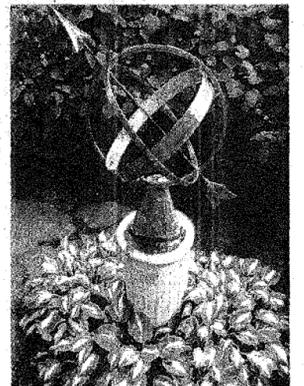


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The committee prefers that the volunteers be 18 years old although 16-17-year-olds will also be accepted. Since some neighboring communities aren't having a festival — this one starts with a parade and wraps up with fireworks — Johnson is extending an invitation for non-Westland residents to get involved.

For more information, call Johnson at (734) 334-7562 or Ryan Mills at (734) 564-4926.

A meeting for security volunteers is scheduled for Monday, June 29.

Campers

Three Wayne Memorial High School students will be going to summer leadership camp after receiving scholarships from Michigan school insurance specialist SET SAG.

Chelsea Morneau, Kayleigh Crumme and Andrew Turner received the scholarships, three of six given out in Michigan by the SET SEG Educational Foundation. According to SET SAG's Tom Longway, the camp will help students develop their leadership and organizational skills and "bring those skills back to the school and pass them on."

This is the first time the district and Wayne Memorial have been involved in the camp which will be held at Albion College July 26-31. The students will attend sessions addressing leadership styles, communication, organizational skills, public speaking, team building and project planning.



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It's official

Graduate Zach Martin shows off his diploma for his official portrait taken following commencement ceremonies for Wayne Memorial High School. For a list of the graduates and more photos, see Page A4.

Smoking blamed for apartment fire

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A woman smoking in bed and using oxygen is being blamed for a fire that destroyed an apartment at the Westgate Tower senior housing Thursday evening.

Three of four oxygen tanks which were in the second floor apartment exploded during the fire and flames were coming out the apartment

window when firefighters arrived around 11:30 p.m.

"It was a pretty scary situation, we came close to losing some people," said Westland Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tenniswood.

The apartment was near the stairwell and firefighters found several people in the hallway, including the resident, who was lying nonresponsive on the floor. As the other tenants were moved out of the

area, firefighters began to check the condition of the woman.

"A large oxygen tank exploded and blew the steel core (apartment) door into the hall and blew the door wall out towards the (fire) engine," said Tenniswood.

The steel door broke during the explosion, with a piece striking the firefighter who was leaning over the woman, Tenniswood said. The pieces of the door struck the

hallway wall, then a piece fell back striking the woman. It was unclear if the woman, who was taken to Garden City Hospital, was injured by part of the door or had received her injuries earlier in the incident.

"She came around and the firefighter was not injured by the door," said Tenniswood. "We were very lucky not to lose a firefighter."

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Three men have pleaded guilty to spray painting graffiti on three walls at the rear of the Value City building on Warren Road, in Westland. Cleanup is estimated at more than \$14,000.

Trio pleads guilty to graffiti spree

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three Westland men have entered guilty pleas to charges of spraying graffiti on the walls of the closed Value City Department store.

Dustin Moody, 18, Jared Spurgeon, 19, and Rani Taki, 18, all pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of vandalism and trespassing when they were arraigned Wednesday in Westland 18th District Court.

Moody and Taki each pleaded guilty to two additional vandalism and trespassing charges from spray painting on the vacant former Sam's

Club and Best Buy buildings located on the north side of Central City Parkway.

The property manager had called police after finding the entire south wall and parts of the east and north walls of the Value City building had been spray painted.

The three men were arrested when an officer drove behind the building early June 7 and came upon the spray painting in progress. Based on interviews with the men, police said Moody and Taki were charged in connection with the damage at the other two buildings. Information also was forwarded to Wayne police regarding graffiti sprayed on build-

ings along the Wayne Road corridor in that city.

"There was no gang activity or gang symbols (spray painted) that we are familiar with. At least one of the defendants fancies himself an artist," said Westland police Sgt. Michael Harhold. "There are public walls that allow this on the East Coast."

The cost to clean up the graffiti at the Value City building was estimated to be in excess of \$14,000, Harhold said. There was no estimate of the damages at the other two vacant buildings.

In addition to the buildings, police said the men indicated they were also responsible for spray painting

a semi tractor and trailer parked at Value City.

Part of the graffiti had been dated June 4, 2009. Due to the extensive amount of painting, Harhold said the defendants had spent a lot of time at the Value City building or made several visits.

"We've not really had a problem with graffiti. In years past, we'd get more painting here and there," said Harhold.

All three men were released without bond and scheduled to be sentenced Thursday, July 23, before Judge Mark McConnell.

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Fire official sentenced in accident case

A Westland fire official has been sentenced to a \$543 fine or 25 days in jail for leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

Westland Fire Marshal Chris Szpara also was sentenced to six months probation, three days community service, to attend a Mothers Against Drunk Driving

panel and prohibited from using alcohol while on probation.

Szpara heard his sentence last Wednesday from Judge Laura Mack of 29th District Court in Wayne. Mack handled the case after Westland 18th District judges Sandra Cicirelli and Mark McConnell recused

themselves and asked that it be re-assigned.

A 17-year veteran firefighter, Szpara, 37, entered a no contest plea to a charge that he hit a vehicle while driving away from the Taco Bell on Merriman south of Cherry Hill about 3 a.m. March 24.

According to Westland

police, Szpara left the scene of the accident and was stopped in neighboring Wayne, where police turned him over to a Westland command officer, who gave him a ride to a relative's house.

Szpara was driving a city-provided Dodge Charger at the time of the accident.

Police reported that Szpara admitted having consumed a couple of beers, but did not appear to be intoxicated at the time.

Szpara remains off the job. He has about 30 days left of a 90-day unpaid suspension, ordered by Fire Chief Michael Reddy in late March.

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New curriculum affects career center

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The effect of the state's rigorous high school curriculum is being felt at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center where four teachers have been laid off because of declining enrollment.

The layoffs were approved at last week's school board meeting but the decision was made reluctantly at best and with two trustees — Cindy Schofield and Shawna Walker — voting no.

Affected by the layoffs are William Heine, who teaches desktop publishing, James Holland, the auto body teacher, Zachary MacLean, who teaches electronics technology, and Kevin Ryska, computer aided drafting teacher.

Schofield said she was "disheartened" to see MacLean's

name on the list. He and his students have been heavily involved in creating the award-winning Innovative Design Vehicles at the center.

"I've had kids tell me that math didn't make sense until they saw how it applied in electronics," she said. "For some kids, career-tech is a savior. It gives them a goal and they finish their education. We're losing teachers that touch students, it's a hard thing to do."

According to Bernard LaPorte, senior executive director of human resources, the layoffs are due to a lower enrollment in the classes. Four teachers will be recalled. Three will be offered part-time positions, and one will be offered a full-time position in auto career technology.

"In the past few years we've been running light in both sections," LaPorte told the board.

"We did that last year, but the numbers don't justify doing it this coming year."

When asked by Trustee Steve Becher if enrollment at the center is down due to the added math requirements in high school or a decline in the number of cooperative agreements Wayne-Westland has with other districts, LaPorte said it was "all of the above."

"Our numbers are down significantly at Career Tech because of the added math requirement or cooperative agreements," he said. "With the increase in core classes, lack of enrollment and some shared time agreements, we have barely enough students in some classes for a .5 (half-time) class."

Superintendent Greg Baracy pointed out that the district

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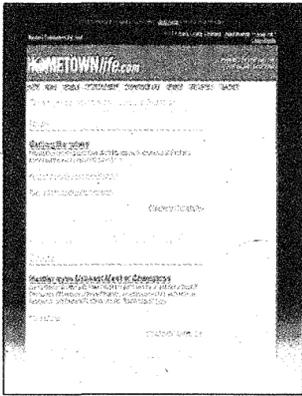
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Mail carriers rescue man, dog from fire

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Westland postal carriers are being credited with awakening a man who was asleep while his home was on fire last Tuesday morning.

The owner of a home at 2811 Clayton Court in the southwest section of the city told firefighters she had put a load of clothing in the dryer and it was running when she left. Her adult son, in his 20s, was inside sleeping along with the family's two dogs.

Just before 10:30 a.m., mail carrier Sharon Roulo was delivering mail in the neighborhood and noticed smoke coming from the home, said Acting Fire Marshal Gary Leirstein. Roulo called 911 and also contacted a second mail carrier Lori Boljesic who was more familiar with the mail route.

"She (Roulo) thought the other carrier might have a better idea if anyone would be inside the home," said Leirstein. "They knocked on the windows and got one window open. The women did a good job getting the son and a dog out of the house. A second dog succumbed to smoke inhalation."

The homeowner told firefighters she was only gone about 30 minutes before the fire was reported.

"The lint in the dryer caught fire which caught the clothes on fire," said Leirstein. "Items around the dryer caught fire - there were a lot of clothes packed around the dryer. The dryer was burnt up pretty good."

Fire damage to the home was limited to the utility room. Leirstein said, but there was smoke damage throughout the home.

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"Weststock," a free concert named for the famed Woodstock of the late 1960s, is coming to Westland.

The free concert will be 1-9 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren. The concert is presented by Toarina's Pizza in recognition of its 22nd anniversary in business, as well as the Westland library.

Organizers hope to get 22 bands to perform June 25 in the pavilion behind the library. If your band is interested, call (734) 377-3413.

Poker benefit

US-12 American Bar and Grill is holding charity poker tournament 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, June 14, for the benefit of the Giggers Community Development Fund. There's a \$2,500 guaranteed payout. Buy into the tournament for \$20, starting at 7 p.m. A cash game also will be available, US-12 is at 34824 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne.

Wrestling camp

The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 20-24 in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School. The camp is open to middle school and high school students. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 20. Registration

forms are available during Road Rockets 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, which is held in Gym 4 or online at glennwrestling.com. For questions, contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

Used book sale

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will hold their used book sale Friday-Saturday, June 26-28, at the Westland Shopping Center Wayne and Warren roads, Westland. There will be a preview 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, and cost \$3. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 26-27 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 28. Most books and magazines will be priced at \$1 or less; videos, CDs and DVDs will be individually priced. To donate, call (734) 421-4420.

Golf outing

The John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 12th Annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and dinner. Dinner only guests are welcome, cost is \$25. Contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information also is available online at glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and donations are being accepted. All donations are welcome!

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Buckalew has seen parent involvement grow, tech changes at John Glenn

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's hard to say who will take over the job of making the morning coffee for the social studies department at John Glenn High School, now that Tom Buckalew has retired.

The department co-chair, Buckalew closed the book on a 41-year teaching career Friday, all of it spent at the Westland high school.

"More than anything, I'll miss the staff," the Wayne resident said. "I've had the opportunity to work with members of the social studies department who are a professional and fun-loving group. It's a great combination."

Buckalew describes himself as a "five-year product" of Eastern Michigan University, where he majored in history and English literature. He was hired to teach English at Glenn in fall 1968. Admittedly, "it wasn't a real good fit," and two years later he moved into the social studies department to teach history.

"I struggled to teach English," he said. "I had to

learn how to correct essays. They had taught me to write them in college. I had to learn a lot."

The struggle went on until he ran into the history teacher who was finishing work on his master's degree in English literature.

"We met in the hallway and I asked if he wanted to switch and he said yes," he said. "We went to the office and it was done."

As a new teacher, he remembers getting lost in the building — it took a couple of years to figure out how it was laid out — and the difficulty of learning a new role as teacher. It wasn't a case of students being intimidated by him, he was the one who was intimidated, he said.

He's been at the school long enough to see changes in everything from the size of the building to the impact technology has had on learning. He was there for the start of standardized testing and all of its oversights, and the transformation of the school library that's now filled mostly with reference materials with books available online.

"If you're looking at econo-

mies, you can go to the CIA Web site. That's something that wasn't possible 15-20 years ago," he said. "A lot of the change has been for the good. Parents are involved to a greater degree than in the past."

While at Glenn, he served more than three years on the school improvement committee and was the assistant wrestling coach for 12 years and head coach for another eight years. He was a wrestler in high school and college and finished fourth in the nation in the college division his junior year at EMU.

He credits the principal at Flint Central High School, Dean Ludwig, and history teacher Graham Proben in leading him into education and coaching. Ludwig was "a good human being" and Proben, his history teacher for two years, was "outstanding and a scholar."

Buckalew has had some of his former students return as teachers. In fact, he has spent the last four years work collaborating with one of them, Tim Hardin. Buckalew describes it as "a wonderful teaching opportunity."

Hardin had Buckalew as a teacher and wrestling coach at Glenn in 1986. Now Glenn's varsity football coach, he said Buckalew, along with other great mentors at Glenn, influenced his decision to become a teacher and a coach.

"It's an absolute privilege to come back after so many years and get the opportunity to team-teach with Mr. Buckalew," Hardin said. "Over the last four years, I have worked side-by-side with him every day in the very same classroom that I sat in as a student. He has continued to be a great mentor to me, and I have learned a great deal from him."

Hardin said Buckalew's teaching style has always been firm yet empathetic, disciplined yet light-hearted. The students love him



Buckalew

because they know that, although he won't let them get away with anything, he cares about them deeply.

"He has taught me so much

about how to be an effective teacher that I have tried to model my teaching style after his," Hardin added.

Buckalew has been told not to sit around and wait, but plan an activity the first week in September, so he and his wife will take a short trip. And after spending a lot of time learning about history, he will spend his new-found free time reading about history.

And, according to Hardin, Buckalew has made history.

"He has enriched the lives of countless students with his knowledge. Generations of students have benefited from his expert knowledge and caring touch," he said. "He has left an indelible mark on our entire community."

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has done a number of things to boost enrollment at the Career Technical Center has been rated as No. 1 in the state

and was recently featured on WDIV Channel 4's Best Schools in Michigan.

However, "students can't be forced to sign up for electives, not just at the career tech, but other electives in the school

buildings," he said. "As we go along with this rigorous curriculum, we're going to students not taking career tech who need it the most."

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FIRE

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The woman's apartment was a total loss but the fire did not spread to other areas of the nine-story building, due to building construction, he said.

"It's built like a concrete cell and did what it was supposed to. For the most part, the vast majority of residents did what they were supposed to do," Tenniswood said. "They stayed in their apartments with the doors and windows

closed. The PA system was repeating the instructions."

A resident on the eighth floor of the building, located at 34567 Elmwood, wasn't able to stay in her apartment due to smoke, he said, after she opened her windows during the fire.

"There were a lot of lessons from this — obviously, smoking in bed is always dangerous. It's always dangerous to smoke with oxygen," said Tenniswood. "People need to get out and call 9-1-1 sooner. People want to fight fires. We want a chance to fight the fire

as soon as possible."

Although firefighters were very conservative with water use in fighting the blaze, Tenniswood said a residential water pipe melted and there was some difficulty getting it shut off. Some residents spent the night at another location to avoid slogging through the water.

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Receiving their diplomas were:

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Shelly Lint, Rodger Sterling and Tracey Sterling point out their graduate in the crowd at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

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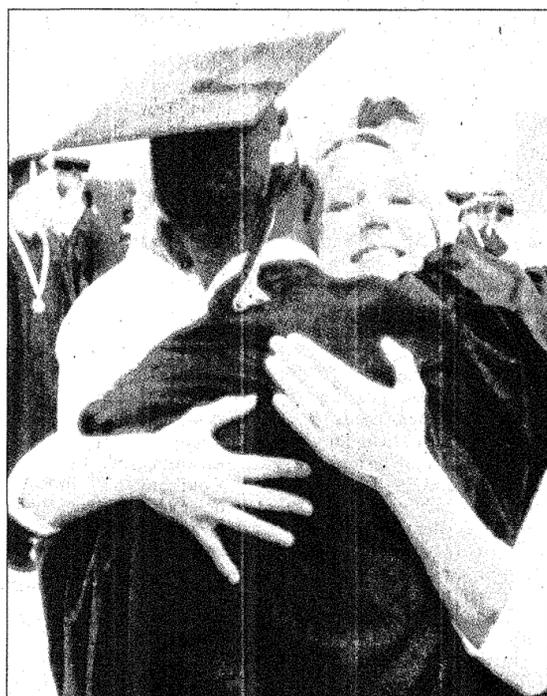
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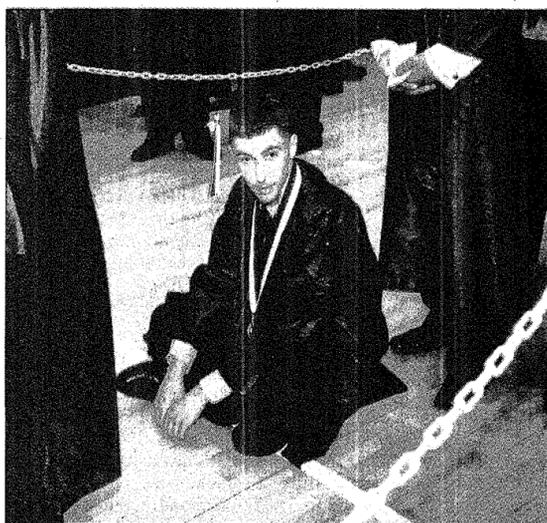
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Wayne Memorial High School graduate Parish Claydorn is congratulated by School Safety Officer Mary Reddman.



Graduate David McCown takes a break waiting for the ceremony to start.

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Learn How To Send Your Children To A Top College Without Going Broke

Troy man teaches free workshops to help parents avoid mistakes and save thousands in the process

TROY—Metro Detroit area parents that are planning on sending a child to college in the next few years, but aren't quite sure how to pay for it, can now rest a little easier. College Planning Coach has been educating parents in the community about what to do if they haven't saved enough for college. "It's really sad, but most parents that we talk to have done real well financially, but never found the time to save for college, and now they're facing a bill of \$18,000-\$45,000 a year, and they don't know who to turn to," he says. "Furthermore, most of the time all they hear is to not even bother applying for any aid because they make too much money. However, most of the time, that is simply not true... even if they make a six-figure income."

Mike and the College Planning Network would

know, because they've worked with over 1400 families in the last 10 years ranging from single moms to corporate CEO's, and he swears he can help anyone get through the process and save a bundle... no matter how good of a student they have or how much money they make. "I got started in this because I graduated in the top of my high school class, but no one told us anything about how to access money for college, or even how to pick a career...so I didn't go right away. But, I vowed that I would learn the process and devote my time to helping families not fall into the same trap that we did. Simply put, we show parents the truth that they aren't hearing anywhere else about how the college process really works, and how they can get their child into a top school easily, help that

student pick a career that will suit them and pay them well, and save thousands of dollars in the process." Detroit area parents will have two opportunities to hear Mike speak. He is teaching his class *How to Give Your Kid a 4-Year College Education... Without Going Broke!* on • June 23rd at 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm, at Novi Public Library • June 25th at 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm at Northville Senior Community Center • June 27th at 10:30 am to 11:45 at Wixom Public Library. "We'll discuss everything from the greatest myths about the college process, to how to send your student to a fancy private school for less than the cost of a junior college... it'll be like learning how to get a brand new Cadillac for the price of a used pick up truck," he grins. Topics will also include why private scholarships and 529 plans are a waste of time,

how to double or even triple the amount of free money you receive from each school, and how to avoid the one mistake that will kill your chances of getting any money at all that almost every other parent will make this January, and much, much more. "They will learn a ton, and I do my best to make the class fun," he says. "It's like I'm giving them a super bright flash light to navigate a pitch black cave, while all the other parents continue to stumble blindly!" "Don't forget: the class is totally free, but seats are limited, and we turned away a ton of people in March and April. Also, I'm not sure when I'll be teaching these classes again, so come on out and see me." You can reserve a seat online at www.collegeplanningcoach.com/topcollege or by calling 1-866-210-0837 x100.

Refinancing bad way to boost retirement

Q: Dear Rick: Our home is paid off and we have no mortgage. My husband has a pension and along with Social Security, most of our living expenses are covered. We do have to dip into our investment portfolio to supplement our income. It's that issue that leads me to our question.

Money Matters

We have been approached by someone who sells investments. He suggests that, as opposed to using our investment to cover our shortfall, we use our home. He recommends that we refinance and take some of the money and use it to cover living expenses and then to take the bulk of the proceeds and invest it to cover the mortgage payments. One of the investments recommended was a variable annuity and I know what you think of variable annuities. What do you think?

A: It is a horrible idea to refinance your home at this point in time. It makes no sense to increase your monthly living expenses by burdening yourself with a mortgage. In addition, under no circumstances should you buy a variable annuity. It just doesn't make sense in your situation.

One reason I oppose refinancing is the cost of borrowing is greater than the return on your investment. The return that these investments are paying on an after-tax basis is less than the mortgage. In other words, you are borrowing money (your mortgage) at approximately 5 percent and investing that money at 4 1/2 percent. It doesn't make sense.

If you need income from your investment in order to cover your house payment, that money should be invested in fixed-income investments such as bonds and CDs.

As for the suggestion that you purchase a variable annuity and use the proceeds to cover your mortgage payments, once again it makes no sense. It is great for the individual selling you the annuity, but not for you. Variable annuities are very expensive, have adverse tax consequences, are inflexible and on the whole have poor performance.

Even if the financial salesperson had recommended a solid investment such as U.S. treasuries or CDs, I would not recommend that for you. The strategy of borrowing money and then turning around and investing it to produce income just doesn't make sense.

The strategy you currently follow — using your investment portfolio to cover your income needs — is correct. My only recommendation is to make sure you have a well-balanced and diversified portfolio and that part of it is geared for long-term growth.

Investors need a rising income

throughout their lifetime and that's why you should have a growth component in your portfolio.

If you do run into financial difficulty and your investments no longer produce the income you need, I recommend a reverse mortgage versus a traditional mortgage. Under a reverse mortgage, you do not have to make payments as long as you and your spouse remain in the home. A home is one's largest single

investment. Before you take a loan out on your home, don't be afraid to seek independent advice. That said, the person who is selling you a product and making fees from that product can never be considered independent.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money.matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Cooley students hold Legal Resource Fair

The members of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School's Black Law Students Association will host a Community Legal Resource Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, in Room 145 at the Cooley campus at 2630 Featherstone in Auburn Hills.

With the theme "An Informed Community is an Empowered Community," the fair is designed to provide people from the south-

eastern Michigan community with general information on legal topics, such as Bankruptcy, Landlord/Tenant Issues, Foreclosure, Civil Rights, Family Law, Social Security/SSI, Immigration, Domestic Violence, Elder Law, Estate Planning, Tax, and more.

People taking advantage of the fair should not expect, and will not receive, any personal legal advice but rather information about access to legal

resources from law firms and legal organizations in attendance.

Cooley Law School is the largest law school in the country.

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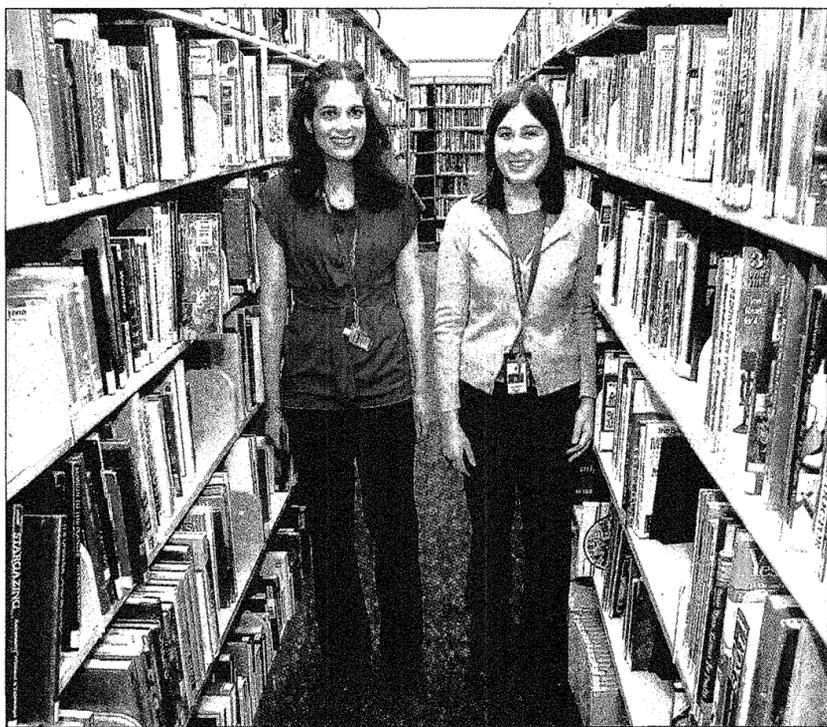
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2 new librarians doing 'wonderful job'

Two new faces have joined the staff at the Garden City Library over the past year. Laura Gramlich of Southgate and Jennifer Harper, a Plymouth resident, are working as part-time librarians. Both were hired for 20-hour positions filling vacancies. "They are both recent MLS (Master of Library Science) grads. They do a wonderful job. We're happy to have them," said Janet Smith, assistant to the library director. Gramlich ran a Great Stories Book Club which was funded through a grant from the American Library Association. The program, which wraps up this month, was in cooperation with the Garden City Family Resource Center and served at risk youngsters. Replacing long-time library staffer Carol Lewthwaite, Harper took over the Nite Tales ready program for elementary age kids. "She is so sweet and comes up with wonderful crafts," said Smith. "Lately in Michigan, the job market (for librarians) is pretty saturated. A lot of new grads get internships or part-time positions to get their feet wet," said Library Director James Lenze. "We get a lot of candidates for openings as they occur."



Librarians Jennifer Harper (left) of Plymouth and Laura Gramlich of Southgate joined the staff of the Garden City Library during the past year.

Here are some energy efficient outdoor plants

A well landscaped yard is not only beautiful, it can improve your quality of life and save you money. Although almost any landscaping and gardening efforts promote a better environment, the types of plants you choose and the way you care for them can make a big difference.

Thoughtful planting of trees can save you money in both the summer and the winter. By planting evergreens on the north, west and east sides, your house will be buffered from the cold winter wind, thus saving you money on your heating bill.

In the summer, deciduous trees planted on the south and west sides of your yard will block the sun, keeping your house cooler. Then, in the winter, when the leaves have fallen from those trees, the sun will shine through to warm your house.

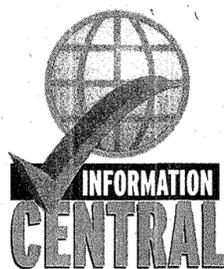
Native plants are plants that were here before Europeans settled in Michigan in the 1700s. In most cases they require less water, fertilizer and pesticides than typical non-natives and have strong, deep root systems that absorb extra water and filter out many pollutants from the water and soil. Natives provide habitat for wildlife, such as birds and butterflies, and generally require less routine maintenance.

You can learn more about native plants appropriate for Michigan at the "Michigan Native Plant Producers Association" web site at www.mnppa.org.

Grass requires a great deal of water, fertilizer and herbicides to stay healthy. By replacing areas of lawn with attractive, low-maintenance plants that are native to your area, you can minimize the amount of mowing and edging you need to do and provide better habitat for wildlife.

The library has many books and videos on Michigan gardening. Take a look at "Landscaping with Native Plants of Michigan" by Lynn Steiner, "Michigan Gardener's Guide" by Timothy Boland and "Month by Month Gardening in Michigan" by James Fizzell. We also subscribe to the monthly gardening magazines, Organic Gardening and Horticulture.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has many resources at your disposal. Visit us often, at 6123 Central City Parkway, check out our Web site at www.westlandlibrary.org, or call us at (734) 326-6123.



Highlighted Activities
Meal Making Mechanics: Stretching your family's food dollar, 7 p.m. June 16.

Learn the before, during, and after skills needed to make food you want to make in the least amount of time, with the most healthful ingredients, and the least possible cost. Let Linda Sparkman, whose articles have appeared in dozens of magazines and newspapers, including "Better Homes and Gardens" and The Detroit Free Press, show you how to take charge of your family's meals.

Container Gardening: 7 p.m. June 18.

Joe Barson of Barson's Greenhouses will show you how to select and keep your hanging baskets and containers large and beautiful all year. Stop by the library or call to reserve your seat.

Memoir Writing for Older Adults: 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, Westland senior Friendship Center.

Have you ever wanted to write your stories down but never had a chance? The library and the Westland Friendship Center are offering a free eight-week session at the Friendship Center to jumpstart your writing, strengthen memories, and build friendships. This class will meet weekly at the same day and time and ends Aug. 12. Sign up at the Friendship Center or the Reference Desk. Space is limited.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Join the Library's Adult Summer Reading Program, "DIY @ Your Library." Programs, Prizes, and Reading!!!

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

MTL recognizes Ficano for foreclosure program

Midwest Technology Leaders presented two awards, companies and individuals who have made a commitment to furthering the regions technology industry.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano received one of three 2009 Corporate Commitment to Michigan (2CMICHIGAN) Awards. Ficano was honored for the development of Wayne County's Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program and its Web site, www.FightMortgageForeclosure.com.

Stephen Pickett also received a 2CMICHIGAN Award for his role as vice-chairman of the private nonprofit Oakland



Ficano

Family Services. Established in 1921, OFS has been dedicated to strengthening families by providing quality treatment, education and prevention services throughout southeastern Michigan.

The final 2CMICHIGAN Award recipient was Ed Copley, the founder of The Kid-Safe Network which provides safety programs that give parents and school-age children valuable information to keep them safe from predators. The 2CMICHIGAN award

honors corporate individuals who actively participate in community relations, organizations and other philanthropic activities to promote a healthy, highly functional Michigan. The awards were presented at MTL's fifth annual symposium, held June 3 in Detroit.

The Detroit Regional Chamber/West Michigan Strategic Alliance Presidents Council/State Universities of Michigan/Digerati, Media Genesis, Issue Media Group received the 2009 Midwest Collaboration Award which honors impacting partnerships between Midwest companies and local individuals or groups.

The collaboration was honored for its role in a national initiative to improve workforce conditions in the state of Michigan. In addition, all of these companies have been actively engaged in the community promoting the retention of talent and internships.

Nominations were submitted by the Michigan business community and voted on through Midwest Technology Leaders' corporate board based on three categories, including innovation, excellence and action. Open nomination for the 2010 awards starts July 1. To submit a nomination, please contact Midwest Technology Leaders at 248-246-7236 or info@midwesttechnologyleaders.com.

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Drum shop owner has been on a roll for decades

BY LARRY RUEHLEN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

So back in the day Bill Cairo was the house drummer for the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn. He played all the big shows when all the big shows actually came to town. On one particular night Cairo's normal perch on the second floor grandstand was occupied by a drummer named Buddy Rich. Anyone who has ever picked up sticks knows the legend of Buddy, so Cairo didn't mind taking his band down a flight of stairs to play the main floor.

The music stopped from above and Buddy was soon staring right at Bill as his drum solo began.

"It was like playing in front of God," said Cairo. "I played and he listened and we were friends from that day on."

Establishing friendships with legendary entertainers is just one of the perks of being in the business for decades.

"It all comes down to service," he said. "To compete with the Internet stores, you have to have great service."

Bill Cairo's Drum House, 25401 Five Mile Road, has been in Redford Township for more than 30 years and in its current location since 1976.

It is the kind of shop drummers from all over the region like to visit from time to time. Not only for the large selection of name brand drums and cymbals, but also to gaze at the names and photos on the wall. Cairo goes to all the big trade shows and his store is adorned with signed drumheads and photos of most of the greats.

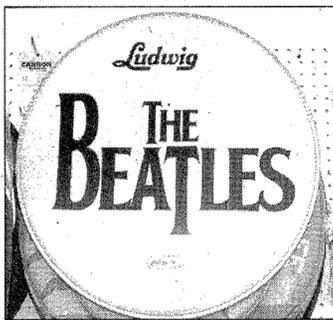
Dizzie Gillespie's drummer, Heard, was like a second father to Cairo and Red Hot Chili Pepper's drummer Chad Smith still owes him \$100 for a pair of used hi-hats he picked out as a teen.

"He'd come in from time to time," said Cairo. "He wanted a pair of used hi-hats, and I let him have them. He never paid me. We still joke about it."

Smith, who attended Bloomfield Hills schools, mentioned it the last



Bill Cairo started playing drums at 3 and attended Berklee College of Music in Boston. His shop in Redford has been on Five Mile since 1976.



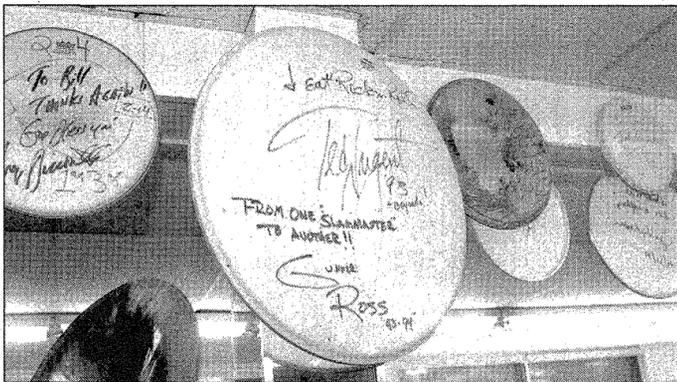
Another drum head that draws in percussion aficionados.

time the two met and it doesn't appear Cairo, of Livonia, will be getting his money any time soon.

"He laughed about it," Cairo said. "But don't get me wrong, Chad is a great guy."

Most entertainers don't bring bands with them but they know on whom to call in each town. Cairo has been on the short list for decades, playing with everyone from Bob Hope to Jay Leno to Tim Allen. They rehearse once then do the show. It's the kind of professionalism most musicians never attain but it comes second nature to Cairo.

He still plays shows and records



Drum shop owner Bill Cairo collects signed drum heads from famous drummers. The one in the center is from Ted Nugent drummer Gunner Ross.

commercially but most of his time is spent in his Redford drum shop, where neighborhood kids come in to jam. Most of the drummers today play rock and few can swing with Cairo but he'll gladly show you how it's done if you ask. The difference between the hundreds of drummers who "can play" and a guy like Cairo is in the left hand. His dances around the drums autonomously making music while most simply go along for the ride.

"Not many people play big band

music these days," he said. "But there is always someone new coming along with new ideas. There are all kinds of people who can play."

The drum shop is also known for its skilled teachers. For \$25 per half hour, instructors Danny Wilson and Geoff Kinde will teach anyone the proper way to start playing drums.

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Arabic food, music highlights church's annual Sahara Fest

Arabic food, music and culture will be front and center when St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church holds its second annual Sahara Fest July 16-19 on the church grounds in Livonia.

The Sahara Fest will feature authentic Arabic food, including falafel, beef and chicken shawarma, kofta, hummus and fattoush, live American and Arabic music and disc jockey. St. Mary's youth will perform traditional Dabke dances. There also will be a midway with carnival rides, a video arcade game tent, face painting and Millionaire.

The Sahara Fest will benefit the development of the Mariam Center, a 30,000-square foot family and youth enrichment center, planned for completion in 2015.

"We are so excited to put on this unique event which will benefit the development of our newly proposed Mariam Family and Youth Center," said the Rev. George Shaihou, pastor of St. Mary's. "We are looking forward to celebrating our rich culture and heritage at the Sahara Fest."

St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church is at 18100 Merriman, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Festival hours are 4-11:30 p.m. July 16, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. July 17 and 18 and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 19. For more information about the Sahara Fest, call the church at (313) 422-0010.



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Former U.S. Representative Carl Pursell and wife, Peggy, at the Plymouth City Commission meeting where his son, Phil, was named mayor of Plymouth.



Carl Pursell, and George H.W. Bush at Pursell's home in Plymouth Township. Though the photo is undated, it was taken before Bush became president.



Former U.S. Rep Carl Pursell on Main Street in downtown Plymouth some time in the early 1990s.

Pursell remembered for making world better

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Former U.S. Congressman Carl Pursell of Plymouth Township died Thursday morning at the age of 76.

While an official cause of death has not been reported, Pursell had been under hospice care at his home for about the past six months.

Pursell, a Republican, was elected from Michigan's 2nd Congressional District in November 1976. He served in the 95th Congress beginning Jan. 3, 1977, and the seven succeeding Congresses until he retired Jan. 3, 1993. The U.S. House of Representatives held a moment of silence this afternoon for their former colleague.

Pursell's son, Phil, currently the mayor of Plymouth, said his father's service left the world in better shape.

"What amazed me the

most about my dad is that he would talk to anyone about anything and come up with the solution to a problem," said Phil Pursell. "He was more interested in solving problems than lining up with a particular group.

"In the end, you hope you leave the world a better place and it was with my father," he said. "Many people could learn a lesson from his actions."

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, grew up in Pursell's district.

"And as a young person growing up getting interested in politics, Carl's example was an inspiration," McCotter said. "It showed that a fine and decent gentleman could come from the small town of Plymouth, retain his Main Street truths and do the people's business in this, the people's house."

Pursell served a short term with then-outgoing

President Gerald Ford, as well as with Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. When Reagan died in 2004, Pursell remembered the 40th president of the United States fondly.

"At first I wasn't sure of him because he didn't seem to be focused on the issues," Carl Pursell said in an interview with the *Plymouth Observer*. "But, we found out that he looked at the bigger world picture and national scene. Compared to some other presidents, he'll rate pretty high."

Pursell also remembered meeting with Reagan at the White House.

"There were a couple of us in the Oval Office with him and he tapped me on the shoulder," said Pursell. "The president took me up to his private quarters, which was very rare, and gave me his TKE fraternity pins. We were both members of that fraternity ... it was a nice

gesture."

In 1969, Pursell ran successfully for the 14th District seat on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. He left that position in 1971 after winning a seat in the Michigan Senate, where he served from 1971-77.

The downtown Plymouth post office on Penniman is named the Carl D. Pursell Post Office in honor of the former congressman.

Pursell is survived by his wife, Peggy, and three children; sons, Phil (Paula) of Plymouth and Mark (Barbara) Pursell of Fairfax, Va., daughter Kathy (Brad) Martin of Ann Arbor; two sisters, seven grandchildren; and his mother-in-law.

Phil Pursell remembered that despite his dad's 16 years in Congress he always came home on weekends to spend time with his family.

"He always made time for us," Pursell said. "He didn't

give us a whole lot of advice, but the advice he gave us was meaningful. He led more by example."

There was one bit of advice to which Phil Pursell paid little attention.

"He said never to get involved in local politics," Phil Pursell said.

A memorial visitation will be held 3-8 p.m. Sunday at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. A memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

The family is asking for contributions to the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps and the Plymouth VFW in lieu of flowers.

Y offers 12 weeks of day camp

Garden City and Westland residents can take advantage of the livonia Family YMCA is offering 12-week long summer day camp, which starts Monday and runs through Sept. 4.

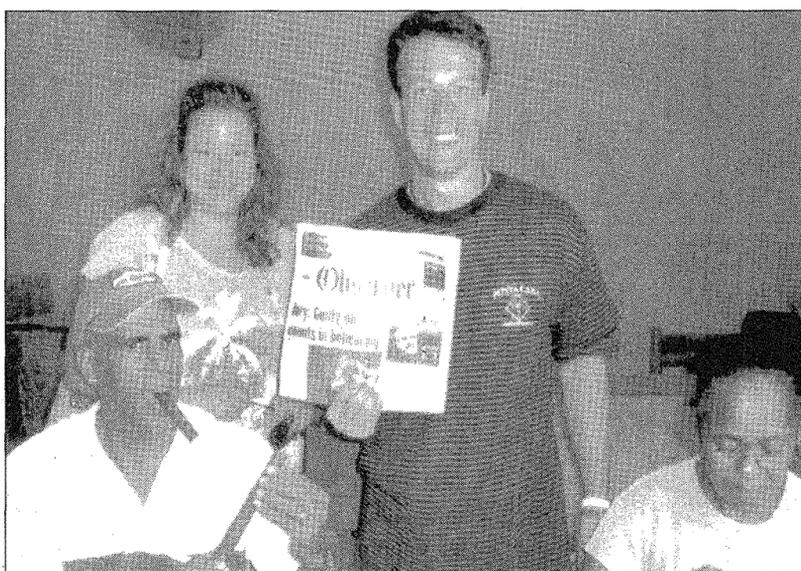
Each week there is a new theme for the lessons, activities and field trips.

The first week of Day Camp, June 15-19, is "Great American Heroes." The super-hero theme week features a field trip to Paradise Park, which has go-karts, laser tag and miniature golf.

Other themes include "Wacky Water Week" July 13-17 featuring a field trip to Red Oaks Water Park and "Circus Week" July 27-31 including a circus at the end of the week.

Brand new this year at Day Camp, the YMCA and United Way will work together to improve literacy with a program aligned with the National Council of Teachers of English standards. The program includes story time, reading time, writing journals, spelling games and other fun activities.

Participants can sign up for as many weeks they need, choosing between one and five days a week. For more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org/livonia.



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Jerome Weingarden of Westland and Julie Hager pose with their Westland Observer in a cigar shop in LaRomana, the Dominican Republic. Joining them are a few of the locals, according to Weingarden who noted that "you can see by the photo the man really likes his work." If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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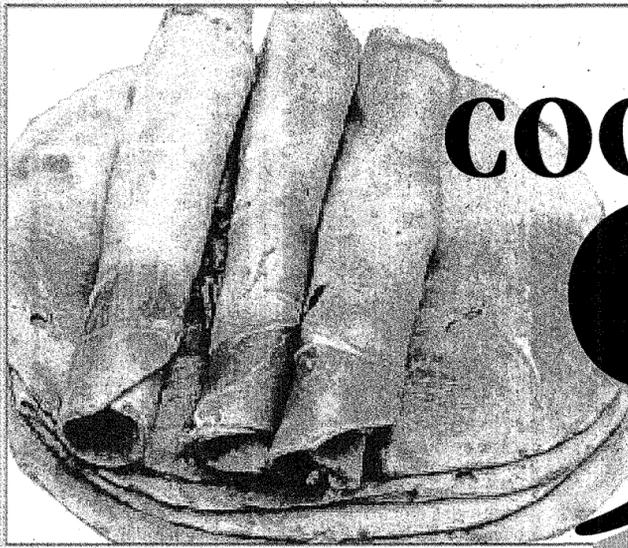
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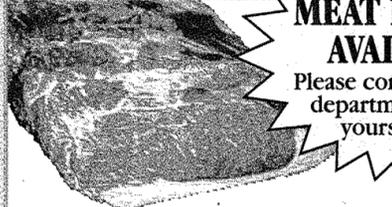


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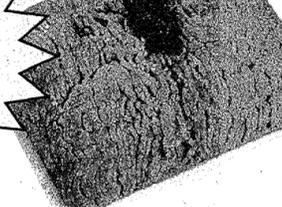


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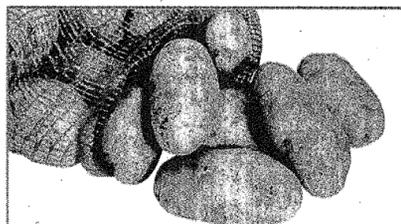


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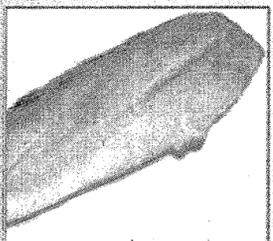
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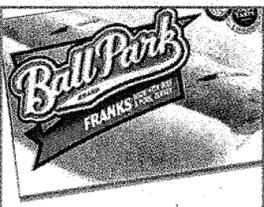
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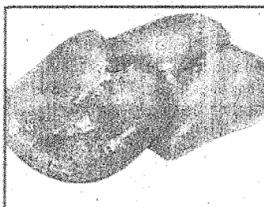
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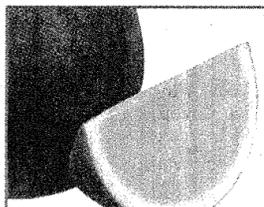
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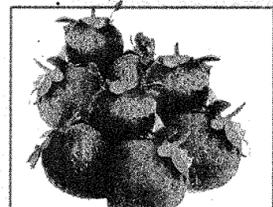
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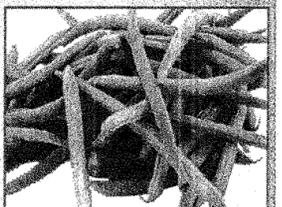
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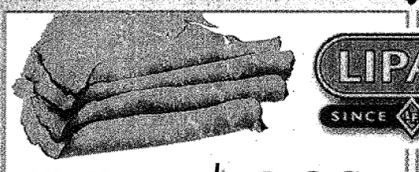


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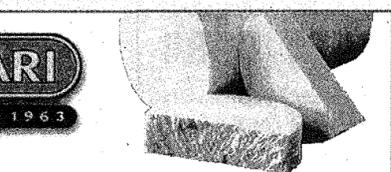


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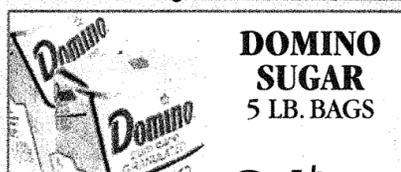


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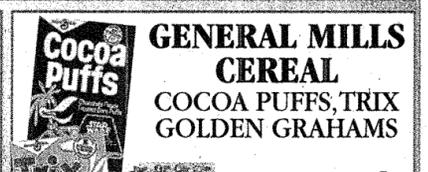


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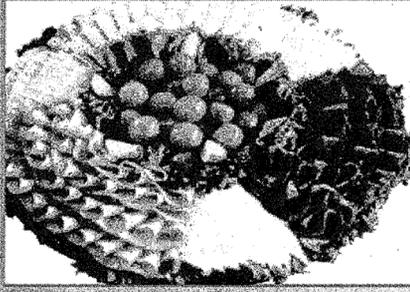
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HOMETOWN LIFE

Ladywood swats Hornets to reach 1st-ever final Combs Ks 14; LaValley gets GW

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If there's a will, then Livonia Ladywood's softball team always seems to way to win a big ballgame.

That was no more evident than on Friday as the Blazers moved into their first-ever state championship final following a 1-0 Division 2 semifinal victory in eight innings over Williamston at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

"This was a typical game, we've been in about 30 of them this year," said Ladywood second-year coach Scott Combs, whose team improved to 38-6 overall and earned a spot in Saturday's championship game with 34-5 Niles. "Playing in the (Michigan) Stars tournament and being in the Catholic League, our schedule allows us to compete with these teams."

The Blazers once again relied on the crafty pitching of freshman right-hander Briana Combs, who struck out 14 and allowed just two hits.

And it was senior third baseman Courtney LaValley's clutch bases loaded single to right field scoring freshman Cara Miller in the bottom of the eighth that proved to be the game-winner.

The game-winning rally started when Miller led off with a hard bounding ball between short and third base that eluded Williamston shortstop Leah Hosking for an error. Miller alertly took second on the throw back to first and advanced to third when Williamston pitcher Aleksa Sedlak was called for making an illegal motion toward the plate without making a pitch.

Williamston coach Steve VanderLaan then intentionally walked both Gina Sykes and Julie Bushart to load the bases.

Sedlak got one out on a 6-2 fielder's choice (force out at the plate), but LaValley ended the suspense when she poked a ball over the second baseman's head for the game-winning hit.

"I think it was the second pitch, I'm not positive - I was just thinking get anything out of the infield," said LaValley, a fourth-year varsity player. "I just wanted to hit the ball to score Cara from third. I was happy. I took a peak at the ball and wanted to cry because I was so excited."

"Last year I had a game-winning hit against (Birmingham) Marian, but that was not nearly as big as in the semis."

Ladywood coach Scott Combs said there wasn't a more deserving offensive hero.

"To get that hit I couldn't be happier, especially for the senior," he said. "Courtney's really been driving the ball for us the last four games, but it's just been right at somebody."

Ladywood out-hit the Hornets, 6-2, and played flawless defense behind their freshman ace.

Williamston, getting only two base runners on for the first six innings, mounted only two real offensive threats.

With one-out in the seventh, clean-up batter Kelsey Grace ripped to a line drive shot that Miller tracked down in deep center field.

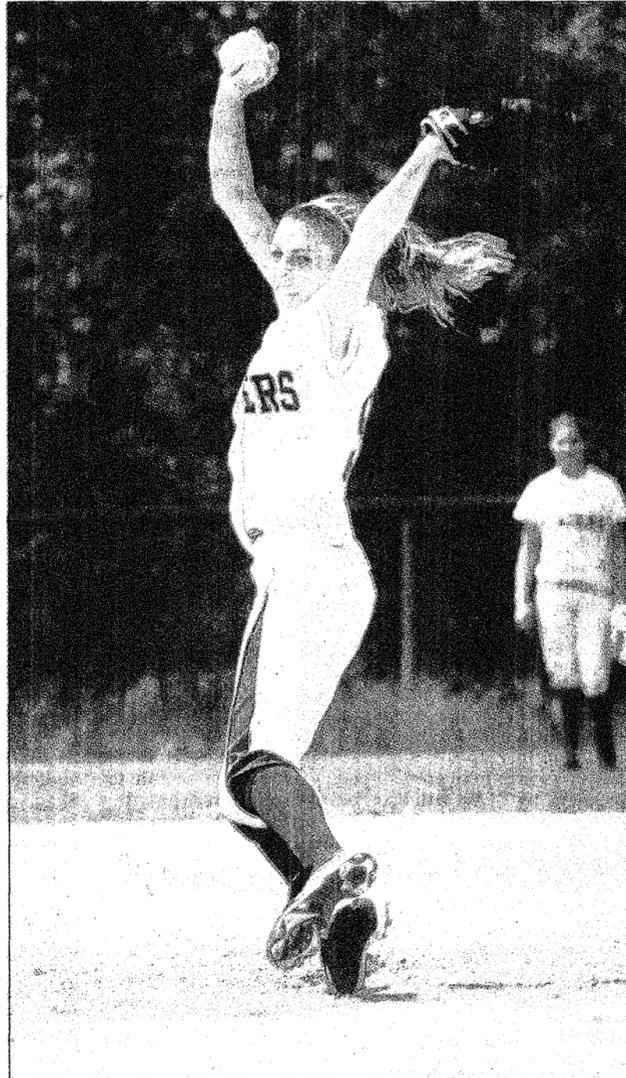
"I'm glad we had that 6-foot girl (Miller) with the big glove," Scott Combs said. "It scares you every time when hit see a hit like that. Your heart jumps. She (Grace) hit the crap out of the ball. After that I came out to the mound to settle things down."

In the top of the eighth, the Hornets put two runners aboard with one-out on a bizarre set of circumstances.

Home plate umpire John O'Hagan awarded Jordyn Morales a one-out walk when Ladywood catcher Jordan Searcy threw down to first base after what appeared to be a miscommunication on the ball-strike count.

"The umpire told me it was only a 3-1 when she (Searcy) said she was told it was 3-2," Scott Combs said. "The ump explained she made a play on an unoc-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ladywood freshman pitcher Briana Combs fanned 14 batters in Friday's 1-0 eight-inning Division 2 state semifinal win over Williamston.

SIDELINES

Glenn grid camp

Westland John Glenn will stage its annual football camp for grades 6-10 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18, at the high school, located at 36105 Marquette (between Wayne and Newburgh Roads).

The cost is \$25 (includes camp T-shirts trophies, and a pizza party).

For registration information, call Glenn varsity coach Tim Hardin at (734) 419-2329 or (734) 620-0063.

Volleyball camps

Madonna University will stage several summer volleyball camps, all Mondays through Thursdays, including:

Advanced elite all-skills or general skills - June 22-25 (cost \$135 per player); setters (\$135) or youth (\$110) - June 29-July 2; hitters (\$135) and defensively specialty (\$135) - July 6-9.

For more information, call camp director Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 or (734) 254-0698.

Basketball camp

The Livonia Stevenson basketball camp for boys (grades 4-9) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday, June 15-19.

The cost is \$81 (\$67 for incoming ninth-graders going to Cedar Point).

For more information, call Mike Allie at (248) 939-2692; or e-mail MichaelAllie@yahoo.com.

Soccer tryout

Tryouts for the Canton Soccer Club Celtic '93 Black, an under-17 girls team, will be from 9-11 a.m., Monday, June 15, at Canton's Independence Park.

For more information, call coach Dave Hebestreit at (248) 982-4739; e-mail dhebestr@livoniapublicschools.org.

Baseball camps

Madonna University will stage pair of baseball camps with the first for ages 7-18 going from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 22-24, at Ilitch Ballpark (cost \$155 per player).

MU head coach Greg Haeger will also offer two separate pitching clinics from 9-11 a.m. (ages 10-14) and 1-3 p.m. (ages 15-18), both on Thursday, June 25, at Ilitch Ballpark.

For more information, call the MU baseball office at (734) 432-5609 or MU assistant coach Stu Rose at Stove1000@aol.com.

The Livonia Franklin Future Stars summer baseball camp for boys and girls grades 2-7 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 22-25.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt). The registration deadline is June 19.

For more information, call Franklin coach Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499; or e-mail mfournie2@livonia.12.mi.us.

Youth soccer tourney

The Post Tryout youth soccer tournament will be Friday through Sunday, June 26-28, at air-conditioned Ultimate Soccer Arenas, 867 South Boulevard, Pontiac.

Age groups offered include under-9 through under-18 girls and under-9 through under-19 boys.

Under 9-10 will play six-vs.-six; under 11-12 eight-vs.-eight; and under 13-18, 11-vs.-11.

The cost is \$199 per team. Each team is guaranteed three games. The facility has a cafe, restaurant and bar open. First place teams will receive trophies, while runner-ups will be awarded T-shirts.

For more information or to register, call (248) 648-7000; or visit www.ultimatesoccerarenas.com.

Chi-Sox property

Ex-Wayne hurler Collop goes in 6th round

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Justin Collop had more than a vested interest when he followed this week's Major League Draft online.

"I was listening and surprised when I heard my name - I'm definitely excited, it's awesome," said the Wayne Memorial High grad, a right-handed pitcher who was taken in the sixth round (193rd overall) by the Chicago White Sox. "I expected to go somewhere in the first 10 rounds. I'm ready. I've had a couple of weeks off. I'm good to go."



Collop

Speed negotiates a signing bonus and a minor league contract.

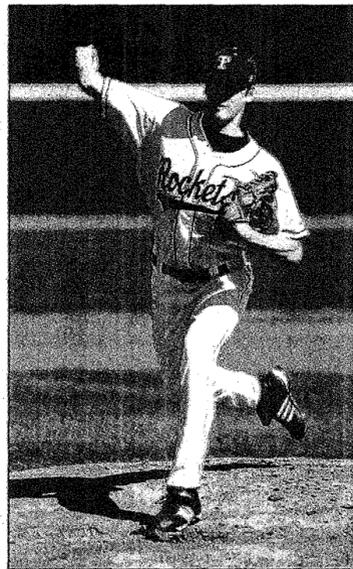
During his junior year, the 6-foot-2, 185-pound Collop caught the eye of Major League scouts after becoming the Rockets' No. 1 starter. In 76 innings, Collop went 4-7 with a 6.51 earned run average with 63 strikeouts and

only 19 walks. "Justin definitely gave us a chance to win every time," Toledo coach Cory Mee said. "He did a great job of us. He's an outstanding competitor who works really hard to get better."

He's worked his tail off and I'm happy for Justin that he's given himself this opportunity. He throws strikes and really attacks the hitters. He's really developed his pitches. I'm excited for him."

Collop posted respectable records of 7-1 (his junior year) and 7-5 (his senior year) at

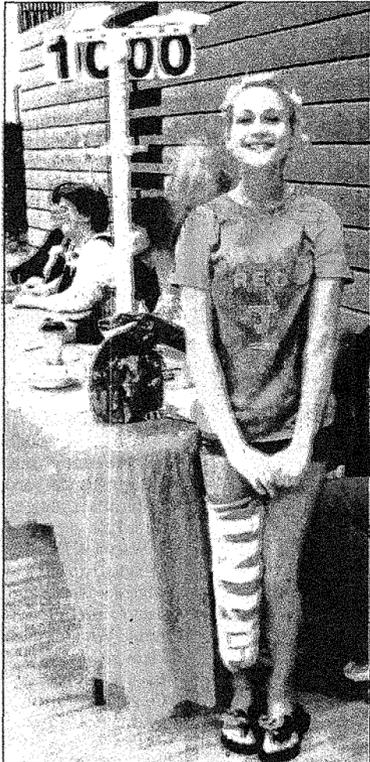
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TOLEDO SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Former Wayne Memorial High pitcher Justin Collop walked on at the University of Toledo and three years later became a sixth-round pick of the Chicago White Sox.

Despite a season-ending knee injury, Livonia Churchill's Paula Guzik earned a perfect score of 10.



LEONARD LARK

Guzik: The ultimate team player

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If there was ever someone deserving of a red-shirt season in high school sports, it's Livonia Churchill's Paula Guzik.

A two-time Division 1 All-State gymnast and three-year varsity starter in softball, Guzik spent her senior year watching from the sidelines after undergoing knee surgery in February for a torn anterior cruciate ligament, along with a torn meniscus and cartilage.

"My softball coach (Lou Kuratko) joked around and kept telling me 'It's too bad we can't keep you another year,'" said Guzik, who played second base for the Chargers.

Guzik injured her knee in Livonia Red's first gymnastics meet of the season in the Farmington Invitational after placing first on the uneven bars and a fifth on balance beam.

Guzik tried to soldier on, but knee simply would not hold up.

She eventually had her knee repaired at the Detroit Medical Center's Orthopedic unit, Feb. 16, in Madison Heights.

Needless to say, it was tough for Guzik to be denied during her senior season and forced to watch from the sidelines.

It wasn't easy because in 2007, Guzik was the Division 1 state champion in the balance beam and fourth in the all-around. In 2008, she was sixth in the all-around and fourth in both the vault and floor exercise.

"I'm still a captain, and I'm still close with my coaches and teammates," Guzik said. "They included me in everything. I wanted to come to every meet, be a team player and be involved. When the doctors told my mom (Diane) that I needed surgery she teared up. But my parents have really been supportive and have helped me out."

Guzik even attended Livonia Red's meet the day she came home from surgery.

"Paula's a trooper," Red gymnastics coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "She stayed strong mentally and physically. Doing her rehab she was very smart about the injury. She felt it was not worth the risk to be injured for a lifetime."

Despite being out of the lineup, Guzik became a third coach in the gym, constantly giving her teammates feedback and encouragement.

Guzik helped out wherever she could, but admitted there was one instance when she wished she could have been a part of the show.

"It's my senior year and it was our meet vs. Livonia Blue - that was hardest because they're my friends that I couldn't compete with, or against," Guzik said. "I had to leave the gym for a few minutes. It was tough to watch."

At the regional, Guzik captured the hearts of the judges and her team when she com-

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Jordan Weinger Farmington, Ian Ellis Farmington, Nick Williams N. Farmington, Andrew Rickerman Canton, Zach Conrad Canton, Shane Kesthely Farmington, Kevin Robinson Churchill, Drew Mossoian Stevenson, Ron Pummill Garden City, Aaron Thompson Salem, Justin Bauer Plymouth, Bruce Sutton N. Farmington

Top-flight: Area golfers excel on the links

BY THE OBSERVER STAFF

It was another banner boys golf season for area prep teams as youngsters showcased their talents with booming drives, precision approach shots and superb touch around the greens. The result was success on several fronts as players from Farmington and Canton highlight the 2009 All-Observer Boys Golf Team.

Three Farmington players — Jordan Weinger, Ian Ellis and Shane Kesthely — lead the First Team honorees. They are joined by Andrew Rickerman and Zach Conrad from Canton, Nick Williams from North Farmington and Kevin Robinson of Livonia Churchill.

Those selected to the All-Observer Second Team include Drew Mossoian of Livonia Stevenson, Ron Pummill of Garden City, Aaron Thompson of Salem, Andy Myers of Westland John Glenn, Justin Bauer of Plymouth and Jordan Chisholm of Livonia Franklin.

Bruce Sutton of North Farmington was chosen as Coach of the Year.

Following is a brief profile of each player named to the first and second teams.

FIRST-TEAM
Jordan Weinger, Sr., Farmington: Weinger was a four-year standout for the Falcons, finishing eighth in the state as a junior and contending for all-state honors again this year. He averaged 74.17 for tournaments and 37.67 for dual matches. Weinger was the Oakland County Division I and OAA White Division medalist, and he was the runner-up in two other tournaments. He shot a 74 in the regional and was ninth. A consistent top-10

placer, Weinger was a team co-MVP with Ian Ellis.

"He's quite an exceptional player," coach Dennis Zaleski said. "He was the rock of the team. If his game wasn't on, he went to work; he worked harder. Even on a bad day, he still was in the top 10. That's a pretty impressive stat for any player."

"He's a great golfer and an even greater individual. He would never put himself above the team; he's a great role model to the younger players. He will go down as one of the best golfers in Falcon history."

Ian Ellis, Sr., Farmington: Ellis was the other half of a quality one-two combination for the Falcons, who won the Oakland County Division I tourney. A four-year varsity player, he averaged 76.17 for 18 holes and 36.4 for dual matches.

Ellis, a team co-MVP with Jordan Weinger, shot 74 and won the Farmington Invite, and he won a district championship with the same score. He also was the OAA White Division runner-up.

Ellis was fifth in the Pinckney Invite (75), 11th in the Eccentric tournament (80), fifth in the Seaholm Invite (74), 14th in the county (75) and 22nd in the regional at Farmington Hills Golf Club (77).

"Ian has great skills," coach Dennis Zaleski said. "He'll do well in his collegiate career. His big claim was at the district with his playoff win. That was his signature on the season. He was able to keep his composure to beat a pretty darn good player from Brother Rice. That was certainly a great thing to watch. That was icing on the cake, to see one of my guys play under extreme pressure with 40-50 people watching

and do exceptionally well in a playoff."

Nick Williams, Soph., N. Farmington: Williams had a sensational sophomore season and led the Raiders to the OAA White Division and Oakland County Division II championships, averaging 76.25 for tournaments and 38.57 in dual matches.

He shot 71 in the regional at Farmington Hills Golf Club, tied for second place and qualified for the D-1 state meet. Williams was the medalist in the Oakland County D-II tourney (72) and the Farmington city meet (76). He also won medalist honors in three duals and was second in two others. Williams was chosen team MVP and was named to the All-OAA White team.

"Nick put in a lot of hard work in the off season to bring his game to the level that it is today," coach Bruce Sutton said. "Can he do better? Yes, he can — and he will work even harder during this off season to make it happen."

"Nick puts his heart and soul into his game. After being named a co-captain for next year, I am sure he will help others on the team to bring their games to the next level, also."

Andrew Rickerman, Sr., Canton: The senior co-captain of a 10-0 team averaged 37.7 strokes per nine holes and 78.2 per 18, medaling at five dual meets and breaking 40 in nine matches.

Rickerman's achievements were many. He placed in the Top 10 at the Huron Valley Invitational with a 77, was medalist at the Western Wayne Invitational with a 74, was Wayne County champion (81) while also making the all-conference team with a round of 74. At districts and regionals, he shot scores of 82 and 81, respectively.

"Andrew is constantly working to improve in all aspects of his game," said Chiefs' head coach Tom Alles. "He is extremely competitive and had an outstanding senior season."

Zach Conrad, Jr., Canton: Another key to Canton's unbeaten season, Conrad averaged 38.4 and 79.5 for nine and 18 holes, respectively while breaking 40 six times.

Conrad registered impressive scores of 87 at the Huron Valley Invitational, 81 at the Wayne County Championship and 78 at regionals in addition to tying for second at the Western Wayne Invitational (77). He also was Division I district medalist at Tanglewood (75) and made the all-conference team following a round of 79.

"Zach is a very focused, intelligent golfer," Alles said.

"He is very cool under pressure, which he displayed in his consistent play this season."

Shane Kesthely, Jr., Farmington: After missing two weeks due to injury, Kesthely came on the second half of the season, benefitting from daily practice rounds with Ellis and Weinger. He averaged 78 in tournaments and 39.6 in dual meets. He was fourth in the regional (72) and qualified for the D-1 state meet.

Kesthely was the runner-up in the Oakland County D-1 tournament (71) and led the Falcons to the team title. He was consistently one of Farmington's top four players in dual matches, too.

"Shane had a slow start but a great finish," coach Dennis Zaleski said. "At mid season, he just started to play. He was in the shadows of Jordan and Ian last year. He realized 'I can play with these guys.' They helped him along. Any time Shane had to play with Ian and Jordan, he was in tournament mode, in pressure mode, to excel, and it became a habit. With Shane, the only way he knew how to play was in tournament mode. Whenever he played, he was under pressure whether it be an event or practice."

Kevin Robinson, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior, bound for Madonna University, was medalist in four dual matches and averaged 39.1 per nine.

Robinson took fourth in the district (80) and shot an 80 at the Kensington Conference tourney.

"Kevin has been an outstanding student athlete these past four years," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "His competitive nature, work ethic and leadership this year transpired toward his teammates, as the co-captain was unanimously named MVP this season."

Drew Mossoian, Jr., Liv. Stevenson: The junior placed seventh at the Division 1 district at Tanglewood with an 81 and took 12th at the Lakes of Taylor regional with an 80.

Mossoian also shot an 80 at the Kensington Conference tourney held at Salem Hills. His dual match average was 39 and his 18-hole tourney average was 80.

"For Drew's standards, he was not as good as last year, but a lot of it was weather related," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski. "But next season he'll have a breakout year and be a candidate for All-State."

Ron Pummill, Sr., Garden City: A senior, Pummill was every coach's dream — and, in this case, father's dream — competing in his fourth varsity season for the Cougars. Consistency was the name of the game as

the two-year Cougars' captain fired a season-low 37 on two occasions and not higher than 42 the rest of the way. In addition to helping the Cougars to their fourth straight league championship, Pummill earned medalist honors in state district play with an 81 at Tanglewood and fired a 77 at the league meet.

"Having coached him for such a long time, I just love his tenacity and commitment to both the team and winning," said his father and Cougars head coach Ron Pummill. "And getting better every year, every time he played, I'm really proud of the way he conducted himself all four years."

Aaron Thompson, Jr., Salem: Thompson had a consistent season for the Rocks, averaging 39 strokes per nine holes and 78 per 18 holes at dual meets, noted Salem coach Rick Wilson.

Highlights for the junior included being medalist at three invitationals. He finished with a 75 at the East Lansing Classic, held at Forest Akers West. In addition, Thompson medaled with scores of 78 both at the Huron Meadows Farmington Invite and Western Wayne Invitational.

Andy Myers, Sr., Westland Glenn: The senior, headed to Siena Heights University, earned All-Kensington Conference honors when he fired a 76 at Salem Hills.

His 78 at the Division 1 regional held at Lakes was just two strokes off qualifying for the state finals. Myer shot an 81 to place seventh at the Tanglewood district.

Myers averaged 79 per 18 holes and 37 for nine.

"He worked harder than anybody on team, he'll continue to improve and I expect even better things for Andy at the collegiate level," Glenn coach Steve Pilon said.

Justin Bauer, Soph., Plymouth: The sophomore was a Division 1 state individual qualifier after shooting a 76 at the Lakes of Taylor regional.

But Bauer, described by Plymouth coach Chris Moore as a hard-working athlete with a "great demeanor on the course," also earned all-conference honors with a 78 at Salem Hills and placed in the top five at the Tanglewood districts.

"At the state tourney, he was feeling under the weather," Moore said. "Yet he still finished both days with a respectable score of 175."

"As a coach, I could not be prouder of a student-athlete. He works hard at the course and also in the classroom (4.0 grade-point average)."

Jordan Chisholm, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior averaged 39.8 per dual match and 83.3 in 18-hole events.

He was medalist six of 10 dual matches with a low round of 36 and recorded an 80 at the Kensington Conference tournament held at Salem Hills. Chisholm also shot a 78 to win the Fellows Creek Cup.

Chisholm plans to enroll in Ferris State's Professional Golf Management program.

"Jordan was a very hard

ALL-AREA BOYS GOLF

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COACH OF THE YEAR

Bruce Sutton, North Farmington

HONORABLE MENTION

Farmington: Joey Zonzini, Greg Bussell; North Farmington: Max Kollin, Don Timmer, Yovaan Totharam, John Keller, Jeremy Burstein, Matt Coursen; Harrison: Anthony Serafa, Jalen Farmer, Mike Roberts; Churchill: Adam Yarber, Matt Charnley, Dan Bostick; Franklin: Jimmy Johnson; Stevenson: Dan Dufour, Christian DeBay; John Glenn: Josh DuPri; Garden City: Nick Walker, Mike Downey, Jared Cusmano; Redford Union: Josh Marlow; Canton: Brendan Muir, Jeremy Lindlbauer, Dominic Bodell, Travis Hall; Plymouth: James Bryans, Ryan Bauer, Andrew Overmeyer.

worker, a good leader on the course," Franklin coach Brian McCalister said.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Bruce Sutton, N. Farmington: Sutton guided the Raiders to their best season in years and one of the best in school history. He was named Observerland Coach of the Year as a result. North Farmington won the OAA White Division and Oakland County Division II championships, and it had first-place finishes in the Farmington city meet and Bay City Invite. The Raiders also were second behind Brother Rice in the district, 312-314.

"In my 20 years of coaching boys golf, this has to be one of the most gratifying seasons I have ever had," Sutton said. "I think it's also a tribute to the 2009 team and all of the hard work we did over the season. I am excited for the next season to begin already. I think the 2010 team may be able to achieve even more than the 2009 team did."

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Rams break Security, 10-0

It was a quick night of work for the Michigan Rams in Wednesday's 10-0 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League triumph over Concealed Security. The Rams improved to 4-3 in the LCBL by scoring five runs on five hits in the fifth inning for the 10-run mercy rule victory.

Jake Rhodes' single scored Kyle Vesey to end the game.

Justin Forster paced the Rams' 10-hit attack going 2-for-3 with three RBI.

Vesey and Dan Augustine also collected two hits and an RBI each, while Joe Barnes also knocked in a pair of runs for the 20-and-under Rams. Winning pitcher Tom Hansen (Madonna University) faced just 19 batters and limited Concealed (1-5) to a pair of hits in five innings. He struck out three and walked only one.

Losing pitcher Jon Katschor gave up five runs on five hits, five walks and two hit batters in four innings.

Spartan coach Ladd steps away

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's tennis program will be under new direction starting in the fall following the resignation of Kathy Ladd, who has been the Spartans' boys and girls coach since 2003.

"It's hard to let go because it's been so a part of you for so long," said Ladd, who guided the 2009 Stevenson girls to a 6-7 dual-match record and a fourth-place finish in the KLAAs Kensington Conference Tournament. "I enjoyed it. It's been fun and the girls

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had a good season this spring. Stevenson has great kids and I feel a bit nostalgic. But I'm happy with my decision."

Ladd, who has nearly 40 years in teaching, also serves as Stevenson's department chair in English.

"There really isn't enough time to do two jobs," she said. "To do that and coach is tough. I'm happy in my work, but keeping all the balls in the air is tough. I'll be able to spend more time with my USTA league and get more serious

about my own tennis."

Ladd started coaching high school tennis in 1996 with the Livonia Franklin girls and later became the school's dual coach before moving over to Stevenson six years ago after replacing the late Frank Dotson.

"Kathy is extremely dedicated to the sport of tennis and the student athletes," Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said. "She is a person of great integrity and will be greatly missed by the athletes, parents and tennis community."

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Ladywood netters break through

BY BRAD EMONS
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Following a fourth-place showing in the Catholic League, Livonia Ladywood's finish to the 2009 tennis season can be summed up with only one word - surprising.

The Blazers, under the guidance of first-year coach Joe Stafford, earned a berth to the state finals for the first time in 23 years after a third-place finish at the Division 3 regional hosted by Grosse Ile.

The host Red Devils captured the regional with Trenton earning runner-up honors. Ladywood and Dearborn Divine Child tied for third with 10 points apiece.

The Blazers made the trek

May 29-30 to Michigan State University for the Division 3 finals and came away with two points thanks to the efforts of their No. 2 doubles team of junior Kimmy Ervin and freshman Erica Ley, who finished 17-4 after being ousted in the quarterfinals by Karalynne Cousins and Jessi Bonczyk of Holland Christian, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Ervin and Ley upset the sixth-seeded tandem of Chelsea Dabune and Felicia Andersson of Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0, after upending Mary Jennings and Vai Saucer of St. Joseph in the opening round, 6-4, 7-5.

The Blazers' No. 1 doubles duo, Megan Glowacki and Keitlin Deisenroth, fell in straight sets to

Sturgis, 6-4, 7-5.

Ladywood's No. 3 team of Christina Kobrassi and Caroline Ryan fell in three sets to Allegan. Meanwhile, the No. 4 tandem of Rachael Fuller and Sabrina DeAngelis lost in straight sets to Allegan.

Ladywood's Stephanie Petruska, who posted the team's best singles record (13-8), fell in the No. 1 flight in straight sets along with Kirsten Salter (No. 2), Tracey Jabbour (No. 3) and Gabriela Mueller (No. 4).

East Grand Rapids captured the team title with 34 points followed by Bloomfield Hills Kingswood and Country Day tied for second with 24 apiece.

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Kim earns Senior victory with 72

The Michigan Publix Seniors Golf Association had its third of 14 tournaments June 6 at the Arthur Hills-designed Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills.

The tournament produced 24 winners from a handicapped field of 95 players (50 years and older) who represented 21 communities throughout southeast Michigan.

The low gross player was Kyu Kim of Bloomfield Hills, who shot a par 72 and is the leader in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age). The

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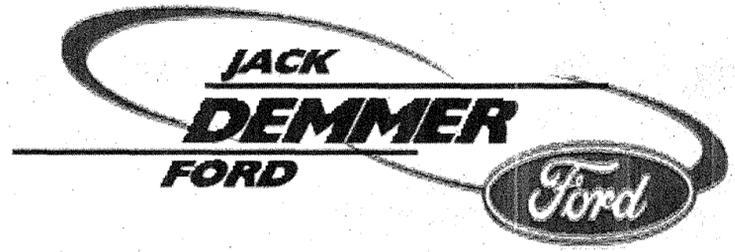
Flight A — first: Al Stroup, Sterling Heights; second: Kyu Kim, Bloomfield Hills; third: Charles Mutz, Clarkston; fourth: Clifford Davis, Rochester Hills; fifth: (tie) Wayne Bisby, Shelby; James Ford, Dearborn; Jack Galsterer, Grosse Pointe Woods; Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills.

Flight B — first: Gary Bass, Clarkston; second: Mark Miller, Livonia; third: (tie) Harry Hicks, Commerce Twp.; Gerald Hopkins, Waterford; Dan

Sutherland, Northville; sixth: (tie) Bob Reeves, Bloomfield; Desmond Roberts, Trenton.

Flight C — first: Jerry Suggs, Beverly Hills; second: Raymond Donnelly, Troy; third: Maurice DeCock, Macomb; fourth: Richard Irwin, Plymouth; fifth: (tie) Randall Bisby, Clinton Twp.; Morris DeFever, Shelby; Bill Landrem, Fenton; Jerry LeVan, Bloomfield Hills; Mark Lifter, Farmington.

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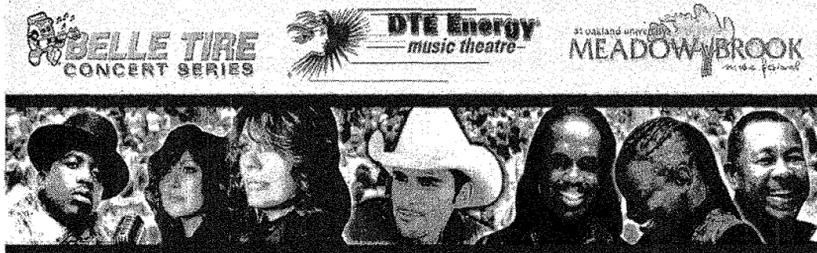
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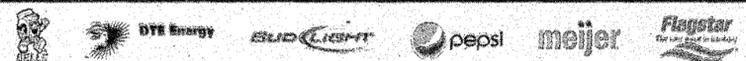
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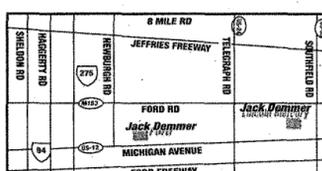
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COLLOP

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Wayne before enrolling at Toledo on an academic scholarship (after turning down an academic scholarship from Michigan).

The walk-on impressed his freshman year where he pitched exclusively in relief for Toledo where he logged 29 innings going 4-2 with a 5.90 ERA.

As a sophomore, Collop moved into a starting spot posting a 3-6 record and a 5.33 ERA in 77 innings.

Collop, a finance major who has three semesters left of school, then played collegiate summer ball in the Valley League for the Winchester (Va.) Royal where he posted a 5-2 mark with a 3.22 ERA to go along with 62 strikeouts.

"His velocity has gone

from a consistent 85-to-87 (MPH) when he got here, to 89-to-92 this year," Mee said. "Not only his velocity, but his movement has gotten better. He's worked hard on his slider and has become a very good pitcher."

Collop also isn't afraid to go inside on hitters as evidenced by his 12 hit-by-pitches.

"I've always pitched inside, that's because a lot of people crowd the plate," he said.

Collop has an extensive repertoire, using four different pitches including a two-seam fastball, slider, changeup and a splitter.

"I toyed with it (the splitter) my junior year in high school when I'd play catch," Collop said. "My senior year I'd throw it two or three times per game. I kept working on it and now it's one of my better 'out' pitches."

Collop credits work in the weight room and "just maturing more" for his development into becoming a Major League prospect.

"I talked with about every (Major League) team," Collop said. "I flew down to Tampa (Fla.) for a workout with the Yankees and I worked out with Comerica Park."

So when the White Sox scout Mike Shirley called him Tuesday, he began to focus on his future.

Collop admitted he watched Wednesday night's Tigers-White Sox game from home from a little bit different perspective.

"They're a definite rival of the Tigers, and I've always been a Tiger fan, but 'oh well,'" Collop said. "I'll still always pull for the Tigers - until I get up there."

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SOFTBALL

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cupied base and that's an automatic ball on the batter. She's automatically trained to throw down to first base on a third strike, but I don't know. Maybe she thought were back Catholic League and it was the 3-2 count. We just had to forget about it and move on."

Jessica Franco then bunted Morales over to second base on a sacrifice for the second out. The next batter, Michaela Marble, got on when Briana Combs hit her with a pitch.

But the Ladywood freshman fanned lead-off hitter Danika Markell to end the game and put the Blazers in their first-ever state final against Niles, which ousted Clio, 8-1. (Game time is 10 a.m. at Bailey Park.)

"She (Briana) puts all of her 104 pounds into it," Scott Combs said. "She's a hard worker and she's in the best shape. I never fear how long she can go after the sixth inning. She's got an 0.17 ERA in the Catholic League so I know she can compete with anybody. She's also pitched in two national tourney Final Fours last summer, so I know this wouldn't faze her."

The Hornets, meanwhile, were coming off a 10-3 quarterfinal win over Carleton Airport, but their bats couldn't solve Combs.

"We knew she liked to get ahead in the count, then go low and away, and we could not pull the trigger," VanderLaan said. "She's not overpowering, but her location is the key. She spotted the ball and moved it around. Give her credit."

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GUZIK

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pleted a flawless bar routine earning a ceremonial score of 10.

Guzik harbored thoughts playing softball this spring, but it wasn't meant to be even though she attended all the practices and games.

"Paula, I call her 'Champ', because she's a genuine person," Kuratko said. "She plays with a smile on her face during softball, but in reality the smile is there all day. Well grounded and humble are two great words to describe her. Her parents get credit for that."

Guzik's athletic presence

on the diamond was also missed.

"We had to adapt to some of the skills she brought to softball," Kuratko said. "I'm not sure if I will ever see a fielder dive for a ball and flip and land on her feet rather than sliding on the ground. Ozzie Smith, the St. Louis shortstop, comes to mind for us older guys."

"As work-oriented as (assistant coach) Dana Hardwidge is during practice, Paula had given her a new nickname. She will be known as 'Hardy' from now on thanks to Paula. Even Hardwidge just shakes her head. She's one of the best to come our way. I already miss her."

Guzik, who carries a 3.3 grade-point average, will attend Eastern Michigan University in the fall with a concentration in kinesiology. She estimates she's "95 percent" back to normal. During the summer she is teaching young students at the Livonia Gymnastics Academy at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

"It was very emotional for her to be at the state meet and watch, but she was so positive," Grodzicki said. "Being a captain, those qualities came out and she showed great sportsmanship. There's no question she's going to succeed in whatever she does."

Rozman honorees

As part of the Spartan 5K run held May 31, the Livonia Stevenson High Booster Club presented Tim and Lori Hollandsworth with the 2009 ESPN Susan Rozman Delia Award for their many years of dedicated service to the school. The award was created in memory and honor of Susan Rozman, a 1978 graduate of Stevenson High School and former standout athlete. Rozman Delia was the first female vice-president of ESPN. She was highly respected, incredibly successful and instituted many donations to Stevenson before losing her battle to cancer in 1998. On hand to present the award to Tim and Lori Hollandsworth was Amy Rozman (Sue Rozman's sister), a current Stevenson teacher and former coach. Also pictured are Hollandsworth children including Jeff, Emily, Janice and Amy, along with Joan Antal (Lori's mom).

RUNNING RESULTS

SPARTAN 5-KILOMETER RUN RESULTS

May 31 at Livonia Stevenson H.S.
Overall male winner: Robert Garrison (Saline), 18 minutes, 48 seconds.
Overall female winner: Kelly Gibbons (Livonia), 21:01.

TOP MALE AGE-GROUP FINISHERS

Under 12: 1. Connor McQueen (Livonia), 45:52; 2. Thomas Andrews (Livonia), 59:20.
13-19: 1. Mike Gibbons (Livonia), 19:01; 2. Travis Bosselin (Livonia), 19:23; 3. Danny Sager (Livonia), 19:38.
30-39: 1. Steve Marcero (Novi), 19:45; 2. Jeffrey Burpee (Milford), 23:19; 3. David Mitchell (Livonia), 52:05.
40-49: 1. Robert Garrison (Saline), 18:48; 2. Bob Prebola (Livonia), 22:19; 3. George Law (Livonia), 22:57; 4. Tim Gabel (Plymouth), 23:09.
50-59: 1. Bradford Emmons (Plymouth), 23:04; 2. Steve Erickson (Livonia), 23:13; 3. Chris Marozzi (Brighton), 24:11.
60-and-up: 1. Paul Leece (Livonia), 29:36; 2. Ramon Hernandez (Livonia), 51:38.

TOP FEMALE AGE-GROUP FINISHERS

Under 12: 1. Maggie Law (Livonia), 25:54; 2. Erin Andrews (Livonia), 59:34; 3. Jessica Gibson (Colorado), 1:00:36.
13-19: 1. Kaylee Dolinski (Livonia), 23:39; 2. Allison Kellahan (Livonia), 25:05; 3. Sam Ferraro (Livonia), 25:17.
20-29: 1. Kelly Gibbons (Livonia), 21:01; 2. Amber Cicala (Livonia), 21:43; 3. Bethany Burpee (Milford), 24:35; 4. Janice Hollandsworth (Livonia), 27:07.
30-39: 1. Katrina Matrice (Woodhaven), 29:39; 2. Kimberly Mitchell (Livonia), 31:04; 3. Patty Colone (Livonia), 35:34.
40-49: 1. Diane Bush (Novi), 26:14; 2. Teresa Cicala (Livonia), 26:33; 3. Lorie Gorski (Livonia), 30:29.
50-59: 1. Kathy Gollin (Livonia), 39:18; 2. Bethany Miller (Livonia), 52:32; 3. Karen Prentiss (Novi), 52:33.
I-MILE RUN
Overall male: Steve Siemieniak (Livonia), 7:13.
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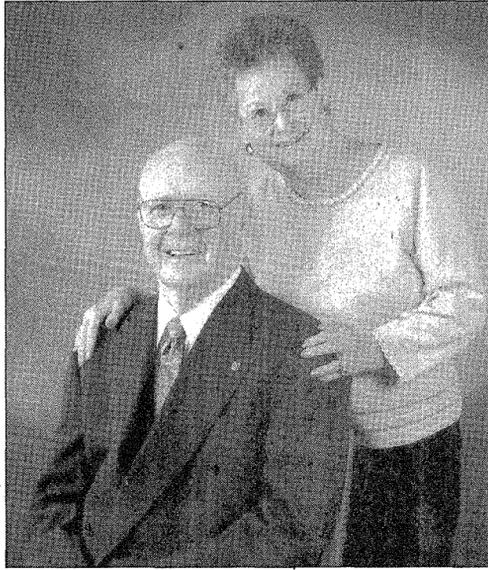
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MILESTONES



John and Maryann Clark on their wedding day.



John and Maryann Clark of Livonia.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

John and Maryann Clark of Livonia will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 18. They met in 1948 on a blind date and were married in 1949. In 1961, they moved to Livonia and still live in the same home. John retired from Ford Motor company and Maryann is a home maker. They have five children: John (Debbie) Clark of Howell;

Michael (Terry) Clark of South Lyon; Carl (Sheri) Clark of Farmington; Craig (Martha) Clark of Livonia; and Deborah (Mike) Sharon of Livonia. They have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Clarks will be celebrate their big day with a family dinner.

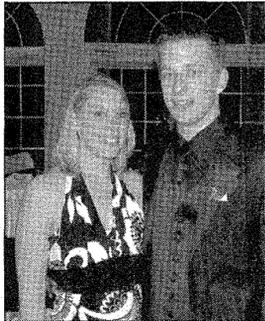
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Mallory Wylie and Michael Lawrenchuk announce their engagement.

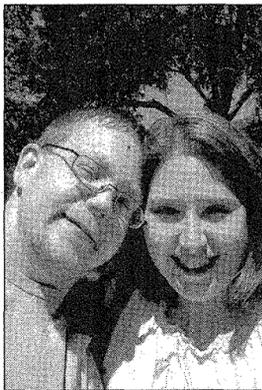
The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Mary Wylie of Canton, is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and is employed as program manager at Greater Detroit Area Health Council.

Her fiancé, son of Dr. Donald and Elaine Lawrenchuk of Livonia, is a University of Michigan graduate and is employed at Materialise in Ann Arbor.

An August 2009 wedding is planned in Ann Arbor.



Wylie-Lawrenchuk



Wylie-Jones

WYLIE-JONES

Melissa Wylie and Steven Jones announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Mary Wylie of Canton, is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and employed as a pharmacy technician at the University of

Michigan Health System. Her fiancé, son of the late William and Mary Jones, is employed by PTS tool company in Hazel Park.

An October 2009 wedding is planned at St. Edith in Livonia.

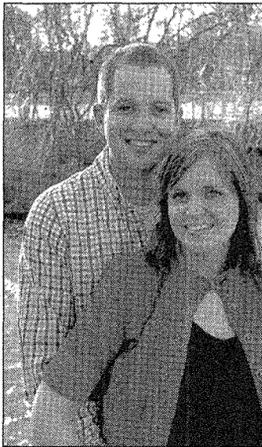
PRZYBYLSKI-ANDES

Lisa Ann Przybylski and Michael Joseph Andes announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kevin and Carol Przybylski of Zeeland, graduated from Jenison High School, Western Michigan University, and the University of Toledo. She is employed by Lakeshore Communication Disorders Center.

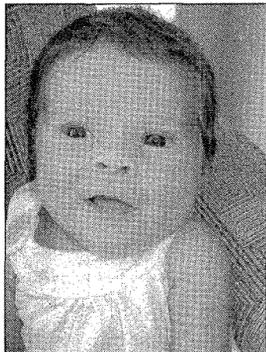
Her fiancé, son of Kirk and Luann Andes of Canton, graduated from Livonia Churchill High School, and Western Michigan University. He attends Madonna University and is employed by the Canton Police Department.

An August 2009 wedding is planned in Livonia.



Przybylski-Andes

AVERY LOUISE VANWASHENOVA



Avery Louise VanWashenova

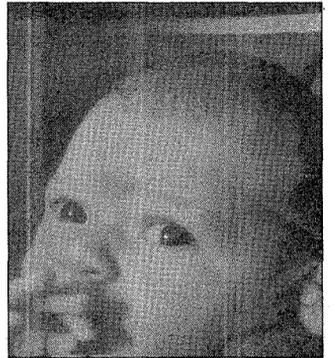
Andrea and Dale VanWashenova of Canton are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Avery Louise VanWashenova. She was born at 11 p.m., May 19, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Avery weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long.

Proud grandparents are Joyce and Mario Galindo of Livonia, Lorna VanWashenova of South Rockwood, and great-

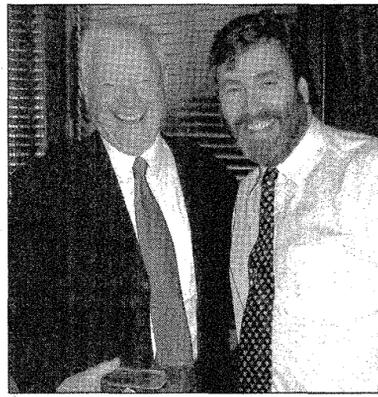
grandpa, John Hughson of South Rockwood.

The dress Avery wore home from the hospital was the same dress her mom, Andrea, wore home from the hospital when she was born. Andrea's dad Mario bought the dress for his little girl to wear home, never dreaming that one day his granddaughter would come home in the same dress.

Courtney Cahill and Lindsay Satchell, of Livonia, are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Alistair Arthur Cahill. He was born at 11:10 a.m., May 18, 2009, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Named after two of his great-grandparents, Alistair weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. He is the grandson of Kay and Terry Satchell of Hendersonville, N.C., and Frank and Christine Cahill of Farmington Hills.



Alistair Arthur Cahill



60th anniversary

David R. Haslam, (right), a Plymouth resident and president of the Livonia-based Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters Club, welcomes Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey to the group's 60th anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 30. Kirksey was the keynote speaker for the event that drew current, former and regional Toastmasters International members together for an evening of speeches, a trivia contest and a dinner at Station 885 in Plymouth. Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters meets 6:30 p.m., every Tuesday at the Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. For more information, contact Milena Cankovic at (248) 478-2691 or visit the club Web site www.dearborndynamic.com

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ANGELA KU

Age 85 of Ann Arbor, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, passed away on June 3rd, 2009. Beloved wife of William Ku, dear mother of Ernest, Althea and Michele and loving grandmother of An. Private services were held by the family at the Nie Family Funeral Home in Ann Arbor. Donations in Angela Ku's memory may be made to the Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, Attn: Marsha Gilman, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801. www.niefuneralhomes.com

FRANK B. HOLOWICKI

Of Fort Myers, Florida (formally of Plymouth, Michigan) went to be with the Lord on June 6th, 2009 at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jenny Holowicki; daughters Christine Holowicki (Warren Hecht) and Andrea Hug (Gerry); sons Frank Holowicki, Jr. and Paul Holowicki; two loving grandchildren, Emily and Kara. Frank was one of nine children, five brothers and two sisters. Frank was a U.S. Navy navigator in the South Pacific during WWII, retired City of Detroit police detective, and a retired Ford Motor Co. investigator. He also received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. Frank was an avid golfer, umpire, referee and story teller. Memorial service will be held in Fort Myers, Florida at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, (239) 489-3973. An additional Memorial service will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan at St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church, (734) 761-8606, on June 19th, at 10:30 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. Call the churches for details. Memorial contributions can be made to American Diabetes Association.

JOSEPH INATOME

Age 84, June 6, 2009. Died Saturday at his residence in Estero Fl. He was born June 3, 1925 in San Francisco, CA. Retired as an engineer and Founder of Inatome & Associates, Founder of Inatome, Found of Computer City and was a Chairman of American Speedy/Allegra. He was a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit. Mr. Inatome was a Veteran of the U.S. Army Military Intelligence having served during WW II and received the American Campaign Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. He earned an Engineering Degree from Wayne State University. Hobbies included Chess and Computers. He is survived by his loving wife Atsuko. Children-Rick (Joyce)-Inatome, J.C. Inatome. Proud Grandfather of Dania (Winston Justice), Evan, Blake, Jaron, Jesse (Angie) Griffith and Tyler Cole. Great-grandfather of Selah Justice. Predeceased by his daughter Lisa Inatome, parents Masakichi and Masa Inatome, sister Etsako Kim and brother Masahiro Inatome. Funeral Service 12 Noon, Friday June 12, 2009 at the A.H.Peters Funeral Home 32000 Schoenherr at Masonic (1 1/2 Mile Rd)Warren with Pastor Doug Olsen Officiating, Military Honors will follow. Visitation at the Funeral Home Thursday from 3pm until 9pm. www.ahpeters.com

CAROLINE AGLIA KAPTUR

Of Pinehurst, NC died peacefully at her home on June 5. Mrs. Kaptur was born on Jan. 9, 1931 in Dayton, OH, to the late Harry Herman and Hedwig Pauline Weaver. She received a B.A. in psychology in 1976 and diplomas in nursing in 1967 and anesthesia in 1973. She practiced anesthesia for 22 years in North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Vincent Daniel Kaptur, II in 1996. Her greatest pride and joy were her four children and her four grandchildren. She loved to sing in the choir, sew, grow flowers, and cook for her family and friends. Her children and grandchildren meant more to her than life itself. Mrs. Kaptur is survived by her daughters: Terese Ann Kaptur of Ft. Collins, CO., Dr. Paulina Eve Kaptur of Germantown, MD., and Nicolette Marie Kaptur of Birmingham, MI., and her son Vincent Daniel Kaptur, III and his wife Lisa of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Her grandchildren are: Nicole Windsor Ross, Scott Harrison Kaptur, Lauren Allegra Houlik, and Vincent Daniel Kaptur, IV. In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to First Health Hospice of Pinehurst. Online condolences may be made at: www.bolesfuneralhome.com

FREDERICK CARL JANZ

Age 89, died Friday, May 29, 2009. He was born on April 30, 1920 in Lansing, MI. A Certified Public Accountant, Frederick was a founding partner of Janz & Knight. He received a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. Frederick was Treasurer and Director of the Birmingham Community House from 1976-1977. Frederick was active at Kirk in the Hills as Treasurer and Trustee from 1980-1989. He was also the co-founder and officer of the Garden Guild at Kirk in the Hills from 1976-2002. Frederick co-founded, directed, and was an officer for both the Bloomfield Hills Baseball League as well as the Boosters Club. He directed the Wabeek Pines Condominium Association for 16 years, where he was President for seven years. With his wife Lorraine, he co-chaired the Bloomfield Hills Recreation Community Education Commission in 1975. He is predeceased by a son, Richard Janz. Frederick is survived by his wife Lorraine Copeland Janz of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Surviving children are: Michael Janz of Plymouth, MI; William Janz of Oceanside, CA; Carol Janz of Longmont, CO; and Linda Janz Faison of Oldsmar, FL, along with 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A memorial service will be held at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Memorial tributes may be made to Leader Dogs as well as Kirk in the Hills Garden Guild. Arrangements made by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. - Mount Clemens.



DAVID J. MARTIN

Age 59, of Redondo Beach, California, formerly of Plymouth, passed away June 6, 2009. Beloved son of Dee and the late Bud Martin. Loving brother of Scott Martin. Survived by his wife Cindy and stepson Mark. David graduated from Plymouth High School in 1968. A memorial service will be held in Redondo Beach, California at a later date. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.



MABLE MARSH MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for Mable Marsh on Saturday, June 20th, at 10 AM at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Mable retired from Talbots at 88 after over 40 years in retail in Birmingham stores. She passed away December 15th at the age of 100.

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NEIGHBORS

Backyard bliss

Livonia couple tend, enjoy, share their flower-, art-filled garden

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Liz and Jim Danko's home is just two houses away from I-96 in Livonia, but their half-acre garden, buffered by mature maple trees, pines and flowering shrubs, seems miles from civilization.

Bird songs, the sound of water tumbling over rocks, the buzz of insects and the crackle of fire at night keep nearby traffic sounds far away from the serene and secluded yard.

"Every morning before I go to work, I take a walk out here. Even if I only have two minutes before I go, I take that time and just walk out. This is my serenity time," said Liz, who spends eight to 10 hours weekly tending numerous garden beds. "I love to walk out every day and go, 'Oh, look at it. Look at the blue. Look at the purple.' I feel like I'm sitting in an artist's palette."

The couple sold their separate Redford homes when they married and bought the house on the city's southwest side in the fall 2007. It's the only Livonia site on the upcoming

annual Trailwood Garden Club's annual Plymouth-area garden walk.

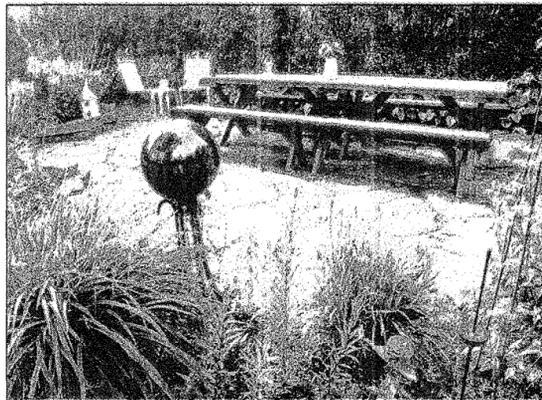
"They have a wide range of gardens they showcase," Liz said, referring to the walk. "I was impressed with it last year when I went on it."

It was her first summer in the new house and she was a bit overwhelmed trying to put her own stamp on the mature yard last year. Looking at other gardens on the Trailwood walk inspired her and reminded that "you make it your own by digging in it." With a friend's nudging, she even talked with a Trailwood volunteer about participating in this year's walk.

"They came out, looked at it and said we'd love for you to be on the walk," she said. "I said, 'I'm not even in Plymouth' and they said that was OK."

MAINTAINING IT

Liz, who works as a special education paraprofessional for Livonia Public Schools, spent the first spring and summer learning what grew in the backyard. Jim, a CAD/CAM designer, worked at keeping



The yard has specific areas for different activities. This patio area features a very long picnic table that can accommodate a crowd.

the fish in the 1,300-gallon pond from freezing in the winter and becoming heron food the rest of the year.

They've battled "helicopters," seeds from backyard maples that whirl their way into the pond, on shrubs and into flower beds, and mosquitoes that search out exposed arms and legs in the early evening.

They've plucked weeds, shoveled compost, mulched, fertilized with miracle grow and added a bat house to attract the insect-hungry flying mammals to the backyard this summer.

Liz planted about \$300 worth of annuals near the tiered deck, in pots and hanging planters. There isn't much room for new plants in the flower beds of showy columbine, roses, cone flower and

other perennials planted by its previous owners. Fifty hydrangea plants, trees and shrubs bloom in the summer in shades of blue, white, pink and burgundy.

The couple occasionally adds a piece of art to the landscaping that's dotted with statuary, a sundial, a clock, benches and more.

DIFFERENT VIEWS

A brick path winds through the property, starting at the deck and leading through distinct seating areas — near the pond, within view of the multi-tier fountain, under the gazebo, at the fire pit and by the picnic table at the barn-style shed with its outdoor rabbit hutch and adjacent vegetable patch.

Liz, who works for Real Life Farm in Canton during the summer, wanted live chickens, too, but settled for chicken figurines amid the tomato and bean plants.

The garden has seen one wedding and two wedding photo sessions. Last summer, 35 high school students posed for photos in the yard.

"We want to share it," Jim said. "It's the fruits of our labor."

"What's the point if you don't have people over to enjoy it?" Liz added. "I tell my friends it's here to enjoy."

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER

What: Trailwood Garden Club's 14th annual garden walk

When: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30

Where: Several private homes, primarily in Plymouth

Tickets: \$8 presale, \$10 day of the walk; available at Saxton's Garden Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, and Home Sweet Home, 852 W. Ann Arbor Trail, all in Plymouth. Club member Kate Kerr also has tickets. Call her at (734) 455-6867

Details: In addition to Liz and Jim Danko's Livonia garden, visitors will see:

- A garden on Palmer with extensive perennials and a vegetable patch
- A Sheridan Street residence with a garden designed to reflect the home's Tuscan motif and colors
- A Japanese-style garden with pond and waterfall on Fellows Creek Drive
- A pond, lower level patio, numerous flower beds and a sunroom at a home on Green Valley
- A rose garden, maple grove and conifers, native Michigan plants and perennials in a yard on Weston Drive



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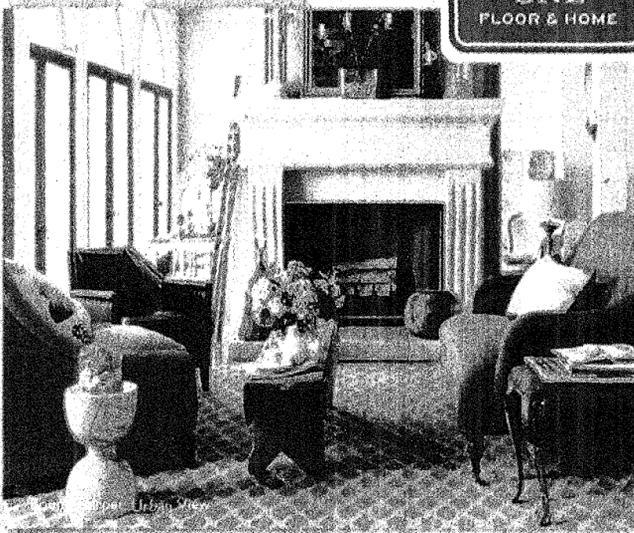
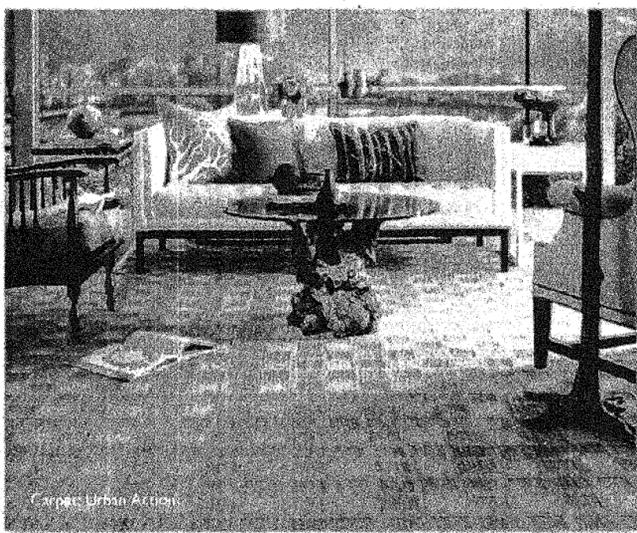
Liz and Jim Danko take time out for a glass of lemonade under the spacious gazebo in their Livonia backyard.

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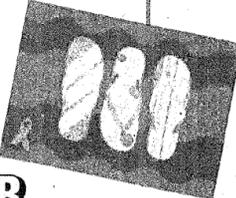
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BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dig outhouses? Tony Panepucci does.

The privy historian will excavate at Hill House, the 1850s farm house located at Greenmead Historical Park, during the Livonia Garden Walk, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

"He goes around and digs behind old houses and finds all kinds of interesting things," said Janet Bennett, president of the Friends for the Development of Greenmead. "On the day of the walk, he'll dig at the place of the privy at the historical farm house."

"One of our members heard him speak and suggested we try to get him for the walk. He was more than happy to dig behind the old farm house."

He'll talk about what he finds with visitors while digging. He has unearthed everything from pieces of china to children's toys at other digs throughout Michigan.

In addition to the outhouse excavation, ticket-holders will view seven gardens throughout Livonia.

"We have large and small yards. Manicured and more

natural settings and ponds and fountains," Bennett said.

Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 the day of the event. Buy them from committee members, any Livonia library, the Greenmead office and Department of Community Resources at Livonia City Hall. All proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead.

"We've accrued close to \$300,000 and that has gone to the restoration of the old Blue House," Bennett said, explaining how walk proceeds have been spent in the past. "It's actually a buff-colored house. It's named after Judge Alexander Blue, who was a justice of the peace in the 1870s."

For more information about the walk, call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855.

IN GARDEN CITY

Garden City Garden Club's 16th annual walk features seven gardens, including one in Westland, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

Tickets are \$8 each and are available at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, Garden City Hall and at any of the homes during the tour.

Ticket-holders will see a gar-

den dedicated to "Days Gone By," a yard with a Koi pond and waterfall, a shade garden, plants that draw butterflies, a 1924 farm house with vegetable garden, herbs, flowers, camp site and much more.

The Garden City Historical Museum at 6221 Merriman will be open during the walk. Visitors may use its restrooms and browse exhibits and its gift shop.

Club member Paula Relich is looking for residents who want to show off their gardens next year. Call her for more information at (734) 525-2524 or (734) 776-6258.

IN REDFORD

The Beautification Commission will present its 14th biennial garden walk, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Tickets are \$5 each and available at the Redford District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile; town hall, 15145 Beech Daly; and the community center, 12121 Hemingway.

Janet Watson, commission chairwoman, said visitors will see 10 gardens.

"Some of them are the usual small Redford gardens, but people have done wonderful

things with them," Watson said. "We have five homes in the golf course area. They're larger homes with nice landscaping. A couple of them have ponds."

Watson is seeking residents who want to serve as hosts or hostesses during the upcoming walk. Call her at (313) 550-2578 or e-mail to janetwatsonsgarden@yahoo.com

IN NORTHVILLE

The 16th annual Garden Walk sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 8. See seven gardens, visit a garden market, hear live music and have refreshments at historic Mill Race Village.

Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes. Tickets in advance are \$10 at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main, Northville; (248) 380-8881. Limited tickets will be available July 8. They'll cost \$12 and will be sold only at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

HIGH FLYING DADS

Members of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 113 have served pancake breakfast on Father's Day for 45 years and next Sunday, June 21, will be no different.

"It's a fund-raiser and the funds we raise we use for scholarships for children going into aviation careers," said Dave Buck, chapter president. "In the past we have served 700 to 1,000 or more."

Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee cost \$5 and will be served from 7-11:30 a.m., at Mettetal Airport, 8550 N Lilley, Canton MI

Buck said some members will fly in for the event.

"That's pretty standard practice. There's breakfast all over the state, all summer long," he said.

But you don't need an airplane to enjoy the annual Father's Day breakfast. Airplane and helicopter rides will be available at the event and members will open their planes for tours.

STUDENTS WANTED

Most teachers might pray for a small class, but volunteers coordinating the Vacation Bible School at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia, wouldn't mind seeing a lot more smiling faces when the weeklong program

starts Monday, June 15.

"We are decorating all week in preparation for our Bible school and right now we only have 23 kids signed up," e-mailed Pam LaDuc, communications and evangelism team leader, last week.

Youngsters will feel like they're in a game show at this year's Vacation Bible School. Its theme is "Studio GO!" and it will be held from 9 a.m. to noon for children, ages 3-12. The church is located at 30650 Six Mile. Register in person or online at www.holycrosslivonia.org. (734) 427-1414

WOMEN'S STUDIES

A one-week study group based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women," starts Monday, June 15, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia. The program, for women of all ages and faiths, will run 9:15 a.m. to noon in the church's convent meeting room, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. This is the church's first summer session of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program. Child care will be available during each class. Materials cost is \$60, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, e-mailing swilliams@livoniastmichael.org or online at www.endowonline.com.

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JOINT PAINS THAT LAST FOR YEARS

There are some patients who have their joint pains for years. In most instances the pattern of that joint pain and the changes that occur over time in the joints, allows a doctor to make a diagnosis and institute treatment.

Thus, aching in the hands may precede rheumatoid arthritis, but usually in weeks to two months the finger joints swell in a manner that allows the doctor to make the diagnosis. The same holds for osteoarthritis and psoriatic arthritis: an onset of aching eventually gives way to joint inflammation sufficiently distinctive to identify the cause of the problem.

However, a small group of patients exist who carry their pain for years but change in the joints does not occur. Certain characteristics of this ongoing pain allow a physician to make a good estimate of the cause and how to treat it. For instance, in the case of the hands, if the pain is present over years but the individual has not noted any increase in glove size, then the likelihood of having a serious arthritis is small.

If swelling of the involved joint(s) occurs after vigorous activity, but the joint recovers overnight or within 12 hours, then the outlook is good. In contrast, if both hands swell periodically, then the likelihood is high that the person will have rheumatoid arthritis.

Individuals with joint pain over a prolonged period, with no eventual swelling probably have experienced an insult to the body that the body almost but not quite, has overcome. In such instances, the best medical treatment is to withhold drugs and allow the body to complete its work, even if that means waiting for months to years.

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The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148, or Pete Rakowski at Plcruisin@wowway.com.

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969
40th high school reunion, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesclassof69@aol.com for more information.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989
Planning a July 25 reunion, with buffet dinner, DJ and cash bar, at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Clarenceville High School

All Class Reunion
10 a.m. to park closing, Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Bring a dish to pass for 1 p.m., potluck lunch. BYOB for adult beverages in non-glass containers. To help cut cost, feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter Ragland II at wragland2@hotmail.com or (269) 720-5679.

Dearborn Fordson High School

Class of 1964
45th Reunion 6 p.m. to midnight (dinner at 7 p.m.) Aug. 8, 2009, at Stitt American Legion Post #232, 23850 Military, corner of Telegraph and Warren, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$27 at the door. Casual attire. Beer, pop and DJ provided. BYOB and wine. RSVP and send payment by July 23, payable to Sylvia Skelton, 1607 Edwin, Westland, MI 48186. For information, contact (734) 326-3964 or silly1021@comcast.net, or Barb Weide at (734) 416-9176.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1969
40th Reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at the Knights of Columbus O'Kelley Hall, 23663 Park Street, Dearborn, 48124. Tickets are \$45 each. For information, call Tom Gillespie at (313) 418-6070 or e-mail Maryann (Taylor) Manduch at mmanduch@wideopenwest.com.

Dearborn Heights Riverside

Class of 1967
42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit Blessed Sacrament

Class of 1952
Planning a high school reunion on June 27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734) 525-8746.

Detroit Mumford

Class of 1959
50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somerset Inn, Troy. For more information, visit www.mumford1959.myevent.com or call (248) 788-7008.

Detroit St. Brigide

Class of 1959
Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit St. Casimir High School

Class of 1951

St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostile, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

North Farmington

Class of 1979
30-year reunion 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Centaur Martini Bar in Detroit. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail nfhs1979@gmail.com.

Garden City High School East

Class of 1959
3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts, and are available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com.

Garden City West

Class of 1979
Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, <http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979>, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to gcw79reunion@yahoo.com.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Bentley High School

Class of 1957
52-year reunion, Friday, June 19, with a tour at 3:30 p.m., of the Livonia Recreation Center, Hubbard and 5 Mile, and dinner at 5:30 p.m., at Subu's Leather Bottle, Farmington Road near 8 Mile. A morning game of golf has been planned for Saturday, June 20. Also on Saturday, at 2 p.m., a picnic will be held at Rotary Park on Six Mile. Call Nancy (Streeter) Thompson/Dick Thompson at (231) 264-5526 or e-mail nathomps@charter.net for details.

Class of 1959

50th Reunion Friday, Aug. 28, 2009; golf at Noon at Downing Farms, \$20 followed by 6 p.m. barbecue at Downing Farms, \$10; Saturday, Aug. 29, Bentley High visit at 11 a.m., free, and 50th Reunion Dinner at Walnut Creek Country Club at 6 p.m., \$40, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Walnut Creek Country Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12, Hotels: Crown Plaza, Novi, (800) 227-6963, \$92, or Comfort Suites, Wixom, (248) 504-5070, \$69, mention Bentley High, Class of 1959, 50th Reunion. Call Jim "Cubby" Culbertson at (248) 446-0308 or e-mail jimculbertson@sbcglobal.net.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
WVWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. 📞976914

BE MY SOMEONE SPECIAL
Very kind, understanding, compassionate W/F, 57, 150lbs, brown hair, likes playing bingo, going to movies, rides in the country, casinos and the simple things in life. Looking for a WM, 55-70, with the same qualities, for friendship first, maybe more. 📞315203

HARD WORKER SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, N/S, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, N/S, homebody, to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. 📞274519

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
SWPF, 48, educated, HW proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, N/S, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. 📞311355

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys backstoers, movies, dining, water. 📞287855

SEEKING A REAL MAN
Retired SBF, 49, likes the internet, watching tv, shopping, visiting friends, picnics, taking walks, parks, dining, hanging out with friends. Looking for a SB/WM, 29-58. 📞314707

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. 📞267624

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 43, 5'5", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. 📞280581

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. 📞284368

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. 📞289947

CURVACEOUS
SWF, 47, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, bikes, sports. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. 📞282630

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH
SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SBM, 30-43. 📞299111

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. 📞289793

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LADY OF QUALITY
SBF, 30-something, 5'7", laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, faithful professional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. 📞310218

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 📞962317

LET'S TALK SOON!
I am 5'2", in my 60s, brown hair, brown eyes, W/LTM tall well-groomed, neat, 60-74 SWPM, who likes to travel, cards, casinos, dining out, exercise etc. Is this you? 📞982305

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, hip, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 37+ - 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first, leading to LTR. 📞147056

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. 📞281372

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complexioned, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. 📞282115

GREAT-LOOKING BF...
35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me; you won't be disappointed! 📞283172

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. 📞271683

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller-skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. 📞267305

A POLISHED DIAMOND
Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! 📞287057

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SBM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. 📞273603

A NEW BEGINNING
SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBM, 45-55, for friendship or more. 📞289151

PETITE AND CUTE
SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, nature lover. Seeking SF, 35-45, who will love me for me. 📞294943

THAT SPECIAL ONE
SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBM, 39-45, for possible relationship. 📞295026

SEEKING STRONG BM
Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, build BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. 📞295568

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH
Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. 📞295421

SEEKING A MATURE MAN
Attractive SBF, 35, N/S, N/Drugs, would like to meet respectable, happy SBPM, 25-50, to enjoy life together. 📞300680

SOPHISTICATED LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, laid-back yet serious-minded and responsible, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling. seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, responsible, good sense of humor, with good values and morals, for serious relationship. 📞207254

WEST SIDE BEAUTY
Professionally employed in the beauty field. SWF, 5'6", slender, 54, seeks a gentleman, 44-52, HWP, many interests including music, movies, cultural events, camping, and most things outdoors, light smoker, for friendship leading to relationship. Sincere responses only. 📞230791

TAKE A CHANCE
SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. 📞306228

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. 📞310924

SINGLE DAD WELCOME
PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. 📞298002

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. 📞230694

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, 58, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social director, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. 📞262181

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. 📞113901

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? 📞271085

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. 📞279171

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. 📞282578

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SB/WM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. 📞282444

MUSICAL GIRL
Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 18-25, who enjoys the same things. 📞292258

OUTGOING
BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. 📞292940

PRETTY EYES
SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. 📞298970

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
Attractive SWF, 57", 125lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love the companionship of a pleasant gentleman, 65-75. 📞981247

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DW/F, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 📞269546

IMMATURE
WM, 61, good-looking, good sense of humor, interested in politics, sports, the arts, food. Seeking BF, 45-63. Glasses a plus. 📞278802

LOVES TO LAUGH
Well-read SWM, 59, 5'7", salt-n-pepper hair, blue eyes, loves music, ethnic cuisine and health food. Seeking affectionate, caring, reserved, quiet, understanding SF, 48-59, to spend quality time together. 📞315235

KEEP IT REAL
SWM, 55, 5'10", 150lbs, father of two, homeowner, wants to meet slender, average female, 25-45, who likes music, art, just hanging out. 📞287896

MAXIMUM RETURN ON...
your investment. SBM, 5'8", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. 📞293155

A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever I go. 📞200890

LET'S MEET SOON!
SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit. I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. 📞247784

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBM, 22, 6', 175lbs, light smoker, no children, looking for SF, 18-30, for friendship first, possibly more. 📞291487

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. 📞84501



YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE
SBM, 42, 6'1", athletic build, carpenter, enjoys jazz, cooking, music, sports. Looking for SF, 21-45, to share my life with. 📞15352

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WVWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. 📞265340

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Very athletic SBM, 37, 5'9", 175lbs, loves volunteer work, pets. Seeking nice-looking, fit BF, 28-36, with sweet personality. 📞274599

HARD-WORKER
SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. 📞298937

FEMININE LADY WANTED
Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seeking sweet, feminine lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. 📞291990

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 📞128302

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 📞167614



MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE 15-21

Educational seminar

Coronary Artery Disease: Advances in Treatment, a free educational seminar presented by St. Mary Hospital at the Livonia Community Recreation Center 10-11 a.m. Monday, June 15. The speaker is Ed Motley, Manager Heart and Vascular Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Registration required. Call (734) 655-8950.

Fibromyalgia and chronic pain

Health class takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. No charge but limited to 15 guests. Reservations requested. Call (734) 756-6904. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, chiropractor and holistic physician.

ALS of Michigan fund-raiser

Join ALS of Michigan (Lou Gehrig's Disease) for its 4th Annual Lou Gehrig Day at Comerica Park 4:05 p.m. Saturday, June 20. A limited number of tickets are still available for this nationally televised game between our Detroit Tigers and the Milwaukee Brewers. Proceeds will enable the nonprofit to provide Michigan programs and services to benefit people with ALS and their families. It also helps support research into the cause, treatment and cure of this devastating disease. Two ticket packages are available at \$50 and \$100 per person, and include a ticket and a commemorative Lou Gehrig Day T-shirt. The \$100 package includes a baseball buffet luncheon and silent auction at Hockeystown Café from 1:30 p.m. to game time, with several retired Detroit Tigers on hand for a special meet-and-greet. For information and to order tickets, call (800) 882-5764, Ext. 225, or visit www.alsofmichigan.org. ALS attacks the motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord that control the ability to move, speak, swallow and eventually breathe, while the mind stays fully aware. Gehrig, the legendary New York Yankee, succumb to the

disease.

JUNE 22-28

The key to health

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at Whole Foods, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield. The key to health is a fully functioning digestive system. The key to restoring health naturally will be discussed along with simple solutions. Limited to 20 guests. For reservations, call (734) 756-6904. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, chiropractor and holistic physician, No charge.

Lumbar Spinal Stenosis

Learn about getting relief from this medical condition that is caused by gradual narrowing of the spinal canal, at an educational event, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, at Botsford Hospital's Administration Building, Community Room 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. This is an opportunity for patients with spinal stenosis to meet with an expert and learn more about the management and treatment of their disease. (877) 477-DOCI

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively

is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-4100, or visit www.stmary-mercy.org.

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need

CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday). Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Health enhancement classes

Classes for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer's caregivers; and the hard of hearing. The classes are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital's Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol (\$5) testing are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free

blood pressure testing for senior citizens every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

Free mask fitting clinic

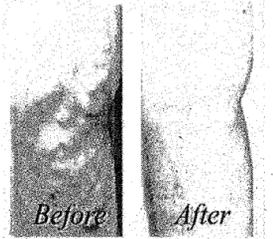
For CPAP and BiPAP users, most insurances cover new supplies every year, try a new style of mask and learn how to get one 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. No appointment needed. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

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The cost for the vaccination is \$115 payable by cash or check. Walk-ins are welcome, however pre-registration is preferred. For groups of 10 or more, VNA can send a nurse to your location.

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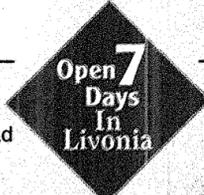
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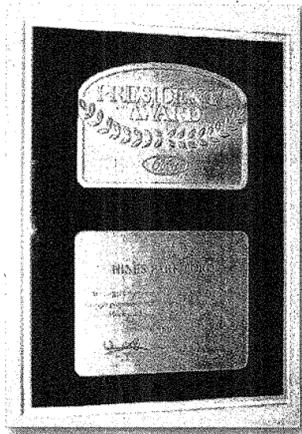
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About Dave Kolb

Dave serves as the President of Hines Park Ford. While the I-96 and Milford Road dealership opened in 2000, his father began the family-operated business in 1970 when he founded Hines Park Lincoln Mercury. Their approach to business can be summed up in the mission statement originally crafted by his father:

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