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Watering restrictions

The City of Westland is reminding residents that it has voluntary lawn watering restrictions in place for the summer.

City officials are asking that underground irrigation systems be programmed to operate during the non-peak hours of midnight to 6 a.m. on an alternate-date basis. Doing this will help the city in its efforts to reduce water rates.

The city has determined the alternate-day watering based on customers' addresses. To determine if an address is even or odd-numbered, refer to the last number in the street address. Even-numbered addresses ending with a 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 should water on even-numbered days and odd-numbered addresses ending with a 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 should water on odd-numbered days.

City officials have elected to implement the voluntary restriction to manage the community's water demands during peak hours, which will help to lower the water rate.

Tax time

Westland will be sending out the 2012 summer tax bills on June 29. The deadline to pay summer taxes is Aug. 15.

If residents who pay their taxes themselves and not through a mortgage escrow account have not received a tax bill by July 10, they should call the Finance Office at (734) 467-3172.

Firefighters union signs off on sharing chief with Wayne

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

An agreement with the Westland Firefighters union agreeing to Michael Reddy becoming a shared fire chief for both Westland and Wayne has been approved by the council.

Under an agreement between the two communities, Reddy will head the departments as an independent contractor following his



Reddy

retirement at the end of the month. Reddy's charge will be to look merging the departments optimizing manpower, equipment and stations while reducing expenses.

The contract is for up to five years although Reddy said earlier that he expects to have the merger plan ready in a much

shorter time. At that point, it's expected that Reddy would go on to head the merged department, possibly under a fire authority.

Resident Burke Rock wasn't happy with Reddy receiving a \$114,000 salary — a raise from his current salary which was set to increase to over \$98,000. Reddy's current compensation package totals \$261,000 with paid time off, certifications, clothing allowances, medical insur-

ance and other benefits which wouldn't be provided once he is a contractor. Medical insurance would be covered through the city retirement system once Reddy retires.

With Wayne paying \$50,000 toward Reddy's annual salary of \$114,000, Westland is projecting an immediate \$197,000 savings.

"I heard that the Wayne fire

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Brooks brothers share careers, POAM honors

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer



Westland Police Sgt. Norm Brooks (left) and his brother, Garden City Police Sgt. Charlie Brooks are both recipients of Police Officer of the Year awards from the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

Being recognized for your efforts as a police officer is a honor made even nicer when your brother also receives the same award.

"It really made it cooler. It's nice to be acknowledged by your peers. Being in the company of my brother makes it more special," Westland police Sgt. Norm Brooks said.

Norm Brooks and his brother, Garden City police Sgt. Charlie Brooks, were both recently honored as 2011 Police Officers Association of Michigan Police Officers of the Year.

"A POAM guy told me that this was the first time brothers in different departments received the award at the same time," Charlie Brooks said.

Law enforcement is the Brooks family business — Norm, 47, and Charlie, 45, have a younger brother, Richard, 41, who is a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy. The brothers grew up in Garden City and graduated from Garden City High School — except Norm Brooks, who attended Garden City

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Meeting lets parents get tips, ask police questions

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

To quote Alice Cooper, "School's out for summer," so area youngsters will have a lot more free time - possibly unsupervised time while mom and dad are at work.

To help families avoid some potential problems, Westland Youth Assistance is hosting a program for parents and guardians called Police-Youth Matters 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 25 at the Dorsey Center.

"We want to support them so they have a healthier sum-

mer," said Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz. "This is a nice event. The police department will be here to help and answer questions."

The program, like a recent presentation on trendy drugs like K2 and Spice, is offered through a Wayne County PASS grant.

"One of the things we'll bring up to parents is if there is a trusted relation or neighbor who could stop to check on the kids (while the parents

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Neighbor has complaints about Tattan Park users

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Tattan Park's Play Planet and H2O Zone were developed as attractions to bring more people to Westland's downtown business district.

The plan is working as the park draws many visitors. Too many visitors, according to Donna Stottlemeyer, who lives near the park which is on Carlson just south of Ford.

"At 8:30 or 9 a.m. there have been fights over picnic tables. I've witnessed drinking in the

park," Stottlemeyer said at a council meeting. "The people on Crown and Theresa go out for the day — they can't tolerate the problems at the park. People are triple parking in no parking areas."

People using the park dump hot barbecue coals onto the ground, she said, along with litter which ends up in neighboring yards.

Stottlemeyer also questioned why admission wasn't charged for the H2O Zone spray park. Walking with her dog in the park, she

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chief (Mel Moore) was forced out to make way for Reddy. We could have hired (Moore) for a lot less," said Rock, who also questioned whether Reddy's pay increase would trigger a raise for Mayor William Wild.

Responding to the comments, City Attorney James Fausone said pay for the mayor isn't tied to the salary of an independent contractor.

While it may have been cheaper to hire Moore to head both departments, Fausone said Moore is ineligible to serve as

Westland fire chief. The Westland Fire Department operates under Public Act 78 Civil Service regulations while the Wayne Fire Department doesn't.

"He (Moore) was not promoted by competitive testing under Public Act 78, so he couldn't serve as chief here," said Fausone. "It's interesting to roll around those ideas but he (Moore) wouldn't have been able to do it."

Not operating under Public Act 78, means that Wayne could hire an outsider to head the fire department — something that couldn't legally happen in Westland.

The letter of understanding with the West-

land Firefighter Association Local 1279 and the city regarding the shared fire chief also addresses that issue.

The agreement requires that future Westland fire chiefs or those performing fire chief services for the city be selected from the Westland deputy fire chief and the three assistant fire chiefs following the procedures in their collective bargaining agreement and Act 78.

The letter of understanding would expire June 30, 2017, unless extended by agreement of both sides.

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are working," said Motz. "They can make sure that there are not a lot of people over at the house."

Another topic will be the need for parents to have an Internet use policy for their youngsters and tips for spotting potential online problems.

"There is so much activity on the Internet that is dangerous to kids. We try to educate the parents," said Motz. "Kids can be coerced into doing regrettable things."

Police can also answer some frequently asked questions, Motz said, like what would constitute a child being incorrigible. Some situations may

depend on whose version you're hearing, Motz said, where parents describe their child as a runaway but the youngster contends his/she was thrown out due to some rule violation.

"We've had an uptick in assaults - kids fighting. It seems like all the kids we get referred to our program for fighting, it was self-defense," said Motz. "We can have six kids in a fight and all say it was self-defense. The police can provide some clarification on that."

Since the program is for adults, Westland Deputy Police Chief Dan Karrick said part of the discussion will be on parental responsibility, curfews and discipline.

"Parents are responsible for their kids wherever they are at. We talk

about tips for keeping kids towing the line," said Karrick, who will be at the meeting with other officers to answer questions. "In summertime, people are outside and interact more. For 14-21 year olds, a lot are victims of crime based on where they are."

Having the program at the Dorsey Center in Norwayne should make it more convenient for many parents, Motz said, since 25 percent of Youth Assistance referrals come from the Norwayne area.

The program is free and refreshments will be served. Parents and guardians are asked to reserve a spot by calling Youth Assistance at (734) 467-3156.

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HONORS

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West, but graduated from a North Carolina high school where the family was living at the time.

"It's all I ever wanted to do. My mom says that since I was 5, being a police officer is all I ever wanted to do," said Norm Brooks, who was an Army military police officer at Fort Leavenworth before becoming a civilian police officer.

Charlie Brooks credits his older brother with inspiring his law enforcement career.

"Norm had the idea of working in law enforcement and he got me interested," said Charlie Brooks, who was pro-

moted to sergeant about a year before his brother.

"It's the first time in his career that he beat me," Norm Brooks said.

Currently assigned to the detective bureau, Norm Brooks has been a Westland police officer for more than 15 years.

Norm Brooks received a Police Officer of the Year award along with Officer Kameron Sleep and Officer Robert Fruit, honoring their bravery rescuing a 78-year-old disabled woman from her burning home in December 2011. The officers were forced out of the house by smoke, but made a second effort to locate the woman.

A Garden City police officer since 1999, Charlie Brooks was honored along with Officer

Ron Kozloff and Officer Bruce Shippe.

Shippe and Brooks received their honors for their involvement in a December 2010 report of trouble with an ex-boyfriend. The suspect and his vehicle were gone when officers arrived. They were checking the area and passed by the original location, where they observed the suspect vehicle pulling back into the driveway.

Using their marked patrol vehicles, Brooks and Shippe blocked the suspect vehicle and approached on foot. One of them observed a fire-arm protruding from under the driver seat. Despite warnings, the suspect picked up the gun. The officers spent time talking to the suspect, but eventually he was shot and killed after pointing the gun at them.

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COMPLAINTS

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said she strikes up conversations with park users.

"They were from Inkster, Ypsilanti, Detroit and Dearborn — only one family was from Detroit," said Stottlemeyer, who also described being accosted by three men

while walking nearby on Carlson.

Responding, Mayor William Wild noted the Downtown Development Authority funded the attractions at Tattan Park to encourage people to visit the area and then patronize nearby businesses.

"So that (charging admission) is difficult. As we've added amenities, it has become more popular," said Wild. "We have a plan for improvements

that should alleviate some problems."

The city will also look at having weekend maintenance at the park since those are busiest days, he said.

All city parks are open dawn until dusk with the H2O Zone operating 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. City ordinance also allows alcohol consumption in the parks.

"I can't stop that unless the council changes the ordinance," said Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "I've not had any complaints about the park. There may be some things we need to fix. It's natural when you get a lot of people."

Wild also commented that he wished Stottlemeyer had contacted him with her concerns.

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Now that summer is in full swing, crowds are heading to Westland's Tattan Park. Located on Carlson just south of Ford, Tattan Park is open dawn to dusk like other city parks. Tattan Park features the giant Play Planet Playscape but also has the H2O Zone Spray Park. The spray park is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and offers local youngsters a chance to

cool off during the hot weather. The park was developed through funding from the Downtown Development Authority to help draw people to the area. The two pavilions in the park are available for rent and are normally booked each weekend during the summer, said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski.



Luke Navalta loves to swing on the playscape in Tattan Park.



Anthony Tobin and niece Isabella Rattray greet Great-Grandmother Marguerite Sale of Westland at the bottom of the slide in Tattan Park.

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Madelyn Meyer of Wayne has a great time at Tattan Park.



Kayla Meyers helps a friend up the ladder in the playscape at Tattan Park.



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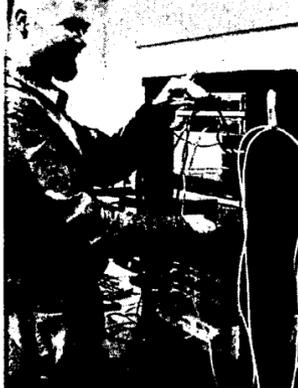


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2 vehicles reported stolen from the Landings

Stolen vehicles

•A White Lake man told police June 18 that someone had stolen his 2004 Dodge Ram pickup truck while it was parked overnight at the Landings Apartments, 36176 Hunter. He said that he had both sets of keys and the vehicle was paid off. The vehicle was reported missing at 7:25 a.m.

•About 10 minutes later, another Landings resident reported his 2001 Dodge Dakota stolen from the apartment parking lot. That car had been parked overnight and the owner said he also had both sets of keys to the vehicle, which he owned free and clear.

Break-in

On June 17, a resident in the 32000 block of Oceana Court told police that she returned home to find someone had

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been in her home. An unlocked window was used to enter the home.

Reported missing were a laptop valued at \$600 and an anti-coagulation blood machine valued at \$1,000.

Vandalism

Police responded to a call at the closed Lincoln Elementary School, 33800 Grand Traverse, just before 10:30 p.m. June 16. A school employee told police he had been contacted by the alarm company and responded to find the glass on a rear door had been smashed.

A glass display case had been shattered but nothing appeared to be missing.

Break-in

On June 16, police were

called to Mr. Storage, 29180 Van Born, after the manager reported finding 41 units open with the locks cut off. The corner gate was found to have been cut and peeled back to access the property.

The units were secured and police were awaiting surveillance video to identify a suspect.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of the Willow Creek Apartments, 37435 Greenwood Drive, told police June 18 that she came out of her apartment about 7:45 a.m. to find the passenger window on her 2011 Chevrolet Cruze had been smashed.

The woman said the contents of her backpack had been emptied out in the back seat. Her iPad valued at \$460 was

reported missing.

Witnesses told the officer that they saw the man who had broken the window, stolen the iPad and run into an apartment. The witnesses provided a first name and where he lived.

The officer made contact with the suspect's mother, who said she didn't know where her son had gone. She called him on the phone and the officer told the suspect to come home. The suspect hung up on the officer and the call went straight to voice mail when a second call was placed.

The officer mailed the suspect a ticket for larceny and vandalism.

Retail fraud

A Detroit woman and an Allen Park man were arrested June 15 for shoplifting a car stereo, Jell-O and liquor from

Meijer, 37201 Warren Road. Store security told police they spotted the man picking up vehicle stereo and attempting to remove some of the packaging.

When he was unable to remove the wrapping, the employee said the man placed the stereo on a shelf and headed to the liquor aisle with the woman. The employee said two bottles of liquor were hidden in the woman's purse.

After picking up boxes of Jell-O, security said the pair went back to the car stereo department. This time, the man picked up another stereo that was lacking wrapping and also placed it in the woman's purse. The pair were stopped as they left the store without paying.

The stolen items were valued at \$116.

By LeAnne Rogers

Store manager attempts to stop shoplifters

An assistant manager at the Family Dollar store at 5140 Middlebelt in Garden City tried to stop a vehicle with shoplifters inside but had to step aside when it started to back up about 2 p.m. June 17.

He did manage to get the license plate number of the car before it left and reported the incident to police.

The manager watched a couple enter the store and then observed the man slip a shower curtain and a bathroom rug set under his jacket.

The woman's purse appeared

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to be full as she left the store.

Though he confronted them, telling them to return the merchandise, they disregarded his orders, got into the car and drove away without paying for or returning the merchandise.

Larceny

A resident in the 31000 block of Warren reported at 7 a.m. June 18 that someone stole her GPS unit valued at \$100 from

her car.

The unlocked vehicle was parked in her driveway.

Theft

A resident in the 5800 block of Merriman reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway and stole several items from the vehicle sometime before 7:30 a.m. June 18.

Stolen were her GPS, camera and clothes.

Stolen plate

A woman came to the Gar-

den City Police Department to report that someone stole the license plate from her vehicle some time before 1 p.m. June 18.

The last time she saw it on her car was the day before.

The report released didn't indicate where the vehicle was parked.

Property damage

A resident in the 31000 block of Maplewood reported at 7:45 a.m. June 18 that someone used a rock from her yard to shatter the windshield on her 2007

Mustang.

Nothing was stolen from the vehicle.

Property damage

Residents in a home located in the 2000 block of Garden reported at 9:30 a.m. June 16 that both of their vehicles were vandalized the night prior.

The cars were parked in the driveway.

All of the tires were slashed on a Stratus and three tires were cut on a Trailblazer.

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By Sue Buck

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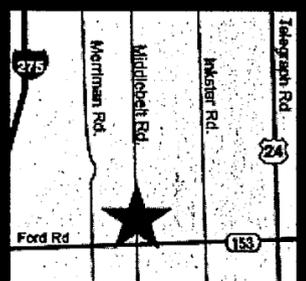
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Mom shares story of son's adoption in new book

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Susan and Jerry Collins already had children and grandchildren when they decide to take the plunge and adopt a 5-year-old Guatemalan boy named Diego.

Almost 10 years later, Diego Collins's journey from the Central American country to Garden City has been turned into a children's book, penned by his mother.

"I began thinking about writing a book about two years ago and decided I could write it from my perspective or chronicle his experience," Collins said. "I decided it would be excellent for adoptive parents and adopted children."

Collins began writing *Adopting Diego: A Boy's Journey* last September after she retired as curriculum director of the Garden City Public Schools. The book features photos of Diego at the orphanage in Guatemala, with his "forever family" and his friends at St. Raphael School.

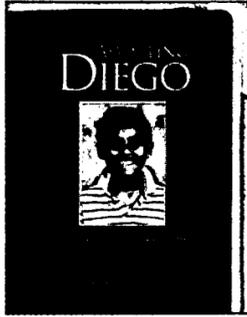
It's dedicated to Patricia Alvarado, who was Diego's English as a Second Language teacher from his first day in kindergarten. In the book's forward, Collins said Alvarado "has worked with Diego over the years and has become a valued friend to him."

"Senora Alvarado is an angel," she added. Collins tried to include things in the book that children would like to see — pictures of Diego in Halloween costumes, at Christmas and in his Scout and karate uniforms. She also has plenty of hat photos. Diego loves hats.

"I thought about having it illustrated by an artist, but I changed my mind



Author Susan Collins



Diego Collins' school photo graces to cover of "Adopting Diego."

and decided to have pictures of Diego," she said. "I started with 100 or more pictures."

The hardest part of writing the book was narrowing down the high points and selecting the pictures at the same time to maintain the continuity of the story.

"It's a picture book, but I didn't want it too long," she said. "I wanted it to be something a child and an adult could enjoy."

Collins worried that penning such a book would bother her son, that it would make him feel self-conscious, but he likes it.

"He asked about it, he was interested in it, but I don't think he understood what I was doing until he saw the finished book," she said. "He didn't



Susan and Jerry Collins pose with their new son Diego at the orphanage in Guatemala. The Collins worked with an agency, Adopt an Angel, to arrange for his adoption.



An English as a Second Language teacher, Patricia Alvarado worked with Diego Collins since his first day in kindergarten. Susan Collins' book "Adopting Diego" is dedicated to Alvarado.

understand the process. "He likes the ending with the picture of him on the St. Raphael basketball team," she added. *Adopting Diego: A Boy's Journey* is Collins's first book. It's published through Xlibris and cur-

rently is available through its online bookstore at www.xlibris.com/bookstore. Soft and hard cover versions are available. Publishing the book has come at a busy time for the Collins family. They're in the process of

moving to Laguna Hills, Calif., where Collins's daughter Jennifer, son-in-law Marvin and grandchild Rocco live and where Diego will enter the ninth grade. Collins also is thinking about her second book. It,

too, will be about Diego, and she already has the title: *Adopting Diego: Boy to Man*. "It'll start in Laguna Hills," she said.

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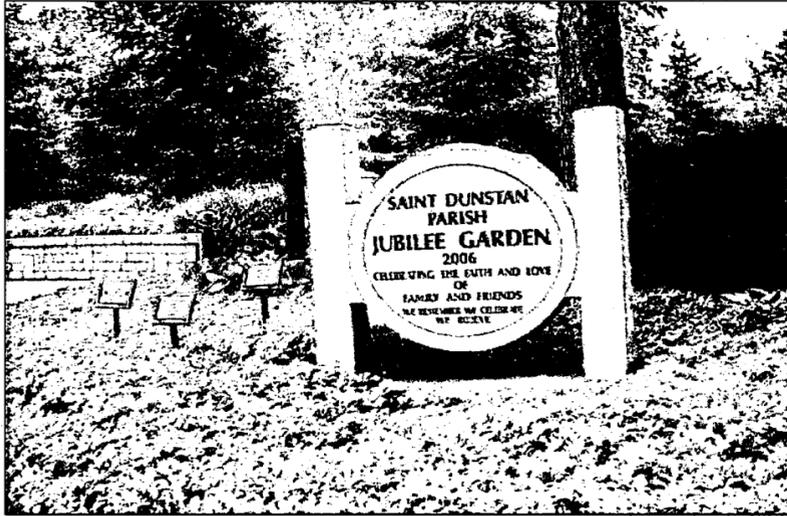
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Garden Walk draws 60 on 'wonderful, sunny day'



The St. Dunstan Parish Jubilee Garden was started in 2006. It was the first garden visited during the Garden City Garden Club's Garden Walk on June 16.

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

More than 60 visitors enjoyed five beautiful gardens on the Garden City Garden Club's annual Garden Walk Saturday, June 16.

"We enjoyed a wonderful, sunny day and a very nice turnout for our 18th annual Garden City Garden Walk this past Saturday," said club member Cheryl Partin. "Everyone enjoyed the gardens and quite a few visitors were on our Garden Walk for the first time. At Brenda's Butterfly Habitat at Barson's Greenhouse, we had more than 85 visitors, but not all were participants on our Garden Walk. Many commented



Garden City Garden Club President Stacy Karafotis and Treasurer Val Templeton greet people at St. Dunstan Parish's garden, which was the beginning of the Garden Walk on June 16.

that this butterfly habitat is a wonderful new addition and attraction to our community."

The gardens were: St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 1526 Belton; Jeff Wahl, 29466 Alvin; Dot-

tie Vega, 439 N. Leona; Brenda's Butterfly Habitat, 6414 Merriman; and Tommie Beck, 31931 Donnelly.

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This pine tree could almost be mistaken for a Bonsai plant at Jeff Wahl's house on Alvin.



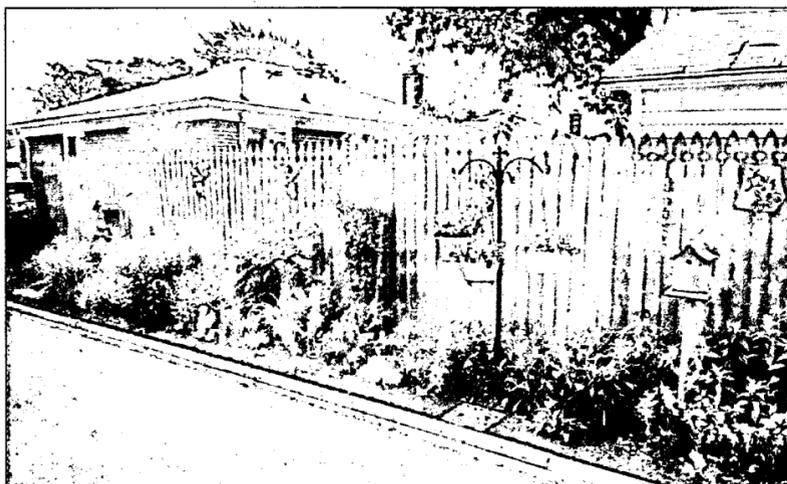
Here are beautiful flowers at the entrance to what homeowner Jeff Wahl calls his "man cave" on Alvin.



Home owner Jeff Wahl with Nancy Carson explains how his backyard garden started out after he bought his home on Alvin.



Neil and Vicky Lezotte with their dog, Charlie, enjoy the Jubilee Garden at St. Dunstan Parish in Garden City.



This garden on N. Leona has something to offer everyone who came to visit during the June 16 on Garden Walk.



This is the Garden City Garden Walk 2012 walk rock.

Spaghetti dinner

The final monthly spaghetti dinner of 2011-2012 at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, June 22. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Garage Sale

If you missed the West-

land Community Garage Sale, there's another chance to sell unwanted items.

Get a 10-foot by 10-foot spot at the inside the Wayne Community Center Ice Arena to sell everything 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23. For \$20, you can reserve your spot but hurry space is limited.

Contact Nathan Adams at (734) 721-7400, ext. 1300, or by email at nadams.ci.wayne.mi.us for

more information or to reserve a spot.

The Wayne Community Center is at 4635 Howe at Ann Arbor, Wayne.

Book sale

There's bargains to be had at the summer book sale in the Friends Shop at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Stock up on hardcover fiction books only with the shop's buy two get one free. Hardcover books are \$1 each, so get

three hardcover fictions for just \$2.

The sale doesn't include hardcover biographies, nonfiction and large-print books.

Dinner show

Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Aoyte will perform Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Elvis Presley and more at a dinner show Friday, June 22, at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford

Road, Westland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$27 per person. Dinner includes a tossed salad, rigatoni, roast beef with gravy, Italian sausage sauce, green beans almondine, red skinned mashed potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available.

For tickets, contact Kathy at (734) 216-9451

or at www.agelos1958.com.

Guest Speaker

State Sen. Glenn Anderson will discuss how a bills goes through the Michigan Senate at a community get-together at 7 p.m. Friday, June 22, at Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

The get-together is hosted by the Ladies. For more information, call (734) 722-9375.



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Jeanne Rash (from left), director of quality improvement initiatives, American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate; Todd Larson, director of Inpatient Rehabilitation Services, St. Mary Mercy; Michelle Moccia, Senior ER Program Director at St. Mary Mercy; and Kimberly Gray, System Performance Improvement Leader for St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, show off the Stroke Silver Performance Achievement Award St. Mary Mercy has received.

Hospital wins stroke performance award

St. Mary Mercy Hospital was recently honored for its commitment and success in stroke care.

The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association recently awarded the hospital with a Get With the Guidelines - Stroke Silver Performance Achievement Award for implementing a higher standard of stroke care.

The award was in recognition for the 2011 year when the hospital demonstrated at least 85 percent adherence in key measures of the Get With the Guidelines - Stroke for 12 consecutive months. The guidelines include

aggressive use of clot busting and blood thinning medications, cholesterol-reducing drugs and smoking cessation.

"This award was achieved through the support and dedication of our staff who have made this such a successful program," said Todd Larson, director of Inpatient Rehabilitation at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Last year, St. Mary Mercy received the 2010 Get With the Guidelines-Stroke Bronze Performance Achievement Award.

"The dedication of our clinical staff strengthens the comprehensive care

of our stroke program," said Dave Spivey, CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "This award recognizes the continuous care our hospital gives to our patients and community."

According to the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association, stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States and the leading cause of long-term disability. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

Sweepstakes entries highlight good things about Michigan

Hundreds of residents across Michigan are answering a simple question - Why do you choose to call Michigan home? And the responses are confirming Michigan's reputation as a state that works hard and plays hard by enjoying more than 4,000 annual festivals, fairs and other popular events.

Nearly 500 residents of more than 45 Great Lakes State communities have already become Facebook fans of the MIplace Sweepstakes, a promotion that encourages the citizens of Michigan to tell the world at facebook.com/MIplace2012 why they choose Michigan as their place to live, work, play and share the dream of homeownership.

The MIplace Sweepstakes continues through Labor Day and is sponsored by Pure Michigan, Art Van Furniture, the Michigan Association of Realtors (MAR) and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

Many of the early testimonials tout Michigan's most iconic places and attractions, such as Sleeping Bear Dunes, the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix and the numerous lakeshore vistas. Others laud less heralded but still cherished activities, such as drinking Michigan's self-proclaimed best chocolate milk at the Calder Dairy in Carleton or watching summer movies at the Cherry Bowl Drive-in Theatre in Honor.

But the most consistent testimonials submitted have highlighted the uniquely Michigan pleasure of attending fairs

and festivals that celebrate the state's fruit, cheese, beer, wine, music, the arts, holidays, seasons, cultures, industries, hobbies, geography and history. Examples range from the Upper Peninsula's Humongous Fungus Festival in Crystal Falls to the Mushroom Festival in Mesick to the FishFly Festival in New Baltimore.

All MIplace Sweepstakes entrants will automatically receive a \$50 Art Van gift card, good with any purchase of at least \$499. The grand prize is a \$3,000 Art Van shopping spree. Michigan residents can enter the MIplace Sweepstakes by submitting written or video testimonials at facebook.com/MIplace2012 through Monday, Sept. 3. The winner will be announced after Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Be unselfish means taking care of yourself

By **Clarity Patton Newhouse**
Guest Columnist

You know the part when an airlines stewardess is giving safety instructions and says "put on your own mask before assisting others." It's an important reminder that being unselfish also requires taking care of yourself. Slow down and spend a moment on you.

I'm fortunate to know so many wonderful, helpful people. But I often see them burning themselves out trying to take care of others at the expense of their own health. If attempting



Sunny Note

Clarity Patton Newhouse

to be there for everyone means running yourself ragged then something needs to change.

So if you're the kind of person who has trouble taking time for yourself, think of it as putting your own mask on before assisting others. If you don't take care of yourself, you'll be less able to assist anyone at all.

I recently attended a health seminar presented by DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, during which one of the doctors talked about the unhealthy effects of go-go-go lifestyles on our physical and mental wellbeing. She emphasized the significant health benefits of taking 20 minutes at the end of the day, even just three days a week, to relax and de-stress. She also reminded us how important a balanced diet and exercise are in reducing stress. No matter how unselfish you are, you have to take care

of yourself. Here's to your health - and a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "To enjoy good health, to bring true happiness to one's family, to bring peace to all, one must first discipline and control one's own mind. If a man can control his mind he can find the way to Enlightenment, and all wisdom and virtue will naturally come to him."

Buddha

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Sharing expertise

Dr. Surendra Kumar found himself in a familiar position recently: sharing his expertise with his medical peers.

Dr. Kumar, a urologist with offices in Westland, Canton and Garden City and who is affiliated with Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, was invited to present a training session on laser prostate surgery at the annual meeting of the American Urological Association (AUA) in Atlanta, GA. It's the most prestigious academic national meeting of the organization, which is dedicated to improving practices and advancing patient care.

"It is an honor to be recognized as an expert by one's peers," said Dr. Kumar, who has presented at the conference for five consecutive years. "It is gratifying to share this knowledge with the next generation of surgeons."

Dr. Kumar presented a workshop on Holmium laser vaporization of the prostate, a minimally-invasive procedure that provides several benefits over traditional prostate surgery. The technology has existed for about eight years. In 2004, Oakwood Annapolis Hospital became the first hospital to offer it in the metro Detroit area.

"It removes blockage from the prostate, and can also be used for prostate cancer," said Dr. Kumar.

The holmium technique is essentially an out-patient procedure. Patients are kept for 23 hours to ensure there are no complications and are advised to take it easy and they can usually resume their regular lifestyle in about two weeks.

"It's a lot easier on the patient," said Dr. Kumar. "There is less bleeding, less pain, and faster recovery time."

Dr. Kumar also is presenting his academic paper on Brachytherapy for prostate cancer at the Canadian Urology meeting in June.

Top grade

St. Mary Mercy Hospital received an 'A' grade for its ability to keep patients safe during a hospital stay, according to a new Hospital Safety Score released by The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit run by employers and other large purchasers of health benefits.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital was one of five hospitals in the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System to receive an A from The Leapfrog Group's Blue Ribbon Expert Panel using publicly available data on patient injuries, medical and medication errors, and infections.

"This distinctive honor reflects the dedication and excellence of our physicians and staff to provide high quality care and remarkable patient experiences at St. Mary Mercy Livonia and all of our SJMHS hospitals," said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

To research St. Mary

Mercy Hospital scores as they compare nationally and among other hospitals in the county, visit www.hospital-safetyscore.org, keyword Livonia, which also provides information on how the public can protect themselves and loved ones during a hospital stay. U.S. hospitals were assigned an A, B, C, D, or F for their safety.

"The Hospital Safety Score reflects our unrelenting focus on teamwork and defining health care processes that make care safer and optimize patient outcomes. Patient safety is the foundation of all of our care improvement activities," said Dr. Peter Dews, vice-president of Medical Affairs, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Calculated under the guidance of The Leapfrog Group's nine-member Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 26 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single score representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from infections, injuries, and medical and medication errors.

"It's The Leapfrog Group's goal to give patients the information they need and deserve before even entering a hospital," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We congratulate the hospitals that earned an A and we look forward to the day when all hospitals in the U.S. will earn the highest scores for putting patient safety first."



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Analyzing expenses is first step to budgeting

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

It's hard to believe that we're just about half-way done with 2012. Before you know it, we'll be talking about year-end tax planning. That being said, this is a great time of year to take a step back and review how you are doing and to see if any adjustments are needed.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

One area that everyone needs to pay attention to is expenses. In most situations, there's not much that we can do when it comes to revenue. However, there are things to do when it comes to keeping expenses under control.

The first step to controlling expenses is to know what they are.

I recommend that at least a few times a year, everyone itemize expenses so that they know exactly what they are. You can't make adjustments on the expense side unless you know what you are spending.

Although it would be nearly impossible to account to the penny, you should be able to itemize the great portion (95 percent) of your expenses. If you can't, you have a problem. Only after you itemize can you analyze the information to know what you can reduce.

In analyzing expenses, some things to consider include shopping around for homeowner's and automobile insurance. If you haven't done it in a while, it's time. We live in a competitive world. We might as well let competition work in our favor.

Another way to reduce expenses is to consider refinancing your home. Interest rates are at a

record low. If you have a 5- or 6-percent mortgage, you may be able to refinance and reduce your housing cost. Of course, if you are going to refinance, pay close attention to fees. Not all mortgage companies are the same when it comes to fees. Some companies have reasonable fees, while the only way you can describe other fee structures is excessive.

Successful businesses have one thing in common — they are always looking at ways to reduce costs. Individuals need to do the same. Obviously, there are some costs that we cannot control. However, you'd be surprised how many costs you can do something about.

Determining what it costs to live for a month is one of the most important numbers to help plan your financial future. Knowing if you have enough money to retire is based upon this number. It's not a number that you calculate

once. It's a number that you recalculate at least a couple of times a year.

If your expenses are going up and your revenue is not keeping pace, you could have a problem. You don't want to face the problem when you have no alternatives. You want to deal with the problem while you still have options. There's nothing worse than running into a financial problem and having no options. One way to prevent that is to always have a handle on your expenses. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at monematters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Golf outing helps needy families

The Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours will hold its sixth annual Family Golf Outing, which benefits local families in need, on Saturday, July 14, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and tee-off time is at 8 a.m.

Cost of \$75 per golfer includes 18 holes with cart, lunch and door prizes. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be

available.

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Make checks payable to The Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours and mail to Paul Beaubien, 22014 Heatheridge Lane, Northville, MI 48187.

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Please take Notice that the State and Federal Primary Election in the City of Westland will be held on Tuesday, AUGUST 7, 2012.

The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the City of Westland State and Federal Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, AUGUST 7, 2012, is Monday, July 9, 2012. Persons registering after 4:00 in the evening on Monday, July 9, 2012 are not eligible to vote at the State and Federal Primary Election.

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OUR VIEWS

Yes on DIA tax

Benefits to taxpayers, region worth the cost

Residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will vote Aug. 7 on a proposed property tax to help fund the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The proposal — 0.2 mills for 10 years — would cost the owner of a \$150,000 home about \$15 annually over the next decade.

We recommend voters approve it because of the direct benefits to themselves and the Metro Detroit area.

While no one likes to pay more in property taxes, the amount is relatively small.

Residents in the counties that approve the tax would receive free general admission to the museum. Admission is \$24 for two adults and two children so the tax would be a savings for families that visit the DIA just once a year.

Plus, community outreach and programs for seniors would be expanded and field trips for schools would be free. Also, some money would be available to help schools pay for transportation to and from the museum.

Tri-county residents are being asked to approve the tax because they are the ones who use the museum the most. They make up the majority of ticket buyers, 38 percent in Wayne, 28 percent in Oakland and 12 percent in Macomb.

Without the tax, the DIA may be forced to close selected galleries on weekdays, and eliminate school tours and community outreach programs. The DIA receives no state, county or city funding. It has been relying on the private sector to make up the shortfall in its \$25 million operating budget, something it can't do long term. Raising admission prices won't help because admissions make up just 3 percent of the DIA's revenue. To raise prices high enough to cover the annual operating gap would make the cost to visit the museum prohibitive.

The DIA is one of the top six comprehensive fine arts museums in the United States, up there with The Metropolitan Museum in New York, the Chicago Institute of Fine Arts and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. It attracts visitors and potential future residents from around the world.

According to ArtServe, a statewide nonprofit that advocates for the arts, for every \$1 that is invested in nonprofit arts and cultural groups, \$51 is pumped back into the Michigan economy.

The DIA employs 282 people who pay taxes and support local businesses. In 2011-12, the DIA spent \$7.1 million on vendor goods and services — \$4.3 million in Wayne County, \$2.3 million in Oakland and \$415,000 in Macomb.

Visitors spend money on local restaurants and shops.

The DIA has been fiscally responsible. It cut staffing by 20 percent in 2009, more than 60 full- and part-time positions, and reduced its operating budget by \$9 million. It currently has no debt.

Each county that approves the tax would have an authority to oversee how the money collected is spent — \$10 million in Oakland, \$8 million in Wayne and \$5 million in Macomb. The authority members would be appointed by the county commissioners and executives in each county, which would also have contracts with the DIA.

Voters in at least two of the three counties must approve the ballot proposal or the DIA will have to start severely cutting programs and services.

It would be a shame to let a jewel like the DIA slowly fade from existence, especially when the benefits to taxpayers and the metropolitan area far outweigh the cost.

Vote yes on the DIA ballot proposal Aug. 7.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How have the orange barrels affected your driving?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"They've made my 15-minute drive 45 minutes long when they popped up in the spring. I have to leave an hour early to get to my job in Novi."

Kirsten Gutowski
Canton



"It's really slowed down my getting to work, especially several roads that I drive. They're on the direct route I have to take. And I won't take a longer way because of gas prices."

Robert Snyder
Garden City



"They've slowed me down way too much."

Edina K.
Canton



"It seems like they're everywhere."

Sherry Scott
Westland

LETTERS

Who is the enemy?

Jeff Schubert of Livonia, in his letter in the June 7 *Observer*, seems upset that the federal government, specifically President Obama, is attacking religious liberty, particularly the Catholic Church. Any casual reader of world history would conclude that the government is not the enemy but religious movements themselves. In essence, the dominant religious group goes to war to control the minority groups and forces them to convert - or die.

We only have to read about today's religious battles on the other side of the world to know that the battle of whose God is best has been going on for many centuries.

Remember the Salem, Massachusetts, witch trials in the late 1600s? How about the Catholic Church and its Spanish Inquisition which continued for 310 years? For hundreds of years in America, property owners used deed restrictions and covenants to limit home sales to white Christians, all with the support of the civil court system. (In 1948, those restrictions were ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.)

In the pre-Civil War period in America, the majority religious group quoted the Bible as supporting the system of slavery. Other religious groups were avid abolitionists and wanted all Americans free.

More recently, the Holocaust which began with a few federal laws in 1933 Germany and spread into several neighboring countries from 1939 to 1945. The majority religious group prevailed for those years without much protest from their fellow Christians.

Forget about the federal government and President Obama. Persons should look closer to home for the real violators of religious freedom.

Leonard Poger
Westland

Many thanks

On behalf of the Churchill High School Senior All Night Party, we would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of businesses and volunteers who made this event so awesome!

Many thanks to Biggy Coffee, Buffalo Wild Wings, Dairy Queen, Gordon Food Service, Hungry Howies, Jimmy John's, Meijer, Qdoba, Senate Coney Island, Subway, Larry's Foodland, Joe's Produce, AMC Theaters, Hiller's and Leo's Coney Island. Many thanks also go out to all of the volunteers who donated money, food/drink items and especially their time to make this evening a success.

Wishing the Class of 2012 much success in their future endeavors.

Bridget Holton and Cindy Haycock
Churchill High School
Senior All Night Party Kitchen
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We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Uplifting story

I just wanted to drop you a line to let you know how uplifting I found your recent article, "Youth mentorship helps W-W students get back on track." It's great to see such innovation rooted in social good encouraged at such a young age. Really awesome.

Liz Grow-Atkinson,
Degree Completion Program
manager
director of Counseling
Partnerships
Fidelis Education
San Francisco, Calif.

Object to welfare drug testing

Our Legislature is again considering mandatory welfare drug testing. Why would such a punitive and draconian measure even be considered? Of course, the cost would come out of the recipient's check, so poor people are subsidizing drug testers without any finding of probable cause.

We are baffled as to the purpose, except some legislators must own stock in drug testing companies.

Rather than the poor being punished, they could be better helped by counseling for depression and despair. Punitive measures to punish the poor are counter-productive and without merit.

If the legislation comes to the governor's desk, it should be vetoed.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Healthy eating

New York City Mayor Bloomberg's decision to ban supersized sugary sodas has resurrected the age-old debate over the role of the state in protecting the public health. In recent years, this debate involved bicycle helmets, car seat belts, tobacco, trans fats, saturated fats in meat and dairy products and sugar (or, more aptly, high-fructose corn syrup). Public subsidies for tobacco, meat and dairy and corn production added fuel to the debate.

I would argue that society has a right to regulate activities that impose a heavy burden on the

public treasury. National medical costs of dealing with our obesity epidemic, associated with consumption of meat, dairy and sugars, are estimated at \$190 billion. Eliminating subsidies for these products, as well as judicious taxation to reduce their use and recoup public costs, should be supported by health advocates and fiscal conservatives alike.

Benjamin Franklin claimed that nothing is certain except death and taxes. Ironically, death can be deferred substantially by taxing products that make us sick.

Byron Bunn
Birmingham

No more Obama

During the past few months, a number of letters have appeared here supporting President Obama, obviously part of a well-organized campaign of letter writing. These letters have two things in common: 1) None of them even remotely attempt to defend the president's dismal record — it's impossible to defend; and 2) The letters are full of half-truths, propaganda, and outright lies.

The biggest lie is that the Republican Party hates women. Since at least half of the people who call themselves Republicans ARE women, this is obviously not true.

Propaganda? A recent letter cites "the Republican myth of an out-of-control spending spree." Obama has spent more money in his three years as president than Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush No. 1, Clinton, and Bush No. 2 did in any three years of their presidencies. It's not a "myth." The writer's also cite tax cuts "for the rich," a favorite propaganda term by the Democrats. Since the Bush tax cuts were for all income levels, I guess that makes us all "rich."

Half-truths? These writers have mentioned "Bush's wars." The war in Afghanistan came after an attack on our country and was a bipartisan decision with full Democratic support, and the Iraq war was also bipartisan. Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, Hillary Clinton, John Kerry, and Teddy Kennedy all supported our involvement in Iraq.

This upcoming election is the most critical election in the history of this nation. It is not about electing Mitt Romney. It's about removing the worst president in U.S. history from office (and removing Debbie Stabenow who mindlessly supported him).

We have a clear choice this year. We can either vote to restore our place as the world's most prosperous nation and leader of the free world or continue down Obama's slippery slide to socialist mediocrity. It's up to you. Remember this: It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job. It's a depression when you lose your job. It's a recovery when Obama loses his job.

John Colling
Northville

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Lucy Johnson, Lisa Leyme, Gloria Williams, Cindi Brisky and Georgia Jones were among six Certified Nursing Assistants honored for 153 years service at Westland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Not shown was Alice Pam Holmes.

Residents: Join our election reader panel

In August, Westland and Garden City voters will nominate candidates for each party for U.S. Congress, state House and Wayne County Commission, plus consider several millage requests.

As part of our mission to inform the community about candidates and ballot proposals, the *Observer* will conduct interviews, and attend public meetings and forums. Based on our coverage, interviews and knowledge of each race, we will offer our opinion in the form of a recommendation to readers.

This election, we will continue that practice, but we also want readers to join in the experience.

The *Observer* is seeking a reader panel for the Democratic election in the 13th Congressional District. Five candidates are seeking the nod in the Aug. 7 primary to represent the Democrats in the November general election.

The U.S. Census-driven redistricting has created a district that stretches from the City of Detroit to Westland and includes several communities Downriver. Incumbent U.S. Rep. John Conyers is being challenged by two state representatives, Bert Johnson and Shanelle Jackson, both of Detroit, a state senator, Glenn Anderson of Westland and a Wayne-Westland school board trustee, John Goci of Westland.

We are looking for readers who want to find out more about the candidates — not residents who have an ax to grind or those who have already made up their

minds. We want readers who have the interest and the community concern about election issues.

We are looking for voters who represent a wide range of ages and experiences in the community, but are not serving in an elected or appointed position or committed to a specific candidate.

Are you a first-time voter or a local college student? If so, we invite you to apply. Are you married with children, a single mom or dad, a senior citizen, a new resident? We are looking for you, too.

Our reader panel will research the candidates and make its endorsement prior to the Aug. 7 election. We will publish our reader panel recommendation alongside our recommendation.

If you are interested in receiving a short application, e-mail your name, address and a daytime phone number to Editor Sue Mason at smason@hometownlife.com by Monday, June 25.

To be eligible for the panel, you must be registered to vote, available to attend one group orientation meeting and be available to meet with other reader panel members in July to conduct interviews and research the candidates.

Reader panel members will be photographed and profiled in the *Observer* and receive a \$25 gift card to Speedway, Meijer, Kohl's or Target.

The Aug. 7 election decisions will directly impact each resident. If you are interested in making a difference, apply for the *Observer* reader panel.

Westland Nursing/Rehab honors nursing assistants

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

One hundred and fifty three years is a long time, especially when it comes to work experience.

That's how much combined time six Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) have been on the job at Westland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The six were honored recently for their service as part of National CNA Day.

"I love. I enjoy it. I think it's my gift - caring for people. We're more hands

on than the nurses," said Lucy Johnson, who has 25 years at Westland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. "We let the nurses know what is going on. We're their eyes and ears."

A Taylor resident, Johnson said she works with dementia patients and sees most of the same people during her shifts.

"I like working with the patients. I consider it like a family. The employees are like family, too," said Lisa Leyme, who has been at the facility 29 years.

"I've been here to long, it's like my second home.

Unless I win the lottery, I'll retire here."

With 23 years experience, Redford resident Gloria Williams agreed. "I love taking care of my residents and I love my co-workers," she said. "I like working with my residents - they make me smile and I make them smile. I'll be here until I retire."

Presented with gift bags and awards during a program with co-workers and residents were:

- Lisa Leyme, 29 years.
- Alice Pam Holmes, 27 years.

- Lucy Johnson, 25 years.
- Cynthia Brisky, 25 years.

- Georgia Jones, 24 years.

- Gloria Williams, 23 years.

"The expectancy with CNA is a few years (in a job). We've been very lucky to have well over 100 years combined," said Director of Nursing Kathleen Tolbert, who has about 150 CNAs on staff.

"We can't do our jobs without them."

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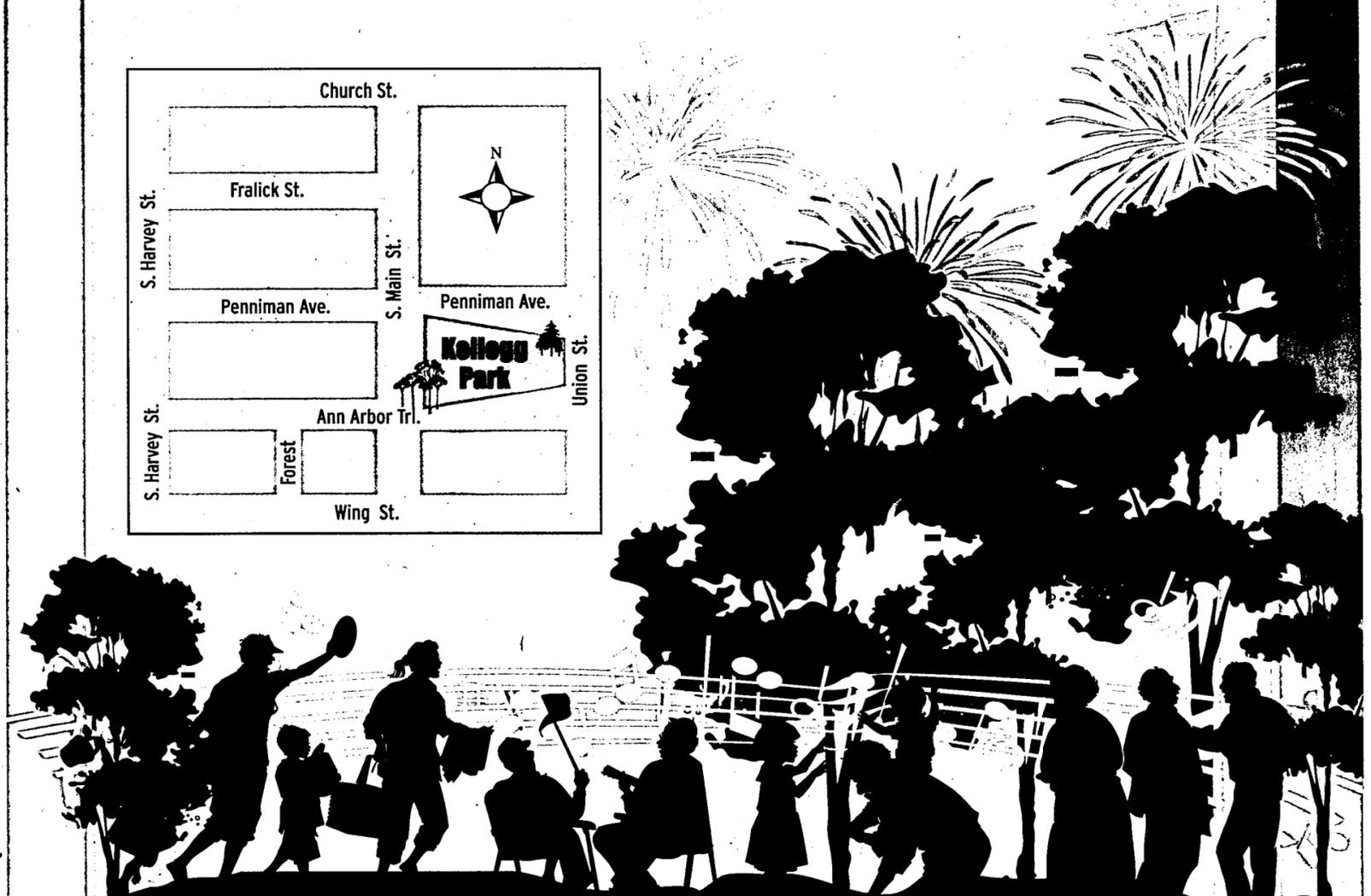
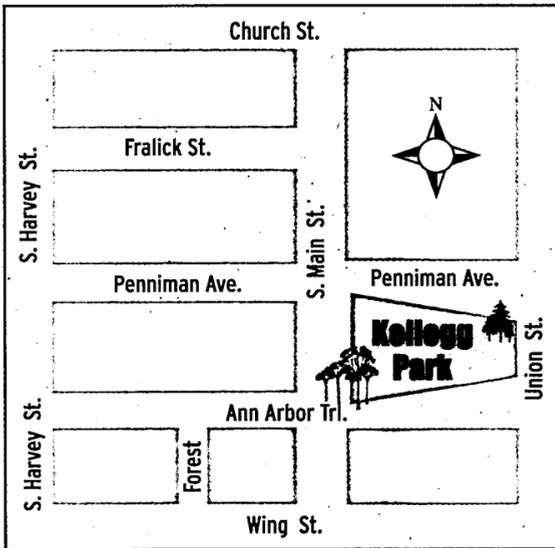
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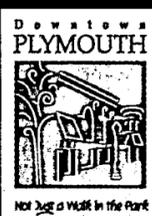


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Ladywood: State champs!

Ace can't go, but back-up hurls shutout

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

This one didn't come out of left field, it came out of right field instead.

Summoned to make only her second start of the season when ace Briana Combs injured her knee in Friday's semifinal, sophomore left-hander Lauren Hayes pitched the game of her life delivering Livonia Ladywood its first-ever state title with a 4-0 victory Saturday over Saginaw Swan Valley in the Division 2 championship game at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

Ladywood, 39-3 overall, becomes the first softball team from Livonia to win a state crown since 1986 when Franklin beat Waterford Kettering, 1-0, in Class A.

Hayes was informed only five minutes before game time that she'd be standing in for Combs, the Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year with 142 career wins. In Friday's 4-2 win over Wayland Union, Hayes got the save by getting a pair of strikeouts after Combs had to exit prematurely



Ladywood players Celeste Fidge (left) and Lauren Hayes (right) jump for joy after winning the MHSAA Division 2 state girls softball championship following a 4-0 win over Saginaw Swan Valley.

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with a painful left knee.

And Hayes came through in the clutch allowing just three hits and a pair of walks while striking out two in a complete-game outing.

"The good thing was that she didn't know she

was pitching until five minutes before game time," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "When we were taking infield she ran out to right field. She did not know she was pitching. And so that was probably good. She had

no time to think about it or squeeze the ball. She just went out there and threw strikes, so that was great."

Hayes, who threw just 74 pitches, including 44 for strikes, got flawless support from her infield

and outfielders. Twelve of her 24 outs were either pop-outs or fly outs.

"I had no idea I was going to pitch this final game," Hayes said. "I thought Briana was going

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Bucks keep rolling, 1-0

Super sub Nermin Crnkic came off the bench in the second half to score the game-winning goal and goalkeeper Adam Grinwis posted his sixth shutout of the year on five saves Tuesday night as the Premier Development League Michigan Bucks scored a 1-0 victory over the Toronto Lynx in a match played at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Justin Sass assisted on Crnkic's goal for the first-place Bucks, who improved to 7-0-1 (22 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference.

Goalkeeper Matthew Silva made nine saves for the last-place Lynx to 1-7-1 (four points).

Last Friday at Ultimate Arenas, the host Bucks downed third-place FC London by an identical 1-0 score as attacking midfielder Scott Caldwell headed home a Steve Miller cross in the game's ninth minute for what proved to be the game-winner.

Grinwis made nine saves to record the shutout.

The Bucks return to PDL action 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Ultimate when they face the Cincinnati Kings. For ticket information, visit www.bucksoccer.com.

MHSAA boys golf tourney

The MHSAA Division 1 Lower Peninsula Boys Golf Finals proved to be difficult challenge for qualifiers last weekend on Grand Valley State University's course, The Meadows.

Livonia Stevenson senior Dante Cicchelli, an individual qualifier, shot 83-86 for a two-day total of 169.

Birmingham Brother Rice made up a nine-stroke first-round deficit to overhaul Battle Creek Lakeview for the team title on Saturday, 602-603.

Rounding out the top ten was Muskegon Mona Shores (608), Traverse City West (611), Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (612), Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (619), Grosse Pointe South (620), Pinckney (622), Saline (624) and Plymouth (626).

Canton placed 14th in the 15-school field with 656.

Lakeview's Matt Garland was individual medalist with 69-72-141, while Dearborn's Evan Bowser was runner-up with 70-75-145.

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Hayes saves day

Understudy delivers pitching gem



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Ladywood sophomore pitcher Lauren Hayes turned in her finest hour when she threw a three-hit shutout in the Division 2 state final against Saginaw Swan Valley Saturday in Battle Creek.

If you're in this job long enough like I've been — 33 years — you're going to see things in high school sports that defy the odds and boggle the mind.

Saturday's Division 2 state girls softball final in Battle Creek between Livonia Ladywood and Saginaw Swan Valley certainly ranks right up there.

And it seems the three most compelling things that I've covered as a sports editor during the past decade all involve girls sports.

On a Friday night in March of 2006 I walked out of Western Michigan University's Reed Fieldhouse practically in a daze after an underdog Livonia Churchill girls volleyball team pulled off a monu-

mental semifinal upset of mighty East Kentwood, a team stocked with athletic and highly talented college-bound players.

That night the state was introduced by a ferocious middle hitter from Churchill named Kyn-dra Abron, a power-hitting junior who had the crowd gasping even during the warmups.

In March of 2008, I'll never forget an underdog Livonia Franklin girls basketball team stun heavily favored Detroit Renaissance in the Class A semifinals at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

That game ended when Briana Taylor — who was carried off the floor afterwards by her teammates — sank a free throw with no time left in overtime to win it.

Those indelible images resurrected itself once again Saturday at Bailey Park.

Livonia Ladywood coach Scott Combs learned that

his daughter, Briana, the Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year with 142 career victories, couldn't throw because of a knee injury which forced her out with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning in Friday's 4-2 semifinal victory over Wayland Union.

Swan Valley, sporting a 37-3 record and a pitcher in Mackenzie Boehler who had just struck out 15 in Friday's 2-1 semifinal victory over Coloma, had to be licking their chops without Combs on the mound.

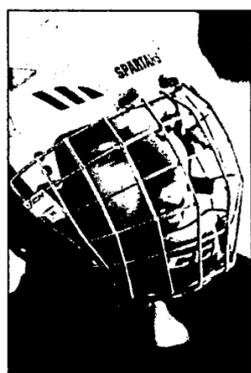
The Wildcats were ready to pounce, but on this day they found a different cat on the mound.

Ladywood sophomore Lauren Hayes, who earned a clutch save against Wayland Union when she struck out the final two batters, didn't have much of a track record going into the weekend at Bailey Park.

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Brad Emons



BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Catching his breath before the next line drill is Metro West forward Dominic Lutz, of Livonia Stevenson.

Evan Patton, the quality of the practice bodes well for Metro West's

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Churchill's Mazzoni gives up hockey job

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The search is on for a new varsity boys hockey coach at Livonia Churchill.

Pete Mazzoni, who guided the Chargers to a 21-7 record last season and a Division 1 regional title, is stepping down to become an administrator at his alma mater, Livonia Stevenson High School.

The 43-year-old Mazzoni, a 1987 Spartan grad, will be taking over as an assistant principal, filling the position previ-



Mazzoni

ously held by Louis Fox, who is retiring. "When I found out I was going back there I thought

it was pretty cool and obviously having a chance to work with (Principal) Jim (Gibbons) again is going to be a real positive," Mazzoni said. "I've gotten to know some of the staff over the years, so I'm going to look forward

Please see COACH, B4

Taylor twins All-Academic

Grand Valley State University's Taylor twins, Briana and Brittany, were among Laker athletes named to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Academic team for spring sports.

Both are members of the Grand Valley basketball and softball teams and are majoring in nursing.

They are sophomores in athletic eligibility in softball and will be seniors this year in basketball.

The GLIAC All-Academic teams are comprised of student-athletes who carry a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0.

Teamwork

Area icers mesh for Meijer State Games

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

When the Metro West team convened last Thursday for its first full-scale practice, players from 11 high schools stepped onto the ice at Arctic Pond in Plymouth.

Watching them spin around the boards seemed like peering into a swiftly revolving clothes dryer featuring swirls of red, blue, green and white.

They wore a mish-mash of different-colored clothing and equipment from their local teams.

They came with unique points of view on how to play the game — also courtesy of their individual high school hockey resumes.

But as they left for the locker room following two hours of drills and chalk talks, they were united as a single 20-player group — amped up to compete this week at the third annual Meijer State Games of Michigan's High School Hockey Showcase.

According to Plymouth defenseman Kyle Bauer, who teamed up much of the workout with Salem's

All-Observer boys get it done in track & field

FIRST TEAM INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Devin Ryles, Thurston (shot put): A three-year varsity letter winner, Ryles was a two-time state qualifier his final two seasons at Thurston. He excelled in both the shot put and the discus, posting personal-best distances of 51 feet, 4 inches in the shot and 113-8 in the discus. He is a two-time Western Wayne Athletic Conference champion in the discus and a reigning Division 2 regional titleist. An all-area quarterback, Ryles is set to play collegiate football beginning in the fall.

Justin Shelton, N. Farmington (discus): Shelton threw the discus an area-best 150 feet, 11 inches to set a personal record and finish fifth in the Oakland County meet. He was throwing in the high 120s last year and got steadily better in his junior year. Shelton won OAA White Division and Division 1 regional championships with throws of 137-3 and 143-0, respectively. His best effort ranks second among North Farmington throwers in the last 18 years.

"Justin made great improvement from where he started last year," coach Todd Schultz said. "He just worked hard. Coach (Chris) Gadjev worked with him, improving his technique. Justin took the ball and ran with it and got better."

"The nice thing is he's a junior. He's eager to work on it and keep improving to be a top thrower next year. He already asked for a discus to work with in the summer. He likes to push himself, he just thrives on getting better, and his confidence builds once he has some success."

Tre' Goynes, Redford Union (high jump): Goynes set the bar high goals-wise for his senior and he clear it by a mile, winning the Division 1 high-jump title with an effort of 6 feet, 6 inches. A three-year letter winner at RU, Goynes won a regional high-jump title and a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division championship when he cleared a personal-best height of 6-9. Goynes is headed to Indiana Tech to compete in track and field.

"Tre' did everything we asked him to this year — and more," said coach Tom Kessel. "He set a goal at the beginning of the season, then he followed through and achieved his goal. He worked very hard at this."

Eric Wilson, Thurston (long jump): Wilson graduated earlier this month as one of the Eagles' all-time most-accomplished athletes — both in football and track and field. Headed to Northwestern University with a football scholarship, Wilson capped an outstanding prep track career by winning the Division 2 long jump championship with a lead of 22 feet, 7.5 inches. He was also a state qualifier in the 200-meter dash with a personal-best clocking of 22.51 seconds. His top 100 time was 11.01. Wilson qualified for the state meet in the long jump as a sophomore and was a regional champion in the event last spring.

Alex Rytkarsyk, Churchill (pole vault): The four-year varsity letter winner was a state qualifier in Division 1 after winning the Canton regional (12-10).

The Evans Scholar recipient, headed to the University of Michigan in the fall, also captured the Kensington Conference and Livonia City meet titles.

"Alex was clutch for us in big meets this season," coach Rick Austin said. "He especially stepped up to help his pole vault team win the Observerland and Raider relays titles."

"He has a number of interests outside of our sport, which challenged his level of commitment making his performances that much more memorable this season. It seems like Alex has been in our program forever and I will miss him greatly."

Joe Amado, Salem (110 hurdles): A senior and four-time letter winner for the Rocks, Amado's stellar prep career culminated with his all-state performance in the 110 hurdles, finishing sixth with a time of 15.07. He was also all-state in the 300 hurdles with an eighth-place time of 39.96.

A five-time state qualifier during his career, Amado set school and district records in the 300 hurdles (38.75) while earning a personal best time of 14.86 in the 110 hurdles.

Along the way this season were championships in both

2012 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TRACK TEAMS

Shot put: 1. Devin Ryles, sr., Redford Thurston; 2. Adell Cothron, sr., Thurston; 3. Dawson Davenport, sr. Lutheran High Westland.

Discus: 1. Justin Shelton, jr., North Farmington; 2. Shawn Cummings, sr. Livonia Clarenceville; 3. Bryan Bartig, sr., Livonia Churchill.

High jump: 1. Tre Goynes, sr., Redford Union; 2. Matt Schacht, sr., Canton; 3. Jamal Dixon, soph., Canton; and Chris Dierker, jr., Salem.

Long jump: 1. Eric Wilson, sr., Thurston; 2. Nick Podulka, sr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Caleb Kempf, sr., Lutheran High.

Pole vault: 1. Alex Rytkarsyk, sr., Churchill; 2. Jacob Hage, soph., Churchill; 3. Jimmy Bagazinski, sr., Livonia Franklin.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Joe Amado, sr., Salem; 2. Tom Brokaw, sr., Franklin; 3. Josh Craven, soph., Farmington.

300 hurdles: 1. Jake Fairbairn, sr., Lutheran High; 2. Andrew Crechiolo, sr., Franklin; 3. Terrell Gray, sr., Thurston.

100 dash: 1. Ryan Jones, sr., Canton; 2. Alex Perelli, soph., Franklin; 3. Steven Homrich, soph., Salem.

200 dash: 1. Kassius Kelly, sr., Clarenceville; 2. Thomas Crawford, sr., Salem; 3. Chris Massey, sr., Farmington Harrison.

400 dash: 1. Jason Ervin, sr., North Farmington; and Lucas Bunting, jr., Plymouth; 2. Zaid Shareef, jr., Stevenson; 3. Ken Russ, sr., Harrison; and Colin McCormack, soph., Salem.

800 run: 1. Max Rogowski, soph., Plymouth; 2. Ryan Wise, sr., Churchill; 3. Jeremy Griffin-Jackson, sr., Thurston.

1,600 run: 1. Miles Felton, sr., Canton; 2. Ruben Maya, sr., Westland John Glenn; 3. Drew Lindman, jr., Farmington.

3,200 run: 1. Derek Gielarowski, sr., Plymouth; 2. Stephen Fenech, soph., Stevenson; 3. Steven McEvilly, jr., Salem.

400 relay: 1. Clarenceville (sr. Sam Brown, soph. Jalen Bryant, sr. Mike Demmons, sr. Kassius Kelly), 2. Canton (jr. Colby Morris, sr. Zach Smilo, sr. Demetre Lopez, sr. Ryan Jones), 3. Franklin (jr. Joe McRobb, soph. Alex Perelli, sr. Andrew McGaughey, sr. Andrew Crechiolo).

800 relay: 1. Harrison (sr. Ken Russ, sr. Chris Massey, jr. Dorian Fields, sr. Trae Parker), 2. Franklin (sr. Andrew McGaughey, jr. Brett Gutkowski, soph. Alex Perelli, sr. Andrew Crechiolo), 3. Salem (soph. Drake Jordan, jr. Ivan Rhodes, sr. Thomas Crawford, jr. Chris Dierker).

1,600 relay: 1. Salem (soph. Colin McCormack, sr. Joe Amado, sr. Chase Minshew, sr. Thomas Crawford), 2. Franklin (sr. Andrew Crechiolo, sr. Andrew McGaughey, jr. Jordan Bickham, jr. Brett Gutkowski), 3. Stevenson (sr. Tony Wilson, sr. Craig Wilkinson, jr. Adam Wheeler, jr. Zaid Shareef).

3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (sr. Derek Gielarowski, fr. Jonny Dalton, sr. Evan Johnson, soph. Max Rogowski), 2. Stevenson (jr. Jacob Colley, sr. Ben Lambert, jr. Mike Sopko, sr. Matt Garon), 3. Farmington (jr. Paolo Guarano, sr. Nimantha Herath, jr. Drew Lindman, sr. Shawn-Michael Fields).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Kyle Meteyer, Salem

hurdles at the KLAAs meet and D1 regionals as well as an Observerland championship in the 110s.

"He's the smoothest hurdler I've seen in high school this year," coach Kyle Meteyer said. "Other guys might have a little more foot speed, a little more explosiveness. Joe's the smoothest one over the hurdles."

Among colleges being considered by Amado are Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan. Meteyer said Amado's talent, work ethic and coachability bode well for his college career.

Jake Fairbairn, Luth. Westland (300 hurdles): The senior was the Division 4 state runner-up in the 300 hurdles (40.46) after capturing the regional at Lutheran Westland (40.41).

Fairbairn also took home a regional title in the 110 hurdles and was Michigan Independent Conference champ in both hurdles events. He also captured the MITCA Division 4 meet and took home titles at the Monroe Jefferson and Dearborn Heights Crestwood invitations.

"Jake had never run hurdles previous to high school, but as a freshman, we could see the talent he possessed as an intermediate hurdler," coach Mike Unger said. "When we told him about it, he took to the event and worked very hard at developing that talent. Every year his hurdling skills improved and his times dropped becoming the hurdler he is now. Having lost two all-state high hurdles to graduation last year, Jake was asked to run the event this year, something he had never done before. Being the team-oriented person that he is, he agreed and became proficient at that event. He also high jumped and anchored our 1,600 relay (50.6 split)."

Ryan Jones, Canton (100 dash): A stellar career with the Chiefs wrapped up with Jones' second all-state performance in the past two years.

He took seventh place in the 100 dash with a time of 16.27 seconds and also ran on the state qualifying 400-meter relay his junior and senior years.

Other successes his senior year included winning the D1 regional (11.31) and KLAAs meet (11.14) while posting a personal best of 10.8 during the season.

"Ryan was one of the finest sprinters in the history of Canton High School," coach Bob Richardson said. "He was one of the team captains this season, (and) Ryan placed in the state finals for the past two years."

Jones, who also starred with Canton's football team as a running back and defensive back, is looking to attend Eastern Illinois University.

Kassius Kelly, Clarenceville (200): The senior, headed to

Alabama A&M, capped off a stellar career by setting the Division 2 state record in the 200 (21.36) en route to a first-place finish.

Kelly also took third in the 100 at the state finals (10.79). He also broke a 26-year-old record in the 100 at the Observerland Relays (10.52).

Kelly came away with two state championships during his career, including the 2010 Division 3 crown as a member of the 800 relay.

He racked up a total of eight regional, six Livonia City Meet and three Observerland first-place finishes overall.

"Kassius was a great competitor, athlete and teammate," coach Brady Gustafson said. "Kassius is one of the finest athletes I have coached and even a better kid."

Jason Ervin, N. Farmington (400): Ervin won the 100, 400 and 200 in numerous dual meets this year; he also anchored the 1,600 relay. He qualified for state in the 400 and 200, finishing third in the Farmington regional but beating the AQ time. At the Division 1 state meet, he was sixth in the 200 (22.45). Ervin ran his best 400 time (49.68) at the Oakland County meet and was fourth. He will compete for Eastern Michigan next year.

"He played baseball as a freshman and 'was a great baseball stealer, but track was his forte,'" coach Todd Schultz said. "We were able to talk Jason into running the 400. That was a distance event in his mind. I think our athletes felt, when he was in the race, he was going to win, and Jason had that in his head, too."

"(As the anchorman in the 1,600 relay), we call it 'hawking them,' running guys down from behind. He loves that; he loves being in that situation. We had some great 4x4 races, and it was fun, knowing you have an anchor who can perform and run kids down."

Lucas Bunting, Plymouth (400): The junior is hitting his stride, setting a new Plymouth record in the 400 (49.7) and qualifying for the D1 state meet. At the regional, he finished first with a mark of 50:03.

At the KLAAs meet, Bunting finished second with a 51.31, trailing Livonia Stevenson's Zaid Shareef who set a new meet record with a 50.52.

"Lucas is a great athlete that is just now realizing his potential," coach Jon Mikosz said. "He stepped it up big time this year and took his running to the next level. He ran with a lot of heart this year and it paid off."

"If he can keep up this level next season, he should have the chance to place at the state meet."

Max Rogowski, Plymouth (800): Only a sophomore,

Rogowski is running like a seasoned veteran for the Wildcats. This year, he qualified for the D1 state meet thanks to a second-place time of 2:00.51 at regionals and also made the cut with the 3,200-meter relay (victorious with a time of 8:04.65).

At the KLAAs meet, he ran the 800 in 1:59.77 (second place). His personal best was the fastest among Observerland runners (1:58.76).

"Max has accomplished a lot and is only a sophomore," Mikosz said. "He is a dominant runner that tries hard every day and shows that hard work pays off."

"He is already a three-time state qualifier (once as a freshman). I am looking forward to the next two seasons when he starts to compete at the next level."

Miles Felton, Canton (1,600): The senior posted the second-best time in the mile run among Observerland runners (4:29.7), and finished third at the D1 regional in the event with a 4:29.81 mark.

Felton qualified for the state meet in the 800 run, winning the regional with a time of 2:00.09.

And at the KLAAs meet, he posted a time of 4:30.09, good for second.

"Miles was a great tactician on the track, displaying a keen understanding and comprehension of his fitness level and the demands of each race situation," coach Bob Richardson said.

Felton's success in college is predicted by Richardson. "Miles is an articulate and intelligent young man with the personal capacity to achieve new heights of academic and athletic success at the collegiate level."

Felton also was a varsity letter winner with the boys cross country and basketball teams.

Derek Gielarowski, Plymouth (3,200): Whatever Gielarowski was asked to deliver throughout his four years on the Plymouth varsity track and field team, he came through with flying colors.

His senior season was no exception, qualifying for the D1 state meet in the 3,200 run and two-mile relay while finishing first in both events at the regional and conference meets.

At the KLAAs meet, his time of 9:47.23 was his personal best.

"Derek is the type of runner who can do everything from the 400 to the 3,200 at a highly competitive level," Mikosz said. "He is the type of guy who never hesitates; if you ask him to run something, he just jumps on the track and gets it done."

"He is one of the best distance runners in school history, and he is going to be hard to replace next season."

Gielarowski, also an all-stater in cross country, was named Plymouth Track Athlete of the Year.

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS
400, Clarenceville (Sam Brown, Jalen Bryant, Mike Demmons, Kassius Kelly): This quartet set a school record by winning the Oakland County meet (electronically timed 43.79).

They were also Livonia City and Observerland champions, along with a fourth-place finish at the regional and state qualifiers (44.1).

"This relay was a great team to coach and ran its fastest times in the biggest meets," Gustafson said.

800, Harrison (Ken Russ, Chris Massey, Dorian Fields, Trae Parker):

The Hawks ran consistently good times and won the OAA White Division championship at 1:30.4. They were third in their regional (1:30.44) and qualified for the Division 1 state meet in which they were 11th in the prelims (1:30.13). Harrison also was fourth in Oakland County with a time of 1:30.57.

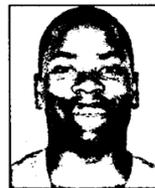
1,600, Salem (Colin McCormack, Joe Amado, Chase Minshew, Thomas Crawford): This quartet captured the regional with a season-best time of 3:28.47, enabling the Rocks to end its 1,600-meter relay team to the Division 1 state meet a fourth consecutive year.

They also were victorious at the Observerland Relays, with sophomore speedster McCormack leading off the relay followed by experienced seniors in Amado, Minshew and Crawford.

"Having a solid squad of 400 runners is essential to a successful track team," Meteyer said. "They can usually run sprints or distance events, making your team



Devin Ryles
Thurston



Justin Shelton
N. Farmington



Tre' Goynes
Redford Union



Eric Wilson
Thurston



Alex Rytkarsyk
Churchill



Joe Amado
Salem



Jake Fairbairn
Lutheran
Westland



Ryan Jones
Canton



Kassius Kelly
Clarenceville



Jason Ervin
N. Farmington



Lucas Bunting
Plymouth



Max Rogowski
Plymouth



Miles Felton
Canton



Derek Gielarowski
Plymouth



Sam Brown
Clarenceville



Jalen Bryant
Clarenceville



Mike Demmons
Clarenceville



Ken Russ
Harrison



Colin McCormack
Salem



Chase Minshew
Salem



Thomas
Crawford
Salem



Jonny Dalton
Plymouth



Evan Johnson
Plymouth



Kyle Meteyer
Salem coach

more flexible and versatile."

Not surprisingly, Crawford — dubbed by Meteyer the "fastest 400 sophomore around" — also qualified for state in the 800 relay and 200 dash while Amado earned all-state honors in both hurdles events.

"This year, I was happy to win the regional again, which was a nice goodbye present from the kids," said Meteyer, himself an accomplished prep hurdler at North Farmington.

Meteyer also cited "watching our kids shatter some school records, watching kids qualify for states after working hard all season and hearing from student-athletes who have graduated, whether they continued their track careers or not."

And six of the school's 17 records (and five Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) were set during his Salem coaching career.

One key reason Meteyer felt comfortable stepping down was the quality of his assistant coaches. Those include Steve Aspinall, Kurt Britnell, Geoff Baker, Brad Waidmann and Jim Crabb.

"There is not yet a new head coach, although my fantastic group of assistant coaches have expressed that they'll stay," Meteyer added.

He will be attending Eastern Michigan University's Ed.D program with the hope of some day being an athletic director or building administrator.

OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD BESTS

BEST OBSERVERLAND BOYS TIMES

SHOT PUT
Devin Ryles (Thurston) 51-1
Connor Ferguson (Farmington) 50-7
Adell Cothron (Thurston) 49-11
Bryan Bartig (Churchill) 49-9
Dawson Davenport (Luth. W'sld) 48-8.5
Adam Clay (Franklin) 48-3.75
Itoh Buley (N. Farmington) 46-10.25
Shawn Cummings (C'ville) 46-10
DeJuan Pope (N. Farmington) 46-7
Shedrick Glass-Shepherd (GC) 45-10

DISCUS
Justin Shelton (N. Farm.) 150-11
Shawn Cummings (C'ville) 149-7.5
Bryan Bartig (Churchill) 146-11
Connor Ferguson (Farmington) 141-7
Danny Pocalujka (Stevenson) 137-4
Brandon Ogden (John Glenn) 137-0
Shedrick Glass-Shepherd (GC) 135-5
Dawson Davenport (Luth. W'sld) 135-1
Eric Jipping (Ply. Christian) 132-0
Vonn Pallett (Farmington) 131-10

HIGH JUMP
Tre Goynes (Redford Union) 6-6
Jamal Dixon (Canton) 6-4
Chris Dierker (Salem) 6-4
Quinn Culbertson (Harrison) 6-3.25
Matthew Schacht (Canton) 6-3
Kevin Brown-Bayko (GC) 5-11.09
Akil Wade (Canton) 5-11
Nathan Harris (Plymouth) 5-10
Chad Evans (Churchill) 5-10
Terrell Gray (Thurston) 5-10

LONG JUMP

Eric Wilson (Thurston) 22-7.5
Nick Podulka (Stevenson) 21-6
Caleb Kempf (Luth. W'sld) 21-3.5
Tony Wilson (Stevenson) 21-0.25
Thomas Crawford (Salem) 21-0
Mike Demmons (C'ville) 20-11
Brett Gutkowski (Franklin) 20-7
Tre Goynes (Redford Union) 20-6
Jamal Dixon (Canton) 20-3
Jordan Degreffe (Farm.) 20-2.5

POLE VAULT
Alex Ryktarsyk (Churchill) 12-11
Jacob Hage (Churchill) 12-10
Jimmy Bagazinski (Franklin) 12-8
Erich Hinkle (GC) 12-6
Brandon Stanhope (Canton) 12-6
David Mittelbrun (N. Farm.) 12-6
Mitch Nickert (Canton) 12-3
Mike Farner (Stevenson) 12-0
Joshua Meseroll (Churchill) 12-0
Alex Teasdale (Ply.) 11-11
Stephen Fedak (Churchill) 11-11

110-METER HURDLES
Joe Amado (Salem) 14.5
Tom Brokaw (Franklin) 14.8
Josh Craven (Farmington) 15.1
Denzel Owens (Harrison) 15.2
Kenel Jefferson (Churchill) 15.2
Zach Zoltowski (Churchill) 15.3
Jake Fairbairn (Luth. W'sld) 15.6
Sam Brown (C'ville) 15.7
Ma Sambou Jatta (C'ville) 15.82
Darrien Lankford (GC) 15.83

300 HURDLES

Joe Amado (Salem) 38.4
Jake Fairbairn (Luth. W'sld) 39.78
Andrew Crechiolo (Franklin) 40.6
Terrell Gray (Thurston) 40.9
Ma Sambou Jatta (C'ville) 41.3
Tom Brokaw (Franklin) 41.3
Denzel Owens (Harrison) 41.4
Josh Craven (Farmington) 41.5
Sam Brown (C'ville) 41.7
Joe Mims (Stevenson) 42.0

100 DASH
Kassius Kelly (C'ville) 10.5
Jason Ervin (N. Farmington) 10.7
Alex Perelli (Franklin) 10.8
Ryan Jones (Canton) 10.8
Thomas Crawford (Salem) 11.0
Steven Homrich (Salem) 11.0
Jaron Flournoy (Glenn) 11.1
Vaughn Frederick (GC) 11.1
Alexander Rogers (Ply.) 11.14
Darrien Lankford (GC) 11.2
Hunter Rimatzki (Churchill) 11.2
Dan Duncan (Franklin) 11.2
Willard Harris (Wayne) 11.2
Trae Parker (Harrison) 11.2
Drake Jordan (Salem) 11.2

200
Kassius Kelly (C'ville) 21.36
Jason Ervin (N. Farm.) 21.9
Eric Wilson (Thurston) 22.27
Thomas Crawford (Salem) 22.5
Chris Massey (Harrison) 22.75
Steven Homrich (Salem) 22.8
William Askew (Plymouth) 22.84
Alex Perelli (Franklin) 22.9

Colby Morris (Canton) 23.0
Andrew McGaughey (Franklin) 23.1

400
Lucas Bunting (Plymouth) 49.7
Jason Ervin (N. Farmington) 49.7
Zaid Shareef (Stevenson) 50.25
Ken Russ (Harrison) 50.8
Colin McCormack (Salem) 50.9
Matt Schacht (Canton) 51.1
Jimmy Parks (Ply. Christian) 51.8
Caleb Kempf (Luth. W'sld) 52.0
Louis Jaquet (N. Farmington) 52.0
Brett Gutowski (Franklin) 52.4

800
Max Rogowski (Plymouth) 1:58.4
Miles Felton (Canton) 1:58.9
Ryan Wise (Churchill) 1:59.2
Jeremy Griffin-Jackson (RT) 2:00.1
Shawn-Michael Fields (Farm.) 2:01.4
Jacob Colley (Stevenson) 2:01.5
Jewell Jones (Glenn) 2:02.36
Nimantha Herath (Farmington) 2:02.9
Jonny Dalton (Plymouth) 2:03.31
Jhaira Johnson (Garden City) 2:03.5

1,600
Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth) 4:25.2
Miles Felton (Canton) 4:29.7
Max Rogowski (Plymouth) 4:33.4
Ruben Maya (Glenn) 4:33.8
Drew Lindman (Farmington) 4:34.0
Keenan Jones (Franklin) 4:34.3
Shawn-Michael Fields (Farm.) 4:35.9
Jhaira Johnson (Garden City) 4:36.11
Max Bradley (N. Farmington) 4:38.0
Steven McEvilly (Salem) 4:38.6

3,200
Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth) 9:47.23
Stephen Fenech (Stevenson) 9:51.7
Steven McEvilly (Salem) 9:52.3
Drew Lindman (Farmington) 9:57.6
Zane Berlanga (Plymouth) 10:08.43
Ben Yates (Churchill) 10:10.5
Andrew Brown (Farmington) 10:11.5
Keenan Jones (Franklin) 10:14.66
Andrew Malik (Churchill) 10:16.0
Colin Murphy (Churchill) 10:18.0

400 RELAY
Clarenceville 43.4
Canton 43.5
Franklin 43.6
Farmington Harrison 43.7
Redford Thurston 43.9

800 RELAY
Harrison 1:30.1
Franklin 1:30.5
Salem 1:30.6
Stevenson 1:31.63
Farmington 1:32.5

1,600 RELAY
Salem 3:28.1
Franklin 3:28.1
Stevenson 3:28.96
Plymouth 3:30.05
North Farmington 3:31.1

3,200 RELAY
Plymouth 8:04.3
Stevenson 8:09.0
Farmington 8:09.6
Churchill 8:18.2
Salem 8:18.4

ICERS

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chances at Olympic-style tournament in Grand Rapids. Games begin today.

"It's a lot better" than expected, Bauer said. "It's real tough, real high-paced."

As Livonia Churchill defenseman Drew Puishes left the rink, he nodded his approval about the way the team meshed.

"We looked good for the first time all together, not bad," Puishes said. "It's going to be fun, I can't wait."

North Farmington players — encouraged by their coach to sign up — also are geared up for a new experience.

"It's a different style of play than what I usually play," said defenseman Reede Burnett. "It's more of a contain-the-puck style, we're used to dump and chase kind of play. It's going to be a good time."

His North teammate, forward TJ Zak, said the opening practice was good on several levels.

"It's just getting your legs back under you today, trying to buy into one system," Zak emphasized. "It was pretty quick tempo, a lot of talented players from a bunch of different schools.

MEIJER SHOWCASE HOCKEY PRIMER

What: High School Hockey Showcase at the third annual Meijer State Games of Michigan.

Basics: The showcase is Thursday through Sunday, at Griff's Ice House, Grand Rapids Edge and Patterson Ice Arena in the Grand Rapids area. Opening ceremonies will be Friday.

Overview: The Metro West squad, comprised of players from area high school teams, will play at least four games in the round-robin, Olympic-style format beginning Thursday. Medal games will be played on Sunday. There are eight regional teams in the tourney.

Metro West: Players from 11 area high school teams (who have not yet graduated) were selected following April tryouts. On the roster are the following, listed by school: Plymouth - Mitch Claggett, forward; Kyle Bauer, defense; Salem

- Kyle Downey, forward; Evan Patton, defense; Jake Sealy, forward; Livonia Churchill - Drew Puishes, defense; Matt Sinclair, forward; Livonia Stevenson - Dominic Lutz, forward; North Farmington - Reede Burnett, defense; Steven Coulter, defense; TJ Zak, forward; Novi - Patrick Carney, goalie; Milford - Kyle Hamilton, forward; Lakeland - Trevor Kalinowski, goalie; Orchard Lake St. Mary's - Sean Harrington, forward; Cooper Marody, forward; Chris Mayer, forward; Michael Muller, forward; Waterford Kettering - Jayson Magnan, defense; Waterford Mott - Austin Sereno, forward.

Coaches: The head coach is Salem's Ryan Ossenmacher, assisted by Ken Anderson and Dan Whitener.

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drop-in or a tournament, anything in the off-season is just fun to do."

But they aren't boarding a team bus this morning and traveling 150 miles just for enjoyment's sake.

Head coach Ryan Ossenmacher (also Downey's Salem coach) expects Metro West to make another strong run this time around.

"I think we got some talented players," Ossenmacher said. "We're going to try to play a puck-possession style of game, which is what we did last year."

"The guys we selected are guys we all feel can handle the puck and be patient with the puck."

Metro West's roster also includes players from Livonia Stevenson, Novi, Milford, Walled Lake Northern, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott.

Some 65 players from

20 regional teams skated during April tryouts.

"So we were looking to complete a team," Ossenmacher said. "We had a philosophy in mind of what we wanted to do when we go there so we were looking for players that would fit that bill."

Because players must be returning to their high school teams for 2012-13, some teams with a lot of top players recently graduating (such as Canton) did not garner a roster spot.

One Canton underclassman, goaltender Robbie Beydoun "had a pretty good shot, he was one of our finalists for one of the goalie positions."

In net will be Novi's Patrick Carney and Lakeland's Trevor Kalinowski.

"Both goalies are phenomenal goalies. They'll both play," Ossenmacher said.

But the June excursion isn't just about hockey.

Big picture

Ossenmacher said going to the Meijer State Games also will be a good way for kids to bond and share a unique experience, regardless of how the team fares.

"It's something that involves more than just hockey," Ossenmacher noted. "There's a whole bunch of sports that are involved. It's kind of like a mini-Olympic event. They have an opening ceremony, the players get to see other events."

"So it's kind of a smaller part of a bigger picture. It's kind of a neat event, it's not just a hockey tournament."

Friendships will be made, sights will be seen and — hopefully — medals will be won.

"That'd be cool," said Bauer, about winning gold, silver or bronze. Let the games begin.

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Ex-WSU pitcher 1-hits Rams

Former Wayne State University pitcher Josh Wedesky gave up a first-inning double to Trent Drumheller and did not allow a hit the rest of the way leading the Motor City Pride to a 4-1 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League victory Monday over the Michigan Rams at Bicentennial Park.

Wedesky, who went 6-4 this spring for the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional qualifiers, struck out eight, walked one and hit two batters in seven innings of work.

Steve Sharp went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Josh Sackett also went 2-for-2 as the 22-and-under Pride improved to 6-7 in the LCBL.

Pete Delicata and Sean Bennett also knocked in runs for the Pride.

J.P. Maracani had the lone RBI for the 8-5-1 Rams, who have dropped four of their last five games.

Losing pitcher Josh Payzant allowed three earned runs on seven hits and four walks in six innings. Josh Richardson finished up for the 20-and-under Rams.

PRIDE 6, RAMS 1: The Michigan Rams (8-4-1) got caught by the rain and a hot pitcher, falling 6-1 in five innings Sunday to the Motor City Pride (5-7) in an LCBL game played at Ford Field.

Lou Robinson scattered five hits, walked two and struck out seven in picking up the victory for the Pride.

Josh Sackett and Billy Hochredel each collected two hits for the winners, while A.J. Dokey knocked in two runs. Other RBI went to Tim Wedesky, Pete Delicata and Hochredel.

J.P. Maracani went 2-for-3 in a losing cause, while Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson/Madonna University) had the lone RBI for the Rams.

Losing pitcher Sean Koerber allowed four earned runs on seven hits and a walk in four innings. He struck out four before giving way to Jeff Sorenson (Stevenson/MU), who fanned three in one inning.

RAMS 4-4, STEEL 1-8: In an LCBL twinbill Sunday, the Rams (8-3-1) and the Michigan Steel (5-8) settled for a split.

Evan Piechota went all seven innings to pick up the victory in a 4-1 Rams victory in the opener. The right-hander scattered six hits, struck out five and did not allow a walk.

Losing pitcher Taylor Demmerley also went the distance, allowing four runs on four hits. He struck out seven, walked three and hit two batters.

Garrett Gordon knocked in two runs for the Rams, while

J.P. Maracani and Zach Zott added one each.

Dae Bowden had two hits and one RBI for the Steel, which bounced back to win the nightcap, 8-4.

Stephen Clayton went 2-for-3 with triple and three RBI, while Taylor Baker went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Steel, who scored four in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Dan Muller (Livonia Franklin/Henry Ford CC) and Nate Gendron also knocked in runs.

Winning pitcher Chris Rice went all seven innings, striking out 10 and allowing just six hits and two walks.

Mitchel Patterson, the Rams starter, took the loss in relief going the final four inning allowing five runs on three hits and three walks.

Trent Drumheller went 3-for-3 with a double and RBI for the Rams. Brand Katta also knocked in three runs.

COBRAS 3, RAMS 1: Just Hicks got the win Friday as the Michigan Cobras (7-3) downed the Michigan Rams (7-3-1) in LCBL action at Bicentennial Park.

Hicks allowed six hits, walked two and struck out six. Dan Saier came on in the seventh to earn the save.

Losing pitcher Colin Gerish allowed just three runs — all unearned — on six hits and three walks.

Matt Priebe went 2-for-2 with two RBI for the Cobras. Trent Pell also added two hits. Garrett Gordon and Zach Zott each collected two hits for the Rams.

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CHAMPS

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to start. When I saw she was hurt and my coach said, 'You're going to pitch this game,' I was focused and determined to take it home for my team. I had no doubt in my mind, no doubt at all. My mental focus was there today. I was nervous this game, but just the way I was focused gave me the confidence."

And Hayes' teammates gave her plenty of cushion offensively with a nine-hit attack.

Swan Valley pitcher Mackenzie Buehler, who struck out 15 in Friday's 2-1 semifinal victory over Coloma, held Ladywood to one hit over the first three innings.

But the Blazers scored their first run in the top of the fourth inning on a double by Hayes and a double by Celeste Fidge (scoring courtesy runner Kristen Eisterhold).

In the top of the fifth, Ladywood made it 2-0 when Briana Combs drew a one-out walk, followed by a sacrifice bunt by Nicole Payne and an RBI single by Haley Lawrence (scoring courtesy runner Victoria Williams).

And in the seventh, Ladywood tacked on two more runs when Payne led off with a bunt single and scored all the way from first when Hayes'

single to right eluded Swan Valley's Madison Malott, and went all the way to the fence. Hayes, who took third on the play, then came home on Celeste Fidge's RBI ground out to second.

Hayes, seeing the finish line, sealed the deal when she retired the Vikings (37-4) in order in the bottom of the seventh capped by a pop out to short.

"I was more focused this game than any other game I've played in my life," said Hayes, who had pitched less than 10 innings all season. "I didn't have any idea Briana would play this game. She was very hurt. When she got in the game (as a pinch hitter twice), of course, I got a little emotional because she wanted to play this game. She did not want to sit. Before the game she was emotional because she wanted to play. We were all there for her, and for her to get in the game I felt good for her."

Combs, who has been troubled by the left knee for almost a month, didn't get very far in her pregame practice session.

"I threw one pitch and I fell to the ground," said the Ladywood senior ace, who has signed with Cleveland State. "It was pretty bad. I thought I might be able to do it. If I could have I would have, but I just couldn't. I haven't hit in awhile and I thought I would try and



BILL WILLIAMS | PHOTO

Livonia Ladywood players proudly display their MHSAA Division 2 state championship trophy following Saturday's 4-0 victory over Saginaw Swan Valley in the finals at Bailey Park in Battle Creek.

swing. It felt OK and he (Scott Combs) wanted to get me into the game."

Ironically, Hayes' first start in an early season tournament game didn't go well.

"I'm happy because we've been talking about being a pitching staff," Scott Combs said. "But I know 40-something out of 40 games our number one throws, but we bust them with bullpens every single day. I'm going to tell her over there — two months ago she pitched in South Lyon, she was ready to quit pitching. She threw that bad and she knows it, but I said, 'You've got to get back on the horse and you've got to keep going.' And I made her go down there every single day with Bri-

ana and we just busted it. She kept getting better and more consistent. But she showed signs of this to be able to go a couple of innings."

And Hayes followed the game plan to near-perfection, not allowing any Swan Valley runners past second base.

"We said, 'Hey, the wind is blowing in strong, let them hit the ball and don't try and strike people out,'" Scott Combs said. "Keep jamming them on the inside," and that's what we did. We just let them hit into the air. We knew if they started slapping and pushing the ball on the ground we were going to be in trouble, so we wanted pop-ups."

Swan Valley's best threat came in the sixth

when Mary Berden left off with a single and Buehler walked with two outs, but Lawrence gobbled up a hot shot to short and threw to first baseman Andria Gietl for the put-out to end the inning.

"I didn't think we got our hands out in front," Swan Valley coach Tom Kennelly said. "She (Hayes) wasn't throwing that hard. Sometimes if you don't get your hands out in front, then you pop it up. We hit the ball a few times — pretty hard in situations — but they picked the ball up. They made good plays and that's a really good team. Obviously, they've been here three of four years."

"I don't think we played our 'A' game and we didn't pitch very good today it

is what it is. Yesterday I thought we played pretty well, although we stranded a lot of runners yesterday. And I thought they (Ladywood) played pretty well. That team has an awful lot of travel ball-players on that team, so they're pretty good."

Although Briana Combs was unable to pitch, she got into the game twice as a pinch hitter and was able to celebrate with six of her fellow seniors, all of whom were members of the Blazers' 2009 Division 2 state final squad that fell to Niles, 4-0, in Battle Creek.

"It was really special," Briana Combs said. "I just wanted to do anything I could. Knowing I couldn't pitch — just do anything to help the team."

And the team got a shot in the left arm from Hayes.

"She's come such a long way," Briana Combs said. "She was struggling, but she's worked so hard. She's thrown bullpen every day, just come out and get her confidence back. It showed out here how much work she put in. She did a great job."

"It means the world to me. All seven seniors — we've been working so hard. We wanted this so bad and wanted this even more. It's a perfect way to leave and go on to college."

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In fact, the left-hander had suffered through a Rocky Horror Show of her own when she was blistered on the mound in a 13-2 tournament loss on April 21 to South Lyon East — one of only three Ladywood defeats on the season.

"She had 10 walks, two hit batsmen, four or five wild pitches," recalled Scott Combs. "But to the point I said, 'You're going to stay out there

and you're going to get through this.' It was ugly and it was 13-2. She literally could not get anybody out. And we kept working, working and working. The girls said, 'At some point you're going to have to step in and do something.'"

That time came on Saturday for Hayes, who got the call to start literally five minutes before game time after Briana Combs collapsed during her first pitch in warm-ups.

Scott Combs didn't hesitate to make a move.

"I said, 'Let's change the lineup now and not try

and do anything where they could get two runs in the first inning,'" he said. "Let's just start, get going and roll."

The Blazers didn't get a hit through the first three innings off Boehler, but Hayes was equal to the task, pitching poised beyond her years.

Ladywood scratched together runs in the fourth and fifth innings and got two more as a cushion for Hayes in the top of the seventh.

All told, Ladywood got nine hits off Boehler.

Hayes, meanwhile, proved to be more than an

ordinary stand-in, throwing just 73 pitches and letting her fielders gladly do a bulk of the work.

"That's always what we have as a backup in defense," Ladywood junior first baseman Andria Gietl said. "I knew Lauren was going to come out sharp today, so I was very proud of her."

Half of Hayes' 24 outs were either fly balls or pop-outs. The Blazers didn't commit an error and the left-hander allowed only two runners to reach second base.

"Our defense has been tremendous," Scott Combs said. "We spend four days out of seven — full days — all day long. They don't like it, they gripe about it. But I told them it's going to pay off. If you keep doing the fundamentals and do all the little things that you see other teams make mistakes at, and that's how you win ball games."

Meanwhile, although Briana Combs couldn't pitch, she was able enough to make two trips to the plate (thanks to the high school re-entry rule) as a pinch hitter. She drew a walk in the fifth leading to Ladywood's second run.

"She's a good hitter, plus

she hit .528 this year with 41 RBI," Scott Combs said of his daughter. "That's the thing that nobody realizes when Briana went down three weeks ago — when she first hurt — we lost our No. 2 hitter — who could hit for power. We had to shuffle our lineup quite a bit. So we had to piece our lineup together."

And the same pitcher who almost two months earlier was ready to quit, pitched the game of her life with a three-hit shut-out.

Some kind of understudy — this Lauren Hayes — especially for someone who had pitched less than 10 innings all season.

"I felt she was more than capable, that's why I was disappointed when she came to me after that and said, 'Coach, I think I should give up pitching,'" Scott Combs said. "I just grabbed her right away and talked to her for an hour, and talked to her several times since, and I said, 'That's not in the cards. You have to pull yourself up.'"

Hayes not only pulled herself up, she pulled her teammates along for a joy ride that they'll never forget as the 39-3 Blazers captured their first-

ever state softball championship.

"She's going to keep working at it and now she has confidence," Scott Combs said. "If you had seen her two months ago, you'd say this is the 1980 Miracle on Ice. As good as she was today, she was that bad before. My hats off to her, and it's the work in between is what did it."

For Ladywood's seven-member senior class, it was the culmination of a storybook ending. They made three trips to the Final Four in four years. They were all ninth-graders in 2009 when they made it all the way to the state championship final before losing 4-0 to Niles.

But that's just a distant memory and a footnote now.

"I think it means the world to them right now," Gietl said of the seven seniors. "I'm just glad I could be a part of it with them right now."

It's a moment the Blazers and Hayes will never forget, and neither will I.

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COACH

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to it." Mazzoni coached high school hockey for the past 14 years compiling an overall record of 233-97-47 (including two seasons at Redford Union).

He guided the Chargers to three regional titles including back-to-back crowns in 2012 and 2011, along with another 2007.

"You don't replace a Pete Mazzoni, you just don't," said Churchill athletic director Marc Hage, who has already posted the vacant coaching job. "You just hope to fill the void a little bit. But you just don't replace a guy like that. He was so solid, not only with kids, not only with me administratively, not only with the school, the community, but statewide, and everything he's done has been a plus, very well-respected coach among hockey circles, high school or otherwise. I just hope we can come close to duplicating those last few years with Pete."

Mazzoni was a stand-out quarterback on the Stevenson football team and was inducted into the Adrian College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mazzoni met with Churchill's returning players on Monday and still plans to fulfill his summer hockey obligations with the team until a new coach is hired.

"It was bittersweet and it was one of the hardest things I had to tell them," Mazzoni said of his resignation. "It was really tough for me to talk to them about it, but at the same time I couldn't pass up this opportunity."

"From a career standpoint, eventually I want to become a principal. This is the next step in reaching that goal."

Mazzoni said he will miss the high school hockey environment at Churchill. "I think I'll have plenty of things on my plate to keep me busy," the outgoing coach said. "It's going to be different, just because I've been doing it for so long you get accustomed to it. My oldest son (Ethan) is going to be playing soon, so I'll

try and get my fix in with him.

"The biggest thing I'll miss is just going to the rink every day and working with the same group of guys to bring them together and help them reach their goals."

Mazzoni, ironically, will be monitoring hockey in a different capacity, doing crowd control at Stevenson games.

"I'll still be coming to the rink," he said. "I'll just be working on the other side of the glass now. It's going to be a different experience for me."

Hage said he hopes to have a replacement for Mazzoni soon, but knows he has big boots to fill.

"Obviously I have mixed emotions," the Churchill A.D. said. "I'm very happy for him. He's realizing his dream and moving up the ladder professionally developing himself. From my perspective — and a little bit selfishly — I'm very sad to see him go. But you can't hold good people down and they should advance. Good for him."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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June

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 23

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

COURAGEOUS LIFE SERIES

Time/Date: June 24

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church wraps up its series with a screening of the film, "Courageous," at 6 p.m., June 24. Series topic for the day is "Team Players Versus Lone Rangers"

Contact: (248) 476-8222

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, June 21 and 28

Location: Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville

Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Denis B. Theroux, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good

Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the parish office.

Contact: The church at (248) 349-2621, www.olvnorthville.org

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. June 26

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Robert J. Muise, an attorney, director of the American Freedom Law Center and an expert on constitutional law, is the featured speaker at a discussion about religious freedom and a controversial federal mandate requiring all health insurance plans to offer coverage for contraceptives at no cost. Other speakers will include the Rev. Williams H. Tindall, along with Sharon Williams, pastoral associate

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 28-30

Location: In the thrift store at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Details: All items, except those marked firm, priced over \$1 are 50 percent off the price marked; bake sale

Contact: (313) 534-7730

SUMMER RETREAT

Time/Date: 8:30-11 a.m. June 27, July 11 and Aug. 1

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

Details: The retreat is

aimed at moms and will begin with Mass at each session, followed by a continental breakfast and a program. The theme for the series this year is "Whole and Holy: The total Catholic Woman." Participants may sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 classes to fit busy schedules. A children's ministry is available at \$2 per child per meeting. The first session will highlight the mind and will use the teachings of Pope John Paul II to illustrate the connection between faith and reason. The second session will focus on body and will include a spa morning. The last session will discuss spirit, looking to St. Teresa of Avila and St. Francis de Sales for ways to integrate women's daily lives with a heart for holiness. The series is open to all and registration is required

Contact: (734) 261-1455 Ext. 207 or www.livoniast-michael.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 24

Location: St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, north of 14 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge in Birmingham

Details: The peer group celebrates its 10th anniversary. Includes Mass, refreshments and fellowship. Enter from the rear of the building before 2:30 p.m.

Contact: Gerry at (586) 795-0477

July

MOVIE NIGHT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18

Location: Bixman Hall at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: "The Way" will be screen. A brief discussion will follow the film. Admission is free and refreshments will be served

Coming up: See "Monsignor Quixote" at Summer Movie Night, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 at the church

Contact: RSVP at (734) 425-5950

Vacation Bible School

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 9-13

Location: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, between W. Chicago Road and Joy, in Livonia

Details: For children, age 4 through 5th grade. No registration fee

Register at: http://www.christthekinglivonia.com/

Contact: (734) 421-0749 or (734) 469-4190

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7

a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: KJV Scripture Read-

ing, Communion and Prayer

Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation

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ANTHONY, Ph.D. JAMES L.

Age 65, passed away May 21, 2012 at his home in Northville, MI. He maintained his private practice of clinical psychology for 31 years in Canton, MI. Dr. Anthony is survived by his wife of 43 years Marilee, by three children and their spouses, Jason (Teresa) Anthony, Jessica (Ryan) Tye, Aimee (Lucas) Simpson and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Leah. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th at 11:00am with visitation to follow, at Concordia University Chapel of the Holy Trinity, 4090 Geddes Road in Ann Arbor. Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Trenton, MI or the National Leiomyosarcoma Foundation.

CORWIN, WILLARD MILO "BILL"

Age 76 of Coldwater MI died Friday June 15, 2012 in Coldwater. Bill was born August 20, 1935 in Plymouth MI to Lester and Mary (Mauck) Corwin. A Memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. Wed. June 21 2012 at the Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater, MI. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Branch Co. MI Visit www.gillespiefuneral.com to leave a message or condolences to the family.

DREWS, THOMAS M.

June 16, 2012, Age 66 of Plymouth. Beloved son of the late George and Georgia Drews. Dear brother of Gerald (Phillis), Dennis (Patricia), Steven (Carrie) Drews and the late Gloria (Terry) Johnson. At Mr. Drew's request, cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation or services. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Pray before you play at Livonia festival

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Livonia Spree will continue a longtime tradition of offering Catholic and Protestant worship services Sunday, June 24, the final day of the community festival.

Rev. Jim Terhune, senior pastor of Faith Bible Church will conduct the Protestant services at 11 a.m. and the Rev. Pastori Mafkin, associate in residence at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, will officiate at Catholic services at 8:30 a.m. Both are held in the Labatts Blue Tent on the festival grounds at Henry Ford Field, located at Lyndon and Farmington Road, south of Five Mile in Livonia.

"We've probably had 125-150 for the Protestant service and between 250-300 on the Catholic side. It's an outdoor event as opposed to being in a church. A lot of people know of the Mass and they like the idea of having an outdoor Mass," said Paul Mallie, a Spree board member who organizes the service.

Services were moved out of the sun and into a tent three years ago after being held at an outdoor stage for several years. Mallie said Livonia Spree began offering onsite worship services many years ago primarily for workers and volunteers. Services are open to the public.

"We found that a lot of the carnival workers as well as volunteers were unable to get to Sunday services. With respect to carnival workers, they didn't know where the churches were."

He said St. Aidan parish began offering a Mass on the grounds between its morning services. A Protestant service was added a few years later.

Mallie pointed out that Catholics can enjoy breakfast after their service — and Protestants can dine before church — at the Ed McNamara Pancake Breakfast held inside the Eddie Edgar Arena. Cost is \$4 per person.

"They also have a car show that runs simultaneously," he added.

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Youth theater offers camp show, musical

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

Students in Broadway Bound, the musical theater camp housed at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, will take the stage Friday, June 22 to belt out favorite tunes from *Grease*, *Chicago*, *Newsies* and *Follies*.

Camp founder Pat Hutchison stresses the performance isn't just a recital for parents, but a public show.

"We put it on our website and advertise it around the church. It's called Star Dreams. We have a program and everything," she said.

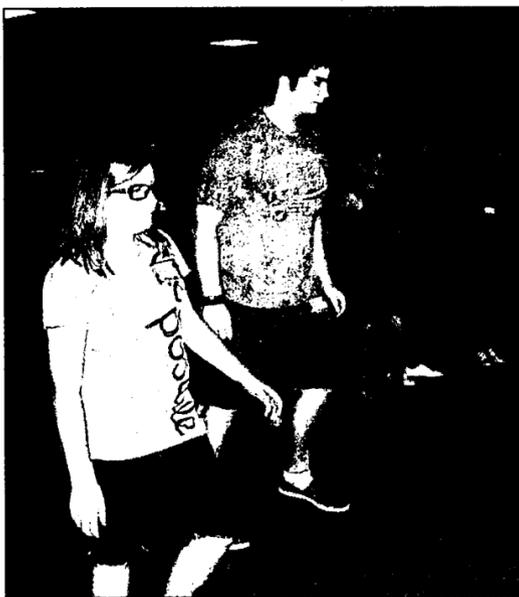
The show, which wraps up the one-week musical theater camp, will start at 7 p.m. at the church, located at 27475 Five Mile. Admission is \$3.

Hutchison, a former teacher in Livonia schools and music director at the church, runs the camp as a program of Paul's Players, the adult community theater troupe that she founded last year.

The camp has grown since last June.

"I didn't have any boys last year. This year we have three boys and 26 girls. But they are all interested in music, so there is no change there."

Sixth through ninth graders work from 9



Katie Bernwanger of Redford learns steps with learning steps with program intern Joe Debbs, a recent graduate of Livonia Franklin High School.

a.m.-5 p.m. each day of camp on dance and singing skills. Amanda Koba, an instructor at Plymouth East Middle School, teaches vocal music, Karen Barsy, a dance teacher and music therapist, choreographs the routines and Pam Gunderson is camp manager.

"We're using seven group numbers in the show. At the end of (Monday) we had already worked on six," Hutchison noted.

Students who want even more stage time had the opportunity this week to audition for Paul's Players' newest program, a full-scale summer musical production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The show will run July 26-28 at the church.

Although the first round of auditions is over, Hutchison said she hasn't completed casting. Performers, ages 8-21, who

are interested in the show may call her at (248) 347-4134 or e-mail paulsplayers@gmail.com.

"This is a short musical and it's very fun. It's all music and there is no (dialogue) script."

Hutchison has staged *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* three other times. The last was in 1997 with her vocal music classes at Churchill High School in Livonia. One of her students, Brian Haverkate, who played Joseph in the production, directs vocal music at Clarkston High School and will direct the cast of this new show.

She said the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice musical appeals to all ages and features a wide variety of musical styles — from cowboy tunes to Elvis-style rock.

"Having one of my former students directing the music is just icing on the cake."

Plymouth artists compete for prize at Detroit festival

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

If you plan to visit the Detroit River Days festival this weekend in downtown Detroit, be sure to include a stop at Jennifer and Joe Rutherford's carousel along the RiverWalk.

You can't ride the fused-glass horses, rooster, lion and deer set inside the 9-foot-tall metal structure, but you can vote for the piece.

The Rutherfords of Plymouth are among the 10 finalists in the festival's inaugural Detroit River ArtScape competition for their 3-D fine art work, "Once Upon a Carousel."

"It was created for Art-Prize in 2010," said Jennifer Rutherford, referring to the annual Grand Rapids event. "We won first prize at the Delphi Art Glass Festival in 2011 in Lansing. Hopefully we'll win here, too."

Jurors will award the first place winner \$2,500 and give \$1,000 to the next in line. Visitors can vote for their favorite piece in the People's Choice category. When the festival closes on Sunday, June 24, the artist with the most votes will receive the award and \$2,500.

Rutherford figures she and her husband worked on the carousel for 730 hours in their studio. That doesn't include design time.

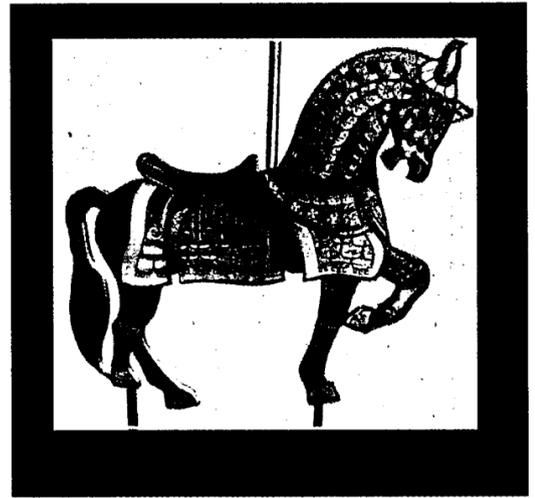
"That was our job for three months," she said.

Murals, fairs

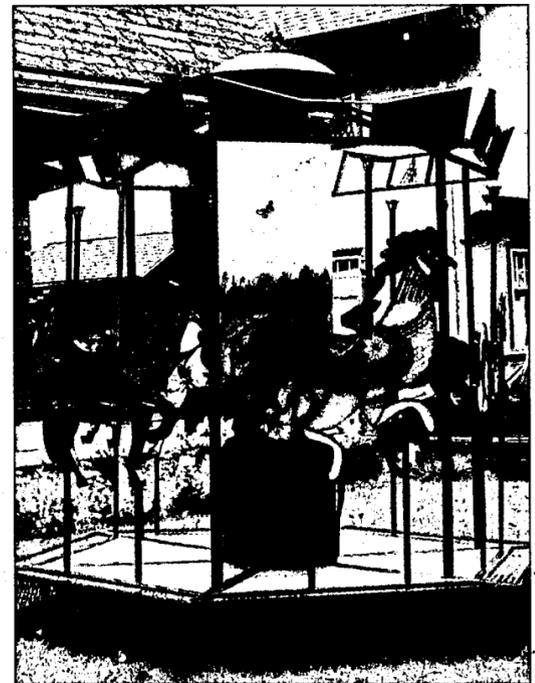
The couple sells their work at art fairs, including the Ann Arbor Art Fair, Art & Apples in Rochester, Funky Fern-dale Art Fair and the Wyandotte Art Fair. She works with glass and he creates in metal. Together, they also paint wall murals.

"We do glass flowers, fish and turtles, a lot of garden art," Rutherford said. "We've been doing our work for 13 years together. We do some commission pieces, too."

They're currently working on a piece for a Department of Natural Resources conference center in Houghton. They also are creating a bigger, eight-animal carousel for ArtPrize 2012, a 19-day event that begins Sept. 19 in Grand Rapids. Their piece incorporates clay and mosaics in addition to metal and glass and will be stationed outside the



The armored horse is one of four glass animals that are part of "Once Upon a Carousel," artwork that will be on display at River Days in downtown Detroit.



Jennifer and Joe Rutherford's carousel will be on exhibit this weekend at the River Days festival along the riverwalk in downtown Detroit. The piece includes metal work by Joe, fused glass by Jennifer and mural paintings by both artists. The couple lives in Plymouth.

entrance to the Courtyard Marriott.

"It's going to have a lot of different elements to it. It's all done by my husband and me."

Passion for glass

Rutherford studied dance at the University of Michigan and her husband went to a graphic arts school in Canada. He took metal classes locally and studied welding at Schoolcraft College.

"Both of my parents were artists. My dad was more of a fine artist and my mom did more crafts. He taught me my mural technique. When it came to glass, that's always been a passion," Rutherford noted. "I took every course

imaginable. When I took glass fusing, it clicked."

The Rutherfords will be on hand at Detroit River ArtScape all three days of the Detroit River Days festival, which runs 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 22-23 and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, June 24, along the RiverWalk. Admission is \$3 before 5 p.m., \$5 after 5 p.m. on Friday. In addition to the art exhibit, the festival features live music on two stages, rides, games, a Taste of Detroit food court, tours of a tall ship and U.S. Coast Guard cutter, children's activities and more. Visit www.DetroitRiverDays.com.

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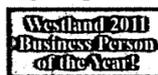


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Fiery winner

The Visual Art Association of Livonia continues its spring exhibit, Artistic Expressions through June 28 at the Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road, in Livonia. "A Controlled Burn," by Northville artist, Martha Barnes, took first place in the exhibit. Barnes photographed a blazing structure — set on fire to train firefighters in Oregon — and then decided to paint the scene in acrylic. For more information, call (734) 838-1204.

Art

ART IN THE SUN

Time/Date: 3-9 p.m. Friday, June 22, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, June 23; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 24

Location: Downtown Northville

Details: Outdoor art festival with works by more than 85 artists from across the country. The event includes a children's art area, miniature art hunt in downtown businesses and musical entertainment.

Contact: www.northvillearts.org or (248) 344-0497

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Through June 29; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Location: At the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Colored Pencil Society of America presents works by members of its Detroit chapter

Contact: (248) 473-1856

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 24

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "West of Center" 4th Annual All Media Show

Contact: (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "Behind the Lens 6" includes more than 100 photos taken by Pioneer Middle School 8th graders during a trip to New York City

Contact: (734) 416-4267

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: Through June 28

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Spring Art Exhibit, "Artistic Expressions," includes watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel and mixed media art work, juried by Nancy Wolfe of Eastern Michigan University.

Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org

Comedy

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 4

Location: The Power Center, E. Huron at Fletcher in downtown Ann Arbor

Details: Song parodies and sketches by political satirists.

GET OUT!



John DeMerell, (left) who plays Greg, is wary of the advice he gets from Joshua Brown, who plays Tom, in Two Muses Theatre's production of "Sybil." The comedy continues through July 1 in the theater at Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield.

The Capitol Steps. Tickets are \$30-\$50

Contact: (734) 764-2538 or A2SF.org

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Davin Rosenblatt, through June 23

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Dance

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, June 24

Location: Power Center, E. Huron at Fletcher in downtown Ann Arbor

Details: Pilobolus performs styles ranging from playful to intense to gravity-defying. Tickets \$30-\$50; kids, \$10

Coming up: Circa performs a fusion of acrobatics, aerial stunts, tumbling and contemporary dance, 8 p.m. July 6-7 at the Power Center; tickets \$25-\$45 for adults, \$10 for children

Contact: (734) 764-2538 or A2SF.org

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

Film

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday, July 5

Location: Michigan Theater, located on E. Liberty, just west of S. State, in downtown Ann Arbor

Details: "Cintematic Titanic" features the original cast and creators of "Mystery Science Theater 3000" riffing on some of the cheesiest movies ever made; \$25 general admission

Contact: (734) 764-2538 or A2SF.org

Auditions set for 'The Biggest Loser'

If you need to lose at least 85 pounds, here's your chance to win a spot on NBC's hit weight-loss television show, *The Biggest Loser*.

Auditions for season 14 will be held 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at Gardner-White Furniture, 45300 Hayes, Macomb, as a part of a 13-city cross-country search for new contestants. The new season will air January 2013.

Casting producers are looking for charismatic individuals who have the desire to change their lives forever and vie for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to lose weight and compete for a grand prize of \$250,000. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and legal residents of the United States. Participants will not be allowed to line up prior to three hours before the start of the open call. Candidates should bring a non-returnable photo of them-

selves. The casting team will strive to make sure that everyone arriving before the end of the open call will be seen.

Alison Sweeney is the host of the show that challenges overweight contestants to shed pounds in a safe and recommended manner through comprehensive diet and exercise as they compete for the grand prize. The series provides the contestants with challenges, temptations, weigh-ins and eliminations until the final contestant remains to claim the title of "the biggest loser." Contestants work out under the supervision of professional trainers Bob Harper and Dolvett Quince.

For those who are unable to attend a casting call, information on how to apply to the show and submit a video is available on www.thebiggestlosercasting.com.

Festival seeks original plays

TLC Productions is accepting scripts for the 2013 Canton One Acts Festival, postmarked no later than Aug. 24. The festival will take place Jan. 18-20, 2013 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

TLC, which consists of Canton residents Tim Chanko, Linda Pohl and Christopher Tremblay, seeks original plays in length from 15-20 minutes. Multiple submissions from a playwright are accepted, but no children shows will be con-

sidered. For a list of complete guidelines and for information on the judging process go to cantoneacts.com.

Semi-finalists will be notified. In October and November TLC will present dramatic readings of their scripts. Selected shows for the One-Acts Festival will be announced online at cantoneacts.com by Oct. 31. Auditions for the selected plays will be held in November. Finalists may request to direct their own show or TLC Productions will appoint

a director. Preference will be given to aspiring directors.

TLC Productions will award first, second and third place awards based on audience votes.

The One-Acts Festival is organized by TLC Productions, sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts and the Humanities, and offered in partnership with The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

For more information e-mail to tlproductions@wowway.com or visit cantoneacts.com.

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THERE SHE GROWS



Kristin Reese

Carrie Divine

Women farmers share family recipes and what it's like growing America's food

When you try to picture what a farmer looks like, you probably don't picture a woman. But women operate more than 30 percent of the more than 3 million farms in America — making them a large part of raising your food.

Kristin Reese and Carrie Divine are two women whose farming roots run deep. Reese grew up on a farm in Ohio and now has a farm of her own with her husband and kids. Divine is an eighth-generation farmer on her family's land in Kentucky. Both women say the hardest part of being a farmer is not the hard work, it's that today's farming is often misunderstood. Some consumers often think their food comes from large, impersonal corporations. The fact is, 98 percent of farms and ranches in the United States are family owned and operated. That's why Reese and Divine joined CommonGround, a movement that fosters conversations among farm women and women in cities and suburbs around the country who want to know more about their food.

Through local events and the website www.FindOurCommonGround.com, women farmers share facts about today's agriculture and dispel misconceptions about modern farming.

"I can empathize with mothers who might be confused about making healthy food choices amid all of the information surrounding their food," said Divine. In her role with CommonGround, she talks with people who may have never been on a farm about the truth of where their food comes from and how it is raised.

"If most consumers had a better understanding of the people who grow their food and raise the animals and the practices used, they would feel more comfortable with their food choices," Reese says.

Here, Divine shares a family favorite for the grill — The Stenger Family Not-Secret Pork Mignon. She uses freshly ground pork and a tangy barbecue sauce for a fresh take on a basic burger.

Reese says that her American Lamb Arugula Salad with Blackberry Vinaigrette is simple, but has big flavor. "I enjoy making this because we raise blackberries, lamb and arugula, so all the ingredients are at my fingertips. If you don't have that luxury, the ingredients are easy to find at the local grocery store."

To learn more about family farming, get food facts, find more recipes, or pose your own question to a farmer, visit www.FindOurCommonGround.com.

American Lamb Arugula Salad with Blackberry Vinaigrette

By Kristin Reese
Makes 4 servings

- 1 to 2 pounds sliced roasted lamb leg
- 2 bunches of arugula, washed and dried
- 10 ounces soft, mild goat cheese
- Blackberries
- ½ cup toasted pecans
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Blackberry Vinaigrette:
 - 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 - ¼ cup blackberry preserves
 - ½ cup olive oil
 - 2 tablespoons fresh herbs, such as basil and thyme
 - Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 450°F. Place lamb leg into a roasting pan and roast uncovered for 20 minutes, or until a crust forms that will seal in the juices. Lower heat to 300°F. Finish cooking (bone-in roast requires additional 20 minutes per pound; boneless roast requires additional 25 minutes per pound). Internal temperature should reach 130° to 135°F for a medium-rare roast. Remove from oven and let rest for 20 minutes before carving. Carve against the grain about ½ inch thick per slice. Whisk all Blackberry Vinaigrette ingredients in a bowl. Arrange arugula in mounds on 4 plates with equal parts goat cheese in center of each mound. Arrange lamb slices around goat cheese and drizzle with vinaigrette. Garnish with blackberries and toasted pecans.

Serve with crusty French bread and a crisp Sauvignon Blanc.



American Lamb Arugula Salad with Blackberry Vinaigrette

Stenger Family Not-Secret Pork Mignon

By Carrie Divine
Makes 8 servings

- 2 ½ pounds lean ground pork (I usually ask the local grocery store meat department to double-grind a pork loin or trimmed Boston butt for me.)
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 8 bacon slices
- For sauce:
 - 1 cup BBQ sauce (hickory smoke flavor)
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 1 tablespoon steak sauce
 - 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
 - ¼ teaspoon season salt

Mix the spices with pork. Don't think of doing this with a spoon — get your hands in there. Form into patties 1 inch thick. Wrap bacon slices around outside and secure with toothpicks. Place bacon-wrapped patties on grill over a slow fire. Begin basting immediately with sauce mixture. Turn patties over every 10 minutes and repeat basting. If sauce begins to brown too quickly, place patties on aluminum foil. Cook over slow fire 30 to 40 minutes until done.

Stuffed Jalapeño Peppers

By Linda Schwartz
Makes 10 servings

- 33 large jalapeño peppers
- 1 pound spicy sausage
- 1 bunch green onions
- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar or Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 pound thin-sliced bacon

Prepare jalapeños by cutting off tops and removing seeds and membrane from insides using an apple corer. Be careful not to poke holes in sides of peppers. Drain on paper towels. Wearing gloves is recommended for this spicy project. Brown the sausage in sauce pan. Chop onions fine in a food processor. Add browned sausage and process until meat is finely chopped. Add cream cheese, balsamic vinegar and garlic powder. Process until combined. Stuff peppers with sausage mixture using a jerky shooter, pastry bag or small spoon. Cover top of pepper with one-half slice of bacon, using a toothpick to secure. Place in jalapeño pepper cooker or custard cups, making sure peppers remain upright. Bake in a 350°F oven for 1 to 1 ½ hours. The longer they bake, the milder they are.

Courtesy of Family Features



Stuffed Jalapeño Peppers



Stenger Family Not-Secret Pork Mignon

Millennial generation key to housing market's future

The next two decades in housing markets depends largely on the "Echo Boomers." That's according to panelists at the "Shifting Demographics and Housing Choice: A Whole New World?" session May 18 during the Realtors 2012 Midyear Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo in Washington, D.C.

There are approximately 62 million echo boomers in the U.S. Also called "millennials," echo boomers are currently ages 17-31. According to the 2011 National Association of Realtors Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, younger homebuyers — those ages 18-34 — represent 31 percent of all recent home purchases.

"We know that although many young people may be delaying home purchases in today's economic climate, most of them still aspire to homeownership," said NAR President Moe Veissi, broker-owner of Veissi & Associates Inc., in Miami. "Realtors are committed to ensuring that the dream of homeownership can become a reality for generations of Americans to come."

During the session, economists from NAR, the University of Washington, and Florida State University presented various research and data that illustrate the future of homeownership from a generational standpoint.

"Demography is destiny," said NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun. "In that vein, demographics can provide very useful insights into the future of housing and homeownership, and the results of these reports indicate that certain generational shifts will have a significant impact on the real estate industry over the next two decades."

NAR Economist Selma Hepp identified several key demographic trends on both ends of the housing age spectrum. The demand for affordable, accessible housing will increase as the 65-and-over population grows; at the same time, as seniors leave their homes and move into assisted living and other arrangements, they will add



to the current supply of housing. Because of their sheer size, however, echo boomers will significantly impact the next two decades in housing.

"Echo boomers represent a long-term opportunity for a housing market recovery, but they are struggling in the current economic crisis," said Hepp. "Consequently, demand for rental housing is likely to climb in the near term."

As a group, the echo boomers are more racially and ethnically diverse than their baby boomer parents. While 65 percent of baby boomers are Caucasian, only 55 percent of echo boomers are Caucasian. Echo boomers are also more likely to be college-educated than previous generations, and are remaining single longer.

Glenn E. Crenlin from the

Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies at the University of Washington shared his insights into recent declines in homeownership and whether those declines indicate possible generational trends.

"It is worrying that the homeownership rate for those under 35 has fallen more sharply than the rate for older Americans," said Crenlin. "But I think we need to examine homeownership rates by generation in a more balanced way. Although the Millennial generation does not own homes at the same percentages of those in other generations, many of them are still in the early stages of household formation — in fact, some of them are still in high school."

Crenlin presented data from the American Commu-

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GLENN E. CRENLIN
University of Washington

nity Survey that shows a significant increase in homeownership among millennials when compared to baby boomers at the same age. While 900,000 households in the millennial generation own their own home, only 500,000 baby boomer households owned their own homes at the same point in their lives.

"Given these data, what we're looking at in terms of the

millennial generation is likely only a delay in homeownership of three to five years, not a long-term trend away from homeownership itself," said Crenlin.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 12-16, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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31720 Maplewood St \$74,000
29614 Rosslyn Ave \$60,000
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36838 Clarita St \$199,000
17230 Deering St \$80,000
14879 Fairfield St \$140,000
15505 Green Lane Ave \$65,000
33157 Grennada St \$158,000

14238 Knolson St \$79,000
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16722 White Haven Dr \$220,000

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11169 Chestnut Dr \$158,000
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34267 Marquette St \$85,000
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2254 N Hix Rd \$21,000
6163 Oak Pointe St \$89,000
38339 Oakwest Dr \$155,000
38211 S Jean Ct \$50,000
34622 School St \$40,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 27 to March 2, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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BINGHAM FARMS
24030 Bingham Pointe Dr \$198,000
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4759 Burnley Dr \$180,000
563 Fox Hills Dr N \$53,000
421 Fox Hills Dr S # 4 \$45,000
1741 Huntingwood Ln # D \$76,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
1521 Bataan Dr \$190,000
487 Hupp Cross Rd \$650,000
2295 Lancaster Rd \$140,000
1837 Squirrel Valley Dr \$225,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
6163 Birchcrest Ln \$406,000

175 Liza Ln \$243,000
FARMINGTON
22483 Hawthorne St \$69,000
33221 Oakland Ave \$175,000
22705 Power Rd \$92,000

FARMINGTON HILLS
22208 Averhill St \$40,000
33623 Edmonton St \$122,000
30151 Kingsway Dr \$185,000
33615 Kirby St \$110,000
29115 Lake Park Dr \$170,000
24466 Penrose Dr \$177,000
28420 W Eight Mile Rd Unit B1 \$25,000

MILFORD
853 Bishop St \$80,000
270 Cumberland Trl \$284,000
2010 E Commerce St \$175,000
1159 Pleasure St \$80,000

NOVI
43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr \$125,000
45192 Bartlett Dr \$84,000
44020 Durson St \$110,000
22480 Haverdale St \$329,000
24210 Kings Pointe \$108,000
40617 Lenox Park Dr \$261,000
26258 Mandalay Cir \$125,000
45275 Sedra Ct \$70,000

SOUTH LYON
53708 Edgewood Dr \$25,000
53833 Edgewood Dr \$25,000
20988 Oak Tree Dr \$25,000
52896 Willowbrook Dr \$50,000

SOUTHFIELD
22903 N Bellwood Dr \$75,000
25425 Saint James \$74,000
5000 Town Ctr \$18,000
WHITE LAKE
10974 Hillway St \$173,000
1994 Kingston St \$116,000
9496 Leona St \$92,000
8954 Satellite Dr \$100,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real Estate Career Seminar

Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee Thursday, June 21, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Mike Workman at (734) 459-4700 or mworkman@kw.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tues-

day at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation.

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Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month

at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler, (313) 277-4168.

Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addvaluer Realty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

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Learn how to finance your

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Thursday

PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- T'ai — ch'uan
 - Lucy Lawless role
 - Axe handle
 - Support
 - Greedy
 - Linchpin locale
 - Mao — tung
 - Of the sky
 - Thicket
 - Three tsps.
 - Watch pocket
 - Status —
 - Cogito — sum
 - Perfume label word
 - Dry, in combos
 - Estuary
 - Lingerie buy
 - Just barely win
 - Diamond stats
 - Gives the go-ahead
 - Mukluk
 - ChapStick target
 - Make tracks
 - Roof runoff
- DOWN**
- Ailurophobe's fear
 - High school subj.
 - Prefix for logical
 - Hobby knife (hyph.)
 - Festive night
 - Zilch
 - Juice-based drink
 - Round container
 - Poles' connector

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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J A Y S   C D T   W Y O
I C O N S   R U E   H E R
G E N O A   E D D Y I N G
      D O G G O   S O S
W E E P   A L B   U K E S
A G R E E   E E C   S M U
S R   D E B   Y A P   B E
P E A   L E O   B O D E D
S T E M   A X E   N O D E
      G E O   Y A R D S
F L E A B A G   N E A R S
B O A   E R E   A R G O T
I O N   Y I N   S E C Y
    
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SUDOKU

			5	2	9			
	1	2		3		5	6	
		8		9				
			3	9	7		8	
8								
	6	4	7	5	8		1	
	7	5			1	6		
	2				5	8		
		3		6				4

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Word Search — Grab a Book

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 E R Q T A M E F N H O I A W P
 F T A G O A Z E D Q N T T T I
 U I E L R E M E F R O E I V G
 E S C N U Y E S E B I R G H Z
 X D I T O B K V G V T A I B F
 P N U J I L A U F N C C D O V
 G B N C G O E C C Q I Y O O X
 V E U M A C N Q O T F D B K T
 A D V E N T U R E V N S A S A
 U D G A O C I P R Y Z O Z Z E U
 Z Z M H I S T O R Y N Z V Z R
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Sudoku

4	6	7	9	2	8	1	3	5
1	2	8	4	6	3	2	9	7
2	8	9	1	8	6	5	7	4
1	9	2	8	9	7	4	9	8
9	4	8	9	2	1	7	6	8
8	9	7	4	6	3	8	2	5
2	7	4	1	2	7	8	6	9
9	5	4	7	8	6	1	2	6
8	8	6	2	1	5	9	7	4

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Fifth Third Bank (800) 792-8830	3.875	0	3.25	0	J/A/N/F
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DESK - Hon Executive Desk, 3' x 5', laminated walnut finish. Very good cond. 3 drawers incl one filing drawer. Disassembled. \$150/negotiable. Call Al 248-737-0343

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HUTCH & TABLE Table: Oak, oval, self storing leaf. 6 chairs. Hutch: 2 piece, top has glass & lights. \$400/best. 248-887-7352

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Garage/Moving Sales

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PLYMOUTH: Thurs-Sat. 9-1. Exc. cond. girls brand name clothes, toddler to size 7, toys, books, housewares. 48224 Edinburg. N.Territorial/Beck.

PLYMOUTH: Trailwood Sub Wide Garage Sale. June 21-23rd, 9-5pm. Btwn. Sheldon & Beck. N. of Ann Arbor Rd. Housewares, baby, & more!

ROCHESTER: Garage Sale - 1543 Stony Creek Dr. Rochester, in Stony Pointe Sub. June 22 and 23 from 9:00am to 6:00pm.

SOUTH LYON: THURS-FRI-SAT, 9:00AM Clothing, furniture, household items, TV's, tons of DVD's! 28025 GALIEN DR., Deer Creek sub, off Pontiac Trail, S. of Silver Lake Rd.

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