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## AROUND TOWN

### Meet the candidates

The Westland Monitors will be hosting a Meet the Candidates event for the four positions to be filled on the Westland city council at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The meeting will be held at Joy Baptist Church, 37055 Joy between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

Nine candidates are seeking to fill the four council seats and one will be eliminated on the Tuesday, Aug. 4 ballot. The remaining eight candidates will move on to the Nov. 3 ballot.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (734) 721-4142 or (734) 525-8788.

### Tigers outing

Tiger fans have until Wednesday to get tickets to join members of five area chambers of commerce — Westland, Garden City, Dearborn Heights, Wayne and Redford — in watching the home team take on the Minnesota Twins on Friday, Aug. 7.

Tickets are \$20 per person and must be reserved by Wednesday.

Call (734) 326-7222 to make a reservation.

### Police golf outing

The Westland Police Department will hold their 19th annual golf outing Wednesday, Aug. 12 at Hickory Creek Golf Club in Superior Township. The proceeds benefit the Westland Police Honor Guard and the D.A.R.E. Program.

The cost is \$125 per golfer including golf, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, buffet dinner, contests, prizes and goody bags.

It's \$30 per person for a buffet dinner only at the Greenside Tavern. There are various other packages offered for businesses.

Registration is at 7 a.m. with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information, call the police department at (734) 467-3226.

## LA Fitness won't occupy Westland property

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

LA Fitness won't be replacing the boarded up former Quo Vadis movie theater — a victim of the difficulty in getting credit.

"We had our financing through Citizens Bank and it fell through. We got an extension on our site plan but we weren't able to get the money," said Ernie D'Ascenzo of the Michigan Property Group, the project developers.

The firm no longer has an option on the property, located on the east side of Wayne Road just north of Warren, which is owned by National

Amusement.

"The project is done — the bank pretty much shut us down. That was 450 construction jobs and 50 permanent jobs at LA Fitness," said D'Ascenzo. "There is no value for the (strip) center except the existing tax base. It's a crazy time."

Several months ago, the council had approved a one-year extension on the project site plan for the approximately \$10 million project. D'Ascenzo had only positive things to say about Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale and Mayor William Wild.

"Lori and Bill were a pleasure to deal with — they helped us with Wayne County," D'Ascenzo said. "The only prob-

lem was the funding. Ten days before we were ready to go, the bank pulled the funding — we were that close — two years of work."

A lot of businesses are running into problems getting financing, said Fodale. "It's unfortunate that they are not going forward. We're going to aggressively market the property for a new user," said Fodale. "Everybody spent a lot of time on this project, so it's unfortunate that it won't come to fruition."

Due to the poor condition and unsightly appearance of the Quo Vadis building, D'Ascenzo said that demolition of the building would benefit the entire strip center on the northeast corner of

the intersection.

"We have not discussed demolition with the property owners at this point," said Fodale.

Despite the end of this project, Fodale said she continues to see new businesses locating in Westland and reinvestment by existing businesses.

"I have just visited seven new businesses. Kroger spent \$5.8 million for a complete interior and exterior remodel," she said. "Buffalo Wild Wings just reopened after being closed for two weeks and did an interior and exterior remodel."

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Linda Klebba (left) of Garden City and Westland resident Chelcie Munson formed a lasting relationship after being paired in the Westland Youth Assistance Program mentoring program.

## 'Big heart' of mentor helps teen get back on track

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

By her own description, Chelcie Munson was a bad kid when she was referred the Westland Youth Assistance Program in 2007.

"I got in a fight with a 17-year-old girl at my best friend's 16th birthday party," said Munson, 16. "When I came to the program, I had a really bad attitude. I would smoke weed a lot, I drank (alcohol) when I could — my grade point average was 1.6."

Munson finished her junior year at Wayne Memorial High School having maintained over a 3.0 grade point average which earned her a place on the honor roll throughout the school year. She's also a member of the school Army ROTC program and has earned certification as a preschool teacher assistant at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

"I plan to graduate with honors and after high school, I plan to join the Navy for MP (military police) training," said Munson, a Westland resident.

It was the Youth Assistance

Program and particularly a relationship with volunteer mentor Linda Klebba, a Garden City resident, that Munson credits with helping her change her attitude and life.

"I dreaded coming here (to Youth Assistance) every Tuesday. I used to have a really bad relationship with my mom — we were at each other's neck every day," said Munson. "Linda had her own opinions but they weren't my mom's opinions. Linda let me make my own decisions — I usually did what she said."

Initially, Munson also wasn't that keen on Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz.

"I used to think Paul was a mean guy who wanted me to have no fun. I realized he wanted the best for me," she said. "I don't know where I would be without this program."

Not that Munson had a choice about participating in Youth Assistance — she said her parents wouldn't allow her to take the alternative of going to court and paying a

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## Annapolis Park to unveil marker, celebrate its history

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Everyone, including President Barack Obama, is invited to the Saturday, July 25, celebration as the Annapolis Park historical marker is unveiled.

"We invited the president, the

governor, the Wayne County executive — everyone we know," said Reasther Everett, Southeast Westland Homeowners Association president.

Located in southeast Westland off Middlebelt between Van Born and Annapolis, the 366 homes in the Annapolis Park subdivision were developed in the early 1950s.

"It was one of the first communities in America built for what they called 'colored GIs' — all the veterans," said Everett.

Efforts to get an historical designation for Annapolis Park began in the 1990s.

"We got serious in 2006 and got the designation then. Now we are finally

getting the marker," said Everett.

The state and federal historical designation is just that — a designation and doesn't include the marker itself which in this case carried a more than \$5,000 price tag covered through donations.

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## Review of Central City Park clean-up plans continue

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Now that they've received an extensive list of changes from the state, Westland and Wayne County officials are trying to assess the financial and engineering impact to proposed plans for cleaning up part of lead contaminated Central City Park.

"It's hard to say. They gave us so much stuff. It's technical and a lot of it is boilerplate," Mayor William Wild said. "Our attorneys are going to look at it over the weekend. We need to look at the additional dollars and engineering (that may be required)."

City and county officials met with Department of Environmental Quality staff Thursday to go over changes being sought to the more than 200-page proposal.

"We received an extensive

list of changes in the proposed clean-up and maintenance plan," Wayne County Assistant CEO Alan Helmkamp said. "We need to analyze and digest the additional changes, testing and the costs. We've agreed to analyze it and come up with a list of questions to which they didn't have answers."

Once attorneys for the city and county have reviewed the proposed changes, Helmkamp and Wild are hoping to have a meeting early in the week.

"I'd like to get a response from them (the DEQ) by the end of the week," Helmkamp said. "I can't really be too specific — there was so much to analyze."

A DEQ staff person had earlier described the plan as good but there were a few items that needed to be corrected. However, Wayne County owns the property which is leased to the city and the

estimated \$1.2 million first phase project would be on the county's dime. The county is hopeful the project would qualify for stimulus funding.

The first phase would address environmental problems on the 12 acres at the east end of the park and install new soccer fields, pavilions and concession stands.

The plan calls for installation of a geo-textile membrane, 12 inches of fresh soil and other landscaping to prevent park users from coming into contact with contaminated soil. Other areas would be covered by asphalt or concrete.

Outside the 12 acres, the remainder of the park would remain fenced off until additional phases of remediation are completed. The county's plan also includes several measures to address findings of methane gas from the former landfill.

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**Citizens academy**

Applications are now being accepted for individuals who want to learn more about how the fire department in Westland is organized and operates. To participate in the 32-hour program, applicants must be 18 years or older and either live or work in Westland. Sessions are approximately three-four hours in length and will be held on July 31, Aug. 2, 7 and 9. The deadline to submit an application is July 15. For more information, call (734) 467-3182 or visit the city Web site at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com).

**Restaurant rally**

Tickets are still available for the annual restaurant rally sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. The event will be 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 28. This year 14 restaurants will be participating and the maximum 500 people are expected to participate. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call the chamber for more information at (734) 326-7222.

**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](http://glennwrestling.com).

For questions, contact Coach Polk at [rocketwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:rocketwrestling@gmail.com) or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

**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](mailto: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](http://glennwrestling.com). Hole sponsorship and donations are being accepted. All donations are welcome.

**Preschool sign-ups**

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. The preschool is located at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

**Hazardous waste**

The Wayne County Department of Environment has announced a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day in the City of Westland. The Westland event is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, in the lot behind J.C. Penney at the Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard. Household generated waste will be collected from any Wayne County resident. For more information, contact the Wayne County

Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936.

**Friends of Eloise**

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For information, call Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918.

**Prison families**

Do you have a family member currently in prison? Do you feel alone? Do you wish you had a support group that you could turn to? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by e-mail at . This support group is to provide adult family members with support and a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain. Meetings are free and held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.

**Caregiver support**

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Do you ever wish you had an understanding person to talk to? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer support and assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones. Caregiver Support meetings offer valuable information and assistance to individuals caring for a loved one. They're held from 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday of the month at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue in Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile Road in Redford. Morning and evening options are available. The morning group meets from 10 a.m. to noon the second Thursday of the month, while the evening group meets from 6-8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month. For more information on dates and times, or if attending for the first time, call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

**Man cited in crash that damaged utility pole**

BY SUE BUCK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Traffic was snarled Wednesday afternoon when a car hit a utility pole on Merriman, south of Ford. The accident occurred at 4:49 p.m. when a 17-year old Wayne resident was northbound on Merriman in the area of Pierce. "His vehicle crossed into northbound lanes, left the

roadway and struck a utility pole," said Garden City Deputy Police Chief Robert Muery. The impact damaged the pole and caused wires to drop onto Merriman Road, completely blocking the roadway. The driver was taken to the hospital with minor injuries. "He told investigators that he didn't know how he ended up leaving the road," Muery said. "He was issued a viola-

tion for careless driving." The roadway remained closed with police on the scene until just after midnight when utility workers were able to erect a new pole and re-string wires. A second vehicle driven by a 50-year-old Novi man was also damaged when it was struck by the falling wires, Muery said.

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**MENTOR**

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ticket. Her parents attended the Youth Assistance parents group sessions and were supportive of the pairing with Klebba.

"My parents started finding out what I was doing — that I wasn't the perfect angel they thought," said Munson. "I'm a lot closer with my family. I'm respectful. They trust me. We communicate."



Motz

A massage therapist, Klebba said she was looking for a volunteer opportunity and heard about Westland Youth Assistance from a client.

"I got in trouble frequently in high school. I smoked, I got kicked out of school. I wished that I'd had someone to talk to besides my parents," said Klebba, who met with Munson once a week or every other week. "A teenager will argue more with their mom. I listened to her more than I talked. I'd share my experiences as a teen and hope she'd get something out of it."

The problems that come with drinking was something she knew well, said Klebba, a self-described recovering alcoholic who has been sober for 20 years.

"I told her about a drunk driving arrest. I lost 10-12 years of my life. I told her about the bad choices I made," Klebba said.

**Mentoring opportunities are always available**

The help wanted sign is always up when it comes to volunteer mentors at Youth Assistance.

"We are always looking for qualified folks. There is an interview process. Our next training probably won't be until fall," said Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz.

Would-be mentors should be 21 years old, must pass a background check, have a valid driver's license and complete 15 hours of training offered at no charge by Youth Assistance.

Once a mentor is accepted by the program and completes the training, he or she would be matched with a youth who has been referred to the program.

"It would be a commitment of one to two hours per week. Our program has some

funding for activities at restaurants, golf and bowling," said Motz. "They do meet in public — not at homes. They can use creativity — they can visit a senior citizen home, pass out candy at a hospital wing. They learn it's nice to give back.

At the time the mentor and youth are matched, Motz said a contract with goals for the young person is developed.

"We encourage a goal related to school, home and something to learn. I always add a goal to have fun," said Motz. "It's about the relationship. They move on from there."

For more information about mentoring opportunities, contact Westland Youth Assistance at (734) 467-7904.

— By LeAnne Rogers

Munson completed her Youth Assistance requirements in November 2007 and in January 2008 was honored as the group's Female Youth of the Year. Although they don't see each other as frequently, Munson and Klebba have continued to stay in touch.

Klebba, who completed screening and training sessions before serving as a mentor, hasn't been paired with a second youth due to

health problems. She recently completed chemotherapy and radiation treatment for breast cancer.

"That was a very hard pill to swallow. I was nervous and confused. Linda was still fine. She's an amazing woman," said Munson. "I don't know if I could have that strength."

Whenever Klebba wants to mentor again, Motz said he would be glad to have her back.

"Linda has a big heart and took to the program. At the wrap-up meeting when Chelcie said they would always be friends, I knew the relationship had been impactful," said Motz. "I'm very hopeful for Chelcie's future. Her attitude is the reason. I know she makes more better choices now and will make more in the future."

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*Faith develops community*

**MARKER**  
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"We're very proud of the neighborhood and the historical significance to the community," said Mayor William Wild. "I think we have five historical markers in the city. It gives a sense of pride in the community. We're very proud of the Annapolis Park community. The historical marker will be installed at Middlebelt and Hanover, an entrance into the subdivision, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 25. An old-fashioned picnic will follow in Stottlemeyer Park, located at the corner of Lancy and Paul. "We'll provide some food but we're asking people to bring a picnic basket. We're asking people to come home to Annapolis Park," said Everett, a 55-year resident of the community and the original owner of her home. "We had wanted to celebrate for a week but we didn't have the money. This is becoming bigger than we expected." The picnic will give people an opportunity to meet neighbors from other parts of the community and reconnect with folks who have moved away, she said. "We still have some original homeowners. We have younger girls who grew up in the community and are coming back," said Everett. "We have put a booklet together — we asked people to submit photos."

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# Losing foot doesn't discourage dance instructor

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Barb Duka was firing up her line dancing class on a recent Thursday.

Duka leads a group of about 35 people at the Livonia Senior Center, wearing a blue smock embroidered with flowers and ladybugs, reflective of the spring-like weather outside and the spring in her step.

"Heel, heel, toe, toe, step together, quarter turn, heel, heel, toe, toe, e step together, angle up," Duka chants, keeping the group in rhythm. She stops, then turns to one of the dancers following along with each step and teasingly says: "Show-off!"

It's a far cry from last fall when the pain in Duka's right foot wouldn't go away.

The Westland resident, a dance instructor at the Livonia Senior Center and at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, was told by a chiropractor last year that her pain was probably caused by a circulation problem.

Eventually she went to a doctor who ran tests to check her circulation. Tests showed a blockage in her aorta, which required surgery. Then she has a second surgery to place two stents in her legs.

But her infected foot couldn't be saved. Her lower leg about two inches below her knee had to be amputated.

Duka never lost her indomitable spirit. Her jokes and laughter inspire the seniors who take her line dancing classes, the ones who are older than Duka's 59 years and call her "Mom."

"I was never the type to be depressed," Duka said. "I wanted to know 'what's next, when am I coming back.' They made me a leg, and I just took off like a bat out of hell."

Duka's recovery took time, but it was on her calendar, on her terms. Duka was in the hospital for two weeks after the Jan. 15 operation.

## REACHING GOALS

Doctors and nurses wanted her to walk right away and tried to get her into a nearby rehabilitation center. But she wasn't ready and eventually was sent home.

She used a wheelchair at first. "I set goals," Duka said. "The first thing I wanted to do is make breakfast." She got on her one foot and did just that, then the same with dinner.

At first she had an occupational therapist assist her with exercises, then a physical therapist. Soon members of her line dancing classes helped, even ironing her clothes.

Duka had a walker and a roller, a walker with wheels, but she preferred to walk on her own two feet. Eventually she returned to her class in May, all fired up and ready to go.

The line dancers gathered on her return in mid-May for Duka's birthday. For now, she teaches one day a week, for two hours a class.

During this interview several students say hello and hug her. One greets her by saying: "Look at you, you look so snazzy." Then she hugs Duka and says: "You are so brave."

"It's so exciting to see them together talking," Duka said. "They all get together here. I could care less if they do one dance."

Arlene Holladay took a class taught by Duka in 1999. She's become a close friend. "I've just tried to be there for her," Holladay said. "She's a great person. She's a great inspiration. She's been a good friend. When I have a problem, we talk."

"I was just helping her out."



Barb Duka (with microphone) calls out instruction to the 35 dancers at the Livonia Senior Center.

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All these people depend on her."

On her recovery, Holladay said: "She's ahead, She's ahead of everything. Her physical therapist said, 'I don't know what to do, she's so far ahead.'"

"(The class members) just can't get over it. She's an inspiration. She's doing great."

## 'KIND AND PATIENT'

Elaine Farquhar of Livonia met Duka several years ago when both took a dance class offered at John Glenn High School. The instructor noticed Duka would "catch on real

quick," which led to Duka's start as a dance instructor, Farquhar said.

"She is just so kind and patient," Farquhar said. "She will repeat the dance and insist that you have fun. It's a fun thing, and she enjoys it."

Farquhar remembers talking to Duka the day she got home from the hospital. "She was so upbeat," Farquhar said. "Every time I called her, she was just so upbeat."

Duka is like that all the time, Farquhar said. "For me, it makes me feel upbeat."

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Carol Moros of Livonia is another of Duka's students. "It's astronomical," Moros said of Duka's recovery and return. "Most people would have gone into a deep depression, but she's always been an encourager. We're like family. It's not a normal dance class."

"A big part of her is being a positive person. She would not let her (condition) get her down," Moros said.

When she returned, "we all cried," Moros said. "Everybody was crying with happiness. She was determined to get to this point."

Moros believes Duka gets in return what she gives. "(She is) getting love because she gives so much love. You just can't say enough about the lady."

Today Duka wears a metal bar for support hidden by a flesh-colored material and shaped like a leg. Even from just a few feet away, you can't distinguish the difference.

Duka does not express regret that she lost her lower leg and foot, nor is her conversation sprayed with "what ifs."

"To be able to stand up there, it's a second time around," Duka said. "It gives me a chance to do it again."

"A lot of people tell me that I'm their role model. I just want to be able to smile and if I can make them laugh, then I feel blessed."

## CAREGIVERS GREAT

Duka appreciates caregivers whether they are spouses, relatives or friends, too. Her husband, George, drove her to Wyandotte for her surgery and would spend the weeknights and weekends at the hospital. Holladay fielded the questions from the class on Duka's recovery, and would type up a letter on her progress for her dancing students.

And how does her leg feel? "All right," Duka said. "It feels like I'm wearing a brace."

"I never think that my leg is amputated. I just thought of it as broke. I never looked at it as gone. You can't."

"You look at a group like this, how could you not get better?"

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# 'I'll never forget'

## Car-train collision claims 5 young lives

BY DARRELL CLEM  
AND BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITERS

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy stepped away from the wreckage of Thursday's car-train accident that took five young lives and, with a sad turn of his head, summed up what many of the rescue workers, EMTs and police/fire officials were likely feeling. "I'll never forget what I just saw," LaJoy said.

What he saw was the carnage that occurred when the driver of a Ford Fusion tried to beat an oncoming, 530-ton Amtrak train traveling nearly 70 mph at the Canton Township railroad crossing at Hannan. Video footage obtained by a local company showed the driver trying to get around another car and then the crossing gate and being struck shortly after noon, police said.

The impact was such that the train ended up pushing the car nearly a mile.

The victims — four males and one female — ranged in age from 14 to 21. The five, all pronounced dead at the scene, included Jessica Sadler, 14, of Wayne; Eddie Gross, 18 of Taylor; Sean Harris, 19, of the Detroit area; his

brother, Terrence Harris of Stafford, Va.; and Daniel Broughton, 19, of Woodhaven.

Broughton, the driver, had a suspended license for various traffic issues.

The train was traveling with nearly 170 passengers headed for Chicago. It had left the Dearborn station and likely had reached nearly 70 mph when the collision occurred, Amtrak officials said.

According to Canton Police spokesman Sgt. Mark Gajeski, witnesses had indicated — and the video footage from the local company later confirmed — the driver of the Fusion had tried to get around the crossing gates, which were down, with the crossing lights also working.

Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said it didn't appear the train crew could have done anything to avoid hitting the car as it was crossing the tracks.

"It's very tragic, certainly for the family and friends of the people in the vehicle, but also for our crew," Chicago-based Magliari said. "It appears that there were no reports of any malfunctions on the part of the train. There's nothing they can do to stop vehicles



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Paramedics and rescue workers clear the scene. Five people died in the collision.

from disregarding warnings about an approaching train."

Bodies of the victims remained in the car for some five hours while accident

investigators went about their investigation. After some four hours, the passenger cars of the train were detached from the engine and taken back to

Dearborn, where they boarded another train.

"Obviously, this is a tremendous tragedy," LaJoy said.

# Deadly collision energizes talks about safeguards

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The train-car collision that killed five people in Canton on Thursday afternoon has rekindled talks over making railroad crossing barriers more difficult for drivers to ignore.

Michigan became the first state in the nation to install a new barricade system that, when a train is approaching, triggers vertical devices that rise out of the road, both in front of drivers and in the median, said Michigan Department of Transportation spokeswoman Janet Foran.

"It comes up in the center line and in front of you in an 'L'

shape," she said Friday.

MDOT has installed the barricade system on one Denton Road crossing in Van Buren Township, but it isn't currently working properly and has delayed efforts to expand the scope of the project, she said.

"We're having some mechanical and electrical issues at this point," Foran said, "so the study is being delayed at this point. We don't have plans at any other crossings at this time."

The barricades, when working, further discourage motorists from driving around lowered crossing gates — a maneuver blamed for a horrific crash that claimed the lives of

five young people on Hannan Road near Michigan Avenue.

Ideally, the vertical devices, or delineators, would rise across all lanes of traffic and for a few car lengths along the median. They are housed in self-contained, modular cartridges recessed in the ground, and MDOT officials say they are easy to install.

The project stems from a safety test by MDOT, the Federal Railroad Administration and Norfolk Southern Railway.

Foran's remarks came on the same day that Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said he couldn't recall in recent times a single

accident in Canton that involved as many deaths as Thursday's crash — and certainly not one that involved a train.

Santomauro stressed the importance of obeying railroad crossing regulations and other traffic safety laws.

"From a simple traffic safety standpoint, we emphasize over and over and over again the importance of traffic safety," he said. "This is an unfortunate and horrific reminder to people that you have to obey traffic laws, and there are immediate consequences if you don't do that."

Santomauro called Thursday's accident "another

tragedy" involving people who disregard railroad crossing gates.

"You're not going to beat the train," he said, and in more cases than not, "it will be fatal."

Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said Friday afternoon that authorities were awaiting conclusive toxicology results, and authorities didn't know whether alcohol — or simply poor judgment — may have been a factor in the crash.

Moreover, a video camera from a business near the scene revealed that the railroad crossing gates were working properly, Gajeski said, and the Amtrak train was traveling

within the legal speed.

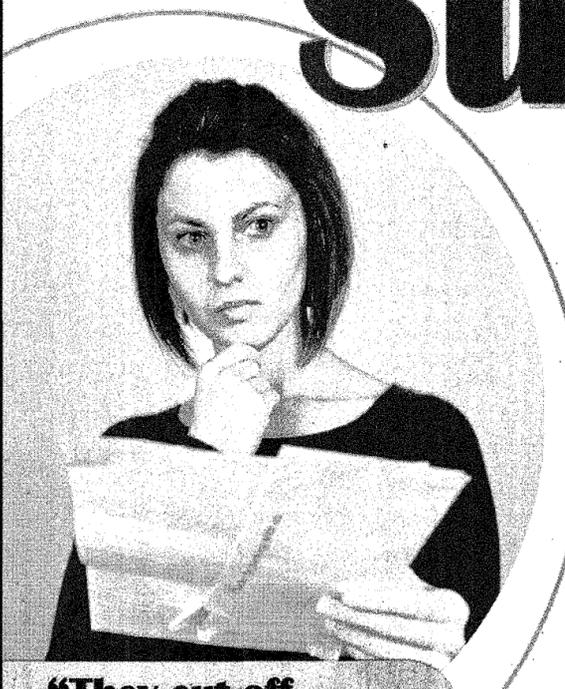
Marc Magliari, a Chicago-based Amtrak spokesman, said Illinois also has initiated efforts to improve railroad crossing safety, partly by using four crossing gate arms rather than two in some places. He also said that state has installed some median barriers in certain places, although Foran said the specific system in Van Buren Township was the first in the nation.

Officials concede that no barricade system is perfect, but they said efforts will continue to try to improve railroad crossing safety.

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# Couple's eatery captures nostalgic feeling

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats, one of Canton's newest restaurants, is a warm, friendly place where patrons of all ages can recapture a sense of childhood nostalgia.

Cartoonish artwork adorns a front window and depicts signature characters Tim and Sally walking past their restaurant patio on their way to work. Step inside, and a colorful mural on one wall shows the couple enjoying a day with their smiling customers.

A sign outside — all deep purple, bright yellow and burnt red — gives way to the same color scheme inside that brightens the mood even before a tempting menu arrives touting juicy Angus burgers, a Philly-style cheesesteak sandwich, New York-inspired hotdogs shipped from the East Coast, and homemade milkshakes served with the mixing cup.

Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats, located next to the Rite Aid store on Canton Center Road south of Geddes, is the brainchild of Canton residents Janice Brooks and Doug Hartleib, a married couple who also own Livonia-based Custom Edge Construction, which specializes in interior remodeling.

"We wanted to do something a little more personal," Brooks said, standing inside the restaurant on a day Hartleib was away.

The couple decided to use catchy names Tim and Sally, partly as a nod to actor Tim Allen's character who always had a new project on the TV sitcom *Home Improvement*. The name Sally just seemed to fit, especially with menu items such as the Steamed Sally burger — actually steamed — a Beefy Tim brisket sandwich, a barbecue chicken Wrapped Sally in a spinach tortilla, or a BLTim.

They brought in area artist Lindsay Bochenek, whose restaurant artwork can be seen on her Web site, www.LZdesignz.com. Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats opened in mid-June, but Brooks and Hartleib are planning a celebratory

grand opening July 24-26, with Saturday children's activities including face-painting, balloon animals and the eatery's fresh popcorn.

The restaurant, with 45 seats inside and 24 on the patio, marks the couple's first eatery, but Brooks acknowledged they wouldn't mind someday having a franchise-based business. They even splurged on an Alto-Shaam

smoker to cook savory pork, beef brisket and chicken.

Canton's arts coordinator, Jennifer Tobin, stopped in for lunch one day with township Leisure Services employees Mary Kahanec, Marianne Stewart, Patty Dunn and Mary Falzon. Collectively, they tried the Pulled Tim pork sandwich, corn fritters, a turkey reuben, a grilled chicken salad, a Tuna Sally

sandwich and a grilled, half-pound Tim Burger.

Their verdict was as unanimous as their lunchtime laughter — Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats was, well, awesome.

"Two thumbs up," Tobin said, summing up the crowd's sentiment.

And that's just what Brooks and Hartleib want to hear about their restaurant.



Janice Brooks and her husband Doug Hartleib opened Tim and Sally's Awesome Eats.

"We've been working so hard to get it open," Brooks said. "It has been a little fran-

tic, but it's pretty cool. It's a fun, happy place, and we're proud of it."

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# Lawmakers push plan to curb elder abuse

A coalition of Wayne County legislators has unveiled legislation to combat elder abuse in Michigan by strengthening consumer protections for seniors and increasing penalties for those who financially exploit them. The legislation is part of the lawmakers' ongoing effort to strengthen Michigan's faltering consumer protection laws.

"Our seniors deserve the respect they've earned from the many years of hard work they gave to provide for their families," said State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, a sponsor of the plan. "It's deplorable that seniors are being abused or swindled simply because the laws on the books aren't strong enough. This plan will empower Michigan's seniors and help put an end to this unbridled cruelty."

Elder abuse can include abandonment and neglect, financial exploitation and emo-

tional, physical or sexual abuse. According to the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA), the crime is vastly underreported. The House plan seeks to address elder abuse by:

- Increasing penalties for cheating or defrauding seniors, including establishing felony charges and banning abusers from inheriting the estate of their victim.
- Empowering concerned citizens to file criminal complaints to stop and prevent abuse cases in nursing homes and elsewhere.
- Strengthening consumer protections by requiring financial institutions to do more to disclose the rights of seniors and create new safeguards against fraud.
- Creating the "Mozelle Alert" – an alert mechanism to notify the public in cases of missing endangered seniors, similar to the Amber Alert.

The alert is named in honor of Estella Mozelle Pierce, a senior who died after wandering from her southwest Detroit home.

"Too many of our seniors are victimized, often by the very people they trust to care for and protect them," said State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville), also a sponsor of the plan. "It is heartbreaking when seniors sign over control of their bank accounts, only to have their caretaker steal the money they worked all their lives to save. This plan will shore up disclosure of seniors' rights, which will protect their financial assets so they can remain independent as long as possible."

Reports of elder abuse have increased 40 percent since 1998, according to the Michigan Department of Human Services. Michigan's Adult Protective Services received more than 16,300 reports of adult mistreatment

in 2008. Based on estimates of how often abuse goes unreported, this suggests that more than 73,000 of Michigan's adults are abused every year, according to the NCEA.

A 2006 study conducted by the NCEA found that women are more likely than men to suffer from elder abuse or neglect, with two out of three elder abuse victims being women. The study also found that 54 percent of elder abuse cases involve members of the victim's family and that one out of every four cases involves financial exploitation.

"It's outrageous that right now in Michigan, someone can abuse, torture or even kill an older person and still inherit from their estate," said State Representative Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights. "Our plan fixes that loophole, and it makes other laws stronger so social workers, police and prosecutors

have the tools to stop people who try to harm our seniors – both physically and financially."

An Ottawa County tragedy demonstrates the need for stronger laws against elder abuse. Carol Maneke was recently sentenced to just four months in jail for leaving her 87-year-old father, Max Canfield, in squalid living conditions in a filthy Tallmadge Township duplex. Maneke lived in the adjacent half of the duplex and was her father's legal guardian.

After Canfield's granddaughter became concerned about his welfare in 2006, police and social workers found the decorated World War II veteran lying on a soiled mattress and surrounded by adult diapers, trash, and animal feces. They had to tape and seal their pants legs before entering the roach-infested duplex. Canfield died in a hospital from malnutrition

a week after being rescued from the home.

Under the Elder Abuse Protection Plan, Maneke could have been subject to a much longer sentence than the one she received.

"It is unacceptable when any senior is abused or exploited, but it's especially upsetting that more seniors are being abused or exploited each year in Michigan," said State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. "We have to send a clear message that elder abuse is a serious crime that has serious consequences. This comprehensive plan will help prevent the abuse and neglect of seniors and increase penalties against those who try to get away with it."

To report a suspected case of elder abuse, residents can contact the state's 24-hour hotline by calling (800) 99NOABUSE (996-6228).

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**ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-63**

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-3 district classification where CB-4 and CB-2 district classification are now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

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THAT PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 1, T.2S., R.9E., CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF MIDDLEBELT ROAD, 120 FT. WIDE, DISTANT N.86°49'40"E. ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 SECTION LINE, 60.01 FT. AND N.02°09'20"W. 293.73 FT. FROM THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE PROCEEDING N.02°09'20"W. ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 315.631 FT.; THENCE N.88°03'40" 562.50 FT.; THENCE S.02009'20"E. 503.35 FT.; THENCE THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES AND DISTANCES ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF ANN ARBOR TRAIL, S.64°20'40"W. 89.32 FT. AND S.86°49'40"W. 182.83 FT.; THENCE N.01°47'29" W. 251.94 FT.; THENCE S.86°49'40"W. 102.41 FT.; THENCE S.26°49'40"W. 186.77 FT. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

RESULTANT SPLIT PARCEL B

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**Section 2.** The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby

**Section 4. Repeal.** All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 5. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

Adopted: July 6, 2009  
 Effective: July 12, 2009

Publish: July 12, 2009

**HOSPITAL WELLNESS CALENDAR**

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

**Monday, July 13**  
 Childbirth Education (first of six classes) at 6 p.m. The six-week course prepares the expectant mother and coach for labor and delivery. Class runtime is 2 1/2 hours. There is a \$60 fee. Medicaid is accepted. A refresher course also is available. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information or to register. Stroke Caregiver Support Group at 6:30 p.m. will benefit those who care for loved ones that have had strokes or aneurysms. The group meets on the second Monday of the month at in Classroom 3 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building. Caregivers may bring their loved ones with them. A stroke survivor support group will take place at the same time in the adjoining classroom. For more information, call (734) 458-4392.

**Tuesday, July 14**  
 Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Diabetes Self-Management Education (second of four classes) at 9:30 a.m. A comprehensive series, participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register. Have your blood pressure checked (free) and your cholesterol level (\$5) or Lipid panel (\$10), tested on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby from noon to 2 p.m. No registration is necessary. Call (734) 458-4330

Cheer for the hometeam, read today's **SPORTS** section

**Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.**  
 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 20080 Allen Rd. Trenton, MI 48183 (734)479-5442 7/28/2009 at: 10:00 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due. Personal property described below in the matter of:

133	David Sokolowski	tool box, boxes, totes
231	William D Lane	boxes, bags, sofa
337	Norris Taylor	boxes, bags, picture
345	Don Smith	boxes, totes, grill
512	Janet Pielak	boxes, bags, totes
524	Debra Higgins	boxes, bags, totes
539	Scott Murray	boxes, totes, washer
631	Donald Feister	boxes, totes, chair
658	David Zimmerman	boxes
919	Aaron Cusmano	boxes, bags, totes
946	Kathy Strauss	boxes, bags, totes
947	Susan Dalimonte	boxes, bags, totes
1013	Linda Shuttleworth	bags, grill, chairs
1018	Gary Jedenasty	boxes, bags, totes
1116	John Jordan IV	boxes, bags, totes

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**CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**  
 MTG. 13 07/06/09

Presiding: President Godbout  
 Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehr, Kehr, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer  
 130: Appr. minutes of 6/15/09.  
 -Appr. req. of Village of Westland to hold garage sale on 7/25/09 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in their parking lot.  
 -Appr. req from W.P.F.F.U. to host MDA Fill-the-Boot fundraiser on 8/13-15.  
 -Appr. bid for road gravel, sand & slag to Ellsworth Ind. & Hayball Transport, combined amt. \$90,000 per yr. w/contingencies.  
 -Appr. bid for DPS yard vinyl fencing to Upright Fence, amt. \$17,150.00.  
 -Appr. co-op bid for rock salt to Detroit Salt Co. LLC, 9 mo. contract amt. as follows: salt ordered before 10/1/09 at \$41.77 per ton, after 10/1/09 \$41.92 per ton.  
 -Appr. bid for Police Honor Guard uniforms for Police Dept. to Cuda Uniform Inc. amt. \$15,735.84.  
 -Appr. MDOT contract for reconstruction of Newburgh & Warren intersection, total amt. \$690,000.  
 -Appr. OHM contract for reconstruction of Newburgh & Warren intersection, amt. not to exceed \$88,553.56.  
 -Intro. Budg. Amend. 2010-01; General Fund; am't \$13,920.  
 -Waive proc. to intro. & adopt Budg. Amend. 2010-01.  
 -Adopt. Budg. Amend. 2010-01; General Fund; am't \$13,920.  
 -Adopt. Ord. 248-A-63, rezone CB-4 & CB-2 to CB-3, PID 002-99-0079-000 & part of 002-99-0078-000, NE corner Middlebelt & Ann Arbor Trail.  
 133: Appr. checklist: \$1,379,149.65 & Prepaid: \$1,167,501.33 Mtg. adj. at 7:50 p.m.  
 Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
 Council President

Eileen DeHart, CMC  
 City Clerk

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for more information. Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help strengthen and define muscles, as well as increase flexibility. Each class combines a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls and Therabands. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Cardiac Education Support Group at 5 p.m. The free support group will meet the second Tuesday of each month to discuss important topics and provide valuable information. For more information, call (734) 458-3242.

**Wednesday, July 15**  
 Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information. CPAP and BIPAP Mask Fitting Clinic at 5 p.m. Visit the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland, from 5-6 p.m. any Wednesday for a free mask fitting clinic. No appointment is needed. Call (734) 458-3330 for more information. CPR - Adult at 6 p.m. Approved by the American Red Cross, the class provides hands-on CPR training to adults. The class is offered at Garden City Hospital's Health and Education Center, located at 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. There is a \$40 fee. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information. Breastfeeding class at 6 p.m. The three-hour class offers expectant mothers information on the benefits of breast milk, breastfeeding techniques, getting a good start in the hospital, and how to continue breastfeeding at home and at work. There is a fee for this one time session. Call Community Education at (734) 458-4330 for more information. Eating Disorders Support Group at 7 p.m. is for individuals with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive and binge eating disorders. Men, women and teens invited to attend. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

**Thursday, July 16**  
 Get Up and Move at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The exercise program is designed to help you get up and get moving, and is the perfect complement to your diet program. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Strength and Stretch at 2 p.m. is a non-aerobic exercise class designed to help strengthen and define muscles, as well as increase flexibility. Each class combines a variety of equipment, including free weights, medicine balls, balance balls and Therabands. Fee is \$30 per month. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Diabetes Self-Management Education (second of four classes) at 6:30 p.m. A comprehensive series, participants learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Physician referral is required. There is a fee, but reimbursement is available by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial insurance plans. Call (734) 458-3481 for more information or to register.

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1082	Psontia Fowler	boxes, bags, totes
1468	Linda Riley	boxes, bags, mattress
1476	John Seefelt	boxes, bags, sofa
1532	Vanessa Patterson	boxes, tv, chair
1552	Marion Sinclair	table, sofa, boxes
2014	Ernest Robinson	piano, stereo
2060	Joseph Caudill	boxes, dresser, totes
2190	Scotty Russell	boxes, bags, tv
2240	Charlotte Scott	bags, saw, tool box
		boxes, bags, totes

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Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

2001	Odessa Sartor	grill, totes, sofa
2005	Holly Cacilhas	bags, vacuum, ac unit
2013	Mark Pfromm	boxes, bags, bike
3046	Shavonne Watkins	boxes, tv, chairs
3060	Donnie Wyrick	table, sofa, boxes
4008	Jeremy McCauley	table, dresser, Yamaha 250 VIN 509-003719
4051	Antoine Murry	boxes, totes, speakers
4058	Sharrice Gardner	boxes, bags, tv
5023	Gary Scott Giraud	boxes, totes, dresser
5053	Jolyn Trojanowski	boxes, bags, chair
6037	Tracie Breuer	Honda motorcycle VIN HM319HM0B4501
6080	Donald Daigle	boxes, tv, fan
6093	Rosemarie Schafer	boxes, totes, dresser
6131	Richard McNamee	boxes, bags, tv
7015	Ryan Moxie	boxes, bags, totes
7038	Deborah Oakley	boxes, dresser, chair
7055	Richard Wallner	boxes, bags, totes
7082	Jeffrey Stonecipher	totes, dresser, boxes

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com). They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Recycling event**  
Wayne County Department of Environment and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit are partnering once again to bring the Dell RECONNECT electronic waste collection program to Dearborn 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 18, Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. RECONNECT is a comprehensive electronics recovery, reuse and environmentally responsible recycling opportunity offering free drop-off recycling and reuse options for unwanted electronics. Proceeds from recycled materials will support Goodwill's mission to help the region overcome unemployment through education, training and career services. Accepted items will only be accepted computer monitors, CPUs, keyboards, mouse devices, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines and cell phones. No televisions, boxes, manuals or software will be accepted. Volunteers are also needed to direct

traffic, obtain donor information and help lift items out of vehicles. To volunteer, call Rae L. Harvey at (313) 557-8794. To arrange for large quantities, call (313) 964-3900. For more information, call (734) 326-3936.

Hearing test

Garden City Hospital's Audiology department is offering free hearing screenings for adults on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The screenings will determine if participants have hearing loss, the severity, and the frequency ranges that are affected. Screenings are conducted by a certified, licensed audiologist in Garden City Hospital's sound booth. Free, surface-level parking is available just steps from the hospital's front entrance. For an appointment, call Garden City Hospital's Audiology department at (734) 458-3381. For more information on Garden City Hospital's complete array of audiology services, call Physician Referral at (877) 17-WELL.

Academic Pathways

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, will host open houses 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 14, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, and Thursday, Sept. 3. The preschool has a three-year-old program that runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday and a four-year-old program that runs 9:30-

11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Potty training is not required. Low cost tuition available. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.academicpathwayspreschool.com](http://www.academicpathwayspreschool.com) or call (734) 261-9540.

Preschool sign-up

Garden City Co-Op Preschool at 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City, has openings available in all classes - 18 months, 3 years and 4 years. Parent participation is required. Me and My Tot's class meets 9:15-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays and costs \$30 a month. The 3's class meets 9:15-11:15 a.m. Monday and Thursday and costs \$45 a month. The 4's class is 12:30-2:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday and also costs \$45 per month. There will be an open house 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. Bring your children to meet the teacher, visit the classroom and register for the 2009-2010 school year.

Class reunion

Members of Garden City High School's Class of 1989 need to buy their tickets now for 20th class reunion 6 p.m. to midnight Aug. 29 at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$75 and include dinner, premium open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts. Grads also have until July 15 to submit information for the memory book. Tickets are available for purchase at [www.gardencity89.com](http://www.gardencity89.com) or by con-

tacting Paula at [gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com).

Fish Dial-A-Ride

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

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and

third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support

A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Counterpoint

Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove

A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers welcome. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748. Education

Willow Creek

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment in its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. Willow Creek is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information, call the preschool at (734) 326-0078.

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Single Session admission rates: \$4 for resident child, \$5 non-resident child; \$5 for a resident adult, \$7 for non-resident adult. Full day admission rates: \$6 for resident child, \$8 for non-

resident child; \$8 for resident adult, \$12 for non-resident adults. Admission to the wading pool is \$2 per child with adults admitted free. Season Swim Passes: for resi-

dents, \$70 for the first member of the family, \$35 for each additional family member; non-residents pay \$125 for the first family member, \$55 for each additional family member. No cut-offs allowed in the

pool; Bring a lock if you wish to use the locker; You must be 48 inches or taller to ride the waterslide - no exceptions; Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult; and no flotation devices or toys are

allowed in the pool area. Swimming lessons are also available at the pool, which is located at the Bailey Recreation Center adjoining City Hall on Ford just west of Central City Parkway.

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### 2008 Report to Consumers on Water Quality

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

#### Water Source

Westland is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Springwells Water Treatment Plant in Dearborn. The water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, and Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale, from very low to high, based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes was determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact your water department (734) 728-1770.

#### Public Notice Sewage Disposal System Event

Any person or claimant who experiences an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system that is under the jurisdiction and control of the City of Westland should immediately contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service Director, Kevin Buford, at the following address and telephone number:  
City of Westland  
Department of Public Service  
37137 Marquette  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 728-1770

#### Important Health Information

##### Overview

The City of Westland maintains over 325 miles of water main, over 2900 hydrants and over 6000 valves in our system. We have flushed the water mains in one section of the city this year, covering the neighborhoods in the area of Wayne road to Newburgh and Palmer to Glenwood. This is done to remove buildup from the water main and improve pressure and quality of the water you receive. We will be doing other sections of the City of Westland in 2009 as the weather permits, working through the city on a continual basis. We are also operating and repairing the valves for isolating the water throughout the city to insure proper operation of the valves in an emergency.

##### Lead

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

##### Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once, during a twelve-month period at our Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

##### People with Special Health Concerns

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

##### National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

In 2008, the City of Westland had no monitoring violations. A monitoring violation is not an exceedence of a MCL or health standard.

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

##### Additional Information

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

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

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

• Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or by the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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

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

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### Springwells Water Treatment Plant 2008 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	9/9/2008	ppm	4	4	0.89	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	9/9/2008	ppm	10	10	0.26	n/a	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	6/9/2008	ppb	50	50	1	n/a	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
<b>Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System</b>								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2008	ppb	n/a	80	17.7	4.1-31.5	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2008	ppb	n/a	60	10.0	4.4-16.5	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Chlorine	Jan-Dec 2008	ppm	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	0.67	0.61-0.72	No	Water additive used to control microbes

2008 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
0.16 NTU	100 %	No	Soil Runoff	
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.				

2008 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month - 1	No	Naturally present in the environment.
E. coli or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E. coli positive.	entire year - 0	No	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2008 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2008	ppb	0	15	3 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2008	ppm	1.3	1.3	.16 ppm	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

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

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.				Erosion of natural deposits

2008 Special Monitoring				
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.80	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July of 2008, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All the UCMR2 contaminants monitored on List 1 and List 2 in 2008 were undetected.

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

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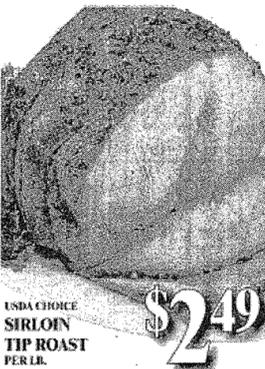
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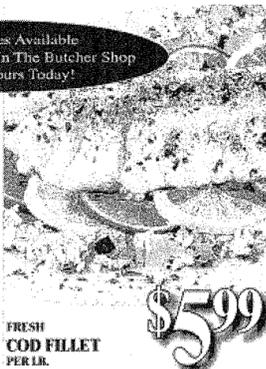
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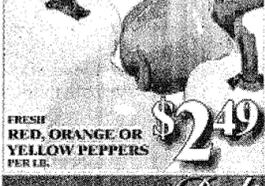
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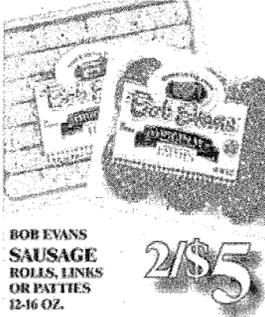
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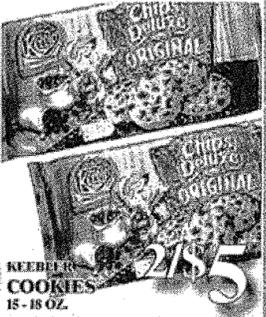
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## Olympian to Rome

### Canton's Schmitt rules 400 free, qualifies for Worlds

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton High grad Allison Schmitt wasted little time in earning a spot on USA Swimming's 2009 World Championship Team.

The incoming sophomore at the University of Georgia and bronze medalist at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games captured the women's 400-meter freestyle in Tuesday night's opening session of the ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships held in Indianapolis, Ind.

The race featured four U.S. Olympians with Schmitt, representing Club Wolverine in Ann Arbor, earning the title with a first-place time of 4:06.77.

Open water Olympian Chloe Sutton (Mission Viejo, Calif.), who specializes in races that are more than six miles long, sprinted to the front of the pack during the first 300 meters. But over the final 100 meters, Schmitt rallied and took the lead for good to cement a berth, July 22-Aug. 2, in Rome, Italy, at the World Championships.

"It feels amazing, I'm really happy," Schmitt told swimnet.com webcast interviewer Summer Sanders on the pool deck following the event.

Sutton joined Schmitt on the podium as the silver medalist with a time of 4:07.20, while Olympian Caroline Burckle (Louisville, Ky.) placed third in 4:09.61.

American and U.S. Championships record holder Katie Hoff, who was a silver medalist at the Beijing Games,

slipped to fifth in 4:12.34, well off her personal best of 4:02.20 set back in Feb. of 2008 in Columbia, Mo.

On Wednesday, Schmitt finished runner-up in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:57.25 to qualify for the 2009 World Championship team along with the winner, Dana Vollmer of Grandbury, Tex., who hit the wall fist in 1:56.20.

Both Vollmer and Schmitt will also be members of the 800 freestyle relay team in Rome.

The 19-year-old Schmitt, who earned a bronze in Beijing in the 4 x 200 freestyle relay and qualified but did not medal in the 200 freestyle, is coming off an All-America season with the Georgia Bulldogs after cap-

Please see **SCHMITT, B2**



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Allison Schmitt will compete in the 200- and 400-meter freestyles at the 2009 World Championships.

## GAME WRAPS

### All-Star softball

The Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-Star softball game will have a distinct Livonia Franklin flavor to it Wednesday, July 22 at Lansing's Ranney Park.

The Division 1 White Team will feature the Patriots' Taylor twins, Briana, a shortstop, and Brittany, a catcher, along with coach Linda Jimenez, who guided Franklin to a 32-6 record and a KLASA South Division title.

Outfielder Hannah Atkinson of Farmington Hills Mercy will also play for the White team.

The Division 1 Red-White game starts at 11:30 a.m.

The Division 2 All-Star game, beginning at 9:30 a.m., will feature Madonna University recruit Erica Landess, a third baseman who batted .381 this spring for Carleton Airport.

### Academic All-America

Kim Baughman of Farmington, an All-America swimmer at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, has received another prestigious honor. Baughman has been named an Academic All-America by the College Sports Information Directors of America, too.

She maintained a 3.55 grade point and adds the academic award to the All-America status she achieved at the NCAA swim finals at the University of Houston in March.

Baughman will begin her junior year at Grand Valley where she attained both All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and All-America recognition in multiple events her freshman and sophomore years.

A 2007 graduate of Farmington High School where she was an all-area swimmer, Baughman is majoring in public relations and event planning.

### Ace in the hole

Matthew Cusumano, of Plymouth, wasted no time in experiencing one of golf's exciting moments. Swinging a 7-iron, the 10-year-old recently aced the 66-yard 10th hole at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox Course.

### Motor City Junior Golf

The Motor City Junior Golf Championship, sponsored by Caddyshack and Top Flite Golf, will be Wednesday, July 29 at Whispering Willows Golf Course, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads, in Livonia. The event is open to boys and girls ages 12-17.

Included in the \$49 entry fee is 18 holes, practice rounds (prior to the event), driving range balls (day of the event), lunch ticket and gift pack.

All entries are due by Friday, July 24. (Checks should be made payable to T.J.W., Inc.)

For more information and tee times, call (248) 476-4493.

## Harrison girls have new hoops coach

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tim Micklash is eager and ready to run his own basketball program, and the need for a girls varsity coach at Farmington Harrison is that opportunity.

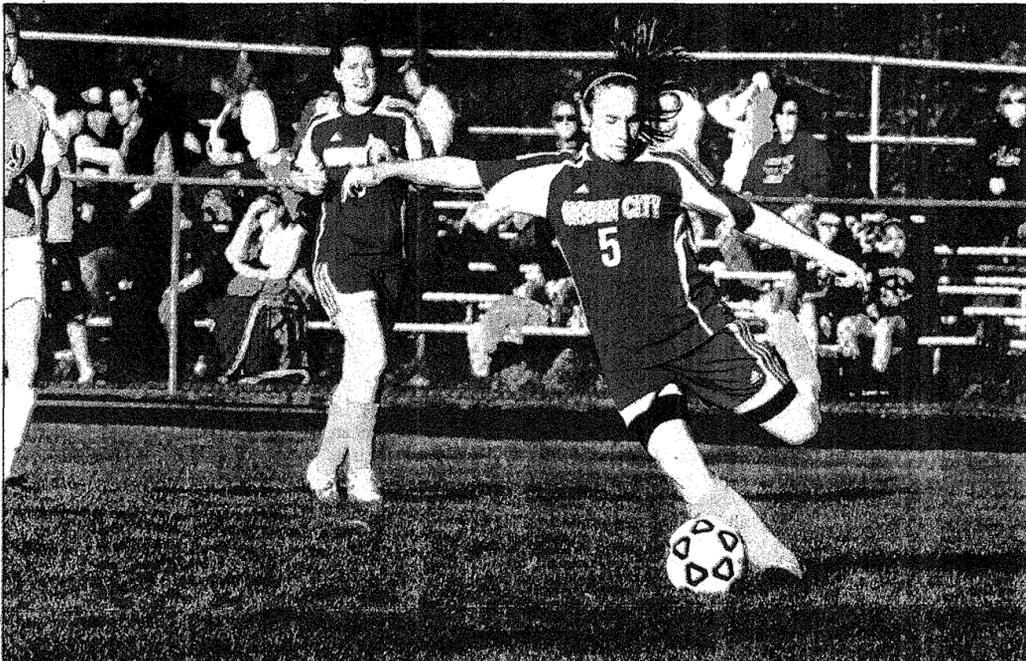
The 29-year-old Micklash, who has taught physical education and health at Dunckel Middle School for six years, replaces Chris Grzegorzczak.

"We've already started this summer, trying to put a system in place," Micklash said. "It's been going great. The girls have been picking things up well. I can't wait to get started for the season."

Micklash coached eighth-grade girls since he began teaching in the district. He also spent one season as a boys varsity assistant at Farmington High.

For the past three years, he has been the North Farmington fresh-

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Karlee Derrick, a four-year letter winner for the Cougars of Garden City, recently signed on with Marygrove College where she will be a part of the initial class for women's soccer.

## Ex-Cougar Derrick to help kick start Mustangs

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Many athletes cherish the opportunity to lay the groundwork toward building a winning program. And what better way to accomplish that feat than by being a part of an inaugural class of prized athletes.

Garden City High graduate Karlee Derrick certainly finds herself in that

category these days as the prep soccer star recently signed a letter of intent to attend Marygrove College and participate in the school's initial season of women's soccer.

"It's the first team ever there and it's something I want to be a part of," Derrick said. "Coach (Tony Williams) called me a couple of times and just said that this is going to be a new program and I just want you girls to have

fun and grow together as a team. He had his heart in it when he said that, and I really enjoyed hearing that."

Up until a couple of weeks ago, Karlee had Siena Heights on her priority list. But a disagreement in funding allowed her to explore other options and that is when Williams came a calling.

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## New-look Rams thrill 85-year-old sponsor

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Rams broke out their new blue and gold jerseys Friday night at Bicentennial Park.

And 85-year-old team sponsor Amy Black, who donated \$1,900 for the new threads, couldn't help but like the way the Rams looked in posting a 7-0 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League win over Concealed Security.

Black, from Westland, is the mother of Rams scorekeeper June Berryman and the mother-in-law of Rams manager Rick Berryman. She is considered the Rams' number one fan. In her honor, the initials

'AB' are stitched on one sleeve.

"She comes to the games with her friend Bill, they're the ones who have the clappers and pom poms, they just love her," Rick Berryman said. "She puts in about four grand (\$4,000) a year, including the (wooden) bats, and we kick in the rest so the kids don't have to really pay anything. She's been with us to Johnston (Pa.) for the Nationals three times. She's been to Zanesville (for the AAABA regionals). She just loves baseball."

The 20-and-under Rams, who improved to 13-8 in the LCBL, jumped on Concealed starter Chris Gazley, formerly of Redford Union High, for three runs in the first inning and two more in the fifth to build a 5-0 advantage.

Catcher Brett Mazmanian also returned to the lineup for the first time since early in the season after suffering a shoulder injury on a slide. The Kaskaskia (Ill.) Community College product, who served as the designated hitter, went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI.

"We're glad to see him back," Berryman said. "Having him back is a thrill because he can catch and play the infield. He's the classic number two hitter. He hates to lose and he gives us a big lift."

Jason Forster also collected two hits, including a double, and two RBI to pace the Rams' nine-hit attack. Catcher Jake Rhodes also contributed two hits and an RBI, while Madonna University's Nick Plinka (Livonia

Stevenson) also knocked in a first-inning run.

That gave Rams left-handed starter Matt Broder, a red-shirt from the University of Michigan, all the cushion he needed to pick up the win.

In five innings, the Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook grad allowed just three hits, walked only two and struck out five. James Bertakis (Edgewood College, Wis.) pitched the final two scoreless innings to preserve the shutout.

"Every outing James just gets better and better," Berryman said. "He threw real well. His mechanics are better from where he started, to where he is today. And he puts in the work to get better."

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## DERRICK

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"To have a coach call me two to three times a day was special," Derrick said. "I went and visited the campus and really liked what I saw and what I was hearing from the coach."

A defender much of the time during her four years of play with the Cougars, Derrick — who recently garnered All-Observer First Team honors — said she expects to hold down similar duties with the Mustangs.

"I think I love the rush of stopping the other team," Derrick said when asked if she had a preference focusing on offense or defense. "I've played a lot of defense on a lot of different teams and I enjoy playing back there and stopping the other team."

"Karlee is a highly skilled player that will give us a huge presence on the field," said

Williams, who knows a thing or two about initiating collegiate programs after setting in place the men's soccer team at St. Mary's College in 1997. "She was rewarded for her outstanding play during her career in high school from many outlets."

"A player like Karlee instantly makes us a better team from the moment she signed," Williams went on. "Her enthusiasm and passion for the game is shared by many of her teammates. I look forward to coaching Karlee over the next four years."

Derrick said her experience of playing four years of varsity soccer at Garden City, including three as a starter, against some of the premier prep programs in the state really "toughened" her up mentally and physically for the grind that goes along with being a student-athlete in college. She has also honed her skills away from the high school scene

by competing throughout the indoor and outdoor seasons for premier and select soccer programs.

"The game has always been a lot of fun for me," said Derrick, who in 2008 was voted Most Improved Player by the Cougars and in 2009 selected as the team's Most Valuable Player. "I played softball when I was younger, but that was too slow for me. I started off playing soccer with my dad who was the coach and just had a lot of fun."

"This is going to be a new challenge and I think I'm ready for it," Derrick went on. "As a freshman at Garden City, it was scary but it toughened me up and made me a lot stronger player."

Derrick's initial trip onto the soccer field with her new Marygrove teammates will occur Sept. 1 at Olivet College. The Mustangs will play their first home game Sept. 23 against Kalamazoo College.

## COACH

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man boys coach and a varsity assistant under longtime coach Tom Negoshian, whom he credits with preparing him for his new job.

"If it wasn't for the past three years, I don't think I'd be as confident as I am with what I'm doing, taking over the program at Harrison," Micklash said. "I just think it's very important for a young coach to have someone who has mentored him."

"I've been around the game and a lot of different coaches. In my senior year of high school, my varsity coach got me into coaching and helping out with the middle school kids."

Micklash will employ the same aggressive, defensive style of play with the Harrison girls that he learned from Negoshian.

"That's what I feel comfortable doing and coaching," he said. "I believe it's a successful way. You have to play hard, because it's not easy."

"It's been working well this summer. We've had some success with it. That's the style we're going to play. Defensively, we're going to be all over the court for 32 minutes."

"The girls have been learning the press, and they've been picking it up well. They've been very receptive to it and seem very excited about it, too."

Micklash, who attended Central Michigan University, was an all-league point guard at Cass City High School and led the Thumb Area in free throw shooting (90 percent) as a senior.

"We've already been working a lot on free throws," Micklash said. "It's going to be very important. In tight games, especially in the fourth quarter, a lot of times

free throws can put you over the top."

Micklash will have a veteran team and a good talent pool with which to work at Harrison, which had only two seniors last season.

The Hawks will have one of the best senior combinations in the area in Chelsea Gaddis and Bianca Vasovski around which to build a team.

"There are some good girls coming back," Micklash said. "The senior class is pretty good. I'm fortunate to come into a situation with the leadership of (Vasovski and Gaddis) and solid seniors like them."

"There are some good, young kids coming up, too. I've talked to the girls at Warner (Middle School) who will be coming to Harrison, because we want to build a program. The summer is a good time to see who wants to be a part of things and who's showing up."

## SCHMITT

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turing the 500 freestyle at the NCAA Championships in March. She also earned All-America honors in the 200 freestyle (third), 800 freestyle relay

(second) and 400 freestyle relay (fourth).

The Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year also holds Georgia program marks in the 200 and 500 freestyles, along with the 400 and 800 relays.

### Fox 49th in 400 IM

Livonia native Megan Fox,

17, swam the preliminary heat of the 400 individual medley Thursday and placed 49th overall with a time of 4:56.88.

The Stevenson High student and member of the Oakland Live Yers came in with a qualifying entry time of 4:54.56.

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## Class A champions

The Plymouth Canton Pride Elite Blue recently captured the 16-and-under state Class A fastpitch girls softball championship held at Powers Park in Novi. The Pride, who defeated the Kalamazoo Woodens Extra Innings in a nine-inning game in for the title, finished 7-0 in tourney play to qualify for the ASA Nationals later this month in Sioux Falls, S.D. They also defeated AA Gold, Elite Black, the Michigan A's, Computware and Team Michigan to win their sixth tournament in six starts and raise their overall summer record to 35-2. The players hail from Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Livonia Ladywood, Novi, Belleville and Detroit Cass Tech high schools. Team members include (front row, from left): Amanda Burnard, Alyssa Gietl; (second row, from left): Briana Lee, Bridget Cole, Meghan Robinson, Jenny Thompson, Symone Millet; (back row, from left) coach Jim Gietl, Heide Schmidt, Carol Ann Saxauer, coach Mike Burnard, Carneishia Cooper, Amy Dunleavy and coach Kevin Dunleavy.



## Little League Champs

The White Sox are the South Farmington Pinto League's under-8 champions after winning 17 of 18 games this season. The team members are (front row, left to right) Nick Rogers, Alex Roussey, Luke Morrisette, Danny Scott, Ben Jugan, Jacob Husband, Jeff Gyure, Timothy Austin, (middle row, left to right) Brandon Tidwell, Tyler Baird, Anthony Simmons, Hunter Ferguson-Kallgren, Daniel Sawicky, (back row, left to right) coach Bob Baird, manager Jeff Morrisette and coach John Husband.

## CAMPS/CLINICS

### Football

• Westland John Glenn High School will stage its annual varsity football Camp for grades 11-12 beginning at 6 p.m. Monday, July 13 and Wednesday-Thursday, July 15-16, at the high school.

The cost is \$5. For signup information, call coach Tim Hardin at (734) 620-0063.

• North Farmington High School will have a football skills camp 8 a.m. to noon July 27-30 for any football player entering the ninth through 12th grade in the 2009-10 school year.

The cost is \$75. The camp will be conducted by the North coaching staff. Each player will need football cleats, gym shoes, workout clothes and helmet with mouth guard. Helmets should be provided by the player's high school.

To register contact coach Todd Schultz at either Todd.schultz@farmington.k12.mi.us or 248-888-6263.

• The Pops QB Tutor summer camps will be making stops in the area including: Plymouth/Canton Area QB-WR - 1-2:30 p.m., July 27-30, at Heritage Park (grades 3-12).

For more information, visit popsqbtutor.com; or e-mail Richard Popp at: theqbtutor@yahoo.com.

### All sports

• Schoolcraft College will offer a series of summer sports camps for ages 10-18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, including:

Boys and girls soccer - July 13-16, 20-23, 27-30 (cost \$150); boys and girls basketball - July 20-23 (cost \$150); girls volleyball - July 27-30 (cost \$150).

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Athletic Department at (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail athletic director Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu.

• The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of summer sports programs and several clinics. The summer programs (from July 13 through Aug. 17) will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through instruction and include "Kickers and Shooters"

soccer, preschool and youth basketball, preschool soccer class, preschool and youth baseball.

Morning and evening classes are available; ages vary by program but there is something for children between ages 3-9. Programs are open to YMCA members and community members.

Three sports clinics also are on tap through Plymouth Family YMCA.

Those include baseball (July 21-25, for ages 9-11), soccer (July 28 through Aug. 1, ages 6-9) and basketball (Aug. 4-8, ages 6-9).

Call (734) 453-2904; or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org) for information.

### Soccer

• Midwest Soccer Academy, one of the most respected and experienced soccer training organizations in the United States, will be conducting soccer training camps for boys and girls July 20-24. Hosted by Our Lady of the Good Counsel in Plymouth, the week-long camp will feature members of the MSA staff working with youngsters in improving their overall skills.

Cost is \$125 per camper. Sessions for girls will be held 9 a.m.-noon daily, while the boys will run from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

More information can be obtained by contacting Midwest Soccer Academy at 1-800 714-5575 or toll free at 1-877-714-5575, or by email at [info@midwestsoccer.net](mailto:info@midwestsoccer.net), or by signing up online at [www.midwestsoccer.net](http://www.midwestsoccer.net).

• The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer three different sessions of soccer camps the weeks of July 13-17 and 20-24, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The base camp will be from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. (\$160 for residents; \$175 for non-residents). The full-day camp runs from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (\$210 for residents; \$220 for non-residents).

All three sessions also include Camp Swoosh A.M. Extended care from 7:30-9 a.m. (\$15 LCRC pass holders; \$17 residents; \$20 non-residents).

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

### Basketball

• Madonna University will be staging its 35th annual All-Star camp for boys (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 27-31.

The cost is \$175 per player. For more information, visit [madonnacrusaders.com](http://madonnacrusaders.com).

### Cross country

• Madonna University will stage its summer 2009 base cross country camp from 8-9:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 27-31, at cost of \$70.

MU will also stage long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. each Saturday, July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1 and 8; at Cass Benton Park (\$2 for each session).

For more information, call MU cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226 (cell); or (734) 432-5634 (office). You can also e-mail [pdaugherty@madonna.edu](mailto:pdaugherty@madonna.edu).

For more information, call (734) 642-6664.

### Lacrosse

• The University of Detroit-Mercy will host a summer lacrosse skills camp for all high school students from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 20-22.

The fee is \$150 with a free gift provided.

To register, visit the Titan website at [www.detroittitans.com](http://www.detroittitans.com).

For more information, call U-D assistant coach Chris Kolon at (313) 585-8430.

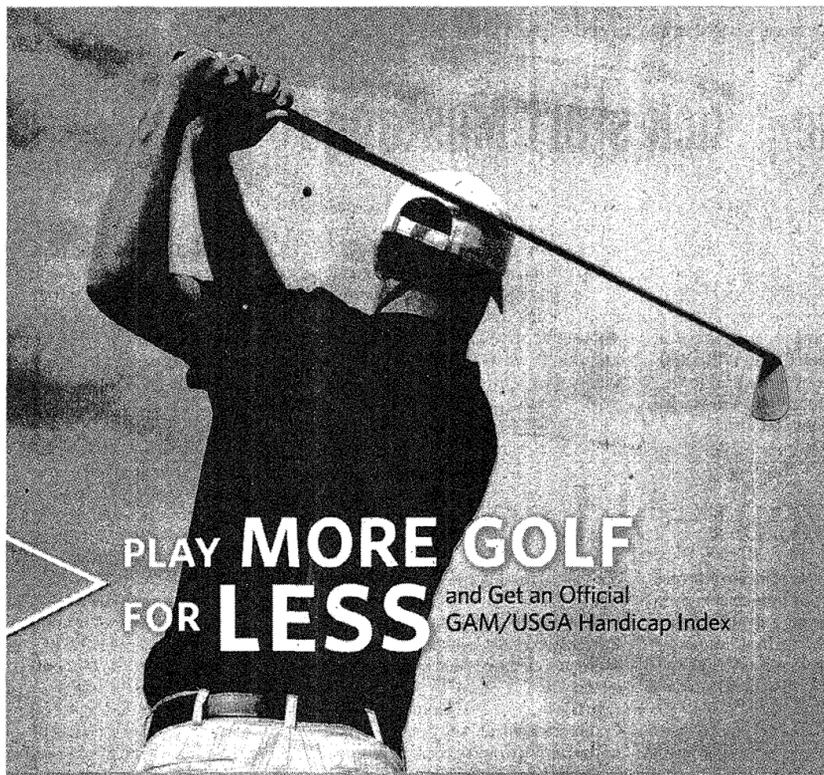
### Volleyball

• Westland John Glenn will stage an Asics Performance camp for high school girls (grades 9-12), Monday through Wednesday, July 20-22.

The camp features collegiate trainers from the Premier Volleyball Academy based in Maumee, Ohio.

Sessions will cover skills and drills on all aspects of competitive volleyball. The cost of the camp is \$100 (includes T-shirt).

For registration information, call Glenn coach Julian Wargo at (248) 295-7245.



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# Bulls rally to clip Michigan Rams

The Michigan Rams couldn't seal the deal Wednesday night as the Michigan Bulls rallied for four runs in the top of the seventh inning for a 4-3 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League triumph at Ford Field.

The loss dropped the 20-and-under Rams to 12-8 in the LCB, while the 22-and-under Bulls improve to 16-3. Rams starter Tom Whiting allowed just two runs on four

hits and two walks while fanning five in six innings. Reliever Ryan Abraham, who came on in the seventh, took the loss. He gave up two runs on two hits and a walk. Both runs were unearned as the Bulls took advantage of a costly Rams infield error on an Andy Lentz bunt attempt.

Jeff Bultinck, who went 2-for-3, tied the game with an RBI and Tim Ryan's single scored Lentz with the game-

winner. Sean O'Rourke pitched 1.2 innings of scoreless relief of starter Tim Simpson to earn the victory.

Andre Harris also went 2-for-3 with a run scored for the Bulls. Matt McNeil added an RBI triple.

The Rams wasted a 3-for-3 performance at the plate by Jake Rhodes, who drove in all three runs. Aaron Cieslak added two hits.

# Excitement set to build on area lanes

The World Series is coming to Detroit — that is the new concept by the Professional Bowlers Tour (PBA).

It will all start with the 2009 PBA Motor City Open, running Aug. 2-6 at Taylor Lanes and then

shifting over to Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. The theme is the 'World Series of Bowling,' a new concept which will draw interest to the Metropolitan Detroit area.

The entire bowling world will be focused on the Detroit area for more than a month as the best bowlers in the world take part in this nationally televised event. There will be the return of the PBA Women's series at the same time as well as a revamped PBA Senior World Championship.

This presents a golden opportunity for the local pro "wannabes" to enter and test out their skills against the best bowlers in the world. They are offering a convenient entry process to get into the tournament field. Non-PBA members are invited to download the non-member entry form which lists all of the event

options, and fax, email or mail the form to PBA headquarters.

PBA members can enter online or by phone. This revolutionary festival of competitive bowling boasts a \$2 million prize fund over seven ESPN telecasts.

Members and non-members enter the Tournament Qualifying Round (TQR) in order to advance to the television show. The PBA World Series of Bowling is an excellent destination tournament with TQRs bundled on the weekends to allow non-exempt players and non-members alike the chance to participate in several tournaments, side events and sweepers in a single weekend.

The Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour features an expanded field of 72 players for the World Series of Bowling with at least 10 spots to be awarded through TQRs. All bowlers who qualify through the TQRs will cash.

The PBA Women's Series, presented by BOWL.COM, has expanded its field for 20 top spots, allowing a minimum of two spots to come from each TQR.

We can look forward to a good contingent of bowlers from our highly-talented pool to show up, especially since the traveling costs are almost nil and participating in their home environment.

There will be many locals who will try to emulate John Nolen of

Waterford, who earlier in the year won the PBA Masters, thus giving him a two year exemption for the entire PBA Tour and ranking him in the top 10.

Taylor Lanes has been a consistent PBA Tour stop and it is only fitting that the World Series of Bowling begins right there. The Motor City Open will also feature the Pro-Am event which has been a big hit with local bowling fanatics.

Each squad will offer prize money, scholarship awards and the opportunity to bowl with the pros. The full Exempt Package also includes a new Siege bowling ball, (valued at \$219).

Taylor Lanes is also incorporating a PBA Motor City Open "Sweeper" to be held on Friday, July 17, in which two bowlers will win an entry to compete in the Motor City Open. For more details, phone (734) 946-9092. Additional information and a complete schedule for the World Series of Bowling may be found by visiting [www.pbaworldseriesofbowling.com](http://www.pbaworldseriesofbowling.com).

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## Outlaws win NSA state title

The Michigan Outlaws Black travel team won the NSA 16-and-under 'A' state championship June 27-28 in Jackson. After losing their first game, the Outlaws battled back and won eight straight, including five on Sunday. The team members are (front row, left to right) Kim Toth, Farmington; Brie Prescott, Casey Baker, Emma Fernandez, Berkley; (middle row) Kara Wiechert, Carlee Meek, Miranda Cleary, Carly Hazzard, Krista Hakola, head coach Chuck Meek, (top row) coach Ed Timm, Kaytlin Stroinski, coach Mike Wiechert and Hillary Timm.



## AA baseball champs

The 14-and-under Livonia Travel Tarheels finished 5-0 while outscoring their opponents 48-15 to capture the USSSA Michigan AA baseball title, June 26-28, in Canton. The Tarheels now advance to the USSSA AA World Series, July 19-26, at Liberty Park in Sterling Heights. Members of the Tarheels include (front row, from left) Kevin D'Arcy, Livonia; Dylan Karker, Redford; Tom Hool, Livonia; Nick Rutherford, Farmington; Josh DeYonker, Livonia; Mike Korte, Livonia; Mike Kanitra, Livonia; and coach Bruce Rosen. (Not pictured is coach Gary DeYonker.)

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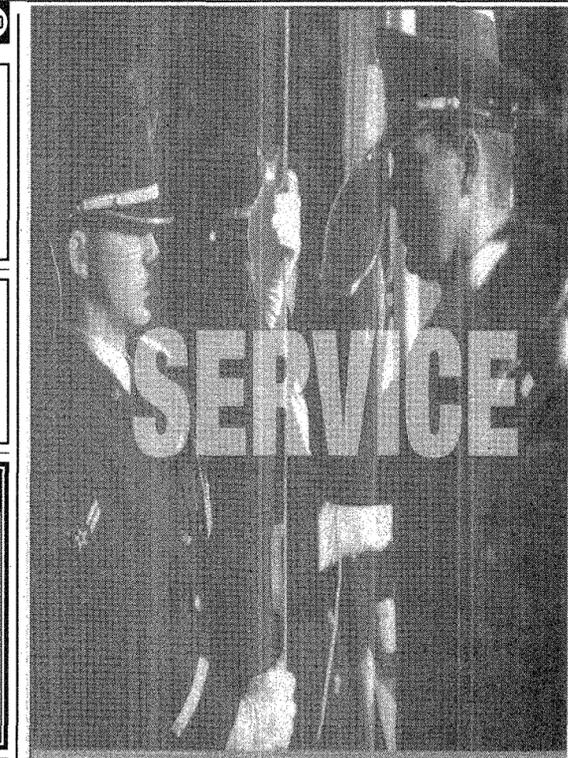
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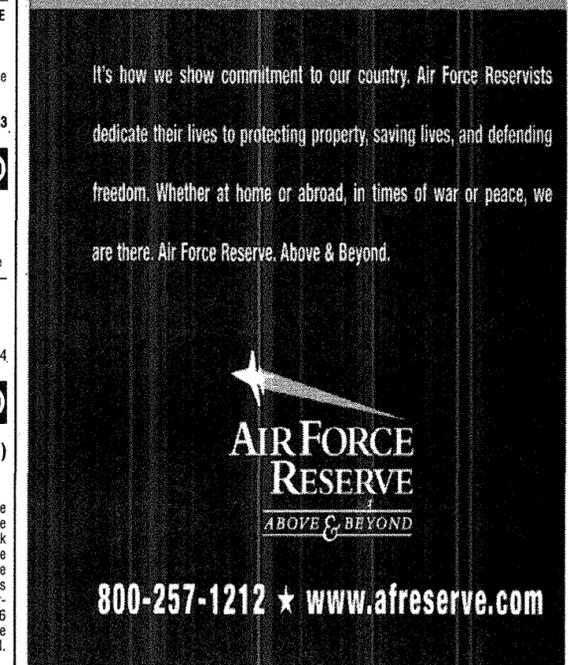
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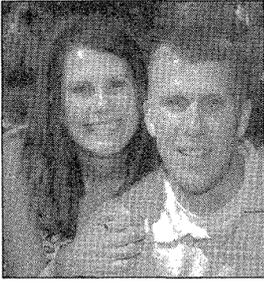
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**ROVNAK-HALINEN**

Kathryn Joan Rovnak of Canton and Andrew Steven Halinen of Westland announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Paul and Joan Rovnak of Gahanna, Ohio, is a 1996 graduate of Bishop Hartley High School in Columbus, Ohio; a 2000 graduate of Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio; and a 2005 graduate of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. She has earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration. She works as an MP&L analyst at Visteon in Highland Park.

Her fiancé, son of Jane Aho of Plymouth, the late John R. Aho and stepmother Denise Miller of Brighton, is a 1995 graduate of Salem High School in Canton; a 2005 graduate of Northwood University in Midland; and a 2009 graduate of Eastern Michigan University in Midland. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration and a graduate certificate in human resource management. He is a supply chain manager for



Rovnak-Halinen

FedEx in Plymouth.

An August 2009 wedding is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton.

**WILLIAMS-LAFFERTY**

Lauren Williams of White Lake and Joseph Lafferty of Redford Township announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Larry and Deana Williams of White Lake, is a 2008 Oakland University graduate and is employed at Wee-Friends Child Care.

Her fiancé, son of Tim and Fran Lafferty of Redford Township, is a 2007 graduate of Holy Cross College. He's



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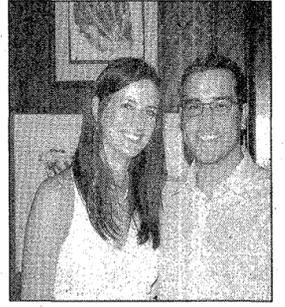
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A September 2009 wedding at The Inn at St. John's is planned.

**MCCARTHY-VILLALBA**

Joseph and Janet McCarthy of Farmington Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth McCarthy, to Paul Sebastian Villalba, son of Mario and Nilda Villalba of Bloomfield Hills.

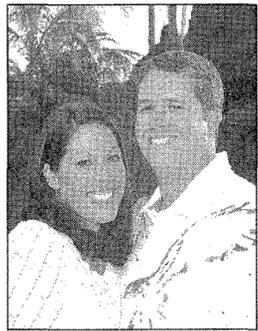
The couple plans to wed in August 2009.



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Brammer-Lintner

**BRAMMER-LINTNER**

Renee Christine Brammer and Steven Andrew Lintner announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Carol Brammer of Livonia and the late Robert Brammer, is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Stevenson, and a 2004 graduate of Central Michigan University. She has lived in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii since 2005 and works for the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.

Her fiancé, son of Donald and Lou Ann Lintner of Tallmadge, Ohio, is a 1993 graduate of Tallmadge High School and a 1999 graduate of Kent State University.

He has lived in Maui since 2007 and is employed by Starwood Resorts.

The couple met in 2000 while working at Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio. Steve proposed to Renee on Thanksgiving Day, 2008. They plan an August 2009 wedding at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. A reception will follow at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.



Torres-Szczesny

**TORRES-SZCZESNY**

John and Christine Torres of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela, to Barry Szczesny, son of Dr. Barry R. and Judith Szczesny of Huntington Woods.

The bride-to-be is employed at the UHY accounting firm in Southfield. She earned an associate's degree in liberal arts from Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is vice president of Metcalf Federal Relations in Washington D.C. where he resides. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he earned a bachelor's degree in art and political science. He also earned a juris doctorate degree from Wayne State University Law School.

A December 2009 wedding is planned at Shrine of the Little Flower, in Royal Oak. A reception will follow at Long Acre House at Heritage Park in Farmington.

The couple will reside in Washington, D.C.

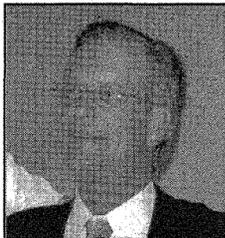
**ATANASIO CANDIDO FAJARDO, MD**

Age 90. Passed away July 7, 1990 in Worcester, PA. For more information and to send condolences please go to [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com)



**DORIS DOUGLAS**

Of Plymouth, Michigan, age 92, died on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born on March 11, 1917 in Calumet, Michigan, the daughter of William J. and Loveday (Keast) Ivey. On October 11, 1953 she married William M. Douglas in Detroit and he survives. Doris loved going to plays, reading, canning, and gardening. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Livonia. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two brothers, William (Sue) Ivey of Dexter and Sam Ivey of Eagle Creek, OR; seven nephews, James Ivey, Michael (Jan) Ivey, Jay (Susan) Ivey, Paul Ivey, Matthew Ivey, Jim (Laura) Fuller, and Ralph (Thelma) Douglas; and one niece, Jennifer (Andy) Clarke. A memorial service will take place a later date. Interment will take place at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley or to the church. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.



**FREDERICK WILSON PERKINS**

Of 1306 Northfield Street, Greensboro, NC passed away unexpectedly Sunday, June 28, 2009 at Moses F. Cone Memorial Hospital. Fred was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on April 2, 1952, son of Thomas and Jean Perkins. He attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI where he played on the Bronco's hockey team. Fred was a lover of nature, hiking, and music; wrote poetry and sketched, as well as participating in many different sports. His love of hockey continued with his sons, where he coached boy's hockey for many years. During all of this time, he was an avid golfer. One of his proudest achievements was climbing to the summit of Mt. Rainier in 1976. Fred's professional life was spent in sales, some for LAD Chemicals, Clairo, and several golf equipment companies, most currently Bridgestone Golf in Covington, GA, where he was Director of National Accounts. He was the consummate business partner and friend, greeting clients with a wide smile, a firm handshake, and, "Hi! I'm Fred Perkins, what can I do for you?" He loved people, was never petty, never held a grudge, and loved, protected, and provided for his family unselfishly. Fred never knew a stranger. This world will be a lesser place without his physical presence, but the impact Fred had on those that knew and loved him will live on forever in our hearts. Fred and his wife Debbie attended Westover Church in Greensboro, NC. He leaves to mourn him, his devoted wife, Debbie and her family of Greensboro, NC; his parents, Thomas and Jean Perkins, of Dearborn, MI; his sons, Michael, of Charleston, SC and Andrew, of Santa Fe, NM; sister, Susan Trautmann and husband Gene, of Round Rock, TX; brother Dr. Henry Perkins and wife Helen, of San Antonio, TX; Julie Perkins, of Greenville, SC, the mother of his sons; as well as his nephew, nieces, many cousins, friends, and colleagues across the country. A memorial service to celebrate Fred's life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, MI on Friday, July 10, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, the Arbor Day Foundation Trees in Memory, Camp Skyline C/O First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009, or the charity of one's choice. Lambeth-Troxler Funeral and Cremation is assisting the Perkins family. On line condolences may be made at: [www.lambethtroxlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.lambethtroxlerfuneralhome.com)

**HENRY C. RENDELL II**

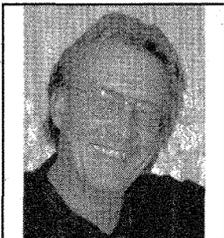
Age 74, a former resident of Baldwin House in Birmingham, died July 6, 2009. He was retired from Visteon Corp. Dear brother of Dorothy (Andrew) Huebner. Proud uncle of Andrew H. and Frederick G. Huebner. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Memorials to charity of donor's choice. Share your memories at: [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

**INEZ ETHERIDGE**

July 5, 2009, age 87, of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Curtis. Dear mother of Wade Nealey, James Nealey, Curtis Etheridge, Cathie (Thomas) Adkins, Joyce (Steve) Lowe, Darlene Webb, Billy (Cheryl) Etheridge, Donna (George) Horsley & the late Tammy. Sister of Laura Porter & Nancy Anderson. Grandmother of 13 & great-grandmother of 21. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 8th at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Please view memorial & send a note of condolence to: [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)

**JAMES A. COTTRILL**

Of Redford, formerly of Southfield, June 25, age 85. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Cottrill. Loving father of David A. and his wife Lynn of Ferndale, and Nancy (Cottrill, DVM) and her husband Brian Lafferty of Andover, MA. Beloved grandfather of Fiona Lafferty. Predeceased by his sister Alice Wright, and brother Compton Cottrill. Jim retired as a financial analyst from Chrysler Corporation in 1987. He was active at Presbyterian Village of Redford (where he resided) on several committees. His passion was gardening; he volunteered at Cranbrook Gardens in Bloomfield. Memorial service, Greenfield Presbyterian Church, 2312 Greenfield Rd (n. of 11 Mile Rd), Berkley at 7 pm on Monday, July 13. Donations, The Village of Redford, PVM, 25350 W. Six Mile Rd, Redford, MI 48240.



**JAMES "Jim" CARL SUMMERS**

Age 54, died in a bicycle accident on July 4, 2009. He is survived by his loving family: Mother - Kelle Summers; Children - Dawn Nicholle, Ryan Scott, and Janell Lynn (Malloy); Grandchildren - Makaila and Hunter; Sisters - Janice, Joyce, Vivian and Ruth; Longtime companion - Lorna Schulman; many beloved nieces, nephews and friends; (and many homeowners with dry basements). Predeceased by his father, James Aubrey Summers. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W 14 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

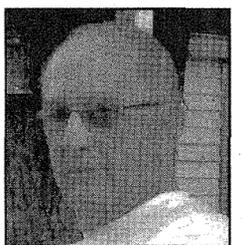
**JOHN HENSLEY**

Passed June 16, 2009. John has been free of his pain and suffering for 2 weeks now. He passed in his sleep on June 16. Along with his job at Fords his spare time was spent managing little league. Sadly, he will be missed by his family and friends.



**NANCY B. HANCE**

July 8, 2009. Age 81. Lifelong resident of Birmingham and graduate of Baldwin High School. She attended Denison University (Granville, OH) where she met and later married for 57 years her beloved husband Bruce. Loving mother of Deborah Paulick (Rodney) and Cindy VanDusen (Tom). Grandmother of Jennifer, Jessica, John, Joseph and Patrick. Services have been held. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., #100, Southfield, MI 48076. A. J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



**JOHN "Jack" BAKER**

Of Traverse City, Mich., passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at age 75. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lillian (nee Daudelin) Baker. Jack was the loving father of Chris, Tim and Sue; and the proud grandfather of Matthew, Dylan, Brendan, Cameron and Mack. He is also survived by his second wife, Emily Church, and dear friend Lucy Russell. Jack was a proud "Yooper" who relocated to the Detroit area and worked as an engineer for Ford for 33 years. He loved hockey, woodworking, and nature. He was an active coach and volunteer for his children's teams, helping build the Livonia Hockey Association, among many other involvements and contributions. Jack is remembered fondly for his love of family, his ability to make friends anywhere, and his desire to save the wilds of Michigan for future generations. A memorial will be held August 15 at the family home on Mickey Lake, which he originally built. Memorial donations may be made in Jack's name to the Livonia Hockey Association Benevolent Fund (33841 Lyndon, Livonia, MI 48154), the Interlochen Center for the Arts, or the American Heart Association.

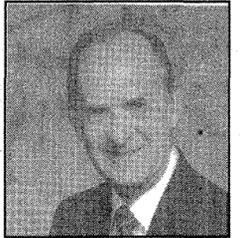


**RAYMOND ROSS CUNNINGHAM**

Of Plymouth, MI passed away Monday, July 6, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital, Saffine, Michigan. Ray was born on September 28, 1927, to Robert Hayden and Willie (Rainey) Cunningham on Frog Level, (near Obion) Tennessee. Ray married Lottie Mae Owens of Obion, Tennessee in 1947, and then moved to Plymouth, MI in 1950. He retired after 30 years with General Motors Powertrain (Hydramatic) plant in Ypsilanti. Ray was a familiar face in the Plymouth community. He was an active member and past president of the Goodfellows. Ray had a wonderful sense of humor, which always kept friends and family laughing. If Ray wasn't cruising the streets of Plymouth looking for a good garage sale, he'd be meeting up with his buddies for coffee. He loved country and rock 'n' roll music, was self-taught on the guitar. He was an avid Tiger's fan and watched as many old westerns he could find searching through the local flea markets. He was always sharing stories from his years growing up in Tennessee. Raymond is survived by his loving wife, Lottie Mae of Plymouth; sons, Dennis and wife Denise of Tecumseh, Larry and wife Mary Jo of Plymouth; daughter, Lisa (Moore) and husband Rick of Columbia, TN; sisters Mildred (Kilburn), Fannie (Jackson), Joan (Green); brothers, Robert and CL; grandchildren, Denielle; Devon, Hollie, Jay, Derek, Robert, Sean, Aaron and Owen. He was also blessed with seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, four brothers, and grandchildren, Deirdra and Ty. A memorial service to celebrate Ray's life will be held at the Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N Territorial Rd (just West of Sheldon), Plymouth, MI on Saturday, July 18th at 11:00 am. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Praise Baptist Church of Plymouth.

**RAYMOND W. SCHINKE**

Age 57, of Marion, OH, formerly of Livonia, Michigan, passed away Sunday, July 5th at his home. He was born June 25, 1952 in Detroit to the late Roman and Elizabeth (Rutherford) Stjepierski. He was a truck driver for many years and developed a love for his C.B and Hamm radios. He also loved to ride motorcycles, shooting guns, and working on his truck. His is survived by: four brothers: Skip "Les" Schinke (Betty) of Delaware, Ted Schinke of Colorado, Cecil "Hooper" Schinke of Marion, and Ralph Moore (Carol) of Michigan; five nephews: Robbie, Todd, and Cecil Schinke and Robert and Scott Moore; and four nieces: Stephanie, Debbie, and Presley Schinke, and Olivia Leija. The family will hold a memorial service at Skip "Les" Schinke's home (27 Somers Rd. Delaware Ohio 43015) on Saturday, July 11th at 10am. Condolences may be expressed by visiting: [www.rodmanneep.com](http://www.rodmanneep.com)



**JOHN M. "Jack" FARR**

Age 81 of St. Clair died Wednesday, February 18, 2009. John was born in St. Clair, Michigan to the late Robert and Carol (nee Jenks) Farr. John graduated from Washington University. He was a veteran of WW II serving in the U.S. Navy. John married Phyllis Jean Farr on February 14, 1948 and she died July 3, 2006. He retired as President of the state Saving Bank of Fenton and was a member of Samia Yacht Club and St. Clair River Country Club. John is survived by sons Robert (Laurie) Farr of Beverly Hills, MI and Stephen (Grace) Farr of Yorba, Linda, CA. Grand children, Jennifer, Kristine, Sarah, David and Grace. In addition to his wife and parents, John was preceded in death by a son David Farr and Brother Robert Farr. Cremation has taken place, a memorial service will be held, Saturday July 18 at 11 AM in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Clair. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Arrangements by L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home, St. Clair.

**(Nettie) DALE DOWNEY LAMB**

86 years old long - time resident of Redford, Michigan. This loving, thoughtful, compassionate, generous, independent woman passed away 6.29.09. Loving wife of the late Robert A. Lamb. Proud loving mother of Michael (Diana) Lamb, Linda (Bill) Lawshe, Steven (the late Terrie) Lamb. Loving Grandmother of Todd, Patrick, Jasone, Benjamin Timothy, Stacy & the late Jeffrey and a "new" grandmother to Pete, Angela and Ryan. And loving Great-grandmother of Isabella, Maggie & Lucus. Dale was the eldest daughter of the late Mary (Gouge) and Charles Downey of Royal Oak, Michigan. She was the eldest sister of Marilyn (Pat) Feore, Crystal (Don) Guirey, Emily (Gail) Lovelace, Chuck (the late Barbara ) Downey and the late Carol Watson. She was a graduate of The Royal Oak High School class of 1940. Please join us for a Memorial Celebration Sat., July 18th 1:00 pm until Service at 2:00 pm at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (Btwn. 6 - 7 Mile). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to: Brain Injury Assoc. of Michigan, 7305 Grand River, Suite 100, Brighton, Michigan 48114 (envelopes available @ service). And, per Mom's wishes, please join us for a picnic/swim celebration @ Mike & Diana's house after her Memorial Service.

**RICHARD G. STEVENS**

Age 79, of Westland. Past away June 29, 2009. Loving Husband of 55 years to Dolores. Loving father of Deborah & Ron Szaloney and Jeff & Jessica Stevens. Grandfather of Ryan & Debby Naath, Brett Berner, Amanda, Andrew, Ashton, and Alyssa Stevens. Born in England, graduate of MSU, retired from AAA Michigan.



**RUTH DAVIDSON LANSING**

Ruth Davidson Lansing of Richmond, VA passed away Wednesday, July 8th, 2009. Ruth was survived by James Bowne Lansing of Richmond. A memorial service was held on July 9th, 2009 at Saint Michael Catholic Church in Glen Allen, VA. At a future date a memorial mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes in Venice, Florida.

**SHIRLEY M. HIRTH-VARNER**

Age 82, of Rotunda West, Fl & Lake City, MI, died Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at Cadillac Mercy Hospital in Cadillac, MI. Shirley was born June 25, 1927 in Highland Park, MI, to Edward & Dorothy (Thieme) Burnett. She married Dale Hirth May 29, 1948. He preceded her in death in 1987. Shirley married William Varner April 29, 1994, he survives. She was a WELS Lutheran for many years. Shirley loved spending time with her family and traveling. In addition to her husband other survivors include a son, Bruce Hirth (Karen) of Plymouth; a daughter, Sherry Benner (Mark) of Canton; four grandsons, Jon Benner, Matthew Hirth, Jamie Benner (Carrie), Michael Hirth; a great-granddaughter, Elliana Hirth; a sister, Jan Seitz of Saline; a sister & brother-in-law, Marlene (Hirth) & Duane Howe of Milan; many nieces & nephews. Preceded in death by a sister, Kay Swan. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 11 at 1:00 PM at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 195 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI, 48176. Shirley's family will receive friends at the church from 12 noon until the time of service. Private burial at Lodi Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider Mercy Hospice, 7985 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac, MI 49601 or Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church.

**VICTOR GEORGE KUBON**

Age 84 of Howell, died Thursday July 2nd in Ann Arbor. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Helen (nee Harris), his children Daniel (Sharon), Mark (Kathy)-Kubon, Anna (John) Stewart, Beverly Bellestri and Linda (Raymond) Hess, as well as 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Final resting place Mt Olivet Cemetery in Howell MI. To leave a message of comfort for Victor's family go to: [www.borekjennings.com](http://www.borekjennings.com)

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# NEIGHBORS

## Detroit-born author's family story focuses on Eloise site

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Eloise, the county mental hospital in what's now Westland, had a reputation in its heyday "perpetuating the myth of mental illness as something spooky," said author Steve Luxenberg.

Luxenberg, an associate editor at the *Washington Post*, wrote of Eloise in his new book, *Annie's Ghosts* (Hyperion, 2009), which tells of his late aunt, Annie, a patient there from 1940 to 1971.

Luxenberg, who spoke July 6 at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, grew up between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, Lahser and Telegraph, graduating from Henry Ford High School and Harvard University.

He emphasized that his book is a personal story and not a history of Eloise, which operated from 1839 to the early 1980s on Michigan Avenue, not only as a mental hospital but also a general hospital and poorhouse at

varying times.

"It hired the best and the brightest from Michigan colleges," he said, pointing out that each generation believes it has improved treatment for mental illness. That was true of Eloise when Annie was involuntarily committed.

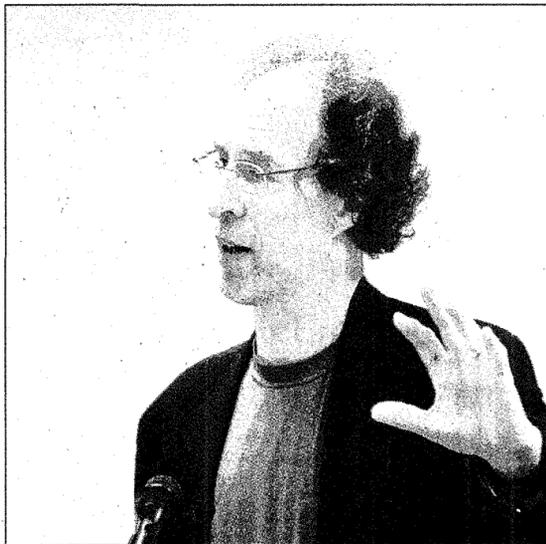
Annie was born with a severe physical deformity and slight mental retardation. Luxenberg and his sister learned of her from a psychiatrist treating his mother late in her life. His mother for years had said she was an only child.

"I believed what my mother said, I had no reason not to believe it."

The family was stunned to learn the mother wasn't really named Beth and had a sister close in age, Annie.

Luxenberg's mother died in 1999, and he never spoke to her about Annie, in part because it seemed to be a betrayal. After her death, the family received a letter asking about cemetery flowers.

"Instead of listing two graves, it listed three. The



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Author Steve Luxenberg speaks at the Westland library.

secret finally had a name, Annie."

Luxenberg did call a Lansing official to see what he could learn, but informa-

tion was limited. "I wasn't daunted by those kinds of obstacles," the journalist said.

He contacted Jo Johnson

of Westland, chair of the Westland Historical Commission, in 2002 and went to work. Johnson helped him through the Friends of Eloise group.

"I want to stress to you this is not a book of judgment," Luxenberg said. "I am not angry with my mother."

He said the large asylum was the norm in 1940, expanding to the point that state and county governments couldn't afford such care. In 1955, there were 558,000 U.S. psychiatric patients. The number began to drop as medication developed and more could be cared for at home.

"My family did not know quite what to do with her," he said of Annie, who lacked job skills. There were no group homes then, and job opportunities for women were more limited. She remained as a "custodial patient," and died at the Northville state hospital.

"The book is about identity," he said. "My mom basically changed her identity."

Annie's identity was lost with her institutionalization. Fewer patients

The pendulum today has swung to the rights of patients to refuse psychiatric care, he said, and there are only 50,000 U.S. psychiatric patients now. He believes we'll look back at today's mental health care in 50 years and question it.

He added that Eloise was named for the postmaster general's daughter, a portrait of whom hangs in the Kay Beard Building.

Luxenberg never found his aunt's photo, despite persistent searching, so the publisher created a cover image for the book. Luxenberg's grateful to all who helped him research his book, and to his hometown of Detroit:

"Detroit is much more conscious of its history, I think, than a lot of cities. History is something that is truly celebrated here."

You can learn more about Luxenberg's book at [www.steveluxenberg.com](http://www.steveluxenberg.com).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Listeners learn about the book, 'Annie's Ghosts' by Steve Luxenberg during the authors presentation Monday evening.

## Local historians contribute to book's research

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Author Steve Luxenberg has ample praise for local historian Jo Johnson of Westland.

"She's really the memory keeper of Eloise," said Luxenberg, a *Washington Post* staffer and author of *Annie's Ghosts*.

He spoke July 6 at the Westland library about his new book, telling of his aunt's years of institutionalization at the county mental hospital.

Jo and her late husband, Ernie, who recently died,

compiled records on Eloise. Ernie had just finished reading Luxenberg's book before his death.

"I feel very honored that was one of his last activities," the author and Detroit native said.

Eloise wasn't only a mental hospital. In the 1930s, it housed many homeless people. They became known as "pogies" — poor old guys in Eloise.

Jo Johnson, chair of the Westland Historical Commission, said friend Betty Zimmerman's dad was on staff at Eloise. Zimmerman was

among staffers' children who lived there.

"The kids would go up on the wards and have cake and ice cream," Johnson said. "It was a normal life to them."

Eloise had an annual Christmas tree lighting. In its use as a hospital, it provided the first X-ray.

Zimmerman went to Michigan State University for music therapy, a field that had its roots at Eloise.

"They used to have music in a huge auditorium. We had huge picnics. It was like family," said Zimmerman, who

spoke briefly July 6 at the library.

She and Johnson spoke together about Eloise, about a year and a half ago and their talk is available on DVD at the Westland library, on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren.

Author Luxenberg praised libraries during his visit, noting wife Mary Jo is a school librarian. The couple has two children.

The author was peppered with questions from an audi-

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# Learn about rabbit lifestyles, donate to Golden Retrievers

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Don't have time to walk or train a dog?

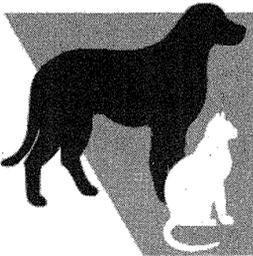
Consider adopting a rabbit.

But first, learn what bunnies like and dislike, get tips for their care and find out if a rabbit would be a good "fit" for you and your family, by attending the Michigan Humane Society's (MHS) rabbit adoption and information event 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 18 at its Berman Center for Animal Care, 900 N. Newburgh, in Westland.

MHS adoption counselors and rabbit experts will be on-hand to help create great matches between families and the bunnies available for adoption. Detailed information about rabbit care will also be available.

The event is part of an MHS effort to increase awareness of these wonderful, yet sometimes forgotten, companion animals.

"Bunnies can be wonderful companions, and we enjoy promoting this at the adoption events," said Linda Reider, MHS director of animal welfare. "The events are

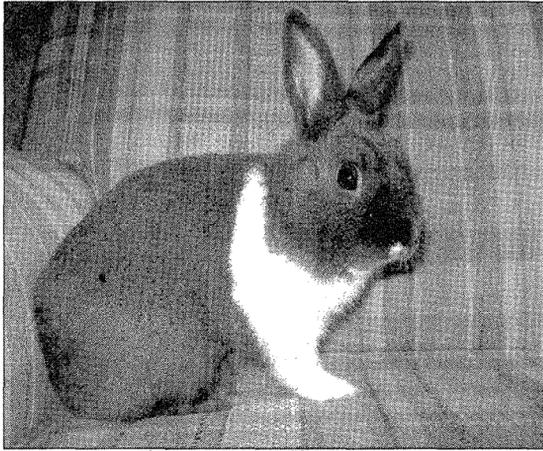


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a fun experience where families can socialize with several available bunnies and select one whose unique personality will best fit their lifestyle."

Jennifer Robertson, MHS public relations coordinator, noted that rabbits have an average lifespan of 7-10 years, making them less of a long-term, lifetime commitment than some other companion animals.

"Some people may be under the impression that rabbits should stay in a cage all their lives, but to the contrary, they actually thrive with plenty of time outside of their cage, socializing with their families," Robertson noted. "They



Learn about rabbits July 18 at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

are entertaining and enlightening to watch, and are curious, intelligent and loving companions.

"They also make wonderful companions for children. Bunnies don't like to be carried, so it can be a great opportunity for kids to sit on the floor with them, socialize, and learn to treat them gently. Like other companion animals, bunnies have unique

personalities— some may be quieter and gentle, while others are active and fun-loving."

Families interested in adopting a rabbit can view adoptable bunnies and access information about rabbit care online at [www.michiganhumane.org/rabbit](http://www.michiganhumane.org/rabbit). MHS rabbit adoption fees are \$30, and include the sterilization of rabbits ages six months and older, a medical exam, and

behavior assessment.

If you can't adopt at this time but still want to help rabbits in need, can donate dark, leafy vegetables, such as romaine lettuce, cabbage, carrot tops and parsley to the Berman Center.

For more information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org).

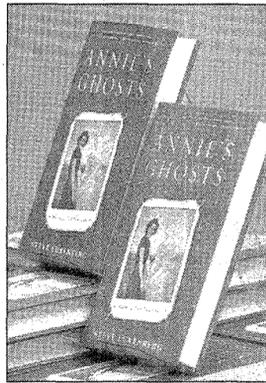
## HELPING GOLDENS

Doggie Days of Summer mixes fashion and fund-raising noon to 3 p.m., July 16-18 at Pendleton in downtown Northville.

The store will donate 10 percent of your purchase price to Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan (GRRoM) and a rescue representative will be on hand with foster dogs to answer questions.

Bring your own dog for a photo with Sir Wooliam, Pendleton's sheep mascot when you make a donation to GRRoM, and register to win a \$25 gift card.

Refreshments will be served. Pendleton is located at 117 N. Center. Call (248) 596-9820 for additional information.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Annie's Ghosts' tells the story of a woman institutionalized at Eloise in what is now Westland.

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ence of about 75, including Thomas Jankowski of Canton, associate director for research and training at Wayne State University's Institute of Gerontology.

"It's a terrific book," Jankowski said of *Annie's Ghosts*. "I haven't quite finished it. It's written in a very compelling way."

Jankowski is researching older Detroiters of the Great Depression, and often read in case files of fears of going to Eloise. "There's not a whole lot available," he said. He was able to glean information from Luxenberg's research.

## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### Concert

Schoolcraft College's Jazz & Wind Ensembles will present "Summer Concert in the Courtyard," 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, in the courtyard between the Forum Building and Bradner Library, on the campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu).

### Poker run and dinner

Ride your motorcycle or drive your car in this on-the-road competition for the best poker hand on July 19. Then head to AMVETS Post 171 in Westland for spaghetti dinner.

It's all for a good cause — helping Kristin Bartlett's family pay for medical costs after the 24-year-old suffered a closed-head injury last October.

"She is in the National Guard and was hurt while off-duty," said Matt McMichael of Westland, her step-father. McMichael said that although the federal government pays for some treatment as well as Kristin's stay in a nursing home, more intensive

therapies aren't covered. A recent series of hyperbaric oxygen treatments cost \$5,000, for example.

"We try to take her home all we can, but most of the time she sits in a nursing home looking out the window," McMichael noted.

Proceeds from the poker run and dinner will ease the cost of continuing treatment. Tickets are \$10 for a single rider, \$15 for a double, and \$5 for the dinner only. Registration for the ride is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the AMVETS post, 1217 Merriman. Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. The post will be open during the ride and dinner. Donations will be accepted and refreshments will be served. Prizes will be awarded for best poker hands and a raffle will be held.

"We had a dinner in April that was really successful. We raised \$6,000 in three hours," McMichael noted.

The Jokers Motorcycle Club of Belleville is helping to coordinate the poker run.

For more information, call McMichael at (734) 522-5026 or John Wilson at AMVETS at (734) 729-

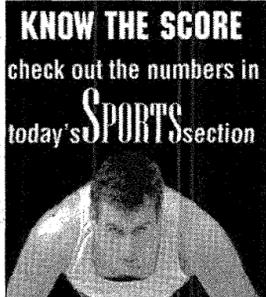
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### Garage sale

Presbyterian Village of Westland plans a garage sale Saturday, July 25, to raise money for employee and resident picnics.

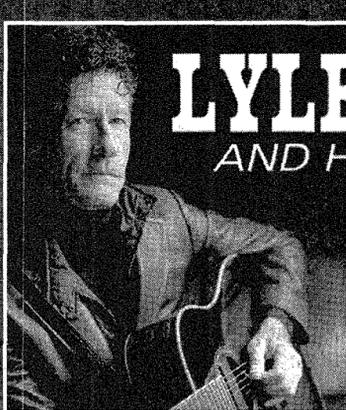
The facility is a part of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that serves senior citizens of all faiths. The Village of Westland offers one- and two-bedroom apartments with services, Assisted Living & Alzheimer/Memory Care cottages, along with Respite Care for short term stays. It also provides home-cooked meals, activities, transportation to shopping and banking, personal emergency response buttons, a Wellness Center with exercise equipment, and gardening. It's located at 32001 Cherry Hill, in Westland. Call (734) 762-8954 for more information.

—By Sharon Dargay



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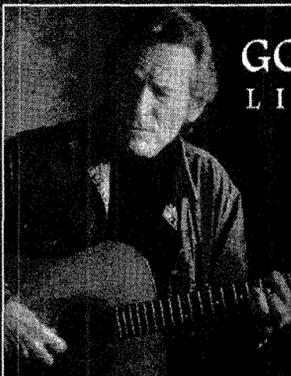


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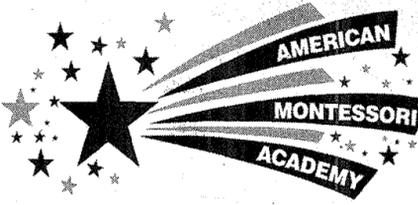
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# Energy savings always hot topic

I was sitting on the deck the other morning watching the mother robin feed her little babies — which are just so fascinating to me — and one neighbor was talking to another and I couldn't help but hear the conversation.



**Appliance Doctor**  
**Joe Gagnon**

"Have you turned on your air conditioning yet?"  
"No I haven't, I have two big fans cooling the house and bedrooms."

It was time for me to interrupt. I asked them both, "Have you cleaned your refrigerator condenser coils lately? They both answered, 'No.'"

Now here are two homeowners concerned about what it cost to operate their central air-conditioning system and yet they pay little attention to the most expensive appliance in the house. Not only does it cause sticker shock when you buy one, it uses more energy than any other appliance in the house. A dirty condenser can add over \$100.00 to your electricity bill every year. A dirty condenser can cause erratic temperatures in both the freezer and refrigerator compartments. A dirty condenser will surely reduce the life span of your refrigerator and cause you to buy a new

one prematurely. A dirty condenser will cause the fan motor to overheat, resulting in an expensive repair. A dirty condenser will cause the floor to turn a dirty yellow color. A dirty condenser will help create a health problem by giving bacteria a place to grow under the refrigerator. Now, the whole point of this column is to help educate you on major home appliances and hopefully after I've just mentioned a dirty condenser seven times, I have your attention.

I have recently been getting calls from consumers who have to wait two or three days before their service company can come over and check out what is wrong with their refrigerators. This is typical of hot weather conditions when so many people are calling for a service man and there are not enough of them to go around. Many of these calls will result in someone having to buy a new refrigerator because of a dirty condenser. The manufacturers just love this scenario and to prove my point, they make it very hard for you to snap off the front grill. They install a special type of screws you need to remove to get at the condenser. This causes you to have to move the refrigerator and get at the condenser from the back side. The harder they make it, the fewer condensers are cleaned across America which leads to more refrigerators sold to the average American

citizen.

Most condensers are located underneath the refrigerator with a fan motor blowing air across it into the kitchen. This condenser is similar to the radiator on a car and can not be blocked off with dirt dust or animal hair. The cooling system takes the heat from your food and carries that heat to the condenser under the refrigerator. That heat must get out of there and it can't if the condenser is dirty. Purchase a refrigerator condenser brush at your local appliance parts store or any hardware store. Its design is made especially for cleaning a dirty condenser. The rest is up to you!

Now, let's get back to my two neighbors talking over the fence about their central air conditioning. I like to tell all my neighbors and friends that it is very important to clean the condenser on their central air. It's located outside and has all sorts of dirt build up on it. Take the garden hose to it and make sure the trees and shrubbery are not too close to it. It also needs plenty of air movement around it. The bill to replace that is a lot more than a refrigerator. I made sure the neighbors knew this. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twm.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twm.rr.com).

## GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### Flower art exhibit

See how artists interpret flowers in bloom at an all-media juried floral arts exhibit, through July 18 at Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady in Northville. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m., Thursday-Saturday. (248) 344-0497

### Tour Tollgate Farms

The extensive gardens will be decorated with hanging quilts from local quilting groups during the open house and tour, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 18, at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook, Novi. The event is free, and includes lectures, a quilt raffle and refreshments. Visit [www.tollgate.msu.edu](http://www.tollgate.msu.edu) or call (248) 347-3860 for more information.

### At English Gardens

- Find out what plants do best in the shade at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, at all stores.
- Learn about the 100 varieties of hydrangeas available at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 18, at all stores.
- Hear about the proper techniques for

planting to ensure success with your landscaping, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, at all stores.

Perennial Gardening 101, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, at all stores, will include a list of best garden performers, tips on selecting plants and caring for them throughout the season.

Local stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313)278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

For more information, log onto [www.EnglishGardens.com](http://www.EnglishGardens.com)

### Belleville Garden Tour

The Fred C. Fischer Library, 167 Fourth, in Belleville will host its fourth annual garden walk 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26. The tour will include a garden marketplace on the library lawn. Proceeds will benefit the library. Tickets are \$8 in advance from the library, Antiques on Main, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Garden Fantasy Greenhouse & Florist and Main Street Flowers & Gifts. For more information or to order an advance ticket, call (734) 699-3291. Pick up a garden map on walk day. \$10 tickets will be sold the day of the event only at the library.

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.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](mailto:grovesclassof69@aol.com) for more information.

### Blessed Sacrament High School

**Class of 1949**  
Call Delores Calcaterra Streicher at (734) 422-8780 for complete information about a reunion on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

### 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 [e-mail4kelley@yahoo.com](mailto:e-mail4kelley@yahoo.com), or see groups. [yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989](http://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 Buro, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gwiatr@gmail.com).

### Detroit Cody

**Classes from 1950-1969**  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23 at Nankin Mills Pavilion, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. BYO and

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chairs. Music and memorabilia will be supplied. The "Optomystics" will sing. There will be door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels, music CDs and more. Free parking for Classic Cars. No need to register. Just show up. Classmates.com has photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134.

### Detroit Henry Ford

**Class of 1969**  
July 25 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$65 per person, \$120 per couple, and include dinner, beer, wine, pop and cash bar. DJ and photographer. Looking for classmates. Call Nancy Sylvester Wampler at (734) 718-5428 or e-mail to [jnwampler@yahoo.com](mailto:jnwampler@yahoo.com)

### Detroit Holy Redeemer

**Class of 1969**  
40-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Aug. 8, Portofino's, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte. For more information visit [www.holyredeemer69.com](http://www.holyredeemer69.com) or call Mary Ann at (248) 693-9117.

### Detroit Mumford

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

### Detroit St. Bridgid

**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 1959**  
Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at [JudyCoo@hotmail.com](mailto:JudyCoo@hotmail.com) or (734) 675-0148, or Pete Rakowski at [PJcruisin@wowway.com](mailto:PJcruisin@wowway.com).

### Detroit St. Philip Neri

**Class of 1937-1970**  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23, at Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township, 26 Mile, west of Van Dyke, in the West Branch picnic area. Bring St. Philip's memorabilia for reminiscing. Hot dogs and sausages will be available for \$2 for those who don't want to bring their own food. Adults only. Any money left after expenses are covered will be donated to The Sisters of St. Joseph. All old classic cars welcome. If you have addresses or phone numbers of St. Philip classmates, call Harold Pryor at (734) 462-5996.

### Detroit St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 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 [nfhst979@gmail.com](mailto:nfhst979@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 come 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 [GCCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

### Class of 1984

25-year reunion riverboat cruise Saturday, Sept. 19. Boat leaves Rivard Plaza dock at 7:30 p.m. To order tickets, or get more info, e-mail [gchsc1984@yahoo.com](mailto:gchsc1984@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](http://www.gardencity89.com) or contact Paula at [gch1989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gch1989reunion@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/GardenCity-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 [gcv79reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:gcv79reunion@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](mailto:nc6897@sbcglobal.net).

### Livonia Bentley High School

**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](mailto:jimculbertson@sbcglobal.net).

### Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit [www.bentley686970.org](http://www.bentley686970.org) to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

### Livonia Franklin

**Class of 1969**  
A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nison at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail [Kayniliu@aol.com](mailto:Kayniliu@aol.com) or Kathy Shoebridge at [klivingstone@nu-core.com](mailto:klivingstone@nu-core.com).

### Class of 1989

20-year Class Reunion, 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park

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Your doctor is not acting in an indifferent manner. Medical experience with back pain indicates that that majority of these problems clear or markedly improve within six weeks. When the doctor sees you initially, he will ask certain questions that allow him to determine if that six week waiting period is not appropriate and he should order imaging now instead of later.

Usually x-rays of the back come first. A number of problems such as changes in the vertebrae or SI joints are apparent on x-rays and require no further imaging. MRI is valuable in the following circumstances: 1) to assess for the presence and extent of a pinched nerve and 2) to evaluate the presence and location of impingement to the spinal cord within the spinal canal. With this information in hand your doctor can determine if epidural injection therapy is in order. Furthermore, he needs MRI information if at a later time, the question arises of possible back surgery.

The other consideration in determining when to undertake MRI is its expense. The imaging costs \$1,300. Since a doctor has responsibility for husbanding health dollars in a responsible way, he must be careful to order MRI wisely.

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Drive. Tickets \$55 (cash bar); checks payable to FHS Class of 1989, mail to: FHS 89 Class Reunion, P.O. Box 6139, Plymouth, MI 48170. Include contact information. For information, e-mail Angie at amiller@fctitle.com or Dennis at denny\_dilorenzo@yahoo.com or call Dennis Dilorenzo at (734) 968-0064. Hotel reservations can be made at the Livonia Marriott, (800) 228-9290, or www.marriott.com. Group reservation rates under Livonia Franklin 20-Year Reunion.

### Classes 1965-2000

All school reunion, including teachers, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Friday, Aug. 14, at TC Gator's of Canton, 42775 Ford Road; (734) 981-0906. Cost is \$15 and includes valet parking, food, two DJs, cash bar and memories with old friends. RSVP to Alicia O'Brien (Douglas) Class of '87 at (734) 673-3842 or e-mail to aliciadoug@aol.com.

### Milford High School

**Class of 1978**  
Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

### Milford/Lakeland

**Class of 1989**  
The two high schools team for a 20-year reunion, Saturday, July 25, at 59 West Banquet Facility. For more information, visit www.lakeland89.com or www.milford89.com

### Mother Of Our Savior

**All class reunion**  
Aug. 15, 2009 at Monahan's K of C in Livonia. For more information, call Joe McCauley at (734) 420-2898.

### Northville High School

**Class of 1979**  
30-year reunion 7 p.m. Aug. 15, at Genitti's in Northville. Tickets and more information at www.classcreator.com/Northville-MI-1979/index.cfm.

### Plymouth Canton & Salem

**Class of 1979**  
30-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at Hyatt Regency Dearborn. 6:30 p.m. to midnight, with food stations open at 7 p.m. Tickets \$60 per person before July 1, \$75 per person after. For information, visit http://home.r.com/phs30yearreunion or send e-mail to phs\_1979@yahoo.com.

### Plymouth High School

**Class of 1969**  
40th class reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Cash bar. For more detail or to RSVP contact phs1969@aol.com. Looking for missing classmates. Contact phs1969@aol.com with your name address telephone number and e-mail address.

### Redford Thurston High School

**Class of 1969**  
A 40-year "casual" get together, Saturday, Sept. 5, Labor Day weekend, at G. SUBU's Leather Bottle Restaurant,

20300 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$10 at door. Discounted bar and a band will play. Reserve tickets by calling Ted Enright at (734) 564-1699, or e-mail TedEnright@AOL.com.

### Rochester Adams

**Class of 1989**  
Announces its 20-year reunion Saturday, July 18, 2009. For details and more information, visit rochesteradams89.com or e-mail rahs89@gmail.com.

### Romulus High School

**Class of 1979**  
Reunion (77-'81 invited) Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 20-23. Activities include a reception at the Best Western Gateway Hotel, The Princess Riverboat w/dinner (\$60), socializing with music and appetizers at the hotel, and a family picnic. Discount rooms available at the hotel. For information, call Duane Moffat at (248) 426-6501 or e-mail SpectroD@aol.com.

### St. Frederick High School

**All school**  
The Annual Pontiac St. Frederick Mass and all class reunion will start with Mass at 11 a.m., on Sept. 13, at St. Vincent De Paul Church in Pontiac, followed by a luncheon at Santia Hall on Cass Lake Road in Keego Harbor. Tickets cost \$22 and are available at the Madonna Shop in Pontiac (248) 681-3964 or contact Jim Russell at (248) 363-4209. E-mail address is: st\_freds\_alumni@yahoo.com. Ticket deadline is Sept. 11. Anyone who attended St. Fred's is welcome.

### St. Mary of Redford

**Class of 1969**  
40-year reunion, Saturday Nov. 14, 2009 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Livonia. If interested in helping to plan the event or contacting classmates call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or e-mail to mcoulter@grlakes.com.

### Troy High Palooza

**Classes of 1982-86**  
Troy High School Alumni from 1982-1986 meet Aug. 1, 2009 at the Centerpoint Marriott in Auburn Hills. Live band and food. No tickets will be sold at the door. Log onto http://www.classcreator.com/Troy-MI-1982-1986 to reserve a spot for the party.

### Visitation High School

**Class of 1959**  
50-year reunion party Sept 12. Call Charleen at (248) 652-6817.

### Westland John Glenn

**Class of 1969**  
40th Reunion Weekend, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10. Friday activities: 6:45 p.m. football game JGHS vs. WMHS; 7:30-11:00 p.m. social mixer at Hilton Garden Inn, near airport. Saturday activities: 10:30 a.m. tour of John Glenn High School, 6 p.m.-midnight reunion dinner at Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets and information, contact Jghs69@aol.com; Facebook JGHS Class of 1969 or Sandra Shepherd Legg at (313) 273-7950. Registration deadline, Sept. 5 at JGHS69@aol.com.

# BBB warns about complaints on SAT, ACT pitch directed at college-bound



Tim Burns

Parents of high school students who are planning to take the SAT and ACT college admissions tests are being misled by a Texas-based test preparation service according to complaints filed with the Better Business Bureau. The BBB has received 99 complaints from consumers from across the country, including Michigan, alleging misleading telephone sales and difficulties with obtaining refunds for test preparation materials by The SAT and ACT Prep Center.

Complaints allege that telephone sales for The SAT and ACT Prep Center misrepresented to parents that their son or daughter had asked to get test preparation software for the college admission tests through their local high school. After buying the software for \$119.99, parents discovered that their children had not requested the study materials and their local high school was not involved with the offer. Additional complaints also allege dissatisfaction with the software; non-delivery of the materials; unauthorized charges of \$49.95 for monthly service; and difficulties

in obtaining cancellations or refunds.

"Everyone wants the best for their children and unfortunately there are scams that take advantage of people's sense of parental responsibility," said Tim Burns, public affairs director for the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. "Parents should check with their student's school counselor and comparison shop before purchasing any offer for test preparation services. You can also review a business's

Reliability Report with the Better Business Bureau for free at www.bbb.org to see if they have a pattern of consumer complaints."

In Michigan, a mother reported to the BBB: "My husband was contacted by phone from The College Prep Center and told that our daughter had requested information from them. He believed them and gave our credit card number over the phone. Afterward our daughter was asked if she had requested anything and she said 'No.'"

An Ohio parent complained: "We received a call that our daughter expressed interest in the high school that she would like getting her ACT, SAT, and PSAT scores up. After we got the program I found out that I can get the same program at Best Buy for under \$10. We returned the CD to The SAT and ACT Prep Center for a refund. When I was paying my bills online, I found that he charge was still on my account. I called them and they said the software was opened and there will be no refund. I'm out \$119.99."

Another parent in Nebraska

stated: "I went to their Web site trying to contact them with the information they provided me and none of it works. They have not given my money back and have now started debiting my account an additional \$49.95 per month. I have tried calling them and I get a recording saying that due to high volume they can't accept my call and I am to leave them a message. I then get a recording saying the mailbox is full and they disconnect."

The SAT and ACT Prep Center has a BBB rating of "F". The reasons for the F rating include:

- Number of complaints filed against the business;
- Failure to respond to complaints filed against the business;
- BBB does not have sufficient background information on the business.

Due to a failure to respond to complaints and inquires from the Better Business Bureau, all complaints and information received by the BBB is being forwarded to the Texas Attorney General's Office.

## AT KENSINGTON METROPARK

For additional information or to register for programs at the Kensington Metropark Nature Center or Farm Center located near Milford/Brighton, please call (800) 477-3178. At the Nature Center: "Fossil Hunt," Saturday, Aug. 1, at 1 p.m., Nature Center. Using slides and specimens, examine life on Earth through time, and search for prehistoric fossils at gravel pit. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required. "Habitat Hike: Bogs, Marshes and Swamps," Sunday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m., Nature Center. Check out some of the various habitats on this guided hike.

Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required. "Paddlin' Amongst the Lotus," Saturday, Aug. 8, at 1 p.m., Nature Center. Bring a canoe or kayak to paddle among Kensington's largest wildflowers. Observe aquatic animal life. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required. "Where the Bugs Are," Sunday, Aug. 9, at 2 p.m., Nature Center. Find out what makes an insect an insect, and look for some on this family hike. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

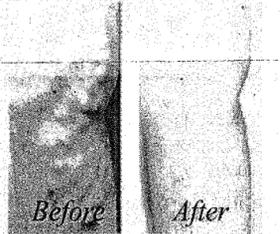
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## Two lemurs born at zoo

What's black and white and cute all over? Two black-and-white ruffed lemurs born June 2 at the Detroit Zoo. The twins join mother, Fleur, and father, Goodall, doubling the zoo's ruffed lemur population. The male and female newborns are yet to be named.

"Black-and-white ruffed lemurs are a critically endangered species from one of the most at-risk habitats on earth. These babies are a welcome addition to a small population of captive lemurs that could help keep this species from extinction," said Director of Conservation and Animal Welfare Scott Carter.

There are approximately 215 black-and-white ruffed lemurs in North American zoos.

The black-and-white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata*), a tree-dwelling primate native

to eastern Madagascar, is the largest of all lemur species. A mature ruffed lemur can weigh 8-10 pounds and reach 4 feet in length, including a 2-foot tail which it uses for balance.

Visitors can see the black-and-white ruffed lemurs in their outdoor habitat between the snow monkeys and white rhinos.

The Detroit Zoological Society operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. The Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak.

The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October (open at 9 a.m. May 1 through Labor Day) - with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August - and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March.

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# Fitzsimons is advocate for families with dying children

Farmington Hills resident Ann Fitzsimons is the voice of families with dying children.

"Our goal is to make sure that every seriously-ill or dying child, whether 18 days or 18 years of age, is competently and compassionately cared for in the health care system," said Fitzsimons, co-founder of Compassionate Passages Inc. ([www.compassionatepassages.org](http://www.compassionatepassages.org)). "We help educate medical professionals and community members on how to better meet the physical, emotional and spiritual end-of-life needs of children, and to support their families."

Fitzsimons, who holds a master's in business administration, launched Compassionate Passages Inc. in 2001 with good friend Beth Seyda, of Chapel Hill, N.C., after a couple of life-altering experiences in child-loss. Seyda's two-week-old son died and Fitzsimons helped her through that difficult time.

A few years later, Fitzsimons' niece died shortly after a premature birth. Fitzsimons and Seyda provided guidance, support and advice to Fitzsimons' sister about making memories during her daughter's short life that would have to last a lifetime, based on what they had learned from the death of Seyda's son.

"That's when we had our 'Ah ha!' moment," Fitzsimons recalled. "Once we saw how our knowledge and experience with child-loss helped my

sister, we knew we could help other families as well."

The pair began reaching out to health care professionals who treated seriously-ill and dying children. They shared information about how to provide better supportive care for the child and family, using their own experiences, and those of other families who had shared with them their child-loss stories.

"We became the 'family voice' to create change in a system that trains its professionals to 'save lives,' not help 'savor and celebrate them' when the only option is death," said Fitzsimons.

## LOCAL STUDIES

In 2004, Fitzsimons returned to school to earn a post master's certificate in bereavement, through Madonna University's hospice and palliative studies program.

"Ann has dedicated her life's work to improving end-of-life care for children and assisting grieving families," said Kelly Rhodes, chair of Madonna's hospice and palliative studies program. "She is committed to giving back to her community in ways that personify Madonna University's mission and values."

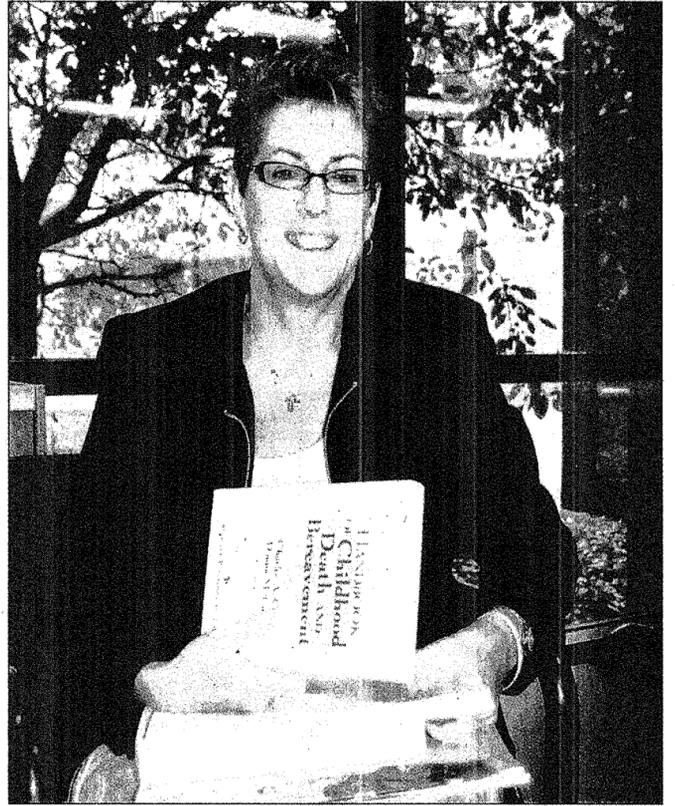
## SHARING THEIR KNOWLEDGE

Through workshops, videos, national and local speaking engagements, and publications, Fitzsimons

and Seyda educate and inspire. By sharing the stories and lessons of families whose children have died, the two are able to put a face to the issues these families struggle with and make family-centered suggestions for supportive care a reality.

Fitzsimons co-wrote a link about parents advocating and caring for their children with life-limiting illnesses for the Web site [www.mihospice.org](http://www.mihospice.org), and is a contributing author in a widely-used hospice and palliative studies textbook. She will make three different presentations about caring for dying children and their families at the Children's Hospice International's 20th World Congress in Cape Town, South Africa this September.

Madonna University's Department of Hospice and Palliative Studies offers the only university-based hospice program of its kind in the nation. Concentrated degree programs are available in the areas of bereavement, pastoral ministry, business, education, and nursing. The department follows the Hospice Philosophy as defined by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Its purpose is to prepare individuals to serve diverse populations during the terminal phase of life, and to enhance the quality of life by focusing on the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of the hospice patient and family.



Ann Fitzsimons of Farmington Hills cares about families coping with children dying.

# Register now for cancer, ALS walks taking place on Sunday, Sept. 13



Support two causes — St. Mary Mercy Hospital's cancer services and ALS of Michigan — by registering now for their walk/run events on Sunday, Sept. 13.

St. Mary Mercy's 3rd 5K run/walk for Cancer starts at 9 a.m., on the hospital grounds, 36475 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia.

On-site registration for the ALS of Michigan's ninth annual "Walk 'n Roll" starts at 10 a.m., with the 3-mile walk starting at 11 a.m., at Kensington Metropark in Milford and Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township.

The St. Mary's event, which drew more than 400 participants last year, is designed as a celebration of life for cancer survivors and patients. It's also an opportunity for family members and friends to honor or remember a loved one. Proceeds from the event go toward St. Mary Mercy's cancer services to assist patients in need.

**The ALS walk will raise funds and awareness of disease — amyotrophic lateral sclerosis — commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. More than 1,000 people in Michigan have been diagnosed with the progressive motor neuron disease. Another 200 are diagnosed each year.**

Participants can register online at [www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1758010](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1758010).

Volunteers also are needed for the 5K event. Call Kevin Moore at (734) 655-2419 to volunteer. A meeting will be held for 5K volunteers before the event for details and specifics.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners in each age division. All participants will be entered into a post-race drawing for prizes.

Following the 5K, the hospital's Community Open House 50th Anniversary Celebration will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the hospital grounds. The event offers fun, music, games, food, health information and screenings, and a variety of activities for everyone.

For more information, visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes & events" or call (734) 655-8670.

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To register for the walk, visit [www.alsformichigan.org](http://www.alsformichigan.org). For more information, call the organization at (800) 882-5764, Ext. 225.

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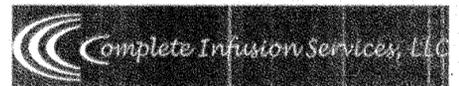
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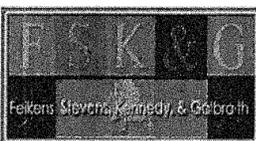
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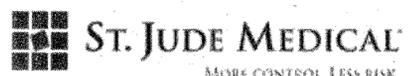
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