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Verizon robbery case leads to guilty pleas

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Three teens are facing lengthy prison sentences after pleading guilty to charges they used a semiautomatic assault rifle to shoot their way into a Canton Verizon store after an alert employee tried to foil the robbery by locking a sliding glass door.

Accused gunman Antonio Jerome Porter and accomplices Eric James-Lee Wilkins and Dantez Lamar Boykin-Johnson have pleaded guilty to armed robbery, discharging a



firearm into a building, felony firearm and breaking and entering a building with intent to commit a crime, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk confirmed Friday.

Porter and Wilkins, both of Inkster, and Boykin-Johnson,

Charged in the Canton Verizon store robbery were Dantez Lamar Boykin-Johnson, Antonio Jerome Porter and Eric James-Lee Wilkins. CANTON POLICE

of Westland, are facing formal sentencing Nov. 18 by Judge Timothy Kenny. Wilkins and Boykin-Johnson entered their guilty pleas Friday, four days after Porter.

According to the court clerk, the defendants are ex-

pected to receive 13-25 years in prison for armed robbery and lesser sentences for the other charges. However, they also have charges out of other jurisdictions.

The three teens have been jailed with bonds totaling more than \$1 million each after Canton police say they shot their way into the Verizon store along bustling Ford Road east of Sheldon. The incident happened around 11 a.m. Feb. 25, leaving employees and customers terrified and fearing for their lives.

Canton police have said

Porter fired an AR-15 to shoot open the door.

Verizon shoppers such as Gerry Soubly have said they feared for their lives when they say three men shot their way into the store and robbed it. Soubly said he dropped to the floor, but felt "helpless" as he tried to shield his girlfriend, Carol Nowaczyk, while he dialed 9-1-1 for help.

"In all honesty," Soubly has said, "I thought they were going to kill everybody, including me and Carol."

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Help us pick the Seven Wonders of Michigan

Remember the first time you crossed the Mackinac Bridge? Did you hug the window in the backseat of your parents' car, neck craning to peer over the edge to the straits below?

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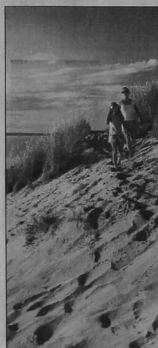
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Starting today, we're accepting your nominations for Michigan's grandest sights—either natural or man-made.

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Finalists will be revealed online Aug. 8 and winners announced online Aug. 29.



A contender: Lake Michigan. Overview at Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive, Sleeping Bear Dunes, TRAVEL MICHIGAN



Steve Darr, Open Door Ministry director, and Michele Yoder, jobs bank coordinator, talk about a new program called Jobs for Life.

Ministry is an 'Open Door'

Program aims to help clients find employment

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

After fighting area hunger for 11 years from a Canton-based food pantry, Open Door Ministry is ramping up efforts to help its clients gain the skills, confidence and tools they need to find jobs.

Drawing from a pool of nearly 450 families it feeds every week, Open Door already has a jobs bank that each week helps 30-50 people with job searches, resumes, counseling and other services they need in their struggle to become self-sufficient.

Michele Yoder, jobs bank coordinator and an assistant professor for a business college, said the program has shown some success even though the number of clients getting jobs has been difficult to track.

"They stop coming (to Open Door)," she said. "Hopefully these are the ones finding jobs. Sometimes they tell us they have found jobs or we see them working in the community."

In what is hailed as a potential game-changer, Open Door has paired with Jobs for Life, an international faith-based movement that pools resources of churches, community organizations and companies to help the unemployed and underemployed.

Job classes

Open Door intends to enlist 10 clients for its first Jobs for Life classes in early September at its headquarters on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue. Yoder, the site leader, said the program involves three key components:

» A 16-week classroom curriculum, 4:30-6:30 p.m. each Thursday, that uses Bible-based stories to help clients 18 and older learn their strengths, overcome self-doubt, build confidence and gain job-seeking skills.

» They'll be able to pick up their food while they're there for classes," said Steve Darr, Open Door director.

» Pairing clients with classroom "champions" who are essentially role models or mentors dedicated to helping them overcome roadblocks to self-sufficiency.

» Building relationships with local business representatives willing to attend some classes, help clients boost their interview techniques and consider hiring them for jobs.

Open Door needs business representatives and "champions" to help with Jobs for Life. To get involved, send an



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MICHELE YODER

Canton aims to halt late-night fireworks

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Responding to a barrage of noise complaints, Canton officials have decided to silence late-night fireworks during national holidays, when state law prohibits an outright ban.

The new rules are expected to take effect by late August after the Canton Township Board of Trustees

formally adopts a measure to halt fireworks from midnight to 8 a.m. each holiday except New Year's Eve, when the ban would start an hour later at 1 a.m. Under state law, Michigan communities cannot ban fireworks on national holidays, the day before or the day after, though some officials are hopeful state lawmakers will revisit that policy.

"My hope is that we have our state Legislature's attention," township Trustee Pat Williams said.

Township Attorney Kristin Kolb and other local officials say Canton has received numerous complaints of late-night fireworks and revelers who disregard the holidays-only rule. Many residents say their pets are frightened by noise that occurs days before and after holidays.

"My 130-pound golden retriever actually pulled a leg muscle trying to hide from the fireworks and it was days after the Fourth of July," Williams said.

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Task force to focus on women's health issues

State Rep. Dian Slavens and other members of a House task force are looking for questions and concerns from their constituents as they deal with women's health issues.

To get them, they've been traveling the state hosting a series of town-hall style meetings and now it's Canton's turn.

Slavens hosts the Michigan House Democrats' Women's Health and Economic Security Task Force for a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Canton Township administration building.

The meeting is designed to discuss access to women's health care. The event will also feature Meghan Groen, director of government relations for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan.

"It'll be great to talk about

what Planned Parenthood has, what we're trying to do in Lansing and what other people may have to say," said Slavens, D-Canton. "We want to take questions from everyone, not only on health, but on any other issues women may have."

Slavens said Lansing is grappling with health care issues now and she wants to make sure access to health care for women is something that remains a focus.

"It's sometimes difficult for women to get access to things like mammograms, especially when you're talking about rural areas," she said.

The 90-minute meeting will feature a question-and-answer period at the end. The Canton Township Administration Building is located at 1150 S. Canton Center.



State Rep. Dian Slavens hosts a task force meeting on women's health issues at 6 p.m. Monday in the Canton Township administration building. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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The teens fled the scene in a car and drove into a residential neighborhood, where police say they tried to run away before authorities captured them.

During court proceedings in March in 35th District Court,

defense attorneys for Boykin-Johnson and Wilkins tried to convince Judge Ronald Lowe to dismiss weapons charges, saying they didn't carry the weapon.

Lowe refused, saying it appeared the three defendants plotted the robbery as a team and that any of them could have backed out at any time.

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Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said fireworks can be especially dangerous in neighborhoods such as Cherry Hill Village, where revelers have a difficult time using fireworks safely because houses are close together. She had earlier voiced concerns about potential fires and personal injuries.

Fire Chief Joshua Meier said anyone who uses fireworks should follow state and local guidelines. Ideally, he said, fireworks fans should leave the displays to professionals during special events.

"We encourage people, if they are going to use legal fireworks in Canton Township, to do so safely and follow all the recommendations in the use of those fireworks," he said. "We (also) encourage people to leave it to the

professionals because (fireworks) are inherently dangerous."

Local officials say the move to restrict fireworks isn't intended as punitive toward people who obey laws and use them responsibly. Rather, they have called it an issue that centers on safety and keeping neighborhoods quiet during late-night hours.

Canton already has an outright ban on fireworks except for three-day periods around New Year's

Day; Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observance; Presidents Day; Memorial Day; the Fourth of July; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving; and Christmas.

Canton authorities have said any fireworks violations should be reported to the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

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Jobs statistics

Kaycee Mathias, Jobs for Life marketing and communications intern, said Friday from the organization's headquarters in Raleigh, N.C., that 80 percent of clients graduate from the program.

"And 60 percent of the graduates are actually

getting jobs," Mathias said, a percentage she said would be higher except some clients are incarcerated and can't yet actively seek employment.

Jobs for Life started in 1996 and has nearly 280 sites spread among 220 cities in 37 states and four countries, Mathias said.

Yoder said Open Door plans to follow up on its Jobs for Life classes to determine the job placement rate.

Open Door, an offshoot of Canton-based Connection Church,

serves clients in communities such as Canton, Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Belleville and Ypsilanti. Some need to learn new skills to work – or even to interview for jobs – but Yoder said others became unemployed amid the economic recession and already are qualified for positions such as information technology and banking.

Darr said Open Door offers food to help struggling families meet basic needs, but the ultimate goal is to help them find jobs.

Those entering Jobs for Life classes have to commit to finishing their homework, attending classes, applying for jobs, keeping a log of their efforts and working within their classroom champion.

"They have to be committed to wanting a better life for themselves and their family," Darr said. "I think this program has a lot of potential."

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Township man's Smithsonian work takes flight

Intern spending summer archiving profiles in Washington, D.C.

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

One might expect to find an archivist in a dark basement surrounded by cabinets full of dusty files, but a Plymouth Township man's historical work is taking place in decidedly loftier surroundings. James Bauer is spending his summer at the National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center, just outside Washington, D.C., on a paid, post-graduate internship. Amid the larger items in the NASM's collection, such as the Space Shuttle Discovery, the Enola Gay (the B-29 that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima), the Gemini VII space capsule and an Air France Concorde, Bauer is organizing profiles for the museum's Wall of Honor.

Bauer, who has a master's degree in library science with a certificate in archival administration, expects the work to last into November.

"It's been great hands-on experience to actually do the work," Bauer said Thursday by phone. "It's nice to live in this area and be able to go to just to see the sights."

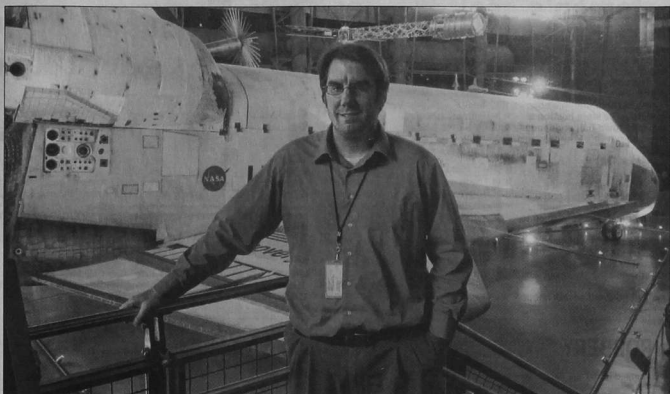
It is Bauer's first time in the D.C. area.

Historical perspective

Bauer was a history and political science major at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, but didn't have a particular interest in the history of flight or space travel before his current assignment.

"I wasn't that much into it beforehand, but just being here, it's a great way to learn about it. Just part of the experience," he said. Bauer said his historical interest centers around postwar U.S. diplomacy and politics, especially the Cold War era.

The Udvar-Hazy Center, home to many of the larger pieces in the NASM, opened nearly a decade ago and is considered an annex to the main museum on the National Mall in Washington. The



James Bauer of Plymouth Township, with space shuttle Discovery behind him, is working a post-graduate internship at the National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center just outside of Washington, D.C. Bauer has a master's degree in library science with a certificate in archival administration.



James Bauer of Plymouth Township in his office at the Udvar-Hazy Center of the National Air and Space Museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution. Bauer is going through thousands of donor profiles in order to archive them.

NASM is part of the Smithsonian Institution.

Bauer, 30, is working with thousands of donor profiles, capsule portraits of museum donors or people whom donors want to honor, usually military veterans with extensive flying experience. Profiles are featured in the Wall of Honor segment of the NASM website <http://airandspace.si.edu>. He is

developing a system for archiving the profiles and getting them quickly online as they come in, rather than letting them stack up. He is working with museum volunteers.

"There wasn't a lot of staff here," Bauer said. "There were a lot of profiles that weren't getting on line." He estimated there were between 12,000 and 14,000 profiles to go through.

Bauer admitted the files pose "a certain monotony" because he's "doing the same thing over and over again," but added he finds many of the profiles interesting.

"There're some interesting stories you get to read, especially from World War II veterans," he said.

D.C. 'impressive'

Bauer earned his bachelor's degree in 2006 and worked for a few years, at the Busch's supermarket on Haggerty and at a hotel in Ann Arbor, before returning to school at Wayne State University for his master's.

"I just kind of figured that you're going to have to have a master's if you want to move up," he said. He worked 32 hours a week as the hotel's night auditor while studying at WSU. Bauer has also been a volunteer archivist at the Plymouth Historical Museum, where he helped organize the museum's collection of Ply-

mouth Crier newspapers, and at the Henry Ford Estate.

Post-internship, Bauer said, he hopes to land a records management job at a museum or private company. He's on the hunt for such a job even as his internship continues.

With his job responsibilities, Bauer hasn't gotten to the center of Washington too much, but has seen the White House, the Capitol and the Federal Triangle, home to many federal departments.

"It's really impressive. It's one of the best things to go to do things for free," he said. "You can get around pretty easily."

Bauer made a pitch for museum fans to put their money where their interests are and donate to those museums, be it the Plymouth Historical Museum or the NASM.

"They depend on donations and they offer great services," he said.

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Wayne State University

Associate Professor **Ramona Benkert, Ph.D.**, of the Wayne State University College of Nursing, was named a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners during the AANP national conference in Las Vegas. The program recognizes nurse practitioners who have made outstanding contributions to health care through clinical practice, research, education or policy.



Benkert

Benkert, a Plymouth resident, has been a driving force for change in primary care safety net settings, resulting in improved health care for vulnerable populations. She has led local and regional clinical quality endeavors, practice-based research and professional efforts in Michigan and the Midwest. Nationally, Benkert led practice improvement operations within nurse-managed clinical practices and has conducted research to improve practice and diversity in the workforce. Internationally, she has expanded the clinical education options for nurse practitioners.

She is a 1987 graduate of the Wayne State University College of Nursing, as well as the University of Detroit Mercy (then Mercy College, 1981) and the University of Michigan (2002).

University of Findlay

The dean's list for spring semester at the University of Findlay has been announced. The following students have earned a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

» **Sydney Cooley** of Canton, a pre-veterinary medicine major.
» **Evan Rinke** of Plymouth, a physical therapy major.
» **Jasmine Wehr** of Belleville, an equestrian studies/animal science major.

Phi Beta Kappa

Top graduating seniors of 92 area high schools in the Detroit area are being honored by the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa. More than 3,600 graduating seniors in the public, private and parochial high schools in southeast Michigan who maintained a 3.75 grade point in their academic classes are receiving a certificate of recognition from the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa, which is composed of members of the national scholastic honor society residing in the Detroit area.

"These students have earned recognition as future leaders and scholars by doing what it takes to rank at the head of their classes and they deserve all the praise and recognition we can give them," said Dr. Seymour J. Wolfson, president of the organization.

The association also awarded a scholarship of \$1,000 to each of four graduating seniors who achieved a 4.0 grade-point average and will enroll at Wayne State University in the fall. Included in that group is **Victoria Vetr** of Plymouth High School.

Honorees from this area are:

» **Canton High School:** Syeda Arbab, Sabrina Baghaie, Rachael Barrie, Morgan Benjamin, Erin Bensinger, Yuvraj Bhagat, Taylor Bujert, Marissa Campbell, Bryant Carr, Andrew Cobb, Reid Conlon, Holly Crowther, Kimberly Davidge, Jordan Die-

drick, Michael Ditzler, James Dodge, Emily Farhat, Nicole Farley, Hannah Ferree, Tyler Fontana, Neel Gandhi, Miranda Geisinger, Margaret Gordinier, Jai Govind, Ellen Grimm, Shannon Guo, Nicholas Haddad, Matthew Halim, Franky Hang, Kelly Harris, Jinting Hayter, Kanghoon Hur, Grace Irwin, Kaitlyn Jatzcak, Prithvi Jayachandran, Ryan Jimenez, Audrey Johnson, Joshua Joy, Brian Katafiasz, Navkiranjit Kaur, Ibnul Khan, Gabriel King, Paul Kou, Craig Lou, Abby Madison, John McAllister, Rebecca Middleton, Tracy Moore, Robert Morgan, Laura Murphy, Eric Nguyen, Keith Olsen, Caitlin Orr, Nicholas Pappas, Prasad Parikh, Wong and Rachel Xiang, Heidi Payter, Taylor Petersen, Sarah Pfannes, Sachin Pindolia, Greer Roberts, Amanda Rodgers, Souvik Roy, Carolyn Scharf, Katilin Schnur, Tharun Selvakumar, Ryan Siegler, Manpreet Singh, Kristi Smiley, Archana Solmshtetty, Molly Stanford, Angela Sun, Paramveer Swaich, Cassidy Tucker, Anna Turnbull, Kelsey Wiley, Michael Wilyard, Alden Wong and Rachel Xiang.

» **Plymouth High School:** Siddharth Acharya, Anam Ahmed, Insia Ahsan, Nihal Anishetty, Dhara Antani, Shamalia Ashraf, Alexander Bat, Mary Bellino, Emilee Beyer, Julia Borst, Shirley Chen, Ryan Cornille, Shelby Crosier, Mengdan (Anna) Dai, Brandon Dalton, Norman Deeg, Jamie Dottavio, Alec Drean, Nikhil Dunganari, Kirithi Duraiswamy, Cameron Earls, Linda Erickson, Elisabeth Gamble, Matthew Garrisi, Elizabeth Gregory, Lindsey Grygiewicz, Arundhati Hadagali, Shannon Hagerty, Julie Hahn, Kad-

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Supplies sought for needy school children

It's not unusual for low-income students to come to class without a pencil or pen with which 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.

"There are more than 1,600 students in the area who could benefit from this drive," said Marie Morrow, PCUW president. "It is a good way to help youth get a head start in September."

Morrow suggests parents purchase a few extra school supplies while shopping for their children.

For more information on how to help, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org, call 734-453-6879, ext. 7 or email randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Donations may be dropped off at the PCUW office at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, in Plymouth.

LOOKING TO HELP

The Plymouth Salvation Army is also readying its "Back 2 School Blitz 6," the PSA's annual effort to get school supplies to needy families. Families in need of school supplies for the coming year are encouraged to contact The Salvation Army at 734-453-5464. The Army is coordinating Back 2 School Blitz 6, supported by local churches, service clubs and the community and will be providing K-12 students with new backpacks and school supplies. For more information on receiving supplies or donating new school supplies, please contact Laurie Aren at 734-453-5464.

Vista Maria honors donors, volunteers

AT&T was recognized as Vista Maria's Outstanding Corporate Partner of the Year during a presentation at the agency's Public Meeting and Special Recognition Breakfast at The Dearborn Inn. The annual event honors outstanding volunteers, donors and partners from the community for their commitment and investment to support at-risk youth of Vista Maria.

In addition to AT&T, the 2013 Outstanding Awardees included Lisa Sasaki of Canton, vice president, International Trade Finance Department of Comerica Bank and Vista Maria board adviser.

Sasaki was recognized for Outstanding Board Leadership to Vista Maria's Clara B. Ford Academy School Board, where she serves as treasurer and as the founding chair of the eighth annual Women For! Women Golf Outing.

Vista Maria recognized AT&T for its full support of the children involved with the agency, including teens in its Community Programs and



Lisa Sasaki, a Vista Maria board adviser, was recognized for Outstanding Board Leadership to Vista Maria's Clara B. Ford Academy School Board.

the students attending Vista Maria's on campus schools, Clara B. Ford and Vista Meadows Academies.

AT&T has supported the Vista Maria DREAM Program (Dreams Realized through Education and Academic Mentoring) since its inception in 2010. DREAM provides weekly academic support to teens through after-school mentoring activities that encourage college readiness and career exploration.

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Five friends run their makeshift day spa against a backdrop of love, loss and longtime enemies in *The Hallelujah Girls*, opening Aug. 3 at the Barefoot Productions Theatre.

This lighthearted comedy features Anne Morgan as Sugar Lee Tompkins, an ex-beautician who ropes sweet-natured Nita (Betty Berryman), dating-averse Carlene (Marian Busa), curmudgeonly Mavis (Carol Lipinski) and loopy Crystal (Barbara Bloom) into opening a day spa in an abandoned church.

While the others take care of hair and nails, Crystal's holiday spirit - during any holiday - and musical tributes to "Spa-Dee-Dah" boost morale at the struggling new business. However, the road to success is blocked by Bunny Sutherland (Betsy Bronson), who seeks to bulldoze the church for personal gain, and Bobby Dwayne Dillahun (Sean Randolph), an old flame of Sugar Lee's who rolls back into town.

Director Mike Cuba, for-



Barefoot Productions brings 'The Hallelujah Girls' to the stage Aug. 3-4 and Aug. 10-11.

merly with Canton's Spotlight Players, brings the ladies of Eden Falls, Ga., to life with grace and good-natured humor.

Audience members on opening night have the opportunity to attend the Afterglow Party, a new tradition at Barefoot that allows the public to mingle with the cast and enjoy local cuisine immediately following the show. Catering will be provided by Grecian Cafe of Plymouth.

The *Hallelujah Girls* opens Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Bare-

foot Productions Theatre (240 N. Main Street in Plymouth) and runs for just two week-ends. Performances Aug. 3 and Saturday, Aug. 10, will start at 8 p.m., while matinee shows Sunday, Aug. 4, and Sunday, Aug. 11, begin at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$15 with the exception of the first performance, where \$20 includes admission to the show plus the Afterglow Party. To reserve tickets now, please call the box office at (734) 560-1493 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com.

Trial set for one suspect in gas station robbery

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The man behind the wheel of the getaway vehicle allegedly used in an armed robbery at a Livonia gas station in June is set to go to trial this fall.

Matthew Ross, 20, of Taylor is scheduled for a jury trial at 9 a.m. Oct. 17 before Wayne County Circuit Judge Linda Parker. He's charged with armed robbery.

If convicted, Ross faces up to life in prison.

Ross is one of two individuals charged in the robbery of the Exxon station on the southwest corner of Merriman and Schoolcraft. The other suspect, Tyler Robinson, 21, of Canton, is awaiting a competency exam and is scheduled to be back in Livonia's 16th District Court on Oct. 24.

Ross was bound over to circuit court July 18 by District Judge Sean Kavanagh. Kavanagh said there was enough evidence to take the case to trial after two witnesses

took the stand during Ross' preliminary examination.

Kavanagh said while it appeared Ross was not the one who went into the gas station demanding money, he provided the getaway vehicle and drove the suspect, who police say is Robinson, home. That provided enough probable cause to send the case to trial, Kavanagh said.

A request was made by the defense to reduce Ross' bond, which was denied by Parker. As of Friday, he was still in Wayne County Jail, where he has been since his arrest July 6, with a bond of \$60,000 cash or surety.

Ross is also charged with armed robbery in Plymouth Township, where police say Ross, along with Robinson, was involved in the robbery of a gas station at Five Mile and Beck.

Both Robinson and Ross are scheduled to have a preliminary exam in that case later this week in Plymouth's 35th District Court.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MEISSEN INTERVIEW

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 31, 5:45 p.m.

Location: 88.1 The Park, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton schools.

Details: 88.1 The Park will air a special Community Focus interview with Dr. Michael Meissen, the new superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Meissen became the superintendent earlier this month. Prior to arriving in Plymouth-Canton, he was the district improvement/school improvement and student achievement supervisor for the Milwaukee Public Schools. The interview is hosted by Salem senior Archana Sondor, 88.1 The Park's news director. They discussed Meissen's background in education, family, plans for a new middle school, technology upgrades and the future for Central Middle School. The interview will also be available as a podcast at 881ThePark.com beginning July 31.

APIA DINNER

Date/Time: Saturday, July 27, 6-10 p.m.

Location: East Lake Chinese Restaurant, 5087 Rochester Road, in Troy

Details: Asian-Pacific Islander American Vote-MI hosts its third annual dinner to honor and recognize outstanding APIAs in the community. The keynote speaker will be Tuyen Le, executive director of the Asian American Institute, a Midwestern Pan-Asian organization committed to empowering Asian Americans through advocacy by utilizing research, education and coalition building. Tickets are \$65 (general admission and one-year membership), \$50 general admission and \$40 for members.

Contact: Sally Kim at 313-438-8862 or email sallykimapiavotemil.org

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times/Locations:

Monday, July 29, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5825 Sheldon.

Tuesday, July 30, noon to 5:45 p.m., Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Dr.

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, please contact Diane Risko at 313-549-7052.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 30, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road.

Details: The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780



Dr. Michael Meissen, new Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent, airs on 88.1 The Park at 5:45 p.m.
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welcomes another series of jazz @ The Elks with the Cliff Monear Trio with Stephanie Monear as the vocalist. Cliff has played at the Elks several times, but this is Stephanie's first appearance. The trio features Cliff on keyboard with Jeff Pedraz on bass and Scott Kretzer on drums. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouth-elks1780@yahoo.com.

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@plymouthfallfestival.com or 734-455-1614.

KIDZ KAMP

Date/Time: July 31 and Aug. 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold St., Northville

Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support offers its annual Kidz Kamp for children ages 4-12. Kids will be able to share their own unique stories with other grieving children as well as enjoy music, games, crafts and food. The two-day camp is free, but space is limited.

Contact: Register by calling 248-348-

0115. More information can be found on New Hope's website, www.newhopecenter.net/events.html.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Aug. 7, 1-3 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Road, Ste. 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you understand your Medicare/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: United Home Health Services at 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html.

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, in Plymouth

Details: The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open 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 facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.

Contact: Call Fern Vining at 734-454-0859.

SUPPORT GROUP

Date/Time: Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbytery-

an Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? If so, your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences. Learn from others as they share ideas, resources and support. Donations appreciated.

Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at ptremy-narch@comcast.net.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th annual Craft Show. Proceeds will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.

Contact: Call or email Judy at 734-347-1001 or jibone716@comcast.net or Alice at 248-348-9510 or dachren@hothmail.com.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group for compassionate workers, "providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristens@ccoh.net.

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First and third Friday of each month, 9-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14651 Hagerty, Plymouth Township

Details: The St. Edith's St. Kenneth Catholic Parish Mothers of Preschoolers group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides encouragement, nurturing and support and features a schedule of activities that includes speakers, crafts and group discussions.

Contact: Heather at 734-437-9517 or email stetkops@gmail.com, or visit www.stetkops.org.

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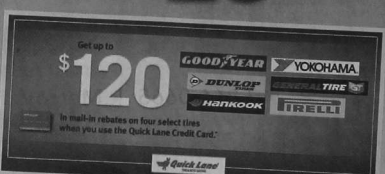


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'Very sad': Wayne RESA board dissolves Inkster district

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Parents of Inkster school students found out this weekend which district they now live in after the Wayne RESA board voted 4-0 Thursday evening to dissolve the financially struggling Inkster Public Schools.

The county's intermediate school district sent out mailers to families living in the former school district, informing them of their new school district following the historic vote.

The district has been divided between four receiving districts — Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the Romulus, Taylor and Westwood school districts. Wayne RESA Superintendent Christopher Wigent described the decision as a "very sad and unfortunate situation" and blasted state officials for what he called an "irresponsible and politically motivated" law.

"The decision was made in Lansing and many see it as eroding local control," he said. "This law was passed in six weeks and specifically targeted two districts (Inkster and Buena Vista). This decision was made in Lansing and we are forced to pick up the pieces."

The vote came four days after state Superintendent Michael Flanagan and state Treasurer Andy Dillon upheld their earlier decision to dissolve the Inkster school district after it failed to file documentation that it had the money to operate schools through the end of the 2013-14 school year.

Redrawing lines

The former school district has been divided

into four quadrants, north and south along Middlebelt and east and west along Michigan Avenue.

The largest of the four receiving districts, Wayne-Westland will receive the smallest portion of the former district — an area on its eastern edge that is bordered by Michigan Avenue of the south, Middlebelt on the east and Avondale on the north.

In a press release posted on the district website shortly after the meeting, school officials said that the student data that Wayne County RESA has given Wayne-Westland indicates that there are currently 65 students registered and attending Inkster Public Schools within Wayne-Westland's quadrant — 34 in grades K-5, 13 in grades 6-8 and 18 in grades 9-11.

» The Westwood School district is receiving the northeast quadrant, which has Middlebelt and Henry Ruff on the west, Michigan Avenue on the south, Inkster Road on the east and Avondale on the north and 133 students.

» The Romulus School District gets an area bounded by Michigan Avenue on the north, Van Born on the south, Henry Ruff on the west and Middlebelt on the east. Its area includes three school buildings and 380 students.

» The Taylor School District is getting the largest portion, an area bounded by Van Born, Middlebelt, Michigan Avenue and Inkster Road and includes three school buildings and 376 students.

Pain and emotion

An overflow crowd filled the auditorium at the Wayne RESA Center in Wayne to voice their

disapproval of the process and witness the extraordinary vote. Many residents lashed out at state lawmakers for ramrodding through in just 14 days the bill that led to the dissolution of the district. Gov. Rick Snyder signed it into law July 3 and 20 days later Flanagan and Dillon determined the district should be dissolved.

Wigent, in talking about the redrawing of the district, said that Inkster high school students will be able to play sports in their new schools. The Michigan High School Athletic Association has waived its rule that requires students transferring to a new school sit out for six months.

"I can only imagine the emotions and pain you are feeling," an emotional Wigent told Inkster residents. "In the 24 years I've been a superintendent, this is the most heartbreaking, confusing and anti-educational thing I've ever seen."

RESA board members echoed Wigent's sentiments.

"This is a very painful process," board member Mary Blackmon said. "All of us care about what is happening. We have a greater compassion for Inkster families than the state does."

"After 30 years with Wayne RESA, I never thought this was going to happen," Trustee James Beri said. "Inkster is the start; we have other school districts on the edge. It's just starting. Whatever you do, don't give up the fight. You can help other districts."

"None of us supported this legislation, none of us believe dissolution should be the only choice for a school district," Trustee Lynda Jackson

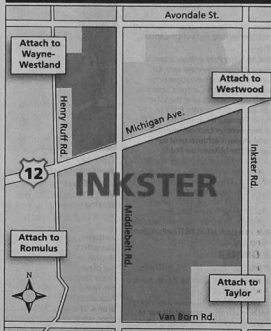
said. "We can't believe this, it's heartbreaking, but we can't wait. The children have to know where they're going. With deep regret, we have to take this action, we have to take responsibility. We don't want the state to do it. We don't know what they would do."

Wayne RESA is now responsible for closing Inkster's operations, distributing its assets and administering its debt. While the district has been officially dissolved, it will remain intact for taxation purposes until its existing debt is paid off.

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Rotary program allows local students to travel abroad

By Kurt Kusan
Staff Writer

While many of their classmates are busy thinking about events like homecoming activities and senior prom, Northville High School seniors Mary Boyd and Grace Doolittle are packing their bags and booking flights that will take them far away from Northville and all of their friends.

Boyd and Doolittle will be spending their senior year overseas as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Boyd, 17, will spend the next year studying in Germany, while Doolittle, 17, is headed to Brazil.

"The idea of a teen traveling alone and then staying in another country for their senior year in high school may seem daunting and a bit intimidating to some, but not for Boyd, who is so excited about the chance to

experience another culture and spend time in Europe.

"I will miss my friends, no doubt, but I won't miss my senior year. It won't be that much different where I'm going. Sure, I won't get to go to prom with my friends, but that will only be for one year," Boyd said. "This just seems like a perfect opportunity for me."

Both girls applied for the exchange program through Northville Rotary. It is a program most Rotary clubs offer. In fact, Rotary has been sending students to other countries – and vice versa – for more than 75 years. More than 8,000 students from more than 80 different countries participate in the program each year. Students apply through their local Rotary club, though they don't get to pick where they are going. There is a selection program and



Traci Sincok (far left) and husband Paul recently finished hosting Brazilian exchange student Mariana Peres (far right) as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Peres just completed her senior year at Salem High School. Northville High students Grace Doolittle (center left) and Mary Boyd will soon head off on their exchange trips for a year to Brazil and Germany, respectively. JOHN HEDER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

students must go where there are open opportunities.

Doolittle admits Brazil wasn't her first choice and she didn't know too much about Brazil when she was notified that's where she would be

headed. She has studied Spanish in school – but, of course, people speak Portuguese in Brazil. So she has been studying as much as possible on Brazilian culture before departing later this month.

"I get waves of nervousness, but it's mostly excitement," Doolittle said.

Learning a new culture

Both girls are looking forward to the challenges of learning a foreign culture and meeting lots of new friends. Fortunately for them, they were able to meet Mariana Peres, a Brazilian who just spent her senior year at Salem High School. During her senior year, Peres stayed with Plymouth residents Traci

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The Northville Rotary Club will be seeking host families for an inbound student who will attend Northville High School during the 2014-15 school year. If you would like to obtain more information on the requirements and expectations of becoming a host family, please contact Northville Rotarian Sue Campbell at 248-344-1618.

and Paul Sincok. She offered both Boyd and especially Doolittle plenty of advice. She said it was a little difficult to adjust at first, especially attending Salem High School at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"My school in Brazil was like 500 students. Here there was like 6,400 students. In Brazil, teachers move from classroom to classroom and the students stay in the same classroom. So I was a little lost the first couple days there," Peres said.

Ultimately, Peres said being an exchange student was a wonderful experience and something she would recommend to anyone. Staying with the Sincoks, she was able to see a lot of America and she met lots of great new friends.

"It was, like, the best experience I've had. I think everyone should do something like this," Peres said. "There is a waiting list in Brazil for people to come here."

Host families

The other part of the equation with the Rotary program is the need for local host families. Traci Sincok said Rotary is

always looking for qualified families to host a student for a year.

"Host families come in all shapes and sizes," Sincok said. "Just because you don't have kids doesn't mean you can't host students."

And Sincok would know. She and her husband have no children of their own, yet they have hosted five exchange students over the years. She said it has always been a great experience. Shannon Boyd, Mary's mother, agreed. Over the years, she and her husband D.J., who is a Northville Rotary member, have hosted three exchange students. In fact, that was one of the motivating factors in Mary applying for the program.

"The kids come here to learn, but we also learn about their cultures, too. I think it's important for our kids to experience a different culture," Shannon Boyd said.

Having gone through the experience, she said she isn't worried about her daughter being so far away for so long.

"I know she will be fine," Shannon Boyd said.

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Pensions, bonds could be at risk in Detroit bankruptcy

Q: Dear Rick: In addition to being a former Detroit city employee, I also have quite a bit of money invested in city bonds. Half the bonds I own are issued by the Water Department, while the remaining bonds are just general-type bonds, not specific to any project. Are these bonds at risk? Can I lose money on them? Also, my union told me that they're going to fight if the city changes the terms of my pension. A union official was very confident that in the long run the pension won't change. Do you agree with his optimistic forecast?

A: I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but I am not optimistic that your pension won't be changed. I believe there will be adjustments to city pensions. I have no idea what those adjustments will be or when they will take effect.

I recognize that unions will challenge the city, however, I don't see them being successful. I believe the problems of Detroit are so severe that the only way to clean up the decades of mismanagement is to make massive cuts. Unfortunately, I believe that pensions will be on the chopping block.

With regards to your bonds, I have good news and bad news. The good news is that Water Department bonds are known as revenue bonds and I believe those bonds will be safe throughout the bankruptcy.

Revenue-type bonds have a security interest in the project they're in. In your situation, the revenue bonds for the city of Detroit Water Department create a security interest in the revenues generated by the department and those



revenues will be used to pay off its bonds holders. Because of the security interest and the revenues produced by the Water Department, those bonds should be safe.

This is not the case with your other bonds. The other bonds are known as general obligation bonds. There is no security interest created and the general revenues of the city are used to pay off the bondholders.

In his meeting with creditors, Kevin Orr, the Detroit emergency manager, suggested that holders of general obligation bonds will be treated as unsecured creditors. If the bankruptcy court holds to that opinion, then bondholders of the city of Detroit general obligation bonds will suffer serious loss.

My advice to people that have a pension through the city or general obligation bonds is to start the process of restructuring your finances now, including looking for ways to reduce your expenses.

It may not be fair, but it is a reality that bondholders and people who receive pensions from the city are going to pay for the city's negligence in running its finances. That being said, the sooner you make changes in your personal financial affairs, the better it will be for you.

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, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Marshall Crenshaw headlining state fair

Six musical acts featured in Labor Day weekend event

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

From Grand Rapids to Ann Arbor, up to Saginaw and then Downriver, Michigan is the theme for the live music at the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, with Berkeley-reared Marshall Crenshaw headlining the Labor Day weekend event at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The five other acts — all based in Michigan — include Stewart Francke, George Bedard & The Kingspins, Delilah DeWyde & The Lost Boys, Steven Mullin Band and Ryan Dillaha & The Miracle Men.

"We're extremely excited about this lineup. It's a strong representation of the immense talent and various genres that our state is famous for — not just here, but all over the world," said Whitney Stone of 2 Stones Events, the Brighton-based company in charge of booking the fair's music. "We've doubled the number of acts from last year's lineup, which was Americana-driven, and spread it out."

Marshall Crenshaw

"Marshall Crenshaw has been on our radar for years and now we finally have an event that we can showcase him," Stone said. "He lives in New York, so this will be like a homecoming for him. And he'll be backed by the perfect band for his sound, the Bottle Rockets."

Crenshaw's self-titled debut album in 1982 was hailed by critics as a pop masterpiece and included the hit *Someday*. Somewhat of a career including stints as John Lennon in the off-Broadway production of *Beatlemania* and as Buddy Holly in *La Bamba*, the Richie Valens biopic. Over the past 30 years, he's released 13 albums full of songs "that are melodic, hooky and emotionally true and he sings and plays them with an honesty and force that still finds room for humor without venom," according to *All Music Guide*.

Ryan Dillaha & The Miracle Men

The state fair's live music will kick off Friday, Aug. 30, with Ryan Dillaha & The Miracle Men. Born and bred in the Downriver area, singer-songwriter Dillaha is truly a product of Detroit. After playing with drummer Tim Rios for nearly a decade, The Miracle Men were formed in 2013 with the addition of Mike Millman on bass and Jason Portier on guitar.

"The band is already earning rave reviews from critics and fans for their exuberant live shows," as stated on Dillaha's website. "Their debut album will appear this year. Ryan Dillaha & The Miracle Men play the kind of music you wish people still played; call it Detroit



Stewart Francke CYBELLE COUGH

Americana, call it soulful folk rock and roll, but whatever you call it, raise a glass and bring your dancing shoes.

Stewart Francke

Friday's headliner, Stewart Francke, has achieved near-legendary status in Michigan. From his beginnings in the industrial city of Saginaw to bright lights on national stages. His first album, *Where the River Meets The Bay* (1995), contained the hit single *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang*, made famous through its use as an episode theme for the TV show *Melrose Place*.

In the ensuing albums there have been other regional hits, including a duet with Detroit legend Mitch Ryder and several songs cut with the Funk Brothers in their last session together. He's sold more than 50,000 copies of his 11 albums through independent distribution and marketing. His latest, *Heartless World*, includes a duet with Bruce Springsteen titled *Summer Soldier (Holler If Ya Hear Me)*.

Francke also signed a worldwide contract with ebook publisher Untreed Reads, which recently released *What Don't Kill Me Just Makes Me Strong*, the musician's memoir of his battle with leukemia, a bone marrow transplant, lengthy complications and recovery.

Steven Mullin Band

Launching Saturday's music will be Steven Mullin, who's been described as "rhythmic, soulful and a little torchy" by the *Erle Times News*. Currently residing in Plymouth, his music sounds like the love-child of Ben Harper and John Mayer ... on the piano.

He's shared the stage with artists ranging from Dave Brubeck to Ekostik Hookah and he and his band (The Toledo Kids) perform shows regularly around the Midwest. Played on Detroit area Toledo radio, his newest single, *This World Is Made For Love*, is now available on iTunes website.

Delilah DeWyde & The Lost Boys

Rockably will begin with Sunday's music, prepping with the Grand Rapids-based Delilah DeWyde & The Lost Boys. The band formed in 2005 and has released three LPs.

"Just like rockably originators Johnny Cash, Bill Haley and Carl Perkins, this Michigan trio cut its teeth on steel-guitar driven country in the style popularized by Hank Williams, Ernest Tubbs and Webb Pierce. But the draw of the big beat was irresistible, and over time the band's approach has become sharper and tighter. Not self-consciously retro, Delilah (upright bass/lead vocals) and the Lost Boys (Lee Harvey, guitar; D.J.



Steven Mullin

McCoys, drums) remain committed to hand-crafted American music that stands at the crossroads of creativity and craftsmanship, liberally drawing from honky-tonk country, rockabilly and surf music." — www.delilahdewyde.com.

George Bedard & The Kingspins

Closing out the state fair's live music will be George Bedard & The Kingspins. The Ann-Arbor based performer has few peers in the rockably/blues/rock genre.

"There's not much Bedard can't play extremely well in any of these idioms, his style always informed by taste and economy," wrote the late Cub Koda. "Though his solo recordings have been few, George Bedard remains a guitar hero's guitar hero."

His career began in the 1970s. In addition to The Silvertones' *One Chance With You*, Bedard has released three recordings with his trio, The Kingspins — *Hip Deep*, *Triple Crown* and *Upbeat* — and two solo releases, *Pickin' Apart the Past*, from 2011, is packed with classics that demonstrate a departure from his Kingspins style. And he's just released *Further On*, a showcase for Bedard's authentic rockably and pure blues talents.

"Bedard may not become the next trendy thing," *Record Round-up* wrote, "but as far as this kind of music, he's already the next cool thing."

Daytime entertainment

In the evening, the stage will feature two main acts Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Other up-and-coming acts, booked by Elisa Balon and her father, Dr. Michael Balon, will perform throughout the day Friday through Monday. "Last year saw a variety of acts from a steel drum group, to a klezmer band, to a Blues Brothers tribute act and this year promises to be just as entertaining," Elisa said. "Come support these local acts and see what Michigan's performers have to offer."

Entertainment for the Michigan State Fair is hoping to start a new tradition of its own with its first-ever Michigan State Fair Choir, made up of members pulled from various community and church choirs.

The choir will be performing *Made In The USA*, a medley of different songs and styles enjoyed across the United States, on Saturday.

"Come and listen," Elisa said, "and maybe you'll want to join them next year. People of all ages, skill levels and voice types are welcome."

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A few individuals take advantage of physicians' sensitivity to joint pain. These people have a narcotic drug habit; often, they are clever at hiding their addiction. They present to physicians as experiencing joint pain that other doctors have not been able to diagnose. These addicts may try to flatter the physician by saying they have come to see him because of his reputation for being such a good physician.

At some point in the interview, the addict will mention that only Vicodin, or oxycontin or fentanyl patch gives relief, and only for a short time. The message to the doctor is that the patient needs a narcotic and needs to take it four times or more a day. The experienced physician hears the message, but does not respond with the expected prescription. In that case, the addict may either become surly or turn extremely polite. But either way, the addict leaves to find a doctor who will accept the addict's terms. Patients with fibromyalgia are an exception. They do feel intense pain, and the pain can be that way every day; they feel their pain justifies daily narcotics. When turning down their requests, doctors should be conciliatory because the aim is to treat fibromyalgia not get the patient out the door.

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Schoolcraft College hosts program on social media safety

Wayne County Sheriff Cpl. Erin Diamond will speak about the benefits and pitfalls of using social media, especially for high school and college students, at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at the Vita-Tech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

In many cases, young adults aren't

aware of the long-term effect of what they say and post on social media sites on their higher education aspirations and even career goals.

The message isn't for kids to stay off the Internet – that would be impractical and unrealistic. The message, according to Diamond, who is also a member

of the Michigan State Police and FBI's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, is to teach and remind kids how to be smart and safe online.

Diamond's presentation is sponsored by the Student Athlete Support Services at Schoolcraft College and is free and open to the public.

Insurance debate rages on

Cavanagh organizes town hall to discuss legislation

By Larry Ruehlen
Staff Writer

Erica Coulston knows the value of Michigan's no-fault insurance system better than most. She was in a serious car accident 12 years ago and became a quadriplegic. Years of medical treatment and physical therapy have made her not only more independent, but more upbeat

about the future.

"My attendant care costs \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year," she said. "I know (accident victims) on Medicare, Blue Cross, Medicaid, who get zero for attendant care. Their families must provide it and if they don't, they go into nursing homes."

Coulston is co-founder of Walk the Line to SCI Recovery and was hon-

ored as Oakland County "Elite 40 Under 40" winner in February.

Coulston was a panelist at a town hall meeting on no-fault insurance reform held Thursday at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit. The event was organized by state Rep. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford Township.

"I wanted a serious discussion and we certainly had one," Cavanagh said. "This bill was so bad... there was enough for everyone to find something in it to hate. I think we need reform. I have heard universally that people want no-fault to stay. If you put a fraud, waste and abuse commission in place, maybe it will lower costs."

Cavanagh called the town hall meeting because he is upset that Michigan drivers pay a \$186 fee to the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association for every car. He wants the agency to explain why the fee keeps going up and is demanding that the MCCA be more open and accessible to public scrutiny.

"I will introduce a package of eight bills in September," Cavanagh said. "We need reform."

Gov. Rick Snyder has publicly backed a Republican plan to abolish the requirement that consumers purchase unlimited lifetime medical coverage in auto insurance. The proposal caps coverage for catastrophic accident victims at \$1 million.

Tom Shields, of the Coalition for Auto Insurance Reform, supported the plan Thursday.

"Unlimited medical coverage is hurting our Michigan companies," Shields said. "Medical costs are three times higher than our closest state."

Shields said the \$1 million cap would cover 99.8 percent of all claims in the state. He was also frustrated with different costs for treatments depending on who is paying for it – auto insurance companies, worker's compensation insurance or Medicare.

"A broken arm is a broken arm," he said. "It shouldn't cost more just because an auto insurance company is paying the bill."

Pete Kuhnmuenech, executive director of the Insurance Institute of Michigan, explained why reform is necessary. "We are trying to address a growing problem before it becomes a major issue."

Detroit's bankruptcy happened because people kept kicking the can down the road... we can agree auto insurance rates are too high... we can't close our eyes to it."

He said 20 percent of motorists drive around without insurance because they can't afford it.

"No-fault is the right system, but we have to be responsible for how we pay for it and how we structure it," Kuhnmuenech said.

Madonna rummage sale to benefit student volunteers

A rummage sale will be held at Madonna University's campus 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3.

There will be a wide variety of goods for sale, from clothes and household items to electronics, tools and toys. All of the proceeds from the sale will be used to send Madonna University student volunteers on alternative spring break trips, where they volunteer their time and effort helping underserved communities. Donations of items from the community are being accepted for the sale.

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Gift takes balloon ride all the way to Virginia

Westland girl sends present to dad

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Dakota Robine sent a gift to her father – her love and a drawing she had done in school – by “air mail,” a bunch of red heart-shaped balloons.

Little did she or her mother Deborah know the special delivery would turn up in Jessica Barger's backyard in Fredericksburg, Va.

“I was with my sister and father and we saw them in the air, it looked like the lost a balloon and then they dropped,” said Barger, who contacted the Observer in hopes of finding the Robines to let them know how far the bouquet had traveled. “I think it would be pretty amazing for them to know that their balloons made it all the way to Virginia.”

The balloons travelled 584 miles from Westland to Fredericksburg, carrying Dakota's gift. While they looked like they had been through some weather – there had been storms in the area, according to Barger – the paper bag, drawing and messages written on

them were in good shape.

Barger remembers thinking that the picture was done by a very young child. She did some searching on the Internet and even looked on Facebook, but was unable to track down Krystal or Dakota.

“It was kind of like a message in a bottle,” Barger said. “There was no address or phone number, but each balloon had ‘we miss you’ and names like Dakota and Krystal.”

Gift for dad

According to her mother, Deborah, 7-year-old Dakota wanted to send a gift to her father, who died when she was eight months old.

“We got the idea from some balloons that were found in Florida,” Deborah Robine said. “Dakota has so many questions about her dad and thought it would be a good way to do something for her to send something to her dad. I never thought they would go that far.”

William T. Robine died Dec. 6, 2006, at the age of 39. Known as Todd, his

death came after a short illness and 1½ years after his father had died June 17, 2005.

“He was an only child. He was extremely close to his father,” Deborah Robine said.

It took two launches to get the balloons off the ground. On the first attempt, the balloons went up and came down one street over from their home. They bought more balloons and did a second release. That time, the balloons went up and Deborah silently prayed that if they got caught in a tree, it wouldn't be where her daughter would see them.

“As long as it made it out of her view, I knew she would be happy that she had sent something to him,” Deborah Robine said. “The second time they just missed the trees. I couldn't imagine having to call someone if they had gotten stuck in a tree.”

Coming home

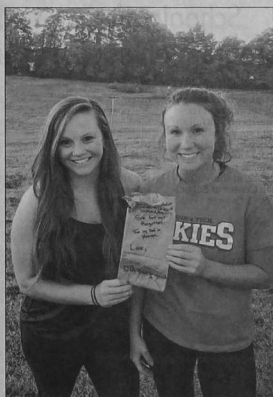
The balloons have been thrown away, but Barger held on to the paper bag and the drawing. She now plans to return them to Deborah Robine, who will put them in her daughter's keepsake box.

Coincidentally, the family learned that the balloons had been found on what would have been William Robine's 45th birthday, July 23.

Barger is glad to have found the balloons and let the Robines know their message arrived back on Earth in one piece.

“I don't think I'll tell Dakota about this. I'll let her think they made it to her father,” Deborah Robine said. “But I think we've started a new family tradition for his birthday and Father's Day.”

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Jennifer (left) and Jessica Barger show the paper bag, containing Dakota Robine's drawing, that was carried by the wind from Westland to Fredericksburg, Va.

Dakota Robine and her mother Deborah chose red heart-shaped balloons to carry her Father's Day gift aloft.



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Canton hockey coach Majszak steps down

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

"The team comes first" is the message Canton varsity boys hockey players read on the blackboard when they step into the Arctic Edge locker room for the first day of practice every season.

That mission statement applies to the coaches, too.

Unable to guarantee he'd be able to put the team ahead of his changing family life, veteran head coach Jeremy Majszak this summer opted to step down.

Majszak, a 31-year-old Canton alum and former Chiefs hockey player, determined the program needed someone in charge who could put more time into the demanding job than he'd be able to.

The reason he decided he couldn't? He and his wife Stacie are expecting a baby

next winter.

"Our whole thing was building a program and tradition," Majszak said. "It's very time-consuming, there's a lot that goes into it, and I knew it would be more than difficult with a newborn in the middle of the season, especially in January."

"It's a big time commitment and I want that commitment to continue. It's not fair for me to hang on to something."

Majszak, who played for the Chiefs and then was an assistant coach for five seasons before taking over as head coach in 2008-09, isn't completely pulling the plug. He, assistant coaches Brad Barath and Frank Majszak and team manager Dave Flack are still running the Chiefs' summer program and he plans to stick around during a transitional

Needed: GC JV volleyball coach

The Garden City High School volleyball program is looking for a junior varsity coach for the upcoming fall season. Interested candidates should contact Garden City High School athletic director Rob Phillips at phillir@gardcityschools.org.

Bucks douse Fire

The Michigan Bucks added to their Premier Development League record number of playoff wins when they won their 23rd postseason match Tuesday night, 4-0, over the Chicago Fire.

Following a scoreless first half, Dion Peters tallied the game's first goal on a free kick from 22 yards out in the game's 64th minute. Matt Walker (from Gerald Ben), Zach Steinberger (from Latif Alashe) and Kenny Uzoigwe also scored for the winners.

Bucks goalkeeper Adam Grinwis registered the shutout.

Rams topple A's

Evan Piechota pitched a complete-game five-hitter to lead the Michigan Rams to a 5-1 victory over the Oakland A's in a Livonia Men's Collegiate Baseball League game Wednesday night at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

With the win, the Rams improved to 18-11-2. The A's slipped to 16-14.

The victors never trailed after tallying a pair of runs in the top of the first. They added two in the fourth and one in the seventh — way more than needed for the razor-sharp Piechota, who struck out 10 and walked just one.

Oakland's lone run (unearned) came in the fourth on an RBI single by Jeff Schalk.

Trent Drumheller, J.P. Maracani and Matt Avromov paced the Rams' offense with two hits each. Griffin Harms, Miles Sorise and Brett Ramirez all knocked in a run for Rick Berryman's squad.

Coaching jobs

» Livonia Ladywood High School has coaching vacancies for a girls varsity pompon and varsity swimming for the fall 2013 season, along with a girls freshman basketball coach for the 2013-14 season. Call 734-591-2386.

» Farmington High School is seeking an assistant varsity football coach. Those interested should email head coach John Bechtel at jbechtel2345@aol.com.



After a decade of helping build Canton's varsity boys hockey program, Jeremy Majszak is stepping down. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Long-lasting loyalty lives on

Redford Union's 'super fan' bleeds gold and blue

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A few minutes past 7 p.m. Thursday, possibly the most loyal fan in the history of Redford Union High School athletics was standing at the epicenter of his favorite place on Earth.

The fan — or "super fan," to be more precise — is Jimmy Rollin and the place was center court in the Redford Union gymnasium.

As he posed for a quick photo — his arms crossed and his feet firmly planted on the large "RU" logo printed on the gym's shiny new hardwood floor — Rollin's smile spoke volumes about how important RU sports are in his life.

Rollin's unwavering devotion to the Panthers' sports teams over the past three-plus decades has earned him the love and respect of the school's coaches and athletes, who have showered him with blue-and-gold hats, shirts, coats, handshakes and hugs.

Members of the girls soccer team even bought him a cake on his birthday this past spring.

"Jimmy was one of the first people I met when I took over the wrestling team three years ago and he's been here ever since," RU wrestling coach Rob Rankin said. "It thrills me to no end to see him before our wrestling matches or at the football games and track meets. I make it a point to shake his hand before every football game. It's nice to have the consistency he brings. I wish we had 100 more fans just like him."

"I mean, some of the athletes' parents don't show up to some of the games, but there's Jimmy, cheering us on. I know for a fact that the boys and girls on the teams appreciate him being there. You don't see his kind of loyalty a lot anymore."

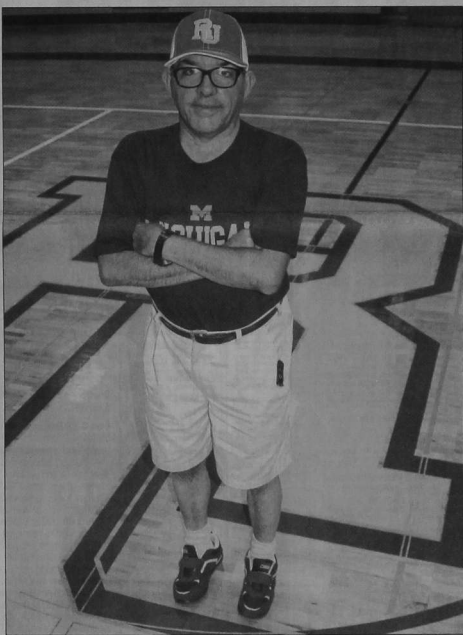
A Panther for life

Rollin's passion for RU athletics is not only genuine, it is deeply rooted. A 1977 graduate of the school, he served as a student manager for the wrestling, girls basketball and football teams while attending RU.

After graduating, he moved to the stands, but his heart remained entrenched with the teams.

"This school means a lot to me; I'm proud of this school," Rollin said. "I like all the people here that I meet at the games. I cheer loud because I want them to win. When somebody says one of our teams isn't that good, I tell them, 'This is my school and I'm going to root for it, no matter what.'"

On fall and winter nights when the RU



Redford Union alum Jimmy Rollin has attended thousands of Panthers games since graduating in 1977.

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Inspiration comes in many shapes, sizes

Tough Mudders' experiences offer the ultimate motivation

A few weeks ago, I inserted a short blurb in the *Observer* sports sections that encouraged readers to share their experiences from the Michigan Tough Mudder, an ultra-demanding endurance event held June 29-30 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

In addition to running up to 12 miles on a mud-slicked course — heck, you had to be a tough mother just to do that — Tough Mudder participants had to endure as many as 25 obstacles along the way, obstacles that ranged from scaling a 15-foot wall to running through fire.

A walk in the park, it wasn't — unless, of course, you happened to be a Navy Seal.

Of the many accounts I received via emails and phone calls, I selected a few to feature in my story.

I then wrote an article for the newspaper and was ready to move on to my next summer sports-writing project — or so I thought.

Between the time I finished the story and the article appeared in print, I received several more Tough Mudder-related emails — at least three of which were way beyond compelling and bordering on remarkable.

Reading the accounts of these experiences was like watching an incredibly appealing movie trailer — I couldn't wait to see or in this case, hear about the whole enchilada.

Below are the Tough Mudder stories of Livonia residents Jackie Zimmerman and Sue Barna and Farmington Hills resident Walt Pheneey.

If you are not in the mood to be inspired today, stop reading now.



Seventy-one-year-old Farmington Hills resident Walt Pheneey (left) completed the Tough Mudder with his 43-year-old son Mark.

No obstacle too tough

In a lot of ways, Jackie Zimmerman is no different than the rest of the 14,000 or so athletes who decided to test the Tough Mudder course last month. She is 28 years old, ambitious and loves a challenge.

What separated Zimmerman from the rest of the pack is that she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2006 and ulcerative colitis in 2009. The effects of the latter disease resulted in the removal of her large intestine in 2010.

And MS is infamous for causing debilitating fatigue — even when you're not trying to slog through 12 miles of mud on an 80-degree day.

Yes, Zimmerman is a very tough mudder.

"I started running last year, with my goal set at running a 5K before I turned 30," Zimmerman said. "I actually accomplished that faster than I thought I would — even though I run painfully slow."

"I ended up running a 10K,

too, although by accident. I took a wrong turn on one race and, well..."

After finishing an event called Down and Dirty, which is a scaled-down version of Tough Mudder, she contemplated attempting the ultimate endurance test at MIS.

"The only reason I hesitated was because with MS, heat creates overwhelming fatigue," Zimmerman said. "I usually have to take a nap after I run, as the training just wipes me out."

"Plus, when you've had your colon removed like I have, you tend to get dehydrated very quickly."

Undeterred, Zimmerman not only registered for the Tough Mudder, she finished it. "There are people who have ulcerative colitis who don't feel comfortable unless they're within five minutes of a bathroom," she said. "I want to be a service voice for people with MS and ulcerative colitis and show them that if I can do these things, they can, too."

No fear too great

A veteran of the United States Army, 60-year-old Sue Barna has no doubt endured boot camps that would make the Tough Mudder seem like a stroll down to the corner 7-Eleven.

A veteran of five 26.2-mile marathons, the endurance factor a Tough Mudder presents was obviously not going to be an issue for Barna.

So when her nephew Scott told Barna about the Tough Mudder, she was all in and quickly joined a team that included Scott and nine of his co-workers at Grand Rapids-based Davenport College.

Even though she was at least 20 years older than her teammates, Barna easily kept pace with them through the first eight obstacles.

But No. 9 provided a challenge.

"It was called 'Walk the Plank,'" she said. "You had to climb up a 15-foot ladder, walk along a plank, then dive into

murky water on the other side. The only problem was, I have a fear of heights. I'm not a great swimmer. I'm OK with swimming in clear water that is separated by lanes, but this was jumping 15 feet into muddy water. For me, it was like jumping into an abyss. It was only 15 feet, but it seemed like 100."

After carefully researching each of the obstacles on the toughmudder.com website in the days leading up to the event, Barna and her nephew devised a plan that would help her get through "Walk the Plank."

"We decided we were going to go to the edge, hold hands, then jump in together," Barna said. "But when we got to the edge of the plank, the officials told us everyone had to jump in one at a time."

"There were spotters in the water and, when it was your turn to jump, they pointed at you and told you to go. When they pointed at me, I was paralyzed with fear."

For a few minutes at least, Barna stood off to the side and let fellow Mudders jump in front of her.

When I interviewed Livonia resident Alicia Martin earlier this month for my original Tough Mudder article, she got choked up while recalling how several participants hung around the "Walk the Plank" obstacle to help talk a fearful mudder into jumping.

"I'm pretty sure that was me she was talking about," Barna said. "After a few minutes, one of the officials approached me, put his arm around me and said, 'You're a tough mudder. I know it. You can do this. You're going to walk over to the edge, we're both going to count to three and you're going to jump. After you pop up out of the water, you're going to look up at me and give me a thumbs-up and you're not going to believe how easy it was.'"

A few deep breaths later,

that's exactly what Barna did. "They told me I could have walked back down the ladder and skipped that obstacle, but I wanted no part of that," she said, smiling. "I'm sure when I do this again next year, it will be a lot easier."

No age limits

While Walt Pheneey was maneuvering through the Tough Mudder course June 30 with his son Mark and three other friends, many of his peers were no doubt tackling crossword puzzles or watching the Detroit Tigers game on TV.

You see, Pheneey is 71 years old (or young, depending on how you look at it).

Adventure is in Pheneey's blood, but that's not the No. 1 reason he decided to participate in the Tough Mudder. Although he has conquered a number of daunting physical challenges — including numerous triathlons and marathons — Pheneey was at MIS last month to honor the colleagues that were killed during his two-year stint in the Vietnam War.

Proceeds from the event were donated to the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization that assists disabled veterans.

"Having spent a clandestine and undercover year in Vietnam (in 1965 and 1966), I lost the majority of my team," he said. "By participating in the Tough Mudder, I wanted to honor them and give thanks for my still being able to compete by undertaking unusual challenges."

Pheneey said more than one of the obstacles created flashbacks of his days in Vietnam — particularly the "Boa Constrictor," which required crawling in mud through a dark, 20-foot-long tunnel.

"For me, it was more of a mental challenge than a physical one," he said. "But I glad I did it, especially since I did it with my son."

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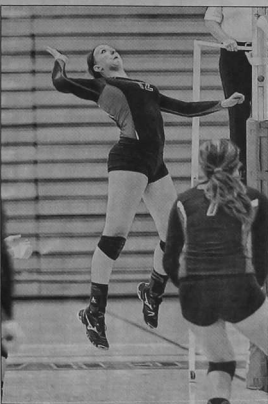


Livonia resident Sue Barna, 60, flashes a smile after completing the Tough Mudder, which was held last month at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.



Livonia resident Jackie Zimmerman dashes through the Tough Mudder's Electroshock Therapy obstacle.

Churchill spiker Norscia lands at Wayne State



Norscia, a 6-foot-1 outside hitter, earned four letters and was an MHSAA scholar athlete each of her four seasons with the Chargers. Her 1,964 career kills rank second in school history.

Under coach Mark Grenier, Norscia was an All-KLAA, All-Region and All-Observer selection in 2010, 2011 and 2012. She also made honorable mention all-state and was team MVP in 2012.

"Emily is a great pick-up for us, Nickel said. "She is a really good player who did a great job in her first year with the Legacy Volleyball Club. She is long and has a great arm. She should fit in very well with our team and is another quality player in the class of 2013."

Norscia helped Churchill to a 170-41-5 record

during her prep career, as the Chargers captured three of four KLAA South Division titles and also reached the Class A state semifinals in 2009 and state quarterfinals in 2010.

As a senior, Norscia racked up 786 kills (third in school history), 81 service aces and 42 blocks. As a junior, she finished with 524 kills, 48 aces and 42 blocks. During her sophomore year, Norscia recorded 622 kills (sixth in school history), 50 blocks and 49 aces.

Norscia played club volleyball for Legacy in 2012 and 2013 and Charger AAU in 2010 and 2011. Legacy won the Power League Championship in 2013.

As a discus thrower, Norscia placed third in the MHSA Division 1 finals two consecutive years (2012-13) and holds the school record.

Norscia, who plans to major in physical therapy with a minor in biology, has two older brothers, including Matthew, a WSU grad, and Cameron.

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period.

"We got a good core of returning players and a lot of new players that are coming up," Majszak said. "My intentions are to stay with the team in the fall, work with them from August through October and then, hand over the reins to whoever it might be in November."

Another possibility for the coming season might be leading coaching help to a Detroit Little Caesars AAA hockey team, he added.

Tough to leave

Meanwhile, Majszak did say it would be tough not to be with the Chiefs when they skate outdoors at Comerica Park in mid-December as part of a two-week celebration of hockey in downtown Detroit.

"We're going to be playing in the Winter Classic and we still got the same type of thing we're trying to do every year," he said. "I am disappointed in missing the Classic, but I'm

more disappointed in having to leave the program."

"It was kind of a big thing for me getting involved with it and taking it over."

According to Majszak, his decision was in lockstep with the main message every season to Canton players' — "It's hard to see it go, but our number one thing that we tell the kids is to never put yourself in front of the team," he said. "It's a team game, it's all about the program and everybody involved."

"I couldn't put myself ahead of the team in making a decision like that. I knew that I wouldn't be able to dedicate the time." Under Majszak's leadership, the Chiefs won back-to-back KLAA South Division titles in 2010-11 and 2011-12. Both of those seasons the Chiefs also were Lash Cup champions, awarded to the team winning the season series against P-CEP rivals Plymouth and Salem.

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Beat the heat at Farmington Hills arena

Hockey mom hopes 'Sticks & Pucks' helps her walk in Komen 3-Day

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Skate, don't walk or run, to help Jody Perris do her part in the ongoing fight against breast cancer.

Perris, a Farmington resident and Longacre Elementary School teacher, needs to raise \$2,300 in order to participate in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk Aug. 16-18 across metro Detroit.

So, for the third year in a row, she's taking her fundraising mission to Farmington Hills Ice Arena — where a 'Sticks & Pucks' event is slated 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday.

"We'd love to have people come out," said Perris, who did the Komen 3-Day in 2011 and 2012. "It's a lot of fun for the kids to see their families they

haven't seen in the summer for a while and skate for a great cause."

Donations will be encouraged. All money collected during the event will help Perris reach the mandatory registration fee.

If successful, she will again take part in the local Komen 3-Day. This year, participants will start off at the Novi Showcase and log 60 miles over that weekend.

It is estimated that 75 percent of net proceeds raised by the Komen 3-Day will fund national research and large public health outreach programs, according to the Komen website.

A 'win-win'

Perris said kids can come out and skate (they should



bring their sticks, skates and helmet) and the arena will provide pucks. As for donations, parents can chip in whatever amount they feel comfortable giving.

"Every year I've done it, the Farmington Hills Ice Arena has been generous enough to donate a sheet of ice and I hold a 'Sticks & Pucks' for an hour for hockey families," Perris said. "It's like an open skate where kids can play hockey during that time and the parents can make a donation."

"Both of my kids play hockey, so we have a lot of hockey contacts that are like family to us. So they come and kids can

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JODY PERRIS

Farmington resident

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Donations during the previous two skating events ranged from \$10 to "as much as \$50 per kid. It just depends on the family's financial situation and if they have a loved one that has been stricken with breast cancer or they have some kind of connection."

The third-grade teacher's two kids (son Gehrig, 13, and daughter Gabi, 12) are hockey players who "live, eat and breathe" hockey, she said.

Gehrig is entering eighth grade. He plays for a team in

the Farmington Hills Hockey Association and wants to someday play for his high school team (the Falcons).

Gabi formerly played in Farmington Hills and now is on a boys travel team in Novi.

"She wants to be in the Olympics, she wants to play hockey the rest of her life," Perris said. "She's very passionate about hockey."

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena is located on the north side of Eight Mile between Newburgh and Farmington roads.

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Kroger, Red Wings legend Lindsay teaming up to fight autism

'Hockey Fest' at Canton Kroger scheduled for Aug. 3

Customers going to "Hockey Fest" Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Kroger store in Canton can fill their shopping carts with Detroit Red Wings memories while supporting a worthy cause.

"Hockey Fest" is slated to take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Kroger at 1905 Canton Center Road.

Those who come out to the store (admission is free) can meet Red Wings legend Ted Lindsay and other Wings alumni and at the same time help support autism research and local treatment programs.

There also will be a Hockey Hall of Fame exhibit, as well as interactive games, including a mini hockey rink,

foam puck shooting range and a fast shot radar cage.

"The Ted Lindsay Foundation has played a significant role in raising money to fund groundbreaking research in the quest to find a cure for autism," said Jayne Homco, president of the Kroger Co. of Michigan. "We invite customers to join us for the fun and excitement of Hockey Fest while supporting the Foundation."

Customers can help Kroger support the Ted Lindsay Foundation by making coin box donations, as well as purchasing a \$1 coin card located at Kroger registers now through Aug. 31.

"Autism has reached almost epidemic proportions in our country," Lindsay said. "Because of the commitment of community partners like Kroger, we are able to reach large audiences

to help spread awareness of autism and to fund research to discover more about its causes and treatment."

Another highlight for fans will be the opportunity to talk to Lindsay and get autographs. Lindsay will do just that from noon to 2 p.m.

As part of the event, Kroger, The Ted Lindsay Foundation, today's 105.1 and WDIV/Local 4 ClickOnDetroit have gathered prizes that customers have a chance to win, including two pairs of tickets for a 2013-14 Detroit Red Wings regular season game, restaurant gift cards, theater tickets and more.

Guests will have the opportunity to meet other former Detroit Red Wings players and can purchase a family meal deal, with all proceeds from food and raffle sales benefiting The Ted Lindsay Foundation.



The Plymouth-Canton Force eighth-grade boys basketball team includes (back row, from left) coach Ed Gruczelak, Jackson Sartain, Hakeem El, Malik Rogers, Cameron Grace, Zack Gruczelak, coach Cesar and (front row, from left) Julius Crouch, Camren Barden, Jake Cesar and Sterling Gingles.

PC Force display winning skills

Teamwork and perseverance paid off July 20 for the Plymouth-Canton Force eighth-grade boys basketball team.

The PC Force captured the National American Youth Basketball Tournament in Fort Wayne, Ind., bouncing back from a 10-point deficit in the second half of the championship game.

With the victory, the Force finished undefeated and won the highly skilled top division.

There were 31 teams participating overall, divided into three divisions for single elimination tournaments.

"Our team never gives up," Force head coach Ed Gruczelak said. "In the championship game we were down 10 points in

the second half and came storming back with contributions from all nine players."

Members of the team include (listed alphabetically) Camren Barden, Jake Cesar, Julius Crouch, Hakeem El, Sterling Gingles, Cameron Grace, Zack Gruczelak, Malik Rogers and Jackson Sartain.

Dazzling at Disney



The Motor City Riversharks 13-and-under travel baseball team excelled at the Disney International Salute to Baseball earlier this month when it earned runner-up medals in Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Maryland, Ohio and Georgia. Pictured are (front, from left) Brendan Lacorato, Ryan Boyd, Jeremy Armstead, Kyle Winfrey, Chase Every and Brandon Boyd; (middle, from left) Andy Lentine, Brenden Olepa, Joe Watson, George Moyers, Nik Patel and Mickey Moyle; and (back, from left) coaches Ed Olepa, Mark Winfrey, Jerry Moyers and Bill Boyd.

LOCAL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Michigan Bulldogs

Open tryouts for the Michigan Bulldogs' 10-and-under, 11U and 12U travel baseball teams are scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. both Saturday, Aug. 10 and Sunday, Aug. 11.

The tryouts will take place on fields No. 2 and No. 3 at Bicentennial Field, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads in Livonia.

Interested players should note that the Bulldogs will be looking for players to also fill a second 11U team.

For further information please contact Mike Heard (734-834-6950;

mikeheard334@yahoo.com).

Plymouth Lightning

The Plymouth Lightning baseball league is holding tryouts 7-9 p.m. Tuesday for 13 or 14 year old boys for their fall and spring programs.

Tryouts will take place at Walz Quadrangle in Wayne.

Fall baseball will be played through the Total Baseball League. Players may also be considered for the spring travel baseball program, which includes games in the KVBSA league and weekend tournaments.

Following Tuesday's

tryouts, additional tryouts may be offered. For more information, contact Coach Jeff Walters at walters.jeff@gmail.com.

Great Lakes Cardinals

The Great Lakes Cardinals, a 14-and-under team in the KVBSA, is looking for five new players for the 2014 season.

Tryouts will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, July 29, at the Wayne Ford Civic Baseball Field, located on Wayne Road.

For more information, call Bill Flohr at 248-761-9694 or Angelo Lanava at 734-395-3355.

SUPER FAN

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gym is empty and silent, Rollin will check his schedule, then jump in his car and head to the nearest school where an RU team is competing.

Asked to estimate how many RU games he attends a year, Rollin paused for a few seconds before responding, "A lot!"

While Rollin brings a generous supply of enthusiasm to every contest he attends — "I'll let the refs hear about it if they make a bad call against us," he said, smiling — he becomes extra fired up when the Panthers battle with Redford Thrus-

ston. "They've beaten us pretty bad in football the past few years," he said, "so I'm hoping we can return the favor this year."

More than a fan

Several years ago, Rollin joined the school's Blue and Gold Club, for which he works diligently at the concession stand during basketball games, in the parking lot before football games or wherever the booster club needs him on any given night.

When asked to name his favorite sport and the athletes he cheers the loudest for, Rollin politely deferred.

"All of the sports are my favorites," he said. "And I've met so many of

the athletes, there's no way I could pick one."

In the summer, Rollin is a regular spectator at Michigan Rams baseball games. The Livonia-based college summer team is coached by former RU head baseball coach Rick Berryman.

During the day, Rollin works at the Big Boy restaurant on Six Mile in Livonia. But at night, he morphs into RU's super fan.

"At the banquet this year, the girls soccer team gave me a sweatshirt that says 'No. 1 Fan' on it," Rollin said proudly. "That meant a lot to me."

As he does to Panthers athletes, both present and past.

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Jimmy Rollin is proud to wear the blue and gold colors of his alma mater.

Helping people get a handle on grief

New Hope leader learns
from her own loss

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Karen Laing was widowed at age 47 with a daughter, then 13, and a son, then 17. Friends at her church knew she was devastated by the sudden change in her life, so they recommended the Northville-based New Hope Center for Grief Support, and she attended a workshop at Ward Church.

Laing, a Novi resident, was so impressed with the program and the good it did for her that she later became a volunteer facilitator with New Hope.

Then, this past December, she succeeded co-founder Cathy Clough as its executive director. New Hope has helped more than 12,000 people deal with grief since its founding in January 2000.

"Cathy had left things in really excellent shape," said Laing, noting the two women worked together during a three-month transition.

She said New Hope has solid partnerships with churches, businesses and several funeral homes that host programs, as well as excellent programs and services for grief support.

"Prior to a significant loss, most people are uncomfortable," she said of death. The loss of a loved one hits hard, and people are often expected to get back to work quickly.

"I could go to New Hope and sit with the other women in my support group," Laing said. "If you're not healing, you're simply bottling it up inside."

All services at the Christian-based New Hope are offered free of charge, at sites in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Livingston counties.

"I lost my own husband, and that deepened the journey even further," Laing said of her own loss.

Laing, after her husband's



Karen Laing began as the executive director for New Hope Center for Grief Support last December. Here she is at the center's memory garden that features memorial stones placed there by children noting the loss of a parent. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

death, took a job in corporate human resources in California and moved her family. They were there about a year and a half.

"We missed our friends,"

she said. "We missed our family here."

She opted to return and contacted Clough about volunteering. The response was that Clough's job was open.

Laing earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Maryland and a master's in human resources from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

DETAILS

New Hope Center for Grief Support can be reached at 248-348-0115. It is located at 315 Griswold near Mill Race Historic Village in Northville, and its website is www.newhope-center.net.

"It was really learning the nonprofit sector," she said of her new job. She also needed to learn more about grief and loss issues.

"People who are grieving will call us," and listening matters so much. Laing also needed to learn to speak before groups about New Hope, including her own experiences with grief.

"For every person it's unique," she said of loss. The support groups give sacred space to talk about feelings, as well as such practical issues as paying bills, being a single parent and returning to work.

"It helps people find hope, healing and new beginnings," said Laing, noting those in grief meet with others with similar losses.

She started as a teacher and then wanted to work with adults. She loved training and other aspects of HR, but not bureaucracy and especially handling layoffs.

"I wanted to help people heal," she said. She'd encountered death in the workplace with two industrial accidents, and found those families as well as the co-workers needed to mourn.

New Hope has a children's program based at Northville's First Church of the Nazarene, for preschoolers through high schoolers. Those young people who've had losses meet in one of three groups with others close in age.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is Christian-based, but its services are open to those of all faith traditions. "Our neighbor is every person in this world."

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Marsha writes: My son purchased a house and the home included the refrigerator and gas stove in the purchase. The refrigerator is an older "freezer on top" Kenmore probably a 1980s model, it's nice. However the home owner had three dogs and I want to know the best way to clean as much hair from the condenser as I can to keep it running. There's a grill in front at the bottom about two inches high and cardboard covering on the back of the fridge. Can I remove both those things and brush/vacuum that area? While it runs it sometimes sounds like there's a strain on the motor. I'm sure it's the dog hair. The floor was covered with dog hair when I pulled the fridge away from the wall. Gross! I read your articles in the *Observer* religiously!

Reply: Thank you, Marsha, and I wish every homeowner in America could read your email or every refrigerator sold would have it glued to the front door. Consumers would surely save a lot of money, that's for sure.

There is nothing worse than having animal hair covering the condenser under the refrigerator. Dust and dirt are bad enough but the hair acts as such an insulator that it causes more severe service problems. Please do exactly as you described in your email and get it as clean as possible. You will probably find that the noise level will come back to a normal operating sound and save \$10 or more on your utility



bill.

Close call

There is always a possibility of fire under a refrigerator when the condenser is really plugged up. This brings to mind my visit to a very elderly couple back in 1972. Both wife and husband used walkers to get around and their mobility was restricted. They had three dogs and four cats and I was called to check out the non-operating GE refrigerator. I got down on my knees and pulled off the front grill and couldn't help but see the obvious. Hair as thick as a lumberjack and the smell of electrical burning wire. There was an electrical connector plug staring me in the face and I touched it with my finger and all of a sudden there was fire all around the bottom of the refrigerator. The plug had a short in one of the connectors and it sparked the moment I touched it. I grabbed the table cloth and beat out the flames before the whole house caught on fire. It was a close call for the Mr. and Mrs. Imagine if this would have happened while they were sleeping.

Brush the condenser

The newer refrigerators have the condenser located in the back so it is not necessary to remove the front grill any more. You remove the back cardboard cover at the



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bottom and use a small straight brush like a baby bottle brush and get all the dust, dirt, and animal hair out of there, also using the crevice tool of the vacuum cleaner. There is also a fan motor under there which has blades that are probably covered with dirt and hair. Cleaning those blades will add years to the life of that fan motor. This is a maintenance that homeowners should perform every six months and this will add years of life to the product and reduce greatly the consumption of electrical energy. The hardest part may be moving the refrigerator to gain access to the back. Service technicians use a thin sheet of plastic to roll the refrigerator over so as to not mar the floor surface. A few throw rugs can serve the same purpose.

As important as this is, keep in mind that a dehumidifier, room air conditioner, central air conditioning all have condensers as well. These products need to have a cleaning as well and they are all do-it-yourself projects. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appld@twml.rcom

Send in the clowns

The circus came to town and what a grand production it was. Every year, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts' summer gala benefit, *Cars & Stars*, gets bigger, bolder and brighter. Brighter in that more than 300 guests donned their finest creative black-tie attire to help raise more than \$75,000.

The 12th Annual *Stars & Cars* had it all—more than 200 clown noses, popcorn boxes and Barnum animal crackers; 75 Cracker Jack boxes that each contained a fabulous raffle prize; 600 hand-cut circus flags; 400 feet of circus roping



and 450 feet of circus lights. Add to that daring performances by the Detroit Flyhouse Circus, a bearded woman, clowns, jugglers, Bally girls, the cast of *Funny Feet* and even a circus puppy named Henry. Legendary Broadway actress Elaine Stritch, who recently moved back to Birmingham following 70 blockbuster years in NYC, sang *Send in the Clowns* with the Scott Gwinnell Orchestra.



Farmington Hills resident Bob Koffron is on the Music Hall stage with Broadway veteran Elaine Stritch and Music Hall Board member Paulette Koffron. PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES



Designing woman: Emerald City Designs' Roberta Meloeche of Farmington Hills. PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES



Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan CEO LaForice Nealy (left) and his wife, Kim, of Rochester Hills, with Canton resident Jim Vella, president of event corporate sponsor Ford Fund. PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES



Plymouth residents Joe and Meghan Covino PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES



Angela Young (left) of Plymouth-based event corporate sponsor Absopure and Elise Walley, owner of Fitness Things in Plymouth, put their best clown noses forward. PHOTO BY JULIE YOLLES

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Detroit, MI 48226.

English Gardens

English Gardens stores in metro

Detroit offer a variety of programs and workshops for gardeners.

■ Learn about plants that thrive in summer heat at a free presentation.

tation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 3.

■ Get tips on creating a beautiful shade garden, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 10 at a free presentation.

■ Learn basic information on how to can, freeze and dry produce, like fruits, vegetables and herbs, at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 17.

■ Enjoy shopping, inspirations, food, wine and music in a garden-like setting, 6-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 23 at the West Bloomfield store. Pre-registration is required.

■ Learn how to use plants for screening at a free presentation, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 24.

■ Find out which plants provide year-round color and learn to create interest in your garden every season, at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 31. The presentation is free.

Area English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4801 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

Kids and nature

Free summer nature programs are designed for kids of all ages through Aug. 23 at Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills.

Programs include a nature movie, 2 p.m. Monday; story and a craft, 2 p.m. Tuesday; a scavenger hunt, 2 p.m. Wednesday; nature hike, 2 p.m. Thursday; and family campfire, 7-9 p.m. Friday.

In the moonlight

Listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten your senses during a Full Moon Friday Night Hike in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills. The hike is 9-10 p.m., Aug. 23.

Hikes are designed for families and children, 5 and up. No flashlights are needed. The hike will meet at the Nature Center in the park. Cost is \$3 per person. Pre-register for the hike at recreg.thgov.com. You also can pay at the event, however space is limited. In case of inclement weather, the hike will be canceled and refunds given. The Nature Center also will offer a campfire from 7-9 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 23. Marshmallows, s'mores and beverages will be sold. Call the Nature Center at 248-477-1135.

Master Gardener

Interested in becoming a master gardener? Classes will run 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 to Dec. 3, at the Wayne RESA Auditorium, 5454 Varsity, Wayne. Cost for training is \$300. To register, visit muse.anr.msu.edu and click on events to navigate to the master gardener program.

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, Observer & Eccentric, sdargay@hometownlife.com, 615 W. Lafayette-second level,

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Submit an entry form via U.S. Postal Service or Facebook at hometownlife.com.

Winners will be selected in a random drawing of all correct entries.

You could win a \$500 gift card (grand prize) to Showroom of Elegance in Canton, a \$100 gift certifi-

cate (second place) to the Rugby Grill in the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham, or a \$50 gift card (third place) to Meijer. In addition, up to 10 other winners will receive a pass for two to any area Emagine Theatre.

Mail your entry (see the form inside the July *INSPIRE*) to Christmas in July, O&E Media, 41304 Concept Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170 or go to hometownlife.com and see the Facebook information.

All entries – mail and online – must be postmarked or submitted by midnight July 31.

Happy Christmas in July and good luck finding the holiday icons.

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

BELLEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

50th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Contact Kathy (Toth) Wain at kathywain@att.net or Dianna (Banas) McDaniel at djmcidani@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1973
40th reunion will be held Sept. 28. Send inquiries to Belleview1973.40thcomcast.net or call Laura (Kingsley) Delish at 734-485-2740 or Sterling at 734-265-6132.

DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1963

The 50th reunion is set for Friday, Aug. 16, at Joy Manor, 2889 Joy, Westland. Tickets \$40. Contact Jerry Marzalek at 313-532-0134, jmarzalek@bglglobal.net or Phil Varlone at 313-562-3579, varlone@wow-way.com.

CLASSES FROM '50S AND '60S

Annual picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at Edward Hines Park, Nankin Mills Pavilion Drive, will include music, memorabilia, door prizes, hot dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, tassel. Special parking will be available for classic cars along with regular parking. Bring chairs. No need to register; just show up. Questions? Call Phil Varlone at 313-532-0134, jmarzalek@bglglobal.net or Jerry Marzalek at 313-532-0134, jmarzalek@bglglobal.net.

DETROIT GESU CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956

A reunion is planned for Aug. 17. Call Jack Sayed at 810-231-9230.

DETROIT MACKENZIE CLASSES OF THE '50S AND '60S

Third annual picnic is set for those who attended Mackenzie High School in the '50s and '60s. The event runs noon to 6 p.m.

JULY OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time: 11 a.m. Sundays, through Aug. 18.

Location: Grounds at Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton.

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church offers a worship service in a casual atmosphere. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton.

Contact: 734-459-3333

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time: 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., July 29 through Aug. 2.

Location: Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Details: "The Kingdom Rock" is the theme; \$15 fee includes a T-shirt.

Contact: 734-425-7280

AUGUST CAR SHOW

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24.

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia.

Details: 12th annual Charity Car Show will benefit Angela Hospice. All makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome.

The entry fee to show a vehicle is \$15. No charge to view the entries. Organizers also are seeking sponsors for the show.

Contact: 734-421-4743

CHOIR DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

Time: 6:30 p.m., Aug. 12.

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

Details: The three-day workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran

REUNIONS

GARDEN CITY CLASS OF 1963

A reunion is set for Sept. 21 at Roma Banquet Hall, Garden City. Cost is \$50 per person. Make checks payable to Karen Boyd and mail to her at 28445 Bock, Garden City, MI 48135.

LIVONIA BENTLEY CLASS OF 1958

A 55-year reunion is set for Aug. 10 at Mama Mia's on Plymouth Road in Livonia. For more information call or e-mail: Ellen (Baumgarten) Dorman, emorden@juno.com, 734-218-1655; or Eldon Dillon, 248-207-2942; or Jane/Faies) Hopper, jhs80a@aol.com, 248-474-3728.

CLASS OF 1966

A birthday reunion will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at Detroit Marriott Hotel, 17100 North Laurel Park Drive, Livonia (734) 462-3100. Check in and cash bar at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and DJ. Cost is \$65 per person. E-mail to Kathy Sirdon Shinn at thesirdon@att.net.

CLASS OF 1973

A reunion is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 13, at Livonia Marriott, located at Six Mile and Newburgh. Tickets are \$60 for alumni and \$50 for teachers. The event is open to other classes, as well. Contact Marcia Elliott at 269-327-0657 or e-mail to mckee55@charternet.net for ticket information.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL CLASS OF 1978

The 35th class reunion is set for 7 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, at The Tin Cup Bar & Grill, 20500 Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets are \$13.25. Contact Peter Smith at petesmarion@att.net for ticket information.

CLASS OF 1983

The 30-year reunion is set for Aug. 3 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. Festivities began Friday, Aug. 2 at Benny's in Westland with entertainment by class members. For more information call Steve Lemay at 248-249-0219 or Bridget Kelly Holton at 313-664-9297 or e-mail to livonachurch1983@aol.com.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Church is designed for choir directors and music educators, led by Michael Burkhardt.

Contact: www.hearthandvoices.com or call 248-442-1414 for more information.

C.L.E.A.P. FROG

Time: 6:30 p.m., Sunday and Wednesday, Aug. 5-21.

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia.

Details: This learning program in a Christ-centered environment is designed to sharpen a child's skills and give them a "leap" into the coming school year. C.L.E.A.P. Frog — which is not a 100% curriculum — will offer the basics, including math, science and more. This free program is for children entering grades 1-6. A class for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten also is offered. All children must be pre-registered.

Contact: Mary at 248-471-1222 or Melissa at 734-466-8694 to register.

SOCCER CAMP

Time: 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Aug. 5-8.

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14715 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: Soccer mini-camp is for boys and girls, 5-12. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. Cost is \$15 per student and includes instruction, snacks, and a soccer ball to take home.

Contact: www.christsoviator.org; 734-22-6830

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon, Aug. 5-8.



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LIVONIA FRANKLIN CLASS OF 1966

A golf outing and/or lunch is planned for Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia. Golf scramble starts at 8 a.m., with lunch at 2 p.m. Contact Luzaia187264@comcast.net or call 810-599-3599 for reservations.

"RICK"

A 55-year reunion is set for Aug. 10 at Mama Mia's on Plymouth Road in Livonia. For more information call or e-mail: Ellen (Baumgarten) Dorman, emorden@juno.com, 734-218-1655; or Eldon Dillon, 248-207-2942; or Jane/Faies) Hopper, jhs80a@aol.com, 248-474-3728.

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CECRO, HENRY

July 24, 2013, age 85. Beloved husband of Louise for 62 years. Loving father of Tommy and Kevin (Sandy). Dear grandpa of Ryan, Brian, Nitro and Nolan. Visitation: Wed. July 31, 2-9pm with a 7pm Vigil at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Burial: 10 a.m. at the Michigan Memorial Park, 31095 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., 734-783-2646.

FELTS, ROLAND "BUD"

Age 88, of Garden City, July 24, 2013. Beloved husband of Patricia Felts. Loving father of Patrick (Theresa), Kathy (Jimmy) Belluso, Kevin (Kris) and David. Dearest grandfather of Jennifer, Christopher, Jessica, Alex, Kasey, Joe and Marie. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandson Lucas, his parents, his brother Francis and his sisters Katherine, Nona and Margie. Bud proudly served his country in the South Pacific in WWII. He loved his many pets over the years. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family. Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 31095 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., 734-783-2646.

WATTS, SHIRLEY SCOTTLINKS

78, of South Lyon, formerly of Farmington, July 19, 2013. Shirley was a 1954 graduate of Farmington High School. Devoted mother of Charles Watts, Diane (Bryan) Zillich and Wendy Tamlyn (John Cohen). Loving grandmother of the late Jason, Jennifer, Gregory, Amber, Steven, and Justin, granddaughters of Jayden, Karen and Steven, fond sister of George Schuklim. Memorial services were held Saturday, July 27, 11 p.m. at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, 23720 Farmington Rd., (Jn. 9-10 Mile Rd., N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200).

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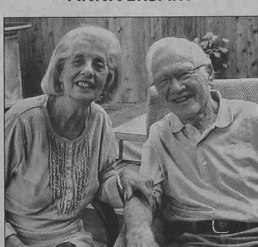
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Henry and Helen Susewicz of Garden City

Celebrating 65 years

Henry and Helen (Stevens) Susewicz of Garden City will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 14. They were married in 1948 in Detroit. The couple has three children, Cherie, in Hudsonville, David, in Livonia, and Dennis, in Westland. They also have four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Henry is retired from construction work. He is involved with a Navy group and enjoys watching NASCAR, hockey and football.

Helen is a homemaker and enjoys reading and baking goodies.

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WINTERKAMP, HENRY SPRAGUE

Age 57, of Atlanta, MI, passed away on July 23, 2013 at Medbridge in Hillman. He was born on March 4, 1956 to Henry and Natalie (Sprague) Waterkamp in Detroit, MI. He has lived in Atlanta since 1989 formerly of Livonia, MI. He worked as an installer for Emerick Carpet for many years, also spending time working at the Wedge Inn in Atlanta and the Comins Eagles as well. He was a member of the Atlanta Eagles 4077. He always enjoyed canoeing and used to love to fish. He always had a special place in his heart for his dogs, first "Boo", and now "Blondie", and who could forget "Taco". Henry is survived by his parents, Henry and Natalie (Sprague) Waterkamp of Garden City, MI, and numerous nieces and nephews. There will be no formal services for Mr. Waterkamp, there will be visitation at the Green Funeral Home, Atlanta, MI, from 2-7 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2013. Memorial contributions have been suggested to the Elk County Animal Shelter, Atlanta, MI, or to Hospice of Michigan. Condolence messages can be sent via our website, greenfuneralhomes.com.

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Age 78, July 23, 2013, of Glen Arbor, formerly of Plymouth. Loving husband of Marcia. Dear father of JK Kenely, Doc (Kristin) Kenely, Kitt Kenely, Kelly (Paul) Blair and Ken (Jerry) Linton. Proud grandfather of Jessica, Molly, Carter, Maxwell, John, Caroline, Sofia and Dafny. Visitation Sunday 4-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Burial Monday 10:30 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church St., Plymouth. Internment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to U of M Cardiovascular Center, LVAD Program.

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July 24, 2013, age 85. Beloved husband of Louise for 62 years. Loving father of Tommy and Kevin (Sandy). Dear grandpa of Ryan, Brian, Nitro and Nolan. Visitation: Wed. July 31, 2-9pm with a 7pm Vigil at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Burial: 10 a.m. at the Michigan Memorial Park, 31095 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., 734-783-2646.

WATTS, SHIRLEY SCOTTLINKS

78, of South Lyon, formerly of Farmington, July 19, 2013. Shirley was a 1954 graduate of Farmington High School. Devoted mother of Charles Watts, Diane (Bryan) Zillich and Wendy Tamlyn (John Cohen). Loving grandmother of the late Jason, Jennifer, Gregory, Amber, Steven, and Justin, granddaughters of Jayden, Karen and Steven, fond sister of George Schuklim. Memorial services were held Saturday, July 27, 11 p.m. at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, 23720 Farmington Rd., (Jn. 9-10 Mile Rd., N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200).

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"Even if you are just lying still on your back soaking up the rays, your feet are still vulnerable," says American Podiatric Medical Association member Dr. Jane Andersen. "You can seriously sunburn your feet and no matter how upscale your hotel, athlete's foot can lurk in all public pool areas."

Before you head out on that beach vacation or spend another day lounging shoeless at the pool, keep these tips in mind from the American Podiatric Medical Association:

- Limit walking barefoot because it exposes feet to sunburn, as well as plantar warts, athlete's foot, ringworm, and other infections and also increases risk of injury to your feet.

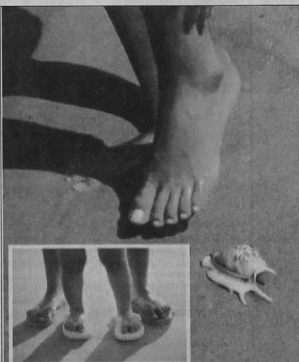
- Wear shoes and flip-flops around the pool, to the beach, in the locker room and even on the carpeting or in the bathroom of your hotel room to prevent injuries and limit the likelihood of contracting any bacterial infections.

- Remember to apply sunscreen all over your feet, especially the tops and fronts of ankles, and don't forget to reapply after you've been in the water.

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day. This will not only help with overall health, but will also minimize any foot swelling caused by the heat.

- Keep blood flowing with periodic ankle flexes, toe wiggles, and calf stretches.

- Some activities at the beach, lake or river may



Be sure to use plenty of sun block lotion on your feet while at the beach.

require different types of footwear to be worn so be sure to ask the contact at each activity if specific shoes are needed. To be safe, always pack an extra pair of sneakers or protective water shoes. If your shoes will be getting wet, they should be dried out completely before your next wearing to prevent bacteria or fungus from growing.

- If you injure your foot or ankle while on vacation, seek professional medical attention from a podiatric physician. Many often only contact a doctor when something is broken or sprained, but a podiatrist can begin treating your ailment immediately while you're away from home.

- In case of minor foot problems, be prepared with the following on-the-go foot gear:

- Flip-flops – for the pool, spa, hotel room, and airport security check points

- Sterile bandages – for covering minor cuts and scrapes

- Antibiotic cream – to treat any skin injury

- Emollient-enriched cream – to hydrate feet

- Blister pads or moleskin – to protect against blisters

- Motrin or Advil (anti-inflammatory) – to ease tired, swollen feet

- Toenail clippers – to keep toenails trimmed

- Emery board – to smooth rough edges or broken nails

- Pumice stone – to soften

callused skin

- Sunscreen – to protect against the scorching sun

- Aloe vera or Silvadene cream – to relieve sunburns

- If you spend most of the summer in flip-flops, keep these tips in mind:

- Shop for a flip-flop made of high-quality, soft leather. Leather minimizes the potential for blisters and other types of irritation.

- Gently bend the flip-flop from end to end, ensuring it bends at the ball of the foot. Shoes of any kind should never fold in half.

- Ensure that your foot doesn't hang off of the edge of the flip-flop.

- Wear a sturdy pair of flip-flops when walking around a public pool, at the beach, in hotel rooms and in locker room areas. Walking barefoot can expose foot soles to plantar warts and athlete's foot.

- Don't re-wear flip-flops year after year. Inspect older pairs for wear. If they show signs of severe wear, discard them.

- Don't ignore irritation between toes, where the toe hangs fits. This can lead to blisters and possible infections.

- Don't wear flip-flops while walking long distances. Even the sturdiest flip-flops offer little in terms of shock absorption and arch support.

- Don't do yard work while wearing flip-flops. Always wear a shoe that fully protects feet when doing outside activities such as mowing the lawn or using a weed-eater.

- Don't play sports in flip-flops. This practice can lead to twisting of the foot or ankle, as well as sprains and breaks.

- For more information about foot health, visit ama.org

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JULY LUPUS SUPPORT

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a support group meeting for individuals with lupus, their families and friends, from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3277 Five Mile, Livonia. Support Group meetings are offered at no cost to anyone interested in participating. For more information visit www.milupus.org or call 800-705-6677.

AUGUST BARIATRIC SURGERY

The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers free monthly educational seminars about laparoscopic bariatric surgery by Talal Zeni, M.D., director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery. Presentations will be offered from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 and Sept. 12 in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. For more information, call the Institute at 877-949-9344.

CONTROLLING JOINT PAIN

Henry Ford Medical System's Joint Preservation Program offers free classes on ways to slow down the progression of joint pain without surgery. Participants learn how the joints work, self-management of pain, medical treatments, physical therapy, and exercises to strengthen joints. Classes run 1-3 p.m. Aug. 15 at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 1401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn, and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 22 at Henry Ford Medical Center-Columbus, 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Dr. Paul Makela, M.D., director of Gynecological Robotic Surgery, will present a series on women's health topics 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21 and Sept. 18, in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Pelvic pain is this month's topic. Presentations are free but registration is required. Call 734-655-1980.

ONGOING AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch.

To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

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No Need for Embarrassment Incontinence is Far More Common than You Think Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Haddad
Obstetrics/Gynecology

More than 13 million people in the United States, male and female - young and old, suffer from urinary incontinence. Occurring more often in women than men, urinary incontinence can take a toll physically and emotionally. Gynecologist, Dr. Chad Haddad, a Garden City Hospital Health Expert and clinical professor at Michigan State University, explains why women should feel comfortable seeking help.

Q: For the past year, I've noticed bladder control is an issue when I sneeze or have a coughing fit. When I was pregnant, the same thing happened, but it went away right after my son's birth. Is this normal? What can I do to make it stop?

A: Urinary stress incontinence (SI), the most common type of incontinence experienced in women, occurs when an activity, such as coughing or even laughing, causes small amounts of urine to leak from the urethra. Women who have given birth are more likely to have SI. Other factors which increase the risk of developing SI include age, weight, menopause, a history of pelvic surgery, and smoking.

Urge incontinence is a less common form of incontinence. It is an involuntary loss of urine that occurs for no apparent reason while feeling a sudden need or urge to urinate.

Incontinence today is very different than what it was decades ago. There are more options available to women, and I encourage you to have an open discussion with your physician to express your concerns. Your physician will be able to determine if you have SI or urge incontinence and address it accordingly, since treatment differs depending on diagnosis. Together, you and your physician will decide the best treatment plan for alleviating and eliminating symptoms to live a normal, active life.

Treatments include:

- Behavioral training, such as bladder training and timed urination
- Lifestyle changes and pelvic floor exercises to strengthen the muscles (Kegel exercises)
- Medication
- Medical devices, such as the Interstim, can be surgically implanted to control incontinence
- Outpatient surgery giving support to the urethra

Kegel exercises, are easy to learn, simple to do, and can be done virtually anywhere. Here's how:

- Squeeze the same muscles you would use to stop your urine. Your belly and rear end (buttocks) should not move
- Hold the squeeze for 3 seconds; then relax for 3 seconds
- Repeat the exercise 10 to 15 times a session. Do three or more sessions a day

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Careers in the healthcare fields are plentiful and attractive

By Nancy F Higgins,
Contributing Writer

If you are wondering why so many people are joining the healthcare industry, the reasons are aplenty. Pursuing a career in healthcare can turn out to be one of the most professionally sound and profitable moves of your life. Here's why:

Ample job opportunities: Even at the peak of recession, healthcare was among the few bright spots that continued to shine through the darkness. Recession has receded since then, but healthcare is still one of the fastest growing industries in the country promising numerous job opportunities. And it's not something that's likely to change very soon as an increasingly aging population; technological advances in the field of medicine; and growing focus on preventive care continue to spur the demand for healthcare professionals of all kinds.

Variety of jobs: It's not just the number of jobs, but also the variety of jobs it offers that makes healthcare such an attractive career proposition for so many individuals. Your options are not just limited to hospital-based professions involving direct patient care such as nursing, physical therapy or respiratory. There are

professions like medical transcription or medical coding that are usually performed at a back office and may not even require you to step your foot inside a hospital.

Jobs to fit all educational levels: Another reason why pursuing a career in healthcare industry makes sense is that you can pick a job that ties in with your academic plans. It's not necessary to spend 5-10 years on postsecondary education for a career in healthcare. You can just as easily find options that require less than a year of training. For example, pharmacy tech training from a career school can be completed in a few months' time.

Job security: No more spending sleepless nights wondering if you'll still have your job the next morning - that's the advantage of joining an industry that's adding workers at a time when others are cutting jobs and handing out pay cuts to employees. A stable and secure career, at the end of the day, translates in to peace of mind.

Attractive compensation: Just because healthcare careers offer stability doesn't mean the money to be had is any less. Most healthcare occupations offer decent paychecks. Many employers, in fact,



offer very attractive salary and benefits packages to their employees to fill the gaps in demand and supply of trained and qualified healthcare professionals. Rest assured you can make a healthy living out of a career in healthcare!

Flexibility: Since a lot of healthcare occupations tend to be around the clock in nature, flexi times are possible in these jobs. You can negotiate with your employers how many days a week, how many hours in a day and the shifts you want to work. Some allied health careers like medical transcription and medical coding, in fact, can also be practiced from home. This arrangement works extremely well for moms who want to stay home with their children; retirees looking to generate an income;

and individuals who cannot commute to work due to physical disabilities or have conditions like extreme sociophobia that make working in an office environment difficult for them.

Job satisfaction: Whether you're a nurse taking care of the sick and injured; a pharmacy tech filling prescriptions; a medical assistant greeting patients in a healthcare facility with a smile or a medical transcriptionist diligently transcribing doctor dictations - it's important to know that the work you do impacts real people with real problems. From this knowledge comes gratification and contentment that you are doing your bit to make this world a better, safer, and healthier place to live!

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