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Battle on

The margin was narrow as Westland firefighters edged ahead of Westland police in the recent Battle of the Badges blood drive, but some members of the police department apparently didn't take the loss well.

As a result, fire Capt. John Adams had a presentation for police Chief James Ridener at the council meeting last week. "I would like to present Chief Ridener with the Golden Blood Bank Award, but I can't — the police department lost by a slim margin," said Adams. "I will present him with a set of wine glasses with the fire department logo."

Ridener was not among the grumblers, Adams noted as he presented the glasses. "They (the glasses) will come in handy when we stop for dinner at the fire station," said Ridener. "While they are in the station sitting in a La-Z-Boy, we are out on patrol keeping the city safe."

During the American Red Cross blood drive, donors designate support for police or firefighters. At the most recent blood drive, firefighters received support from 17 donors while 16 donors designated the police department.

"The fire department keeps the count and we always lose by one," noted Ridener.

A Battle of the Badges rematch has been scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Bailey Center. Walk-ins are welcome.

Voter Guide

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has prepared a nonpartisan Voter Guide for the Aug. 4 Westland City Council primary election.

All but one of the nine council candidates participated by submitting responses to the league's questions. The Voter Guide can be found on the league's Web site at www.lwvnmw.org.

The League of Women Voters is a trusted source of nonpartisan candidate information, and the Voter Guide provides an easy vehicle for the voters to compare the candidates before the Aug. 4 election.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

Brothers love

It's a 10-year-old's dream come true, a chance to see the Jonas Brothers in concert.

And that's just what Katrina Stebbins got after her mom, Diane, won two tickets to see the popular American boy band in concert this evening at the 7 p.m. this evening (Sunday) at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Katrina was very excited about attending the concert. Diane Stebbins is a Department of Defense employee who works in Okinawa, Japan but brings her family including Katrina to spend the summer in Westland with Diane's mother.

Stebbins was among 140 people who entered the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers'* Jonas Brothers contest. Also winning tickets was 18-year-old Sarah Weber of Livonia.

6 stores cited for selling alcohol to minors

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Of 66 stores recently visited for compliance checks, only six were cited for selling alcohol to an underage decoy.

Officers in Westland, Garden City and Wayne had conducted the checks in May and June as Youth Alcohol Enforcement Teams funded through a federal Office of Highway Safety Planning grant administered by Wayne County.

"Our goal isn't to hope that the stores are selling to minors. We want

compliance," said Westland police Sgt. Ron Kroll, who obtained the grant funding and serves as program coordinator. "If a store says no to our volunteer, I go in and thank them. It's public relations. We're looking for compliance, so we want the stores to know we are out there."

If the volunteer — an 18-year-old instructed to try to buy alcohol and show their identification, if requested — does make a purchase, officers issue citations to the employee and business, along with notice to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Due to scheduling difficulties, Kroll said the three departments didn't coordinate scheduling of their enforcements as closely as last year.

The Youth Alcohol Enforcement Teams also dispersed 13 parties with underage drinking, issued 17 citations for minors in possession of alcohol and one ticket to a party host for providing alcohol to minors. There also were misdemeanor arrests and three tickets were issued for open intoxicants.

Incidental to the enforcement efforts were two drunken driving arrests, two drug arrests, one suspended license citation and five other

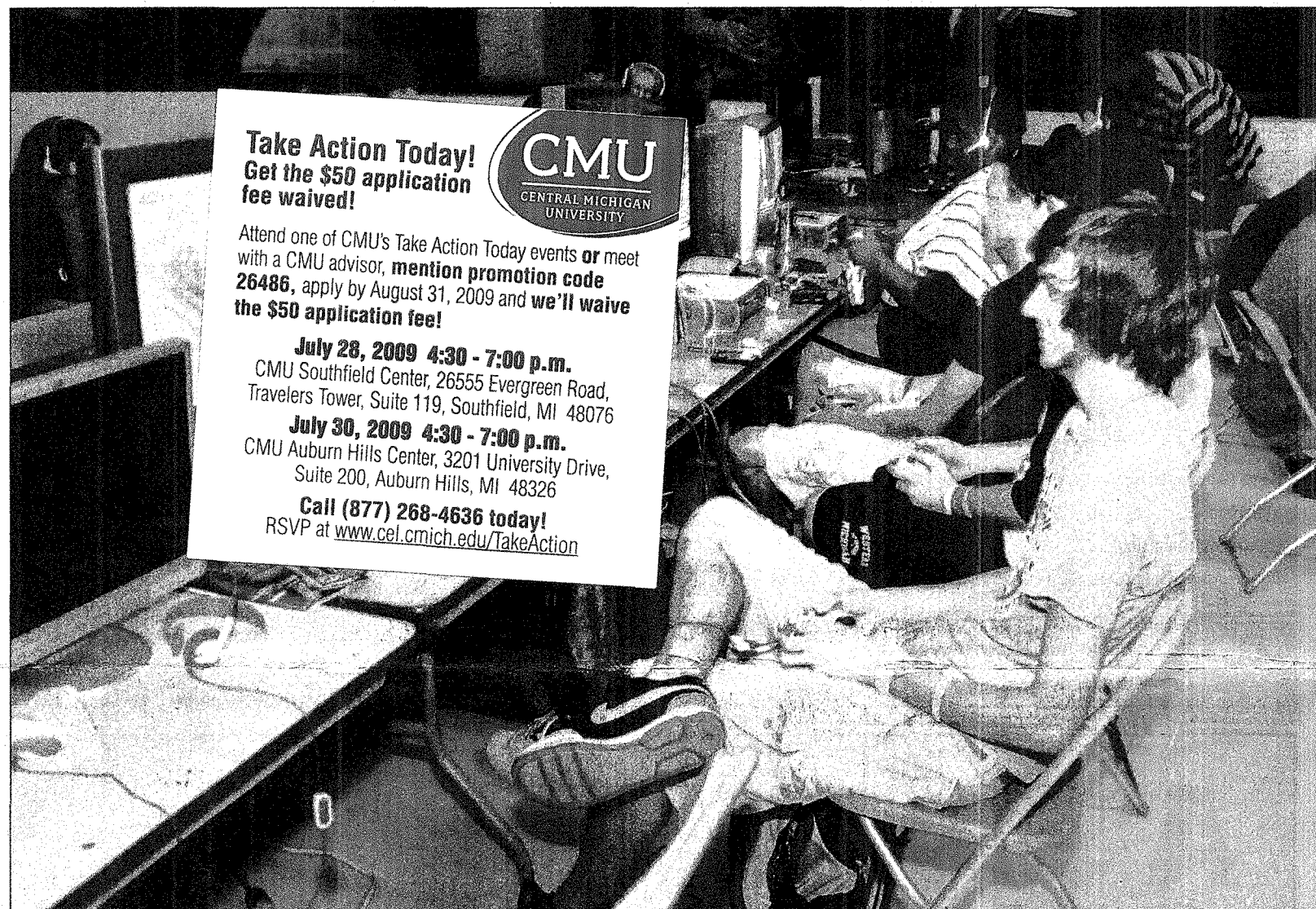
traffic-related citations.

This is the third year Westland has had a summer Youth Alcohol Enforcement Team and the second year for Garden City and Wayne.

"The best thing we've done is the compliance checks. I'm not afraid to let them (store owners) know about it," Kroll said.

Every store in the three cities that sells alcohol can expect to have a visit from the Youth Alcohol Enforcement Team, which will continue through Aug. 22.

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Patrick Steffes of Westland joins other gamers in playing online to help the Gamers Outreach Foundation.

Game on: Video event helps sick kids

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The floor of Skateland West looked more like a computer show than a roller rink, with close to 300 people from around the country playing games to raise money for a project that will put video gaming within reach of sick children at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

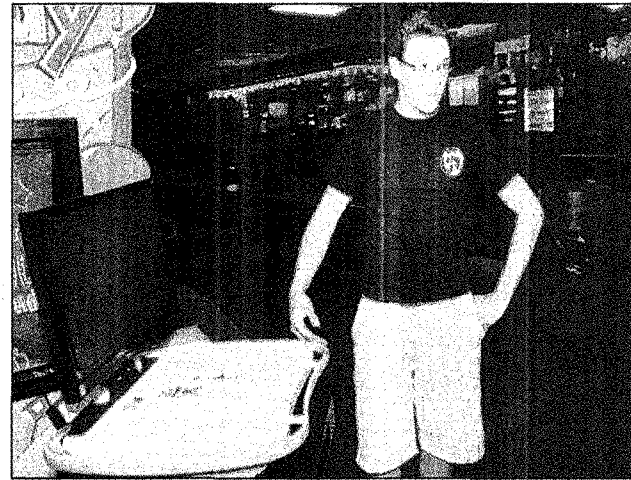
The Gamers 4 Giving Summer LAN went nonstop from 4 p.m. July 17 through to 10 a.m. July 19 and raised more than \$5,000 for the Gamer's Outreach Foundation. The

money will be used to build gaming kiosks that can be wheeled to a child's bedside.

"It's just to test out the building to see if it can support the event," Dave "Wild Card" Mayne of Redford said. "Next time, it'll be double in size."

"Every year, Gamers 4 Giving holds a big fund-raising event, usually in February or March at EMU," said Zack Wigal of Milan, who started the Gamers Outreach Foundation. "The Skateland owners contacted us and said they had this venue, so we're trying it out with a

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Justin Slanec of Garden City shows off the prototype of a kiosk that Gamers Outreach Foundation wants to build for children at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

The following are profiles of two more of the nine candidates for city council in the



advance to the November general election, when four terms — three four-year and one two-year — will be filled. Vying for a spot are Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Hal Dunn, Sam Durante, Janet Frederick-Wilson, Adam Hammons, Meriem Kadi, Kenneth Mehl, Dewey Reeves and Mark Rodriguez.

Mehl: Will represent residents' interests

Why are you seeking a position on Westland City Council?

I am seeking a position on the Westland City Council because I feel in these serious detrimental economic times my knowledge and experience will be



Mehl

helpful in keeping Westland solvent and avoid future financial problems. The citizens of Westland need to have their best interests represented and I feel that I very qualified to do that.

What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the council, if elected?

My past experience on the

Please see **MEHL, A2**

Reeves: Will listen and speak for people

Why are you seeking a position on Westland City Council?

I am seeking re-election to the Westland City Council. I am a councilman who listens to and speaks for the citizens of our



Reeves

city. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the council, if elected?

I have over three years of experience and have assisted in balancing the city's budgets and providing continuing service to the residents

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Westland moves forward on rehab of homes

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plans for a combination of new construction and rehabilitation at six foreclosed vacant homes in southeast Westland are moving forward.

Last week, the council approved acquisition of two Department of Housing and Urban Development homes for \$1 plus the cost of back taxes. One house at 31669 Birchwood is scheduled for rehabilitation while the second house at 35020 Donnelly would be demolished and its large lot divided to allow construction of three new homes.

"These properties would be redeveloped for homeownership opportunities for Westland residents," said Community Development Director Joanne Inglis.

Also receiving approval was an agreement with Habitat for Humanity to build new homes and the first home rehabilitation projects for the nonprofit in Westland.

The city has also acquired homes through the Wayne County Land Bank. Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds are being used for rehabilitation projects at 37241 Vincent and 2601 Christine. Work totaling \$25,000 is slated to begin next month.

New construction with a budget of \$60,000 per house is scheduled to begin in January 2010 at 28130 Eton and 27544 Hanover.

The three homes at the divided 35020 Donnelly would receive \$40,000 apiece in funding through the federal Home Partnership Program, which provides money for affordable housing initiatives. That work is scheduled to get under way in September 2010.

"It costs Habitat for Humanity \$80,000 to construct a new home. They get the other \$20,000 in donations (of cash or in-kind)," said Inglis, adding the new homeowners also are required to help with the construction to build their sweat equity.

Qualified low-income buyers of the homes — their income has to be at or below 50 percent of area median income — obtain their mortgages through Habitat for Humanity which uses the repayments for new projects.

Part of the agreement with Habitat for Humanity calls for coordinating efforts for students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's construction technology program to participate in the projects.

In particular, Inglis will be meeting with staff at the Career Tech Center about students handling the rehabilitation work at 31669 Birchwood.

"I really want to partner with them when we do that house," said Inglis.

Westland had received just over \$2 million from the NSP to acquire and rehabilitate or demolish vacant foreclosed homes. The city is focusing its efforts in the Norwayne area in southeast Westland. Part of that effort includes a rental housing rehabilitation program and leaving some demolished sites vacant or offered to neighboring property owners to reduce the high density in the area.

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Second suspect ordered to face break-in charges

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A second man has been ordered to stand trial on charges of breaking into a home and stealing a Westland woman's purse while she slept.

Lawrence Thompson, 31, waived his preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court Thursday. He was ordered bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court on a charge of first-degree home invasion over the June 16 theft.

Additionally, Thompson is facing multiple additional charges of first- and second-degree home invasions and breaking and entering from unrelated home and business break-ins.

Held in lieu of two \$1 million cash bonds, Thompson is also being held as a parole violator. He was released from prison March 31 and scheduled to be on parole until 2011. He has a history of breaking and entering convictions dating back to 1998, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Livonia resident Raymond Schultz, 20, had earlier waived his preliminary examination on a charge of first-degree home invasion and using the woman's stolen credit card. His bond was set at \$250,000 cash/surety.

Westland police had obtained numerous surveillance video photographs of suspects using the victim's stolen credit card at Meijer and White Castle in Livonia and Sunoco in Westland. Custom chrome wheels on a Jeep driven by the suspects resulted in a tip to police.

MEHL

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Planning Commission and 12 years serving the citizens as council member make me well qualified to perform the duties of council member. My experience in the city budget process, planning and knowledge of the city charter will be valuable in making the proper decisions that will effect our city now and the future.

What do you see as the issues facing the city at this time? How would you address those issues?

It is evident that financial stability of the city is a top issue. My 12 years of working on the budget makes it much easier to understand the problems the city faces and possible resolutions to those problems. We need to control our spending so we do not put the city in long-term distress.

The city council must work with the administration to do everything we can to fill the

KENNETH E. MEHL

Age: 62
Employment: Retired early from General Motors
Family: Divorced with adult children and grandchildren
Education: Bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, Lawrence Institute of Technology
Community Involvement: Past member Westland Dad's Club; Westland Youth Athletic Association; council member for 12 years, including 6 years as council president, Westland Planning Commission member for six years, including three years as chairman, Westland Festival Committee member for more than 30 years, 10 as chairman, chaired the committee that brought the Vietnam Moving Wall to Westland in 2006, chairman of the Westland Veterans Association; Trustee of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Romanowski Post 6896, Westland

vacant commercial buildings in order to get the Personal Property Tax base back in order. The large number of vacant buildings has a direct effect on the budget and we must get that problem resolved as soon as possible.

The council must work with the administration to eliminate bight in the city. We need to look at our ordinances and ordinance enforcement to resolve this problem.

What do you want voters to know about you?

I have been involved in the city since I moved here in 1969. My knowledge of city government, involvement in civic organizations and dedication to Westland residents is evident. I will be able to work without any "on the job training" and have the time to be a "full-time" council member and be accessible to citizens at all times.

REEVES

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even though state revenue to the city has been cut and property tax revenue has been reduced.

What do you see as the issues facing the city at this time?

The issues are:

- Reduced state revenue.
- Housing foreclosures.
- Safe and secure environment.
- A business friendly environment.
- Maintaining a fund balance.
- Cutting medical expenses.

How would you address those issues?

- Use lobbyist to locate resources.

DEWEY REEVES

Age: 56
Family: Married to Gail
Employment: Retired Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department deputy, operates a home-based clothing design business and is a self-employed wardrobe consultant
Education: Studied industrial technology at Eastern Michigan University
Community Involvement: Westland Downtown Development Authority, Lions Club, Westland Historic Village Park, Westland Southeast Homeowners Association, Annapolis Park board.

- Work with local banking institutions.
- Maintain police and fire and DPS and their equipment.
- Develop new marketing techniques with DDA.
- Cut all excess spending.
- Increase employee health care contributions across the

What do you want voters to know about you?

I am a family man, a great listener, compassionate, straightforward and to the point. I'm a man who will work tirelessly for the citizens of Westland, the city I love.

AROUND WESTLAND

Avoid identity theft

Have your personal documents safely disposed of free of charge to help avoid identity theft. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, an industrial shredder will be on site in the Westland Friendship Center parking lot, at 1119 N. Newburgh. Westland residents

may bring their documents - up to three boxes/bags per vehicle. For more information, please call (734) 722-7628.

For job seekers

People who need to file for unemployment, create a resume in Microsoft Word or learn how to upload your

resume into the Michigan talent bank or other job-searching websites can get it at the William P. Faust Library's Job Seekers Lab open 1-4 p.m. Friday, July 24, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 28. A librarian is available to assist people in their employment endeavors, just drop by during the lab's open hours.

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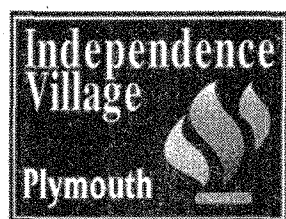
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Children's fair benefits fire safety unit

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be carnival rides and a chance for a closer look at some fire department equipment at the Children's Fire Safety Carnival Wednesday through Saturday. Hosted by the Westland Firefighters Public Awareness Committee, the carnival will

be held on Wayne Road just north of Warren at the site of the former Quo Vadis Theater. The carnival, with rides provided by Mid-America Shows Delaware, will be open 4-11 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday. Firefighters are sponsoring the carnival as part of their efforts to raise money to pur-

chase a mobile children's fire training unit. After two years' effort, Fire Capt. John Adams said firefighters are close to raising the \$30,000 needed. "We've had a stationary one at the main fire station. With the budget constraints, attendance is down due to transportation costs," said Adams. "We can take this unit to different functions. It broadens

our ability to provide that education." Along with carnival rides, midway and food, Adams said firefighters will be on hand to let guests get a look at vehicles and equipment along with getting some fire safety information. "We're working with the Michigan Humane Society to come out on Saturday for pet

adoptions," said Adams. The mobile training unit would be ready for unveiling in time for October which is Fire Safety Month. An important feature in the unit is the ability to fill it with nontoxic smoke. "We go into the schools but we're limited in a classroom environment. This mobile unit educates kids on how

to get out of a smoke-filled house — to stay low, to have more than one way out," said Adams. "And that they need to pre-plan and have a gathering place to meet outside." Firefighters will be holding a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament fund-raiser in September.

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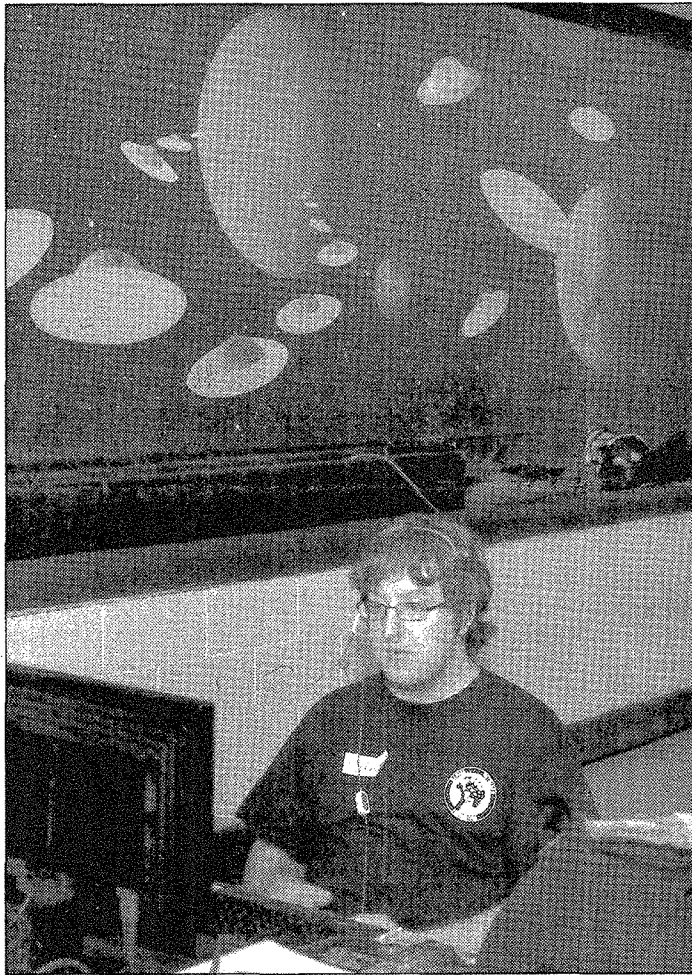


Jordan Lorkowski and Josh Lagrou are among gamers who came out for the Gamers 4 Giving Summer LAN at Skateland West.

GAMERS

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summer event." The summer LAN was small in comparison to the last Gamers 4 Giving event that attracted 1,000 people. The summer LAN brought in gamers from throughout Michigan and from as far away as Arkansas and California. Coming in from Grand Rapids was David Walsh, who has found financial success as a professional player in Major League Gaming. Walsh wasn't there to advance his career. He decided not to compete in the 32-person Halo tournament with the \$1,000 prize, leaving the door open to local gamers. Instead, he did exhibitions for those gathered for the event. "It's been a hobby my entire life and I've been able to make a living for about five years," he said. "I makes six figures; that's very rare, very lucky." One of the local gamers was Patrick Steffes of Westland. The 19-year-old heard about the event on the Internet and decided to come out to have fun and help a good cause. "I've been gaming pretty much since I could pick up the controller," he said. "I originally started with Super Mario Brothers. I still go back and play the old games. Once in a while, I'll break out my Super



David Wayne of Redford sits in one competition during the Gamers 4 Giving LAN at Skateland West in Westland.

Nintendo." Participants brought sleeping bags and camped out at the rink. Some stayed up all night with the help of energy drinks like Red Bull, one of the event sponsors, according to Mayne, who hooked up with Wigal at last year's Gamers 4 Giving.

"I won almost every raffle prize at it," Mayne said. "I started talking with him and saw the blueprints of the kiosks. I was impressed. The first big event went to, I went with Zack to help spread the word about this." According to Justiin Slanec of Garden City, it took about 10 weeks to organize the summer event, and less than a day to set up the equipment. "KLA Laboratory donated all the power equipment, about \$70,000 worth," he said. "It took about three hours to set up." He added that cameras were set up around the venue so the competition could be watched live over the Internet. People could go on and see it "from every angle," he said. Entry fees, donations, sponsorships and T-shirt sales helped raise money for the kiosks. A prototype was on display for gamers to see. According to Wigal, the cost to build one ranges from \$1,500 to \$3,000. With the summer event history, planning has already started for the foundation's biggest event, Gamers 4 Giving. It will take place in March 2010. More information that event or the Gamers Outreach Foundation go online to www.gamersoutreach.org.

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Brim full with guests, Greenmead tea is sellout

Nearly 100 attendees donned period hats Tuesday while enjoying sandwiches and scones during the Mid-Summer's Night Tea at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

The annual event raised \$1,400 to \$1,500 for restoration of the Simmons Hill House, the centerpiece 1841 Greek Revival at Greenmead, said Linda Wiacek, recreation supervisor for the city of Livonia.

"It was a sellout," Wiacek said. She said she doesn't have all of the bills in yet for the event, but all proceeds will go to the Simmons Hill House restoration.

Livonia resident Suzy Golden, owner of a collection of approximately 1,600 hats, was the guest speaker.

Each of the attendees was invited to select a hat from Golden's collection to wear during the event. Among them were hats from the late 1800s



Betty Evenden serves tea sandwiches at the Mid-Summer's Night Tea Tuesday at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

up until the 1970s, including Victorian-era hats, hats from the Roaring '20s and Jackie Kennedy-style hats from the 1960s.

"They enjoyed trying them on and coordinating them with

their outfits," Wiacek said of the women who attended. "It was really, really fun."

The recreation department hosts four teas a year and always has a different speaker or musicians, Wiacek said.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Christine Abbey serves tea to Loretta Lupa of Westland and Margery Salek of Garden City.

The Mid-Summer's Night Tea, held among the flower gardens on the lawn of the Simmons Hill House, is the only one that is outdoors.

The next tea is the Christmas tea, held at the Alexander Blue

House at Greenmead, a 95-acre park and site of the homestead of Michigan pioneer Joshua Simmons. The park includes the original farm complex, historical village, picnic facilities and recreational areas.

The Christmas tea will feature red and green linens and fine Christmas china.

For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

- By Karen Smith

Rides, food fill Sahara Fest

The Middle East came to the Basilica of St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church at last week's second annual "Sahara Fest."

The Sahara Fest featured authentic Arabic food, including falafel, beef and chicken shawarma, kafta, hummus, and zalabieh as well as carnival rides, classic cars, group games, such as charity casino, and more fun for the whole family.

The Sahara Fest benefits the development of the Mariam Center, a 30,000 square-foot family and youth enrichment center, planned for completion in 2011. The center will help support family and ethnic-oriented activities in Livonia



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fadme Karam and son Loai Karam enjoy Sahara Fest Thursday evening.

and surrounding areas. The Mariam Center will have state-of-the-art classrooms, offices,

and gymnasiums to support a positive environment for kids to learn and grow.

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Lawrence Technological University will host a free networking reception and panel discussion for displaced workers with college degrees from 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, on its campus at 21000 West 10 Mile Road in Southfield.

The networking reception and panel discussion are not restricted to Lawrence Tech alumni and students. Job-seekers will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from approximately 40 companies, according to Peg Pierce, director of Lawrence Tech's Office of Career Services.

A panel with representatives from several employment sectors will discuss what different employers are looking for from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and again from 7-8 p.m.

"This is a chance to talk to people in different sectors about the knowledge base and skill sets they are looking for," Pierce said. "Job seekers can get a better idea of how to prepare themselves for today's challenging job market."

Displaced workers with college degrees should register in advance at ltu.edu/recovery/receptions.asp. Questions can be sent to recovery@ltu.edu. There are no fees to participate.

To help displaced workers prepare for the networking reception, The Ayers Group of Southfield — a career transition management firm and a division of Kelly Services Inc. of Troy — is teaming up

with Lawrence Tech's Office of Career Services to offer a free workshop on networking from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, in the Science Building auditorium on the Lawrence Tech campus. Participants should register for these workshops in advance at ltu.edu/recovery/receptions.asp.

Ayers also will hold a workshop on using social media in a job search from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the same location. Additionally, from 1-4 p.m., Kelly recruiters representing specific industry sectors will review resumes with individual job applicants and provide feedback.

The networking reception and workshops are part of Lawrence Tech's \$3 million "Recovery Starts Here" stimulus package for displaced workers. The initiative includes 400 "Recovery Grants" that provide 50 percent of tuition for eligible displaced workers or their dependent children through the completion of a degree program. These grants will enable displaced workers to take advantage of Lawrence Tech's expanded academic programs in areas such as sustainability, alternative energy and life sciences.

Students may also be eligible for further tuition assistance through the "No Worker Left Behind" program administered by Michigan Works!, essentially allowing them to attend Lawrence Tech tuition-free. "These workshops and the

networking reception are an important part of our outreach and service to the community during these difficult times," said Lawrence Tech President Lewis N. Walker. "Our goal is to help match displaced workers with available jobs and help workers retool when necessary to take advantage of opportunities in emerging economic areas."

The Ayers Group, headquartered in New York City, operates five offices in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Michigan. Through its partnership with Career Partners International, The Ayers Group/CPI has offices in more than 175 locations throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, South America and the Pacific Rim.

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Lawrence Tech's 102-acre campus is in Southfield, and programs are also offered in Detroit, Lansing, Petoskey and Traverse City.



Harrison Bailey throws the stone during last year's stoneput competition.

Scottish festival returns

An event touted by organizers as the longest-running Scottish festival in North America is returning to Livonia Thursday through Saturday.

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is celebrating the 160th anniversary of its annual Highland Games at Historic Greenmead Park, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile.

"There's a wee bit of something for everyone. The games are a family-oriented event bringing all things Scottish to metro Detroit," said Scott David of Plymouth, president of St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. Children 12 and under are admitted free. "It's a great staycation," David said.

This year's games feature a combination of Scottish history, pageantry, athleticism and Celtic entertainment.

Some of the many scheduled activities include a heavy athletics professional invitational, solo bagpipe and bagpipe band competitions, drum major and drumming competition and Highland dance competition. Other events include the Tug O'War competition featuring the reigning champions from the Livonia Fire Department, Wee Bairns Games for children ages 4-11, two entertainment tents, genealogy and

HIGHLAND GAMES

What: Highland Games featuring Movie Night in the Park, Ceilidh, pipe bands, dancing competitions and athletic competitions.

When: Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Where: Greenmead Historical Park, near the corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile, Livonia
For ticket and event information, visit www.hIGHLANDGAMES.com

clan tents and a display of animals native to Scotland.

The festival kicks off with Movie Night in the Park, a free admission event with a \$5 parking fee from dusk to 11 p.m. *The Waterhorse: Legend of the Deep* will be shown outdoors.

Blankets, coolers and lawn chairs are permitted, but no alcoholic beverages are allowed. Popcorn and beverages are available for purchase at Movie Night.

The Ceilidh (pronounced Kay-lee) will be 5-11 p.m. Friday, and the 160th annual Highland Games from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Ceilidh tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$15, with free admission for children

5 and under. Entertainment on Friday features Detroit's own Celtic groups with String Cheese and The Kreellers, and also Alex Beaton, NeedFire and Tartan.

One of the festival highlights is the Highland dance championships. Nearly 150 dancers — from primary to premier — will high-step their way Saturday.

Pipe bands will perform at the games, including the Shrine Highlanders of Detroit, the Michigan Scottish Pipe Band and the Caber Feidh Pipe Band of Canton, among others.

Top competitors will toss everything from large stones to hammers and the caber, a large wooden pole.

Frequently seen on the ESPN 2 cable channel, which televises Gaelic heavy athletics and Strongmen, organizers call the heavy athletics competition the hallmark of the games.

"We're very fortunate to have most of the continent's top performers coming to compete year after year," said Kurt Pauli, a former four-time champion of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games.

For more information on tickets and events, visit www.hIGHLANDGAMES.com.

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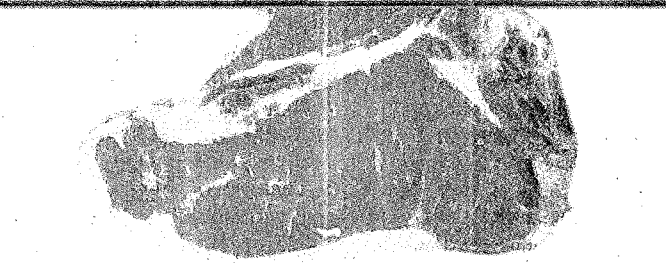
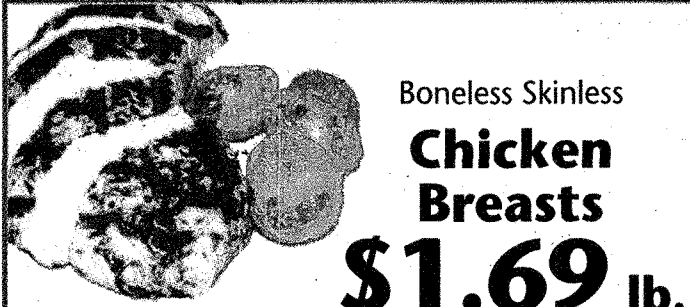


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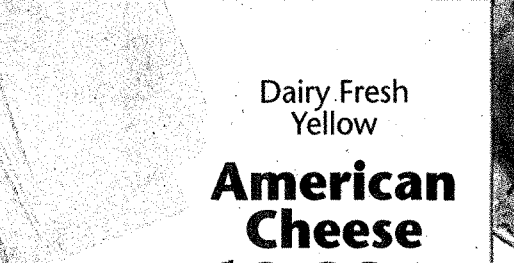
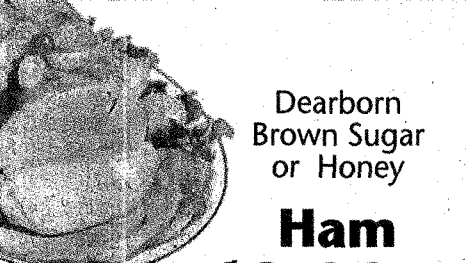
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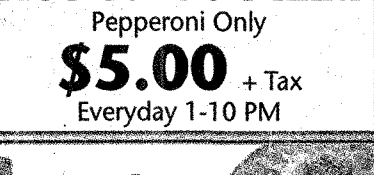


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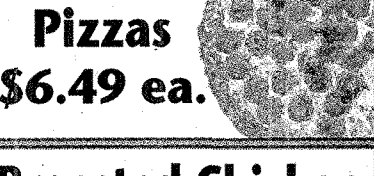
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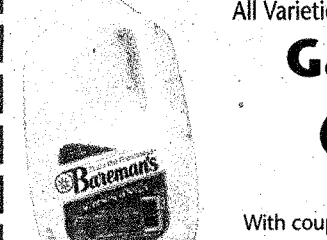


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Car show

American Legion Post 32 host a car show 5-8 p.m. every Thursday evening throughout the summer at the post, 9318 Newburgh, just south of Ann Arbor Trail. The post kitchen is open and serves a variety of dinners for \$7 each and also have grilled items like hot dogs, hamburgers and sloppy joes outside. There also is a DJ, 50/50 raffle and bake sale hosted by the American Legion Riders. Everyone is welcome.

School registration

St. Damian School is accepting students for the 3-4-year-old preschool program as well as students in kindergarten through eighth-grade. The school is fully accredited by MNSAA, with certified, experienced teachers, hot lunch program and many other school programs and extracurricular activities. A licensed morning and afternoon latchkey is available. School tours are available upon request. St. Damian School is at 29891 Joy in Westland. Call (734) 427-1680 for more information or visit the school's website at www.stdamian.com.

Crafters needed

St. Theodore CCW has table rental available for \$25 for its Fall Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Contact Mary at (734) 425-4421 (voicemail 10) or Mary Ellen at (734) 261-8821. No vendors.

Community Baby Shower

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's 12th Annual Community Baby Shower will be held 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at Wayne County Community College's Downriver Campus in Taylor. The Community Baby Shower is a free event for low-income expectant parents and those with infants up to 3 months of age by Sept. 24. Parents will receive valuable information and resources regarding their new bundles of joy. Guest speakers will share information regarding family safety, parenting tips and healthy relationships. Participants will also enjoy lunch, prizes and raffles throughout the event. Call for information regarding on-site childcare. Space is limited. Call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 122, for more

information or to register. Callers who reach a voice mailbox should leave their name and telephone number so that their call can be returned and the registration process can be completed.

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 or call (734) 261-9540.

Class reunions

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. Tickets are available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or by contacting Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com.

Wayne Memorial Class of 1983 will hold its 26th class reunion noon until dark Saturday, Aug. 29, at Independence Lake Park in Whitmore Lake. The reunion is a family-friendly pot luck event, bring the kids. A donation of any amount - \$5-\$10 suggested per family - is suggested to cover the cost of pavilion rental. For details, call Mary Gills Orwin at (734) 968-6368.

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



FILE PHOTO

Weststock is back

Toarmina's Pizza will celebrate its 22nd anniversary with local bands performing at the William P. Faust Public Library's outdoor pavilion 1-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 29. Dubbed "Weststock," the celebration will feature more than 20 bands which will be play short sets all day long. There also will be pizza, T-shirts, and drinks for sale at Weststock. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, relax and enjoy the free music. You can also find a schedule of bands playing on the Internet at www.Myspace.com/weststock09. This is the second time Toarmina's tried to stage Weststock. The first mini music festival was shut down abruptly on June 30 because of storms. Among those able to perform before the rain were Jake Lemond and Justin Walker of the band Street Light

Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

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.

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.

St. Damian

St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information or to schedule a tour, call (734) 427-1680 or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com.

YWCA preschool

The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. For more information on these programs, or to enroll your child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

VOLUNTEERS

First Step

First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

VNA Hospice

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Seasons Hospice

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

Literacy Council

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested

volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

ORGANIZATIONS

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.

Writing Group

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

TOPS

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

Democratic Club

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

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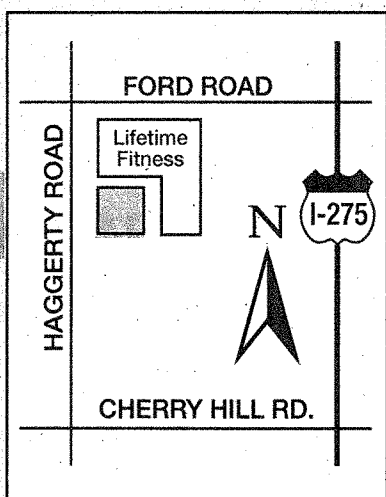
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A: In addition to financing the purchase there are a number of other issues you need to consider. First and foremost, you need to consider how difficult it is to be a landlord. It is not easy, in fact, it is one of the most difficult jobs. My advice



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

is to talk to someone who is a landlord so you will understand what is involved before you purchase the homes. There are many books written by landlords that will be helpful to you. Another issue to consider is the homes are probably not in any condition to be rental property. Many of the homes being sold for rock bottom prices in the city need substantial work. Before you buy an investment property know what it is going to cost to put it in the proper condition to rent. In calculating your costs, don't forget to include legal fees. Not only are there going to be some to purchase the

It is possible to purchase the property within your IRA. The problem with this alternative is there are other complications that enter into the equation such as an IRA trustee. Most trustees such as Schwab, Fidelity and Vanguard would not allow this type of an investment within an IRA. Therefore, in order to accomplish this you have to use a special trustee and in your situation that does not seem justified.

home, but also to ensure that, as a landlord, you dot all of the "I's" and cross all of the "T's." As a landlord you have certain legal obligations. As to financing the homes, I do not recommend using your IRA. If you withdraw money from your IRA, you have to pay taxes and a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. By the time you pay state and federal taxes, along with early withdrawal penalties, you can lose up to 40 percent of your money. It is possible to purchase the property within your IRA. The problem with this alternative is

there are other complications that enter into the equation such as an IRA trustee. Most trustees such as Schwab, Fidelity and Vanguard would not allow this type of an investment within an IRA. Therefore, in order to accomplish this you have to use a special trustee and in your situation that does not seem justified. Using a charge card and taking the cash advance also makes no sense. Not only will you have to pay high rates of interest on a cash advance (at least 18.5 percent) but

the money would not be tax deductible. I am not a fan of using credit cards to finance purchases. Instead of your IRA or charge cards, a better course of action is to find a partner or an investor. This would ensure that your eggs are not all in one basket. As opposed to you putting cash into the deal, you can exchange sweat equity. After all, being a landlord and renting out homes is more than an investment, it is also a business that someone needs to be involved with on a day-to-day basis.

If you do find a partner, it is important to document your relationship in writing. Consider the legal entity that your new venture will be. You have choices between corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies. All things being equal, particularly with partners or an investor, I would lean toward a limited liability company. There is no doubt that there are real estate deals out there and that a smart entrepreneur can capitalize on the collapse of the real estate market. However, as any landlord will tell you, it is not easy. My advice is to proceed, but with caution. Good luck!

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

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RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City hold its regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Administrative Service Center Board Room, 4333 Radcliff, beginning at 7:00 p.m.; further, when feasible, the Board endeavors to designate the second regular board meeting of each month as a meeting to be held at a school building also starting at 7:00 p.m. It should be noted that all student expulsion, disciplinary or appeal hearings will be conducted at the Administrative Service Center.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 14 07/20/09

Presiding: President Pro-Tem Graunstadt
Present: Graunstadt, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer
135: Appr. minutes of 7/06/09.
-Approved req. from JGHS to hold Homecoming Parade 10/2/09.
-Appr. req. from Library to host Weststock on 7/29/09 & waive pavilion fees.
-Appr. req. from Target to host 26th NNO on 8/4/09.
-Appr. req. from WFPAC to hold carnival at 7420 N. Wayne Rd. 7/29-8/1/09.
-Appr. bid for dump truck #74 to Cannon Equip., amt. \$46,709.00.
-Appr. bid for backhoe to Mich. Cat; amt. \$94,396.00.
-Appr. bid for fencing for Spray Park to Motor City Fence; amt. \$14,509.00.
-Adopt. MOA with SHPO for Norway sub. recordation.
-Adopt. MOU with Habitat for Humanity for construction & rehab of multiple properties.
-Adopt. Prep. Res. for HUD Homes Acquisition to purchase 2 properties.
-Adopt. Prep. Res. of MYP for fiscal yrs. 2010-2012.
-Appr. agrmt. with Clemis for 3 yr term to exp. 12/31/2013; amt. \$3,313.00.
136: Appr. Spec. Land Use for Body Art Studio, n. side of Ford, w. of Newburgh.
137: Appr. Spec. Land Use for Body Art Studio, 8043 Middlebelt.
138: Conf. re-appt. S. Wiacek to DDA for 4 yr. term to exp. 7/13/2013.
139: Appr. checklist: \$726,182.07 & Prepaid: \$1,088,891.38.
Mtg. adj. at 8:10 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

Cheryl Graunstadt
Council President Pro-TemEileen DeHart, CMC
City Clerk

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Local actors
'Still Got It' in
pair of plays

The Still Got It Players, a new theater company composed of performers age 50 and up, debut their first show, a pair of one-act comedies that will be performed on the main stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton next month.

The two plays - *Any Body for Tea?* by C.B. Gilford and *Funeral Tea* by Pat Wilson - put the focus on a couple of different groups of ladies, according to Debbie Lannen, the director of The Still Got It Players.

"In *Anybody for Tea?* is a wonderful group of elderly ladies dying to meet the handsome detective across the street, and the lengths they go to meet him are hilarious and quite unexpected," Lannen said. "*Funeral Tea* introduces us to a different group of eccentric ladies faced with the dilemma and privilege of finding the perfect resting place for a favorite uncle."

Performances are set for 1 p.m. Aug. 26-27; 7 p.m. Aug. 28-29; and 2 p.m. Aug. 30, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, (734) 394-5460, or on-line at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door/ Box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets are \$15



PHOTOS BY DAVID M. MAYLEN III

The Still Got It Players, featuring (from left) Shirley Reynolds of Canton, Agnes Hay of Northville, Thomas Strock of Canton, Lanna Collins of Garden City, Beth Brooks of Northville and Lee Thomas of Plymouth, present *Anybody for Tea?* at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.



The Still Got It production of "Funeral Tea" features (front, from left) Joanna McKay of Canton and Beth Brooks of Northville, as well as (back, from left) Robin Hoover of Belleville, Lanna Collins of Garden City and Linda Trygg of Westland.

for adults, \$13 for seniors and students under 19 and \$12 for groups of 15 or more.

Still Got It Players, which features actors from Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Belleville, Garden City, Westland and Redford, is

part of the Spotlight Players organization. Spotlight Players is the resident adult theater group for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit

TAKING THE STAGE

- **What:** Still Got It Players productions of "Any Body for Tea" and "Funeral Tea"
- **When:** Aug. 26-27, 1 p.m.; Aug. 28-29, 7 p.m.; Aug. 30, 2 p.m.
- **Where:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton
- **Who:** Still Got It Players features actors from Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Garden City, Westland and Northville
- **Tickets:** \$15 for adults; \$13 for seniors/students under 19
- **Info:** www.spotlightplayersmi.org or call (734) 734-480-4945

501(c)(3) organization and has been part of the community for 62 years.

For more information about The Still Got It Players, visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org or call Lannen at 734-480-4945.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
August 10, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 10, 2009 at 6:58 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed change to the Salary Ordinance for the City Manager as follows.

Proposed Ordinance A #10-

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

A **Salary Ordinance** in accordance with the Charter of the City of Garden City, Section 5.02 (9):

POSITION	SALARY
CITY MANAGER	\$91,000. - \$119,500 annually

In addition to the above salary established herein, fringe benefits agreed to in the Employment Agreement are made part of the total compensation package and are affirmed and established as if set out in full. Above salary shall be in effect as of July 1, 2009.

The amendatory ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of the City Clerk, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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ALA asks cyclists to Ride for a Reason

The American Lung Association is inviting local cyclists to Ride for a Reason and help stamp out lung disease on the 24th Annual Bike Trek to Shakertown Sept. 19-21.

When it comes to autumn bicycle tours, the "Lung Ride" sets the standard for beautiful routes, spectacular scenery and first-class service. Featuring a visit to Shakertown and a tour along some of central Kentucky's most scenic back-roads, the trek makes a perfect regional get-away.

Last year's trek attracted riders from seven states and raised more \$163,000 for the fight against lung disease. Proceeds from the event help support medical research and lung health education programs throughout Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and Tennessee, the region served by the American Lung Association of the Midland States.

Registration for the event is well underway, and since space is limited, interested riders are encouraged to sign up now.

Sponsored by Kindred Healthcare, the Bike Trek to Shakertown is a 2- or 3-day, fully supported cycling excursion through the Kentucky countryside, beginning and ending in Harrodsburg. Riders will spend Saturday night at Danville's famous Pioneer Playhouse. Sunday morning, it's on to Shakertown, where cyclists may tour the restored 19th century Shaker dwellings and visit the craft shops.

Three-day riders will enjoy a country gourmet dinner at Shakertown, and a concert by Lexington musician/recording artist Ben Sollee. They stay overnight at the historic village before cycling back to Harrodsburg on Monday.

The 2-day option (Sept. 19-20) includes Saturday's ride

and overnight in Danville, plus Sunday's ride to Shakertown with a chance to tour the village. The 2-day ride wraps up Sunday afternoon with a shuttle back to the start point.

No matter the level of cycling ability, there's something for everyone. Beginners can opt for the basic route of 30-35 miles each day, while those wanting a greater challenge will enjoy

a 69-mile, moderately hilly ride on Saturday and a similar option on Sunday. Monday's routes will both be shorter.

Some of the trek's amenities include experienced tour leaders, a gear truck for luggage, on-road repair service and rest stops with refreshments. Throw in free massages, meals and live entertainment, and it's easy to see why this event is often billed

as a mini-vacation on wheels.

According to Trek Director Carolyn Embry, "Contributions raised by Bike Trek participants help the 35 million Americans living with lung disease. Proceeds fund medical research, education, and advocacy for public policy that will advance the association's mission to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung

disease."

Embry added that for many participants the ride is special because lung disease has touched their lives in some way.

"We have riders who suffer from asthma and others who have lost loved ones to lung cancer," she said.

To register for the trek, each rider pays a \$60 registration fee and agrees to raise pledges to

fight lung disease. Participants can qualify for a wide array of prizes as they reach various pledge levels.

For more information about the Bike Trek to Shakertown, including pre-trek information programs, training rides and corporate teams, call the American Lung Association at (800) 586-4872 or visit the website at www.kylung.org.

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GARAGE SALE

Idyl Wild to host junior tourney

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the fifth year in a row, the Livonia-based Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club is spearheading a Junior Golf Tournament with the goal of helping youngsters perhaps discover the game.

This year's event is set to begin at noon Sunday, Aug. 9, at Idyl Wild Municipal Golf Course, located on Five Mile between Newburgh and Farmington roads in Livonia.

"We had 75 or 80 kids last year," Wolverine board member Bob Murray said. "We'd like to double that this year."

Those who register by the Sunday, Aug. 2, deadline will have the chance to compete in boys or girls divisions for the following age brackets: ages 15-17, 13-14 and 10-12. There will be two prizes awarded to the top golfers in all six brackets (three divisions each for boys and girls).

"But there is no same-day registration or registration at the golf course," said Murray, who also has been a high school hockey and baseball coach at Redford Union in recent years.

Murray stressed that those who want to take part in Wolverine's fifth annual Junior Golf Tournament must call him to do so at (734) 751-4466.

Those who register by Aug. 2 will receive the following from Wolverine, free of charge: 18 holes of golf, lunch and a T-shirt.

Meanwhile, fliers about the tournament are available at Livonia's three public golf courses.

Wolverine Sports and Conservation, a nonprofit group, donates \$50,000 annually toward different activities based on recreation, fitness and conservation, Murray said.

According to the group, its goals "include the introduction and support of community-based sports and recreation programs."

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Max Kollin of Farmington Hills competes for the first time on an international stage in the Junior Optimist Golf Championships.

Teen meets international challenge

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Max Kollin of Farmington Hills is one of three area teens venturing into the big time at The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.

Kollin, 15, is among some of the best young golfers in the world who are competing at the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Thirty countries are represented, including 38 states and Canadian provinces. There are 14 Michigan golfers

among the 650 boys and girls in four age groups.

Kollin, who will be a sophomore at North Farmington High School, was in the 14-15 division, which concludes its three-day, 54-hole tournament Monday.

Two other area golfers also qualified — Plymouth's Zak Fadden (12-13) and Farmington's Ian Ellis (16-18), a June graduate of Farmington High and a member of the All-Observer first team.

"I'm just looking forward to having a great time," Kollin said Thursday night. "I'm sure it will be a lot of fun."

It's the first national event for Kollin, who did aspire to play well, obviously, and was ready to give it his best shot.

"I'm definitely looking forward to putting my name on the leaderboard," he said.

"I was looking at some past scores, and I think one or two under par for the tournament could win it."

"I'm looking to do pretty good one day and have two other sub-par rounds."

Kollin was a key player and consis-

Please see **INTERNATIONAL, B2**

Hitting, pitching spark Canton 9U Cubs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Talk about a juggernaut.

The 9U Cubs of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association rolled to a 10-1 regular season record, good enough to capture their division.

It didn't hurt to have six players with at least a .500 batting average or a pitching staff that struck out 132 batters in 51 innings. The entire team's batting average was over .400.

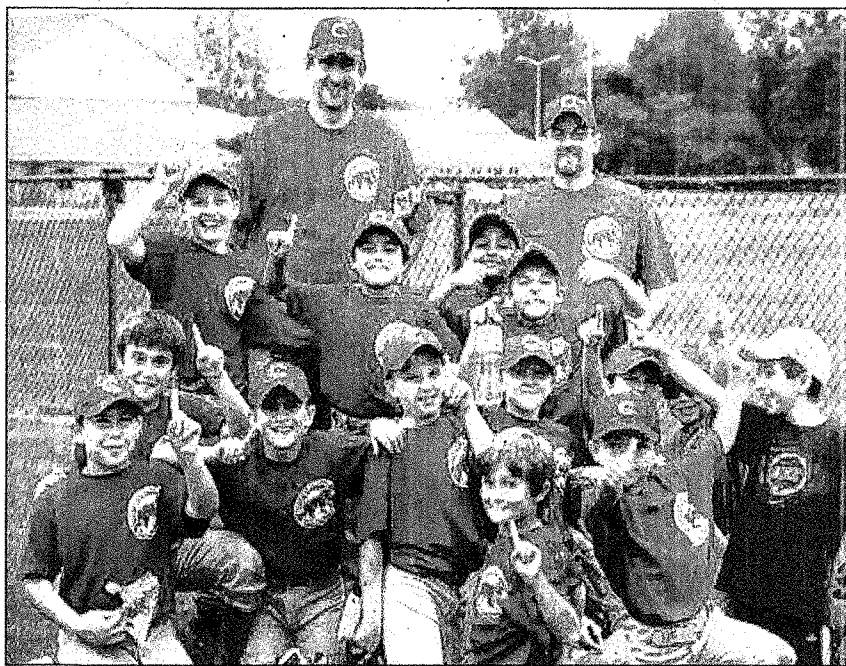
"Some of these boys have been playing baseball together for five years," said head coach Bill Boyd about the outstanding season. "(There's) great team chemistry."

"The Cubs focus on 'working hard, listening and having fun,'" noted Boyd, continuing that great support from parents makes coaching an enjoyable experience.

Players who made the 2009 team so successful were many.

At the top of the list were the co-MVPs, pitcher Joe Watson and catcher Brendan Olepa.

Please see **CUBS, B4**



Celebrating their recent clinching of their division are the 9U Cubs of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association, coached by Bill Boyd and Ed Olepa.

GAME WRAPS

Ladies football camp

The second annual Lady Hawks Football Camp will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Farmington Harrison High School.

The camp is open to any female wanting to learn football. Members of the Harrison coaching staff will be the camp instructors.

The camp includes station drills, chalk talk and film, conditioning and a short scrimmage. Lunch will be provided. Ladies should bring workout clothes, tennis shoes and courage.

The cost is \$30. Checks should be payable to HHS Football Boosters — Hawks Camp and mailed to Tammy Levitan at 27672 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Levitan can answer questions about the camp at (248) 345-8135.

Hawks golf scramble

The Farmington Harrison Football Boosters will have their fifth annual golf scramble Sunday, Aug. 9, at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon.

The 18-hole event begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost is \$90 per person and includes golf, cart, hot dog at the turn, prizes and steak dinner.

To participate, call Al Upchurch at 248-473-3994. Make checks payable to Harrison Football Boosters and mail to Al Upchurch, 28109 Statler Lane, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

All-star spiker

Katey Ramthun, a graduate of Lutheran Westland High School, will be a participant in Friday's Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association All-Star Game to be held at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. A pair of semifinal games will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the consolation and finals schedule for 7:30 p.m.

Ramthun, selected to the All-Observer First Team in 2008, helped her Warrior teammates to a 46-6-5 overall ledger in last fall and a runner-up finish to Battle Creek St. Philip in Division 4 state tournament play.

New PCHA Web site

The Plymouth Canton Hockey Association has a new Web site (www.usahockey.com/plymouthcantanhockey) and registration for the fall instructional program and teams is ongoing.

Fall ball signup

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association is accepting registration from youth between the ages of 4-14 and for the Fall Baseball season. Games begin in mid August and continue through early October.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600 or e-mail cott@canton-mi.org.

Michigan Rams register 20th collegiate baseball win

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Rams continued their strong play over the second half of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League campaign as they posted a 3-0 shut-out of the Michigan Blue Knights Wednesday evening at Ford Field.

Kyle Vesey's double in the sixth inning broke a scoreless tie and the Rams went on to score two more times in the frame as they recorded their 20th win against nine losses. Vesey finished with two hits, two RBI and one run scored, while teammate Ryan Abraham ripped three hits in three trips and scored one run. Brett

Mazmanian had the other hit for the Rams.

A trio of Rams pitchers combined to limit the Knights (17-15) to five hits and struck out eight batters. Tom Whiting tossed the first four innings, Ben Schroeder came on to pitch the fifth and sixth frames and got the win, and Ryan Abraham struck out the side

in the seventh to earn the save.

Matt Mahalak took the loss for the Knights after giving up all six hits and being charged with the three runs.

Tony Pounders had two hits for the Knights and Frank Persichino, Brandon Schwanz and Chris Stephens picked up one each.



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MEN'S SENIOR PUBLINX GOLF RESULTS

■ The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its eighth of 14 tournaments July 18 at Selfridge Golf Course in Macomb County. The tournament produced 16 winners from a handicapped field of 75 players (50 years and older) representing 13 communities in southeast Michigan.

The low gross player was Mike Phillips of Bloomfield Hills who shot a 3-under-par 69. Phillips also leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

For more information, visit www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888. The prize winners by flight are as follows:

Flight A (Gross/Net) — first: Dan Sutherland, Northville (77/65); second: (tie) Kyu Kim, Bloomfield Hills (72/67); Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills (69/67);

Alan Teeter, West Bloomfield (77/67)

fifth: Harry Hicks, Commerce Twp. (79/68).

Flight B (Gross/Net) — first: Anthony McCauley, Detroit (80/65); second: (tie) Albert David, White Lake (84/70); John Dodd, Farmington Hills (85/70); fourth: (tie) Jim Adams, Southfield (86/72); Marty Schine, West Bloomfield (89/72).

Flight C (Gross/Net) — first: (tie) Randall Bisby, Clinton Twp. (86/67); Daniel Stankewitz, Harrison Twp. (92/67); third: (tie) Morris DeFever, Shelby Twp. (92/68); Lacy Wright, Dearborn (90/68); fifth: Larry DuBois, Bloomfield Twp. (94/69).

■ The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its seventh tournament July 9 at Fieldstone Golf Club in Auburn Hills.

The tournament produced 25 winners from a handi-

capped field of 111 players (50 years and older) representing 20 communities in southeast Michigan.

The low gross players were Clifford Davis of Rochester Hills and Mike Phillips of Bloomfield Hills. Both shot 73. Phillips also leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

The prize winners by flight are as follows. For more information, go online to www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888.

Flight A (Gross/Net) — first place: Clifford Davis, Rochester Hills (73/67); second: (tie) David McFear, Redford (79/69); Jim Mlynarczyk, Northville (77/69); Sal Petrusis, (79/69); fifth: Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills (73/70); sixth: (tie) Everett Bailey, Manchester (78/71); Larry Brady, Shelby Twp. (80/71).

Flight B (Gross/Net) — first: Larry Bell, Fenton (79/61);

second: (tie) Dennis Frantz, Wixom (83/66); Paul Sleboda, Auburn Hills (81/66); fourth: Christopher Frye, Clawson (81/67); fifth: David Piasecki, Farmington Hills (81/68).

Flight C (Gross/Net) — first: Rick Reichenbach, Rochester Hills (85/65); second: Dan Moore, Plymouth (89/67); third: Gerry Garcia, St. Clair Shores (91/68); fourth: (tie) Ron Bisby, St. Clair Shores (90/69); Bill Landrem, Fenton (89/69); sixth: (tie) Curt Wagner, White Lake (88/70); Thomas Yagley, Madison Heights (88/70).

Flight D (Gross/Net) — first: (tie) Richard Comiskey, Canton (91/66); Maurice DeCock, Macomb (95/66); third: (tie) Daniel Hajduk, Dearborn (98/67); Tom Kurczewski, Shelby Twp. (102/67); fifth: (tie) Fred Hackstock, Lake Orion (96/68); John Pullum, (97/68).

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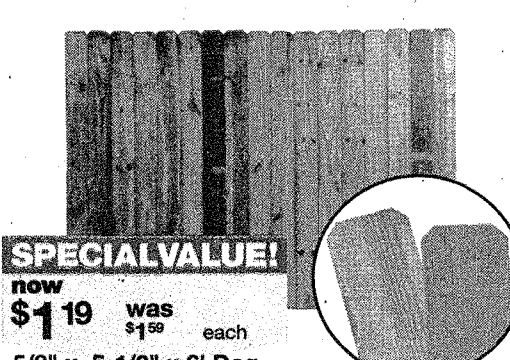


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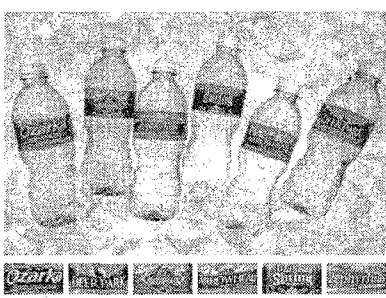
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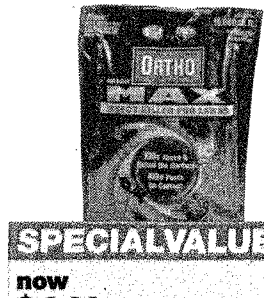
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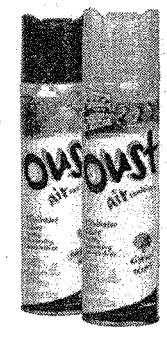
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tent low scorer for North Farmington's championship varsity team as a freshman the past spring.

He has a three handicap, which is up slightly from a low of 2.3, and he has an average 18-hole score of 75 on his home course at Twin Beach Country Club in West Bloomfield.

Kollin won the Optimist district tournament in Farmington Hills, and he tied Sean Friel of Rochester Hills for first place in the state tournament at Shanty Creek.

Both shot one-under 71s. Friel won a one-hole playoff, but both golfers had already qualified for the national event.

Kollin was anticipating a practice round Friday and his first look at the PGA National championship course, the site of the Honda Classic.

"It's a different style grass; it's pretty fast," he said. "I understand (the course is) pretty tough. The pros have a little trouble with it, so I'm sure it will be harder for us."

Kollin's father, Jim, said the course is shortened for the younger players, which benefits the ones who don't hit the ball as far off the tee.

"Max is a long driver," he said. "He's used to playing against kids who are 17 and 18. It would be better if it was 7,000 yards, so he can take the driver and boom it."

"He'll have to play it smart with an iron off the tee. They try to make it fair for the younger kids, but some big hitters have to tone it down."

Kollin started swinging a golf club before he was 3, and he was ready for the golf course a few years later.

With support from his parents, Kollin continued to work on his game and has made himself into the player he is today.

Kollin got his early start soon after his parents bought a house adjoining the first tee at Copper Creek Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

"When he was a baby, my wife and I would walk on the course in the evening, and we'd take Max with us," Jim Kollin said. "He'd run and tire himself out."

"At two and a half, I'd give him a club. I didn't think he'd hit the ball, but he did. At 3, he started creaming it. People would come out on their decks and watch him hit the ball. By 7 he was ready to go to the course, and we joined Twin Beach when he 13."

In the meantime, Kollin has acquired an extensive collection of clubs and golf accessories — the result of his constant experimenting.

"I'm quite an equipment guy," he said. "I'm trying different putters and wedges all the time. If something isn't working, I'm always throwing a new club in there to see what's going on."

Kollin expects to play four years at North Farmington, but his ideal situation would be to attend a golf school in the South and complete high school there.

"That would definitely be a fun experience," he said. "It would be a lot better than just staring at the clubs all winter instead of getting out there and actually playing."

Kollin's eventual goal is to play golf at the NCAA Division I level. For now, he said he has to keep working at it and getting better.

"I'm hoping my game will improve a lot," he said. "At this point, I'm kinda young to make predictions; at this point, anything can happen."

Like, winning a Junior Optimist international championship, perhaps?



GC Colts carry on

The Garden City Colts 16U Tournament Team won the Sectional District Tournament on July 17-18 and advanced to the State Finals Tournament in Grand Ledge taking place Friday through Sunday. Team members include: (front row, from left) Spencer Dowd, Eric Trigg, Chad Bauschat, Matt Wright, Robert Shelton and Greg Emery; back row (from left) Cody Crane, coach/scorekeeper Allison Shelton, P.J. Peters, James Nutt, Andrew McGrath, coach Rob Wright, Claude Johnson, Chris Oziemski, coach Mark Barikmo and Kirk Barikmo.



Blues win 13-under crown

The 13-and-under South Farmington Blues won the Kensington Valley AAA Travel North Open Division with a record of 12-5-1. The Blues also won the Wolves Challenge tournament at Founders Sports Park May 31 and the Blues Invitational June 14. In the championship games, they defeated the Lakes Area Dodgers, 13-1, and the Anchor Bay Angels, 12-2, respectively. The Blues are (front row, left to right) Daniel Hackert, Michael Militello, Reede Burnett, Mark Gossett, Michael Carty, (middle row) David Lett, Brandon Jureczyszyn, Brad King, Brady Jones, Ross Williams, McCoy Sloan, (back row) coaches Paul Hackert, Rick Williams, Joe Jones and Sean Carty.



Amazin' Rays

Celebrating an undefeated regular season and Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association U10 Tournament Championship are the 'Amazin' Rays.' The Rays finished 11-0-1 in division play and then went 3-0 in the Upper Division Bracket in the tourney. The team includes (bottom row, from left) Zachary Gallaher, Matt Brooks, Matt Lessel, Jacob Snyder, Jack Boczar and Shane Prevo; (middle row, from left) Robert Barnes, Joshua Rubis, Zachary McVicker, David Gunnis, Alex White, Joshua Janovsky, Drew Posh, Jarrett Barkume; (top row, from left) assistant coach Steve Barnes, head coach Jeff Boczar and assistant coach Keith Rubis.



Hot Dragons

The Canton Dragons beat four other teams to secure the U11 Division Championship in the 3-v-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout organized by Michigan Men's Soccer and held July 18 at the University of Michigan. Dragons players pictured (from left) are Ammar Chishti, Jeremy Coleman, Avery Felty and Matt Turton.

FOUNDERS FESTIVAL RACE RESULTS

**FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL
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Overall female winner: Angela Matthews, age 25, fifth place overall, 22:38.

Female masters winner: Cindy Bradley, age 43, 42nd place overall, 26:48.

Female 12-under

1. Madeline Trevisan, 11, 133rd overall, 33:22; 2. Kelly Smith, 10, 147th, 34:51; 3. Emma Bradley, 11, 196th, 38:28; 4. Jillian Adoff, 11, 197th, 38:29; 5. Jacqueline Carbone, 11, 199th, 38:30; 6. Abby Sampson, 11, 210th, 39:13; 7. Jenna Voorman, 11, 230th, 40:17.

Female 13-14

1. Alexandra Drayback, 14, 50th overall, 27:01; 2. Sydney Anderson, 14, 56th, 27:44; 3. Bethany Pilat, 14, 64th, 28:27; 4. Stephanie Radloff, 13, 116th, 32:22; 5. Sarah Gallagher, 13, 162nd, 36:09.

Female 15-19

1. Gabby DeFlorio, 15, 29th, 25:40; 2. Angela Wright, 15, 49th, 27:01; 3. Kathleen McGowan, 18, 63rd, 28:21; 4. Amanda Miley, 18, 68th, 28:59; 5. Marion Rodriguez, 18, 76th, 29:30; 6. Michelle Mac, 17, 86th, 29:55; 7. Rachel Lubin, 15, 95th, 30:42; 8. Kristen Rockwell, 19, 126th, 32:58; 9. Shae Boguslawski, 15, 138th, 34:02; 10. Katie Gallagher, 16, 161st, 36:09; 11. Cara Johnson, 16, 232nd, 40:31.

Female 20-24

1. Hoda Salameh, 20, 121st, 32:53; 2. Eman Salameh, 24, 131st, 33:11; 3. Kristen Kluka, 22, 143rd, 34:36; 4. Erica Waldon, 23, 229th, 40:12.

Female 25-29

1. Heather Dyc, 25, 58th, 27:55; 2. Kimberly Otsuji, 25, 78th, 29:41; 3. Amber Laho, 28, 130th, 33:09; 4. Katie Lynn Mason, 26, 135th, 33:38; 5. Jennifer Altschul, 26, 137th, 33:50; 6. Sarah Bajek, 26, 150th, 34:57; 7. Ann Echois, 27, 152nd, 35:09; 8. Donna Beydoun, 25, 158th, 35:46; 9. Angela Thomson, 29, 164th, 36:15; 10. Karen Reasoner, 25, 182nd, 37:20; 11. Emily Walker, 28, 185th, 37:22; 12. Mariana Filimon, 26, 191st, 37:43; 13. Lisa Kiser, 25, 194th, 38:11; 14. Julie Kimmel, 25, 200th, 38:33; 15. Amber Hartley, 29, 201st, 38:41; 16. Amy Russo, 27, 213th, 39:24; 17. Katherine Marsack, 28, 221st, 40:02; 18. Heather Morden, 29, 238th, 41:24; 19. Mona Ramlawi, 26, 242nd, 42:28; 20. Julie Kluka, 28, 259th, 47:37.

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1. Jessica Marek, 32, 67th, 28:42; 2. Lisa Silverson, 34, 94th, 30:41; 3. Eve Ratliff, 32, 145th, 34:46; 4. Jennifer Crabtree, 30, 148th, 34:54; 5. Kelly Tingle, 34, 149th, 34:56; 6. Rebecca Asher, 33, 165th, 36:19; 7. Beth Halthcock, 33, 168th, 36:36; 8. Crystal Barrow, 34, 176th, 37:05; 9. Evelyn Stokes, 32, 177th, 37:20; 10. Annie Moore, 30, 189th, 37:39; 11. Danielle Hock, 31, 183rd, 37:20; 12. Michelle Ogg, 30, 189th, 37:39; 13. Kelly Duty, 34, 204th, 38:47; 14. Laura Jackson, 32, 214th, 39:25; 15. Hayla Bazzi, 32, 222nd, 40:03; 16. Eva Fransusconi, 31, 225th, 40:08; 17. Keeley Carson, 32, 227th, 40:11; 18. Sarah Munk, 33, 240th, 42:16; 19. Jennifer Hock, 31, 245th, 43:28; 20. Nicole Burley, 31, 256th, 47:15; 21. Elizabeth Ellerholz, 31, 257th, 47:15.

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1. Mikelle Adamczyk, 37, 39th, 26:24; 2. Suzann Trevisan, 37, 97th, 30:45; 3. Pamela Zinkosky, 38, 115th, 32:18; 4. Dawn Cox, 35, 117th, 32:23; 5. Dawn Blair, 38, 153rd, 35:11; 6. Shawna Broida, 39, 171st, 36:42; 7. Suzanne Moore, 37, 175th, 37:05; 8. Julie Chalfoux, 35, 186th, 37:22; 9. Britney Stieber, 37, 195th, 38:22; 10. Amanda Ellis, 35, 202nd, 38:45; 11. Rima Bazzi, 38, 223rd, 40:03; 12. Colleen Ezeddine, 39, 239th, 41:46; 13. Suzi Straffon, 38, 247th, 44:14; 14. Malaka Starling, 35, 253rd, 46:14.

Female 40-44

1. Marla Worthing, 40, 100th, 31:05; 2. Carrie Warolin, 42, 118th, 32:29; 3. Marla Vartanoff, 41, 155th, 35:37; 4. Karen Brehob, 40, 174th, 37:04; 5. Jill Carbone, 41, 178th, 37:06; 6. Marti Kirby, 44, 180th, 37:10; 7. Julie Seiler, 41, 215th, 39:27; 8. Judith Miller, 42, 231st, 40:18; 9. Deb Strautz, 44, 254th, 46:18; 10. Laurene Moncznik, 41, 260th, 49:00.

Female 45-49

1. Jenni Everal, 45, 89th, 30:17; 2. Mary Smith, 47, 104th, 31:27; 3. Trude Noble, 46, 113th, 32:11; 4. Susan Swanson, 47, 134th, 33:36; 5. Denise Brady, 49, 241st, 42:22; 6. Karen Bhagwat, 48, 243rd, 43:10; 7. Kathy Williams, 46, 252nd, 45:01; 8. Kathy Schroe, 40, 262nd, 1:04:30.

Female 50-54

1. Ella Willis, 51, 47th, 26:57; 2. Marilyn Weimar, 53, 111th, 31:53; 3. Deborah Diehr, 50, 142nd, 34:11; 4. Rene Henriksen, 52, 187th, 37:31; 5. Margaret Bezzerko, 50, 226th, 40:10.

Female 55-59

1. Lauren Brockman, 58, 159th, 35:56; 2. Lisa Speck, 56, 261st, 1:31:54.

Female 70-74

1. Maryann Dormady, 71, 263rd, 1:04:30.

Overall male winner: 1. Ricardo Galindo, age 17, first place overall, 21:00.

Male masters winner: 1. Mark Wright, age 44, ninth place overall, 23:42.

Male 12-under

1. Douglas Tischler, 9, 235th, 41:13; 2. David Tischler, 4, 236th, 41:13.

Male 13-14

1. Tristan Lopus, 13, 12th, 24:00; 2. Matt Carney, 14, 34th, 26:18; 3. Drew Lindman, 14, 43rd, 26:48; 4. Billy Williams, 13, 74th, 29:20; 5. Tanner Cipriano, 14, 84th, 29:53; 6. Sean McGowan, 13, 119th, 32:41.

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1. Alex Townsend, 19, second, 21:58; 2. Emery Pitcel, 18, third,

22:03; 3. Cody Larsen, 16, sixth, 22:45; 4. Alex Noble, 19, 10th, 23:45; 5. Ben Anens, 16, 13th, 24:02; 6. David Hong, 16, 14th, 24:02; 7. Matt Clinis, 17, 15th, 24:09; 8. Luke Bersche, 15, 16th, 24:15; 9. Joshua Eby, 18, 20th, 24:58; 10. Daniel Lech, 17, 21st, 25:05; 11. James Huang, 16, 23rd, 25:13; 12. Zachary Anderson, 17, 25th, 25:15; 13. Daniel Lubin, 19, 37th, 26:31; 14. Dan Lim, 15, 38th, 26:34; 15. Michael Drakos, 16, 77th, 29:32; 16. Philip Rockwell, 18, 107th, 31:40.

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1. Paul Rockwell, 21, 46th, 26:54; 2. Kyle Mason, 22, 51st, 27:15; 3. Dave Vander Beek, 24, 62nd, 28:14; 4. Brian Guiko, 20, 85th, 29:55; 5. Haydar Ali, 20, 218th, 39:33; 6. Ibrahim Alaouie, 22, 219th, 39:33; 7. Ryan Coryell, 23, 228th, 40:12.

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1. Charles Stamboulain, 27, seventh, 23:27; 2. Marcus Marek, 29, eighth, 23:31; 3. Brad Litwin, 26, 30th, 25:45; 4. Dan Baughman, 26, 51st, 28:12; 5. Nick Hartley, 28, 79th, 29:44; 6. Jeffrey Hesson, 27, 114th, 32:16; 7. Patrick Corcoran, 25, 140th, 34:07; 8. Chris Potterpin, 26, 146th, 34:48.

Male 30-34

1. Chris Imber, 33, 11th, 23:46; 2. Eric McKeon, 34, 27th, 25:24; 3. Jason Dreyer, 31, 65th, 28:29; 4. Michael Leary, 30, 66th, 28:41; 5. Micah Teets, 34, 83rd, 29:51; 6. Jeremy Klobueur, 31, 103rd, 31:23; 7. David Boduch, 32, 113th, 31:52; 8. Luke Hugel, 31, 122nd, 32:54; 9. Remus Filimon, 33, 123rd, 32:54; 10. Steven DeLuca, 32, 129th, 33:09; 11. Chris Mollan, 30, 157th, 35:46; 12. Steven Halthcock, 31, 169th, 36:37; 13. Michael Poisson, 32, 173rd, 37:03; 14. Daniel Ogg, 31, 190th, 37:39; 15. Mark Owens Jr., 33, 211th, 39:14; 16. Peter Marsack, 32, 224th, 40:07.

Male 35-39

1. Matthew Yacoub, 35, fourth, 22:20; 2. Scott Burns, 37, 17th, 24:19; 3. Preston Thomas, 35, 48th, 27:00; 4. Jerry Rioux, 39, 52nd, 27:23; 5. Todd Kearney, 35, 53rd, 27:25; 6. Andrew Monique, 38, 54th, 27:33; 7. Timothy Roberts, 39, 69th, 29:07; 8. Jon Good, 36, 80th, 29:47; 9. Larry Laverty, 36, 101st, 31:07; 10. Matt Begstrum, 36, 105th, 31:29; 11. Jon Norgard, 36, 127th, 33:02; 12. Ramzi Mroue, 35, 132nd, 33:14; 13. Adam Funk, 37, 167th, 36:34; 14. Todd Hemmi, 37, 188th, 37:37; 15. Nader Bazzi, 37, 203rd, 38:47; 16. Jeff Stacey, 39, 205th, 38:48; 17. Jerome Van Hulle, 39, 208th, 39:02; 18. David Sampson, 37, 209th, 39:13; 19. Chad Saperstein, 35, 237th, 41:24.

Male 40-44

1. Greg Janicki, 44, 18th, 24:28; 2. Leonard Pitcel, 43, 28th, 25:31; 3. Kevin Bentley, 44, 36th, 26:23; 4. Jim Oleksinski, 42, 41st, 26:37; 5. Charles Bridges, 44, 75th, 29:24; 6. Mike Lemieux, 41, 88th, 30:05; 7. Scott Silverson, 41, 90th, 30:17; 8. Mike Weissman, 41, 109th, 31:51; 9. Tim Prince, 44, 112th, 31:57; 10. Tim Gallagher, 44, 120th, 32:48; 11. Ahmad Ezeddine, 40, 125th, 32:56; 12. Bryan Williamson, 43, 160th, 36:08; 13. Rick Broida, 40, 172nd, 36:51; 14. Derek Adoff, 43, 196th, 38:29.

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Male 50-54

1. Kevin Naughton, 52, 22nd, 25:10; 2. Al VanMeter, 52, 32nd, 26:01; 3. Chuck Weimar, 54, 36th, 26:23; 4. David Prange, 51, 55th, 27:39; 5. David Kotzian, 50, 57th, 27:45; 6. Greg Everal, 50, 71st, 29:15; 7. Kenneth Zak, 50, 72nd, 29:17; 8. Jonathan Eby, 52, 82nd, 29:50; 9. Jeff Krause, 54, 87th, 29:56; 10. Doug Bopp, 53, 92nd, 30:22; 11. Charles Delaney, 52, 93rd, 30:29; 12. Joe Dzenowasus, 53, 102nd, 31:10; 13. Malek Beydoun, 50, 106th, 31:31; 14. Terry Kenny, 50, 136th, 33:44; 15. Rick Spranger, 52, 139th, 34:06; 16. John Skrzyptec, 53, 181st, 37:11; 17. Tim Smith, 52, 184th, 37:21; 18. Dan Waldon, 53, 216th, 39:28; 19. Mike Carpenter, 51, 217th, 39:31; 20. James Scott, 50, 220th, 39:57; 21. Andrew Johnson, 50, 233rd, 40:32; 22. Graig Henriksen, 52, 248th, 44:21.

Male 55-59

1. Tom Ruyle, 57, 44th, 26:49; 2. James Dowd, 58, 91st, 30:18; 3. Albert Mozug, 56, 108th, 31:47; 4. Tom Budd, 57, 144th, 34:41; 5. John Kluka, 57, 151st, 35:01; 6. Russel Mollan, 55, 156th, 35:45; 7. Keith Kelly, 59, 163rd, 36:13; 8. Thomas Rockwell, 55, 206th, 38:48; 9. Richard Porte, 58, 212th, 39:21; 10. Hilory Earley, 58, 249th, 44:28.

Male 60-64

1. Mike Rollason, 60, 40th, 26:36; 2. Jerry Mittman, 64, 81st, 29:48; 3. David Lamb, 60, 98th, 30:48; 4. Steve Corcoran, 62, 141st, 34:08; 5. Bill Waterhouse, 61, 192nd, 37:56; 6. Bill Walker, 63, 246th, 44:14.

Male 65-69

1. James Caporali, 67, 124th, 32:55; 2. Richard Waldecker, 66, 250th, 44:55.

Male 70-74

1. Ed Funk, 71, 154th, 35:30; 2. Larry Mishler, 72, 170th, 36:39; 3. George Douglas, 71, 234th, 41:05.

Male 75-79

1. Fred Hagen, 79, 193rd, 38:10.

Male 80-over

1. Kingsley Sears, 81, 258th, 47:26.

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Football

• 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

• The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of summer sports programs and several clinics. The summer programs, through Aug. 17, will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through instruc-

tion 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.

A pair of clinics also are on tap through Plymouth Family YMCA.

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

Call (734) 453-2904; or visit www.ymcadeloit.org for information.

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.

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. Saturday, July 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.

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

Volleyball

• Schoolcraft College will offer a girls volleyball camp 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.

• St. Fabian volleyball coach Jason Gold and his staff of varsity high school and college players will conduct a volleyball skills camp July 27-30 at St. Fabian.

The \$75 fee provides campers with 12 hours of volleyball training (four three-hour sessions). The camp is for girls entering the third through eighth grades.

Campers will be divided by age, with grades 3-6 going from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and grades 7-8 from 2:45 to 5:45

p.m. Campers should bring a water bottle, knee pads, T-shirt (no tank tops) and volleyball shoes.

Registration is limited to the first 50 girls who register and send their payment. Checks should be payable to Coach Jason Gold and mailed to: Jason Gold, 30056 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

The St. Fabian gym is located at 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, (on the north side of 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake). Call 248-538-7269 with questions.

• Plymouth Salem High School will host a volleyball camp July 27-29 for students in grades 5-12. Sessions will run from 1-4 p.m. for those in grades 5-10 and 5-7 p.m. for grades 11-12. Cost is \$75 per camper.

For more information, email asuder4@aol.com.

• Plymouth varsity volleyball coach Kelly McCausland is hosting a camp for those entering grades 6-10, to take place 1-4 p.m. Monday, July 27, through Wednesday, July 29. The camp is slated for Plymouth High School.

The fee is \$65. Contact McCausland at mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us for more information.



Pompon prowess

On July 12, the Plymouth Varsity Pompon team competed at the Mid American Pompon Summer Camp at Northwood University. After receiving a first place each night during evaluations and again on final day the team was awarded Grand Champions as well as first place on their senior kick 'Reese's Pieces' routine. Other accomplishments included winning the Day 2 'Peppy Poms' and the 'Knock Your Socks Off Award' for outstanding spirit. Members of the squad are as follows: (front row, from left) Lindsey Martin, Chelsea Schroeder, Allison Santori, Kirsten Engstrom, Danielle Gornick, Nichole Finch, Jennifer Turner, Laura Krahel, and Jillian Covault; (middle row, from left) Katie Shelton, Hayley Wakefield, Megan Laporte, Anjelica Janevski, Lauren Uhlan, Kelly Connelly, Christina Winkler, Kendall Torp, Holin Pardikes, Maddy Kinsella, Staff Sister Trina; (back row, from left) Kimberlin Butler, Megan Birdwell, Tiffany Granowicz, Holly Runyan, Katie Justice, Emma Buchele, Kirstie Liakos, Christina Dreyer, Dominica Convertino and Coach Maria Hernandez.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Bowling benefit

The Bowl-4-Animal Rescue Benefit Event will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Country Lanes located at 30250 Nine Mile, west of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills.

All proceeds will benefit the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Professional bowling champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen, who co-own Aleta Sill's Bowling World and have adopted seven animals, will host the fourth annual event.

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sional bowlers throw a strike for them!

Tickets may be purchased by calling Aleta Sill's Bowling World at (248) 615-9060 or e-mail michellemullen@att.net.

Baseball tryouts

The fledgling Motor City River Sharks of the Kensington Valley Baseball/Softball Association will be holding tryouts for the 2010 season late next month.

Tryouts for the River Sharks' 10U travel team are slated for 2-to-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 30, both at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

Registration both days will take place at 1:30 p.m. For more information, email motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

CUBS

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Other key hurlers included Jeremy Armstead, Chase Every and Jacob Hazel.

Those .500 batters included Armstead, Every, Watson, Mike Collins, Brad Byars and Kevin Swope.

Chipping in when called upon were the Cubs' remaining players, Brandon Boyd, Nick Grimaldi, Noah DeGuzman, Zach Craft and Cal O'Donnell.

Boyd's assistant coach was Ed Olepa. Meanwhile, Boyd is looking forward to coaching a second team.

Tryouts are slated for next month for the new 10U Motor City River Sharks travel baseball team.

For more information, send an email to motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

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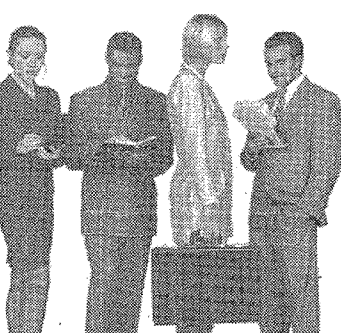
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Kids rock out at annual day camp

All Saints School in Canton was one rockin' place to be the last two weeks as young musicians sang, strummed guitars, beat drums and played keyboards at DayJams, a national music program that offers summer camps in local communities.

Campers learned to express their ideas through music and lyric writing and then rehearsed and performed their original songs in a band. They were grouped by age, level of experience, and musical preference under the guidance of a teacher/band manager. The day camp's art staff also helped each group create a band logo and design a shirt, poster, CD cover, and other promotional band materials.

"It was a good time," said Heidi Dunavant, who works in marketing and sales for DayJams.

She said enrollment was down "a bit" this year because of the poor economy. It also was the first time a DayJams camp was held in Canton.

"We were in Ann Arbor and then opened one in Farmington Hills. Both were dropping off a bit so we combined them and put it in Canton. It was a new campus for us there."

The National Guitar Workshop created the music day camp for kids, ages 8-15 in 1984. The camp's staff of directors, music teachers, art teachers, recreation leaders, and counselors offer one-week sessions of fun, music and creativity throughout the country.

Two one-week sessions were held in Canton.

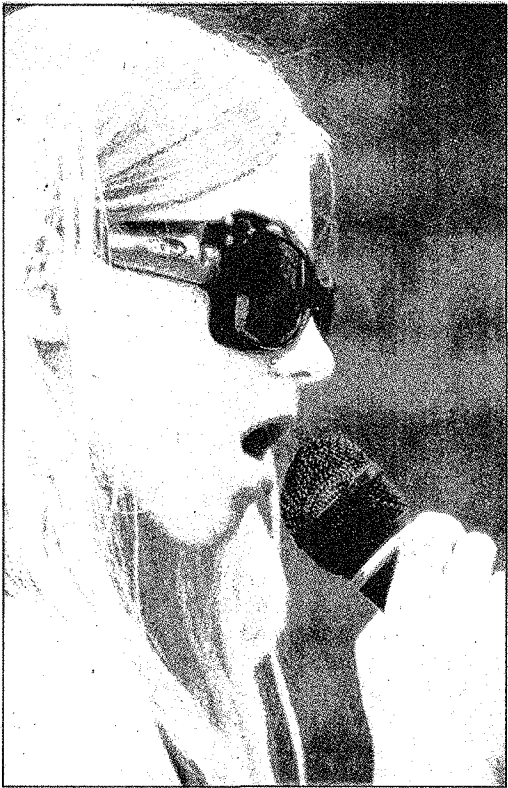
"We sent out our thank yous a couple of days ago. We've had a good response from families thanking us back," she said, adding that parents said their children enjoyed the camp.

DayJams is accepting registration now for next year's summer camp. Campers receive \$100 off the regular \$575 tuition if they enroll before Aug. 31. Call (800) 295-5956 for more information or to register.

- By Sharon Dargay



Nick Skinner of Plymouth plays for the funk band Stuck In My Straw at DayJams, a rock music camp for kids.



Singer Karen Roggenkamp sings with the band Dross Sun during DayJams, a rock 'n' roll summer camp for kids.



DayJams campers design banners to hang during their band performance. The Time Breakers band includes Ali Kahler of Plymouth, (left) William Jozwiak of Farmington Hills, Steven Philippou of Ann Arbor, and Jennie Breen of Farmington Hills.

Reader makes good sense

A person in Plymouth sent me an e-mail and I would like you to read it. It applies to my previous column talking about energy efficiency with refrigerators.

"Dear Mr. Gagnon, Last time we bought a refrigerator, we made sure to select a model with condenser coils on the back, rather than underneath, believing that it would make for better efficiency, less accumulation of dirt, and easier cleaning. Furthermore, ours is not situated in an enclosure and thus has freer circulation of air around it. Our daughter's first refrigerator had its condenser coil underneath,

where it depended on a fan and a baffle for air circulation. It was difficult to reach, impossible to clean thoroughly; and it collected an astounding quantity of dirt and crud. The baffle was of flimsy material which fell out of position and obstructed air flow. She was convinced to replace it with a unit having exposed coils on the back. In the 1930s my grandparents had a G.E. four legged refrigerator with a condenser that resembled a giant crown on top — until Grandpa relocated the crown to the cool basement, making for a very efficient refrigerator. Which leads me to believe that locating a central air conditioner's condenser component in the shade should be advantageous, though some installers claim it doesn't matter. Does any of the above seem sensible to you?"

I thank this person for reading my column and for the great knowledge he or she passes on to our readers. All of it makes terrific sense and many of our seniors can relate to their own experience of the old time refrigerator in their homes. We have in our garage a 1948 Philco which keeps the

pop at a temperature of 35 degrees and a 1958 GE refrigerator at the cottage which does the same. I wonder how many of today's models can do the same? The cost to operate each of these older refrigerators is about \$6.00 per month. I'll bet the cost to operate our modern refrigerator in our kitchen is twice that amount. The old style coil on back system is still sold today but you will have to ask for it when shopping.

Becoming popular in the 1950s and '60s was the old freezer-on-the-bottom refrigerator which gave way to the new side-by-side style. The side-by-side was such a hit that production ceased on the bottom mounts until the mid-'70s when Amana brought them back into production. Today it is a well sold product which points in the direction of what goes around comes around. The side-by-side introduced the coil underneath so that kitchens could be designed with a built-in look. It created much work for service technicians because problems multiplied.

I've recently read that LG's French door refrigerator coming out this fall is going to sell for \$3,399. This beautiful-looking model will have two freezer doors on the bottom with the feature of pushing buttons to open each door and several other bells and whistles which will draw the buying public to seriously consider the purchase. It is the way it is and you must agree that the modern appliances of today sure enhance the appearance of any room. I only wish that manufacturers would consider using some of the old technology that still applies today. You can't tell me when selling someone a new central air conditioning system that it doesn't matter if the condenser outside is placed in direct sunlight.

Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and 2 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400. E-mail questions on appliances to appldr@twm.rr.com.



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NEIGHBORS

Yes, we can: Couples who work together make it work out

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Moonlight Printing on Warren Road in Westland is truly a family affair. It's owned by Kelly and Glen Gable of Dearborn, who mark their 11th wedding anniversary this year. "I married into the business," said Kelly Gable, who has a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Eastern Michigan University. Glen's been with the business 22 years.

"My husband's had it from Day One," she said. "He started the company."

A year or two after their wedding he bought another print shop. The work was too much, so she left her job in customer service in the automotive field and came into the business in October 2000.

"It's very hard," she said of couples working together. "I call it the true test of a marriage because we spend every waking moment together. You just have to learn to leave work at work and home at home."

The couple has no children and no other employees, so their workload's demanding. Their two dogs come to work with them every day.

When asked her advice for young couples who are thinking of starting a business, her semi-serious response is "Don't do it."

It takes long hours, she said, and isn't a Monday-Friday daytime job.

"If we don't produce the work, we don't eat. You have to be willing to go through struggles."

TOGETHER SINCE 1978

Realtors Mike and Mary Gladchun are also married co-workers. They're brokers/owners of RE/MAX on the Trail on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

The Gladchuns, who consider themselves agents first and foremost, have been working together since their 1978 marriage, and with the current company since 1993. They met at Eastern Michigan University

Mike Gladchun too has advice for younger couples starting a business together. "Everybody underestimates some things. Expect the best and plan for the worst." They've achieved a good name in their business and community recognition, focusing on Plymouth primarily as well as Northville and Canton real estate.

as seniors in 1975, and both hold bachelor's and master's degrees.

The Gladchuns opened their own business with knowledge gained from years of work, "just to have it done our own way." Mike Gladchun likes offering more personalized service to clients.

"Most people say they would never even consider it," he said of working around the clock with a spouse. "The 24 hours just blends together. Everything just works together fine."

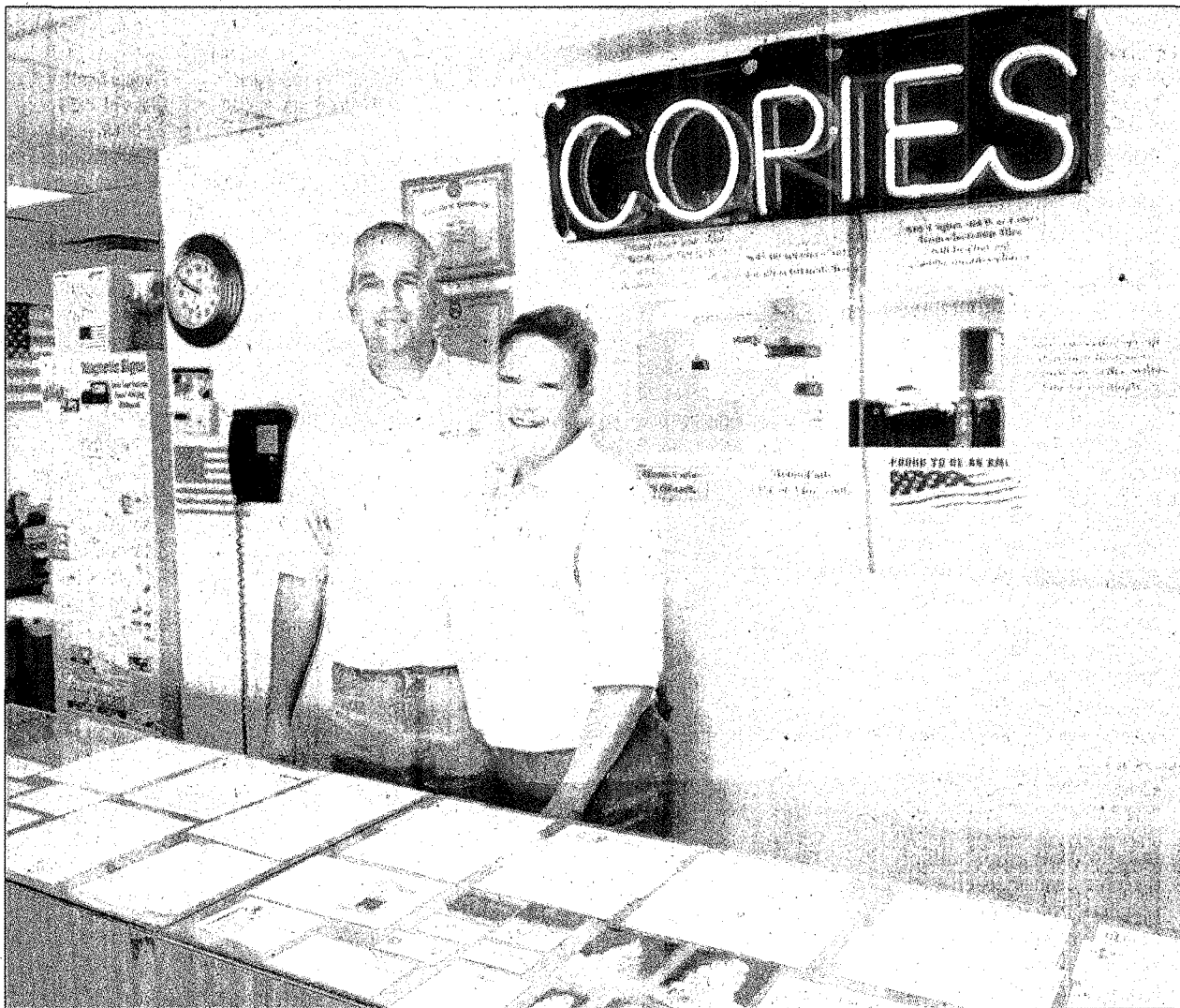
The Gladchuns, Plymouth Township residents without children (they have an extended family and dog), respect each other's opinions. "Put each other first as well," he said.

EXPECT THE BEST

He too has advice for younger couples starting a business together. "Everybody underestimates some things. Expect the best and plan for the worst." They've achieved a good name in their business and community recognition, focusing on Plymouth primarily as well as Northville and Canton real estate.

"Plymouth's always been our priority from Day One," Gladchun said.

They used to travel more extensively before they had their own business. These days, it's shorter trips to Charlevoix, which they like because it's similar to Plymouth "but with water." They also fly a single-engine plane and enjoy boating.



Glen and Kelly Gable, who own a Westland print shop, are among couples who work together.

"It's a lifestyle and it's something we accept," Mike Gladchun said of working together. Other couples say they couldn't do the same. "But they recognize it works for us."

Businesses often involve couples and families, and sometimes ministries do as well. Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Capt. Joanna Rose enjoys working with her husband and fellow corps commander, Derek.

"I actually enjoy it that way," said Joanna Rose, who's been married to

Derek seven years. They have two children ages 6 and 2. The Wayne residents have been at their current post one year, and three years in Livingston County with the Salvation Army before that.

She noted their work with different responsibilities often takes them out in different directions. "We both know exactly what's going on in each other's lives," Rose said.

Most Salvation Army corps are led by married couples, and she said

friends of theirs enjoy that arrangement as well.

"It really works out well when you're juggling a family. You're doing the same things and you just work together on that."

Derek recently took their son, Logan, to camp and she missed them while they were gone. She tells couples working together to "take time and enjoy each other as husband and wife off the clock. It can be easy to go home and talk about work."

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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.

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

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

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

Detroit 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 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 Holy Redeemer
Class of 1969
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Detroit Mumford
Class of 1959
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Detroit St. Brigid
Class of 1959
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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.

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

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

Class of 1984
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Class of 1989
20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts, and are available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchsc1989reunion@hotmail.com.

Garden City West
Class of 1979
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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.

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 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 Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at 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 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.

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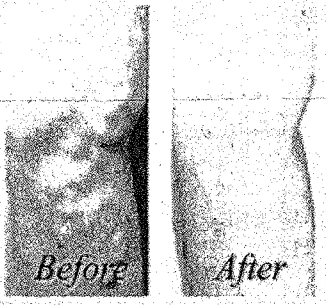


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TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
SWFF, 46, educated, HW proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, N/S, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. **☎311355**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SBF, 36, 5'4", 160lbs, brown/brown, drama-free, disease-free, looking for SWBM, 35-60, to talk to. I like movies, music, hanging out, travel, having fun. **☎317137**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-40, for companionship. **☎282578**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, ND, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. **☎284388**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **☎289947**

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

CURVACEOUS
SWF, 47, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. **☎283605**

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

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **☎299793**

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

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **☎293317**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 48, 5'3", brown hair, has pets. N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **☎280581**

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

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

PETITE AND CUTE
SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SWM, 35-45, who will love me for me. **☎229493**

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

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

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

SEEKING A MATURE MAN
Attractive SBPF, 35, N/S, ND/drug, would like to meet respectable, happy SBPM, 25-50, to enjoy life together. **☎300680**

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

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, N/S, social drinker, N/S, 32-50, race open, with similar values. **☎310922**

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

SEEKING A REAL MAN
Retired SBF, 48, likes the internet, watching tv, shopping, visiting friends, picnics, taking walks, parks, dining, hanging out with friends. Looking for a SBWM, 29-58. **☎314707**

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

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

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **☎287305**

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

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
WWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **☎376914**

LET'S TALK SOON!
I am 52", in my 60s, brown hair, brown eyes, WLTM "tall" well-groomed, neat, 60-74 SWPM, who likes to travel, cards, casinos, dining out, exercise etc. Is this you? **☎982305**

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

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

PRETTY EYES
SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **☎286970**

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

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
Attractive SWF, 55", 125lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love the companionship of a pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **☎91247**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-55, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **☎279171**

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

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS
BF, 55", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 36-60. **☎284318**

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP
SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. **☎284371**

WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **☎287187**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD
SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **☎292913**

I NEED LOVE
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SBWM, 18-30, who shares my life for life. **☎300110**

SEEKING SBM COMPANION

I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. **☎302311**

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?
SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic SM, 40-65, N/S, who loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **☎282618**

HOPING WE CLICK!
SBF, 23, 5'1", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk. **☎307550**

MUST LOVE THE LORD
SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SBH/M, 18-27, for possible relationship. **☎311174**

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SBM, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. **☎311011**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **☎963760**

DBF SEEKS LTR
Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unattached male, 46-65, not into games. Must be ready to start a new found friendship and see where it goes. Bedroom dancing is a plus. **☎310736**

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN
WF, 59", blonde/blue, would like to meet a young at heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. **☎310164**

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
DBF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, N/S, loving, independent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking S/DBM, 50+, with similar qualities and interests, who wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. **☎311753**

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

I NEED A LOVE...
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **☎568059**

PLUS-SIZED LADY...
34, 200lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-60, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **☎113198**

VERY CUTE
SBF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-60, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **☎113198**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **☎630608**

SINCERE AND HONEST
Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SWBM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **☎284932**

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **☎287856**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBH/M, 18-25, who keeps it real. **☎287598**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

WISHES DO COME TRUE
SWM, 6, 210lbs, short brown hair, short beard, seeking SWH/F, down-to-earth, easygoing, honest, nice, petite to plus-sized, 30-40. **☎318596**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 66, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **☎269466**

LET'S MAKE A CONNECTION
SWM, medical professional, 51, courteous, looking for fit single lady, 35-45, with whom to spend some quality time. Let's do dinner, movies, bowling, golf, tennis, swimming, or just kick back and watch a DVD. **☎310972**

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape. SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. **☎572855**

A GREAT GUY
Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. **☎176478**

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. **☎200459**

CAPRICORN
SBM, 5'11", 170lbs, medium complexion, likes sports, concerts and much more. Would like to meet a woman, 25+, who is easygoing and has a nice personality. **☎318568**

I PROMISE THAT YOU...
won't be disappointed. SBM, 59", 180lbs, likes working out and spending time with that special person. Would like to meet a secure, goal-oriented woman, 20-46, with a nice personality. **☎318591**

HAVE FUN WITH ME
SWM, 45, 5'11", 230lbs, brown/brown, N/S, N/ Drugs, looking for SF, 30-65, race open, who enjoys walks, bike riding, intelligent conversation, board games, classic movies, dining out or cooking at home and romantic evenings at home. **☎318619**

I'LL KEEP IT REAL
BM, 6'1", 185lbs, brown eyes, likes movies, concerts, cooking and much more. Would like to meet a secure, attractive, goal-oriented H/BF, 21-45, for dating. **☎318792**

EASYGOING
SBM, 38, 6'4", likes movies, jazz concerts, walks in the park, quiet moments at home, playing pool. Looking for SF, 35-45. **☎318935**

WORTH THE CALL
SBM, 35, no kids, looking for a SBF, 24-34, N/S, for good friendship possibly leading to more. Call me! **☎318056**

IF INTERESTED, CALL
SWM, 43, 5'7", 160lbs, red/green, secure homeowner, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, to get to know and date, possibly leading to more. **☎318518**

PROFESSIONAL
SM, 33, 6'2", 195lbs, bald with a beard and goatee, enjoys painting, drawing, cooking, more. Looking for a down-to-earth, honest, loyal SBF, 25-35, for dating. I hope to hear from you soon. **☎318564**

TENDER LOVING CARE
Attractive WM, 5'11", 190lbs, enjoys travel, cars, art and holding hands. Seeking nice-looking lady to share the same and enjoy some TLC from her romantic knight. **☎318784**

CALL ME
SM, 42, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, who is outgoing and fun to be with for LTR. If you're out there, please give me a call. **☎317043**

YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE
SM, 55", 155lbs, brown eyes, interested in meeting a nice, honest, respectful, trustworthy woman, 35-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. **☎318761**

HONESTY A MUST
SWM looking for an honest female, 18-44, who is interested in LTR. No games please. **☎317031**

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. **☎187614**

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

MAXIMUM RETURN ON...
your investment. SBM, 58", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. **☎313155**

HARD-WORKER
SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. **☎296097**

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

SOFT-SPOKEN

SM, 6'1", 200lbs, dark brown/hazel, very hard-working, looking for an honest, down-to-earth WF, 35-45, who likes movies, fishing, camping, hunting, biking riding and more. **☎316099**

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN
Attractive SWPM, 41, seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, HW proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. **☎262579**

FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 44, 5'7", likes outdoor activities, cooking, movies, kids, animals. Seeking SWF, 30-45, to spend time together. **☎297143**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
BM, 6'1", 220lbs, would like to meet a woman, 25-48, who knows what she wants in life, for fun, dating, companionship and possible LTR. **☎299087**

SEEKING A GIRLFRIEND
SBM, 35, 6'3", 186lbs, brown eyes, likes singing, travel, basketball. Seeking similar woman, 20-35. **☎299411**

LET'S TALK
SWM, 39, 6'3", N/S, dark/blue, enjoys sports, movies, dining. Seeking attractive SBH/F, 18-50, for possible relationship. **☎299949**

NO DRAMA
SBM, 36, 5'11", 165lbs, slim build, medium complexion, well-groomed, DD-free, N/D, spiritual, drama-free, no children, independent, romantic, college-educated, family-oriented, seeks: cute, slim, down-to-earth female, 30-49. **☎299975**

ARE YOU MISS RIGHT?
SBM, 42, 5'10", 225lbs, light-complexioned, from Detroit East Side, business owner/N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, no drama, homeowner, seeks strong woman, 25-35, who is sexy, determined, assertive and together. **☎300038**

TALL, DARK, HANDSOME
SHM, 39, seeks quiet, artistically creative woman, 40-61, with a beautiful mind. I hope you are the right one! **☎300709**

WINTER SPORTS
Single DWM, 42, 6'1", 218lbs, hardworking, easygoing guy. Likes movies, bowling, and winter sports. Looking for SWM, 35-42, for dating. **☎301662**

POSITIVITY
SBM, 42, looking for positive, intelligent SF, 32-48, with no negativity in her life. Call, let's see if we click! **☎301956**

OUTDOORSMAN
BM, 57", 165lbs, likes boating, swimming, basketball, fishing, enjoying life. Looking for a very intelligent, nice, honest, easygoing female, 30-50, who likes to have fun. **☎302424**

THE ONE FOR ME
SBM, 38, 5'8", athletic build, seeks attractive lady for dining, movies, taking walks, reading poetry and more. **☎302986**

SEEKING A FRIEND
SBM, 40, 6'3", 240lbs, wants to meet a down-to-earth SBF, 35-42, who is easy to get along with, for friendship, maybe more. **☎303036**

SWM SEEKS SBF
DWM, 37, N/S, no kids, looking for SBF, 46+, to get to know, I'm a cool dude who cooks and has a good job. **☎303043**

WANT TO TALK?
Sexy SBM, 35, N/S, light brown eyes, long hair, looking for SBW/F, 18-24, to chat with. I like movies, dining, just chilling out. **☎303045**

NOT A GAME PLAYER
SWM, 46, smoker, no children, searching for a special lady, 28-42, who doesn't play games, loves the outdoors, is honest, caring, loving.

REUNIONS

FROM PAGE B7

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.rr.com/phs30yearreunion> or send e-mail to phs1979@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.

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 Santa 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@gr-lakes.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.

Wayne Memorial Class of 1983
26th reunion, noon until dark, Sunday, Aug. 29, at Independence Lake Park, in Whitmore Lake. A \$5-\$10 donation per family is suggestion, but participants can contribute any amount to help cover the cost of pavilion rental. Family-friendly event. Potluck. For more information call Mary Gills Orwin at (734) 968-6368.

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.

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.

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

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 - Learn how to treat pests and problems in the garden, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at all stores.
- 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 information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

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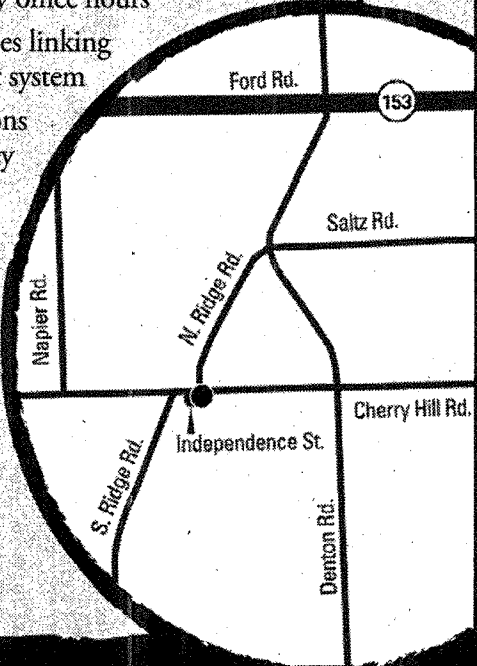
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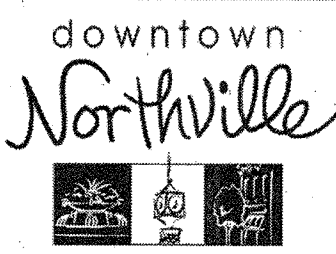
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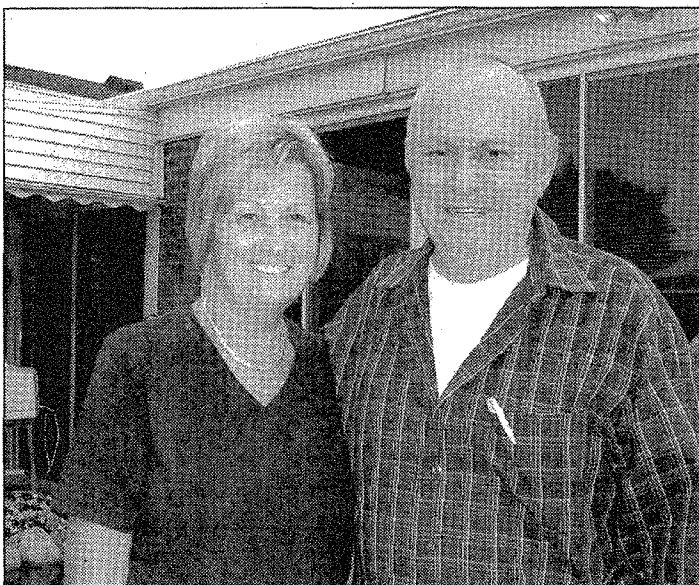
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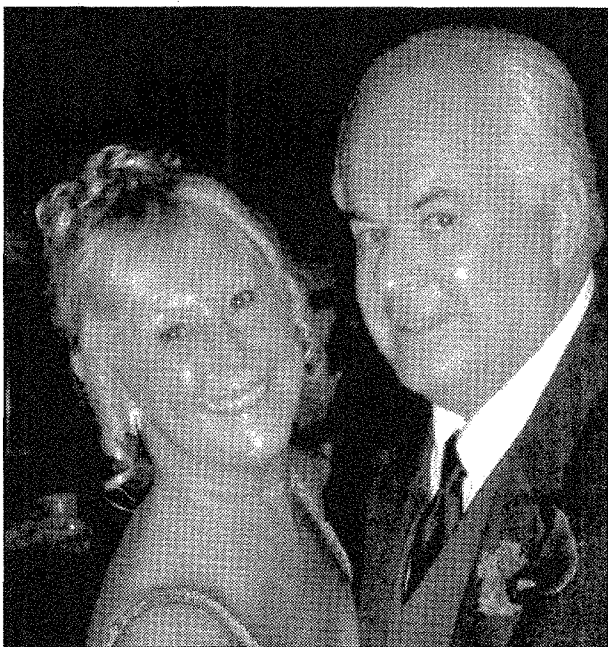
MILESTONES



Robert and Clara Mirti of Westland

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Robert and Clara Mirti will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Aug. 1. The couple married in 1959 and have lived in Westland for 49 years. They also have a condo in Pompano Beach, Fla. Robert retired last year after owning the Trophy Room Pub in Dearborn Heights for 34 years. Clara is a daily walker at Westland Mall, and she enjoys working in her yard and decorating her home. She has won awards from the city of Westland for her landscape and holiday Christmas decorations. They have three children, Kelly (Mirti) Ogden, Bob Mirti and the late Tracey Mirti. Grandchildren are Jesse Ogden, Jacob Ogden, and McKenzie Ogden. The couple will celebrate their marriage milestone with a family dinner.



John and Carolynne Stabnick

MARRIAGE MILESTONE

John and Carolynne (Kanir) Stabnick of Plymouth celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary today, July 26. The couple wed in 1969 at St. Bede Catholic Church, Southfield. John is a graduate of U of D High School and the University of Dayton, Ohio. Carolynne is a graduate of Immaculata High School and the University of Detroit. They have four children, Julie (Stabnick) Mastrogriacomo, Paul Stabnick, Cynthia Stabnick, and Elise Stabnick.

SPRINGER-SPEARIN

Megan Elizabeth Springer and Jeffrey James Spearin announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Mark and Paula Springer of Farmington Hills, is employed as a surgical physician assistant at Highland Park Hospital, Highland Park, Ill. Her fiancé, son of Roderick and Sally Spearin of Troy, is an M.B.A. candidate at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, in Evanston, Ill. An August 2009 wedding



Springer-Spearin

is planned in Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College, Detroit, with a reception at the Detroit Yacht Club.

GREGORICH-FILKINS

Kathryn Gregorich of Canton and Matt C. Filkins of Grosse Ile announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of George and Helen Gregorich of Canton, is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. She teaches in the Gibraltar school district. Her fiancé, son of Susan C. Filkins of Grosse Ile, is a graduate of Grosse Ile High School and Ohio Northern University. He is employed as a textile consultant for Standard Textile. A November 2009 wedding is planned in Las Vegas, Nev.



Gregorich-Filkins

A November 2009 wedding is planned in Las Vegas, Nev.

HULETT-GOWELL

Mary and Roger Hulett of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Hulett, to Jeffrey Gowell, son of Barbara and Larry Gowell of North Muskegon. The couple plans a December 2009 beach wedding at Fort Myers Beach, Fla. They'll reside in Naples, Fla.



Hulett-Gowell

MACERATINI-CARLSON

Mia Maceratini of Livonia and Christopher Carlson of Kent City announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Lou and Lisa Maceratini of Livonia, is a 2005 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2009 graduate of Michigan State University's nursing school. Mia is a registered nurse, employed at Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids. Her fiancé, son of Lesa and Scott Carlson of Kent City, is a 2004 graduate of Kent City High School and a 2008 graduate of Michigan State University. He will attend graduate school at MSU in the fall.

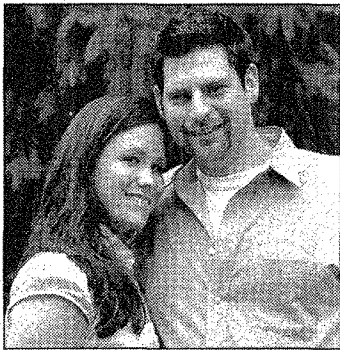


Maceratini-Carlson

A September 2009 wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Grand Rapids.

BENISH-RAPER

Amanda Benish and Abraham Raper announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Terry and Donna Cheney and Stephen and Linda Benish, all of Northville. Her fiancé is the son of Lanny and Beulah Raper of Garden City. Amanda and Abraham both are students at Schoolcraft College. They plan to wed in September 2009.



Benish-Raper

GETYINA-RHEA

Hope Evelyn Rhea and Chad Gabriel Getyina were married June 6, 2009, in a mountainside ceremony in Gatlinburg, Tenn. The Rev. Adam Sanders officiated and Lucie Novoveska played violin. A reception followed at Calhoun's Banquet Facility. The bride is the daughter of Gary and Theresa Rhea of Troutville. She is a graduate of Lord Botetourt High School and MCI and currently is a student at Jefferson College. She is employed as a registered nurse at Carilion Clinic. The groom is the son of Dale and Patricia Bennett of Canton. He is a graduate of Canton High School, Miami Dade College and Duke University. He is employed as a cardiothoracic surgery physician's assistant at Carilion Clinic. Bridesmaids were Sarah Fisher and Hunter Donegan. Flower girl was Grace Blankenship. Groomsman were Ryan Fisher and Dominique Donegan. The couple took a honeymoon trip along the east coast. They reside in Richmond, Va.



Getyina-Rhea

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JOHN ROBERT BENS MILLER

Age 80, of Westland, died Thursday, July 23, 2009. He retired from Lee M. Thurston High School in Redford after teaching for 37 years and was preceded in death by his wife, Lila Lee (Mudge); his son, John; and a sister, Shirley. Memorial services will be held at a later date. To sign John's online guest book or for additional information, please visit: www.mi-cremation.com



BARBARA JUNE BROWN
Of Clarkston; July 22, 2009; age 82; born June 4, 1927 in Pontiac, MI. Daughter of the late Ralph and Lena Williams; wife of William B. Brown; mother of Kerry Brown and Kathy Brady (Jeff); grandmother of Andrew Medina (Katrina) and Megan Medina Horstman (Benjamin); mother-in-law of Douglas Beebe; sister of the late Ralph M. Williams; sister-in-law of Kathleen Williams; also survived by beloved nephew Fr. James Williams. Mrs. Brown played oboe for the Pontiac High School Band and Michigan State Marching Band. She was a beloved retired elementary school teacher, from the Farmington Schools. She loved her grandchildren and her dogs. A Celebration of Barbara's Life will be held Friday, July 24, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at Donelson, Johns and Evans Funeral Home, Waterford. Rev. James Williams officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Envelopes available at the funeral home.

LLOYD T. CHENEY

Age 91, of Plymouth, MI. Passed away July 17, 2009. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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WILLIAM C. FORD

Age 85. Husband of the late Lois. Beloved father of Jeff, Pam (Mike) Joins, Winnie (Owen) Rockentine and the late Greg. Loving grandfather of Katie, Nicki and Patty. Dear brother of Jeanne Rost, Marian (John) Nistad, Ruth Thomasen, Barbara Patten, Nancy Venisocofski, Linda Ford and the late Richard, Patricia, Frances, Jack and Christine. Brother in law of Sal Salerno. Longtime Redford Township Parade Marshall and Civic Activist. Visiting Monday & Tuesday 2-4 pm and 6-9 pm. Tuesday Veteran Ritual 7 pm, Rosary 8 pm at Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (Btw 6-7 Mile). In State Wednesday 10 am until 11 am Services at St. James Presbyterian Church 25350 W. Six Mile (East of Beech) Interment Grandlawn Cemetery.

Virginia Rosemary (McMahon) Fowkes

Gently past away Wednesday July 22. She was born May 6th 1922 in Detroit Michigan which is where she met our father James Charles Fowkes. The high school sweethearts married soon after graduation and remain sweethearts forever. She is survived by her children, Joanne & Bob Melvin, Jim & Dianne Fowkes, Ron & Barb Fowkes, Mark & Linda Fowkes, Melissa & Tim Johnston, many grandchildren & great-grandchildren, brother Jerry McMahon & family. The family will hold a Memorial Celebration at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel.

CHARLOTTE LUCILLE (Stone) FRANCIS

Age 79, died in Livonia July 18, 2009, where she resided for the last 47 years. Charlotte, known as "Penny" to all her friends, was born October 16, 1929 in Springfield, Illinois, the daughter of Dean Enoch and Lucille Della (Clark) Stone. Penny is survived by her husband, Gilbert (Gil) Francis of Livonia, daughter Nancy (Francis) Pennington of Livonia, and son and daughter-in-law Carlton and Patricia Francis of St. Cloud, FL, sister-in-law Mildred Stone of Redford, and nephews Scott Stone of Livonia and Kirk Stone of Redford. Grandchildren are David Pennington and Laura (Pennington) Smith of Garden City, and Christina (Francis) Wilson of Auburn Hills. Great-grandchildren are Amber Pennington, Drew Smith, Kara Smith and Colton Wilson. Penny was pre-deceased by her brother Dean (Bud) Stone and his first wife Mary Katherine Stone. A service and visitation was held Tuesday, July 21, 2009. Arrangements were made with the Fred Wood Funeral Home.

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LAWRENCE F. "Larry" JANTOVSKY

July 17, 2009, age 79. Beloved husband of the late Patricia for 49 years. Loving father of Judy Spehar, Kevin (Barb) Jantovsky, the late Paul Michael and the late Lawrence Michael. Father-in-law of Sherie Jantovsky. Grandfather of seven, great-grandfather of 11. Visitation was Sunday, July 19, 2009, 1-9pm with an Am-Vet Ceremony at 7:00pm. A Funeral Service was held Monday, July 20, 2009, 11am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184. Please leave the family a message at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

PATRICIA MARIAN KUBAN

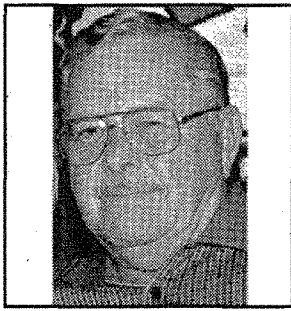
Age 83, of New Port Richey, FL and was a longtime resident of Westland, passed away July 19, 2009. Patricia was employed as a nurse at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne for many years. She was preceded in death by her son John "Jack" Kuban. She is survived by her husband Joseph Kuban; sons Ronald, Karl and Brian; daughter Peggy Carlington; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Service was held July 21. She will be interred at the National Cemetery at Bushnell, FL.

NAOMI LICHTMAN

Beloved wife of 59 years of the late Frederick Lichtman. Dear mother of Nancy (Bob) Mills, Susan (Jerry) Huffman, Lawrence (Holly) Lichtman & the late Daniel Lichtman. Loving grandmother of Stephen (Kim) Manasco, Laura (Greg) Packer, David (Amy) Huffman, Christian Huffman, Kimberly (Mike) Newman, Rachel (Todd) Kenyon, Jason (Lisa) Lichtman, Nathan (Sarah) Lichtman, Lindsay, Anna & Charlotte Lichtman. Proud great-grandmother of Spencer, Madison, Bennett, Daryn, Tyler, Kendall, Callie, Mia, Cade, Trent, Alex, Danny, Sydney, Davis, Becca, Jake & Jamie. Sister of Mildred (Bill) Nicol. Services were held 10:30am Friday Morning at the IRA Kaufman Chapel, 248-569-0020. Interment Clover Hill Park Cemetery. www.irakaufman.com

CAROL J. MANESS

July 21, 2009, age 73, of Farmington Hills. Loving mother of Sharon (Robert) Edwards & James (Susanna) Rengo. Grandmother of Ann E. Rengo. Dear sister of Bette (Richard) Neuhaus. Dear aunt of R.J., Robert, & Ryan Neuhaus. Dear cousin of Allan (Irene) Kovar. Memorial Gathering Friday 12-2 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). To leave a message of condolence please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



DANIEL T. QUIGLEY

Age 70, passed away at home with his family at his side on Sunday, July 19, following a tough fight with cancer. He was born October 25, 1938. He served his country in the United States Navy. He worked hard to support the family he loved so dearly. He was the second generation to work for Ford Motor Company having retired in 1986 after 25 years. He is the beloved husband of 48 years of Janice. Dear father of Tracy A. (Bill) McCord, Daniel R. Quigley, Michael P. Quigley and Gary F. (Gina) Quigley. He gave great tractor rides to all of his grandchildren, Valeri, Rob, Annie, Luke, Joey, Ryan, Allie, Tara, Casey, Julie, Maria, and Zack. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton. Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Share memories or leave a message of condolence for the family at: www.schrader-howell.com

RUTH ANN SARDO

July 22, 2009, age 63. Beloved wife of Mario. Loving mother of Tony and Renee. Grammy of Kahla, Chloe and Liliana. Visitation: Sunday, July 26, 2009, 2-9pm. Funeral: Monday, July 27, 2009, 11:00am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Ruth Ann's name to: The Myositis Association 1737 King St. #600, Alexandria, VA 22314. Please leave the family a message at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

DOROTHY CAROLINE TODIC

Of Plymouth, passed away July 16, 2009 at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Melvin Roy Todoc. She is the dearest mother of Dennis "Mike" (Constance) Todoc of Ann Arbor. Dear grandmother of Brian (Janice) Todoc of Souderton, PA and Jodi (Kevin) Sweeney of Hellertown, PA and great-grandmother of Samantha and Zachary, also of Hellertown. Dear sister of Charlotte Leggett of White Lake, MI. Dear aunt of Laurel Fick of Detroit, Eileen Roscano of Detroit and JoAnn Ruczynski of White Lake, MI. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 21, 2009, 10am at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

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AUG. 3-9
New support group
Botsford Hospital begins a new diabetes support group at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6 in the Wellness Complex, 39830 Grand River Avenue, Novi. It will meet every other first Thursday of the month. (248) 477-6100.

Golf scramble
Gilda Club, the metro Detroit support group for individuals with cancer, their friends and families, will hold its Golf Scramble at 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 3, at Red Run Golf Club, located on Rochester Road just north of 12 Mile, in Royal Oak. Event includes 18 holes with a golf cart, use of range, shotgun start, access to Red Run pro, use of locker room, buffet barbecue dinner, free keg beer at halfway house, hole-in-one prizes that include a Harley Davidson motorcycle, and lots of contests along the way. Cost is \$175 per golfer or \$700 per team of four. Dinner tickets for non-golfers are \$35 each. They include access to the silent auction and short comedy event. Proceeds benefit Gilda’s Club. (248) 577-0800, Ext. 28, or e-mail to ebattle@gildasclubdetroit.org.

ONGOING
Fitness classes
Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength

training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary’s Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.ooa.org.

Breast cancer support group
Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

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

Wayne metro caregiver support
Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro’s Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave.,

Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

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

CPR classes
Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

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

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

Recovery, Inc.
The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an interna-

tional, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@sbc-global.net.

Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew’s Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

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

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

Health enhancement classes
Classes for exercise (including yoga), CPR and childbirth, and support groups for cardiac, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; Alzheimer’s caregivers; and the hard of hearing. The classes are part of an array of offerings at Garden City Hospital’s Health Enhancement Center. For more information, call (734) 458-3242. Blood pressure (free) and cholesterol (\$5) testing are also available noon to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in Garden City Hospital lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

New book focuses on healing depression in natural way

The Michigan School of Professional Psychology in Farmington Hills announces the publication of adjunct faculty member Nancy Liebler’s new book, *Healing Depression the Mind-Body Way*, by Wiley Publishing Company.

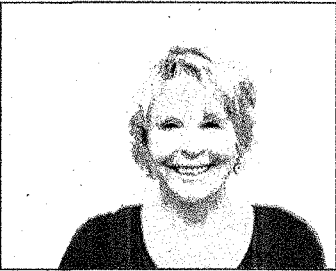
MiSPP President Kerry Moustakas, Ph.D., is proud to see Liebler’s skills as a clinician and teacher showcased in her timely handbook on coping with depression.

“Nancy’s enthusiasm for her work on more holistic ways of helping people who suffer from depression has expanded and become more passionate in the last few years,” said Moustakas. “Now, through this publication, others can learn the techniques that Nancy has found so beneficial in combating the growing problem of depression in our society.”

Liebler says she was inspired to write the book because depression is epidemic and Western treatments are “not holistic.”

“I hope that by reading this book, people will realize that depression is created,” said Liebler. “And, therefore, that depression can be undone. Depression can be genetic, situational or chronic, it doesn’t matter. This book can be helpful for anyone on the continuum of depression or anyone who wishes to prevent depression and beat the blues.”

Liebler is a clinical psychologist, teacher, and lecturer. Her expertise in clinical psychol-



Nancy Liebler

ogy extends to family therapy and the treatment of psychosomatic disorders. She is the former director of Training at Oakland University and co-authored a previous book, *Enlightened Medicine*.

Healing Depression The Mind-Body Way includes information on treating depression with yoga, meditation, and breathing techniques, as well as providing guidance on nutrition, exercise, lifestyle, and spiritual matters.

Major depression affects approximately 15 million American adults, or about 8 percent of the U.S. population age 18 and older, in any given year. Approximately 80 percent of people experiencing depression are not currently receiving any treatment. By the year 2020, depression will be the second most common health problem in the world.

“Happiness is connected to general health,” Liebler said. “And according to Ayurvedic medicine, happiness is our birthright.”

Web site is new resource for caregivers

With more than one million people in Michigan caring for an older or disabled loved one, a group of local organizations has launched a new Web site to connect designated caregivers and seniors to local services and resources in the seven-county region of southeast Michigan.

ClickonAging.com has comprehensive information on many topics, including planning and paying for long-term care, help with paying for prescription drugs, housing options, legal documents, home delivered meals, caregiver support groups, nursing home care, qualifying for Medicaid and so much more. Articles on the site are updated fre-

quently and are contributed by leading local professionals, including elder law, finance, senior providers and disease state organizations.

“With the rapidly growing older adult population, the demand for information on services and resources to help this population age with dignity and independence will continue to grow,” said Jim McGuire, director of research, policy development and advocacy for the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. “ClickonAging.com has been developed as a public service and is a free resource. The site can benefit caregivers of older adults, adults with disabilities and seniors who are

looking for information on long term care options in their community.”

ClickonAging is supported by Adult Well-Being Services, Area Agency on Aging 1-B, Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter, Binson’s Home Health Care Centers, Glacier Hills Retirement Community, Luella Hannan Memorial Foundation, Medilodge Group, Nexcare Health Systems, The Senior Alliance – Area Agency on Aging 1-C, Trinity Home Health Services, Trinity Senior Living Communities and the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan.

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith, member of the IALVS, fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions.

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do they have low vision.

Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. Patients often end up using weak, clumsy, hand-held magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use.

Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Bioptic glasses can be used to pass the DMV vision test in many states, including Michigan. Special reading glasses start at \$600 and custom telescopes can cost from \$1800 to \$2500.

In addition to the spectacle vision aids, Dr. Smith offers training to help people accomplish their daily activities. Visual aids help patients use their remaining vision to its fullest capacity while rehabilitative training improves the patient's ability to carry out necessary independent activities.

Of course, safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further loss.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it.

Low Vision Testimonials

Here's what a few of Dr. Smith's many low vision patients had to say about the freedom and mobility that low vision care has gotten them.

"I think these driving telescope glasses are very useful and especially good for older people who have to drive. They make me a safer driver and help me keep some of my independence. I am glad they are available."

I.K., age 86

"I am really happy that I can keep driving and doing the things that make life great like fishing and enjoying the outdoors."

L.H., age 76

"Driving changes your whole life. I wish I hadn't waited so long."

T.R., age 59

"I got two pairs of glasses. I can now watch television and play cards. I began vitamin therapy and after three weeks my vision improved."

E.A., age 82

"I could not see street signs or traffic signals to drive. After Dr. Smith fit telescopic lenses into my glasses, I could drive again. The telescopic lenses also helped me see the television screen in its entirety. Special reading glasses help me read books, newspapers and my wrist watch. There is always hope."

J.R., age 82

"The telescopes for TV are terrific and I like how the attachment makes reading the words darker, while the driving telescopes help me recognize objects far ahead in the distance sooner just like they're supposed to do."

R.T., age 60



You can reach Dr. Sheldon Smith and Suburban Low Vision of Michigan for more information and a...

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