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Marybeth Levine hopes to get a record-shattering total of 250,000 diapers donated to the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, which the Canton woman runs, by Thanksgiving.

SHOOTING FOR A RECORD

Diaper drive aims to shatter donation mark

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

With a lack of diapers playing a role in keeping poor children out of daycare, mothers off the job trail and lonely seniors shut in their homes, Marybeth Levine understands the economic and emotional toll.

That's why Levine, a Canton mother of three and founder of the nonprofit Detroit Area Diaper Bank, hopes to collect a record-shattering 250,000 disposable diapers by Thanksgiving to help over 50 partner agencies across metro Detroit.

Levine and her helpers collected just over 200,000 disposable diapers last fall, but she set a higher goal for her fifth

campaign as she fills a need not covered by government food-assistance programs and Medicare.

"We felt like 250,000 diapers would be a good challenge," Levine said. "That will help us get a little further into the winter."

Carol Smith, a volunteer at the Wayne-based St. Mary's Community Outreach Center, said it has received thousands of diapers for children and adults across western Wayne County who come to the agency for food, clothing and household goods.

Help appreciated

"We would not be able to provide diapers without the help," Smith said. "We have families with children and adults who need incontinence products. What Marybeth does is just unbelievable. It's out of the goodness of her heart, and it takes a lot of her time."

A new study published in the journal *Pediatrics* found that one in three moth-

ers reported a need for disposable diapers for their children. Nearly 10 percent admitted they had left a wet diaper on a child as they tried to make their supply last longer, raising concerns about hygiene and health problems.

Studies have indicated diapers, costly even when they're on sale, have become a major source of stress for parents. The report in *Pediatrics* found that "an adequate supply of diapers may prove a tangible way of reducing parenting stress, a critical factor influencing child health and development."

Levine has drawn criticism from some who say parents should use cloth diapers. Yet she said many people don't have laundry facilities at home or they are worried they can't pay water and other utility bills — if they even have detergent.

"Can a mom who works two or three jobs just to make ends meet get on a

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Pair jailed for break-in

Two men with criminal history back in prison

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Two Ypsilanti men who have a criminal history have been returned to prison after they tried to break into the Canton Verizon store on Michigan Avenue near Beck in April.

Dion Antonio Davis, 23, has been sentenced to 14 months to

five years in prison after he pleaded guilty to attempted breaking and entering a building with intent to commit a crime.

Nakita Allen Franklin, 20, has been imprisoned for one to five years for the same charge.

Canton authorities had nabbed the pair early April 22 after an alert police officer on routine patrol came across the two men breaking into the store, police Lt. Dave Schreiner has said.

The men fled the scene on foot, but police captured them after an exhaustive search of the area with assistance of K-9 units from Ann Arbor and the Michigan State Police, Schreiner said.

Davis and Franklin have been sentenced to prison after they pleaded guilty to a single charge in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge David Groner. The pair had been charged as habitual offenders.

Groner has ordered Franklin to pay fines and court fees totaling \$2,698, while Davis faces a lesser amount of \$798.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Davis has a criminal history that includes home invasion, resisting and obstructing a police officer; fleeing and eluding a police officer and breaking and entering.



Davis



Franklin

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Bark for Life takes doggie steps toward giving goal

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Bark for Life of Canton organizers remain hopeful they and their canine companions can reach their \$25,000 goal to help the fight against cancer.

"We're not giving up on our goal," said Canton resident Kathie McFry, whose golden retriever, Bo, has been a companion as she battles cancer. "We still have a lot of time."

As of Friday, Bark for Life's website listed the amount raised at \$11,632. The dog-friendly event happens from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, near the Heritage Park amphitheater in Canton.

In what is expected to boost fundraising efforts, an event dubbed The Yappy Hour is set for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, in a tent behind E.G. Nick's in Plymouth, organizer



More walking the dogs is set when Bark for Life returns to Canton.

Jill Andra Young said. "This is a mini-event to kind of raise awareness for Bark for Life as well as raise money for the American Cancer Society," said Young, owner of Jill Andra Young Photography.

Canine appare

At least 12 vendors, such as Three Dog Bakery, Pawisitive Pet Massage and Three Dogz LLC, which sells clothing aimed at pet owners, are expected at The Yappy Hour. Young said visitors can buy items such as dog coats and



Kathie McFry, Bark for Life co-chair, with companion Bo, JILL ANDRA YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHY

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Great Lakes adventurer brings story to Canton

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

After walking more than 1,000 miles along the shores of the Great Lakes, author Lorean Niewenhuus of Battle Creek is bringing her story to the Canton Public Library.

"We're really happy to host her and hear more of her story," Nichole Weltz, library programming specialist, said Friday.

Niewenhuus is set to appear at the library at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, to introduce her new book, *A 1,000-Mile Great Lakes Walk*. She will share her journey around the lakes and their connected waterways with a presentation that touches on geology, hydrology, invasive species and other facets of her adventure, according to Lauren Felcher, library marketing and communications intern.

The program is free and open to the public.

Niewenhuus once summed up her feelings about walking the shores of the Great Lakes in the *Detroit Free Press*, a Gannett newspaper.

"I'd rather do 20 miles on soft sand than 10 miles on the side of the road," she said. "There is something about being where water meets land. I feel very click-in there. I feel like I can go forever."

Marcia Barker, library program specialist, had read about Niewenhuus, so an effort was started to bring her to Canton.

"We were able to make it work," Weltz said. "She does have a pretty amazing story."

Niewenhuus' book takes readers along on her 1,000-mile, 76-day hike, exploring the natural history of the largest system of fresh water lakes in the world. Her book delves into pollution, de-

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bus and go to a laundromat that might not let them wash dirty diapers for health and sanitation reasons?" Levine said.

Need is strong

Levine has compiled some revealing statistics:

» An average infant can use up to 12 diapers per day, a toddler up to eight. But in low-income homes, a baby may be in a single diaper all day or longer, increasing the risk of health problems and abuse.

The number of Michigan residents living on food-stamp programs rose 60 percent between 2007 and 2009 — but those programs don't pay for diapers.

» Most daycare centers require parents to bring disposable diapers with their children, meaning parents who can't afford them often can't go to work or school — a scenario Levine said continues the cycle of poverty.

» A healthy change of diapers at many retail prices can cost \$100 or more a month.

Anyone who wants to donate diapers or money can visit



The Detroit Area Diaper Bank benefits from donations like this one from Ford, which volunteers Lisa Jacobi, Dave VanHout, Vince Amore and Diaper Bank volunteer Bruce Will helped unload last year. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

www.detroitarea-diaperbank.org to find dropoff locations and other information. The site also includes contact information for businesses and other organizations that want to start a diaper drive.

"We have bins we can give them to collect the diapers," Levine said. "We have fliers we can give them."

One of the diaper bank's biggest supporters has been the Canton Public Library, which is hosting another Stuff the Truck campaign from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 20-21. The truck is loaned by a local

company, Fat Chef in a Little Coat.

Last year, Stuff the Truck brought in 38,000 diapers. "We're going to try to beat that," Levine said.

It's an effort Carol Smith said helps places like St. Mary's Community Outreach Center. Smith commended Levine for volunteering to help those in need.

"She has always been there to help us whenever we have a problem," Smith said. "She's a great woman."

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struction of wetlands, invasive species and the gradual warming of the lakes.

She raises important questions about preserving nature and protecting fragile ecosystems, Felcher said Friday in a press release.

Niewenhuis' second book exploring the Great Lakes was inspired by her first hike that took place in 2009. In the first book she penned, *A 1,000-Mile Walk on the Beach*, she told of a 64-day journey around Lake Michigan.

Niewenhuis' desire to begin such an adventure came from her own self-motivation to break out of her everyday routine and take on the challenge of walking all the way around her favorite place, Lake Michigan, Felcher's statement said.

Her first book, published in March 2011 by Crickhollow Books of Milwaukee, spent time on the *Hearland Indie Bestseller List* and was awarded the Best Non-Fiction Beach Read in 2012 by the Beach Book Festival.

During her visit, Niewenhuis will sell and sign copies of her latest book. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.



Author Lorean Niewenhuis, who walked more than 1,000 miles along the shores of the Great Lakes, brings her story to the Canton Public Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15. ANDRE J. JACKSON/DETROIT FREE PRESS

BARK

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pet-owner jewelry.

Moreover, visitors may make direct donations, participate in a 50/50 raffle and try to win a prize by guessing the number of small doggie bones placed in jars.

"People are welcome to bring their dogs," Young said, "but they have to sign a waiver that they've had their shots and are not aggressive."

For more information on The Yappy Hour, call Young at 734-455-7787. For more on Bark for Life, call McFry at 734-340-4269 or co-chair Janet Stafford at 734-645-3048.

McFry said eight "great" teams have formed for Bark for Life. It's not too late to get involved and much more information can be found at the event's website, www.relayforlife.org/barkantconmi.

Doggie games

The third annual Bark for Life features a doggie costume contest, a musical sit game similar to musical chairs, a best trick competition, a walk around the park and canine games. It also includes a disc jockey, food and vendors such as a dog massage, canine costume-makers, groomers, trainers, a dog water-thera-



Cute canines again will descend on Heritage Park for Bark for Life.

py company — even a blessing of dogs by a deacon.

The event celebrates the companionship of dogs and their owners while raising money to fight cancer. It's like a canine-friendly Relay for Life event, though it's packed into four hours.

Bark for Life registration costs range from \$20 for no dogs or one dog to \$30 for three.

Bark for Life raised \$6,000 in its first year, a number that skyrocketed to \$18,000 last year. This year's goal has jumped to \$25,000.

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Teen helps promote charity on DQ's Miracle Treat Day

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Ramon Aguilar is quite familiar with making food. He's done pancakes at IHOP and Blizzards at Dairy Queen. It's the eating part of it that the Redford teen has difficulty with.

He has not eaten food since he was born, relying on feeding tubes to get nourishment. But a series of three operations are being done by surgeons at the William Beaumont Hospital Craniofacial and Cleft Palate Clinic to reconstruct the right side of his face and his jaw enabling him to eat solid food for the first time in his life.

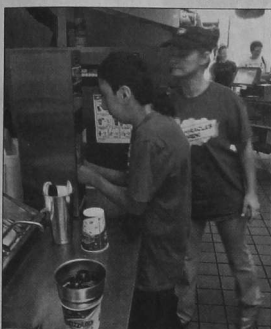
"He'll eat vanilla ice cream, but he won't eat chocolate ice cream because it tastes nasty," said his mother, Angie Atkinson. "He's never tasted it. Everything he eats goes right into his stomach."

Aguilar, his mother and stepfather, Angie and Brent Atkinson, were at the Westland Dairy Queen on Thursday to help promote DQ's Miracle Treat Day, a fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Owner Carole Campbell was thrilled to have the teen stop by the store and had him help employees Candace Rogers and Chris Amin make Blizzards for customers and learn how to make the DQ soft serve swirl.

"To know the money is going to help someone like Ramon <w> that's why I do this every year," Campbell said.

Dairy Queen stores throughout the country participated in the fund-



Dairy Queen employee Candace Rogers watches Ramon Aguilar of Redford make a Blizzard during his visit Thursday to the Westland store as part of Miracle Treat Day, a fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network at William Beaumont Hospital.

raiser. According to Matt Romkey, associate director of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, 100 percent of the money raised local will stay in the area to help local kids.

"Miracle Treat Day brings in about \$30,000, annually Dairy Queen contributes \$60,000 to Beaumont to help children," Romkey said.

'Miracle baby'

Angie Atkinson refers to her son as "my miracle baby." He weighed just three pounds when he was born seven weeks early. He was resuscitated several times and was in neonatal intensive care for four months. He was born Goldenhar syndrome, a congenital

birth defect that affects development of the face. He has no right ear and no cheekbone or jaw on the right side of his face. He also had a cleft palate and lip and heart defect.

Aguilar's jaw sockets never developed, so he can't open his mouth very wide, affecting his speech and ability to chew. He has been tubed fed his whole life — a nasal gastric tube as a baby and eventually a gastric tube that put food directly into his stomach. Atkinson hopes that with the third surgery, they will be able to wean him off the tube feeding.

"He's fearful about eating from having food

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3-Day supporters can make signs

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Walkers who've taken part in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure breast cancer walk have for years lauded the Plymouth area as one of the most popular points on the three-day, 60-mile trek.

Plymouth Downtown Development Authority officials are doing their part to make sure the same holds true again this year. The walk is scheduled for Aug. 16-18 this year, with walkers due to pass through Plymouth starting around 9:15 a.m. Saturday.

DDA officials will be set up in Kellogg Park on Wednesday, Aug. 14, with materials to help

supporters decorate signs to wish walkers well. According to DDA operations director Tony Bruscato, the signs will be part of the usual signs of encouragement set up along the route.

The decorating will take place starting at 11 a.m., and will continue until the end of Wednesday's concert series for kids.

"Plymouth has always been an enthusiastic supporter of the Breast Cancer 3-Day and we want to help people express that support," Bruscato said. "It's an extraordinary cause that touches so many people. It's important to let the walkers know we're behind them."

People will have a chance to express themselves. DDA officials will provide signs and Sharpies and supporters "can write what they want," Bruscato said.

Thousands of walkers pass through Plymouth every year, finding the streets, particularly around Kellogg Park, lined with supporters cheering and screaming. Supporters mist the walkers with water to cool them off and offer drinks and treats.

Both Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and City Commissioner Ed Hingberg have walked the event in the past (though neither is walking this year) and have said often how proud they are of the city's reputation.

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Central Michigan

Sixteen of the 64 students welcomed Sunday as members of the inaugural class of the Central Michigan University College of Medicine are from the Detroit area including **Mahela Ashraf** and **David Hales** of Canton.

The first class gathered at the CMU Events Center for the convocation, which included a white-coat ceremony honoring the commitment students make on their way to becoming primary-care physicians in one of seven general specialties, such as family medicine or pediatrics.

"The mission of the M.D. program at CMU, the enriching curriculum, and the commitment to providing a medical education that would strengthen my understanding and focus of health care in under-served Michigan communities would provide a multidimensional learning process that best suits the experience I envision having in medical school," Ashraf said.

Orientation started Monday, Aug. 5, and once classes began the following week, students will undergo a specially designed, rigorous curriculum of team-based learning and problem solving that includes early clinical experiences. Third- and fourth-year students will be based in primary care practices, with many of them learning and serving in Saginaw at Covenant HealthCare or St. Mary's of Michigan.

"I spent much of my childhood on our cabin up north and fell in love with the atmosphere and lifestyle northern Michigan has to offer," Hales said. "Practicing internal medicine in a setting such as this would also allow me to help minimize the need for physicians in under-served areas in the state."

CMU's Honors List for the spring semester includes 50 students from Canton and 27 from Plymouth who earned 3.5 and higher grade-point averages. Canton students on the list include **Christy Balewski**, **Nancy Balewski**, **Scott Ballelli**, **Kelsey Baptist**, **Jordan Bartkowiak**, **Hanna Beaudoin**, **Joshua Berliner**, **Patricia Berry**, **Sarah Blecker**, **Sarah Blue**, **Hayley Borg**,



The MV College of Medicine welcomed its inaugural class of 64 students in an invitation-only convocation and white-coat ceremony Sunday, Aug. 4. (STEW. JESSMORE) CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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 Plymouth students on the list include **Eleanor Anderson**, **Ashley Bicknell**, **Jonathan Blomberg**, **Spencer Collins-Webb**, **Colleen Dunleavy**, **Taylor Epler**, **Kathryn Fetter**, **Matthew Haslam**, **Allison Heuer**, **Benjamin Krogmeier**, **Emily Lafontaine**, **Lauren Larsen**, **Kelly MacDonald**, **Kerry MacDonald**, **Elizabeth Mazonowicz**, **Joshua Perrin**, **Sera Petrillo**, **Samantha Schlampp**, **Anthony Selling**, **Joshua Skelly**, **Zachary Spreitzer**, **Ryan Tiderington**, **Evelyn Tulloch**, **Carolina White**, **Haley Willman**, **Katrina Yelick** and **Allison Zylka**.

Johns Hopkins

Amy Sun of Canton was named to the Dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2013 semester at The Johns Hopkins University.

To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in at least 14 credits with at least 12 graded credits.

Amy Sun is the daughter of **Kualin Sun** and **Yihong Tong** and attended Detroit Country Day School. Sun, who is majoring in biomedical engineering, will graduate in May 2016.

Northwood University

Several local students have been named to the President's List for spring semester at Northwood University.

Students making the President's List from Canton included sophomore **Garrett Bryden** and juniors **Stacey Klonowski** and **Lindsey Lipa**.

Local students also made the Dean's List, which requires students to earn a 3.25 grade-point on a 4.0 scale.

Students from Canton making the Dean's list included freshmen **Faris Abraham** and **Jacob Leib** and junior **Joseph Bellino**. Students making the list from Plymouth included freshmen **Emily Bagwell** and **Jeffrey Conflitti**.

District PR chief: 'Nuggets of gold here'

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

Kate Dietrich spent the last 10 years living out one of her early dreams, fighting cancer as a public relations chief for the American Cancer Society.

On Monday, Dietrich started working on her other passion: Working for education.

Dietrich, who had worked in the communications department for the American Cancer Society since 2003, began her new post as director of communications, community engagement and marketing for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Dietrich, who lives in Livonia with her husband and two daughters (8 and 5%), replaces **Frank Ruggiero**, who left in February and now works at Schoolcraft College.

"The two things I always wanted to do were fight cancer and work in education," said Dietrich, who earned a bachelor's degree in public relations from Eastern Michigan University in 1999. "I (fought cancer) for 10 years, and I gave my life to that. When I saw this job, I thought it was a great fit for me and the right time to make the jump."

Dietrich's inspiration for fighting cancer came from the death of her aunt and godmother, who died of breast cancer when Dietrich was in college. The aunt left behind two young sons. It's a loss Dietrich hoped she could help other young children avoid.

"I thought that was unacceptable. I wanted to give other children a chance at a life where they don't lose their parents," Dietrich said.

"I was able to take my passion, my desire and my

skill set and apply it to something that's meaningful. (The ACS job) offered me a great opportunity to grow as a professional and as a person."

A job in the public information office at Eastern Michigan helped fuel Dietrich's desire to work with educators.

Some of her best friends are educators. Dietrich said, and as a mother of two ele-



mentary-school daughters (her youngest will start kindergarten in the fall), Dietrich knows all about the excitement that comes with school.

"You still get excited about that first day of school," she said. "There's excitement when we talk about our kids, and about educating them, and I feed off that energy."

She steps into a market where Plymouth-Canton Community Schools faces competition from private and charter schools (the first charter high school in the area is set to open in 2015).

How board members and administrators convince parents the district is still the best option will be a key component of Dietrich's job.

"Parents have lots of choices," said Dietrich, who grew up in the Ypsilanti area and graduated from Whitmore Lake in 1995. "It's important for every school district to understand that, and to make sure their story is being told to those parents."

Dietrich thinks, with things like the STEM academies and the opening of a new middle school, that "there's a great story to be told in Plymouth-Canton."

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Canton dog a trick champion

A Standard poodle named Oakley, a former homeless stray and now a Canton resident, can add "champion" to his poach prowess.

Oakley was recently titled Champion Trick Dog by domorewithyour-dog.com. "Champion" is the highest level in the sport of dog tricks, and Oakley is the fourth-ever Standard poodle to receive this award.

Oakley is owned by the Turri family of Canton. Owner Kalin Turri trains Oakley under the advisement of Micheal Burkey from Michigan Dog Trainer in Plymouth. Three dogs in Burkey's All Star Dog Club completed this title. Oakley learned tricks such as climbing a ladder, playing the shell game with a hidden scent, pulling a wagon, and carrying a purse in her mouth.

"I adopted Oakley from a local shelter in 2011," Kalin said. "Oakley had been very badly neglected by her former owners. She was fearful, with a horribly matted coat and was covered in ticks. She was sitting in the back of the cage, shivering in fear, but there was something special about her. There was a gentleness about



The Turri family poses with Oakley, a standard poodle that was named Champion Trick Dog.

her demeanor, a sort of kindness and gentleness. "I hope someone reads about Oakley's story, from a neglected stray to a Champion Trick Dog,

and considers adopting their next dog from a shelter," Kalin added. "There are 'gems' just like Oakley, waiting for a second chance."

Wayne County to hold another hazardous waste collection

Looking to dispose of waste you can't put at the curb?

The Wayne County Department of Public Services will hold its next Household Hazardous Waste collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, in the lot behind JC Penney's at Westland Shopping Center.

The collection will

accept unwanted household chemicals for proper disposal.

Items that will be accepted include household paints, stains, floor care items, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, antifreeze, fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs, old computers and TVs. Pharmaceutical waste

(non-controlled substances only) and medical sharps in puncture-proof containers will also be accepted.

All waste must be from residential sources. Proof of Wayne County residency will be required.

For more information, call Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

Wayne County hosts health, safety fun fest

Mark your calendar for the Wayne County Health and Safety Fun Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, on the grounds of the Wayne County Department of Public Health in Wayne.

The Wayne County Department of Public Health will once again be holding its popular, free annual back-to-school Wayne County Health and Safety Fun Fest on the department's grounds at 33030 Van Born at Venoy.

Each year, the fair provides Wayne County families with free health services, back-to-school immunizations, health and dental screenings from local health partners and important information about nutrition and exercise about how individuals can live healthier lifestyles.

The event also provides educational materials about Wayne County's many programs and services and features vendor booths, entertainment, giveaways and refreshments.

The Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 will be on hand to provide a free child identification program. Each child that goes through the program will receive a dental impression kit as well as a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and their vital information.

Parents or guardians of children who participate must be present and fill out a permission slip for the child to receive the service. Children who have already received the service are encouraged to repeat the process every two

years to keep the information in the completed packets current. The Michigan Child Identification Program provides the family with everything needed for the Amber Alert System. Since 2005 more than 65,000 Michigan children have received this valuable service. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children considers the Michigan Child Identification Program to be one of the most comprehensive of its kind.

For more information about the fun fest, call the health department at 734-727-7000 or 734-727-7030.

For more information about the child identification program, call 989-466-3087 or visit the Michigan Child ID Web Site at www.michigan-childid.org.

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Wallendas, Shrine Circus returning to state fair

The most famous family in circus history, the Wallendas, will bring an all-new troupe of performers to metro Detroit on Labor Day weekend for the Shrine Circus, presented by Bright-house at the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair in Novi.

Rick Wallenda, eldest grandson of founders

Karl and Helen, will proudly present his troupe of daredevils in a rare local performance since the family appeared at the 1962 Michigan State Fair.

The Wallendas' 1962 performance during the Shrine Circus at the Michigan State Fair Coliseum was marked by tragedy. During a perfor-

mance of their famed seven-person chair pyramid, a man on the wire faltered and the pyramid collapsed. Three men fell to the ground, killing Richard Faughnan, son-in-law of founder Karl Wallenda, and nephew Dieter Schepp. Karl injured his pelvis, and his adopted son, Mario, was also injured, with partial paralysis.

"Our family is honored to be returning to Michigan, and looking very forward to introducing our new troupe to all at the Michigan State Fair. Thanks so much to the Detroit Shriners for inviting us," said Rick Wallenda.

Returning from the inaugural tour of Cirque Musica arena tour,

the Wallendas will present their new troupe. Touring worldwide, the Wallenda troupe is still led by Rick Wallenda. He has performed on three continents during his 40-year career, and on more than one occasion participated in a recreation of their trademark gigantic seven-person pyramid. As the patriarch, he leads the troupe to each destination, as his grandfather Karl once led the fabled original group.

The original family patriarch, Karl Wallenda, was born in Germany in 1905 to an ancient circus family, and he began performing at the age of 6. While still in his teens, he answered an ad for a "hand balancer with cour-

age." His subsequent employer schooled him well in the role of circus performer. In 1922, Karl put together his own act with his brother Herman, Joseph Geiger, and a teenage girl, Helen Kreis, who eventually became his wife and current family troupe leader Rick Wallenda's grandmother.

The act toured Europe for several years, performing some amazing stunts. When John Ringling saw them perform in Cuba, he quickly hired them to perform at the world-famous Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus. In 1928, they debuted to rave reviews at the Madison Square Garden and the crowd gave them a standing ovation.



DETAILS

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair is Friday, Aug. 30, through Monday, Sept. 2, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Daily circus performances, presented by Detroit Shriners, will be at noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday. There will be no 7:30 p.m. circus performance Monday, Labor Day. Visit www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com for more information.

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Northwood offers programs at Schoolcraft

To further meet the demand of aspiring business students throughout southeast Michigan, Northwood University has moved its Livonia program center to Schoolcraft College's VisiTech Center at 18600 Haggerty, north of Six Mile.

The VisiTech Center is home to Schoolcraft College's award-winning Business Development Center, which aligns strategically with Northwood University's mission to develop the future leaders of a global, free-enterprise society.

Northwood University will begin offering classes this fall in a variety of innovative and practical business curricula. This strategic initiative aims to provide ease of transferability for the students of Schoolcraft College seeking a bachelor's degree in a business-related field.

"We're excited to further expand our edu-



Northwood University has moved its program center to the VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

ational alliance with a partner as well-respected by providing new and innovative degree offerings in the region," said Dr. Keith A. Pretty, president and CEO of Northwood University. "Furthermore, the state-of-the-art VisiTech

facility will provide students with an unparalleled learning experience in our effort to develop leadership throughout southeast Michigan."

"I am excited to be onsite at Schoolcraft College to work with students who are looking

to transfer and earn their business degree from Northwood University and to build relationships with Schoolcraft administrators, faculty and the community," said Brendan Robinson, program center manager. "The partnership with Schoolcraft College allows Northwood University to deliver nationally recognized and unique programs to the local community who may not have had the opportunity to attend our residential campus in Midland."

Northwood University representatives are available to meet with students throughout the day at office VT-446 in the Business Development Center at VisiTech.

To learn more about Northwood University programming at Schoolcraft College, send an email to robinson@northwood.edu or call Brendan Robinson at 734-462-4400, ext. 5893.

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PCA golf

Date/Time: Monday, Aug. 12, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start
Location: Links at Gateway, 33290 Gateway Drive in Romulus
Details: Plymouth Christian Academy invites golfers to their 2013 annual golf outing in support of PCA athletics. It's an 18-hole scramble and the \$100 fee (individual; \$400 per foursome) includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, course contests and prizes for the top two foursomes.
Contact: To learn more, please visit <http://www.plymouthchristian.org/golf-outing.cfm>

Price hours

Date/Time: Monday, Aug. 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center
Details: Wayne County Commissioner Sharon Price will be conducting district office hours. The session will allow constituents the opportunity to sit down with Price and discuss matters of concern within the community. "I thoroughly look forward to and enjoy the opportunity to meet with my constituents and listen to their concerns," Price said. "We have many critical issues facing us today in Wayne County and I welcome input from everyone in my district. Participation from my constituents is always greatly appreciated."
Contact: For more information, call Price aide Mike Mitchell at 313-224-0882.

Summit open house

Date/Time: Wednesday, Aug. 21, 5-8 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, 2000 N. Canton Center
Details: Heralding in new books, backpacks and beginnings, the Summit on the Park community and fitness center will host a back-to-school open house. During the open house, guests will be welcome to discounted Summit memberships, free swimming (7-9 p.m.), prize drawings, performances by Dancin' Feet Studio, American Okinawan Karate Academy and magician Magic Joe, and face-painting courtesy of D&M Art Studio. Crusin' Custom Cones will also be on-site serving hot dogs with chili.
Contact: For more information call 734-394-5460.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMARP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you: understand your Medicare/



Students from Central City Dance Center in Canton jumped on board Carnival's Freedom ship in June for the performance of a lifetime. The production choreographed by Tim and Tamara Smile, Erin Kearney and Bethany Amman showcased 23 talented performers ages 8-18 from the dance center performing Broadway-style tap, jazz, hip hop and contemporary. Tamara Smile, owner of Central City Dance Center, believes in providing her students with performance opportunities that are both educational and fun. "The Students practiced all year and participated in fundraisers to help raise money for the trip. The six-day cruise sailed to Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Key West, Fla.," Visit the studio's website at www.centralcitydance.com for information about its 2013 fall dance program.

Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse, and explore long term care insurance options. No appointment necessary.
Contact: Call 734-981-8820 or visit the MMARP website at www.mmarpinc.org/pages/about.html

Corn roast

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Cady/Boyer Barn, Ridge just north of Cherry Hill in Canton
Details: The Canton Lions Club hosts its annual corn roast. For a donation of \$5, visitors get corn roasted to perfection, hot dogs, baked beans, ice cream, snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy and watermelon. The club is also selling raffle tickets for \$5 each, which will give the buyer a chance to win \$500 cash first prize. The second-prize winner will receive \$200 cash, with the third-prize winner receiving a gift certificate from N.A. Mans Lumber for \$100. The Lions Club has invited the Michigan Eye Bank, which will advise members about the Gift of Sight and organ donation. The Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind will be available to reveal how it assists the blind and removes barriers that are impediments to their daily living.
Contact: For more information or to get involved with the Canton Lions, contact Lion Bill Van Winkle at 734-254-9404 or email govbill1@wowway.com.

Summer Kids Day

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 13
Location: Catholic Vantage Credit Union, Plymouth/Canton branch, 8817 Sheldon in Plymouth.
Details: There is still seating available for Catholic Vantage Credit Union's Summer Kids Day Camp event. The fun takes place at the Plymouth branch and is available for children ages 5-10 for a storybook reading, snack and credit union tour.
Contact: RSVP by calling 734-432-0212, ext. 203, or email JGalats@mycvf.org.

Perennial exchange

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 7, 9-11 a.m.
Location: East end of Kellogg Park
Details: The Trailwood Garden Club, member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, is sponsoring a perennial exchange during the Plymouth Fall Festival. Bring perennials to exchange or just stop by and see what is available. Garden club members will be there to answer any questions.
Contact: For more information, contact Darlene at 734-459-7499.

CROP Walk recruiters meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.
Location: Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon in Canton
Details: All area churches, temples and mosques in Canton and Plymouth are invited to send a representative to this meeting regarding the CROP walk, to be held Sunday, Oct. 13, in Plymouth. CROP hunger walks bring the whole community together in a common

mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.

Contact: For more information, contact Gary or Becky Copenhaver at bcopenhaver@yahoo.com or 734-981-6023.

'Come and See' dinner

Date/Time: Sept. 7, 5-7 p.m.; Sept. 8, 1-3 p.m.; Sept. 14, 5-7 p.m.
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township.
Details: Catholics and non-Catholics within the parish boundaries are invited to a free "Come and See" dinner introducing the parish's new Alpha Course starting this fall. Alpha is a 10-week program aimed at answering the call to the New Evangelization. Child care is available on site for dinner participants free of charge.
Contact: The parish at 734-453-0326 or visit the OLGCC website at www.olgcccatholic.net. Register for the dinner online at <https://olgcccatholic.net/forms/q7x1k/>

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:
 • Sunday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., BAPS Temple, 3175 S. Canton Center, Canton.
 • Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2-7:45 p.m., Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton.
 • Friday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Canton Library, 1200 N. Canton Center, Canton.
 • Monday, Aug. 26, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFV Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth.
 • Thursday, Aug. 29, 1-6:45 p.m., Ply-

mouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors several blood drives in the area. Tickets to Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio, will be raffled off at these drives.

Contact: To make an appointment, contact Diane Risko at 313-549-7052.

Crafters wanted

Date/Time: Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours
Location: Plymouth
Details: Organizers say it's not too early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. There are only a few spaces left in the show. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.
Contact: For more information, contact Colleen Brown, craftshow@plymouth-fallfestival.com or 734-453-1614.

Vendors wanted

Date/Time: Saturday, Nov. 9
Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Details: Organizers of the sixth annual Bizarre Bazaar are looking for crafters, vendors and entrepreneurs. Indoor spaces available. It's an opportunity to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Grow business and help women in Third World countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank.
Contact: For details and to reserve your space, go to <http://furnitureonville.org/missions-and-service>, email: fumc-bazaar@gmail.com or find it on Facebook.

Bipolar support

Date/Time: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth.
Details: The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.
Contact: Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Diabetes support

Date/Time: Second Thursday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main
Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group

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Plymouth woman captures Ms. Senior Michigan pageant

Eight poised and elegant senior ladies completed their interviews, talent and philosophy of life presentations in the Older Persons Commission auditorium in Rochester recently.

With an electrified, sold-out audience, Francine Hachem, pageant director and emcee, boldly announced, "and the 2013 Ms. Senior Michigan is Rosaline Contrera Guastella from Plymouth."

Guastella is a 62-year-old opera singer and member of the Michigan Opera Theatre chorus who sang "Io mio bambino caro" from Gianni Schicchi by Puccini.

For her Court, there was a tie for first runner-up—the first in the history of the pageant, between Kaye Rittering and West Bloomfield and



Rosaline Guastella of Plymouth won the recent Ms. Senior Michigan pageant and will represent Michigan in the Ms. Senior America pageant in October in Atlantic City, N.J.

Charlotte Werner Ambrose from Comstock Park.

Rittering sang "Musetta's Waltz" from "La Boheme" by Puccini. Ambrose did an artistic tribute to America's space pioneers.

Since 1987, a Ms. Senior Michigan has represented The Age of Elegance pageant celebrating vital older women (60+) with expres-

sions like "aging like a fine wine" and "getting better all the time."

Guastella will represent Michigan at the larger Ms. Senior America 2013 pageant in Atlantic City, N.J., running from Oct. 20-25. All of the 50 United States plus the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico are eligible to send a contestant to the Ms. Senior America pageant.

Author to share knowledge of Detroit's food history

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Author Bill Loomis was able to combine two strong interests of his in Detroit's *Delectable Past*, published last year.

"I have always loved Detroit history and I love cooking," said Loomis, 60, of Ann Arbor. He'll speak and sign copies of his book at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Northville District Library. You can call 248-349-3020 to sign up or visit the library on Main in downtown Northville to register.

"I have family that lives in Northville," said Loomis, a freelance writer who grew up in Detroit and Farmington Hills. He graduated from North Farmington High School in 1971 and earned a bachelor's degree in comparative literature from the University of Michigan. He also did graduate work in business at Eastern Michigan University.

He has taught evening cooking classes in the Ann Arbor schools.

"It kind of combined my two most loved things," he said of his book, which came out about a year ago.

He agreed that even 100 years ago, Detroiters ate things we'd find gross: "Oh, yeah. Absolutely." He's read newspaper recipe columns from the past for research.

"They have their Martha Stewart of the day," said Loomis, who also had a stint at WTVS-TV (Channel 56), where he was a producer on the Dennis Wholey talk show.

He notes some recipes would start with killing the animal and all were made from scratch. People back then didn't waste food, eating brains, hearts, "all kinds of things we wouldn't con-

sider today," Loomis said.

Early Detroit settlers ate biscuits and gravy, infrequently having meat. "They worked such long hours," he said. "They were constantly hungry. Dieting wasn't really done early on."

The start of cold cereal after the Civil War began the concept of dieting. Earlier, food was focused heavily on nursing invalids back to health. Fannie Farmer and others had cookbooks focused on that.

"They ate a variety of foods we would never consider," such as tongue sandwiches at children's parties.

"They didn't have fresh vegetables all the time" in cold climates. Loomis noted a few root-type vegetables, such as turnips, were available in winter.

1701-1920 His book covers 1701 to 1920. He didn't focus on companies like Vernors and Faygo as much as has already been written on them.

Loomis, who is married with four grown kids and a grandchild, is pleased to see growth of farmers markets and interest in local food.

"It's a great thing, people getting back to their food roots and understanding where food comes from," he said.

He likes his local farmers market in Ann Arbor's Kerrytown. Later, Loomis has been at Detroit's Eastern Market, too. He's writing a new book on the contemporary food scene in Detroit, including entrepreneurs trying to make it. It's scheduled for winter 2014 publication and has

a working title of *Detroit Food*. Its publisher is also doing similar titles in other big cities.

In Northville, he'll show slides and discuss wedding celebrations in early French Detroit. Homemakers of years ago had to battle flies and even rats. Loomis will share common recipes from the past.

He's looking forward to hearing library visitors' stories. "They're always interesting, those stories. I like listening to them," he said.

'Hunger for history'

He gets a mix of ages and backgrounds at his presentations, noting their "hunger for history." He says that's probably because food often connects people.

"They took hours and hours making dishes, sometimes days," years ago. Today, we sacrifice some family time, but also have greater convenience. The work of cooking was strenuous and some women even died cooking on hearths, Loomis said. Many bought wood-burning stoves for convenience and economy.

"Detroit was a very big stove center for many years," he said.

Jeanine Davidson is head of adult services for the Northville District Library. She's read and owns *Detroit's Delectable Past* and is looking forward to the Aug. 15 program.

"We always bring in programs that are fun, that are of interest to our patrons," she said.

Local residents take pride in their region and its history, Davidson has found.

She noted colonial settlers ate stuffed eels. "Stuffed eels are not my thing," Davidson said. "That was considered a gourmet dish."

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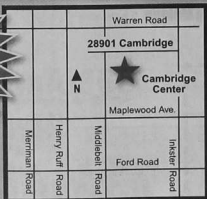
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Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

in a tax-deferred account such as an IRA or 401(k) plan.

What confuses people is they assume that if there are no estate taxes, there will be no income taxes. That is not the case. The two taxes operate totally independent of each other. There can be estate taxes without income taxes and there can be income taxes and no estate taxes. Also, with the estate tax deduction now being more than \$5 million, the majority of Americans will no longer have to worry about estate taxes.

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Beneficiaries who are in low tax brackets or even in a no-tax bracket situation look much bet-

ter to inherit things such as IRAs and 401(k) plans vs. someone who is in a high tax bracket. After all, if you can lower the overall tax consequences to your family upon death, why not?

I've always said you don't want to let the tax tail wag the dog, but at the same time there is no reason to pay more taxes than necessary. Income taxes are something that you should take into consideration in planning your estate.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Snyder puts Canton man on bench

Gov. Rick Snyder this week appointed Charles Hegarty and Qiana Lillard to the state's 3rd Circuit Court in Wayne County.

Hegarty is from Canton, Lillard resides in Harper Woods. Charles and Qiana are qualified professionals with years of experience, and I am confident they will serve Wayne County residents well on the bench," Snyder said.

Since 1998, Hegarty has worked as an at-

torney in private practice for the law firm of Bodman PLC, where he is a partner. He is a member of the firm's litigation and construction law practice group, and specializes in construction, commercial, employment, environmental, personal injury, probate, product liability, real estate and trusts.

Previously, Hegarty practiced at the Garan Lucow Miller law firm in Troy, where he focused on civil cases. He

was also a law clerk for the Livingston County Circuit Court. He earned a degree from the Notre Dame Law School and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan.

Hegarty fills a vacancy created by the removal of former Judge Deborah Ross Adams.

Both appointees must seek election in November 2014 to serve the remainder of terms ending Jan. 1, 2019.

TREAT

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come up through his nose because of the cleft palate," Angie said. "That hole was closed when he was 7. He's had more than 50 surgeries. He has had open heart surgery, but before they did that he had four

angioplasties. We know he has another one coming to replace the aortic valve."

The family lived in Wisconsin and was 1½ hours away from the hospital. They had heard about Children's Michigan Network, but didn't get involved with it until they moved to Michigan four years ago.

Atkinson sought out a good cardiologist and settled for a doctor at Beaumont. That led to the Craniofacial and Cleft Palate Clinic and CMN which "contacted us."

"They have helped us so much," she said. "It's become so personal with the doctors and the nurses and The Miracle Network Team."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting August 20, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Area man does 200-mile run

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Josh Sprunger was a man with a mission. An avid runner, Sprunger trained hard for the 2012 New York City marathon, but when it was canceled just days before the race, he decided to channel his efforts into something else — a 200-mile run from his hometown of Berne, Ind., to his church in Westland.

Dubbed a Prayer Run, Sprunger solicited requests from members of Warren Road Light and Life Church in Westland where he is the youth minister. With each new mile he ran, he was handed a card with a Bible verse and a request. He prayed as he ran, covering 40 miles a day. Running, he said, relaxes him and brings him closer to God.

"It's really neat to praise God for the journey he took me on," Sprunger said. "There were a lot of constant reminders of the people he has put in my life to shape me. It was a very successful journey."

The Prayer Run was a chance to look at the changes taking place in his life. He's a new father — he and his wife Jessica are the proud parents of six-week old Lydia — and

he has made the commitment to change from a part-time to a full-time youth minister at WRLL. "As I started looking for something, I realized this summer would be a transition with a new baby and going to a full-time ministry," he said. "I would be retiring from my part-time jobs and going full-time into my passion."

Sweating heat

Sprunger made his run with five pairs of shoes during some of the most sweltering heat of the summer. He started his run July 17 in Berne where the temperature hit 91 degrees with a heat index of 98 degrees. At first, he would call and pray with the person listed on the prayer request, "but I sweated so much that after 15 hours my phone quit."

Jessica had been talking to her husband once or twice a day and following his progress on a cell phone app and posting his progress on Facebook. When the phone broke and she saw that he had only done three miles, she panicked until she talked to his father.

Jessica had tried to talk him out of doing the run. She was concerned that he wouldn't complete it or he'd have to walk a lot, but her husband offered her an explanation that put her at ease.

"She said what's the point if you're going to kill yourself," Sprunger said. "I told her God called me to do this. This isn't about me, it's to raise up Jesus Christ's name and make it known to the world."

Sprunger's father and Layne Thompson, who works at WRLL, drove the support vehicle while he ran an average of 40 miles a day, mostly along country roads, only taking to major highways to cut a few miles off the trip. He figures with a detour and taking a wrong turn, he actually ran 202 miles.

His goal was to make it Spring Arbor in three days. He ran in 90-degree-plus weather with a humidity to match. At Spring Arbor, he met up with the cross country coach who had been his mentor and who ran four miles with him. "I'd get up early and get 15 miles in the early morning," he said. "But I pretty much listened to my body. If I needed a break, I'd find a shady place."

Faith in God

The group relied on God to provide for them. They contacted churches and people along the way



Youth minister Josh Sprunger holds a sign up, after completing half of his 200-mile Prayer Run from Berne, Ind., to Westland.

for places to stay. On the second day, Sprunger was starting his second run and decided he would do 7.75 miles, then stop on a country road and let God provide. He stopped at end of long country lane and prayed that the homeowner would let them set up their tent for the night. His father talked to the homeowner and she agreed.

"One verse that stuck with us was Deuteronomy 31:8 — The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged," Sprunger said. "We saw that through the whole trip. As we'd get to the next place, he would set up for us."

Sprunger's faith also helped him with his running. His first day was

one of his faster days, but by day four he was experiencing foot pain. By day five, it was a major pain. He prayed to the Lord to get through it and he started to run faster, he said. "I started the last five miles running by myself, then my sister joined me for the last three, then Jessica and a youth leader joined in," he said. "There was someone on a bike, and a guy on a motorcycle."

Close to 50 family, friends and members of the church greeted Sprunger when he arrived at the church around 6 p.m. July 21. They held up a 200 Mile Prayer Run banner that he ran under before raising his arms in triumph.

"It was pretty amazing when I was coming down Farmington Road, as soon as I saw the group of people, they cheered," he said. "They were playing my theme song for the run, The Stand by Kristian Stanfill."

Sprunger admits it was "an incredible five days." He learned a lot about himself, about the human body and God's faithfulness. As for doing it again: "In the middle of the run, I said I'll never do this again, but toward the end I was thinking if the Lord calls me to do it again, I would do it," he said. "But I'd be surprised if he did."

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United Way collects school supplies

It's not unusual for low-income students to come to class without a pencil or pen to write, according to a local school teacher.

Plymouth Community United Way is trying to make sure less-fortunate children are ready to learn by holding a Back-to-School Supplies Drive through Friday, Aug. 23. New socks and underwear are needed as well.

This year, PCUW is partnering with the community and businesses including Walmart #5761, HealthSource Chiropractic, Hella Corporate Center USA, Philips Automotive Lighting, Canton Christian Fellowship, and The Inn at St. John's Golf Course to collect even more supplies than in 2012.

PCUW president Marie Morrow suggests parents purchase a few extra school supplies while shopping for their children, then drop off their donations at the PCUW office at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2 in Plymouth; Walmart, 45555 Michigan Ave. in Canton and HealthSource Chiropractic, 42875 Five Mile, Plymouth.

For more information, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, Ext. 7 or email randi.williams@pcuw.org.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for **Investment of Bond Proceeds**. Specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are available by contacting Tiffany Brindza, Purchasing and General Ledger Associate, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at tiffany.brindza@pcscmail.net or (734)416-2975. Technical questions should also be directed to Brodie Killian, Executive Director of Business Services at brodie.killian@pcscmail.net or (734) 416-2740. Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposal at PCSC - E.J. McClelland Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2013. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a Public Hearing will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate requests of Webasto-Edscha Cabrio USA Inc., 14988 Pilot Drive, and ADP/CS North America Inc., 45300 Polaris Court. The requests are available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Clerk's Office. During the public hearing which begins at 7:00 p.m., any resident of Plymouth Township or representative of any affected taxing unit shall have the right to appear and be heard.

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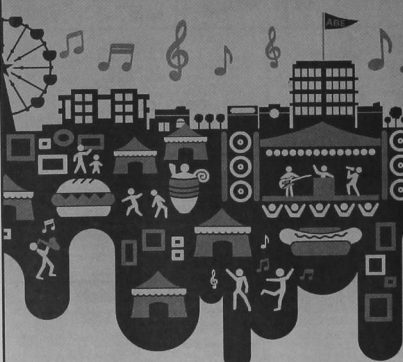
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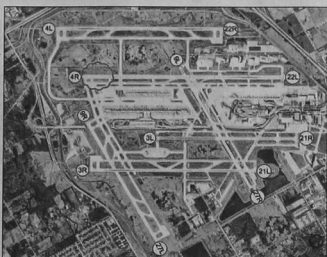
Metro provides info on runway reconstruction

Airport authority to host public meeting

Residents interested in the environmental impact of the reconstruction of a runway at Detroit Metropolitan Airport can review the draft Environmental Assessment at the Wayne Public Library in advance of a public information meeting Tuesday, Aug. 13.

The meeting is being conducted by the Wayne County Airport Authority to provide information to citizens about a proposed project to move the aircraft touchdown zone 500 feet to the north on the more than 12,000-foot long Runway 4R-22L at the airport.

This project improves the margin of safety for aircraft operations at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and has no discernible impact outside of the airport fence, WCAA CEO Tom Naughton said. "However, in the interest of fostering open communication, we are partnering with Federal Aviation



The portion of the runway threshold that will be moved 500 feet to the north is circled.

Administration to conduct this public meeting to provide the public with information and answer questions about the proposed project."

The meeting will be held at the Detroit Metro Airport

Marriott, 30559 Flynn Drive, in Romulus. An open house format will allow citizens to stop by anytime 6-8 p.m.

The draft EA describes the probable economic,

social and environmental effects of the proposed project and the alternatives considered. The Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, is one of five locations where the draft EA can be reviewed. It also can be found online at www.wcaa.us/About/PublicNotices.aspx.

Runway 4R-22L is undergoing a three-year, full-depth reconstruction and the Airport Authority is required to meet current FAA design standards as part of that reconstruction. Those standards require the displacement of the landing threshold on the 4R end of the runway. As a result, all north-flow arrivals coming from the south will land 500 feet north of the current threshold. Most narrow-body aircraft departing to the north will begin their takeoff roll 500 feet north of the current threshold. Wide-body and jumbo aircraft will depart at the current threshold.

The change will not affect south-flow - landing from the north or departing to the south

- operations, which make up 68 percent of operations (landings and takeoffs). The Runway 4R threshold displacement will affect approximately 30 percent of the north-flow operations. West flow or crosswind operations account for the remaining 2 percent.

This change is needed to meet current FAA guidelines and reduce risk. The project occurs entirely within airport property and requires no acquisition of land, homes or businesses and does not impact any of the 21 environmental resource categories, including aircraft generated noise.

Written comments or questions on the proposed project can be submitted through close of business Friday, Aug. 30. They can be sent to Ernest Gubry, Environmental Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, DET-ADO-600, 1677 S. Wayne Road, Suite 107, Romulus, MI 48174. They also can be sent by email to ernest.gubry@faa.gov.

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Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Sixty years later, Hydramatic Plant fire still influencing fire safety

By David Veselensk
Staff Writer

Harry Hoyt joined the Livonia Fire Department in May 1953. He didn't think his most impactful moment during his 31-year career would come less than three months later.

On Aug. 12, 1953, the largest fire to ever take place at an automotive factory broke out at the General Motors Hydramatic Plant on Plymouth Road in Livonia. Now, almost 60 years later, Hoyt still remembers the details of the biggest blaze in the city's history.

"Once it started, you couldn't control anything," the 82-year-old South Lyon resident said. "We were at the fire for a week."

The factory burned for almost a week after fire crews from Livonia, Redford, Plymouth, Canton and Nankin Township (now Westland) arrived on the scene. The factory was a complete loss, and was the worst industrial fire in the world when it happened. Six people died and 15 were seriously injured as a result of the fire, leaving more than 4,000 employees of the plant jobless.

The blaze is widely cited for a lengthy list of changes to both fire prevention at factories across the country and the fire department in Livonia, which had just incorporated as a city three years earlier.



Smoke bellows out of the GM Hydramatic Plant in Livonia on Aug. 12, 1953. Nearing the 60th anniversary of the fire, it is still regarded as one of the biggest losses in the industrial age. LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Reports indicate several workers attempted to put the blaze out using fire extinguishers, but ran out before the fire could be contained.

It was nearly 20 minutes between when the fire started and when the fire department arrived, indicating that attempt,

said Robert Solomon, division manager for building and life safety codes for the National Fire Protection Association. Roughly \$80 million in damage was reported

because of the blaze. "In a fire, you lose 30 seconds or a minute of time, you give that fire that much more an advantage," he said. "In terms of when you look at the worst industrial loss fire, this one is in the top 10 of the world."

Changes to the department
When Livonia started its fire department, training, qualifications and other abilities were not what they are today.

Full-time, paid firefighters were still a rarity in the department, and the city didn't realize the need for them until after the Hydramatic plant fire.

"We certainly looked at our ability from a tactical and operational standpoint. I think that changed the way our city began to view firefighting and fire suppression," said Shadd Whitehead, Livonia's current fire chief. "I think the city understood that it

needed to build a first-class fire department."

Livonia's fire department was small, with only a handful of firefighters operating out of its two fire houses. By 1954, the department had hired 32 full-time firefighters.

Without a top-of-the-line fire department, Whitehead said some industry may have looked at Livonia differently when trying to open up shop. With miles of industrial development,

how those buildings were kept safe was a crucial piece of attracting business to the city.

For those employed by the department at the time, it meant long hours. Donald Folsom, a 90-year-old Livonia resident and former firefighter who fought the blaze after returning to Michigan while on vacation, said the men who worked on that fire spent 12 hours at a time at the scene. After a 12-hour break, they'd be back in the firehouse assisting.

Folsom said he knew the blaze would become historical if he was hearing about it that far north into Canada. "We happened to hear it on the radio. About an hour later, they said it was Livonia," he said. "It was international news."

Hoyt said he remembers seeing the switch-board light up with phone calls from all over the world at the dispatch center in Livonia.

"At headquarters there, they were getting calls from all over the world," he said.

Industrial changes

Changes were made after the blaze to how factories and plants were assembled as well, something that still takes place today.

Sue Daniels, chairwoman of the Livonia Historical Commission, said the plant was very open, leaving open the possibility of a fire to consume the entire factory.

"The fire just spread very rapidly," she said. Now, fire suppression systems are a must for large-scale buildings, Whitehead said, a testa-

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ment to what officials learned that week when the Hydramatic plant burned.

Factories now have stricter rules when it comes to hot work being done, so where emergency water tanks are located and how sprinkler systems are installed.

"There are a lot more codes that apply to industry. All those different kinds of suppression systems," he said. "They have above-ground storage tanks full of water. A lot of that came about because of the Hydramatic fire."

The plant, which manufactured some of the first automatic transmissions for consumer vehicles, had a laundry list of symptoms that made it susceptible to catching fire.

"The biggest problem was how the roof was constructed with

wooden pitch," said Greg Wallace, manager of the GM Heritage Center in Sterling Heights. "It changed everything in the way that GM practices safety."

The floors were also made of wood, constructed to easily absorb liquids created in the plant, but provided fuel to the blaze that was started outside when construction workers used an oxyacetylene cutting torch and ignited a conveyor drip pan containing a highly flammable liquid.

With the factory destroyed, GM needed another place to manufacture transmissions after the blaze. It ended up moving its operation to the Willow Run plant, which was leased and eventually sold to GM.

Operations to construct the transmissions were started about nine weeks after the fire in Livonia.

"When that plant burned down, it shut down the production



While the building houses more than 4,000 workers, the fire only took six casualties and injured 15 people. The plant's operations, which constructed automatic transmissions, were moved to Willow Run later that year. LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Cadillac," Wallace said. "They did all that in record-breaking time."

That plant remained in operation until it was closed in 2010. The property is currently in limbo, with several historical groups looking to

stave off demolition for the building, since B-24 bombers were built there during World War II by Henry Ford.

Lasting impact
The fire still has some reminders throughout

Livonia, Daniels said, most notably a 1953 La-Franz fire engine used by the city to battle the blaze.

Fundraisers are happening throughout the year to refurbish the truck, which was called

into service that day at the plant.

It's also a subject she receives many inquiries on, especially for academic papers and other research.

"Every once in a while, we'll get someone who is doing an article or a paper on the fire," she said.

Solomon said many groups still use the Livonia fire as a benchmark for learning, especially those entering in the fire prevention world. For Solomon, the fire ranks up there in disasters such as Chernobyl and the Sherman-Williams Warehouse fire in 1987 in Dayton, Ohio.

"If they've had any kind of class whatsoever ... this is a really common thing," he said.

"We want to learn from them; we want to educate the public on them."

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Powerboat team nears another title

Farmington Hills owner and Fast Eddie II win Governor's Cup at Quake on the Lake

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Jim Sechler of Farmington Hills has won a lot of events and championships in hydroplane racing, but his latest success included a first-time bonus.

The owner of the Fast Eddie II powerboat also won the Governor's Cup at the 14th annual Quake on the Lake held July 20-21 at Pontiac Lake in Waterford.

The award, which was reinstated after an absence of nearly

15 years, went to the overall high-points winner regardless of racing class on that weekend.

Sechler and his team were one of two to win all four heats and accumulate 400 points.

The tiebreaker was which boat was closest to the American Power Boat Association record in its class.

"We didn't come close to the record, but we were closer to ours than the other team was to theirs," Sechler said. "What I like about it is you're not only racing everybody in your own class, but everybody who showed up to race on that weekend."

State Sen. Mike Kowall presented Sechler with a plaque signed by Gov. Rick Snyder and a state of Michigan tribute from the state Senate.

State senator David Robertson and state representatives Eileen Kowall and Gail Haines also were present to recognize the achievement of Sechler and his crew.

Sechler, who competes in the one-litre, modified, outboard class, didn't think he and the Fast Eddie II team had a chance



With veteran driver Dan Kanfoush at the wheel, the Fast Eddie II is on course to capture a ninth straight APBA crown.

to win the award, however.

"The record on a one-mile course is 85, the fastest we went was 79," he said. "We didn't run very well on Sunday. In the modified class, guys set records in the spring and fall, because the air quality is really good. I'm not saying you can't set records in the summer. It's just not as easy."

"When we set the mile record, it was out in Washington (state); it was 40 degrees and there was no wind. We ran really fast. It's hard to run those speeds in the middle of summer when the air and water are not as good."

Sechler said there were four boats with a chance to win the Governor's Cup going into the second day, two of which had the inside track to do so.

"One put a hole in his boat and couldn't run and the other had engine trouble," he said. "The boat didn't run all that well. I knew we had to run 43-second laps and we ran 46-second laps. I thought, 'Well, we're not going to win.' It was unexpected and truly an honor to win it."

"I thought it would be a long shot for us to win the award, but a couple things went our way."

Like any kind of racing, you have to be prepared; you need a good set-up, a good river, and you have to have a little bit of luck.

Sechler and the Fast Eddie II team, which includes veteran driver Dan Kanfoush, has won

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O&E men's golf signup

The O&E men's golf tournament, a 36-hole, two-day medal play event, will be Sunday, Sept. 1, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 W. Seven Mile Road, and Monday, Sept. 2, at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20500 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Tea times start at 8 a.m. both days.

The cost is \$95 for two days (power cart extra) with four different flights offered, including championship, first, senior (55-and-over) and junior (17-and-under).

You must have a current USGA Index to participate (maximum handicap of 20).

There will be \$2,500 in guaranteed prizes, including both low gross and net winners.

Entries, open to the first 120, will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

To download a registration form, visit www.golf.livonia.com.

For pairings and starting times, call 248-476-4493 (Whispering Willows) or 248-471-5400 (Fox Creek).

Bowl to help pet rescue

The eighth annual Bowl 4 Animals Rescue will take place Saturday at Country Lanes, 30250 W. Nine Mile Rd., Farmington Hills.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Dearborn Animal Shelter and Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

For more information, call 248-615-9066 or go online to bowling4animalsrescue.org.

The event includes food, music, raffles and a silent auction.

Non-bowlers can purchase a meal ticket for \$10.

The high pledge-getter will win a new bowling ball.

A person pledging \$300 will receive VIB status at the event.

Come out and skate

Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena announced its open skating schedule for August.

All month, open skating sessions are slated from noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for those under 16 or over 55. Skate rental is \$2.

The open skate line can be reached at 734-455-6620 (press 1).

Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer Street.

Wrestler Gross sets his sights on the next level



Ashland University wrestling coach Marcus Gordon is happy to welcome Salem alum Tyler Gross (right) into the fold.

Salem grad follows dad to Ashland

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The old expression "like father, like son" is just fine with recent Salem grad Tyler Gross and Ashland University.

Gross recently signed his national letter of intent to wrestle at the same NCAA Division II college in Ohio that his dad once did.

"He (Lee Gross) had talked about it and I was looking through some schools at the beginning of the summer," Tyler Gross said. "He had mentioned (Ashland University) a couple of times and he even talked to the coach and they said they were interested."

"So I went down there for a visit and I loved it. I was real excited and liked the coaches, too."

Whether or not Gross will crack the varsity lineup as a freshman remains to be seen.

At Salem, where he qualified twice for the Division I state meet, he wrestled both 160 and 171 lb senior year. With the Eagles, he expects to show coach Marcus Gordon that he would be a good choice in the 174-pound college weight class.

Of course, he emphasized, that could take a little bit of time because a junior and senior are ahead of him on the depth chart.

Fatherly advice

Having his dad around to give him some pointers on how to gear up for the next level

"Everyone tells me college wrestling is just a whole different monster. But I think I'm prepared for it and I think I can handle it."

TYLER GROSS, 2013 Salem grad

and what to expect in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference doesn't hurt.

"He's always telling me I got to make sure I work out," he said. "So I go to the Salem wrestling room and I work out there. I'll lift and I'll run. Everyone tells me college wrestling is just a whole different monster. But I think I'm prepared for it and I think I can handle it."

Summer training sessions soon will segue into the first days and weeks of college. Gross is looking forward to the entire college experience, not just high-level competition.

"I do want to focus on school, especially my first year," Gross said. "Make sure I'm getting good grades and all that. But I'm hoping to get into the varsity lineup as soon as possible."

He'll have a fan club rooting him on back at Salem, led by head coach Pete Israel.

"I am very proud and glad that Tyler has chosen to continue his wrestling career," Israel said. "With Tyler's work ethic and

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Plymouth's Pilon leads Publinx senior golf field

Plymouth resident Tom Pilon shot a 72 for the low round of the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association tournaments July 18 at The Polo Fields - Washenaw Golf & Country Club in Ypsilanti.

The tournament produced 21 winners from a handicapped field of 99 players (50 years and older) who represented 20 different communities throughout south-east Michigan.

Meanwhile, Kyu Kim of Bloomfield Hills continues to lead in the competition for Low Net Player of the Year standings.

Through 10 tournaments, there are presently 43 qualifiers (1st Place & Ties in each Flight for each daily tournament) for the

Tournament of Champions competition that will be held Sept. 12 at the Fox Hills Golden Fox Golf Course.

The prize winners by Flight are as follows:

Flight A (Gross/Net)
1st: Tom Pilon, Plymouth (72/65)

2nd: Jim Mlynarczyk, Northville (73/66)

3rd: Mike Phillips, Bloomfield Hills (73/68)

4th: David McTear, Redford (77/69)

5th: Fritz Reifert, Ypsilanti (76/70)

Flight B (Gross/Net)
1st: Patrick Harrison, Ann Arbor (77/64)

2nd: Dan Zeiten, Commerce Township (76/66)

3rd: Greg Frontier, Waterford (79/66)

4th (tie): Thom Allen, Bloomfield (77/67), Jim Gostovich, New Baltimore (77/67)

Flight C (Gross/Net)
1st (tie): Ray Collins, Southfield (88/69); Ron Fedoronko, Warren (86/69)

3rd: Everett Winters, Royal Oak (87/70)

4th: John Dodd, Farmington Hills (88/71)

5th (tie): Tim Egan, Dearborn Heights (88/72); Joe Mercury, Rochester Hills (89/72)

Flight D (Gross/Net)
1st: Charles McCullough, Detroit (90/67)

2nd (tie): John Bevak, Grosse Ile (92/69); Tom December, Royal Oak (91/69)

4th (tie): Morris DeLaney, Troy (92/67), Lee Williams, Redford (96/70)

For more information or an application, visit www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888.



Owner Jim Sechler plans to get Fast Eddie II's engine running smoothly again for the season's stretch run.

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The Governor's Cup in Ohio three times, but it hasn't been easy.

"We haven't lost a heat in Ohio in eight years, and we've only won three times," Sechler said. "That gives you an idea how hard it is to win the high-point awards."

"We've been the best overall and someone else has been closer to the record. It's amazing. Usually, it comes down to the record and we typically lose that one."

The Fast Eddie II has won every heat so far this season and has finished first on all 12 days of racing. Sechler needs three more for a perfect season.

In determining the overall champion, each

team can pick its best 15 days of racing.

"It could be 15 out of a hundred," Sechler said. "I don't see this way to make the award based not just on going to a lot of races. You have to go and be successful. It doesn't matter if you go to 100, you have to go to 15 and your best 15 have to be better than the next guy's."

After going 12-for-12 and based on the current standings, Sechler and his crew are well on their way to a ninth consecutive APBA national championship. The Fast Eddie II has racked up a season total of 2,450 points; the second-place boat has 1,970.

"It's not mathematically over, but we certainly have put ourselves in a pretty good position to close out the rest of the year," he said. "Any-

thing can happen but we feel pretty good about where we are."

After the Quake on the Lake, Sechler took two weeks off for some time away from racing, but he started breaking down the engine last week to determine why it wasn't running as well as it should on the second at Waterford.

"It ran well enough to win," Sechler said. "After we downloaded all the data, clearly something was not right. We've got two weeks before the next race. I'll start digging in to figure out what's going on."

"We're going to bear down and take the next three races very seriously. Like any other sport, it's always hard to close it out. We won't take our eye off the ball until it's done."

TRYOUT INFORMATION

Livonia Rebels

Tryouts for the Livonia Rebels eighth-grade boys AAU basketball team will be from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 11, in the main gym No. 2 at the Livonia Recreation Center.

M.C. Riversharks

The Motor City Riversharks 13-and-under and 14-and-under travel baseball teams will be holding tryouts in August for the 2014 season. Players must be willing to commit to playing between 40 and 50 games, including weekend tournaments.

All tryouts will be at Jaycee Park, which is at the corner of Hunter and Wildwood in Westland.

Tryouts for the 13-and-under Riversharks will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11. For more information, email motortcityriversharks@gmail.com.

Canton Cobras

The 2014 Canton Cobras 13-and-under travel baseball team will have tryouts for experienced players 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at Hines Drive (west of Hagerston). Players should arrive 30 minutes early to register and warm up.

For more information, email head coach Jack Murray (jackmurray92@gmail.com) or call 734-968-5808.

Michigan Bulldogs

Open tryouts for the Michigan Bulldogs 10-and-under, 11-and-under and 12-and-under travel baseball teams are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, at Bicentennial Field (fields Nos. 2 and 3), located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia.

Interested players should note that the Bulldogs will be looking for players to also fill out a second 11-and-

under team.

For further information, contact Mike Heard at 734-634-6950 or mikeheard34@yahoo.com.

10U Blue Knights

The 10U Blue Knights will have tryouts for the 2014 summer baseball season at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, Aug. 17 and 24, at Bedford Woods Park, 29500 Lathrup Blvd., Southfield. Eligible players must be 10 years of age prior to May 1, 2014.

The team will play a 20 game schedule in the Kensington Valley Baseball Federation League and three to four local tournaments. The team home field will be in the Southfield/Royal Oak area.

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Coaches, players greet the new season

KLAA hosts first football media day

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The launch for another Kenosha Lakes Activities Association football season took place indoors Thursday, instead of under the searing August sun.

Taking a page out of the Big Ten playbook, the KLAA held its first-ever Football Media Day at Novi High School. Coaches from all 24 teams made mini presentations with key players also joining them on a podium adorned with giant, football balloons.

Media members listened intently and took notes or taped interviews, also enjoying a buffet provided by event sponsor Qdoba Mexican Grill.

KLAA football commissioner and Northville athletic director Bryan Masi noted that the idea for a media day came from Howell athletic director Dan Hutchinson, who had watched the Big Ten Network's coverage of a similar event last year.

"You heard Bryan talking about watching the Big 10 Network and he (Hutchinson) brought it (the idea) to the ADs about a year ago," said Tom Willette, co-athletic

director in the Plymouth-Canton district.

"Bryan is the football commissioner and he sort of ran with it. I think he did a great job, it was worthwhile.

"For the ADs, it's a benefit because anything we can do to promote the KLAA is obviously good."

Each of the association's 24 head coaches stepped up front with top players right behind them as they outlined the keys to the 2013 season, which begins Aug. 29.

They talked about expectations and roster changes including key notes to graduation and players who have the chance to pick up the slack.

It's a plus

Several coaches concurred that they were impressed with the media day, which also helps them focus solely on the official start of practice Monday (as stipulated by the Michigan High School Athletic Association) and Week 1 preparations — instead of dealing with a stream of media requests.

"I think it's good for our league," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "I think we have an excellent league in all sports, but especially football. And I think it's good to show our brand, you know?"

"Especially with char-

ter schools and Catholic schools. We have a lot to offer in this league and it's excellent."

According to Kurt Britnell, head coach for Salem, the media day was "a great thing for the conference, just to bring attention to what probably is one of the better conferences in the state."

Mike Sawchuk, Plymouth head coach, noted that "it's great to recognize the kids" and echoed Baechler and Britnell about the quality of the KLAA.

"When I was seeing that Bryan (Masi) was mentioning all the coaches and all the accomplishments that they had, we got a pretty strong

league," Sawchuk said.

"It's pretty cool stuff."

Also included was Mark Thomas of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, who talked about KLAA's information entering the new season.

Meanwhile, the media day program included results of an informal coaches poll that had Canton and Plymouth finishing 1-2 in the Kenosha Conference, with Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson in the fourth and fifth spots.

Predicted to top the Lakes Conference was Walked Lake Western, followed by Grand Blanc.

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The Riverside RASCals junior precision team includes (front row, from left) Andrew Esser, Hanna Denes, Chloe LaMay, Miranda Esser, Estella Clark, (back row, from left) co-coach Jillian Heersink, Sofia Cueva, Stephanie Cueva, Tina Stadnik, Ian Heersink, Jade Ross, Kinka Kimfon, Christine Asai, Ryan Heersink and coach Lawaun Modrich.

Storm wins 10U tourney



The 10-and-under Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball team won the 2013 Kearsley Summer Salamarama tournament. Each player received an individual trophy. The team members are (front row, from left) Mary Grace O'Dea, Maggie Baigal, Shea Hannigan, Riley Hannigan and Ava Crumley; (back row, from left) Emily Haines, Kourtey Klatt, Aleaha Deffrain, Alexia Black, Mackenzie Schick and Jenna McCann. The Storm will have tryouts for the 2014 softball season Aug. 17 and 18, 20.

KLAA well represented at state finals during fall season

By Jeff Thelsen
Staff Writer

The Kenosha Lakes Activities Association boasts some of the best girls sports in the state, both team and individually.

The following is the first of a three-part series focusing on how the KLAA fared not only during the season but also in the state playoffs in the 2012-13 season.

The series will go in order of how the school year goes, starting with the fall season of 2012, followed by winter and finish with the spring season. The series will also be broken up with stories for boys and girls separate so the stories aren't overbearing long.

All records are taken from the site www.klaastanding.com, so if something is a little off, please don't shoot the messenger.

Golf

The most dominant sport in the fall season for the girls came on the links. Plymouth was the class of the league and proved to be the class of the state. But Plymouth was one of three KLAA teams in the top six at the Division 1 State Finals.

Plymouth took the overall team title with a two-day total of 659 to four by 11 strokes at Forest Akers East at

Michigan State. Brighton claimed fifth place with Northville next in sixth.

Individually, Plymouth's Kelsey Murphy took the overall title with a two-day total of 148 (73-75). Brighton's Hannah Pietila was five-strokes back in fourth place overall.

In Division 2, South Lyon placed fifth as a team, and Milford's Gabby Brackrow was seventh individually.

Swimming

Swim and dive has been dominated on the state level by a few teams for many years. However, the depth of the KLAA couldn't be argued as six teams finished in the top 13 teams at state.

The Division 1 swimming finals in Holland got another heavy dose of KLAA teams in the top 12. South Lyon led the way in fifth place, followed by Novi in eighth and Salem, Northville, Hartland and Plymouth claiming the 10th-13th spots.

The league had too many All-State swimmers to list, but some of the major highlights included a 1-2 finish in the 200 freestyle by sophomore Maddie Write from Kettering winning with Plymouth junior Sarah Dombkowski in second, five of the top eight finishers in the 200 IM were from the KLAA, Dombkowski

went on to win the 500 free and Northville's Catherine Cui claimed a title in the 100 breaststroke.

Volleyball

In recent years, the KLAA has been a steady force with multiple regional winners and representatives at the State Finals. The league didn't have the big numbers in the regional finals and beyond, but it was still represented in Battle Creek for the final four.

It was Northville carrying to the torch for the league to the State Finals, finishing in the semifinals as part of the final four. Livonia Stevenson reached the regional finals and beyond, but it was still represented in Battle Creek for the final four.

Cross country

The top-flight talent was also missing for the league in cross country. But even with what would be considered a down year in the KLAA, the league still put one team in the top eight at the State Finals. Northville led the way in fifth, followed by Brighton in seventh and Salem in eighth.

Individually, Salem's Kayla Kavulich led the way in 11th place overall. Also earning All-State honors (top 30) was Waterford's Mott's Daya Wagh in 29th.

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Riverside roller skaters earn six national medals

It was a sweet victory for the 14 members of the Riverside Arena Skating Club who competed in the USA Roller Sports National Roller Figure Skating Championships late last month in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Riverside RASCals captured six placements and nearly all of the skaters earned a medal. The Livonia-based club claimed the most national placements of any club in Michigan.

The skaters, who train 1-3 hours per day and 4-5 days per week, were led by Ian Heersink and Jade Ross, both of Livonia.

They garnered a gold medal in Freshman A team dance.

Heersink, competing in the Freshman Sophomore Men's A Division, also earned silver medals in compulsory figures, loops and combined fig-

ures.

The 14-year-old Heersink was also vying for a position on the Junior World team that will compete this November at the World Roller Skating Championships in Taiwan. He came in fourth, just out of the medals.

Meanwhile, two other Livonia skaters, Ryan Heersink and Sofia Cueva, earned silver medals in Elementary A team dance.

The RASCals junior precision team captured the bronze medal for the second year in a row.

The team members include Christine Asai of Livonia, Stephanie and Sofia Cueva, Ryan and Ian Heersink, Ross, Estella Clark, Westland; Hanna Denes, Garden City; Kinka Kimfon, Canton; Chloe LaMay, Plymouth; Tina Stadnik and

Andrew and Miranda Esser, all of Northville.

The junior precision team was also recognized by the makers of Pop Chips for its unique costumes decorated with recycled materials including Pop Chip bags. Facing stiff competition, the RASCals came through in the crunch.

O-coach Jillian Heersink was a competitor, too, as she skated in three individual events. The Riverside RASCals Skating Club, coached by certified advanced instructor Lawaun Modrich and certified instructor Jillian Heersink, was established five years ago with five skaters. It has grown to 22 registered competitors this season.

For more information about the club, visit riversidearena.com or riversiderascals.org.



The members of the Riverside Arena Skating Club's national team are (left to right) Ian Heersink, Jade Ross, Tina Stadnik, advanced instructor Lawaun Modrich, Jillian Heersink, Sofia Cueva and Ryan Heersink.

GROSS

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dedication, he should have no problem transitioning to college wrestling.

"I know his parents are very proud, especially his dad, who also wrestled for the Eagles."

Quite a ride

The admiration goes the other way, too. Gross emphasized that all of his Salem coaches during his four years there helped put him into the position he's currently in.

And he's more than thankful for their contin-

uous help and encouragement.

"I quite enjoyed wrestling at Salem High School, it was probably the best four years of my life," he said. "I have all the thanks to my coaches, Pete, Jeremy Hennes, Greg Woodchuk, Andrew Ross ... thanks to them for pushing me and helping me to get to where I got."

"Not only that, but they were all big in telling me I should go on because of my talent and just the fact they keep telling me I will excel greatly in college."

Meanwhile, while a lot of people will be seeing how Tyler Gross is faring

in Ohio, he'll be keeping tabs on his younger brother with the 2013-14 Rocks.

Mitchell Gross — who wrestled at 189 last season — could be a force to be reckoned with in the KLAA his junior year.

"He's a very, very good wrestler and I expect great things from him," Tyler said. "I expect him to come back and I see him just winning and destroying, because he is just an excellent wrestler."

Yes, it takes one to know one.

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Tyler Gross (left) demonstrates his power and balance during a 2012-13 Salem varsity boys wrestling match.

Creative writers offer glimpse into local history through personal memoirs

Seniors pen poetry, essay

Here's a sampling of creative writing by senior citizens who meet twice monthly at the Plymouth Library.

Cuppa Joe by by Norman Smith of Livonia

The alarm rings out as scheduled,
the time — 6:45.
The cat jumps up to have a look,

to confirm I'm still alive.
Thru my bleary eyes of disbelief

my sleep — where did it go?
But time to rise and start the search,

for my morning cuppa joe.
Down along the darkened hall,

the kitchen I can see
Where my old friend Mr. Coffee,

waits patiently for me.
Just in time I'm glad to say,
my strength is ebbing fast.

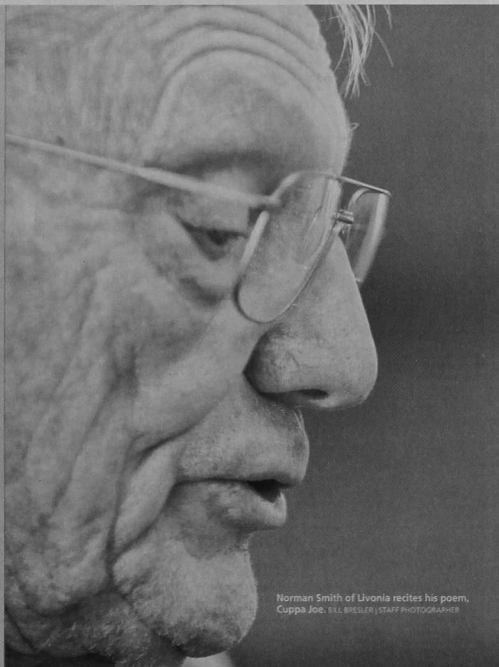
So with shaking hand I raise the pot
for my heavenly repast.

I want to drink that steaming brew,
if not — I'll surely die.
But when my cup I tried to fill,

the wretched pot was dry.
I blame myself and have a fear,

of the price I'll have to pay.
But if I could make just one more cup
we still could save the day.

The water first was added and filled up to the line.
And then the coffee measured out —



Norman Smith of Livonia recites his poem, *Cuppa Joe*. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Gene Belttari of Plymouth Township was just a kid when his parents sold their family cows and chickens, locked up their farmhouse and left 80 acres of oat and hay fields for a two-year stay in the big city. His father needed money to build a new barn, and a temporary stint as a carpenter in Detroit seemed to be the answer.

"My dad dreamed about the day that we could build a much more modern barn. Two of our neighbors had just built new and modern barns so we were for sure out dated," Belttari said, reading his story last week to a group of fellow writers at the Plymouth District Library. "Our farm land had lots of stones and my dad envisioned that the barn walls would be made with stones. My dad made a dray which was a log and timber, heavily-built sled and every year we hitched the dray to our Oliver 88 tractor and loaded and stacked large stones next to our future barn location. We had enough stones, but we needed money to build the barn."

Belttari finished his read to a smattering of applause. He's one of about a dozen senior citizens who gather at the library twice monthly to read their creative writing out loud. Like Belttari, most of them have penned at least a few childhood memories, if not their entire life stories. A few also flex their literary muscles with poetry, essay and short stories.

The group, now in its 11th year, initially started as a class in writing memoirs, with the Council on Aging funding a facilitator, according to Phyllis Hess, a Plymouth resident and longtime member.

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— Barbara, Northville

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— Robert, Novi

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CREATIVE

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"When I joined this group in 2006, the title of it was journaling your life story. I've been sticking with trying to journal my life," said Sally Pinchcock of Plymouth Township. "But some of the people who have been in this group forever, they are done with their stories. Every now and then they have something current they want to bring up. So, we took a diversion and said let's write about anything we want. And I think that's where the creativity really blossomed in this group."

The 90-minute sessions are self-directed — there's no facilitator anymore — and consist mostly of readings and camaraderie. Each participant gets a chance to read at least one piece. Critiques, if any are given, are positive and gentle.

Encouraging creativity

"This group is very comfortable to work with," said Norman Smith of Livonia. "I've been with (another) group where the facilitator read everything. You never read your own work. Some of these groups are quite structured and the facilitator has the last word and assigns the topic for the day. It's great from a discipline standpoint, but I think it stifles creativity."

"It takes the fun out of it if you have to structure yourself according to someone else's thinking," added Janet Warrick of Northville.

The seniors say reading aloud helps them improve their works and that listening to others sparks ideas for writing. Pinchcock pointed out that members who have penned their life stories include a glimpse into Detroit's history, as well.

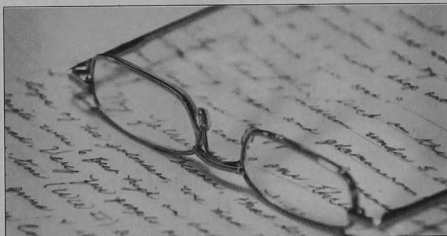
"There have been some phenomenal things written about Detroit. If this group would pull out all their stories about Detroit, I think there's enough good stuff there to be put into a compilation that could be published," Pinchcock said.

Although the group is aimed at seniors, Pinchcock said it's open to anyone.

It meets 1:30-3 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at the library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth. New members and drop-ins are welcome.



Diana Hage of Westland listens as Gene Belttari of Plymouth Township reads from his memoir, "Our Barn." PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The senior creative writers group meets at the Plymouth library twice monthly.

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three cups — that will be fine.

The switch was hit, the light went on and the liquid starts its flow. It's certain now the sun will shine on my morning cuppa joe.

Surprise in the Night by Phyllis Hess of Plymouth

One of the most surprising incidents in my life happened when I was about 16. I rented a room in Cooperstown, during the week while in high school, since I lived on a farm eight miles away. There was no bus transportation then. I had a roommate who shared making meals on a hot plate in our room, with use of the homeowner's refrigerator.

One night I went to bed with a bad cold and put a jar of Vick's Vapo-Rub by my bed. Needing it during the night and not wanting to turn on the light and disturb my roommate, I reached for it, opened the lid and SPLASH! A liquid was in my eyes, nose, hair and all over. I had opened a bottle of blue pen ink!

It took me days to completely get the blue off my face and out of my hair. I also had some embarrassing explaining to do.

Why Do I Write? by Diana Hage of Westland

1. My first introduction to writing was in elementary school, when I wrote a radio script. Then my imagination came alive and inspired me to continue this avenue in life.

2. Another reason for writing is to escape from reality. It feels good to remember all the events in my life and be able to see them on the written page.

3. I enjoy the ability to look at people and then describe them in character as well as visual looks.

4. Grandchildren change from year to year as they mature. Enclosed with their birthday cards I usually enclose a humorous imerick along with cold, hard cash. It's interesting to observe which object is more important to them.

5. Next to writing, spelling has always been my strong suit. Don't imagine I need "spell check" as much as others do.

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By day, the Detroit Zoo is all about the kids. But by dusk, it's all about the adults and this year's Sunset at the Zoo was no exception. The Detroit Zoological Society's annual Sunset at the Zoo fundraiser featured a boardwalk-themed gala celebrating the Detroit Zoo's Cotton Family Wetlands and the soon-to-open Jane and Frank Warche Beaver Habitat.

Sunset at the Zoo "Boardwalk Bash" was a perfect-weather evening of strolling dinner, snacks and desserts from 40 top area restaurants.

Detroit Flyer Ross Band performed and there were boardwalk games, dancing, live and silent auctions and special access to the zoo's animal habitat.

Next was Summer Zoo-mance on July 11 for the 21-plus crowd. If you missed that, a second Summer Zoo-mance will be held 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22.

Ticket are \$12-\$14. Parking is free for Detroit Zoological Society members and \$5 for non-members. The event will feature complimentary tram tours throughout the zoo, as well as animal enrichment and zookeeper talks at the otter, snow monkey and polar bear habitats. Enjoy blues music by guitarists and vocalist Lath Al-Saadi, as well as food and cocktails that will be available for purchase.

Guests can take a spin on the carousel for an additional \$2 and enjoy a scenic ride through the zoo on the Tauber Family Railroad for a one-way fee of \$3.

Tickets for Summer Zoo-mance can be purchased online at <http://www.detroit-zoo.org/events/zoo-mance> as well as at the admission gates.



Laura Spitz (left) of Livonia, owner of Salon Awesome in Plymouth, and Rachelle Dempster of Canton.



Livonia resident Livia Novacko performed with the Detroit Flyhouse at Sunset at the Zoo. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLOS

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Rain gardens

Friends of the Rouge will offer a rain garden workshop 6:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at Northville Township Hall, 44605 Six Mile. Attendees will learn how rain gardens help protect water quality in local rivers and how to create a rain garden of their own. Visit the Friends of the Rouge website at www.therouge.org for more information about rain gardens and to register for rain garden workshop.

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TRIGGER POINTS

Trigger point is the name given to sites on the body which when touched lightly cause the person touched to react with marked pain. In years past trigger point pain was considered a feature that identified Fibromyalgia.

In the early 2000's physicians noted a change in Fibromyalgia away from trigger points and into wider areas of pain that were daily, migrating from limb to limb, and often in the back, neck, arms or legs. Trigger point pain as a presenting fibromyalgia problem faded away.

But not completely. Physicians still see the problem of trigger points in older people, usually age 75 or above. Treatment consists of the doctor identifying the site or point of pain, and then injecting the site with local anesthesia and/or steroids. This therapy gives relief from days to weeks, but generally does not resolve the pain. Often the trigger point returns, requiring another injection.

Doctors cannot explain what causes trigger point pain, why it is no longer a feature of Fibromyalgia, or why trigger points remain a troublesome problem to the elderly.

Theories on small tears in bone have not held up when subjected to imaging by CT or MRI scans. The imaging finds no breaks or swelling in the bones. Implants in nerve endings are unlikely as the pain is pin point not in keeping with the distribution of a nerve. Nor is it reasonable to look for an inadequate blood supply because the pain is as likely to occur when the person is sitting or resting as well as walking.

Fortunately, injector visits by doctors will use this therapy even if the understanding of how it works remains obscure.

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MILESTONES

BIRTHDAY

Celebrating 90 years

Herman Pribe marked his 90th birthday on Aug. 1.

Pribe has lived in Redford Township since 1952 and was employed with the township's DPW for more than 40 years. "Dad has probably read every meter in the township. The residents of the township would remem-

ber him by the one with the big smile and positive attitude," his daughter Robin Behrend, wife of Eckford, wrote in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "My parents raised all girls in a two-bedroom, one-bathroom and ONE phone in this house. Unbelievable by today standards. He still has the original rotary phone." Pribe's daughters are

Behrend, Jackie Lahnstein of Livonia, Gail Norlund of Howell, Judy Pribe of Rose Center, Maggie Eberhart of Redford Township and Eileen Poole of Redford Township.

Behrend said her father enjoys playing bingo every week and occasionally visiting local casinos. Pribe celebrated his birthday at a Detroit 70ers-themed party July 21



Herman Pribe marked his 90th birthday this month. He is pictured at St. Aiden Activity Center in Livonia. More than 80 family members and friends attended.

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WEDDING

Pietraz-Langholz

Jennifer Marie Pietraz and Benjamin Daniel Langholz were married June 29 in Grand Rapids. The bride, daughter of Jim and Janet Pietraz of Livonia, graduated in 2009 from Grand Valley State University. She is a registered nurse at Saint Mary's Health Care in Grand Rapids.

The groom, son of Linda Langholz-Proch and David and Melissa Langholz, all of Grand Rapids, graduated in 2011



Benjamin Langholz and Jennifer Pietraz

from Grand Valley State University and teaches at Grand Rapids Public Schools. The couple lives in Grand Rapids.

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BROWN, DEBORAH ANN

Age 56 August 8, 2013. Beloved wife of Tom Brown, loving mother of Matthew & Michael. Dearest daughter of Mary (the late Jerry) Wenz & the late Perry Yarns. Sister of Joe, Mike, Donna, Pat, Eddie, Danny, Johnny & Steven. Visitation Sunday, 4-8 p.m. at St. Ann's Church, 248 N. Main St. Burial Monday, 2:30 p.m. at St. Ann's Church. Funeral Home, 31950 W. Twelve Rd. (W. of Orchard Lake Rd.) Farmington Hills. In state Tuesday 10 am until time of funeral 11 am at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33160 W. Thirteen Mile Rd. (at Farmington Rd.) Farmington Hills. Memorials may be made to Gianni Ferrerotti Lung Cancer Foundation or Antioch Lutheran Church.

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WOLFE, DONALD R.

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 1, 2013 in Naples, Florida. He was surrounded by his loving family. Don was the youngest child born to Harry & Irene Wolfe on July 11, 1935. He was born in Livonia and spent his first 60 years living in Michigan. After graduation from Michigan State University he married Shirley Wade in 1955 and joined his brother and father at the Harry S. Wolfe Real Estate Company and eventually became President until his retirement in 1993. Shirley passed away in cancer in 1984. In 1985, Don married Cheryl Lindholm. After retirement, Don & Julianna moved to Naples, Florida. Don was an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer and sports fan. He always enjoyed coming back to Michigan and especially enjoyed spending time in Northern Michigan. Don is preceded in death by his parents, all four of his siblings, and his first wife, Shirley. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Cheryl, his daughter, Cheryl (Charles) Grenban, & his son Jim, and his daughter Cynthia Carrino. He is also survived by his five grandchildren, Patrick (Yelena) Grenban, Daniel (Danielle) Grenban, Mark Grenban, Olivia Carrino, & Helena Carrino. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church at 31900 G Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Salvation Army or the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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DUNNE, HAROLD

Was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 22, 1929 and died on August 4, 2013. A loving, wonderful husband, he is survived by his wife Dorothy, daughter Carrie, and his two sons, Robert and Daniel. As an adult Harold began as a member of the ILWU under the leadership of Walter Reuther. He worked at the General Motors Buick, Olds and Pontiac Plant in Southfield, Michigan as a member of the UAW's Local 216 starting on the assembly line and working in many capacities including as President of his local Union where he was recognized by Leonard Woodcock, second in command to Walter Reuther for how he was able to lead a wildcat strike in 1949 all to the benefit of the workers, the Union and the Company. Then he was asked to become International Representative for the GM department of the UAW where he spent 25 years negotiating contracts and settling disputes to the benefit of all concerned. Later he ran twice for president of his Local and lost. On his final attempt he was fired. His case went to Arbitration and won. But seeing that the Union was headed toward what he thought was not in the direction for the benefit of the workers, at the age of 42, he decided to become an attorney going to school at night and working during the day, he received his BA in Sociology, his Juris Doctorate and a BA in Spanish at Wayne State University. He spent the next 30 years working at representing the men and women wrongly discharged by the Union in the Auto industry and all people who needed his help. He never forgot his roots and when he came home, his father worked at the River Rouge plant during early years of the toughest fighting for better wages and working conditions whether it was an attorney and before that on picket lines, where they met, or marching for social causes. All these drives he passed on to his children who have carried on his ideals. Harold was an extremely well read, articulate and intelligent person and has touched so many lives and they are better off for having had the privilege of meeting him.

May you find comfort in Family and Friends

DRUMM, LOUISE LEONA

Born in Detroit, Michigan on August 19, 1917. Departed to meet God and her loved ones on August 6, 2013 just 12 before her 96th birthday. She resided in Birmingham and Beverly Hills Michigan since 1957. She was a member of Embury Methodist Church in Birmingham, Louise "Lee" Drumm was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, professional, and friend. She dedicated her life to the service of others. The major focus of Lee's life was raising and guiding her children and grandchildren. She provided every opportunity for her children to be well-rounded and responsible persons of integrity. She was also actively engaged in her community, both as a caring and involved neighbor and friend, and a citizen who sought to enhance the lives of others. She was actively involved in the PTA, Finewood Memorial Scouts, Girl Scouts, Groves Big Band Jazz Series, and numerous school events for both of her children. She also worked as a volunteer for Dr. Jonas Salk's initial polio vaccine campaign. Lee's service to others also took the form of providing expert leadership in her work. She helped others in need, and mentored and trained dozens of workers to become skilled artisans, craftsmen, and productive members of the community. Lee overcame incredible challenges in her life as a child of the Great Depression, a wife of a WWII veteran, and as an early widow. She was one of the women who assumed a supervisory industrial position during WWII. She also worked for the Harrison Luggage Company where she helped to develop some of the first airline carry-on luggage. Lee graduated from Lincoln High School in Warren, Michigan. She also attended Business College. She was an incredible, intelligent person who went back to work after raising her children. She worked at Amber Management for both of her children for approximately 20 years. At Amber she supervised a large staff and worked on the development of all their properties throughout Southeast Michigan. Lee was married to Raymond J. Drumm for 31 years until his death in 1971. She moved and was at his side in Corona, California where he returned injured from service in the Pacific during WWII. Her parents were John and Maryann Kaiser. She was predeceased by all of her siblings, Bernadine Cain, and John, Norbert, and Vernon Kaiser. Her children are Brenda Drumm Kild (Clyde) and Mel Drumm (Elizabeth).

MAKINEN, WILLIAM MARION (BILL)

Age 83 died July 31, 2013 at Hilland Cottage Hospice, Petoskey. A lifelong resident of Grand Rapids, Bill was born August 5, 1925 in Kaleva, the 10th child of John Victor and Kathie Lindholm Makinen. He is survived by wife Emma Skinner Makinen (died December 30, 1946), daughter Rosemary (Lakeland, Minnesota), sons Marty (Bethesda, Maryland), Jerry (South Bend, Indiana), and Alan (Richfield, Minnesota), seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Family and friends already miss him greatly. Bill graduated from Manistee High (1943) and earned a Bachelor's degree (Cum Laude) from Central Michigan College (1949) and a Master's from the University of Detroit (1953). He became a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Air Force 1943-1945 and served in personnel management at Ford Motor Company spanned 29 years and let him travel throughout the world. In retirement since 1984, he and Emma lived in Farmington Hills and watched summer sunsets on Walloon Lake. They participated in Elderhoods to continue lifelong learning. Bill was an avid reader, crossword and taught himself piano. He was an avid reader, birdwatcher, sports fan, a chess player, a golfer, and a sports participant (golf, tennis, sailing). Bill was active in nature conservation, family genealogy, home repair, and carpentry and he enjoyed jazz and Saturday-night dancing. He was organized the Walloon Lake Forest Lane sewer system, co-authored the goals statement of the Walloon Lake Association (WLA), and was a leader in creating the Wildwood Harbor Preserve. Bill was recognized for efforts on water quality and wilderness preservation, and carried the WLA's President's Honor Award. A memorial will be scheduled at a later date. Contributions in Bill's memory can be made to the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy, PO Box 62, Petoskey, MI 49770. Little Traverse Conservancy, http://www.ltraverse.org/Donations/memorialpsychic/1001/1001.html. The Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, 16914 N. Whitefish Point Road, Paradise, MI 49768.

ALDEMAN SENIORS

HUTCHINS, RUTH

Of Bloomfield Hills and former-Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills and a former member of its women's association. She was an original member of Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary and worked as a Docent there for many years. She also had served as a Docent for the Detroit Institute of Arts. Ruth loved to entertain and was an outstanding cook, preparing many a memorable meal for family and friends. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Colton. Ruth is survived by one daughter, Marisa Ferston, three step-daughters, Pam Liedtke, Gail Duty and Nancy Mallon and seven grandchildren.

GILBERT, BRENDA K.

Age 74 of Commerce Township died August 7, 2013. Beloved wife of the late James D. (1911). Wonderful, fun-loving, affectionate mother and best friend of Dean (Cindy) Gilbert, Cindy (Terry) Sica, Janet (Mark) Smith, and Marsha (Brian) McCormick. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Sister-in-law of Linda (Chuck) Brannon. Also survived by numerous extended family members and loving friends. Mrs. Gilbert enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and other family members. She lived life to the fullest and loved going to the casino. She had an easy-going spirit and will be missed by all who knew her. Memorial service by Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 340 N. Pontiac Tr., Walled Lake (3 mi. S. of Maple Rd.) Tuesday 6 PM. Friends may visit Tuesday 3 to 6 PM. Memorial contributions to American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated. Condolences at lynchfamilyfuneraldirectors.com

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ENGAGEMENT

Palaian-Michetti

Lisa Palaian and Chris Michetti announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Steven and Carol Palaian of Farmington Hills. Her fiancé is the son of Michael and Lauren Michetti of Naples.

A May 2014 wedding is planned.



Chris Michetti and Lisa Palaian

ENGAGEMENT

Burry-Black

Caitlin Elizabeth Burry and Matthew Paul Black announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Keith and Lisa Burry of Livonia, graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in dietetics. She is a certified clinical dietitian at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Kathi and Paul Black of Novi, graduated from Michigan State University Broad College of Business with a degree in



Matthew Black and Caitlin Burry

finance. He is a senior associate, Economic Valuation Services at KPMG.

A September 2013 wedding is planned in Charlevoix.

ENGAGEMENT

Wood-Hoffmeyer

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wood and Claudia Sabo are pleased to announce the engagement of Kevin Hoffman and Kendal Hoffmeyer.

Kendal, daughter of Claudia Sabo of Livonia, is employed as an LPN at Botsford Nursing Home. She attends Schoolcraft College and is pursuing an RN degree.

Her fiancé, son of Michael and Carolyn Wood of Livonia, is employed at Ford Motor Company as a skilled tradesman in the Ford Rouge Plant complex.

Their wedding will take place in September 2013 at Newburg Church at Greenmead Historical Park. A reception is planned at Northville Hills Golf Club.



Kevin Wood and Kendal Hoffmeyer

REUNIONS

Send reunion information to Sharon Dargatz at sdargatz@hometownlife.com

or 313-706-3266.

DEARBORN FORDSON CLASS OF 1954

A 59-year reunion luncheon will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at (313) 581-6623 or email Pat Gaston Chies at pct2629@aol.com.

BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Contact Kathy (Toth) Hay at khay@windward.com or Dianna (Baswan) McDaniel at djmcdaniel45@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1973

40th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Send inquiries to Belleville MI 973 406@comcast.net or call Laura (Kingsley) Delsch at 734-485-2744 or Sterling at 734-265-6132.

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CLASS OF 1948

A 64-year reunion luncheon is planned for Sept. 19. For more information, call Tracy 734-421-1485 or 734-455-9428.

DETROIT CASS TECHNICAL CLASS OF 1958

A 55-year reunion dinner will be held 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan, Warren. For more information, visit www.cass258.com or call Kathy at 248-652-0044.

DEARBORN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion dinner is planned 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Dearborn Hills Golf Course, 1300 Westland Blvd., Dearborn. Advance tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, contact Chris Baldwin at chaldwin@wowway.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



Aaron Martinuzzi is surrounded by friends at the walk/run held last year for his benefit. This year's event is Sept. 7.

Annual walk benefits man with spinal cord injury

Family and friends have never given up on Aaron Martinuzzi of Redford Township.

"This is a fourth annual charity fun run/walk we put on for my nephew, Aaron, who was injured in a diving accident," Lisa Richardson wrote in an email to the Observer. "Therefore, unlike an auto injury, insurance is limited as far as medical expenses, home care (not at all) and rehabilitation. He was quite sick this past year but has recovered and is doing great!"

The Friends of Aaron Martinuzzi group has held a walk/run every year since the former medical school student was injured in a diving accident. Martinuzzi was 25 years old and a student at the University of New England-College of Osteopathic Medicine when he broke his neck in the accident and became a quadriplegic.

Proceeds from the annual walk/run go a long way toward assisting Martinuzzi with medical and rehabilitation expenses.

"Last year we had a wonderful turn out and raised over \$20,000," his aunt noted.

This year's event will start at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the West Boat Launch, at Kensington Metropark, located off I-96 exit 151 in Milford. Registration will run from 8-9 a.m.

Participants may choose a one-mile, three-mile, five-mile or 8.5-mile route through the park, through the park. Water stations will be available along the way for all distances. Stroll-

ers and dogs are welcome at the event, which will include prize drawings and a raffle.

Although the park charges a \$5 entry fee, there is no registration fee for the event. Participants collect pledges. All runners and walkers will receive a free T-shirt. Several local businesses provide shirts, fruit, bagels, protein bars, water, coffee, and more.

For online registration, visit the Friends of Aaron Martinuzzi on Facebook or

www.CaringBridge.org/visit/aaronmartinuzzi. Forms can be downloaded from the website and emailed to lrichards59@comcast.net or mailed to Friends of Aaron Martinuzzi, PO Box 401586, Redford, MI 48240 by Aug. 29.

Make donation checks or pledge checks out to Friends of Aaron Martinuzzi.

For more information, email Richardson at lrichards59@comcast.net. —Sharon Dargay

Golf event benefits leukemia, diabetes research

The Jake & Johnny Club will hold its third annual charity golf tournament, dinner and auction Sept. 23 at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth.

The nonprofit organization was founded by attorneys Phil Goodman of Birmingham and John Hubbard of Detroit to raise money to battle childhood leukemia and juvenile diabetes.

Goodman's grandson Jake was diagnosed with acute leukemia in 2006 and Hubbard's son Johnny subsequently was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. Since its inception in 2009, The Jake & Johnny Club has raised nearly \$100,000 and contributions have been made to research organizations working to cure childhood leukemia and juvenile diabetes. Both C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation have received substantial support from the club's fundraising.

The annual golf tournament can accommodate up to 72 golfers, who will enjoy an afternoon of fun on the links and dinner afterward.

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Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert

Due to the high number of inquiries and the importance of the subject matter, this segment of "Ask a GCH Health Expert", will be broken into two parts. Look for the final segment next week.

In just a few short weeks, children of all ages will be heading back to school. In addition to new clothes and supplies, make sure immunizations are on your "back-to-school" to do list. Dr. Nicholas Peckey, of the Garden City Hospital Center for Family Medicine and an expert on how to protect your children, set's the record straight on vaccinations.

Q: Recently, it feels as if I receive more and more information telling me my children must have certain immunizations before attending classes. The list is getting longer and yet I don't really ever hear about most of the issues any more. Are all these required immunizations really important?

A: It's great you don't hear much about these diseases anymore. This means vaccines are working. Since the start of widespread vaccinations in the United States, the numbers of formerly common childhood illnesses have declined dramatically. Immunizations have protected millions of kids from potentially deadly diseases and saved thousands of lives.

Since certain diseases crop up so rarely now, it's a common misconception to think vaccines are no longer necessary. The truth is most diseases which are preventable still exist in the world. Vaccinations still play a crucial role in keeping kids healthy. Unfortunately, misinformation about vaccines could make some parents decide not to immunize their children, putting them and others at a greater risk for illness. It's important to have your children up-to-date on all of their immunizations.

Q: Will my child's immune system be weakened because of a vaccine?

A: No, the immune system makes antibodies against a germ, like the chickenpox virus, whether it encounters it naturally or is exposed to it through a vaccine. Being vaccinated against one disease does not weaken the immune response to another disease.

Q: Will the immunization give someone the very disease it's supposed to prevent?

A: This is one of the most common concerns about vaccines. However, it's impossible to get the disease from any vaccine made with dead (killed) bacteria or viruses or just part of the bacteria or virus.

Only those immunizations made from weakened live viruses — like the chickenpox (varicella) or measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine — could possibly make a child develop a mild form of the disease, but it's almost always much less severe than the illness that occurs when someone is infected with the disease-causing virus itself. However, for kids with weakened immune systems, such as those being treated for cancer, these vaccines may cause problems.

Join Garden City Hospital every month at Westland Mall, for our wellness lecture series. At 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, a GCH Health Expert will provide helpful and in depth information on a variety of issues that impact our health every day. The next lecture entitled "Children & Bullying" is Saturday, September 14.

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