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Tests will check air on city hall's upper floors

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The company hired to remove mold from Westland City Hall's basement will broaden its efforts by bringing in environmental workers to examine the building's first and second floors and to test the air quality.

Belfor, a Livonia-based property restoration company, will

work while city employees are away Friday evening through Sunday to remove mold that Mayor William Wild said was found in July, when Belfor was called in due to widespread basement flooding.

Belfor representative David Weaver said a team of environmental workers will take out the mold, sanitize the basement and clean out the building's air ducts

before city employees return on Monday.

Another firm, I.A.Q. Management Services Inc, an indoor environmental testing company, was expected to begin testing air quality on the upper floors as early as today (Thursday).

I.A.Q.'s president, Jon Dattilo, confirmed in July that workers found mold in several rooms in

City Hall's basement. He said what is commonly referred to as the more threatening "black mold" was found in two isolated spots but was not airborne.

Some other molds, typically considered less dangerous than the Stachybotrys black mold, was more widespread and was found in basement air samples.

Several city workers have told the *Observer* that they com-

plained years ago of possible environmental problems at City Hall, partly due to repeated water leaks in the basement. They said they didn't believe their concerns were adequately addressed.

Workers said they have had health issues like recurring headaches, sinus infections and upper respiratory problems. They wonder if their symptoms

came from working at City Hall.

Wild has indicated that he moved to address the mold problem after environmental workers told him of the situation in July. However, he has conceded that city officials will need to seek a long-term solution for water leaks inside the basement.

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PRIMARY ELECTION COVERAGE 2008

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Westland ELECTION RESULTS

COUNTY COMMISSION 12TH DISTRICT

REPUBLICAN
(TOP ONE TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)

✓ Thomas E. Thompson ... 693
David James ... 705

DEMOCRAT
(TOP ONE TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)

Wanda Harris-Foster ... 182
Douglas A. Kaye ... 102
Danny Wilson ... 154
Ronaele Bowman (appointed) ... 631
Paul G. Cichowski ... 213
✓ Joan Gebhardt ... 1,398
James R. Godbout ... 1,929
Hillard Hampton ... 276

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 18TH

DEMOCRAT

✓ Richard LeBlanc (I) ... 5,022

U.S. HOUSE 11TH DISTRICT

REPUBLICAN

✓ Thaddeus McCotter (I) ... 1,719

DEMOCRAT
(TOP ONE TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)

Edward Kriewell ... 1,004
✓ Joseph W. Larkin ... 3,067

Totals reflect votes cast by voters in Westland. Overall winners are shown with a ✓.



County Commission candidate Joan Gebhardt greets Wanda and Jerry Noel of Livonia before they vote at the precinct at Garfield Elementary School in Livonia.

War of words

Dispute heats up over senior village

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A dispute over a proposed senior housing development on Westland's north side has escalated, with an attorney accusing critics of "drive-by character assassination" for remarks they made against developer Glenn Shaw Jr., his ties to city officials and his role in a charitable organization.

Canton attorney Bryan Amann hinted that Shaw's critics have made statements that could be deemed lawsuit-worthy, partly for raising questions about the non-profit Westland Community Foundation that Shaw steers as president. Amann defended the organization as nonpolitical and said it has given nearly \$500,000 for causes ranging from heating-bill assistance to student scholarships.

Amann said the foundation was unfairly dragged into a heated dispute over Shaw's proposal for Nankin Mills Village, a high-density, upscale development he plans to build near Joy and Newburgh roads. Amann spoke Monday evening during a Westland City Council meeting.

Elected officials also have rejected implications they support Shaw's plans because he has given money to their political campaigns — donations they called legal and available for public scrutiny through campaign expense reports.

Still, north-end residents continued to blast Shaw's proposal, and one critic, Donna DeWitt, accused the city of a "hostile takeover" of the neighborhood by giving Shaw the go-ahead to build a three-story, 147-unit apartment building, 20 duplex-style condominiums and 54 stand-alone homes. The senior village would be built near Sts. Helen and Constantine Greek Orthodox Church, in a neighborhood long defined by larger lots and a more restrictive zoning.

The controversy has fueled an early-stage recall effort against Mayor William Wild and council members James

Godbout, Bill Johnson, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves.

In another move, Councilman Charles Pickering, who opposed Shaw's plans along with a minority of council colleagues including Cheryl Graunstadt and Robert Stottlemeyer, flatly rejected a personal offer by Amann to attend an invitation-only meeting that Shaw plans to conduct this week with Wild, Godbout and hand-picked residents who oppose the project.

Pickering indicated he believes Shaw should have invited all residents potentially affected by his \$35 million development. Shaw plans to unveil some changes to his project, including a bigger buffer between the apartment building and nearby homes.

"I consider it as a closed meeting," Pickering said, "and I'm not going to be attending."

Residents in June collected more than 300 signatures, including people who live beyond their neighborhood, to show opposition to Nankin Mills Village. They fear the project could hurt their property values, increase traffic congestion and lead to noise.

Some city government watchers worry that a potential recall campaign could tarnish the city's image.

On Monday, resident Bob Johnson praised Wild's leadership and warned that residents can support the city or "tear it down" with a recall effort.

The Wayne County Elections Commission is expected to rule next Tuesday on proposed language for recall petitions, which would have to be signed by 6,818 registered Westland voters to get the issue placed on a ballot.

Wild has said Shaw's project would create new jobs and generate \$250,000 in much-needed city tax revenues. On Monday, he pledged to continue encouraging Shaw to work with the neighbors.

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County commission: Gebhardt, Thompson win in 12th District

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bolstered by a large turnout in her hometown of Livonia, Joan Gebhardt clinched the Democratic nomination Tuesday in the closely contested 12th District Wayne County

Commission primary.

On the Republican side, political newcomer Thomas Thompson of Livonia edged out Westland's David James to claim the GOP nomination.

If unofficial vote tallies stand, Gebhardt and Thompson will face each other

in the November election for a two-year term in a district that has been a longtime Democratic stronghold. The winner will replace appointed Commissioner Ronaele Bowman after Bowman lost her bid to succeed 30-year veteran Kay Beard, who stepped

down in March for health reasons.

Gebhardt, a Schoolcraft College trustee and district staffer for state House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, celebrated with supporters at

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Police chief 'disgusted' by governor's decision

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police Chief James Ridener has sharply criticized a decision by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to commute a life sentence of a woman convicted in 1993 of killing her Westland boyfriend.

Granholm's decision to accept a parole board's recommendation to release 56-year-old Kyleen Hargrave-Thomas in early September ended a long fight by her supporters, who

maintained her innocence.

But Ridener blasted Granholm's decision, which he said comes after Hargrave-Thomas had exhausted her court appeals process.

"I am absolutely disgusted by her decision to commute that sentence," he said, "but it's not surprising coming from her because she has always been weak on criminal justice."

Granholm's office confirmed that the governor was acting on a parole board recommendation that was reviewed and sup-

ported by her executive staff.

Hargrave-Thomas was convicted in the stabbing death of 42-year-old Joseph Bernal in his Westland home in 1991. Police also said a fire was started to cover up the crime.

Hargrave-Thomas was convicted of first-degree murder in 1993 and sentenced to life in prison. She maintained her innocence, and DePaul University Law School professor Andrea Lyon took up her fight and worked for years to secure her release.

Hargrave-Thomas spent four years out of prison when a U.S. district judge overturned her conviction, but she was incarcerated again two years ago following a reverse decision in an appellate court. She had received a degree and was working as a counselor in a homeless shelter for women. The job still awaits her, Lyon said.

"We're very grateful to Gov. Granholm for doing what she can do to right this injustice," Lyon said.

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Coming Sunday:
Tween power: Pre-adolescent tweens spend millions - their leader? Hannah Montana.

AROUND WESTLAND

Church reunion

Good Shepherd Reformed Church at 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland, will hold a reunion 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, for current and former members. Several former ministers will be in attendance, and there will be a pot-luck dinner and plenty of reminiscing. A church service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, as part of the reunion. For more information, call the church office at (734) 721-0800.

Silent auction

Breast Friends Walking is hosting a Silent Auction along with a Wine and Beer Tasting at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at the Wayne Senior Center, 35000 Sims at the corner of Wayne Road in Wayne, to raise money for the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk in September. Some of the items to be auctioned include Detroit Tiger tickets, romance packages, family fun packages, Silver Lake package and golf.

Tickets are \$15 at the door. All the proceeds go to breast cancer. For more information, call Sharon Bailey (734) 513-6854 or by e-mail at slpbailey@yahoo.com. For more about Breast Friends Walking, go online to <http://08.the3day.org/> go to/ Sharon.Mary.Bailey.

Vacation Bible schools

The Cherry Hill Seventh-Day Adventist Church will have a vacation Bible school, "Bird Tales," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Aug. 11-16. Children ages 4-10 will be treated to fun-filled evenings of crafts, music, refreshments and adventures in the forest and jungles of the world. Pre-register by calling (734) 524-0880.

The Cherry Hill Seventh-Day Adventist Church is at 33144 Cherry Hill, just west of Venoy, in Garden City.

The First Congregational Church of Wayne and the Methodist Church of Wayne will host a joint vacation Bible school Aug. 11-15 (from 8:45 a.m.-noon). The classes are free and open to the public for children from the age of 4 through 6th grade. Classes will be held at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square in downtown Wayne. For more information or to register, call (734) 729-7550.

In concert

Pam & Scott will be in concert 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion located behind the William P. Faust Public Library. Listeners are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets to the free concert. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford and south of Warren Road. This event is sponsored by the Westland City Council with cooperation of the Westland Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call (734) 722-7620 or (734) 522-3918.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at the Westland Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month. Residents who have

any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888)-737-5325 or at (517)-373-2576.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford Monday, Aug. 11. He will be at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a 10:30-11:30 a.m. coffee hour at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone at (517) 373-1707; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Football opener

Join the Westland Comets and the Westland Meteors as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of Westland Youth Athletic Association. WYAA began with football in 1958, and, on Saturday, Aug. 23, the Meteors and the Comets will play their inaugural game of season at Wayne Memorial High School. Games are at 2 p.m. (Junior Freshman), 4 p.m. (Freshman), 6 p.m. (JV) and 8 p.m. (Varsity).

WYAA is inviting all former players, coaches and unit directors of both squads to join the group for a day of football. In addition, the WYAA will honor four Super Bowl Championship teams from both units - the 1990 JV Comets, 1995 Varsity Meteors, 2001 JV Meteors and 2001 Varsity Comets. Members of those squads can contact Keith DeMolay at (734) 722-1251 or (734) 516-9269 by Aug. 20.

Let's read

The Westland public library will host a "Reading Dog" program at the Dorsey Center Thursday, Aug. 14, for children who love to read, are just learning to read or want to practice reading aloud. A trained Reading Education Assistance Dog will welcome elementary-age students 1-3 p.m. for individual sessions.

The program will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is for a child and the dog only; caregivers may stay in the reading room. Children are welcome to bring their own book or select one. Elle Mae is a certified therapy dog who is supportive to emerging readers. She is non-judgmental and provides gentle encouragement to build confidence in reading aloud. The program helps to reinforce reading skills and provides an incentive for kids to read.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Free Fun Fest

Bring the whole family to the Westland Convalescent & Rehab Center 3:30-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, for the first annual Free Fun Fest. Both the young and young-at-heart will enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream as well as a moonwalk, games and clown visits. Plus, some lucky guests will take home such prizes as a gas grill, children's bicycles, restaurant gift cards, even gas gift cards. Proceeds of this event will benefit The Senior Alliance. Westland Convalescent & Rehab Center is at 36137 W. Warren Road between Wayne Road and Central City Parkway. For more information, call (734) 728-6100 or online at www.westlandcc.com.

Larkin calls differences with McCotter 'crystal clear'

11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Democrat
Joseph Larkin 24,403
Edward Kriewall 9,461
Republican
Thaddeus McCotter 41,543

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin says that he and U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter



Larkin

have "crystal clear" differences on the major issues of the day and he is looking forward to a debate in the fall campaign for the 11th Congressional District.

Larkin, 44, handily defeated former Novi city manager Edward Kriewall with more than 70 percent of the vote in Tuesday's Democratic primary. McCotter ran unopposed in the Republican primary.

This is Larkin's first run for elective office. He has a private law practice in Livonia.

On Tuesday, Larkin said he was ready to accept a win or a loss.

"I believe I have a healthy view of being a public servant," he said. "I'll give them my point of view. I have to be true to what I believe."

Larkin said he has strong differences with McCotter over the war in Iraq, the foreclosure crisis, energy and the economy.

"I am going to bring ideas that will be a big, positive step forward," he said.

Kriewall said Wednesday that newspaper endorsements



VOTE

POLL MASTER II

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Six-year-old Emma O'Beirne of Westland looks at her voting ticket, as her mother Amy O'Beirne cast her vote. The mother and daughter were at the polls Stottlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center in Westland to support the zoo millage, which won easily in the tri-county area.

for Larkin "killed me."

"I didn't think it would be that big a factor, but it was," he said.

Kriewall said he believes he did better than Larkin in television interviews and in their joint forum. He said newspaper endorsements portrayed him

as leaning more Republican.

"I thought I was a good candidate," he said.

Kriewall said he has no plans to run for office again.

McCotter released a statement Tuesday that he was "honored and humbled to be nominated" for the fourth

time as the Republican candidate in the 11th Congressional District.

"I will strive to uphold their trust as, together, we fight to revitalize our Great Lakes State and keep our America the greatest nation on earth," the statement read.



Eleanore Walsh of Westland is greeted by James Godbout as he campaigned for votes in the 12th Wayne County Commission race at Edison Elementary School.



Wayne County Commissioner Ronaele Bowman greets Michael Thor and his children Victoria, 7, and Jacob, 16 months, outside the voting precincts at the Stottlemeyer Center in Westland.

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PRIMARY

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the Senate Coney Island in Livonia. She officially declared victory shortly after midnight — in the early minutes of a Wednesday morning that marked her 59th birthday.

"This is the best birthday present that the people of Inkster, Westland and Livonia could have given me," said Gebhardt, one of eight Democratic candidates.

In unofficial vote totals across the 12th District, Gebhardt garnered 2,536 votes compared to Godbout's 2,291, giving her a 245-vote margin of victory in a primary

that saw a 35.8 percent turnout in Livonia, where voters rejected a proposal to annex land in Northville Township. Bowman trailed a distant third with 1,195 votes.

The 12th District includes Westland, Inkster and south Livonia.

Godbout accumulated 1,929 votes in his hometown of Westland compared to Gebhardt's 1,398, but the large turnout in Livonia pushed Gebhardt into the winning column. Westland only had a 13.9 percent turnout among its 60,517 registered voters.

"I feel kind of numb," Gebhardt said of her victory. "It's kind of surreal. We didn't have as much money as some of my opponents, but it was

just a grassroots effort by my volunteers.

"It was a very close campaign," she said. "All of the candidates were well-qualified. I just thank each and every voter who had trust in me and who voted for me. Obviously my issues were their issues."

Gebhardt had cited such issues as spurring job growth, addressing the foreclosure crisis, improving Wayne County's infrastructure, and helping families find the services they need amid tough economic times.

In Westland, Godbout gathered with his supporters inside the city's Bailey Recreation Center for what would be a disappointing night. He attributed his loss to the large turnout in Livonia, where Gebhardt was the better-known candidate.

"We gave it a good run," said Godbout, who still has three years on his current four-year Westland City Council term. He is council president and works as an account manager for Rockwell Automation.

On the Republican side, Thompson garnered 1,432 votes compared to James' 1,366 in districtwide tallies, according to unofficial results.

Thompson, a retired Detroit Public Schools teacher, called his Republican win "very interesting" and said he had expected to lose to James. Thompson said he plans to wage a grassroots campaign for November, including visiting churches to talk with people about the issues they consider important.

Still, he conceded, "it's an uphill battle."

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed variance from Section 154.037 subsection D that requires fences to be located in the rear yard only, not to be extended past the rear sidelines extended of the residence.
The subject property is located at 30625 Rush, west of Henry Ruff, north of Maplewood.
A variance to requested to allow a four-foot fence along the side of the house.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the variance application and site plan may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.
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Police investigate fatal accident

BY SUE MASON
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Westland police continue to investigate an accident that claimed the life of a 27-year-old Livonia resident.

Gary J. Brown died Monday morning at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of injuries he suffered on Joy Road in Westland. A 21-year-old Livonia man, who was arrested Sunday afternoon within 800 feet of where the accident occurred, has been released, pending the results of blood tests to determine if alcohol was a factor.

According to Westland Police Officer Jack McIntosh of the department's Traffic Bureau, Brown was hit at 4:55 a.m. Sunday while he was in the eastbound lane of Joy about a half mile east of Newburgh. He was transported to St. Mary's Hospital and airlifted to the Ypsilanti hospital in grave condition with blunt force trauma to the head. He died at 9 a.m. Monday.

McIntosh said a newspaper delivery man saw the victim standing on the lane marker, asking for a ride. When he came back a short time later, Brown wasn't there. Police believe Brown was leaving the roadway and was closer to the edge of the eastbound lane when he was struck by a

vehicle, which left the scene of the accident.

A patrol officer arrested a driver about seven hours after the accident after spotting a vehicle that matched the description of the one believed to be involved in the accident. The officer had been patrolling in the north end of the city when he spotted the vehicle with damage to the right passenger side at Ann Arbor Trail and Joy.

Police officers determined that they were looking for green GM SUV or minivan after taking pieces of the vehicle found at the scene and comparing them to cars in a GM dealership lot. According to McIntosh, officers found pieces of the right front turn signal lens, the passenger side mirror and housing and molding from around the turn signal, and used them to determine if a vehicle stopped by the officer along Joy was the vehicle.

"When people get hit, there's other type of damage to the hood, the fender and windshield," McIntosh said. "We knew what we were looking for and gave it to the officer in the northern section of the city. It was good police work by the officer."

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2 motorcyclists injured in accident

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two motorcyclists are recovering from injuries they sustained in an accident that closed most of the intersection at Warren Road and Middlebelt for 2 1/2 hours Tuesday evening.

The accident happened at 7:46 p.m. and involved a 40-year-old Belleville man and 30-year-old Dearborn man who were traveling westbound on Warren Road when a 62-year-old Westland man, driving a Ford Windstar, made a left turn on a flashing red light.

The Belleville man swerved his motorcycle to the left and dropped his motorcycle on the roadway. The Dearborn man was following and attempted to stop his motorcycle. He ended up striking the minivan at the passenger side door. The crash pushed the minivan into a car that was sitting in the southbound left turn of Middlebelt. The driver, a 27-year-old Dearborn woman, wasn't injured.

"We don't believe alcohol was a factor," said Westland Police Officer Jack McIntosh. The Belleville man was taken to Garden City

Hospital where he was treated for a broken collar bone and abrasions. The Dearborn man was transported to Grace Hospital in Detroit. He suffered facial injuries and compound fractures of his arms and legs in the accident.

"He was slightly to the right of the lead motorcycle and had no place to go," McIntosh said. "He did a good job of braking the bike. The skid marks showed he stayed upright and was able to slow the bike before hitting the van."

McIntosh added the two men had turned onto Warren

from a side street about 600 feet from the intersection and had not come up to speed when the accident occurred.

Vehicles were able to make right turns at the intersection although cars going south on Middlebelt had to go through private property to make their turn, McIntosh said.

He added that Garden City police initially responded to the accident, but turned it over to Westland police after it was determined that it had happened in their jurisdiction.

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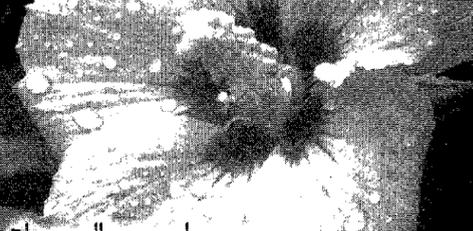
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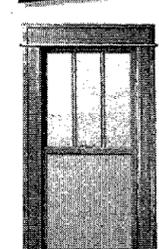
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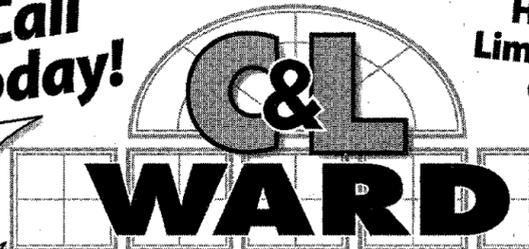
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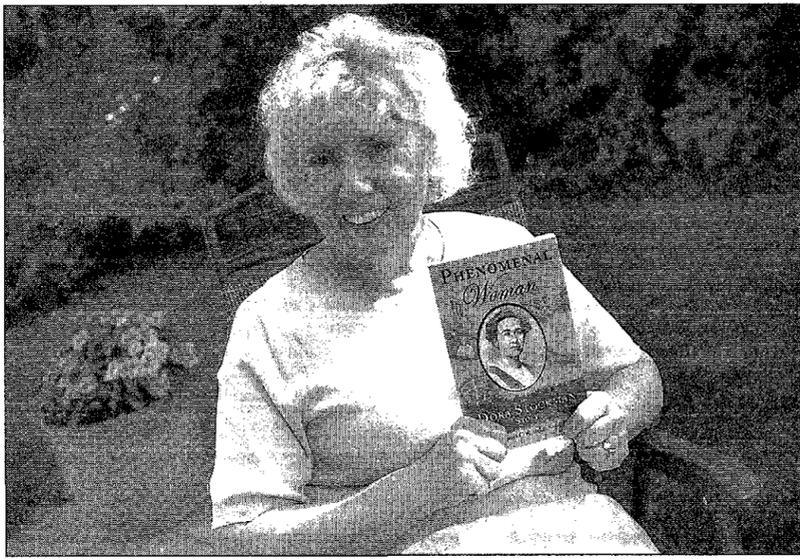
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 The biography of a woman the author calls a "patriotic woman of God," the Dora Stockman Story chronicles the life of the first woman elected to a state-wide public office in Michigan. For more information or to book a performance of O'Rourke-Kelly's one-woman show, contact her at DrMork@sbcglobal.net



Dr. Margaret O'Rourke-Kelly wrote 'Phenomenal Woman- The Dora Stockman Story.'

Election failure brings author an inspiration

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

From the moment the name Dora Stockman escaped from her campaign advisor's lips, Margaret O'Rourke-Kelly was fascinated.

It was 1984 and O'Rourke-Kelly, now a Canton resident, was vying to become the state representative for the 2nd district of Ingham County when Tom Klunzinger casually mentioned that Stockman had campaigned for, and won, the same seat 40 years earlier.

"I thought 'How could that be? Why have I never heard of her?' and I began researching," said O'Rourke-Kelly, 63, who has released a book titled *Phenomenal Woman: The Dora Stockman Story*. "I lost that election but I found something better."

Born in 1872, Stockman started teaching at age 16 and was the first woman elected to statewide public office in Michigan, serving on the State Board of Agriculture for two terms. In addition, she created a radio talk show, was a

newspaper editor and penned songs, plays and poems.

O'Rourke-Kelly was getting her Master's in theater history when she stumbled upon Stockman.

"I was able to relate everything to her life," she smiles. "I think my friends and family got bored because I talked about her all of the time."

Puzzled by the lack of acclaim for Stockman, O'Rourke-Kelly, a professor at Spring Arbor University, continued digging into Stockman's background and

began performing a one-woman show about her in 1994.

"It brings her to life, I think," said O'Rourke-Kelly, a mother of two adult children and the wife of Dr. Gerald Kelly.

In addition to having signings for *Phenomenal Woman*, which is published by the Canton-based Zoe Life Publishing, O'Rourke-Kelly continues to perform her one-woman show about Stockman in an effort to drum up support for the 161-page book.



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The author, Dr. Margaret O'Rourke-Kelly, wears a walking suit reminiscent of the style worn by the subject of her book, Dora Stockman.

"I think it was destiny that led me to find her," said O'Rourke-Kelly, who has met with Stockman's son and grandson. "This was my equiv-

alent of an archeological dig. This is my life's work and it has become a treasure for me."

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Vendors, fair-goers excited for third annual Chaldean Festival

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rafed White is looking forward to the third annual Chaldean Festival as a returning food vendor and fair-goer.

"It brings all the Chaldean people together," said White, of West Bloomfield. Last year "I loved

walking around, having fun, saying hi to people. People meet a lot of their cousins, families and friends."

White, of Vending World, will have a food concession stand that will include give-aways such as sno cones and fresh squeezed lemonade.

"The whole event is for fun,"

said White, an Iraqi native.

The festival will be 2-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-10, on the Southfield Civic Center Lawn. It's presented by the Chaldean Chamber Foundation and the City of Southfield.

The festival celebrates the culture of Detroit's estimated 120,000 Chaldeans. Chaldeans

are eastern rite Catholic Christians from Iraq, many of whom live in Oakland County. They speak a form of Aramaic.

Live music, children's activities, 100 food and merchant booths, dance demonstrations, and family fun entertainment will be part of the weekend.

Martin Manna, executive director of the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce and the Chaldean Chamber Foundation, said the successful event began because "a lot of members in our community

felt there was a need to celebrate our heritage. It's a way for us to keep our culture alive."

Last year, the Southfield police estimated 25,000 people attended over two days, he said.

This year's event will feature more activities, as well as merchant and food booths he said. There's also a raffle with a chance to win \$10,000.

Proceeds benefit the non-profit Chaldean Chamber Foundation.

"The great thing is the diversity," said Manna of the fair's success. "Visitors are not all

Chaldeans. They come to learn Chaldean dances and music and culture."

He added, "It's free and open to all. There's no fee to park or to enter."

Manna, of Bloomfield Township, will also enjoy the event as a participant along with his wife and three children, 6, 4, and 2.

"The kids especially enjoy it because there are so many activities for young kids," he said.

For more information, visit www.chaldeanchamber.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peace Camp for Kids
Kirk of Our Savior Peace Camp takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24 (lunch will be served). The camp is open to children of all ages and religious backgrounds. Spend a few hours learning to work together in order to achieve success. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jenny at 313-532-4310.
Open house
Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, located at 30330 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, will be hosting an open house 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20. The three-year program runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday and the four-year program runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Potty training is not required. Low cost tuition. For more information, visit the Web site at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com or call (734) 844-8147.

Fall enrollment
Registration is now being accepted for the fall for preschool 3-year-olds and kindergarten through eighth-grade at St. Damian School, 29891 Joy, Westland. Call parish office at (734) 421-6130 for more information.

Free workshop
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, is presenting "Your Thyroid and Weight Gain" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Do you have cold hands or feet? Diet and can not lose weight? Need answers? This no charge workshop will present a holistic approach to balancing your hormones naturally. Seating is limited to the first 15 callers. Reservations are required. For reservations, call (734) 756-6904 or go online to www.TLCHolisticWellness.com.

Remote-controlled race day
Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church hosts "Remote-Controlled Race Day," 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Racers can bring their R.C. vehicle and race it on the church's large oval track, complete with hill and jump ramp. Ribbons will be awarded to winners. No sign-up necessary. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in



Wish you were here

Garden City residents Sue Bellows (left) and Linda Bodnovits made sure they posed with their Garden City Observer while in San Diego, Calif., in June for the National PTA Convention. They also visited Sea World while on the West Coast. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Garden City or Westland Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Westland. If you need more information, contact Jenny at (313) 532-4310.

John Glenn reunion
John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Roma's of Garden City on Cherry Hill east of Venoy. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information, visit the reunion Web site at jghs88reunion.com.

Fish Dial-A-Ride
Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Higher Rock Cafe
The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free,

however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734)-722-3660.

CRAFT SHOWS

Sts. Peter & Paul
Crafters are wanted for the 20th annual arts and crafts show Saturday, Nov. 22, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Deb at (248) 946-0173 or Virginia (734) 522-9653.

St. Theodore
The St. Theodore's CCW will hold its annual Fall Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, in the parish social hall at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Admission is free, and table rental is available for \$25. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voice mail #10) for rental information.

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise
The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

35111 W. Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) M128 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

Democratic Club

The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

Citizens for Peace

Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

MOMS club

MOMS Club, a nonprofit support group, welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers, offering children activities, weekly age-appropriate play groups, and family get-togethers. MOMS Club also performs service projects that benefit needy children in our community. For more details, call Birthe, (734) 458-8143, or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

In Harmony

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartet can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

Veteran's Haven

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

Writing Group

Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free. For more information about story circle, go online to www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shepry@yahoo.com.

Toastmasters

The Wayne-Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Rana Restaurant,

Magazine contest seeks students to cover cruise

High school and college-age journalists and graphic designers can win the chance to have their work published in a national cruising magazine.

"Cruisin' Style," based in Florida, has designed a contest for students to cover the Woodward Dream Cruise on Aug. 16, write a story, take photos and layout a two-page spread.

The best entry will be published in the Fall 2008 issue. "This is how we are covering the cruise," said Jay Sprout, production manager. "This story is going to be our cover."

Students can work as a team, or do all the work on their own. This is the first year for the contest.

Sprout grew up in Redford, and formerly lived in Canton and Westland.

"I remember begging small, local newspapers to write anything, even if it was for free," Sprout said, "all I wanted was the experience and a chance to practice and prove myself."

He said he was grateful for the opportunities, and this is one way to pay it back.

Interview and photography tips, and the contest rules are online at www.cruisestyle.com/content/contest/dream-design.htm.

The deadline is Sept. 1. Work should be submitted as an InDesign document, but if a student cannot find access to that software, a PDF version of a QuarkXPress or PageMaker file will do.

Both the first place winners and runners up will also get feedback from the editorial staff and other prizes.

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It seems that every week there is another announcement that more people in the auto industry are losing their jobs. Last week, General Motors announced it is cutting 5,000 white-collar jobs. One issue all those people will face is what to do with their 401(k) plan. In fact, people who are changing jobs or retiring also are faced with this decision.

When someone leaves a company for whatever reason, he/she generally has a few alternatives when it comes to a 401(k) plan. In most situations, an individual can simply leave his/her 401(k) or retirement plan with the employer. Most employers do not require you to transfer your retirement savings account into a different retirement vehicle. The other option, the one I recommend, is to move the money into an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

The problem I have with people keeping their retirement money at their old employer is the issue of control. Over the last few years, we have seen a trend where employers are changing retirement vehicles much faster than in the past. If you are participating in a plan that changes, whether you are retired or still working, you have to adjust your portfolio.

Sometimes these changes are to the benefit of the employees because they offer new and better investment alternatives. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Employers are adding new



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

investment vehicles for which it is difficult to find independent information. In the recent past, employers were adding more options to retirement plans and these were basically mutual funds where an investor could receive independent information about the fund. This is no longer the case. For whatever reason, there is a trend to offer fewer investment options and many of these are not mutual funds.

I believe the key is to depend upon independent research. With many of these new types of investment vehicles, there is no independent information. The investor must rely on the information provided by the investment company. I never want to rely on information provided just by a company. My general rule is if you cannot find independent information, you ought to walk away from the investment.

There are many options to transfer your retirement money when you leave a company. The problem with many is high fees and high costs, which do nothing but erode the return of an investor.

Too many people who leave a company end up going into an investment product they are sold and one that makes no sense for them. One example

is variable annuities. Variable annuities are great for the salesperson, as not only do they make a substantial commission, but they make ongoing fees every year. They are an investment that most should avoid.

When someone leaves a company, they are swamped by the sales vultures who care only about making the sale as opposed to putting someone into an appropriate investment product. One clue that you are dealing with the wrong person is if you are dealing with an aggressive salesperson.

I know this is old-fashioned and I've said this many times in the past, however, one way to make sure that you are not being taken advantage of is to pay close attention to fees and costs. You just can't ask the salesperson about fees and costs. You need independent information. I think you will find that high-commission, high-fee products underperform and end up putting more money in the salesperson's pocket than in your pocket, where it belongs.

Don't be negligent with your retirement money. Make sure you make an informed decision. Take your time. If you are getting pressured, particularly from a salesperson, the easiest thing to do is walk away.

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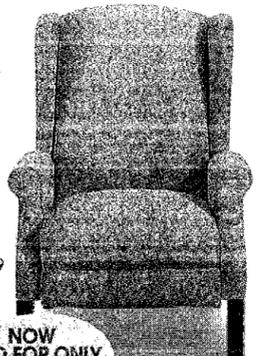
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Recall: Not right answer to plan

It's been eight years since Westland residents had a knock-down, drag-out battle over the actions of the City Council. It looks like it's about to begin again, as residents line up to go to war over a proposed senior village in the city's north end. Neighbors to the proposed development site — on Joy east and south of Sts. Helen and Constantine Church — have asked for the county clerk's approval of wording to begin a recall campaign against four council members for approving the proposal and the mayor for refusing to override their decision.

Residents have been battling the proposed development for months because of the impact it will have on their neighborhood, especially a three-story building. Developer Glenn Shaw Jr. is trying to quiet angry residents by expanding the buffer between the property and by meeting with a selective group of residents, but he's made it clear that the three-story building is necessary to make the plan economically viable.

The residents maintain the project isn't suitable for their residential neighborhood, that it would destroy the uniqueness of their neighborhood and, for some, their piece of paradise. We agree the neighborhood is unique in that it is one of the few areas in the city that has yet to be developed, and it does have a rural feel to it in a busy suburban setting and, yes, the development would take those things away.

And we will not deny the residents their right to take city officials to task for their decision. However, we believe organizers should weigh carefully what they are planning to do and the impact it will have on themselves and the city.

We also believe the homeowners should be cautious in all that they say and do. We live in a democracy where people are allowed to have their own opinions, but we also must live by the laws of the land. A recall is a tool whereby residents can remove elected officials for malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance in office. We don't see any of that here. This is not a case of council members behaving badly, it's a case of council members making a decision based on what they believe is best for the city.

We understand the residents' dismay over the project, but we stand by our position of June 19 in which we stated that they should "accept the fact that the land will be developed and take this opportunity to help shape its final outcome." But we also urge Glenn Shaw to seriously consider the residents' concerns about the size and location of the three-story building. The rancor of a recall can be avoided, if both sides agree to work together. We would truly like to see that rather than a recall happen in Westland.

Good ideas merit adequate funding

The story is a familiar one to area school district administrators.

State officials come up with a great idea — so great, they figure every school district in the state should implement it. Do it or else, they say — and, by the way, don't bother asking us for any financial help in paying for it.

The resultant dilemma is called an unfunded mandate. It's happened time and again, so no one should be surprised that the state Legislature has taken up an all-day kindergarten program that could cost districts plenty.

In her state of the state message, Gov. Jennifer Granholm called it a "simple step" that would make a difference. But simple by whose definition?

While many districts in the area are moving toward that goal, still others know that the mandate will require more space and more teachers at a time when state aid already has fallen behind increased costs.

The problem of unfunded mandates doesn't stop there. Recently, the state Court of Appeals ruled that the governor and Legislature violated the Headlee Amendment by requiring school districts to compile data on student progress without reimbursing them for the cost.

The issue could be appealed to the state Supreme Court. "The (state) constitution is very specific" on requiring mandates be funded, Michael Adamczyk said of the ruling. The assistant superintendent for business in the Troy district is also president-elect of the Michigan School Business Officials group.

The frustrating part, he said, is that even though the state has lost the argument in the past, it still puts up a fight.

Adamczyk said it would be difficult to place a dollar amount on the cost of collecting such data, suggesting that school staffers would have to keep tally sheets on the amount of time spent.

But the costs continue to grow. First, the state required fourth Friday counts in September to calculate enrollment and state aid, he noted. Then the state also required counts at mid-year, and now it also requires tabulations on safety, school crime and school employees.

For some districts with current software, computers take the brunt of the work. But other districts, Adamczyk said, have to either buy new software or update what they currently have.

Districts "don't argue the merits" of gathering data, he added.

Nevertheless, time is money, whether it be in gathering data or fighting a lawsuit.

It not only makes sense to fund mandates, it's the law.



Unfunded Mandates -- State Supported Theft

LETTERS

Where's honesty, integrity?

Reading the article regarding Wayne-Westland school board member Frederick Weaver sent multiple flags flying. It didn't take much for me to see, in my opinion, the untruths or later to research the facts. Mr. Weaver was quoted to have said, "I wanted to be up-front and honest with people. I think anyone in office should be up-front and have integrity."

UP-FRONT, and you waited 18 months to make a public statement. HONEST, and according to Michigan election law, "The office of a school board member becomes vacant immediately when the school board member moves his or her residence from the district."

Public records show you changed your residency on June 12, 2008, to Midland about a month before your public statement. INTEGRITY, and by acting as a board member (on and after June 12, 2008); by attending any and all meetings as an elected board member; to include voting on district matters and/or receiving district or public funds (to include state funds) in payment for duties as a board member may be looked at as fraud on or after June 12, 2008.

Voters ask yourself, where were the other members of the board? It concerns me the school board is a role model for our youth!

Nancy Froreich
Westland

Must do better than Bush

Today's Republican Party has become a freak show of hate-filled sociopaths, immoral religious and social extremists, insecure, overcompensating, irresponsible, dangerously incompetent, war-mongering imperialists and greedy, exploitative corporate anarchists.

Republicans tacitly welcome homophobes, misogynists, racists, anti-Semites and messianic fundamentalist nut jobs into their party and inherently incorporate their values into their moral fabric and single minded political objectives.

Just look at the collection of odious and inadequate carnival barkers and snake oil salesmen the Republican Party had competing to be their presidential candidate. John McCain, the "winner" of that contest, has willingly sacrificed whatever integrity he once held to the altar of far-right extremism, endless repeating long-discredited 1980s-era conservative talking points. Even the meaning of conservatism, once an ideology of moderation and tradition, has been warped into a synonym for intellectual dishonesty, moral turpitude, greed, and corruption.

I was a child in the 1950s and have never agreed with social conservatives, but when compared to Bush and McCain's Republican Party, Eisenhower's Republican Party was a liberal bastion of social and economic

enlightenment and pluralism.

Defending the actions of today's Republican Party is advocating ignorance and evil over common sense and common decency. It would be hard to imagine that any presidential administration, Republican or Democrat, could have been as malicious, polarizing, undemocratic, corrupt or destructively pernicious to the founding causes and defining principles of our republic than George W. Bush's. We can do better, and we must do better.

Joe Golonka
Westland

Thanks to unsung heroes

We've lived in Westland more than 20 years and our trash has been picked up, faithfully, every week.

We get our mail, faithfully, every day, and when Christmas comes, or even when we see our mailman we can thank him with a gift or just a thank you face to face. But how do we thank our trash men?

We've thought about leaving cookies with a note, but I'm afraid of some animal eating everything. We heard them coming by about 4 a.m., but we're in no condition to run outside and thank them or deliver something to them. How do we do it?

Writing to the paper seemed like the best way to do it. We just take it for granted that it will get done and it does. Who are these men (women) who come in the middle of and night or early morning? They are my heroes! The guy from the *Dirty Jobs* TV show says something like, "These people do their jobs so that the rest of us can lead a civilized life." He's right, what would we do without our trash collectors?

We just want to say thank you to them, and if there is anyone out there who has an idea about how else to do it, print it in the paper. They are unsung heroes. Thanks again, guys.

Jack and Marilyn Baldner
Westland

Card trick

"One percent of our population owns 90 percent of our wealth." Perhaps you have heard this statistic at some time, as it has been thrown out there quite a bit of late as the chasm between rich and poor has been widening at unprecedented rates while the middle class is fighting for survival in a lethal financial stranglehold. You may have shook your head in amazement or in disgust and walked on. Free marketers would shrug and say, "That's how the dice fall ... that's how the game is played." Best not to question and run the risk of being branded a "socialist."

Bill Gates, one of the richest men, not just in America, but in the world, and billionaire Warren Buffet want to spend a million dollars to teach the card game Bridge in schools. Does this reflect a massive disconnect between

them and the real problems of real people — the other 99 percent of us?

Instead of spending much needed dollars on card games, how about spending it on real skills like reading and math? How about giving hope to bright students caught up in schools and neighborhoods where higher education is nothing more than an elusive dream? As the chasm continues to deepen, can we count on less and less relevancy, less and less understanding of the needs of 99 percent of people who live in the real world and struggle to pay the mortgage, tuition, health care, utility bills, grocery bills, auto and home insurance? Ordinary Americans don't have 12 hours a week to play bridge as Warren Buffet does.

Mary Ann Bernard
Troy

McCain is right

I love the new McCain ad that points out the lack of leadership with the Democratic candidate Barack Obama. I think the McCain campaign got it right. We have been watching the "rock star" treatment that Obama has been enjoying for months without any challenge what he has been actually saying. The use of analogy and metaphor is a very effective technique. It efficiently communicates a message with a picture and gets people's attention.

The ad correctly depicts Obama's position on offshore drilling and asks the question: is this what we really want? It is up to the public to answer that question for themselves.

We need a leader in the White House, not someone who when challenged by a creative ad that is politically substantive, responds with made-up accusations that he is being picked on because he looks different than previous presidents.

The McCain campaign has never challenged him because he looks different. They are challenging his positions on significant issues and his lack of experience. To use a metaphor, the emperor is not wearing any clothes.

Jill Wilkinson
Birmingham

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QUOTABLE

"This almost seems like an awards acceptance speech because I'm thanking everyone, but it's appropriate because we need support of everyone here."

— David Ingham in response to Wayne-Westland school board approval of his appointment as principal of John Glenn High School

Poem provides comfort when it's needed most

The other night we found the business card stuck in a pocket of a portfolio filled with my brother's personal papers. Since mid-June I'd been gathering bills, bank statements and identification as I slowly took over the job of handling his financial affairs.

He was approaching the end of a two-year battle with colon cancer when he started parceling out responsibilities. I knew there were bills to be paid for my mother's care, so I wrote the checks and he signed them. I thought we were done when he asked about his. That was the beginning of my transition to CFO.

But when I couldn't remember where I'd placed the envelope I'd toted from bank to bank getting my name added to this and that account, my husband decided it was time to organize the box of papers. The portfolio as my brother told me, contained his life — his birth and baptismal certificates, his financial statements and income tax returns for the last three years — as well as a healthy chunk of my mom's.

As my husband assigned documents to the appropriate file folders, he found the card for Bergquist Imports in Cloquet, Minn. It wasn't a true business card with address and phone number and a snazzy logo. It contained a simple poem with the name of the import company and town in fine print.

The poem was titled *Bluebird of Happiness* and contained just four lines. I read them and started to cry. It was a message from my brother, one to comfort us after he had passed. That happened almost three weeks ago.

He was the oldest of five siblings. A confirmed bachelor who maintained he was eligible almost to the end — and considering the problems a longtime friend caused we'd have to agree — my brothers and sister and I had the job of making the arrangements. We'd thought we were smart planning ahead. We knew he would die soon, but we didn't expect it to be the next evening.

For all of us gathered at his side, it was a new experience. When my father passed, it was sudden. Only my oldest brother, a retired teacher, was there. I understand how helpless he must have felt as my father sat down in his chair and just stopped breathing. We instead, sat at my brother's side, listening to my brother's breathing, counting the space between his gulps of air. At first it was three gulps and a pause, eventually it was two and then just one with the time in between getting longer and longer. Then it stopped completely.

We hugged each other and cried, then we pulled ourselves together and set about planning a celebration of his life. My brother was many things to many people. He had a passion for his profession, giving his all so that his students would succeed. He was a giving person, working as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, at the Detroit Institute of Arts and Historical Museum and as a member of the Westland Civitans.

He was a favorite uncle to nine nieces and nephews and was just starting to enjoy his role as a great-uncle. When the kids were younger, he would give them books — beautiful children's books — as gifts. They still have them and after his death, scoured his house looking for more to treasure. We found his collection of travel photos and hundreds of books, but no children's books. He must have given them all away.

He was a wonderful brother. He protected us when we were young and was there to help us when we got older. If you needed a shoulder to cry on, another view of the problem or just someone to talk to, he was there. He also was a fixture at our dinner table on Sundays, so much so that the kids would ask where Uncle Jimmy was when he had other plans.

So it was probably fitting that it was Sunday evening that we found the card. We were exhausted from all that had happened — his death, his funeral, getting my brother in from Alaska and then back. One wrong look would have opened my flood gates. So when my husband handed me the card to read, I stopped dead in my tracks. The poem simply said:

*If you're down and feeling blue,
Look at me cause I love you.
I will try and make you smile,
So keep me for a long, long while.*

I got teary-eyed because I could see him saying that to us. He wouldn't have wanted us to spend our time mourning him. He never wanted to get in the way. He never wanted to be a burden. He never was. He did drive us crazy with some of his demands, but we didn't let that stop us from caring for him.

I'll never know why he put that card in that portfolio. I'll never know what it meant to him — maybe a lot, maybe nothing. I do know what it means to me. It's a sign that even though he's gone, my brother's still watching over us ... And I'm glad. Thanks, Jimmy, I needed that.

Sue Mason is editor of the Westland and Garden City Observer newspapers. This column is dedicated to her brother, James Happ Jr., who died at the age of 65 of colon cancer. If you have a comment, send it to her at smason@hometownlife.com.



Sue Mason

Michigan's black dropout rate, a call for outrage and action

As an angry and embarrassed citizen of depressed and eroding Michigan, it would be rhetorical to ask why bad news about public education and especially that of our black students is getting worse.

Michiganders ... it is time for a citizens uprising and education revolution. Do the math and add together the reports released by the Schott Foundation for Public Education, Given Half a Chance (specific to school year 2005-06) and *Education Week's Quality Counts 2008* (specific to school year 2006-07). Michigan has the highest dropout and lowest graduation rate for black males across all 50 states and highest dropout and lowest graduation rates of the 50 largest school districts, and the information has only gotten worse. In fact we are so far below the national average that we are not only the worst in the Midwest; worst of the nation's largest states; worst of the nation's smallest states; we are the worst in the entire United States!



Marcie Lipsitt

And all state Superintendent Mike Flanagan and his newly enriched and extended contract through 2011 can say is, "It's obvious that the way we've been trying to educate these students is not working" (Ya Think!) ... and DPS spokesman Steve Wasko (DPS Superintendent Connie Calloway is nowhere to be found) adds insult to injury with, "The numbers would not shock anyone who has looked at our school-by-school data ..."

Shocked? Of course not. Outraged, depressed, but with courage of conviction and stalwart resolve — committed to raising passionate and educated noise for as long as it takes for a Michigan governor and legislature to recognize their fiduciary and moral obligations to educate ALL of our 1.7 million children — absolutely!

A bit of historic reminiscence is necessary to remind Michiganders this crisis in educating our state's most fragile and precarious citizenship has been decades in the making. Former State Superintendents Arthur Ellis and Tom Watkins had a hand; the state's abysmal take-over of Detroit Public Schools; the revolving door of DPS superintendents, school boards and mayors — lack of concern under Govs. Blanchard, Engler and Granholm's education-less administrations?

Maybe some or all should be quoted for their current thoughts on the state of public education in Michigan and how it eroded during their years in office? Where have three decades of House and Senate Education and K-12 School Aid committees been ... at least until we wrecked our Legislature with term limits in 1992?

The time is long overdue that we march one-million-strong down the streets of educationally-war torn Detroit. (And like Iraq and Afghanistan — let us not forget Highland Park, River Rouge, Hamtramck, Flint, Saginaw, Pontiac, Southfield or Oak Park) and to the Capital in Lansing and loudly proclaim our revolt against public education in Michigan and the illiteracy, poverty, homelessness and crime it brings in its wake.

There are answers and they should not include vouchers and tax credits. We need an education revolution and not the end of public education.

The nexus to literacy, grade level proficiency, standardized test scores and turning students into taxpayers instead of tax burdens — starts with a hot breakfast, intensive daily research-based reading instruction and followed by after-school tutoring and dinner. Food and literacy are equally necessary to feed, expand and extend a child's mind. A few small high schools in Detroit as proposed by Gov. Granholm and bankrolled by the stingy K-12 School Aid Committee won't make a dent in this ship that makes the Titanic look appealing.

Small classes with properly certified and highly qualified teachers providing intensive, daily reading instruction is the necessary start Michigan schools and Detroit Public Schools has been missing. Students who can't read have no reason to stay in school and sadly, this the students have figured out in droves.

And while former Vice President Al Gore has challenged the United States to solve its energy crisis over the next 10 years — someone might tell the next president to solve the education crisis in America and especially for our black, Hispanic and special education students. It is time to remind and ingrain in all of us that education and our children — white, black, brown and of all socioeconomic stations; with and without disabilities — are the energy our economy and our nation rides and rests upon.

Marcie Lipsitt of the Michigan Alliance for Special Education lives in Franklin.

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BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Wojtowicz

Republican primary with 73 percent of the vote.

In the elections for other county offices, incumbents won easy renominations. Sheriff Warren Evans defeated

former sheriff's deputy and Detroit Public Schools security officer Darron McKinney with 81 percent of the vote. He will face Republican Taras Nyoniak in the November election. Register of Deeds Bernard Youngblood easily defeated Terrance Hood with 70 percent of the vote. He will run unopposed in the November election.

County Clerk Cathy Garrett faced four opponents but finished first with 50 percent of the vote. Her nearest competitor was Michael O'Brien with 24 percent of the vote. On the Republican side, Lannell Buffington ran unopposed and will face Garrett in November.

Prosecutor Kym Worthly, a Democrat, ran unopposed and has no Republican opposition in the general election.

Six candidates advance in the race for one of three open seats on the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court: Daniel Hathaway, Lynne Pierce, Connie Marie Kelley, John J. Sullivan, Susan Hubbard and Richard Cunningham. Voters in Wayne County

approved an 0.1 mill tax to support the Detroit Zoo with nearly 75 percent supporting the tax. The zoo millage was also approved by voters in Oakland and Macomb counties by wide margins.

The tax will cost the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$10 a year and is expected to generate about \$15 million a

year. The zoo budget in \$26 million a year, the rest of the money coming from admissions, concessions and donations. The Detroit Zoological Society, which operates the zoo, sought the tax to replace a subsidy from the city of Detroit, which ended in 2006. The city of Detroit owns the zoo.

SHERIFF	
REPUBLICAN	✓ Taras Nyoniak ... 35,106
DEMOCRAT	
(TOP ONE TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)	
✓ Warren Evans (I) ...	127,257
Darron McKinney ...	28,680
TREASURER	
REPUBLICAN	
(TOP ONE TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)	
✓ Brendan Dunleavy ...	26,268
Timberly Robinson ...	9,465
(TOP ONE TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)	
Philip Cavanagh ...	36,770
Kevin Kelly ...	7,953
Beverly Kindle-Walker ...	12,788
Thomas Marciniak ...	1,699
Robert Nozicka ...	1,183
Brian O'Donnell ...	4,584
Catherine O'Heara ...	8,629
Sigmund John Szczepkowski Jr. ...	2,795
Keith Windham ...	2,459
✓ Raymond Wojtowicz (I) ...	60,409
Linda Zebrowski ...	4,222
REGISTER OF DEEDS	
DEMOCRAT	
(TOP ONE TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)	
✓ Bernard Youngblood (I) ...	91,681
Terrance Hood ...	31,603
CLERK	
DEMOCRAT	
(TOP ONE TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)	
✓ Cathy Garrett (I) ...	70,441
Margaret Jones ...	12,480
Michael O'Brien ...	32,513
Diana Stamford ...	12,001
Caretta Strong ...	11,913
REPUBLICAN	
✓ Lannell Buffington ...	34,463
PROSECUTOR	
DEMOCRAT	
✓ Kym Worthly (I) ...	150,379
3RD CIRCUIT COURT	
(TOP SIX APPEAR ON NOVEMBER BALLOT)	
Wanda Cal ...	23,953
✓ Richard Cunningham ...	40,399
Sharon Grier ...	39,758
Robert Harris Jr. ...	21,499
✓ Daniel Hathaway ...	59,421
✓ Susan Hubbard ...	42,989
✓ Connie Marie Kelley ...	48,078
Corbett Edge O'Heara ...	15,123
✓ Lynne Pierce ...	55,896
Neil Sawicki ...	35,214
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No ...	61,817

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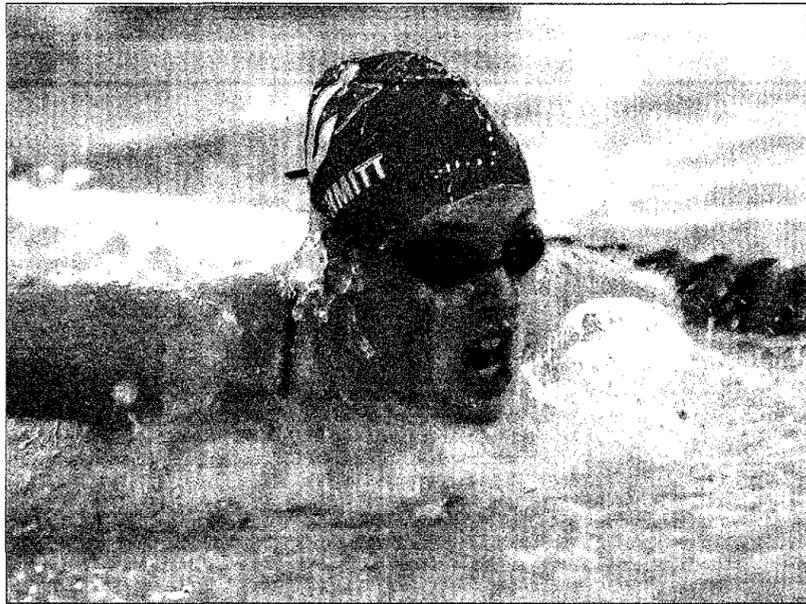
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Beijing is next stop for Canton swimmer Schmitt



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Canton resident Allison Schmitt, pictured competing in a high school meet last fall, earned one of just 20 roster spots on the 2008 U.S. Olympic women's swimming team.

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2008 Summer Olympics were the furthest things from the minds of Ralph and Gail Schmitt when they signed up their 6-year-old daughter Allison for basic swim lessons in 1996.

"Like all of our children, we just wanted to make sure Allison knew how to swim so she'd have fun when we went to the beach and went on vacations," Ralph Schmitt reflected.

Little did the Schmitts know that the lessons their third of five children soaked in at the Salem High School pool that year would become the first steps of an incredible journey that will continue a half a world away at the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, China over the next three weeks.

Allison Schmitt earned a spot on the 20-member United States women's swim team July 2 when she placed second in the 200-meter freestyle event at the Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb.

Schmitt is the third-youngest member of the star-studded contingent — 23 years younger than teammate Darra Torres — and is believed to be the first Canton resident to ever compete in the Summer Olympic Games.

"Everything has been amazing so far," Schmitt said last month from the team's domestic training camp in Palo Alto, Calif. "I'm swimming with the best swimmers in the country and swimming for the best coaches in the country. The entire experience has been unforgettable."

And it's only just begun.

Early signs of greatness

The tall, slender swimmer's talent began to emerge at the age of 12 when she captured the

"High Points" award at the 2003 Michigan 12-and-under State Championships.

Schmitt's physical tools — most notably her long, strong limbs — were impressive, but it was her mental make-up that stood out in the mind of Josh Morgan, her coach at the Ann Arbor Swim Club during the middle school years.

"If I had to describe Allison with one word, it would be 'fearless,'" said Morgan. "When she was in the water, she wasn't afraid of anybody. And she hated to lose."

"She had a great attitude, too. You could tell she was interested in learning and getting better."

Considering the vast wealth of swimming talent in the United States, Schmitt's meteoric climb to the elite level of athletes in her sport is awe-inspiring, Morgan said.

"First of all, only the top 1 percent of swimmers in the country even make it as far as the Trials," he said. "Then, once you get there, you have to perform at your peak on the day of your race. If you're not at your best, you don't get to try again for four more years."

"The odds against doing what she's done may not be astronomical, but they're pretty darn close."

Focused on success

Schmitt's times in the freestyle events continued to plummet under the tutelage of the Ann Arbor Swim Club's Dan Olm, who coached her during her freshman and sophomore years of high school.

Olm attributed Schmitt's ascension to the national spotlight to her unrelenting ability to focus.

"Swimming fast is not the

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Sidelines



Plymouth Reigns

The Plymouth Reign '95, an under-14 boys soccer team, qualified for the 3-vs.-3 KickIt World Championships by finishing with a 4-1 record last weekend in the regionals held in Buffalo, N.Y.

The quintet of Derek Heitman, Mario Gruszczynski, Ryan Liguori, Daniel Oversea and Sean Yanik will advance to the World Championships, Jan. 17-19, in Orlando, Fla.

To help raise funds for the trip, Glenn and Tiffany Liguori are opening their Books Are Fun book and gift warehouse to the general public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 8-9.

The warehouse is located at 7458 Kingsbridge Road, off Warren and Lilley, in Canton.

Books Are Fun is a division of Reader's Digest and offers books and gifts for all ages and family members of at reduced prices.

Fifteen percent of all sales will be donated to the players' fund-raising efforts.

For more information, call Glenn Liguori at (734) 354-0054.

Pummill wins title

Garden City's Ron Pummill recently took first place in the age 15-16 division of the Willow Metropark Golf Tournament with an 18-hole score of 77.

He also finished third at the Kensington Metropark tourney, completing his round with a score of 78 strokes.

Hole-in-one club

■ On Aug. 1, Phillip Miskulin, 14, of Garden City, used a 5-iron to record his first ace on the 155-yard, No. 7 hole at Westland Municipal Golf Course.

■ On July 11, Canton's Paul Drechnowicz, using a 6-iron, registered his first ace on the 165-yard, No. 12 hole at the Grande Golf Club in Jackson.

Bus driver wanted

The Livonia Ladywood High Athletic Department needs a bus driver for after-school sports events starting with the 2008 fall season with most events starting between 2 and 3 p.m.

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

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Allison Schmitt is pictured holding the 'High Points' trophy she won at the 2003 12U Michigan State Championships.



SCHMITT FAMILY PHOTO

ABOUT SCHMITT

WHO: Allison Schmitt;
AGE: 18;
HOMETOWN: Canton;
ACCOMPLISHMENT: Qualified for the 2008 U.S. women's Olympic swimming team in the 200-meter freestyle and the 4 x 200-meter relay;
FAMILY: Parents Ralph and Gail; siblings Kirsten, Derek, Kari and Sara;
NICKNAMES: Schmitty, Ai, Allie;
HOBBIES: Scrapbooking, taking pictures, playing outdoor games, playing board games;
ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PART II: Qualified for three events — 100-meter freestyle, 200-meter freestyle and 400-meter freestyle — at 2008 Olympic Trials; won four individual state high school titles at Canton.

PGA pros keep it simple, straight

BY JIM TOTH
OGE STAFF WRITER

PGA professionals have spoken and the consensus states the greatest mistake an average golfer can make is out-think the golf swing.

Too many times too many amateurs get away from the basics of making a smooth and flowing motion, and instead insert a bevy of jumps and jerks that resemble the swinging occurring more on the dance floor than on the golf course.

"I hardly ever get an amateur — that's not a really good player — that's set up perfectly, that aims good, has the proper knee bend or the proper grip and I

think those things are easy to get wrong in the beginning," explained former PGA champion Davis Love III during a golf clinic Tuesday held at the PGA Learning Center inside Oakland Hills Country Club. "I try to remind people when I do a clinic that if you just do these things you will get better and that you have to have a foundation before you can build a really good golf game."

Love, who was crowned PGA Champion back in 1997 at Winged Foot Golf Club in New York, offered up a 60-minute clinic — presented by American Express — on the ingredients that go onto producing a fluid golf swing and ultimately experiencing a more

enjoyable game overall.

Often, it appears unfair how effortlessly and predictably the results are from the professionals, but Love promises it doesn't happen by chance.

"People think that we have some secret, you know, like Titleist gives us some special golf ball, teachers have something they're telling us they're not telling the general public, but in reality, every time I see my teachers, it's the same stuff over and over and over and it's still fundamentals," Love said. "We still work on our fundamentals. It's the things we get away from because we're trying too hard to get better. Hopefully, the fans understand the fundamentals are still the

most important thing as we still work hard at them."

Tami Bealert, PGA professional at Carl's Golf and in Plymouth, agrees.

Bealert, along with a number of PGA professionals, have been on hand all week at the Learning Center to serve up instructions to needy duffers seeking improvement. The 10-minute sessions provide a video analysis and computerized breakdown of such areas as weight shift, shoulder turns and muscle tensions. Participants usually depart feeling better about their prospects next time out.

"Ten minutes isn't a long

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LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former PGA Champion Davis Love III offered up an hour-long session Tuesday at Oakland Hills Country Club on the making of a good golf swing. Local PGA professionals have also been busy during the week providing instruction to golfers looking to improve their game.



Westland's Jared Williams has won numerous awards in taekwondo, including two gold medals at the recent AAU Junior Olympics held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

Martial artist

Westland teen makes his mark in taekwondo at AAU Junior Olympics

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jared Williams has a slew of awards and trophies stacked in and around his bedroom.

But what he'll cherish more than anything right now and put on a special display is pair of gold medals the 17-year-old from Westland captured last Friday in taekwondo competition at the 2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

Seven years of hard work came to fruition as Williams captured first place in traditional forms for Boys 16-17 in second degree dan and up (for black belts). He also won his weight class (135-165) in points sparring, which consists of a pair of two-minute

rounds, posting a 12-5 mercy victory in the finals.

For Williams, an honor student at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School, it's a seven-day a week sport in the Korean martial art.

"I usually train three to four hours per day, then cut back maybe one or two on Sundays," Williams said. "It's mostly done in my back yard, but when it's cold or rainy I usually go inside to the School of Martial Arts USA in Dearborn Heights."

Williams, who proudly wears his pair of gold medals, was urged on by "my biggest cheerleader at all my tournaments," his sister, Courtney Walker, a recent graduate of Michigan State.

Williams also received encouragement from Master

Alex Enriquez, an instructor who was once an AAU National Team alternate (2001) and AAU National gold medalist (1999). Williams also receives instruction from three other masters from the Dearborn Heights studio — Marcus and Nick Imsande, along with Steven Yu.

"I felt really good and the reason why I went to the (National) Junior Olympics was that it was in Michigan," said Williams, referring to Detroit as the host city. "I went in there to try and win. I train as hard as I could, and it turned out well for me."

Williams bested five other competitors in traditional forms, which consists of an individual demonstration of a required series of hand techniques, strikes and kicks.

In traditional forms, he received an opening-round bye into the finals before facing his opponent from Colorado.

"I saw him in his previous match and I envisioned in my head what I'd be like," Williams said of his match. "The second round I kicked him in the head twice (good for two points each) and got a huge lead and was able to finish him off."

What the 6-foot-1, 165-pound Williams enjoys most about taekwondo is the individual pursuit.

"It's not a team sport, when you go to a tourney it's one-on-one," he said. "It's about yourself and all the work you put in. You have that sense of determination and you want it more than someone else."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Car dealer, RU team up

Holiday Automotive Group is teaming up with Redford Union head football coach Miles Tomasaitis in a unique fundraising opportunity for the football program.

Under an arrangement similar to one in place for Livonia Public Schools,

Holiday Automotive will take \$200 from each vehicle sale or lease and funnel the money into a non-profit fund (501(c)(3)) to benefit the RU football team. (Holiday Automotive has three locations: Livonia Chrysler Jeep on Plymouth Road, Holiday Chevrolet on Grand River in Farmington Hills and Century Dodge on Telegraph Road in Taylor.)

Money would be used mostly to buy non-essential equipment and uniform needs, although Tomasaitis said he would like to buy a new water-supply system for the upcoming season.

Customers must bring the coupon when buying or leasing a vehicle in order for the donation to be completed.

For more information, go to www.welove-holiday.com; contact Dave McDonald at Livonia Chrysler Jeep (734-525-5000); or contact Colleen McDonald (248-474-0500) regarding Holiday Chevrolet or Century Dodge.

Youth baseball tryouts

The Livonia Travel Baseball Club, along with Livonia Baseball & Softball Association, will stage tryout evaluations for the following age groups (determined as of May 1, 2009) at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads, on Diamond No. 8:

10-and-under, 1-3 p.m.; 9-and-under, 3-5 p.m.; 12-and-under, 5-7 p.m. - all Saturday, Aug. 16;

11-and-under, 1-3 p.m.; 13-and-under, 3-5 p.m.; 14-and-under (for players who have not entered high school yet), 5-7 p.m. - all Sunday, Aug. 17.

Managers and coaches are also needed. If interested, call travel director Bruce Rosen at (313) 531-0721; or e-mail mblr1218@aol.com.

The 2009 Motor City Pirates 12U baseball team will be holding final tryouts on Saturday, Aug. 9, from noon-2 p.m. at the UAW Fields located at 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton. The Pirates play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association and will play in several tournaments in 2009. Players interested in trying out should contact coach Angelo Lanava at alanava@wowway.com.

The Canton Cardinals 12U travel baseball team will hold tryouts Wednesday, Aug. 13. The team competes in the KVBSA, USSSA and Sylvania tournament. The Cardinals are also set to play in two fall tournaments this year.

For the first time ever, out-of-district exemptions are allowed. For more information, contact head coach Jim Hejka at James_Hejka@jeffersonwells.com or (734) 658-2446.

Two 14-and-under Plymouth/Canton travel baseball teams - the Grizzlies and

the Vipers - will stage tryouts for the 2009 season from 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Players must be 14 or younger on April 30, 2009.

To pre-register or for more information, call Rob Sudz at (734) 637-1638.

Tryouts for the 2009 Livonia-based, 11-and-under Michigan Bulldogs travel baseball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 16; and 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

For more information, e-mail head coach Scott Linsler at coachscott@michiganbulldog-baseball.com; or visit www.michbulldogs.com.

Hockey clinics

Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills will be hosting several pre-season hockey clinics the week of Monday, Aug. 18 through Thursday, Aug. 21.

Sessions include the following: "Deking & Dangling," 12 noon - 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18 for ages 9 and up; "Shoot to Score," 2-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18 for ages 6 and up; "Backward Skating," 12 noon - 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 for ages 9 and up; "Quick & Fast," 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 for ages 6 and up; "Playmaker," 12 noon - 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20 for ages 9 and up; "Outside Edges," 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20 for ages 6 and up; "Learn to Check," 12 noon - 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21 for ages 11 and up; "Defense Clinic," 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21 for ages 9 and up.

Players will be grouped by skill and experience level in each class. Full hockey equipment is required. For more information, call (248) 478-1600 or go to www.suburbanhockey.com.

NASCAR tickets

3M Car Care will provide Detroit area drivers who deal with high gas prices with a Gas N' Go giveaway event and NASCAR tickets to the 3M Performance 400, presented by Bondo, Sunday, Aug. 17, at Michigan International Speedway.

From 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12 at NAPA Auto Parts, located at 20340 Farmington Road, Livonia (between Seven and Eight Mile roads), the first 100 Detroit drivers will who stop by the Gas N' Go Giveaway and present any gas receipt higher than \$50 will receive a pair of tickets, along with a fuel efficiency improvement solution from 3M Car Care.

High Velocity family fun

High Velocity Sports will be offering "Family Fun Nights" from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, 15 and 22, in Canton.

The event is for families, friends and/or co-workers who would like to experience an inexpensive, safe, athletic environment.

Participants will be able to play soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball and dodge ball. The facility's "Carnival of Inflatables" will also be open. The cost is \$5 per person. Children under the age of 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Tracy Thelen at (734) 487-7678 or visit www.hvsports.com.

O&E Women's Tourney

"Drive" time is fast approaching for all women golfers looking to claim the title of 2008 Observer & Eccentric Women's Open champion.

The one-day, 18-hole tournament is set to tee off Saturday, Aug. 16, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

The deadline for entries is 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9.

All entrants will be trying to dethrone defending champion Susan Macinkowicz, who earned medalist honors by carding an impressive round of 78.

Participants must have a current United States Golf Association index to play in the annual O&E Open.

Registration forms can be picked up at Whispering Willows Golf Course, which is located at 20500 Newburgh Road, Livonia; at Fox Creek Golf Course, which is located at 36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Registration forms can also be found at www.golflivonia.com.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$50, which does not include a cart. For pairings and starting times, participants are encouraged to call (248) 476-4493 after noon on Thursday, Aug. 14.

The O&E men's tournament is scheduled for Sept. 20 and 21 at both Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses. The men's event is a 36-hole tourney.

Free junior tourney

Wolverine Sports will sponsor an 18-hole free junior golf tournament for boys and girls ages 9-17 on Sunday, Aug. 10 at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by stroke play with foursomes at 12:30 p.m. (Free hot dogs, chips and pop will be provided at the turn.)

For more information, call Bob Murray at (734) 751-4466.

City Golf Championship

The 45th annual City Golf Championship will be held Aug. 9-10 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Included in the field will be past champions Claud Johnston, Sandy Felan and Bill Hawley, along with last year's winner Zach McCurley of Belleville.

The competition is open to residents of Wayne, Westland, Canton, Livonia, Romulus, Plymouth, Inkster and Garden City.

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The entry fee is \$60, but does not include a cart fee.

To enter, call Jeff Rutter or Steve Winkelman at (734) 721-7400.

Salem lacrosse outing

The 2nd Annual Salem Boys Lacrosse Golf outing will be Sept. 14 at St. John's Golf and Banquet Center, which is located at Five Mile and Sheldon roads, Plymouth.

Registration begins at 12:45 p.m. with a shotgun start slated for 1:30 p.m. A scramble format will be used.

The cost is \$110 per golfer and \$440 per foursome if they register after Aug. 16. All those who register prior to Aug. 16 will receive a \$10 break.

The fee includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch at the turn, a rib dinner following the outing, a 50/50 raffle and many contests.

To reserve a foursome, contact Lynn Kerchen at (734) 844-7336 or lynn.kerchen@comcast.net; or Eric Bielecki at (248) 351-3824 or (734) 891-3590.

The cost for dinner only is \$50.

Boys Junior Golf Tourney

The 36th Michigan State Junior Boys Golf Championship (ages 13-18) will be Thursday, Aug. 21 at Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Crest Golf Course in Ypsilanti.

The 36-hole tournament is open to those with a handicap index of 5.5 or lower. Special exemptions will be allowed for players who have made the 2008 All-State in each of the four divisions, along with regional qualifiers, the low 12 finishers in the 2007 Championship, the Junior Golf Honor Roll and other junior majors.

Entries close 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14.

For more information, call Dick Loring at skillplay@aol.com; or call (517) 918-2625.

Fox Hills Family Night

Fox Hills' Golf Course, located at 8768 N. Territorial Road, near Plymouth, will stage a Family Night Out beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Strategic Fox.

The cost is \$20 per person (includes golf, hot dog or hamburger, chips and pop on the patio).

For more information, call (734) 453-7272.

North Brothers outing

The 19th annual North Brothers

Ford charity golf outing will be Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. Proceeds go to: Wayne County Family Center, Westland Youth Assistance, YMCA Strong Kids Campaign and Royal Oak Salvation Army.

For more information, call Jackie Marcaccini at (734) 524-1243; or e-mail info@northbrothers.com.

Junior boys fall series

The Michigan PGA Junior Tour, sponsored by Carl's Golf and Nike Golf, will launch its 2008 Fall Series for boys and girls ages 13-16 with mid-morning tee times the first four Saturdays in September and the first two Saturdays in October.

There is no members fee for the Fall Series for Michigan PGA Junior Tour members. For juniors that are not regular season members, the fee is \$50. The cost for each event is \$50.

The Fall Series is award Player of the Year awards for Boys 13-15 and 16-18.

The schedule includes: Sept. 6, Washtenaw Country Club; Sept. 13, in Ypsilanti; Grand Valley State's The Meadows, Sept. 20, in Allendale; Sept. 20, Sunnybrook C.C., Grandville; Sept. 27, Country Club of Jackson; Oct. 4, Detroit Golf Club; Oct. 11, MSU's Forest Akers (West Course), East Lansing.

Registration begins Aug. 6 at www.michigan.pga.com.

For more information, call Justin Phillips at (517) 641-7421; or e-mail jphillips@michiganpga.com.

Disc Golf Guide

Disc Golf Michigan! A Comprehensive Guide to Disc Golf Courses of Michigan, is available for \$19.95 from Planetary Eagle Publishing through the book's web site: www.discgolfmichigan.com; or by calling (269) 342-4929.

The web site also list more than 30 retailers.

The guide book, authored by Stephanai Myers, includes 175 pages of up-to-date information on the 90 courses in Michigan. It includes regional maps, color photos, course and park information, detailed course descriptions, hole lengths, directions, relevant web sites, contacts and where to find maps and scorecards.

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Canton's Allison Schmitt (sixth from left) is pictured at a U.S. swimming team event earlier this summer. Standing to Schmitt's right is Michael Phelps, who is considered the world's best swimmer.

SCHMITT

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most comfortable thing in the world to do," said Olm. "A lot of swimmers think about how they're going to feel when their race is over and it affects their performance. Two-and-a-half-hour practices can seem like an eternity.

"Great swimmers like Allison are able to live in the moment — they don't think about how much they're going to hurt or how much longer they have to go."

Olm remembered a 1,650-meter event Schmitt raced in a few years ago that typified her world-class competitiveness.

"She went out way too fast the first three or four minutes," the highly respected coach recalled. "She was real close to her personal bests over the first 200 and 500 meters, so she had a pretty good lead, but I'm thinking, 'She's not going to have enough at the end to finish."

"Well, toward the end of the race, another one of our swimmers — who was in the lane next to Allison — was getting close to catching her. But Allison saw her out of the corner of her eye and refused to let herself get passed — even though she was very, very tired. She ended up winning the race, which was pretty amazing considering how fast she went out."

Olm forecasted great things

from Schmitt — not just over the next three weeks, but for the next several years.

"I don't want to put any pressure on Allison, but with her talent and work ethic, I think she's going to be a world-record holder someday," he predicted. "I could see her going 1:53 or 1:54 in the 200 and doing great things in the 400, too.

"And I don't think her ability has caught up to her body yet. Once it does, she could be doing things similar to what Michael Phelps is doing on the men's side."

Which means those basic swimming lessons she took 12 years ago have more than paid off.

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WILLIAMS

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"Most of the time it's mental more than physical. It where you get it inside their head and it makes them more scared then you."

Williams earned a trip to the AAU Nationals with a first-place showing in forms and a runner-up overtime loss in sparring during the state AAU Junior Olympics held May 10 in Mount Pleasant.

Williams' taekwondo season is far from over as he'll continue to compete in NASKA tour-

naments and the Michigan Sport Karate Circuit (where he finished second last year in the points standings before going down with a groin injury).

Williams embarks on his senior year at CC carrying a 3.6 grade point average. He also is a member of the Gabriel Richard Club and the National Honor Society. He is considering attending either Michigan State or the University of Michigan where he'd like to study nuclear medicine with an interest in X-ray technology.

Williams wrestled his first two years at CC and has

also dabbled in boxing. He lives only a block away from Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club where he occasionally trains.

He recently fought in an exhibition match and has been actively recruited by Dynamic trainer Paul Soucy to change sports.

"I'm friends with Paul and he tells me that if I give up karate for boxing that I'd be good," Williams said.

But Williams' first love remains taekwondo — where he is plenty good.

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time so just trying to make sure they have their posture correct and explain to them how to stay in balance in the swing is the priority," said Bealert, who lives in Canton. "I would draw the line for the swing plane, and there's

a shooting area, and so they would have a better understanding of why they're out of balance. If they're out of balance, the club's getting out of balance, and those are the key things I focus on.

"Basically it's back to fundamentals — take a look at their grip and their posture. That's the key ingredient to making a good golf swing."

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Marshals enjoy time at Oakland Hills Country Club

BY MARTY BUDNER
O&E STAFF WRITER

Paul Zimmerman and Len Tosto are marshals this week on hole No. 8 at Oakland Hills Country Club for the 90th PGA Championship. It's a job they anxiously anticipated.

Security at that hole is the responsibility of Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville where Zimmerman was a two-term president and seven-year board member.

Zimmerman is captain of the eighth hole and responsible for securing the long and challenging 491-yard, par-4 layout. His job is to oversee the 70-some volunteer marshals and deal with any other problems that happen to arise during the weeklong tournament that began with Monday's practice rounds and concludes with Sunday's championship final.

While it is a tough task, the 62-year-old Northville resident is an experienced attendant as he served in that same capacity for the 2004 Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills.

"On days like this it's more relaxing and fun, but when you get to Saturday and Sunday it's like you're so busy it's hard to relax and enjoy what's taking place," said Zimmerman, who was dressed



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Former Meadowbrook Country Club president Paul Zimmerman (left) is serving as a marshal captain on the eighth hole at Oakland Hills Country Club for this week's 90th PGA Championship.

appropriately in a red shirt and PGA hat on Monday.

"There are times when some very interesting things take place. I can remember one of the European players — Colin Montgomerie — let a spectator come out and putt during a practice round on the seventh

green, and he actually made a pretty good putt. The crowd really enjoyed it.

"It was just interesting how there was a lot more inter-play between the spectators and the Europeans than there was with the Americans and the crowd at the Ryder Cup," he

said. "It was almost like the Europeans won the American spectators over. As the day went on they were talking to the crowds and enjoying the crowds, while for the Americans it seemed like it was all business." Zimmerman, whose son, Jeff,

was a captain on the Orchard Lake St. Mary's golf team and whose daughter, Julie, was a captain of the Mercy High School tennis team, figures to enjoy the PGA as much as he liked the Ryder Cup.

"Another major event like the PGA and being this close to home and at Oakland Hills, I figured why not come out and partake one more time?" he said. "Both myself and Mike Wick, who is the other hole captain, we share responsibility. We both did it for the Ryder Cup so we decided let's work together again and do this one and it should be easier since we were fairly well-trained at it and we knew what we were doing.

"Basically we have over 70 marshals who are assigned three different shifts and we have to coordinate their activities between shifts," he said. "And we move them around the course so they get exposure to all parts of the course and we have to track their hours so that we can relieve them when they need relief. Basically we coordinate all their activity."

Meanwhile, Tosto, a Bloomfield Hills resident who is working for Zimmerman, is making his marshal debut. The 44-year-old Forest Lake Country Club member said on

Monday that he decided to put in his 15 hours at the beginning of the week.

"Obviously it's a chance to get a lot closer to the pros and stand within feet of where they are at and watch their swing and watch what they do," said Tosto, who lives just three miles from the internationally renowned course. "I had hoped to see Tiger, but that's not going to happen."

"My job is to just rotate from spot to spot, and most of it is crowd control to see that the people stay outside of the ropes," he said. "And if the ball is outside the ropes we have to make sure there is enough room around the player and make sure he has enough space to swing."

What does he plan to do the rest of the week? He hopes to take some of that knowledge he gained from watching the pros Up North where he and a few friends will gather for some golf of their own.

"I chose the practice rounds because every year I have seven buddies who I do a golf trip with and this was the week," he said. "But this is a neat experience. It's not an extremely difficult job, especially for these early rounds, but it will pick up by the weekend and it will be fun. It's interesting to study the pros."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Titan Tune-Up

The fourth annual Tommy Titan Tune-up will be Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The women's cross country race begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the men's cross country race at 7:15 p.m.

The long course will consist of one college loop and one high school loop approximately 5,600 meter. The short course will be a college loop of 3,300 meters.

Individual rants are \$5 per entrant; \$25 (6-14 athletes); and \$50 (15 or more).

For more information, call University of Detroit Mercy cross country coach Guy Murray at (313) 993-1724; or e-mail murraygr@udmercy.edu.

Patriot volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Franklin volleyball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon (varsity), 12:30-2:30 p.m. (JV) and 4:30-7 p.m. (freshman) on Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school fieldhouse.

All players must bring a current physical exam form.

For more information, e-mail coach Linda Jimenez at ljimenez@livonia.k12.mi.us.

GC volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Garden City girls volleyball team will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. (JV players in grades 9-10) and from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (varsity players) beginning Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school.

Thurston v'ball tryouts

Redford Thurston's volleyball teams will hold tryouts Monday, Aug. 11 through Wednesday, Aug. 13 at the school's auxiliary gym.

Ninth graders will try out for the freshman team from 4-5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 4-6 p.m. Wednesday; 10th and 11th graders can qualify for the junior varsity or varsity teams while seniors may only try out for varsity. JV and varsity tryouts will be 6-7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Coach Natalie Wasio may move players up to a higher caliber team. All students interested in trying out must have a current physical, dated

after April 15, 2008, to be turned in prior to or on the tryout date. For more information, contact coach Wasio at (313) 806-0493.

RU v'ball tryouts

Redford Union varsity volleyball coach Rachel Clor will hold tryouts next week for players interested in playing at the freshman, junior varsity or varsity levels.

Tryouts for the freshman and JV teams will be 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11 through Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Redford Union.

Varsity tryouts will follow each day, from 7-8:30 p.m. Players should have their physicals completed and arrive 15 minutes prior to the beginning of tryouts to sign up. For more information, call Clor at (248) 515-0568.

Get ready for soccer

Boys interested in trying out for the Redford Thurston soccer team can attend physical conditioning from 6 to 8 p.m. daily this week at Thurston's stadium field. The physical conditioning will prepare students for tryouts, which are scheduled to begin on Monday, Aug. 11.

All students interested in trying out must have a physical dated after April 15, 2008. For information, contact coaches Chris Riffenburg at criff@earthlink.net or (313) 952-2158 or Peter Van Well at (313) 937-0856.

WYAA football sign-up

The Westland Youth Athletic Association, entering its 50th year, is seeking football players ages 12-13-14 interested in playing varsity-level for the Comets or Meteors. Openings remain for both squads.

The Comets play their home games at John Glenn High School and practice and Marshall Middle School, while the Meteors' home field is Wayne Memorial H.S. and practice at Voss Park in Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA Lange Compound Building at (734) 421-0640; Meteors unit director Galen Huren at (734) 716-6047; or Comets unit director Mark Simkow at (734) 732-1176.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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AUGUST

Vacation Bible school
Rainforest Adventure for children entering preschool through sixth grade, continues 9 a.m. to noon through Friday, Aug. 8, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads., Livonia. Activities include worship, crafts, games, science, music, Bible stories and more. Registration \$20 for first child in family, \$15 for second child, \$12 each additional child. Each family receives a VBS music CD. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-0307 for registration information.

Vacation Bible school
9 a.m. to noon through Thursday, Aug. 4-7, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Reunion
For current and former members of Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. Several former ministers will be in attendance, and there will be a pot-luck dinner and plenty of reminiscing. A church service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, as part of the reunion. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Tent revival
Radio personality Robin Sullivan, vocalist Ruth Naomi Floyd and other Christian musicians along with Detroit preachers 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kelly Rd., south of 8 Mile. Health screenings offered. No charge. Call (313) 372-4902 for details.

Community Baptist revival
11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 11-13, at Community Baptist Church, 28237 Warren Rd., between Inkster and Middlebelt, Garden City. Speaker:

J. Curtis Goldman, World War II Glider Pilot, Author of Silent Warrior. For information, call Pastor Jonathan Allen (734) 522-3710.

Summer music ministry
Hymn sings Aug. 10, Sept. 7. Family Choir, all ages invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service Aug. 24, and Sept. 7, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible school
Bird Tales, adventures in the forests and jungles of the world, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Aug. 11-16, for ages 4-10, crafts, music and refreshments, at Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Garden City. Please pre-register at (734) 524-0880.

Vacation Bible school
5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 11-15, at Good Shepherd Missionary Baptist Church, 20915 Evergreen, Southfield. Come join us for food, teaching, arts and crafts. To register, call (248) 353-4368. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible school
The Anglican Church of Livonia holds its Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Aug. 12-15. This year's theme is Bible Beach Bash - Soak up the Sun! For information, call (248) 442-0422.

Mom's retreat
St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to take personal time for prayer and relaxation coupled with adult discussion of topics relevant to daily faith life 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. Children's Ministry offered while moms enjoy Mass, continental breakfast and discussion. Cost is \$8 per session, \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Open house
For Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at 9600 Leverage, Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. Call Laura at

(313) 937-2233 or e-mail lgoodman@hosanna-tabor.org.

Greek festival
Enjoy the culture, homemade food and pastries, music and dance, and shop the Marketplace with Greek artifacts and jewelry noon to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Rd., St. Clair Shores. Admission \$2, children age 12 and under free. Proceeds benefit church programs and renovation projects. Call (586) 779-6111 or visit www.assumptionfestival.com.

Bethany Suburban West
Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd. next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details please feel free to call, Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Crop walk
Kick-off planning meeting for the Walk Against Hunger Saturday, Aug. 16. All recruits are invited to share breakfast and learn what is new for 2008 and pick up their walk materials and pledge sheets for the walk on Sunday, Oct. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. For information, call John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181.

Concert
Karen Peck & New River, 2007 Grammy Award Nominee, perform 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the sanctuary at Joy Baptist Church, 37055 Joy Rd. at Newburgh, Westland. Admission free, but seating limited. Doors open at 5 p.m. For information, call (734) 425-0466.

Carillon concert series
10 a.m. and noon Sunday, Aug. 17, 24 and 31, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 625-2515 or visit www.kirkinthehills.org.

Bible study
A Word for You Bible Study continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, in the Green Room at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Rd., Westland. The one hour study includes Praise and Worship and the Word. All are welcome. For more information, call (313) 289-8336.

Summer camp
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp continues to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop by 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

Bethany Suburban West
Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday, Aug. 30, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft (this is the I-96 service drive east of Inkster Rd. on south side in Redford 48239). Limited to first 450 paid admissions only. Please wear proper attire. Admission \$12. For more information, call Loretta from Bethany East at (586) 264-0284. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Summer day camp
Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades one-six, continues to Aug. 24. Hours 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with extended care available at extra cost. Campers participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes include sports, drama, music, and foods. SHINE is a fully-licensed day care through the State of Michigan Department of Human Resources. Weekly full-time registrations range from \$135 to \$165. Information available at wardchurch.org, or by calling (248) 374-5975.

Bethany Suburban West
Free concert featuring Air Margaritaville 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, during Lincoln Park Days, 3525 Dix Rd., Lincoln Park MI 48146. Bring a comfortable chair, your favorite drink and a laid back mood. Call Kathy M. for details, (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

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Outdoor worship
10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. A picnic will follow. Call (734) 464-0211.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence
Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) pastors show how injustices in the Bible are played out today and why God gave you a passion for justice, during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in August at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through south double doors next to play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillcdoc@aol.com.

Water works park
For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE day camp with hours from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Cost is \$115, requires pre-registration. Details at wardchurch.org.

UPCOMING

Bethany Suburban West
Deadline is Sept. 1 for head count for Detroit Princess Riverboat cruise featuring Air Margaritaville 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Cost is \$54.50 and includes cruise, meal, tax and gratuity. For details or reservations, call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Exploring the Catholic faith
Starts 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Bethany Suburban West
Monthly dance 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. No dance lesson this month. Cost \$10, refreshments included. Doors open a 7:30 p.m.

Call Diane K. for information, (734) 261-5716. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Picnic
All-church and neighborhood picnic follows festival worship and communion 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, on the lawn at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Meet new people and visit with long-time friends, get information on upcoming programs and how to grow closer to Christ, food, music, games, fellowship, moon walk, face painting. Call (734) 422-0149.

Dorje Chang is living in America
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Tent sale
Begoms at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Household item, specialties like Avon, candles, tools, houseplants, books and crafts. Also a used clothing sale inside the church for \$2 a plastic grocery bag. All proceeds donated to area organizations to help people in the community. Cost to participate is \$25 if you bring your own table, \$35 to use one of the church's 8-foot tables. For details, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363.

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Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd. next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details please feel free to call, Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Celebration
This year, Israel celebrates a significant milestone that provides a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements and history of the Jewish State. In honor of this momentous occasion, The Russian Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom (Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross) will host a celebration 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Adat Shalom, Farmington Hills. The evening include Russian-Jewish delicacies, live entertainment by Ben Opengelm, door prizes and an auction. Tickets \$90 per person, with proceeds benefiting ARMDI. Friends and families of all faiths and backgrounds welcome, but space is limited. For more information, visit www.lifetosave.org.

Bethany hay ride
Saturday, Sept. 27, for Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South in South Rockwood. Cost is \$20, includes hay ride, hot dogs with all the fixings plus beverages and a DJ. They have an indoor facility for dining and dancing. Call Kathy M. at (734) 513-9479 or Judy at (313) 389-4730 for tickets.

Spirit of Manresa
Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. Cost \$150, \$250 patron, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing. Call (248) 644-4933, Ext. 34 or visit www.manresa-sj.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life.

Tiny Tots Preschool
Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3- and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

Crafters wanted
The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

Fall craft show
Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

Thursday fellowship dinner
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration
St. Michael the Archangel Church

in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Time change
Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 9:30 a.m. Sundays (May 25 to Sept. 7) at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livoniafaith.org.s

Sunday worship
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

Reformed Protestant services
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

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An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org.

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Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Tai Chi and strength classes
Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

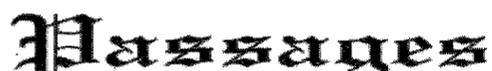
Church offerings
Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services
Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thrift store
Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

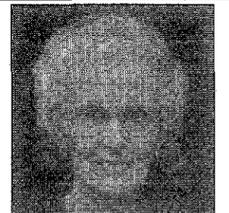
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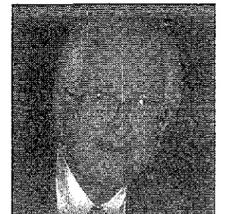
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J. WHITFIELD "Whit" JONES

August 3, 2008, age 82, of Franklin. Longtime executive for Michigan Bell. Beloved husband of Anne for 50 years. Dear father of Carrie Jones and Nancy O'Connor (Michael). Loving grandfather of Benjamin O'Connor. Cousin of Sally Rice, Nita Lancaster and Joseph Lancaster. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Visitation begins 10:30am. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Birmingham, MI 48009 or the Franklin Historical Society, P.O. Box 250007, Franklin, MI 48025. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com

JULIUS A. MADOLINE

August 3, 2008. Age 87. Beloved husband of Theresa. Loving father of Joyce (Hans) Hansen of Canton, MI and Elaine (Robert) Christmas of Genoa, OH. Dearest brother of Vincenza Paris and Sue Madoline both of Youngstown, OH. Proud grandfather of Charina Hansen of Canton, MI and Chris (Emily) Hansen of Batavia, OH. Julius was born September 22, 1920 to Joseph and Nancy Mandoline in Youngstown, Ohio. He joined the US Army in 1942 and fought in WWII. He was in the 11th Airborne Infantry Division, Pacific Theater as a Parachute/Rifleman. On June 21, 1948 he married Theresa Frazzini at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Youngstown, Ohio. They have been married for just over 61 years. After moving to MI, he maintained his membership at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church but also joined St. Thomas a' Becket Parish in Canton, MI. There he was a member of the STASO Club. A memorial service will be held at St. Thomas a' Becket Parish, Canton, MI on Tuesday August 19, 2008 at 10:30am.
www.mccabefuneralhome.com

LOUISE A. BAILEY - NEDERVELD

Of Goodrich. Formerly of Birmingham, Died August 3, 2008, Age 60. Mother of Lauri Alarie of Chesterfield Twp., Todd (Rose) Hall of Algonac, Tammy (Brian) Price of Ohio and Dante Nederveld of Clio. Grandmother of Brandon, Gabrielle, Michael, Bailey and Addison. She was preceded in death by her parents, Manley and Winifred Bailey and her brother, Kim. Louise had worked with her parents at the Manley Bailey Funeral Home. Funeral Services 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at the Bethel Chapel Assembly of God, 10011 Lewis in Clio, Michigan. Interment will be with her parents at the Southfield Cemetery.
Arrangements by the Huntoon Funeral Home, Pontiac.

WILLIAM "Bill" NIPP

Age 89, August 4, 2008. Beloved husband of Virginia for 64 years. Dear father of Judy (Ron) Blome and Kerry (Vickie). Grandfather of Tony (Carrie) and Harlyn (Heather). Great-grandfather of Rocco Walker, Vincent, Gabriel and Autumn. Brother of Maggie (Bob) Eddlemon. Deacon and teacher at First Baptist Church of Garden City. He was loved by all and will be missed dearly. Services were held Wednesday.
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Revival to inspire Christians of all denominations

CALENDAR

FROM PAGE B6

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Pastor Jonathan Allen likes to compare the brown-ing of the grass at this time of year to waning spiritualism in the church and community. The good news is that like dormant lawns which only look dead, Christian faith can be revived — although it takes more than water to restore enthusiasm for the Lord.

For four days, Aug. 10-13, Allen is holding inspirational Revival services at Community Baptist Church in Garden City complete with evangelist speaker J. Curtis Goldman and a praise band.

Allen began attending revivals long before he became pastor of the church in 1980. His father James B. Allen regularly held revivals from the time he became pastor of the church in 1945.

"We pray and ask the Lord to renew our spiritual life," said Allen, who leads the congregation of about 100 members. "It's a concentrated time to bring that renewal of spiritual life. The purpose is to try to send that refreshing rain of spiritual revival to the church and reach out to the community. We're praying for

a real revival of God's spirit and a demonstration of his power and presence."

Years ago Allen said many revivals started as prayer meetings. Rev. George Whitefield, an English evangelist, is credited with bringing preaching to the masses outdoors in the American colonies in 1740. He was part of the second wave of religious revival known as the Great Awakening that took place from 1730 to 1745 and extended from Maine to Georgia.

Community Baptist Church's special services will be held indoors, last about 1 1/2 hours and are open to the public. Allen says real revival isn't denominational but affects everyone in a city.

"We heard stories about the early part of our nation when churches were on dirt floors, few people attended," said Allen. "Whenever God worked and moved spirituality blossomed. That's when a whole city could be changed. The Great Awakening Revival, which was one of the first ones, church attendance went up. There were less crimes. Teens quit using foul language. I think revival changes people. "Revival was pretty com-

mon in the South. When an evangelist came to town, everyone went. Revivals stir up that spirit of getting to know Jesus Christ as your savior, to encourage growth and live a Christian life."

The goal, says Allen, is to concentrate people's attention for four days and hope the inspiration builds.

"We try to get a revival of our members and others to come too. We encourage people to come all four days," said Allen. "Anyone who wants to come is welcome. People get blessed and express themselves. Baptists have been known to say a few Amens and Hallelujahs."

Goldman is making a return appearance at Community Baptist Church. He first preached there in the 1950s. Goldman and Allen's father went to Bible college together. The younger Allen renewed the friendship when he saw Goldman at a fellowship meeting in Texas.

Goldman established Temple Baptist Church in Albuquerque, N.M. in 1953. He retired as pastor in 2003. A World War II Glider Pilot, the 85-year-old Goldman has written a book, *Silent Warrior*. "I wrote to him two weeks ago and he's been on



J. Curtis Goldman is the speaker for the Community Baptist Church revival in Garden City. A World War II Glider Pilot, the 85-year-old retired pastor has written a book, 'Silent Warrior.'

his 3-wheel bike racing a little boy on his block," said Allen.

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Living Water series

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Couple prayer series

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

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NRCLL picnic celebrates year

They celebrated another successful season in the North Redford Central Little League on Saturday at Claude Allison Park and the weatherman finally cooperated.

For the first time in four years, according to NRCLL vice president Darrell Hively, the end-of-year shindig was not rained out.

As a result, all of the baseball players and their families were able to get a proper send-off to the year.

"The comments from all parents was (it) was nothing short of a classic event," beamed Hively about the picnic.

There were trophy presentations for all teams, not to mention a free lunch. But that was only part of the fun on tap at Claude Allison.

For example, some of the recreational options included water slides, a dunk tank and inflatables. Adults could get in on the fun thanks to a 50/50 raffle in hopes of winning prizes.

Of course, hot dogs (Hively estimated he grilled 500 of them), cold pop and watermelon helped make the special



Members of the champion Major Tigers celebrate their winning season during Saturday's North Redford Central Little League picnic at Claude Allison Park.

PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERTY

day even better.

Another highlight, noted Hively, was honoring league president Robert Mockeridge with a plaque.

"This was the first year we decided to honor our president (Mockeridge) with a plaque for all the years of his service and leadership he has provided,"

Hively continued. "It was hard to get the microphone from him honoring other people but I finally got it away from him so I could do the honors."

AROUND TOWN

Car dealer, RU team up

Holiday Automotive Group is teaming up with Redford Union head football coach Miles Tomasaitis in a unique fund-raising opportunity for the football program.

Under an arrangement similar to one in place for Livonia Public Schools, Holiday Automotive will take \$200 from each vehicle sale or lease and funnel the money into a non-profit fund (501(c)) to benefit the RU football team. (Holiday Automotive has three locations: Livonia Chrysler Jeep on Plymouth Road, Holiday Chevrolet on Grand River in Farmington Hills and Century Dodge on Telegraph Road in Taylor.)

Money would be used mostly to buy non-essential equipment and uniform needs, although Tomasaitis said he would like to buy a new water-supply system for the upcoming season.

Customers must bring the coupon when buying or leasing a vehicle in order for the donation to be completed.

For more information, go to www.weloveholiday.com; contact Dave McDonald at Livonia Chrysler Jeep (734-525-5000); or contact Colleen McDonald (248-474-0500) regarding Holiday Chevrolet or Century Dodge.

GC volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Garden City girls volleyball team will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. (JV players in grades 9-10) and from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (varsity players) beginning Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school.

Thurston v'ball tryouts

Redford Thurston's volleyball teams will hold tryouts Monday, Aug. 11 through Wednesday, Aug. 13 at the school's auxiliary gym.

Ninth graders will try out for the freshman team from 4-5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 4-6 p.m. Wednesday; 10th and 11th graders can qualify for the junior varsity or varsity teams while seniors may only try out for varsity. JV and varsity tryouts will be 6-7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Coach Natalie Wasio may move players up to a higher caliber team. All students interested in trying out must have a current physical, dated after April 15, 2008, to be turned in prior to or on the tryout date. For more information, contact coach Wasio at (313) 806-0493.

RU v'ball tryouts

Redford Union varsity volleyball coach Rachel Clor will

hold tryouts next week for players interested in playing at the freshman, junior varsity or varsity levels.

Tryouts for the freshman and JV teams will be 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11 through Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Redford Union. Varsity tryouts will follow each day, from 7-8:30 p.m. Players should have their physicals completed and arrive 15 minutes prior to the beginning of tryouts to sign up. For more information, call Clor at (248) 515-0568.

Get ready for soccer

Boys interested in trying out for the Redford Thurston soccer team can attend physical conditioning from 6 to 8 p.m. daily this week at Thurston's stadium field. The physical conditioning will prepare students for tryouts, which are scheduled to begin on Monday, Aug. 11.

All students interested in trying out must have a physical dated after April 15, 2008. For information, contact coaches Chris Riffenburg at criff@earthlink.net or (313) 952-2158 or Peter Van Well at (313) 937-0856.

GC soccer happenings

There are plenty of activities going on with Garden City's boys soccer program.

■ The Garden City High School boys soccer team will be holding tryouts 5-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11 and Tuesday, Aug. 12 at the Pinnell Athletic Field (Garden City Middle School). Meanwhile, preseason conditioning is taking place this week, from 6-7:30 p.m. daily also at Pinnell Field.

■ The team will also be holding an alumni game 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16 at Pinnell Field. Alumni players are sought to participate. They should contact coach Bill Torni via e-mail, coach@gchssoccer.com.

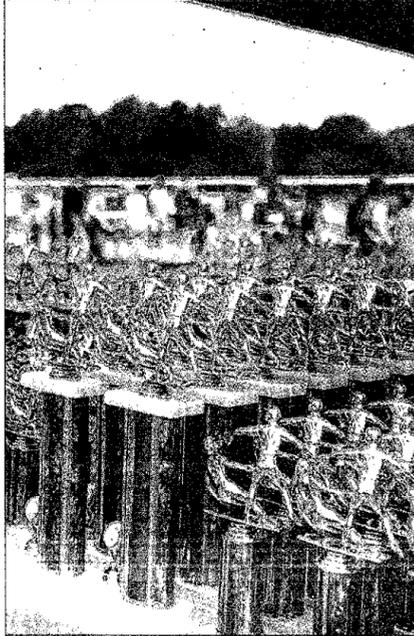
■ Meanwhile, the Garden City boys soccer program will be hosting "No-Limit Texas Hold 'em" tournaments on Saturday, Aug. 23 and Saturday, Sept. 20. The events will be held at the Sports Venue Bar and Grill in Garden City at Maplewood and Middlebelt. There is a \$50 buy-in with cash prizes determined by the turnout.

Contact coach Torni for more information on tryouts, the alumni game, and the poker tournament; email is coach@gchssoccer.com or phone him at (734) 522-4094.

The team has a website: <http://members.aol.com/gcv-soccer> with more details and events posted.



Among adult volunteers who helped out during the season and at Saturday's North Redford Central Little League picnic are: (from left) Kelly Collard, vice president; Melissa Walker, team parent coordinator; and Kathy Tarr, director of fund raising and sponsorship.



Every player in North Redford Central Little League received a trophy at the picnic.

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Local author pens book on Motor City Rock 'n' Roll

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Bob Harris is proud to be the "oldest Rolling Stones fan in America," especially since the title was bestowed by Mick Jagger himself.

At 78, the Redford resident recently teamed up with attorney John Douglas Peters to publish "Motor City Rock and Roll: The 1960s and 1970s" (Arcadia Publishing, 2008, \$19.99). The book, part of Arcadia's "Images of America" series, is a photographic account of musicians with ties to Detroit.

On its cover is a snapshot of a conservative Harris with The Rolling Stones when they visited Detroit on their second American tour in 1965. In 1999, Harris tracked the Stones down at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham to get the photo signed.

That's when Jagger gave Harris his prized nickname, which has since been immortalized in a song by Benny and the Jets.

For three decades, the Stones photo had lingered in Harris' basement alongside other memorabilia from his days as a concert promoter, band manager and publisher of the "Teen News."

That material, along with Harris' experience as an industry insider, set the foundation for "Motor City Rock and Roll," but the book might never have happened if it weren't for Harris' son Tony, also of Redford.

"He's a commercial painter, always bragging about his dad wherever he goes," Harris said. "He was hired by this lawyer and told him I was looking for someone to help me write a book."

Peters, a published author from Belleville, was intrigued.

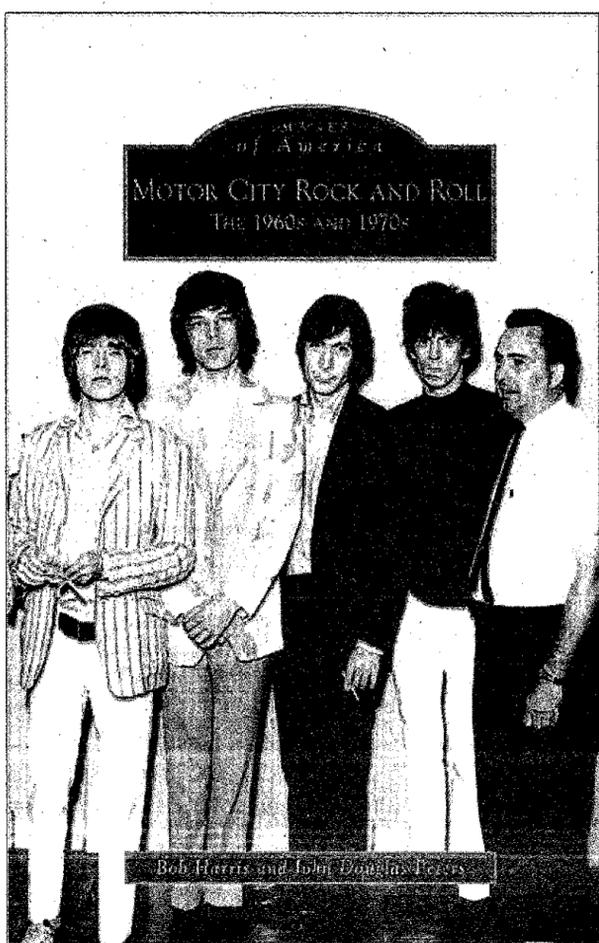
"I went to his office, brought him some pictures," Harris said. "I have a cardboard box with hundreds of pictures. He said bring them down, so I did."

Harris' photos inspired an eight-month quest to capture Motor City rock history from the 1930s through Madonna. The book also includes iconic images from Detroit photographers like Frank Pettis and Leni Sinclair, such as Jimi Hendrix on stage at the Masonic Temple, and Janis Joplin arriving at Detroit Metro Airport.

Extensive captions describe each musician's contributions to rock and roll, as well as their relationship to Detroit.

Among them are photos of Highland Park's Bill Haley (of Bill Haley & His Comets) shaking hands with Elvis, and Johnny Cash around the time he worked on the Cadillac assembly line on Woodward Ave.

Harris shares stories of driving a young



Redford author Bob Harris (right), shown on the cover with The Rolling Stones, penned "Motor City Rock and Roll: The 1960s and 1970s."

Stevie Wonder home from the Michigan State Fair, meeting a pre-teen Michael Jackson during a local TV appearance, and managing acts like Suzy Quatro, Grand Funk Railroad and Three Ounces of Love.

Youth fueled the fire of rock 'n' roll, and as publisher of "Teen News" Harris rubbed elbows with many musicians that came to town. Some of them faded into obscurity, while others earned legendary status and spots in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

"I talk to all these stars just like I'm talking to you now," Harris said. "For some reason it just came natural to me. Over the years I've been very lucky. There aren't too many people around who met

all these stars."

Harris said he was unfazed by fame, and never made a fortune. Instead, he earned a modest living and raised six children. He now has 19 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Still, his rock and roll dreams persist. Harris hopes to round up performers from the book for the world's largest book signing and concert.

"I love music. I love the music business," he said. "Anybody who really loves rock and roll should get this book."

"Motor City Rock and Roll" is available wherever books are sold. For more information on Bob Harris, visit www.myspace.com/oldestrolling.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN WESTLAND

When: 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, Pam & Scott, easy listening; 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, Tyrone Hamilton All Stars, R&B and light rock

Cost: Free

Where: Westland Library Performance Pavilion, behind the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland

For details: Call (734) 722-7620

Tip: Bring your own lawn chair or blanket

Music behind the Westland Library attracts a relaxed crowd

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you want a relaxing night with easy listening pop rock, bring a blanket or lawn chair or just lean against a tree at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion on Saturday, Aug. 10.

There you can hear the upbeat yet relaxing songs by music duo Pam & Scott.

The twosome singer/songwriter/guitarist/keyboard combination — who may bring in a surprise third musician — have been performing at the pavilion for several years. Guitarist Scott Veldhuis is the former economic developer of Westland.

A week later, on Sunday, Aug. 17, the musical style changes from easy listening to rhythm & blues/light rock with the music of Tyrone Hamilton All Stars.

If you didn't even know that concerts happened behind the library there's still time to check out the fun. About 200 to 300 people attend each concert — part of the summer series — sponsored by the Westland City Council with cooperation of Westland Parks & Recreation.

Integral to the concerts are the behind-the-scenes people who organize them.

For decades, the Westland Cultural Society has been active with the purpose to bring arts and entertainment to the residents of Westland.

The society's treasurer, Ernie Johnson, has worked the summer concert series for more than 20 years. Johnson helps book bands that will appeal to a variety of people, and also spreads the word.

"We tried to aim music toward younger people, but the audience still tends to be older," Johnson said. "So we choose musicians who will appeal to our audience."

The "more mature" guests appreciate musicians like Pam & Scott and Tyrone Hamilton. The last concert there was performed by Stolen Moments, who perform popular cover hits like *Mambo #5*, *I Will Survive* and *Sweet Caroline*.

"We also get a lot of line dancers attending the shows," Johnson said. "That is always really fun."

Johnson said the crowd is laid-back and even on hot days the evening breeze usually makes it comfortable behind the library because of the trees providing shade.

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FUN & FOOD IN LIVONIA

Culinary Extravaganza 2008, Schoolcraft College's premier food and wine scholarship fund-raising event, is set for Sunday, Sept. 28 in the ViStaTech Center on the college's Livonia campus. Tickets are \$50 per person, and a few sponsorship packages (\$300-\$5,000) are still available. Packages include pre- and post-event recognition along with tickets to the event.

More than 50 area restaurants will participate in this year's celebration of food and wine. A wine tasting and silent auction featuring theater/sporting event tickets plus unique food and wine items also are planned. Call (734) 462-4518 to order tickets.

By L. Mini

DONNING A DREAMCOAT

The 8th Wonder Theatre Company has partnered with The Village Theatre of Canton to present its first production, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, running Aug. 8-17 at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Director and Choreographer Phil Simmons has been involved in eight productions of this show and said: "I've never seen a Joseph or a Narrator who dance as well as ours." Those coveted lead roles belong to Brad Frenette and Britney Coleman respectively. Tickets are \$10-\$16. Call (734) 394-5300 ext. 3 or visit villagetheatre@canton-mi.org.

By S. Casola



Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions offers up 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' this month.

BAREFOOT AND DREAMING

Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions will present Shakespeare's classic *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Aug. 7-10 and 14-17 at The Walker/Buzenberg building, 240 N Main St. in Plymouth. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sundays. Fall into a world of wood sprites and magical potions with a cast of local actors that includes: Livonia residents Elizabeth Whitcomb, Nathan Corliss, Matt DeLisle, Pamela Satchwell, Korie Bieleniec, Chelsea Parkila, Eric McCormick, Steve Schreuder, Ethan McIntyre, and Joy Hollowell; Plymouth residents Trevor Wnuk, Ken Karges, Steven White, Lia De Biasi, Michael Michaux, Anita Michaux; and from Farmington Hills — Alex McNeese. Tickets cost \$15 at the door, or call (313) 582-4310.

By S. Casola

BIG TOP COMES TO PLYMOUTH

Grab the family for an afternoon of fun as the circus rolls into Plymouth-old-school style this Saturday. Sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club, The Kelly Miller Circus will perform two shows, 2 and 5:30 p.m. Aug. 9 on the grounds of Central Middle School. Performances include elephants, horses and a cast of international circus stars under a beautiful circus tent. Founded during the Depression, the circus is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 on circus day. Advance tickets, \$9 for adults and \$5 for children, are available at Busch's, Kroger, Dairy King, Wiltse's Pharmacy and Plymouth Dental Associates.

By W. Von Buskirk

QUILTED HISTORY

The Birmingham Historical Museum presents "Quilts from the Chatfield-Hersey Family," Aug. 23-Oct. 25. The exhibit features nine beautifully crafted quilts that represent a mastery of the art of fine needlework and nearly 200 years of history. Quilt patterns include Around the World, Lady of the Lake, Log Cabin and Dresden Plate. Note cards reflecting a Nine Patch Pattern and others will be sold in conjunction with the exhibit. Admission is \$1-\$2. Call (248) 642-2817 or visit www.ci.birmingham.mi.us.

By W. Von Buskirk

Paul and Silvia DePalma have opened Nico & Vali, an Italian deli and cafe.



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Eatery serves up taste of Italy

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
D&E STAFF WRITER

Nico & Vali has been open less than two months, but the menu has already changed three times.

Paul DePalma, owner of the new Italian eatery in Plymouth, said the tweaks are meant to keep things fresh.

"I've changed it to include customer requests, and take off items that weren't selling. I only want to serve what moves. I want to keep it as close to eating at home as possible," he said.

DePalma starts each morning typing up daily specials that typically include pasta, meat and chicken or fish dishes, along with vegetable and potato sides.

"We have a lot of talent in our kitchen. I talk to everyone and see what we have," he said. "If it comes in the door, I'm serving it that day, bottom line."

Entrees include rigatoni in meat sauce, chicken marsala with portobello mushrooms, fried calamari and baked tilapia, "all with an Italian twist."

Sides range from green beans almondine to peas and carrots, while potatoes are usually cut into wedges and roasted with rosemary and olive oil.

Nico & Vali is a family business, with DePalma's wife, Silvia, along with his father, mother-in-law and cousin working behind the scenes.

DePalma's parents hail from Northern Italy, while his wife's are from Central Italy, and the

cuisine reflects the blended flavors of both families.

"We're more than a deli, but not quite a restaurant," said DePalma. "It's quick serve so people can get in and out, but we stress the quality of our Italian foods."

Sandwiches include "old school favorites" like corned beef and clubs to panini filled with unique ingredients. Those served on paidina bread have been a hit, DePalma said.

"Piadina dates back thousands of years in Northern Italy. You can get it on the side of the road, the autostrada," he said. "It's a round, flat bread, stuffed with ingredients like prosciutto and arugula, folded and grilled."

Other selections include panzerotti del giorno (stuffed pizza), frittata del giorno (Italian-style omelet), specialty pizzas and homemade Italian bread.

Customers can also opt to take home frozen varieties of their homemade lasagna, pizzas and sauces, as well as Italian specialty grocery items.

"There's nothing pretentious about our food. It's really simple and we want people to taste the flavors so we don't drown it with sauces," DePalma said. "The most we'll use is fresh olive oil."

Nico Vali isn't an Italian word. It's a combination of the names of DePalma's son, Nicola, and his two daughters, Valentina, and Liliana.

The DePalma name is a familiar one. Paul's family owned DePalma's Italian restaurant on Plymouth Road for a decade before selling it.

Tony Bruscatto contributed to this report.



Nico and Vali features Italian specialty foods, too.

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■ Set up your banquet table Olympics-style by placing a tall, medium, and short box under a tablecloth to look like a winner's platform. Place corresponding tags marked "1st, 2nd and 3rd" on each box. Sit a different dish on each platform.

■ String colorful Chinese paper lanterns around the house. Save money by checking your local craft store for Chinese New Year decorations or re-use Fourth of July materials.

■ Use the official Olympics pictograms or different international flags as place-mats and décor background. Templates can be printed off online or purchased craft stores.

■ Create ballots for your guests to fill out their predictions for different Olympic events. Give the winners Chinese take-out cartons full of candy or gift certificates. (Take-out cartons can be found at local craft stores.)

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1/2 cup blueberries

For Tapioca Pearls: Bring the water to a boil and add pearls. Boil for 30 minutes covered. Remove from heat and let sit for 30 minutes. Strain water and mix tapioca balls with melted Bomb Pops.

For Smoothies: In a blender mix tea, melted Bomb Pops, strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. Blend until smooth. Add tapioca balls and serve chilled. Serve in a clear glass with a wide straw in order to enjoy the tapioca pearls that sink to the bottom.

RUSTY BUCKET CORNER TAVERN IN NORTHVILLE

A new family-friendly establishment opened on the corner of Sheldon Road and Five Mile Road, on Wednesday.

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The menu including salads, grilled items, "pub favorites" and kid's menu. Favorites include deep fried pickles, fish and chips and more.

The Bucket seats 180 indoors and 34 on the patio. It's a 4,500-square-foot restaurant and tavern with exposed brick walls, wood floors and dark wood accents. Memorabilia from area sports teams and more than 20 flat screen televisions line the walls.

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A decades-old corn tradition is revived

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

Back in the '60s, there was a big corn roast with kegs of beer in a Livonia park field that started at 9 p.m. and went late into the night.

That residential party, for people who lived in the Devon Aire subdivision, happened every summer for about 25 years until eventually it faded away. It just got a little too wild.

The corn roast resurged a few years ago, is still popular, but now it's a family-safe event that's minus the beer.

"It's still fun, but we keep it very friendly for all ages," Andrea Kohloff, the Corn Roast president said.

"We never know how many people will attend until that day — unfortunately," she laughed. "So we will have a lot of corn and hopefully a lot of volunteers."

Kohloff said volunteers will grill and cook about 25 dozen ears of corn.

Generations of families that live in the square mile between Plymouth and Joy Roads and Merriman and Middlebelt in Livonia gather to eat corn and swap stories. More than 300 people are expected to attend.

This Saturday, Aug. 9, streets are barricaded on Sunset from Richland north to Robert streets and Robert between Sunset and Flamingo for the event.

They'll play hoeshoes, host three-legged and potato sack races, and play badminton and Bocci ball just like they did back in the '60s.

Kohloff is a newer active member of her subdivision committee. She loves hearing the tales told from long-time residents who attended the roast back in its heyday.

Times have changed, of course, but what has remained the same is that the Devon-Aire Civic Association annual Corn Roast is really more about neighbors than it is about corn.

Infants who were brought to the roast 40 years ago, today bring their own kids.

The Devon-Aire Civic Association is a not-for-profit association that promotes social neighborhood gathering.

All this corn talk making you hungry? Try this easy recipe:

LOWER FAT GRILLED CORN WITH CHILI LIME SAUCE

6 ears of corn

Chili Lime Sauce:

1 stick of soy margarine, softened

DEVON-AIRE CIVIC ASSOCIATION CORN ROAST

Where: For families of the entire square mile between Plymouth and Joy and Merriman and Middlebelt — in Livonia.

When: Saturday, Aug. 9 from noon to 4 p.m.

Tickets: \$4; visit www.devonairelivonia.org or call (734) 838-1283.

Price includes: Hot dog, corn-on-the-cob, chips, soda or bottled water and ice. Tickets are sold at the event, but volunteers say life will be a little easier for them if you call ahead of time.

zest of two limes
zest of one large lemon
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon chili powder
pinch of cayenne pepper (optional)

Peel corn.
Place softened butter in a large bowl. Mix in all the ingredients minus the corn.

Place cobs on a gas grill or barbecue, with fire burned down to white coals, turning corn often.

Cook until nicely browned. Or, you can wrap the cobs in a paper towel — still in their husks — and microwave for about 3 minutes. Turning on each side. Total microwave time about 5 minutes and then remove husks. Slather hot corn with chili lime butter and serve.

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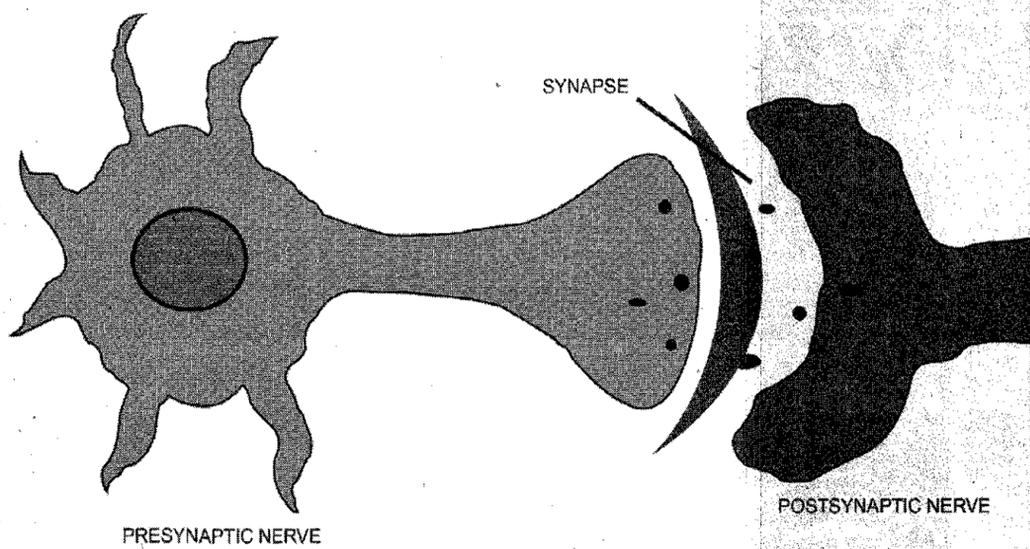
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Hoopers will gather in Old Redford

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

On the border of Redford, in the Detroit area known as "Old Redford" dance hoopers from around the country will gather on Friday, Aug. 8, to hoop for fun and help local children, and you're invited.

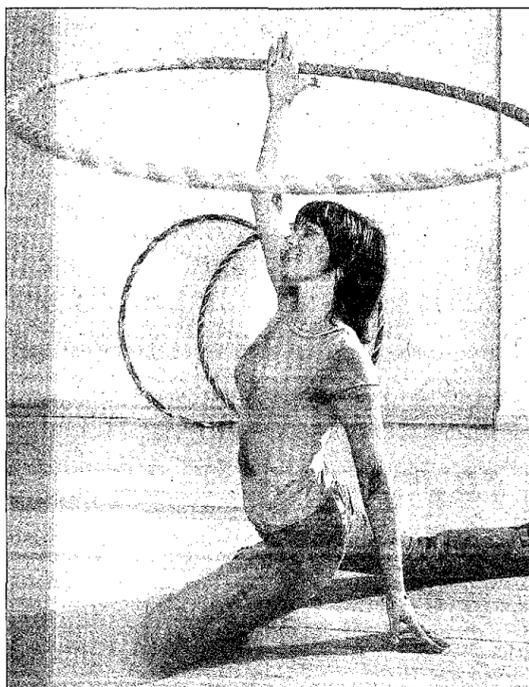
Friday is World Hoop Day, a day when hooping dance performers join the community to work together to raise money — \$5 per person — to buy dance hoops for local kids in need.

The reason? "To spread joy. Everyone is happy in a hoop," said hooper and yoga instructor Micha Adams, an organizer with The Detroit Hoopers.

World Hoop Day was dedicated in 2007 to bring hoops to underprivileged children locally and in Third World countries.

There are many aid organizations that donate food and medical help to those in need, but there's little done to enhance the emotional welfare of impoverished children, the Detroit Hoopers say.

Hooping Day will be celebrated in L.A., New York, Tel Aviv, Berlin — and Detroit,



Micha Adams and members of The Detroit Hoopers ask the public to come have fun with hoops on Friday — and help raise money to buy hoops, and put smiles on the faces, of kids in need.

WORLD HOOP DAY

What: Hooping for fun at the outdoor Temple of the American Dream, 17363 Lahser, in the Old Redford area of Detroit.

When: Friday, Aug. 8, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$5 buys a hoop for a local child; \$15 for a child overseas

Details: www.worldhoopday.com, www.detroitdreamproject.com

of the American Dream — located at 17363 Lahser Road, Detroit in the Old Redford-Brightmoor section of Detroit.

In addition to Adams, the Detroit Hoopers are Faith Shinaver, Danielle Kaltz, Susie Elfakir and professional hoop performer Revolve.

If you haven't seen the outdoor wooden temple, Friday is the day to go.

It's a public art park area designed by Detroit artist David Best and built by a group called The Detroit Dream Project.

The reason for the ornate, Indian-inspired temple is to bring beauty, pride and spirituality into the Motor City.

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Detroit Hoopers partnered with the Detroit Dream

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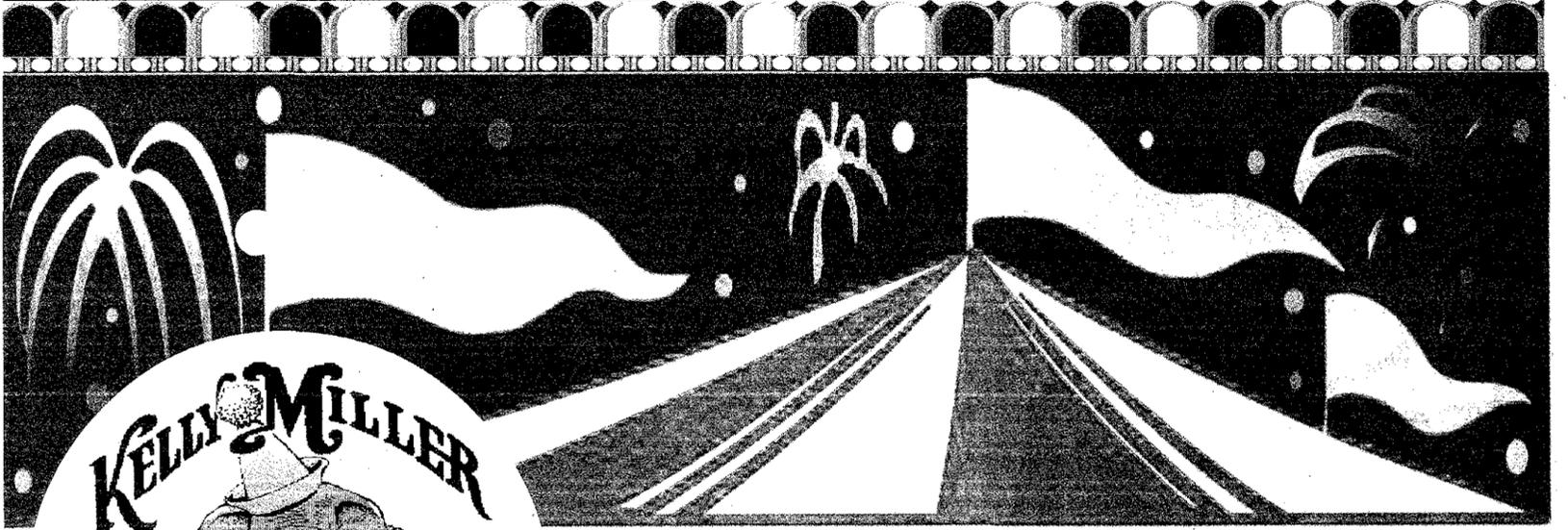
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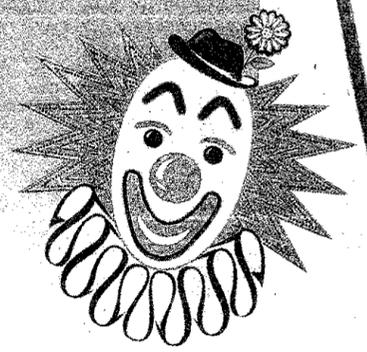
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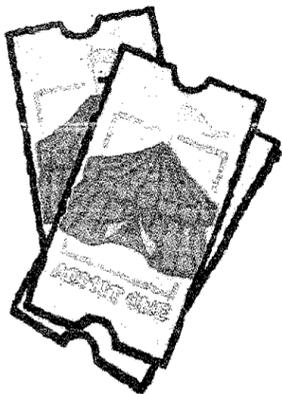
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We spoke with Anthony, the blue Wiggle, who said he loves looking into the crowd and seeing kids dressed in their favorite Wiggles colors.

Wiggles come to Palace with a new kind of show

BY LANA MINI
O&E STAFF WRITER

Anthony Field still loves being a Wiggle.

He's the singer, also known as "the blue one," who wears the blue sweater.

And he's known as being the one many moms gush over. Although, there are also plenty of mom fans of Murray Cook, Greg Page, Jeff Fatt, Sam Moran and Phillip Wilcher. (Page retired and was replaced by understudy Sam Moran).

The Wiggles — the children's singing sensation — are still wildly popular among children worldwide. It's a group that's hoping to have a longevity like other entertainment companies — think *Sesame Street*.

We spoke with Field, the blue one, last week during their nationwide tour. Field called from Alabama just a hour after their concert.

The group of Australian trained musicians who are also teachers, know how to relate to

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children. Their sincerity is what makes them successful, he said. "We travel all over the world and have learned that children are the same everywhere," Field said. "But what is different is the way they react. U.S. audiences are by far the most enthusiastic the way they express the emotions. In Australia, the children love the concerts just the same but they are more laid-back, a little quieter."

The Wiggles are setting out on their most rhythmic adventure to date as they invite fans to *Romp Romp A Stomp*, do *The Monkey Dance*, and *Move like an Emu*.

Joining The Wiggles, Captain

Feathersword, Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus, Wags the Dog and all the Wiggly Dancers in the Pop Go The Wiggles are acrobats to make the 90-minute show even more energetic.

Field asks kids to have fun by creating a Wiggles sign and dressing up as your favorite character.

Don't forget to yell "Wake up, Jeff!" whenever the lovable Purple Wiggle falls asleep on stage.

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COMEDY
Fox Theatre: George Lopez, Sept. 20, \$49.50-\$59.50; Young Guns of Comedy with Arnez J. Lavell Crawford, Kevin Hart and host Sheryl Underwood, Sept. 27; Kathy Griffin, Oct. 18; Jeff Dunham, Nov. 29, \$37.50-\$65, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: 8 p.m. shows Fridays and Saturdays, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com.

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Freedom Hill Amphitheatre: G Love and Special Sauce, Aug. 8; Poison with Dokken, Sebastian Bach, Aug. 9; Paramore with Phantom Planet, Aug. 13, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights, Call (248) 645-6666.
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Majestic Theatre: Buckhead, Sept. 29, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700.
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 Catch local actors Rosemary Alexander and Chris Pudlo in the new comedy *Sordid Lives: The Series*, on MTV's Logo Network. Based on Del Chores' cult movie and play by the same name, *Sordid Lives* tells the story of an outlandish Texas family presided over by matriarch Peggy Ingram (Rue McClanahan), who takes in bar singer Bitsy Mae Harling (Olivia Newton-John), recently released from prison. Alexander and Pudlo star opposite Peggy's transvestite son "Brother Boy" Ingram (Leslie Jordan), who is locked in a mental institution. Alexander, of Grosse Pointe Woods, reprises her role as Dr. Evie from the play and movie. Chris Pudlo, of Saint Clair Shores, is fellow mental patient Conroy. Catch new episodes at 8 p.m. Thursdays or visit www.logoonline.com. By W. Von Buskirk

ART OF CRUISIN'
 In conjunction with the Woodward Dream Cruise, Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery presents an art exhibit celebrating car culture of bygone days. "Dream Cruisin'," now through Sept. 6, features commercial artists who worked as illustrators and photo retouchers for the Big Three, including Don Wieland, Ken Taylor, Jim Fetter and Gerald Freeman. Purchase their car-themed artwork, or commission an original oil, acrylic or pencil drawing of your own classic vehicle. Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery is located on Orchard Lake Road between Lone Pine and Pontiac Trail in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 538-9021 or visit www.orchardlake-framing.com. By W. Von Buskirk

CHORUS AUDITIONS
 The Farmington Community Chorus will hold open auditions for new members at 7:30 p.m. three consecutive Tuesday evenings, Sept. 2, 9, and 16 at the Costick Center, 28600 W. Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills. All voice parts are welcome; singers must be at least 18. The FCC, directed by Steve SeGraves and accompanied by assistant director Susan Garr, is entering its 29th year. The 85-voice mixed chorus is composed of singers from throughout the metro Detroit area. The group rehearses 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings at the Costick Center. Beginning in September, the Chorus will rehearse a new repertoire of holiday and festive music for their 29th annual holiday concert, with performances Dec. 18-20 at Oakland Community College. Call (248) 471-4516 or visit www.farmingtonchorus.com.

"MILLIONAIRE" HOLDS AUDITIONS
 "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," will hold auditions in Metro Detroit to find contestants for various programs in Metro Detroit. Auditions will be held 7-11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, at University Center-Kochoff Hall. Contestants will be sought for the fourth installment of "Netfix Million Dollar Movie Week," a specialty series featuring movie-themed questions. Auditioners may also try out for a regular episode of the "Millionaires" seventh season, which starts Monday, Sept. 8. Engaged couples, those who share their names with famous people, Halloween enthusiasts in costume and "Three Generations" teams will be sought for special episodes. For information and rules visit www.millionairetv.com.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Rascal Flatts, Sept. 20; Nine Inch Nails, Aug. 23; Celine Dion, Sept. 26; Janet Jackson, Sept. 27; The Who, Oct. 21; New Kids on the Block, Oct. 25; Coldplay, Nov. 3; Sarah Brightman, Dec. 3, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.
Ren Cen Riverfront Plaza: Kansas, Aug. 8; Blue Oyster Cult, Aug. 15; Foreigner, Aug. 22, www.gmrenew.com.
Royal Oak Music Theatre: Squeeze w/Aimee Mann, Aug. 29, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusic-theatre.com.

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Marquis Theatre: Celebrates 30th anniversary with classic movies at 7:30 p.m. \$5 includes popcorn. "Murder on the Orient Express," Sept. 5; "Operation Petticoat (The Pink Submarine)," Sept. 6; "The Natural," Sept. 12; "The Great Gatsby," Sept. 13; "Gaslight," Sept. 19; "Funny Girl," Sept. 20; "The Sundowners," Sept. 26; "Out of Africa," Sept. 27, 135 E. Main St., Northville, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, information (313) 964-5050, www.zonjic.com.

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Penn Theatre: Summer Cinema Matinee Series, "Life Begins with Andy Hardy," Aug. 7; "The Yearling," Aug. 14; "Swiss Family Robinson," Aug. 21; "The Muppet Movie," Aug. 28; showtimes 1 and 7 p.m., all seats, \$3, 760 Penniman, Plymouth 734-453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.
Redford Theatre: "The Adventures of Robin Hood," with Warner cartoon "Adventures of Rabbit Hood," Aug. 8-9; "The Scarlet Claw" with Warner cartoon "Rabbit Transit," Aug. 22-23; "Airplane," Sept. 12-13, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit, www.redfordtheatre.com.
The 42nd Street Drive-In: Double Features start at 8 p.m. for \$7 at Emagine Theatre, Novi. Shows: "Blue Sunshine" and "Brain Damage," Aug. 7; "Castle of Blood" and "Beast from Haunted Cave," featuring an appearance by Wolfman Mac, Aug. 14; "Lemora: A Child's Tale of the Supernatural" and "Long Weekend," Aug. 21; "Female Demon Ohayaku" and "Quick Draw Okatsu," Aug. 28, www.emagine-entertainment.com.

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Marquis Theatre: "Shoemaker and the Elves," through Sept. 21, 135 Main, Northville (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.
Spotlight Players: "Hello Dolly" runs Sept. 19-20, 26-28 and Oct. 3-5, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton (734) 394-5460, www.spotlightplayers.net.
Tipping Point Theatre: "I Love You, You're Perfect. Now Change," Sept. 3-5; "The Dinner Party," Nov. 19-21; "The Rabbit Hole," Feb. 4-6, 2009; "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," April 22-24, 2009, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville, (248) 347-0003.
The Village Theatre of Canton: 8th Wonder Productions presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Aug. 8-17, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300 ext. 3 or villagetheatre@cantonmi.org.

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Livonia gal launches online boutique for "Little Ones"

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

Many women take it easy when they're expecting a baby, but not Jill King.

The 31-year-old launched LittleOnesBabyGifts.com earlier this year while her second son, Colin, was still in the womb.

The lifelong Livonia resident graduated from Stevenson High School in 1995 then



Jill King

worked in South Lyon as an English teacher at Millennium Middle School. She is now a part-time librarian at Hardy Elementary.

King wanted to start a home-based business so she could spend more time with her son Isaac, now 2.

So she enrolled in a business class at Schoolcraft College and began doing research.

"The one thing I kept coming across was the line 'do something you love, that you're interested in and that makes you happy,'" she said. "I sat back, looked down at my belly and the house, and I said I know babies and kids, so I

started there."

King admits the Internet retail market is saturated with sites devoted to tots, but she says hers is unique because of its span.

Her online store offers things that will get women through pregnancy, baby shower, and beyond.

"I wanted a place where a mom-to-be could start at the beginning," she said. "And then eventually she can still keep coming back because there are personalized items for her little ones."

For expectant moms there are cute maternity clothes, creative shower invitations and thank you notes, and unique gifts. Once baby is born, moms can order everything from couture baby blankets, slings and strollers to toddler beds, clothing and personalized lunch boxes.

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LittleOnesBabyGifts.com features a blog, online shopping parties, a gift registry, and a section devoted to eco-friendly products.

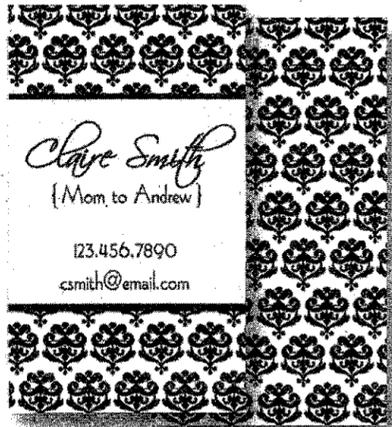
King hopes someday she and her husband, who works in construction, can quit their day jobs. For now, she's focused on expanding her site.

She also aspires to get a warehouse, although she has no interest in a brick-and-mortar store.

"I feel with an online store I can reach a wider customer base," she said. "If I opened a store in Livonia I know it would flop, but now I've had orders from Edmonton, Canada, L.A., Seattle, Las Vegas, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, ... people who would never see my little store in a strip mall."

Check out Jill King's shop at www.littleonesbabygifts.com. Shipping is \$5 per order, or free on some items.

Hip mama calling cards, \$25.99 for 50 at littleonesbabygifts.com.



WHAT'S HOT FOR MOMS AND TOTS

Managing motherhood is like running a biz, so why not put your job title in writing? **Hip Mama Calling Cards** are a great way to share contact info with prospective playdates, \$25.99 for 50 at littleonesbabygifts.com.

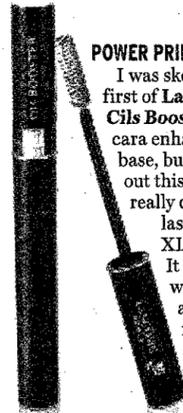
Forego the fattening centerpiece at your next baby shower and gift a **Diaper Cake** instead. These decorative treats are also extremely useful, created with up to 60 diapers in assorted sizes, \$20.99-\$105 at littleonesbabygifts.com.

What toddler wouldn't love to be a superhero all day? Now he (or she) can, with **Cape Shirts** from fliggidy. Choose from various adorable designs, all with built-in capes, sizes 2T-7, \$33 at littleonesbabygifts.com.

Lash out with these quick mascara picks

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Sun-kissed summer makeup can be as simple as light foundation, cherry ChapStick and a coat of mascara. When you keep your cosmetics this minimal, lashes take center stage. Here are a few finds that will help your lashes get second looks:



Lancome Cils Booster, mascara enhancing base, \$20.50.

or brown mascara on top (**Lancome's Definicils** has long been considered among the best) and you'll have lashes so lush they're almost evening-only. \$20.50 at Sephora.

MAGIC WAND

The newest trend in mascara is vibrating brushes.

Estee Lauder recently introduced **Turbolash All Effects Motion Mascara**, hailed as



Estee Lauder Turbolash, \$30.

the world's first battery-powered mascara. I'm not sold on whether this high-tech applicator actually pumps up lashes more than an old-fashioned brush — and it tickles a bit too much for my taste — but the tube certainly sparks plenty

of product envy and powder room chats. \$30 at Saks Fifth Avenue.

LASTING LOOK

Summer's sand and surf can be hard on mascara, but there's a simple solution — semi-permanent color.

Celebrity makeup artist **Jemma Kidd** recently launched her prettily packaged **Lasting Tint**, and we love the look. The waterproof color adds definition and length for a flirty, feminine look. It's great for blondes, but brunettes like me also benefit from the boost. \$28.50 at Neiman Marcus.

Jemma Kidd Make Up School Lasting Tint, \$28.50 at Neiman Marcus.

Malls & Mainstreets

FGI Creative Connection

ROYAL OAK — Fashion Group International of Detroit is hosting mixers 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Small Plates, 310 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. The next "Creative Connection," for individuals in fashion, interiors and related design industries, will be held Tuesday, Aug. 12. RSVP at (248) 739-1284 or FGI.Detroit@gmail.com.

Rochester Hosts Property Tour

ROCHESTER — The Rochester Downtown Development Authority will host its first-ever Downtown Rochester Property Tour 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, showcasing available retail lease space in the downtown, to spark interest in new business ventures. Check in at 314 Main Street, and use printed materials, maps and brochures to navigate the self-guided tour. Call (248) 656-0060 or e-mail Sheila@DowntownRochesterMI.com.

Mariposa Celebrates Year

ROCHESTER — Mariposa Beauty Boutique & Studio, 6814 N. Rochester Road, will celebrate its one year anniversary and Stila Cosmetic Launch with an open house 1-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres 5-9 p.m. Ten percent of proceeds will benefit the Michigan Humane Society. Book an appointment with Stila's National Artistry Team by calling (248) 656-3400 or visit www.mariposabeautyboutique.com.

Tea and Trunk Show

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Forever

Sweeney Millinery & Designs will host a Summer's End Tea and Trunk Show, featuring custom, handmade hats Aug. 17 at The Wren's Nest bed and breakfast, 7405 West Maple, West Bloomfield. Teas, at 2 and 4 p.m., feature scones and hors d'oeuvres. Call (313) 268-2245 or visit www.foreversweeney.com.

Personalized at Guys N Gals

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Guys N Gals is home to an in-store artist that can personalize merchandise on request, helping local fashionis-philes put their stamp on jewelry, accessories and small home goods with embroidered names, monograms and more. Guys N Gals is located at Maple and Orchard Lake in the Orchard Lake Mall in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-1260.

Project Runway Parties Continue

DETROIT — Join DetroitFashionPages.com for free "Project Runway" viewing parties every Wednesday in July at Centaur Bar in Detroit, and help cheer on local contestant, Joe Faris of Troy. Visit www.DetroitFashionPages.com.

Get your pass to Glamour

METRO DETROIT — Macy's customers can shop, save and support a great cause with the Glam Pass, available in all Detroit area Macy's stores through Aug. 23 for \$5. The Glam Pass highlights the season's hottest trends and includes savings coupons. A portion of proceeds benefits Beaumont Hospitals. Visit www.macys.com.

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Play It Again Fund Raiser

METRO DETROIT — Play It Again Sports will host "Play It Again Tuesdays," with 10 percent of sales benefiting a different local non-profit organization each week. Each store will accept donations of gently used sports equipment and donate the amount it would have paid for the equipment. Play It Again Sports has 10 locations in metro Detroit, including Canton and Livonia. Visit www.playitagainsports.com.

Laurel Park Place Kid's Day

LIVONIA — Laurel Park Place in Livonia will host "Kid's Day" featuring Radio Disney 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. The event includes a meet-and-greet with a Detroit Ignition soccer player, registration for the new Kidnition Kid's Club and Club Libby Lu face painting at Parisian, Max & Erma characters, games and activities with the Livonia Family YMCA, Borders Books & Music storytelling, Lightning Speedway slot car racing, and a scratch off card for Back to School shopping.

Schubot Pops Up Boutique

TROY — Jules R. Schubot Jewellers has opened a "pop-up" store in downtown Birmingham through Aug. 16. Located across from Shain Park at 151 S. Bates, "Schubot on the Park" is designed to serve as a hospitality suite for the PGA Championship and Woodward Dream Cruise. The shop will operate 2 p.m.-8 p.m., through Aug. 9; and 2 p.m.-8 p.m., Aug. 15-16. Call (248) 649-1111 or find Schubot Jewellers on facebook.com.

Running Group Takes Off

PLYMOUTH — Couch Potato to 5K racer in 9 weeks? You can do it with the new free weekly running group that meets 8 a.m. Sundays at Core Sport Pilates, 829 Penniman Ave. in Downtown Plymouth. Led by Jaime White, owner of Core Sport Pilates, the group will follow the Couch 2 5K interval training program. The run, followed by a stretch, takes about 45 minutes. Call (734) 233-5268, e-mail coresporthinfo@yahoo.com, or visit www.coolrunning.com/engine/2/2_3/181.shtml.



Guys N Gals in West Bloomfield can personalize a wide array of merchandise, like these slippers, \$19, and bath wrap, \$34 (\$39 with accent ribbon).

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