

Minch will go to Madonna University, where she likely will step into a key role on the varsity softball team in 2009.

**Briana Lee, Fr., P, Salem:** The ninth-grader made a sudden impact on the Rocks' fortunes, compiling a 22-6-1 record, which earned her All-Lakes Division honors. She registered one perfect game and 10 shutouts, striking out 238 while walking just 45.

"Briana's stats speak for themselves," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "She will for sure be someone to keep an eye on the next few years. She's certainly off to a great start here at Salem."

**Brittany Taylor, Jr., C, Liv. Franklin:** The junior catcher earned All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State honors after batting .526 (60-for-114) with 13 doubles, three triples, six homers, 52 runs and 27 RBI.

The first-team All-Area repeat selection also posted an on-base percentage of .585 and had 30 stolen bases.

Taylor led the Patriots in eight offensive categories including hits, bunt singles, walks, runs, doubles, homers, batting average and stolen bases.

Defensively, Taylor threw out 20-of-28 base stealers with 18 putouts and 28 assists.

"Brittany has a very strong and accurate throwing arm," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "As a catcher she is extremely quick blocking balls and in her release to the bases."

"She's a very tough out and it enables her to maintain a high batting average. Like Brianna (her twin sister) she comes to every practice and game with a positive attitude and high energy, ready to compete."

**Emily Pitcoie, Jr., C, Salem:**

## ALL-AREA

### GIRLS SOFTBALL

#### 2008 ALL-OBSERVER SOFTBALL FIRST TEAM

- P-Hallie Minch, Sr., Garden City
- P-Briana Lee, Fr., Salem
- C-Brittany Taylor, Jr., Liv. Franklin
- C-Emily Pitcoie, Jr., Salem
- 1B-Alyssa Abramowski, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
- SS-Briana Taylor, Jr., Liv. Franklin
- SS-Christina Seward, Sr., Garden City
- SS-Stacey Klonowski, Soph., Plymouth
- 3B-Kristina Susalla, Sr., Garden City
- 3B-Amanda Burnard, Soph., Plymouth
- OF-Christina Parsons, Jr., Salem
- OF-Amy Bondy, Sr., Plymouth
- OF-Miranda Rysdorp, Jr., Canton
- AT-Kelsey Weekley, Sr., Redford Union

#### SECOND TEAM

- P-Natalie Sanborn, Jr., Liv. Franklin
- P-Kristie Carnevale, Sr., Ply. Christian
- C-Erin Rhodes, Jr., Plymouth
- C-Kyla Suchy, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
- 1B-Emily Helwig, Sr., Huron Valley
- 2B-Beth Heidmeyer, Jr., Plymouth
- 2B-Paula Guzik, Jr., Liv. Churchil
- 2B-Kathleen Hoehn, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
- SS-Sarah Sanders, Jr., Redford Union
- SS-Brianna Taylor, Soph., Red. Thurston
- SS-Mary Cox, Jr., Salem
- OF-Shannon Pietruska, Jr., Garden City
- AL-Amy Dunleavy, Soph., Garden
- AL-Katelyn Shattore, Jr., Garden City
- AL-Jamie Johnson, Sr., Liv. Stevenson

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

Barry Patterson, Garden City

#### HONORABLE MENTION

- Churchill: Jordan Kerr, Katie Stodulski
- Franklin: Jessica Stalley, Nicole Emery, Chelsea Williams, Jessica Emery, Natalie Polakowski
- Stevenson: Lauren Brueck, Kristina Vackevik, Shelby Wilson
- Amanda Paison, Westland John Glenn
- Brittany Holbrook, Stacey Truskowski
- Amanda Murakami, Katie Down
- Wayne Memorial: Heather Hamming, Taylor Krohn, Kaitlynn Jordan Berry
- Ladywood: Alyssa Gieff, Gina Sykes, Jenny Kelly, Sarah Stepping, Livonia Starewicz, Pat Sobacki, Chrissaine McQueen, Brittany Brooks, Lutheran Westland: Emily Whitaker, Amanda DeVries, Westland Huron Valley
- Lutheran: Nicole Smith, Catherine St. John, Canton: Shelby Anthony, Salem: Heidi Schmidt, Plymouth: Erin Rhodes, Meghan Patterson, Jill Brennan, Garden City: Katie Torok, Tricia York, Breannea King, Redford Union: Katie Gleason, Danielle Ray, Alannah Hoffmann, Redford Thurston: Bobbie DeBolt

A three-year varsity player, Pitcoie earned first team All-WLAA honors after hitting .390 with an on-base percentage of .483. She also led the team in walks and compiled four home runs and 17 RBI.

"Emily is a very patient batter and is a power hitter," said Southerland. "She's the only player on the team who was back in her position from the previous season. She calls pitches and blocks the plate very well. She has a strong arm, a quick release and was our offensive MVP."

**Alyssa Abramowski, Sr., 1B, Liv. Ladywood:** The senior first baseman earned All-Catholic League and All-Observer first-team honors for the second straight year after batting .418 (46-for-110) with five triples, seven doubles, 29 runs scored and 24 RBI.

Abramoski also had a slugging percentage of .573 and an on-base average of .496.

"Alyssa is a tremendous hitter," Ladywood first-year coach Scott Combs said. "She hits with powers, slapped, and produced runs all year long. She was a captain and will be very difficult to replace."

**Brianna Taylor, Jr., SS, Liv. Franklin:** The junior shortstop batting .518 (59-for-114) en route to All-Western Lakes,

pitcher, both from Glenn.

Also in the fold for the 2009 season are a pair of transfers from Jackson Community College — infielder Tim Duffy (Carleton Airport) and right-handed pitcher Jeff Mann (Waterford Kettering).

Rounding out the list is Brian Diroff, an infielder-pitcher from Allen Park Cabrini; Tom Hansen, a left-handed pitcher

All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State honors.

The first-team All-Observer repeat selection had 11 doubles and four triples, along with 26 runs and team-best 33 RBI. Taylor had an on-base percentage of .545 along with 21 stolen bases.

Defensively, Taylor finished with a team-best 87 assists to go along with 67 putouts.

"Brianna has great range and soft hands at shortstop," Jimenez said. "Her athletic ability on offense and defense is unbelievable. Brianna is a pleasure to coach, she's a good listener and a positive role model for her peer. She also works very hard in the off-season to improve her softball skills and physical condition."

**Christina Seward, Sr., SS, Garden City:** Patterson said the always-smiling Seward brought the "heart of a Cougar" to the 2008 D1 champs. She started the season willingly moving from second base (where she was a three-year starter) to shortstop and played it flawlessly, earning the team's Gold Glove award.

Seward, a four-year starter on varsity, chipped in with plenty of determination, leadership and a .327 batting average. For her efforts, she was named to the All-Mega Red and All-District teams.

"How appropriate was it for her to squeeze that final out in the state championship," Patterson said. "Her experience and hustle on the bases led to many extra runs and are rivaled by very few players in the state."

**Stacey Klonowski, Soph., SS, Plymouth:** Only a sophomore, Klonowski filled the No. 3 slot in the Wildcats' batting order admirably, hitting .561 with eight home runs. She was voted to the All-WLAA first team.

"In a word, Stacey is a powerhouse," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "She's someone you really want at the plate when your team really needs a run. She's not only talented athletically but academically as well, as she has a 4.0 grade-point average."

**Kristina Susalla, Sr., 3B, Garden City:** "Sus" is the consummate team player," Patterson said. "I think if you look up the word coachability in the dictionary, her picture would come up right beside it."

Susalla, the senior class valedictorian who is hopeful of walking on to the Wayne State University softball team, batted .419, slugging six doubles, two homers and driving in 32 runs. She earned selection to the All-State, All-Mega Red, All-District and All-Region teams.

Many of her hits were in key situations, none bigger than a game-tying single with two out in the seventh against Lincoln Park in the D1 state regional

semifinal. Meanwhile, she made just two errors all season. "Her workmanlike approach and her calm yet confident demeanor was a stabilizing influence on us all," the coach added.

**Amanda Burnard, Soph., 3B, Plymouth:** Burnard batted clean-up for a reason for the District champion Wildcats. The sophomore is armed with explosive power, which is mirrored by her four home runs, .420 batting average and .535 on-base percentage. The All-Western Division player is also a stellar fielder at the hot corner.

"Amanda is like a vacuum at third base," said Canfield. "She's also a very good catcher, but a knee injury prevented her from playing behind the plate this season. She was our clean-up hitter, so she provided us with a lot of power."

**Christina Parsons, Jr., OF, Salem:** The junior co-captain earned All-WLAA and All-District honors during her third year on the varsity squad. She hit .325 with an on-base percentage of .389 and she led the Rocks in stolen bases.

"Christina is a great team player; she's very coachable," said Southerland. "She covers a lot of ground in center field, has great range and is a great communicator on the field."

**Amy Bondy, Sr., OF, Plymouth:** Bondy was the catalyst of several important rallies for the Wildcats during her season. She was voted the team's MVP after hitting .402 with an on-base percentage of .502 and a fielding percentage of .958.

"Amy puts everything she has into the game," said Canfield. "She's someone the opponents could never figure out because she could hit it hard or lay down a nice bunt. She has a 4.1 grade-point average and will be attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn's honors college in the fall."

**Miranda Rysdorp, Jr., OF, Canton:** Rysdorp enjoyed a spectacular season for the young Chiefs, hitting .430 with a four home runs.

She was also a solid outfielder, robbing several opponents of hits this past spring. Her efforts earned the junior All-WLAA first team honors.

**Kelsey Weekley, Sr., At-Large, Redford Union:** Weekley, who will play softball at Alma College, capped off an excellent prep career by batting .438 with 10 doubles and four homer runs and also striking out 229 batters in 131 innings of pitching.

The tri-captain and fourth-year varsity player was named to the All-Mega White, All-District and All-Region teams.

"Kelsey has been the heart and soul of the team since I've come aboard," said Panthers' head coach Alan Kruck. "She has been of the leaders on our team in all aspects of the game."



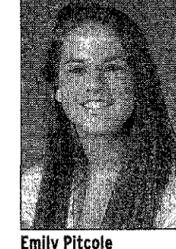
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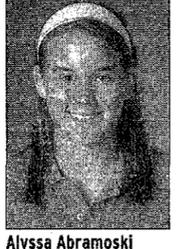
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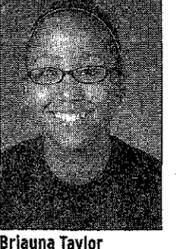
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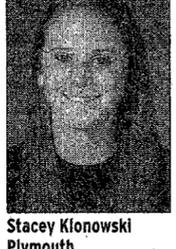
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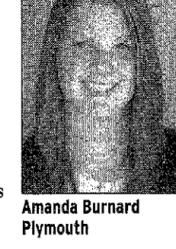
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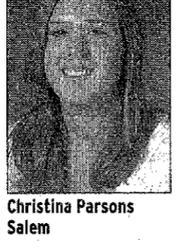
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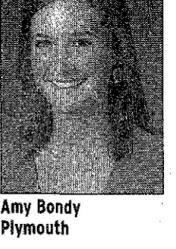
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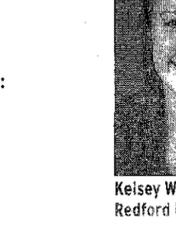
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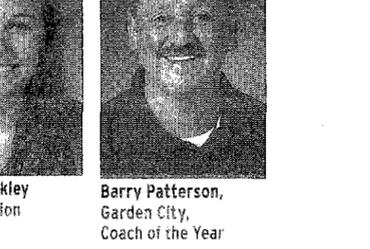
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Barry Patterson, Garden City, Coach of the Year

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

**Barry Patterson, Garden City:**

In his 22nd season with the Cougars, Patterson does not seek out the limelight. But it had no other choice but to find him after Garden City's Hallie Minch-led varsity girls softball team went 32-6 and won the first athletic state championship in the history of the high school.

"What an incredible ride it's been," said Patterson, who surpassed the 500-victory plateau for his career this season. "I couldn't have even imagined the feeling of jubilation and satisfaction that the conclusion of the season would bring. We

were there (finals) back in 1991 and fell just short. As a coach, you never know if you'll ever get that chance again, thankfully we did."

Patterson characteristically down played his own role in the championship. He praised assistant coaches Chuck Drewicz, Al Russell, Mark Minch for their efforts and emphasized that plenty of support from athletic director Bob Dropp, parents and staff members were instrumental.

"Let's not forget those 16 gifted players who are truly the ones responsible for it all," Patterson concluded. "Thank you girls!"

# Madonna baseball coach adds duo from John Glenn

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the signing of eight student-athletes Wednesday including a pair of players from Westland John Glenn.

The defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champions have added right-handed pitcher Robert Fraser and Chris Kangas, who is a first baseman and left-handed

pitcher, both from Glenn.

Also in the fold for the 2009 season are a pair of transfers from Jackson Community College — infielder Tim Duffy (Carleton Airport) and right-handed pitcher Jeff Mann (Waterford Kettering).

Rounding out the list is Brian Diroff, an infielder-pitcher from Allen Park Cabrini; Tom Hansen, a left-handed pitcher

from Rochester Adams; D.J. Jaglois, an outfielder from Birmingham Groves; and Spencer Sarel, an infielder-pitcher from Brighton.

"I think we have added a lot of talent with this group of student-athletes," Haeger said. "These players, along with what we have returning, will make up what our staff hopes is a very strong and talented team that can help us defend our WHAC titles from 2008."

Last year MU captured both the regular season and WHAC playoff titles winning 37 games, the most since the 2005 squad which posted 40 wins.

"There are a number of these signees who will be asked to step in right away and see significant time," Haeger said. "I feel that our staff has done an outstanding job in evaluating talent in the area and has found just a great beginning to our class this spring and summer. We hope to add a few more pieces to the puzzle before we wrap up our efforts."

Fraser earned three varsity letters for the Rockets and posted a 9-6 record with an earned run average of 3.00 in 95 innings as a senior. He struck out 124 and walked only 31. "I had an opportunity to see

Robert throw a week ago and he was hitting 85-to-88 miles per hour on the gun, which is something that is real exciting for us," Haeger said of the All-Lakes Division pick. "He's a young man that played under one of my former assistants in Tom Wakefield at Glenn."

"Robert has an opportunity to come in and do some great things with the amount of pitching we lost due to graduation."

Kangas, who missed almost half of his senior season with a dislocated elbow, earned four baseball letters at Glenn. He was the Rockets' most valuable

defensive player as a sophomore and team MVP as a junior.

As a junior, he posted a 2.56 ERA in 52 innings and set a school record with 125 at-bats, including six doubles.

"Chris really had to gut it out this year after dislocating his right elbow," Haeger said. "He is unique in that he is a right-handed hitter and left-handed thrower. Our thoughts on staff here are that we want to see Chris become a first baseman. We look for him first to get healthy and get his swing back so that he can drive the ball the way we know he can."

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## Summer's bounty

### Take advantage of fresh produce to eat for health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Summer is a great time to start eating for health by taking advantage of the season's bounty. Produce is fresh, loaded with vitamins, and 90 percent water.

Increasing fluid intake is important during the hottest months of the year. Registered dietitian Gail Posner suggests eating hydrating foods in addition to drinking plenty of water. Blueberries and cherries are coming into season as is kale, which Posner says is a powerhouse vegetable nutrition-wise.

"The fresher the fruits and vegetables are the more nutritious it is," said Posner, who sees clients at Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield. "This is a good chance to go to your local farmers (market) but cook them right away. Don't let them sit in the fridge for a week. You have to consume them right away so go often. It's a great time to grill vegetables, mushrooms, portobello, zucchini, eggplant, broccoli, onion, asparagus."

While grilling is a good way to make sure your family gets

their daily servings of vegetables, eating undercooked meat or burnt food can be hazardous to health due to carcinogens and bacteria such as E. coli and salmonella. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends eating only ground beef and hamburger patties cooked to 160 degrees Fahrenheit. Eliminating the pink color in meat is not enough.

Use a meat thermometer and separate cutting boards, utensils and dishes for raw meat, fish and poultry. After cooking keep hot foods hot, at least 140 degrees.

For more information, call (800) 535-4555 or visit [www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov).

"If it burns cut it off," said Posner. "Eat the leanest cuts of meat with words ending in loin and flank steak. Trim the fat off. Half your plate should be vegetables. Look out for hot dogs which are high in fat. Don't assume turkey burgers are low in calorie. Most veggie burgers are fine."

Posner has a word of warning about drinking empty calories as well. Instead of drinking sodas and sugary lemonade, go for vitamin water which is half the calories. And



skip the margaritas or at the very least drink wisely. A 12-ounce pina colada contains 700 calories. Instead Posner suggests sipping water jazzed up with lemon or lime.

Darlene Zimmerman is always looking for ways to reduce calories in recipes rather than eliminating favorite foods from the diet. A reg-

istered dietitian, Zimmerman teaches cardiac rehabilitation patients about healthy eating through the Heart and Vascular Institute at Henry Ford Hospital and Henry Ford Medical Center-Livonia. She also writes the Heart Smart recipe column in the *Detroit Free Press*.

"Potato and coleslaw salads

can be loaded with fat because they're mayonnaise," said Zimmerman. "One cup of potato salad could typically be 29 grams of fat. For a woman that can take a big chunk out of the fat allowed for the day and at 350 calories one innocent cup of potato salad added every day she can expect to be 30 pounds heavier at the end of the year."

Zimmerman provides lighter versions of potato and macaroni salads and coleslaw at [www.henryford.com/heart](http://www.henryford.com/heart) (click on Heart Smart recipe box).

"Almost every day some new study comes out about the benefits of eating fruits and vegetables," said Zimmerman.

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## Donate blood during the critical post-holiday drive

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 7, the American Red Cross will once again hold a critical post-holiday blood drive for businesses and residents in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park area at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites located off of the southbound M-5 Service Drive. To schedule an appointment, call (517) 545-7712 or sign up online at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and enter the sponsor code FARMFWYINDPK.

Summer is an especially difficult time to collect the 900 units of blood needed daily to fulfill the requirements of hospitals in southeastern Michigan. Platelets have a shelf life of only five days and are necessary for treating patients undergoing cancer

therapy, open heart surgery, leukemia, and aplastic anemia. One donation of blood will help three hospital patients.

During the summer months, there is a significant decrease in the number of blood donations and an increase in usage. Demand for blood spikes in the summer since travel and outdoor activity-related accidents increase. A person injured in a serious car crash may require from four to 40 units of blood. Donations drop because high schools and colleges are on break or short schedules. Students donate about 20 percent of the blood collected through the American Red Cross.

All blood types are important and we encourage everyone to

come out and donate. In particular, type O+ and O- are in high demand to meet the needs of accident victims and newborn babies in crisis. Type O blood is the universal red cell blood type that can be transfused to any patient in an emergency and is often in high demand.

To help encourage participation, the Red Cross will be giving \$8 Cedar Point coupons to any one attempting to donate. In addition those attempting to donate will be entered into a drawing for a one-year lease on a 2009 Lincoln MKS. Other prizes include \$25, \$50 and \$200 gas cards, plus a raffle from Ford Racing for an all expense paid week in Miami and tickets to several NASCAR races.

## Protect your eyes from fireworks

Doctors from the Michigan Optometric Association want to alert Michigan residents to remember to protect their eyes when using or viewing fireworks.

To avoid serious eye injuries, they recommend people stay away from private firework displays and instead enjoy displays

conducted by professionals. Respect the safety barriers set up by pyrotechnicians and stay at least 500 feet away from displays.

If you are going to light fireworks, wear some sort of eye protection such as goggles. Don't touch unexploded fireworks and never relight a dud.

Keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby in case of accidents.

Did you know bystanders are most likely to be injured by fireworks? The eyes are the second-most common body part to be injured by fireworks. Even sparklers can reach 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit (982 degrees Celsius) — hot enough to melt gold.

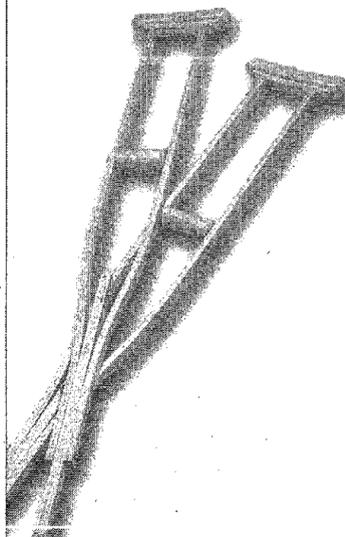


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#### JUNE

##### Reiki I & II

2-6 p.m. Sunday, June 29, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Reiki treats the whole person: body, emotions, mind and spirit. There is a fee. To register, call (734) 655-1162.

#### UPCOMING

##### Red Cross blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, July 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

##### Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come first served basis, in room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

##### Alzheimer's support group

The next Alzheimer's Support Group meeting is 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10, at Marycrest Manor Nursing Home, 15475 Middlebelt, Livonia. The group meets every second Thursday of each month in the Conference Room. It is open to all persons in need of a support. For more information, call

Brenda or Cynthia at (734) 427-9175.

##### Volunteers needed

For the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi which is scheduled to open Sept. 5. Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities including responsibilities in the Emergency Center, surgical lounge, pediatric department, gift shop, and visitor services as well as duties in the areas of spiritual care, transporter, clerical, patient greeter. Must be age 18 and older and able to work a minimum of one, four-hour shift per week. To request a volunteer application packet, call (248) 465-4096 or send e-mail to [volunteerservice@stjohn.org](mailto:volunteerservice@stjohn.org).

# TEREK

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back in February at the USA Track and Field Combined Events Championships held at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill where he pulled out after Day 2.

His surgery was performed at the Stanford Medical Center (Palo Alto, Calif.) by the San Francisco 49ers team surgeon.

Terek, who was encouraged by his training prior to his injury, said his recovery process following the surgery "went back and forth."

"It got better, then it felt great, then it got worse," he added. "I was told there could

be some issues that could arise and I had to be smart, but I was not going to hurt anything. I don't have an MRI in front of me, but I think I had a stress reaction on one of my non weight-bearing bones, either the fibula or the tibia.

"I'm done for the year and I'm not going to do any other meets. I could not get the knee healthy enough to sprint at the Trials."

Terek said what also factored in his decision to pull out was allowing enough time to get healthy again to compete at next year's 2009 World Championships in Berlin, Germany.

"I'm going to take two months off and I'll definitely be competing next year," Terek

said. "I want to let the injury heal and get a spot on the Berlin team. I want to compete as long as my body can withstand the training."

Terek, however, can't hide his disappointment about not being able to compete for the chance at going to Beijing.

"Unfortunately it (the knee) did not cooperate," he said. "So I'm going to drive up and make it a fun road trip with a couple of friends, come back home along the (Pacific) coast and do some fishing."

"I'll be the first to admit that sitting there and watching there will kill me. But I can't control it and I can't change the world either."

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# O'Callaghan's abuzz, 'Ozzie' brings in Cup

BY BRAD EMONS  
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It's a long way from Peace River, Alberta - Chris Osgood's hometown.

The beloved Red Wing goaltender, however, wanted to share his third Stanley Cup with his neighbors from his adopted hometown of Plymouth.

Wearing a long-sleeved No. 15 Brandon Inge dark blue T-shirt, Osgood did just that late Tuesday night at Sean O'Callaghan's, located in downtown Plymouth.

Word spread quickly on the street that the Cup and Osgood were inside the Irish pub. Lines formed outside 821 Penniman Avenue to get a glimpse of North America's oldest professional sports trophy, which is made of silver and nickel alloy.

And once you gained entrance inside O'Callaghan's, it was pure bedlam.

"Oh, my God, I just drank out of the Stanley Cup," said one female patron as she exited the bar.

While patrons poured their alcoholic beverages into the Cup for a chance at a celebratory



DAVE PIERCE

Red Wing goaltender Chris Osgood (right) and Plymouth resident brought the coveted Stanley Cup, North America's oldest professional sports trophy, to excited patrons Tuesday night to Sean O'Callaghan's Irish pub.

swig, Osgood patiently accommodated, hunched over and standing on top of the bar, while pouring the bulky 34-pound trophy. Osgood certainly worked up a sweat, sipping on water as he took mini-breaks before being summoned for another round of pouring.

Random chants of "Ozzie, Ozzie" rang throughout the establishment as cameras and picture phones popped and flashed at a machine-gun rate.

"He was here for about

three-and-a-half hours," said O'Callaghan's manager Eric Brooks. "He comes in here from time-to-time. He went with the Cup from one side of the bar to the other. It's a lot of work and he did a great job."

The NHL also had non-uniformed security staffer on hand to help chaperone the event.

"We called him the 'Cup Cop,'" Brooks said. "Obviously our staff knew he was coming. We did get a few phone calls during the day, so some people knew about it. Everybody was well-behaved. We had extra staff on hand and everybody worked hard to keep some semblance of order."

This, of course, was nothing new for the 35-year-old goaltender, who has played 13 NHL seasons.

It was his third Stanley Cup as a member of the Wings and probably the most gratifying after he came on to replace starter Dominik Hasek during the opening-round playoff series against the Nashville Predators and lift Detroit to its fourth championship in 11 years.

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# FATHEAD

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worth it," Weatherup said. "To the contrary, we receive e-mails every day with photos of bedrooms, dorm rooms and entertainment rooms that have been decorated with Fatheads."

"One guy took the time to cut a NASCAR Fathead up into 30 to 40 pieces and attach them to his vertical blinds. It looked really cool. That's just an example of how passionate people are about the product."

## Hitting close to home

Weatherup experienced an up-close-and-personal Fathead moment earlier this year when he brought home Cinderella and Tinker bell Fatheads for his two young daughters.

"Needless to say, they were thrilled that I was finally

bringing samples home that weren't images of Brian Urlacher or Brett Favre," Weatherup said, smiling. "When we put Cinderella up, my 6-year-old put her hands on Cinderella's hands and starting dancing with her. That's something parents would pay \$1,000 for."

Fathead has unintentionally bruised a few professional athletes' egos.

"At the past couple of Super Bowls, we've had a presence at some of the many gatherings that take place," Weatherup said. "When word gets out that we're in the building, athletes will come over and pitch themselves to be Fatheads. They'll say, 'Why am I not a Fathead - I had a great year, which is incredible because professional athletes never ask to be in anything. We just smile and tell them, 'Hey, once you get there and you're Fathead wor-

thy, you'll be there.'"

The company's work environment is utopic for hard-working sports fans. The spacious first-floor office on the ground floor of the Quicken Loans is decorated with authentic pro and college football helmets, Fathead products and there are as many wall-mounted plasma TVs as you find in a typical sports bar - all airing ESPN's SportsCenter.

"Some of our meetings consist of sitting around and debating what athletes are worthy of becoming Fatheads," Weatherup said, grinning. "I tell everybody, 'This is something you'd be doing anyway over a beer without being paid a dime - and it's our job. We all realize how fortunate we are to be working at a job we're this passionate about.'"

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Hugh Gallagher, editor (734) 953-2149 hgallagher@hometownlife.com

## Heartbreak, dating, and dealing with an alcoholic friend

I have a problem that's been hurting me for like a month. I was going out with this kid and I really loved him. He broke up with me and I thought it would be okay, but ever since that day, it hurts so bad. He broke up with me because he said he didn't have time for a girlfriend, but now he is talking to a new girl. I'm so hurt and no matter what I do or say, I can't get over him. I try to tell my friends how much he has changed me, but they don't understand I'm always so sad or angry now. I punch walls and cry for no reason, and I was never like that before. I try to like other guys but I can't do it. Please tell me what to do. I'm going insane.



Monica Fulton

Sincerely Broken Hearted in Garden City

I wish I had a magic wand so I could erase all the pain you're feeling. Breaking up with someone is never easy when you're

on the wrong side of the break-up. It's very normal to feel sad, angry, frustrated and alone. Those feelings can last a long time — that's normal too! One thing that might help work out your anger and frustration is to punch pillows instead of walls (ouch!), or throw ice cubes in the shower (curtain/door closed so the ice pieces don't scatter around the bathroom).

You're friends don't understand completely because this didn't happen to them. They can't know exactly how you're feeling or why you're feeling it. But, it's important to surround yourself with friends who care about you. They may not totally understand, but they don't have to. They just need to be there for you and listen to you when you need to talk. Plus, being with friends will keep you (and your mind) busy so you'll have less time to think about this guy. Eventually whole days will pass by without thinking about him. And after that, weeks will pass by. Give yourself time. As for trying to like other guys, stop trying! You haven't met the right guy if you have to try so hard. When the right one comes along, you'll know it. It will feel normal, natural and easy to like him!

I'm 17 and I have a boyfriend who is older than me (he's not in high school anymore). My parents are fine with it and all, it's just I hate when other people look at me funny because he's older. Should I continue not to care what people think?

Fed Up in Garden City

The simple answer is -- Yes! As long as your parents are supportive of this relationship and he treats you with respect, there shouldn't be a problem. At 17, you are an adult in the eyes of the criminal law, so be careful not to put yourself in situations where you don't belong. For example, if your boyfriend is 21 and is able to drink alcohol legally, make sure you make the choice not to join him. At 17, you will be ticketed and the crime will follow you for a long time.

If this guy does not treat you well, people may be looking at you funny because they don't understand why you would put up with someone who treats you poorly. Just remember to always do what's best for you and to always make choices that have positive consequences. After that, it doesn't matter what people think!

Over the past few weeks, my friend has been drinking alcohol a lot. He has been constantly drinking every day before and after school and he is always drunk to the point that I can't even bring him over to my house. I haven't really seen much of him but when I do, he is always drinking and I think he is becoming an alcoholic. Do you have any advice that I could use to help set my friend straight and help him to stop drinking all the time?

Concerned in Garden City

It sounds like your friend is in real trouble with alcohol. Underage drinking is a serious problem, not just in our area, but across the nation. Recently, there have been two deadly car accidents in our area involving minors and alcohol. It is so sad to see young lives ended because someone under the age of 21 chose to drink, not to mention drink and drive. I encourage you to get help from an adult you trust. Teens can become addicted to alcohol in less than 12 months. Yes, that's right, I said less than one year.

Most people think you have to drink for years and years and years before becoming an alcoholic. Not true, especially for teens. Don't wait to get your friend some help. Talk with an adult and ask them to help you meet with your friend's parents so you can tell them what's going on. Hopefully his parents will see that their son is in trouble and will seek out help at a local Chemical Dependency Treatment Program. Please, don't wait. I don't want to see another report about one of our local teens dying in an alcohol-related car accident!

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can be reached by e-mail at [monicafulton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:monicafulton@sbcglobal.net).



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Farmington Hills resident Sherry Johnson (right) and fellow Team Michigan member Tim Cusatis share a brief training session together as the two prepare for the upcoming transplant competition.

# Going for the gold

## Transplant games celebrate organ donation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O & E STAFF WRITER

Sherry Johnson is happy just to be able to compete in the 20k cycling event at the U.S. Transplant Games July 11-16, in Pittsburgh as part of Team Michigan. Two years ago it was a struggle to even walk to the mail box of her Farmington Hills home because of cardiomyopathy. At age 35, she needed a heart transplant if she had any hope of raising her two sons, Nicholas, now age 8, and Hayden, age 5.

On Oct. 16, 2006, four days after entering University of Michigan Hospital, Johnson received a heart. She'll forever be grateful to Sue Levickas and her family for donating the woman's heart and is riding in the games in their honor as well as in memory of her own mother and brother, both who were heart transplant recipients. Johnson's mother, Sharon Jahns, was the first successful heart transplant at

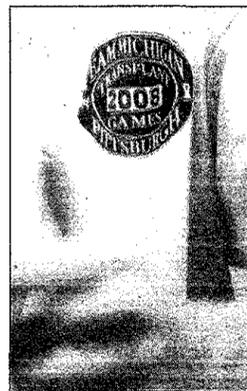
the Mayo Clinic in 1982 and died a year later. Her brother Jim Jahns died waiting for his second transplant 10 years after receiving his first heart. That's why the games are so important. The National Kidney Foundation hosts the bi-annual event to raise awareness about the need for organ donors. Johnson is especially grateful to her donor family who turned a tragic situation into a gift of life.

"It is a competition granted but that's not what it's all about," said Johnson who played basketball, volleyball and ran track at Stevenson High School in Livonia. "I now do something for an hour every day, a 10 mile bike ride today, another day I run up and down on the bleachers at Farmington High School. I belong to a gym and go 4 to 5 times a week in winter. These are things I couldn't do."

"The games are a celebration with everyone of the huge miracle of organ donation, a



Julie Baeten, who donated a kidney to her brother, talks with Sherry Johnson about the competition and what it means to her.



Members of Team Michigan for the 2008 U.S. Transplant Games wear their shirts proudly.

celebration of being here, of being a mom. I have a future where before I was even afraid to look at the future."

Julie Baeten couldn't imagine life without her younger brother Jerry Missel so the Farmington Hills woman not only gave him a kidney Oct. 4, 2004, but registered as an organ donor. Her driver's license now bears a heart sticker signifying her decision

to save or enhance the lives of up to 50 people after her death. Although donors aren't allowed to participate in the games, Baeten will be on the sidelines cheering her brother on. As part of the opening ceremonies Team Michigan will be introduced as the home of the Stanley Cup Camps and march in proudly wearing their Detroit Red Wings caps. She'll also participate in the donor recognition ceremony.

"One donor can do an amazing thing, but you need to register not just sign the back of your license," said Baeten who just weeks after donating her kidney was back at work teaching kindergarten for West Bloomfield Schools. Baeten also serves on the Team Michigan committee that organized fund-raising and designed the Team Michigan uniforms and lapel pins.

"Three to 4 years ago Jerry couldn't even swim. At the last games he won 3 golds and a bronze. This time he's swimming, biking and running in the triathlon."

Seeing recipients who are

Please see **GAMES, C4**

## Peace Corps volunteer happy to be home in Livonia

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O & E STAFF WRITER

Lindsay Dolin is glad to be home after serving 27-months in Thailand as a Peace Corps volunteer. While she misses the children in the Chiang Rai schools, Dolin is glad she doesn't have to worry about staying cool and dry during the hot and rainy seasons, or warming herself with a hot water heater in winter. The 24-year old Livonia woman lived in a concrete building that was formerly a shop. Her meals consisted mainly of sticky rice and noodles and traveling 1 1/2 hours on a bus for an occasional pizza.

Still Dolin enjoyed helping the students

learn English even though life was very different in Southeast Asia. Dolin lived in the northernmost province of Thailand in a valley in the mountains. For her 23rd birthday she received four yards of hand-woven fabric which she took to the village seamstress to make her teacher clothes. One living room chair is covered with the outfits. Every village has their own style. The pash or skirt is stepped into and then the waist folded over.

"Two years is definitely good to see both sides of the coin. The first nine months it's like being on vacation. After you see what it's really like," said Dolin, a gradu-



Lindsay Dolin and her students at one of the schools in Thailand.

Please see **THAILAND, C5**



The staff of the Philip Nolan Salon in Livonia is pitching in to hold benefits for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day in September. The walk raises money for breast cancer research.

# Salon volunteers to cut hair for good cause

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Heather Lewis could go on and on about the fund-raising efforts of the staff at Philip Nolan's Salon in Livonia. Lewis, Sheri Pullins, Andrea Laraway, and Rebekah Dupuis have formed a team to raise money so they can participate in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day event Sept. 26-28.

Their latest effort is a charity haircutting noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 29, at the salon in the Northridge Commons, 33523 W. Eight Mile, west of Farmington Road in Livonia. The cost is \$20. For more information, call (248) 478-2626.

Each of the four team members must raise \$2,200 that goes toward finding a cure for breast cancer.

"There are about eight of us working next

Sunday and other girls in the salon are helping out so 100 percent goes to the walk," said Lewis. "Our Pink Themed Bake Sale we get a lot of help from the girls here from cookies to muffins to bars."

The bake sale runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 18, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19. While the salon has held hair cuttings and bake sales before, for this year's walk one of their newest events is a golf outing 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Fox Creek course on Seven Mile in Livonia. The cost is \$100 per person.

They're also selling pink bracelets they made with Swarovski crystals for \$20 at the salon. "We've done a denim day. Once a month the whole salon wears denim and chips in \$5," said Lewis. "Every two months we do a different raffle."

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# Pickleball hits home

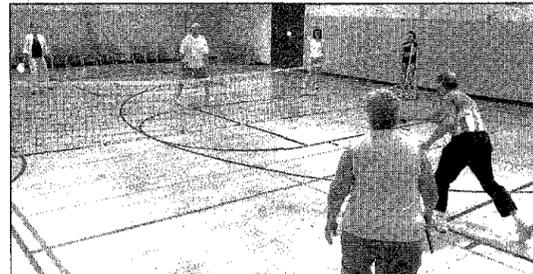
## Popular 'snowbird' game swings into area

BY STACY JENKINS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



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Dick Manassari of Rochester Hills, an ambassador for the United States Pickleball Association, shows Helene Wegier of Farmington Hills how to serve the ball during a Pickleball demonstration Friday morning at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.



A few residents join in for a game of Pickleball during a demonstration Friday morning at the Costick Center.

It's a cross between tennis and ping pong and it's sweeping Oakland County as the hottest game around for people of all ages.

It's called Pickleball and it's now happening in Farmington Hills.

"It's a contagious game," said Dick Manassari of Rochester Hills, who is an ambassador for the United States Pickleball Association.

Manassari held a demonstration on Friday at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills, where the game will be available during a Friday morning drop-in program, 10 a.m. to noon from July 11 through Aug. 29. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$4 per nonresident. It's being offered through the Farmington Hills Special Services Department Senior Division, but it's open to anyone who would like to try it.

Played on a badminton-sized court with a paddle and a wiffle ball, Pickleball is an American game established 30 years ago. It's wildly popular in "snowbird" states like Florida and Arizona, said Manassari.

Bob and Judy Lord of Farmington Hills learned to play the game while vacationing in The Villages, Fla.

"Pickleball is second only to golf (at The Villages), said Judy Lord. "It's played from dawn to dusk every day."

Manassari said about dozen communities in Oakland County have started Pickleball programs, after snowbirds brought the idea to the area. A Pickleball tournament will be played up to 75 people during the Michigan Senior Olympics event in Rochester Hills Aug. 12-15.

"Last year, we had 15 players," he said.

The emphasis is on seniors, but Manassari said it's a multi-generational game that can be played just about anyone.

"If you walk, you can play pickleball," he said. "It's a game that can be played by a grandma and her grandson and it's a great physical activity for young people. You don't even know you're exercising."

Plenty of information about the game and local Pickleball groups is available online at [www.usapa.org](http://www.usapa.org). For information on Farmington Hills Pickleball, call (248) 473-1830.

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Donna Hagen of Farmington returns a shot as she learns how to play Pickleball during a demonstration at the Costick Center Friday morning.

### NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

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Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th and 30th days throughout the months of May, June, July, August, September and October of 2008. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll.

KEVIN L. BUFORD  
City of Westland  
Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

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### Invitation to Comment on a Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility

Interested persons are invited to comment on a proposed wireless telecommunications facility to be located at 38501 Palmer Road, Westland, Michigan, and specifically on potential effects to historic properties located at or near this facility, if any. The facility will consist of the construction of a 110' tall unipole-style telecommunications tower and the placement of equipment at the base of the tower. Comments regarding potential effects to historic properties should be submitted by mail to Regulatory Compliance Manager at 2001 Butterfield Road, Suite 1900, Downers Grove, IL, or by calling (630) 960-8400. Questions about this facility or this notice may also be directed to that address or phone number. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. Part 1, Subpart I and Appendices B and C.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

#### Petition #2644-S. Karacson-5052 S. Inkster

Request for two variances from Article X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a 6 foot high privacy fence in the north and south side yards of the home, whereas Section 22-304(a) states that only rear yards may be enclosed with a fence and Section 22-303(c) states that rear yard fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4 feet, 6 inches in height.

#### Petition #2645-N. Biallas-30452 Birchwood

Request for a 1 foot, 6 inch side yard fence height variance from Article X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a 6 foot high privacy fence in the west side yard of the home, whereas Section 22-303(c) states that side yard fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4 feet, 6 inches in height.

#### Petition #2646-D. Honeycutt-33124 Ann Arbor Trail

Request for a 466 square foot detached accessory structure area variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 28' x 54', 1,512 square foot detached garage in the rear yard of the home, whereas Section 7-4.3 states that an accessory structure cannot exceed the footprint of the home (the subject home comprises 1,056 square feet).

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### City of Garden City Close of Registration Notice Primary Election, Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the Primary Election is Monday, July 7, 2008.

Candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices are to be voted on:

- United States Senate Representative in Congress
- Representative in State Legislature
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner
- Delegate to County Convention
- Judge of the Third Circuit Court, Non-Incumbent Position

The following proposal will also be voted on:

#### Wayne County Zoological Authority Proposal

A proposal to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax of not more than 0.1 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on real property and personal property for revenue to continue providing zoological services to benefit the residents of Wayne County, for a period of ten (10) years.

The office of the City Clerk, located in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, will be open for the registration of all qualified electors, not already registered, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk  
Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan

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### Chorus is selling entertainment books as charity fund-raiser

The Beck Ridge Chorus, formerly the Plymouth Community Chorus, is selling Entertainment Books in order to raise funds to support local charities and provide vocal music scholarships to talented local high school students.

The book includes 2 for 1 and 50 percent discounts for shows, restaurants, sporting events, hotel stays, airfare, car rentals, and more.

The cost is \$20. People pre-ordering books now will receive a 2008 book free.

To purchase a book or for more information, call Stan at (734) 459-6829.

Books will be available for pick-up or delivery on Aug. 5.

# Amateur radio operators to practice emergency skills

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tom Mellnick, otherwise known on air by call letters N8LY, can't wait for the Livonia Amateur Radio Club to join with the Ford Amateur Radio League for Field Day which continues to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 29, behind Livonia Fire Station No. 6. The weekend of drills train licensed radio operators to handle critical emergency communications.

Temporary stations began operating 2 p.m. Saturday at field day locations including Plymouth Township, Garden City and Southfield.

"We hope to get the community to stop by to learn about the formal plans the City of Livonia has to deal with emergency situations such as tornados, power outages," said Mellnick, vice-president of LARC. "The main purpose is to help us prepare for natural disasters. There's a formal protocol for transmitting emergency communications. If not there would just be mass chaos."

"Three temporary operator stations were designed to get us out of our normal operating environment. We won't be using electricity but generators and solar equipment."

Licensed amateur operators take shifts around the clock. A Gota (get on the air) station allows people without licenses to see what it's all about.

"We're also going to have training sessions for how to handle emergency communications," said



John Mathey, K8AZT (right), operates a CW (Continuous Wave Morse code) station with assistance from Ray Jenks, W8SXX.

## FIELD DAY

**What:** Livonia Amateur Radio Club with the Ford Amateur Radio League participate in a nationwide field day to train operators for emergency communications

**When:** Continues to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 29

**Where:** Behind Livonia Fire Station No. 6, 37876 Plymouth Road, east of Newburgh

**Information:** Call (248) 474-6367 or e-mail tomjr@mellnick.com

Mellnick, who with other operators will be participating in the national event sponsored by American Radio Relay League.

"We'll be practicing our skills with people from Alaska, Hawaii for when there are no cell phones, no Internet," said Sharon Keller,

LARC president. The Livonia resident ran the LARC Field Day from 2002 to 2007. "It's our way of offering a public service to the community. We want to polish our skills and to inform the public of what ham radio is all about. If they're not interested in the hobby then to inform them there is a means of communication in the event of a disaster. When the power grid went out in August 2003 cell phones went out. There were so many different needs for communication. You could use radio communications to help police. In Florida they use it to reverse the flow of traffic for freeways during hurricane evacuations."

LARC began participating in Field Day more than 20 years ago.

"It teaches people awareness of what can be done, how fast we can set up towers and antenna and get radios on the air like 9/11 when

they relied on amateur radio operators," said Keller. "They can come out and see for themselves and it's free, get a peek at how to get on."

"It's for everybody to learn about amateur radio."

John Mathey, call letters K8AZT, has been an amateur radio operator since 1961. He's

organizing this year's event.

"I was about 13 or 14 and liked the adventure of being able to communicate with different people throughout the world. It still hasn't lost its intrigue," said Mathey, who originally was a member of the Ford club but after retiring from the company joined LARC which

is closer to his Livonia home. "For me my real joy is communicating via Morse code. Anybody can sit back and talk on a telephone or type on a computer. Many other people enjoy different aspects of amateur radio, trying to contact as many distant stations in different countries as possible."

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 Events include: a Friday evening hospitality party, Saturday afternoon tour of BHS and lunch, dinner Party at the hotel on Saturday evening and brunch at hotel Sunday morning followed by a golf outing.  
 Contact: csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to the web site: www.bhs58reunion.org or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

**Bishop Borgess High School Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and 1974**  
 A combined reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door. Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbsfirstfive.com

**Brighton High School Class of 1989**  
 Planning our 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups- brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information.

**Cherry Hill High School Classes 1962-1987**  
 An All-Class Reunion will be held on 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts, 28500 Avondale, Inkster, cost is \$15 pre-paid, \$20 day of event. For additional information and a pre-registration form go to Alumni Association web page: http://hometown.aol.com/chhsclassof65/CHHSInksterReunionMain.html.

**Clarenceville High School Class of 1988**  
 A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gn.org.

**Crestwood High School Class of 1968**  
 A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall

Weich, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.  
**Dearborn High School Class of 1963**  
 A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@comcast.net.

**Dearborn Edsel Ford Classes of 1958**  
 The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008, at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.

**Dearborn Edsel Ford January Class of 1958**  
 A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn. Note the October date and location for the January class reunion. Call Nancy at (248) 851-5257 or Pat at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

**Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1968**  
 A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

**Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969**  
 Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@uol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivngston@nu-core.com.

**Class of 1958**  
 A 50-year reunion on Aug. 2, 2008, at Park Place. Reservations only. For information, please contact Marsha (Duzza) Movesian, (313) 277-5624, or Joyce (Anderson) Mechalko, (313) 278-4488.

**Class of 1988**  
 A 20-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 22, adult gathering at Avenue Bar & Grill,

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**Detroit Cass Tech Class of 1958**  
 A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

**Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1957**  
 An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

**Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1958**  
 A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact Mike Potalera, (248) 548-4829 or mspoterala@comcast.net.

**Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963**  
 A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

**Detroit Holy Redeemer High School Class of 1958**  
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**Detroit High School of Commerce Class of 1958 January, June and August**  
 A 50-year Reunion will be on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008. Contact Bester King, (248) 547-1693, or Jackie Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834.

**Detroit Northeastern Class of 1958**  
 A 50-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 23, at Farina's Banquet Center, Berkley. Contact Audrey (Bynum) Bibbs at (248) 474-2716 or Dorothy (Rodgers) McCree at (248) 224-7598.

ANNIVERSARY



**Coons celebrate 65th**  
 Betty Jean Ready Coon wed Myron Stanley Coon at First United Methodist Church on Grand River Avenue June 26, 1943 and the couple is now celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. The Coons are longtime Farmington residents. They plan to celebrate the momentous occasion with friends and family.

GAMES

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alive and participating in track and field, basketball, cycling, and bowling is nothing short of amazing says Team Michigan co-manager Kathy Homan. This year 48 athletes from all over Michigan travel to the games with 35 donor family members and two living donors.

"Everybody should experience the games once," said Homan. "It's four days of seeing how people have been through the hardest things in their life and come out with positive outlooks. The athletes are so healthy and into life and giving back to society."

Terry Gould is participating in swimming events in his fifth Transplant Games which included World competitions in 2005 in Ontario and 2007 in Thailand. The Plymouth man received a heart on May 11, 2003. He trains four-five days a week in the pool at Schoolcraft College where he does life guarding. Gould was diagnosed in 1990 at age 37 with the heart muscle disease, cardiomyopathy.

"I'm looking forward to not only competing but seeing a lot of the friends I've met over the past year and my donor family of a 20-year-old man from Millington in the Flint area," said Gould. "His three brothers are coming. I'm in contact with them all the time. They've started a Tri for Life campaign, trying to do one triathlon in every state to raise awareness for organ donation."

Tim Cusatis wouldn't be running in the U.S. Transplant Games if not for the family who donated the heart of their loved one June 5, 2006, at U-M's University Hospital. Today, Cusatis, 50, travels 5-days a week from Swartz Creek outside of Flint to Ann Arbor to work out. He's hoping the games inspire people to consider donating their organs.

"Being a donor doesn't hurt, doesn't cost anything," said Cusatis.

For information about the games, call (800) 482-1455 or visit www.nkfm.org. For more about organ donation, visit giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

A special organ, tissue and eye donor registration event and fund-raiser for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan is being held at the Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game 7:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11. For tickets, call (248) 770-5172 or (248) 701-2323.

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ENGAGEMENTS

**Durden-Pettit**  
 Robert and Kathy Schlieve of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorine Sue Durden of Westland, to John Edward Pettit II, son of Steven and Kathy Moore of Westland and John and Cynthia Pettit of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be graduated from John Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan University, and is employed by Peltz Sod.

The future groom graduated from John Glenn High School and is employed by Detroit Police.

The couple is planning a September 2008 wedding at Livonia Baptist Church. The bride's attendants will be Cary Udell, Lisa Powers, Sara Krischano, Joanne Shipley, Tamra Wright, Traci Wright and Ashley Pettit. The groom



will be attended by Brandon Pettit, Ryan Buffalini, Jake Rathburn, Josh Utley, Matt Leith, Dennis Tomes, Bobby Hagelthorn and Chris Wroblewski.

A reception will follow at Orlando Familia Banquet Center.

The couple plans to honeymoon in Jamaica.

Pravato-Kaier

Jim and Patrice Pravato of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin to Charlie Kaier, son of Muriel Kaier of Brighton and Bruce Kaier, of Livonia.

Erin is a 1999 graduate of Livonia's Ladywood High School and she will graduate this year from Wayne State University with a degree in mechanical engineering. Charlie is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Northern Ohio, where he earned an automo-



tive technology degree. He owns and operates a lawn service business in the Livonia area.

A late summer wedding is planned. The couple will reside in their home in Livonia.

O'Connor-Belknap

Michael and Terry O'Connor of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Michelle, to Dustin Grant Belknap of Wyandotte. He is the son of Eric Belknap of Wyandotte and Jill Connolly.

Kathleen, 22, is currently attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she is working toward a teaching certificate and has a double major in math and science. She works at Our Lady of Good Counsel and at the Child



Development Center at UM-Dearborn. Dustin, 23, is also attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn and working toward a teaching certificate. He works for U.S. Turbine at Willow Run Airport.

The couple has planned a July wedding at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

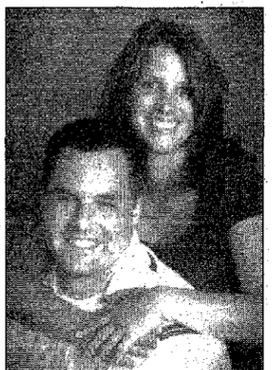
Priekorn-Maurus

Kim and Judy Priekorn and Cindy and Scot Kern announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Priekorn, to Jason Maurus of Dearborn, son of Debbie Norton.

Jamie Priekorn is a 1997 graduate of Westland's John Glen High School in Westland. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University in 2003 and her master's degree in education from Marygrove College in 2006.

She currently works as a 5th grade teacher in Monroe Public Schools.

Jason is a graduate of Dearborn's Edsel Ford High School and currently works for Grainger. He has been with the company for 10 years



and also attends Henry Ford Community College, where he is working toward his degree in secondary education.

The couple plans to wed in December at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. They live in Dearborn.

BIRTH



Nathan Henry Wood

Nathan Henry Wood was welcomed to his new home by family including grandparents Henry and Theresa Wood of Westland (right). Nathan is held by his mom Stacey Wood. Dad Kevin is left along with grandmother Diane Schwab (center). Nathan was born June 1, and weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

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**GARY GENAZZIO**  
 1/13/42 to 6/16/08. Air Force veteran, political organizer with the LaRouche movement for 34 years, and portrait artist. Survivors include mother Amy Brandt, brother Tony Seran, and many colleagues and friends. Condolences and contributions to Schiller Institute, c/o MCC, 4343 N. Clarendon, Suite 104-8, Chicago, IL 60613.

**BETTY E. LINDAHL**  
 Age 82, Farmington, Michigan, passed June 26, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**DONALD R. OSTLER**  
 June 25, 2008, age 80. Beloved husband of Letea. Dear Father of Dave, Kathy (Ken) Wilson and Steve (Sandi). Grandfather of Chris, Cheryl, Denise, Linda, Kaitlyn, Cameron and Nolan. Great-grandfather of McKenna and Jasmine. Brother of Robert (Elaine). Visitation Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Road, (One Mile West of Farmington Road), Sunday 1-9pm. Instate Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road (West of Haggerty Road), Monday 10:00am until time of Service 11:00am. Memorials to Parkinson Foundation preferred.

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**KEITH G. LEONARD**  
 Born June 1, 1936 in Detroit, MI to parents Walter and Alice Leonard. Grew up on the Northwest side of Detroit. Attended public schools and graduated from Cooley High in 1955. Attended Detroit Institute of Technology for initial undergraduate studies, then transferred to Ferris State University. Graduated May 1960 with Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. Post-graduate work was completed at a local pharmacy. Keith served as a caring pharmacist for 48 years in the retail, manufacturing, and hospital sectors. Keith married the love of his life, Victoria R. Sadurski on May 1, 1965 at Westminster church in Detroit. Keith and Vicky celebrated 30 years of marriage before Vicky's death separated them 13 years ago. Keith maintained the same residence in Farmington Hills for 42 years. Keith is survived by older brother Donald and proceeded by younger brother Charles and sister Lucille. Keith is also survived by two very loving children, Marnie (Fender) and Keith John, their spouses, and the sparkle in Grandpa's eyes, grandson Nathaniel. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 5th at 11a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd (at northwest corner of 11 Mile Rd. and Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice (14100 Newburgh Rd. Livonia, MI 48154). www.thayer-rock.com

**JOHN DAVID MORRIS**  
 6/7/60 to 6/16/08. Political organizer with LaRouche movement for 26 years. Survivors include parents Hal & Barbara Morris, brother Rob, & many colleagues & friends. Condolences & contributions to Schiller Institute, c/o MCC, 4343 N. Clarendon, Suite 104-8, Chicago, IL 60613

**KELLIE LYNN (Sobas) RYAN**  
 Age 46, of Kalkaska, Michigan passed away Saturday, June 21, 2008 at her home. Kellie was born June 7, 1962, and lived in Garden City before moving to Kalkaska with her husband and daughters in 1993. Kellie is survived by her husband of 26 years Randall Ryan, and daughters Aaron (Tony) Kreyger, and Evann Ryan; parents Donald and Barbara Sobas; siblings Midge (Steve) Elkins, Roxanne (Daryl) Jenks, Kevin (Amy) Sobas, Scott (Melanie) Sobas, Joseph (Charlotte) Sobas; As well as twelve nieces and nephews. A memorial service for Kellie will take place at the Kalkaska Middle School gymnasium located at 1700 W. Kalkaska Street @ 1:00pm June 28th. Cards may be sent to the Ryan family at their home 271 Baker Rd. Kalkaska, MI 49646.

# THAILAND

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ate of Stevenson High School in Livonia. "I'm very thankful and grateful to be home. I love being an American. It's a fabulous country with so many blessings. The strength of American is in its diversity. Thailand is not a whole lot of diversity. This is home and home is good."

Dolin plans to spend the summer with her family - mother Mary, father Kevin, brother Derek, 16, and sister Kieran, 19. Her married sister Laurel, 27, lives in Bloomington, Ind. but Dolin expects to be sharing stories as both were involved with HIV/AIDS projects, Laurel while in Belize, Dolin in Thailand.

"I plan to travel working with refugees or immigrant populations and go back to school next year," said Dolin who plans to study for a Master of Divinity and Social Work but at the moment is working part time at Thai Basil, a new restaurant in Livonia.

Dolin was in her senior year at Michigan State University when she applied for the Peace Corps that began in 1960 when Senator John F. Kennedy challenged University of Michigan students to help developing countries. Since 1961 more than 6,100 Michigan residents have taught children and worked in areas such as information technology, business and com-



Lindsay Dolin (left) in one of the outfits she had made from fabric hand-woven in Thailand.

munity development, agriculture, and HIV/AIDS awareness. Dolin served in the education program as a teacher collaboratively developing and expanding the English curriculum with local Thai teachers. She was the only Peace Corps volunteer in her province and learned to speak the language after arriving in the country.

"My uncle was a Peace Corps volunteer in Korea in the 1960s and met his wife there. I heard their stories," said Dolin who earned a degree in international studies and language at MSU. "We always had exchange students in our house when I was growing up. Being in the Peace Corps in Thailand is unique because the government pays our rent, \$75 a month. Sometimes I would cook. I had a single gas burner. My mom would mail me the cheese packages from macaroni and cheese and I bought noodles in the big city

one hour away. Saturday my activity was to ride the bus into town and buy potatoes. Thailand is the land of fruit. I had fruit for breakfast, mangoes. You can buy in the village a pineapple for 10 to 15 cents and it's warm from the sun for breakfast."

While life was idyllic in some respects, Dolin was disturbed by the conditions of one of the schools where she taught. The 27-year-old structure was eaten by termites and needs to be replaced. Dolin has started a campaign to raise half of the \$16,000 to build the new school (www.saveonechool.org).

Dolin obviously cares for the Thai people. She's exactly the type of person the Peace Corps is looking for to join the U.S. government program which

currently has 8,079 volunteers, the highest level since 1970. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 and a U.S. citizen. There is no upper age limit.

"We have people serving in peace corps in their 70s or early 80s," said Christine Torres, public affairs specialist in the Peace Corps' Chicago Regional Office. "It's a competitive program. An applicant needs to have some combination of education, job experience or skills. We look at person as a whole, what their interests are. It could be someone who does a lot of volunteering or tutoring or has a language skill although that's not a requirement. The main thing is someone needs to have that desire to serve and help other people. The idea is for them to transfer knowledge and skills to the community so they can continue their progress."

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an apartment, a suit for interviews," said Torres. "Another fantastic benefit is the graduate school opportunities. There are a couple of programs where they can do graduate studies and Peace Corps at the same time. Lindsay can now choose from fellows programs from across the country."

The Peace Corps is attracting not only college age students but baby boomers as well.

"We definitely have more

and more of the 50 plus looking at Peace Corps," said Torres. "Maybe they couldn't do it in the 60s. They were raising a family and now want to give back. There are always positions available as volunteers around the world complete their service."

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## GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT WORKING AT HOME



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

Have you heard the rumor that it doesn't take much effort to work at home? Christine Durst, co-founder and CEO of Staffcentrix, L.L.C., in Woodstock, Conn., wants to dispel the myth that you can find your dream job on the

Internet. She trains people domestically and internationally to "find or create home-based work." She e-mails a frightening statistic based upon more than 3,000 job leads scanned each week. "There is a 48-to-1 scam ratio among 'work from home' job ads on the Internet!" This figure is well above last year's 42-to-1 and the previous year's 30-to-1.

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Both Herigstad and Clare consider it a good idea to assess whether you really want to become a full-fledged business owner or you just want to earn a little money. You can often tell it's the latter, Herigstad observes, if you're "looking for something easy or quick." Clare indicates that you might not find much variety if you want Internet-based work, which "falls in three primary areas: the sale of products or services (telemarketing), consulting and administrative support."

Herigstad indicates that it's quite a different matter if you focus more on what you do well and ask yourself what product or service is missing or under-represented among

potential customers. If you can't figure out what you do well, listen to what other people say.

Clare advises you to take a hard look at finances, beginning with outlining your expenses and coming up with a plan to cover them. Be honest with yourself about whether you're disciplined enough to keep working effectively toward your objective, which is to make money. "Review the financial, professional and personal implications," she recommends.

### UNEXPECTED RISK

While the financial risk of working at home should be evident from the outset, things happen after you begin the process that you might not have expected. Clare states that your deliverables will be affected if you work at home: "You'll do a project as you think you should. You can't stop by the person's desk. The (deliverable) takes longer to get to the level of the customer wants, especially with a service."

Herigstad would agree. She cites the article she wrote in four hours but consumed three days, thanks to the invisible tasks of coming up with ideas, conducting research, identifying and interviewing sources, and fine-tuning. She's concluded that larger projects are more desirable, "because there's less time gearing up and cleaning up."

"The first mistake many people make," she adds, "is telling themselves that if they earned \$30 per hour in their job, they'll choose \$40 now. You can't do that. You'll



Christine Durst screens thousands of Internet ads per month for work-at-home businesses and disseminates the results via e-mail in The Rat Race Rebellion Telework Bulletin. She is photographed here training people in developing successful home-based businesses. Durst is co-founder and CEO of Staffcentrix L.L.C., in Woodstock, Conn.

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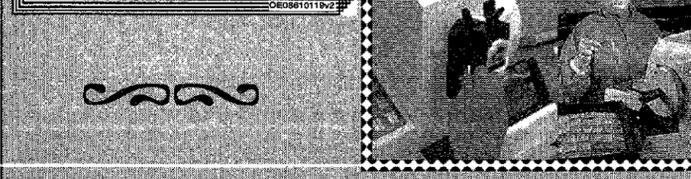
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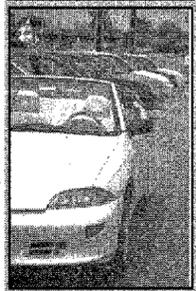
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## Mitsubishi delivers value with new Lancer

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MITSUBISHI was already living in the year 2008 in 2006 with the debut of the new Lancer, the latest in the compact sport sedans.

Derived from its Concept-X car first introduced in 2006, Mitsubishi delivers a vehicle meant to convey a brand identity through unmistakable features.

From its shark-nosed front end to its enduring, taut lines that encompass a body built like a wedge, Lancer not only creates a sharp road presence, but also focuses on safety.

The comprehensive safety package comes with seven standard air bags, including Mitsubishi's first-ever driver's knee air bag. Focusing around a "next-generation" theme, the Reinforced Impact Safety Evolution contains a unibody design that deflects energy during impacts on the sides and rear. This embellishes passenger protection as well as safeguards the fuel system during a rear crash.

The unibody construction utilizes high-strength steel, which delivers a smooth ride through a sport-oriented suspension. This is in direct contrast to any previous Lancer models, which were less rigid and less enjoyable overall.

Mitsubishi refined the new Lancer's suspension calibration to deliver an international driving character more commonly found in expensive European sport sedans.

Three 2008 models of Lancers are available -- DE, ES and the sport-tuned GTS. Each is distinguished by signature seating materials and interior trim.

All come with a standard 5-speed manual transmission that has a crisp shifting. The 2008 Lancer is the first Mitsubishi in North America to offer an optional continuously variable transmission -- CVT in car guy parlance -- in place of a conventional automatic.

The CVT featured in the GTS model has six steps, allowing the driver to manually control the



Mitsubishi's 2008 Lancer offers savings with pricing at less than \$14,000, as well as fuel economy at 21/22 miles to the gallon in the city and 29 mpg on the highway.

transmission operation through using magnesium steering wheel paddles shifters, a first in the segment.

The CVT contrasts sharply with automatics, which use fixed gear ratios, by operating instead on a pulley system that permits innumerable variations between the high and low ratios, and not by using separate steps or movements. It slickly adjusts to changing speeds and allows the engine to perform at peak efficiency, adding to fuel efficiency and minimizing emissions.

With a 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine, the Lancer has among the most powerful engines in its segment, with 152 horsepower and 146 foot pounds of torque.

The Lancer offers a longer wheelbase and wider track than last year, with a shorter overall length. That translates to more stable handling, along with a road-hugging capability.

Both the exterior and interior showcase fresh, precise surfaces, without gimmicks, forged from high-quality materials, with attention to detail. The instrument panel's shape and design allow for a roomier feel -- and the feel isn't an illusion. There is 94.8 cubic feet of passenger space, unless there is a sunroof -- then, it is 93.3 cubic feet.

The controls are sharply attractive, with short-stroke switches that are classy. Audio switches resemble piano keys, with a rich feel. The shifter bezel sports a metallic-like chrome and the steering wheel-mounted audio and cruise controls come in the ES and GTS models. The Lancer has a custom-tuned Rockford-Fosgate Premium sound system that yields a

powerful and clear sound, geared specially to the interior's acoustics. It includes a 6-CD in-dash unit with an MP3 playback option, and an audio input jack for an iPod or the like.

Music travels through the nine 650-watt speakers located in seven positions, including a subwoofer that has been secured in the Lancer's trunk. The system is the most forceful factory-installed one in the segment.

Of course, all trims are pre-wired for SIRIUS Satellite Radio, available in a Sun and Sound Package for ES and GTS models, where it extends to a power glass sunroof.

The GTS holds the distinction for technology perks. Equipped with Bluetooth wireless for cell phone use, it also proffers a Navigation and Technology Package for travel aid as well as music server functions.

All Lancer models for 2008 come pre-wired for SIRIUS capability for popular programming. Fuel economy is reflected in the miles to the gallon: 29 on the highway, and in the city, the Lancer delivers 22 with the CVT feature, and 21 without it. Mitsubishi's bid for dominance with its 2008 Lancer offers a vehicle that goes beyond just the basics, and it can be had for less than \$14,000. At that price, who wouldn't want one of each trim?

2008 Mitsubishi Lancer  
Vehicle class: Compact sport sedan.  
Power: 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine.  
Mileage: 21 city / 29 highway.  
Where built: Mizushima plant, Okazaki, Aichi, Japan  
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