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School aid cut could cost district \$1.7 million

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Having a fund equity is about to go poof for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools following an announcement by Gov. Jennifer Granholm that she is calling for a \$125 per student cut in state school aid for fiscal year 2006-07.

The proration represents a \$1.7 million loss for the district.

"It's six weeks to the end of the school year; we can't cut \$1.7 million," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "What this does is take \$1.7 million out of modest fund equity."

Rumors of a cut in state school aid have been circulating since last year when the amount was

pegged at \$200 per pupil on the high end. It looked like it would be far less when the Senate passed a budget bill last month that included a \$34 per student cut to school, but that proposal was rejected by the House of Representatives.

Granholm's announcement of the proration comes as the war of words between the governor and lawmakers heats up over how to resolve the state's budget crisis. Lawmakers have 30 days in which to act on the proration. If nothing is done, the executive order would take effect.

"There's probably not much of anything we can cut," Baracy said. "All of our employees are under contract, we can't lay teachers off, and the supplies budget has been spent."

Baracy said that even with \$13 million in fund

equity, the district will not have enough cash on hand to pay its bills, if the proration stands. For the first time in many years, it will have to borrow money to cover expenses.

"Without the help of the state and continual taking money away from us, this will be the end of our fund equity," he said. "There's only so many actions you can take and still maintain a certain level of staffing to provide a basic education."

Baracy said what is happening is more of the "political rhetoric that we see on a daily basis" and called the governor's decision "heartbreaking."

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, whose district includes Wayne-Westland, said lawmakers are doing everything they can to avoid cuts to schools.

"Cutting schools is the wrong way to spur

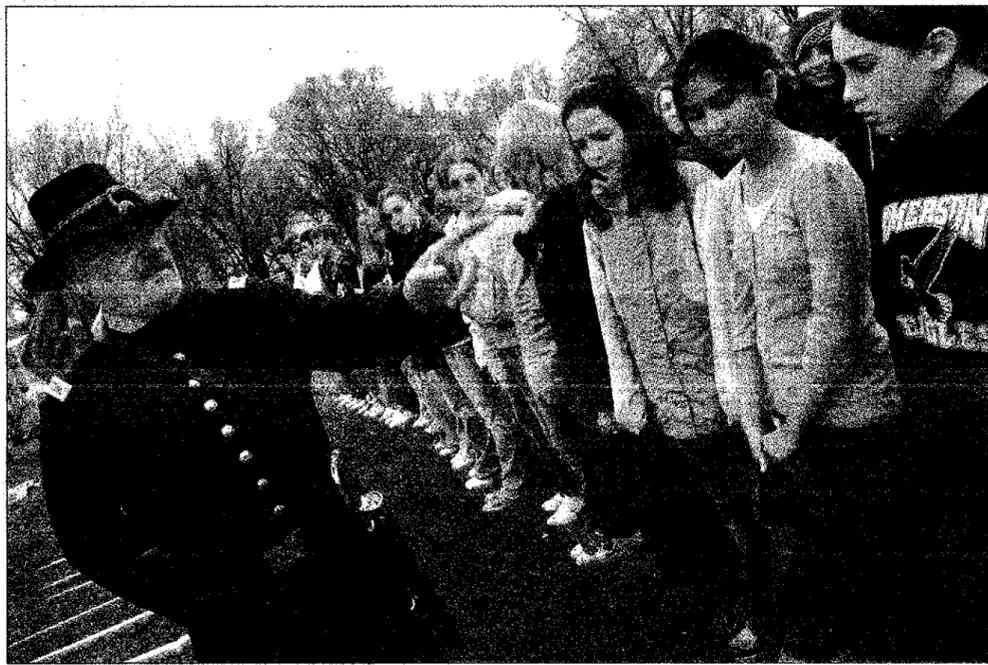
Michigan's economic recovery, which is why I voted against proposed cuts earlier this year," he said.

"Unfortunately, inaction by extremists in the Legislature and a worsening budget shortfall require the governor to notify schools of the possible reduction, which can only be avoided, if we act quickly to fix the problem."

Baracy is urging parents to contact lawmakers to let them know that "they can't sacrifice our children."

"At this point, our children's futures are in the hands of the Legislature," he added. "This is not a local issue, this is a state issue. We're only in this situation because of their actions."

"They have to solve this state crisis. This is what they've been elected to do."



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Fall in!

Westland resident 1st. Lt. Bill Ziembra of the 17th Michigan Infantry Regiment walks down a line of Emerson Middle School students counting them off into two ranks. The students learned about the weapons, dress, medicine and dances from the Civil War era during a re-enactment Friday. See story and photos on Page A3.

Officials seeking person who wrote bathroom message

BY SUE MASON AND DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITERS

Westland police and Wayne-Westland school officials are reviewing security tapes in hopes of identifying the person or persons who left a suspicious message on a bathroom partition at John Glenn High School.

The message, an apparent reference to Virginia Tech, was discovered by custodians around 5:30-6 a.m. Friday, according to Superintendent Greg Baracy.

"It was a very ambiguous message. It wasn't a threat, but we are taking it seriously," he said, adding that extra security and administrators were placed in the school.

Students and staff were informed of the threat during first hour.

The school was not on lockdown, and the additional staff and police officers monitored the halls, Baracy said.

According to Baracy, the district is trying to determine when the message was left. Students were off school yesterday due to a professional development day for staff.

"We're reviewing the security camera to see if we can identify who went in," said Baracy. "Maybe it was Wednesday and

the staff didn't notice."

He stressed that the message is not being taken lightly.

"We will take appropriate discipline against the culprit of this and prosecute to the full extent of the law," he said.

Deputy Police Chief Gary Sikorski said police received a call about the incident at 6:27 a.m. Friday, and 13 to 15 patrol cars responded to the school, along with three patrol supervisors.

"We take these matters very seriously," he said. "The safety of the students and staff is of the utmost importance to us."

Extra officers were assigned to the school on Friday. Like Baracy, Sikorski said anyone found responsible "will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

In a letter sent home to parents, Principal Joan Sedik wrote that students who felt uncomfortable were free to contact their parents and sign out for the day.

"The majority of the students enjoyed a routine, productive day at school," she said.

Sedik advised parents that student safety "is our number one concern" and said, "We join all schools around us in our stand that any inappropriate messages will not be treated as student pranks, but rather as criminal acts."

Scholarship set up to honor teacher

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

An eighth-grade student at Marshall Middle School will get help with his or her college education as the result of a scholarship fund being set up in the memory of late teacher James Daniel.

The scholarship comes in response from people who knew Mr. Daniel, a longtime physical education teacher and coach at the Westland school. He died unexpectedly March 5 of a stroke.

"Everyone talked to us about where to send money and wanted to know what they could do," said his sister, Denise Daniel. "We came up with this and asked Dad and he said OK."

According to Denise Daniel, the first scholarship will be awarded this year. Students will be asked to submit an essay about something they have had to overcome in their lives. They also will need to be an outstanding athlete, have a 3.0 grade point average or better and have done some community service.

The scholarship will be available to use in

the second semester of college for books or classes.

"We made it the second semester because some students drop out in the first semester," said Denise Daniel. "We want to be sure they're continuing with their education."

The family has yet to determine the amount of the scholarship. That will be dependent on how much in donations they collect from people who knew Mr. Daniel.

Each of the 1,500 thank-you cards the family is sending out to those who paid their respects or attended the funeral service will contain information about the scholarship and where donations can be sent.

"We had 750 people at the funeral home the first night, there were 700 people at the funeral," said Denise Daniel. "It was overwhelming. We didn't know how many people he had touched."

Like his daughter, James Daniel was amazed at the people who came to the funeral home and service.

"It was an amazing tribute to my son," he said. "They told us how much they cared for

him and loved him. From a father's standpoint, it was just incredible, something I will never forget."

Mr. Daniel was head of the physical education department at Marshall and coached the boys wrestling team and boys and girls swim teams. He also coached girls softball and up until this year, was the varsity swim coach at John Glenn High School.

Marshall Principal Robert Van Valkenburg is pleased that the family made going to Marshall a part of the scholarship.

"Jim was an outstanding educator and certainly made a difference in a lot of students' lives, and to have a scholarship in his name ... It allows students to carry on his memory," he said. "When Jim was at work, he was outstanding. I don't know if we'll ever fill that void. He is still sorely missed."

People interested in making donations to the scholarship fund can send their name and address and check, payable to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, to the Office of the Superintendent, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48186.

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Ex-VP says league owes her money

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A former Wayne-Ford Civic League officer is fighting attempts to force her to repay money she was accused of embezzling from the nonprofit club.

Instead, 41-year-old Shari

Greenfield of Livonia contends that the league owes her \$27,000 in compensation she never received, said her attorney, Paul Bricker.

Greenfield, former league vice president, and ex-husband Neal Greenfield pleaded no contest in

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Forum looks at earlier starts, bus stops

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

If school starts five minutes earlier, students would get home that much sooner.

And if buses had to make fewer stops, that would shave time as well. But the trade-off is that students would have to walk farther to their bus stops.

Livonia Public Schools officials are gathering feedback from parents on these ideas, as well as a plan to put advertising inside school buses to increase revenue for next year.

Two transportation forums will be held this week. About 12,000 LPS students ride the bus to school.

An earlier school start time is not a done deal, said Rod Hosman, director of administra-

tive services, but it is one way to address parents' concerns about their lower elementary children arriving home from school as late as 4:45 p.m. The lower elementary school day ends at 3:57 p.m.

"We heard loud and clear from parents they did not like their elementary kids getting home as late in the afternoon," Hosman said.

The best model LPS found was to start the school day earlier, for high schoolers on down.

Next year, buses could pick up high schoolers as early as 6:40 a.m.

However, Hosman said bus trips could also be shortened by five or six minutes if bus routes were "streamlined" or consolidated, with fewer stops.

It will depend on what parents say, he added. Parents of high

schoolers and middle schoolers may not mind the idea of having a student walk a few extra blocks, but elementary parents might feel differently, he said.

Michelle Pinkowski, who has a first- and a second-grader at Hoover Elementary, said she doesn't mind the idea for older children, but added that "elementary kids should be within 'eyeshot' of their parents' home" when getting on or off the bus.

Her children board the bus next door, but they have a half-hour ride both morning and afternoon, which she says doesn't follow the "first-on, first-off" model that would make the time spent on the bus equal for all riders.

As far as an earlier start time, Pinkowski said as enrollment drops and therefore fewer students ride buses, she wonders whether the district could return to an 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. schedule for all elementary students rather than having lower elementary start at almost 9 a.m. Two other ideas the district is

exploring are whether to offer a delayed start on days when weather conditions are bad, instead of canceling school completely, and adding advertising to buses.

InSight Media has contracted with other local districts to place advertisements on the bus ceiling or above windows. Districts can control the content.

LPS is not considering placing ads outside buses, Hosman said.

Pinkowski, who was one of about 15 parents to attend the first transportation focus group meeting last Wednesday at Stevenson, said she wants more information about advertising.

This week's focus group sessions are scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at Churchill High School and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Franklin High School. People can also fill out a survey on the district's Web site, www.livonia.k12.mi.us, available under the link for Transportation Survey.

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INFORMATION CENTRAL

May is Parkinson's awareness month

Decisions concerning your health are often the most important decisions you will make in your lifetime. Where else, other than your doctor's office, can you go to find the information that you need to make informed decisions?

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is the place for you. Whether you prefer roaming through the stacks of books to find your answers, or are more at ease sitting in front of a computer monitor, reliable, accurate, and current information is available for you.

For a general overview of Parkinson's disease, the library has several books for you to check out. The *Encyclopedia of Parkinson's Disease* by Anthony Mosley or *Understanding Parkinson's Disease: A Self Help Guide* by David Cram, might be a start.

Though Parkinson's disease targets individuals, family members and friends often play an important role. For information about your role, *Parkinson's Disease and the Family: A New Guide* by Nutan Sharma and *Parkinson's Disease: A Complete Guide for Patients and Families* by William J. Weiner may prove to be invaluable resources.

A holistic approach to the disease can be found in *American Holistic Nurses' Association Guide to Common Chronic Conditions: Self Care Options to Complement Your Doctor's Advice* by Carolyn Chambers Clark and *What Your Doctors May Not Tell You About Parkinson's Disease: A Holistic Approach for Optimal Wellness* by Jill Marjama-Lyons.

If you prefer to research your health issues using the computer (either in the library or in the comfort of your home), many resources are available for you, too.

Keep in mind when you surf the Internet that although there is an abundance of health information readily available, quality of information varies and is often difficult to



assess. Determining what information is important when making decisions

about your health is sometimes difficult.

A key way to navigate through the maze of information is to visit the online reference information on your library's Web site. Just log on to the library's site and click on the *Reference* tab, then select *Reference Databases and Health*. There you will be directed to reference materials that will help you make informed choices. Additional sites for locating valuable online resources can be found at the Internet Guide tab on the library's Web site, too.

No matter how you locate your information, it is important that it is accurate, current - and always from a reliable source. Remember: It's your health life we're talking about!

For more ideas how to locate information that matches your needs, stop by or call the Library at (734) 326-6123. And you can always log on to www.westland.lib.mi.us. 24/7.

Highlighted Activities

Internet 101: 10:30 a.m. May 10.

A beginner's guide to the Internet - how do I get around a Web site, what is a Web site. No registration is required. Walk ins are welcome.

Microsoft Word for Beginners: 2 p.m. May 12.

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, a word processing program that lets you create a variety of documents, including letters and resumes. Learn how to set margins, change font style and size, check spelling and print. No registration is required.

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Request for a rear yard setback variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 15' x 26' detached garage along the east side yard of the home.

Petition #2591-L. Epperson-8242 St. Johns
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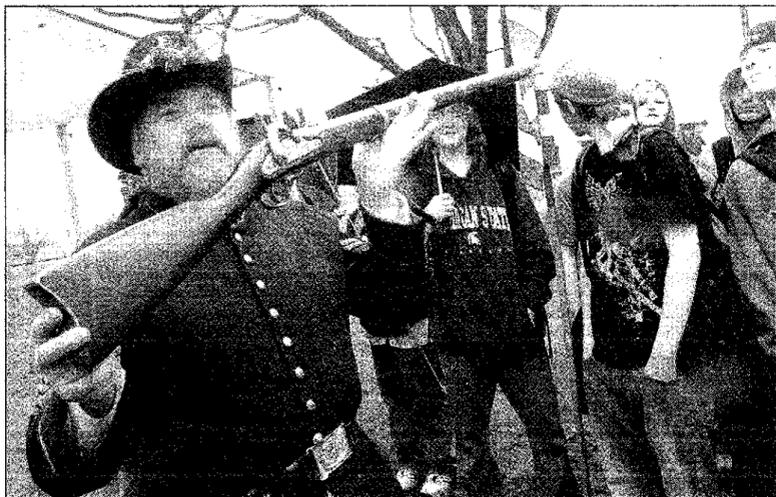
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Sgt. Ed Vitez of the 17th Michigan Infantry Regiment shows Emerson Middle School students the primary rifle used at the beginning of the Civil War.

Civil War re-enactors set up camp near Emerson

For a slideshow of photos from this event, visit www.hometownlife.com.

Marching from station to station, Emerson Middle School students learned about the weapons, dress, medicine and dances from the Civil War era during a re-enactment Friday.

Members of the 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company E set up camp at Wilson Barn.

Back then, a soldier who got shot on the field had few options. One was to lose the limb, explained Dr. Gerald Turlo, a real-life doctor at the Detroit Medical Center, who also portrays one with the re-enactment group.

"A good surgeon could do an amputation in probably five minutes," he told students, showing them a scalpel, bone saw and bullet extractor from his Civil War medical kit.

Doctors gave patients anesthesia so they did not feel pain, but they were often awake during surgery.

Off-putting as that might seem, some students were visibly disgusted to learn that sterilization didn't exist back then. Turlo said the way doctors cleaned their instruments was by wiping the blood off on their pants or aprons between patients.

"You'd be getting their blood on you," eighth-grader Heather Paillon said.

Eighth-grader Sean McClain liked learning line dancing from the olden days.

Students learned the Virginia Reel. Soldiers sought out dances anytime they got a chance.



Emerson Middle School eighth-grader Stephanie Jones, wearing a bonnet to join re-enactors in costume from the Civil War period, listens to a speech by President Abraham Lincoln during a program Friday at the school.

said volunteer Joyce Vitez. It was the only proper way for a gentleman to meet a lady.

Back then, bottled water existed — in kegs — and coffee was sold in burlap bags.

"It's a different culture," said Sandi Prichard of Livonia, who has been involved with the re-enactment group for 35 years and is one of its founding members.

The group puts on activities at schools and will also perform Memorial Day at Greenfield Village.

Although morning sprinkles dampened some of the events, the ceremony went on as scheduled.

"It rained in the war," said teacher Pam Wright.

By REBECCA JONES

Anderson sponsors job protection bills

Worker protection will take a step forward under legislation that has been introduced by state Senate Democrats.

Lawmakers last week unveiled Workers First, a package of bills that will ensure workers are protected from unfair treatment by an employer as a result of that employee's off-duty conduct or beliefs.

"In today's challenging job market, workers need to know that if they play by the rules and do their job well, they can count on fair treatment from their employers," said Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, a lead sponsor of the package. "If you have a sick child at home, you have enough to worry about without also fearing you'll lose your job."

Workers First would make it illegal for an employer to hire, fire, discipline, promote, or take other employment action against

an employee for his or her actions when they are not at work. The bills do provide protections for employers in instances where employee conduct is central to the mission of the employer.

Specifically, Workers First would ban:

- All employment decisions based upon off-duty conduct.
- Decisions based upon health of family members.
- Employment decisions based upon credit history and, in most cases, bans employer inquiries.
- Decisions based upon smoking, drinking, or eating habits.
- Decisions based upon family status of worker.
- Decisions based upon off-duty political activities.
- Decisions based upon an employee's membership in a lawful organization.
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"Your credit score doesn't affect your ability to wash windows," said Senate Democratic Leader Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek. "Workers deserve to know that a round of layoffs won't be an excuse for probes into their personal lives."

In Lansing not long ago, WEXCO, a Lansing-based employee benefits company, fired four workers last year because they smoked on their own time and either refused or were unable to quit smoking while not on the job.

According to Anderson, the problem is not just limited to Michigan. Lynne Gobbelle of Moulton, Ala., was fired by her pro-Bush boss at Enviromate, a housing insulation company, for displaying a John Kerry bumper sticker.

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National prayer day

The Wayne-Westland Ministerial Association and various churches will participate in a National Day of Prayer at noon Thursday, May 3, at Westland City Hall.

For more information, call Cathy at Praise Chapel at (734) 513-5174 or Sandy at The Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660.

Preschool open house

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool will be having an open house 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 30, at the church, 1421 S. Venoy, Westland.

The preschool is now enrolling 3-4-year-old children

for the 2007-2008 classes. Tours and enrollment information will be available at the open house. There also will be activities based on the newest Veggie Tales video, *Moe & the Big Exit*.

There will be free popcorn, games, western-themed photos and a mini ball for each child at the open house.

For more information, call (734) 728-3559 or visit the preschool's Web site at preschool@livesarechanging.com.

Free seminar

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer will present a seminar on How Hormones Effect Weight Loss at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at the Livonia Civic Center

Library on Five Mile east of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Learn how your hormones control your food cravings, your body temperature and your ability to gain or lose weight. Discover how the pancreas, thyroid and adrenals influence the size and shape of your body.

Fischer will share how she went from a size 14 to a size 6 by making life style choices and using natural solutions to balance the hormones and lose weight. There's no charge for the class. To reserve a spot, call (734) 425-8588.

Teen video

A video dealing with the subject of teen dating violence will be shown 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Westland. The video is titled *It Could Happen To You: Into the Light*.

Combating Teen Dating Violence. The church is located at 29425 Annapolis Road.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

Texas Hold 'em

St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, will have a Texas Hold 'em tournament 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 4, with doors opening at 6 p.m. Cost is \$40 to get into the tournament.

Tickets are available only in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door. Call Ken at (734) 634-4898 or Mary at (734) 425-4421, voice mail No. 10, for tickets or information.

Participants must be 18 to play and 21 to drink. There will be a 50/50 raffle and refreshments. Top prize will be \$500.

Annual ice show

The Westland Figure Skating Club will present its annual ice show, Tropical Paradise, Friday-Sunday, May 4-6, at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, Westland.

Showtimes are at 7 p.m. May 4, 6 p.m. May 5 and 1 p.m. May 6. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children and senior citizens. Call the arena at (734) 729-4560 or visit www.WestlandFSC.com.

Poppy sales

American Legion Post 251 of

Westland will hold its annual Poppy Sales May 4-12.

Members will be at the intersection of Wayne and Ford roads as well as at various businesses in Westland and Canton.

Proceeds from the annual sale are used for the rehabilitation of and assistance for veterans and their families.

Members of Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 also will hold a poppy sale Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12. Look for members at various intersections throughout the city.

Annual fun run/walk

North Bros. Ford and the City of Westland will hold the eighth annual 5K fun run/walk 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The event will start at the Bailey Recreation Center. There is a preregistration deadline of May 13 with a fee of \$15 for adults. After that date, the fee is \$18. T-shirts also are guaranteed for those who register by May 13. Day-of the event registration will start at 8 a.m.

There will be prizes and recognition for the top three males and females in all age groups - ages 1-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older. The race is handicap accessible and there will be awards for the top three finishers in the handicap group.

For more information, call Jackie Marzacinni at North Bros. Ford at (734) 524-1230 or by e-mail at info@north-bros.com.

Cruise nights

Got a muscle car, street rod, pro street or classic car just waiting for cruise season? Well, it arrives Monday, May 7, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 in Westland.

The Motor City Muscle Car Club has moved its Monday Nite Cruisin' to the post at 1055 S. Wayne Road and Avondale. Hours are 6-9 p.m., and there will be door prizes, trophies and music by DJ Dave Holloway.

For more information, call (734) 721-9876.

Dining to Donate

People who eat at Applebee's can help a variety of Westland organizations through its Dining to Donate program.

Applebee's at 36475 Warren Road will donate 20 percent of the bill to Wild's Walkers for Relay for Life on May 24, Kicks 4 Kids on June 21, Westland Therapeutic Recreation program on July 26, Westland Historical Village Park on Aug. 23 and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept. 27.

Coupons are required to indicate which organization will receive the donation.

BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Academy of Westland will be holding its annual budget hearing on **May 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.** The location will be at 300 Henry Ruff Rd., Westland, MI 48186. The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

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All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Ray Irvine, Maintenance Supervisor at (734) 744-2514.

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 4th of May, 2007, at the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidders.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interest of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

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FRI/SAT LS 11:40

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Changes in GM 401(k) plans are 'disappointing'

I heard on your radio show that General Motors is making changes to its 401(k) plan. Can you tell me about the changes? **Matt**

General Motors is making significant changes to its 401(k) plan. Many funds now available through the Fidelity 401(k) plan are being terminated and replaced with other funds. Some funds that I like such as the Fidelity Export and Multi National Fund, Fidelity Puritan and Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund will no longer be available. General

Motors is also changing its lifecycle funds. GM will no longer use Fidelity Freedom Funds and Promark Funds. All of the lifecycle funds will be managed by Pyramis, another Fidelity company.

If you have balances in any fund being terminated, the balances and all subsequent contributions will be automatically switched into a new option as of the close of business June 29. For example, if you are an investor in the Fidelity Equity Income Fund, that money will automatically be moved into the Bernstein Diversified Value Fund. The question for employees is do you automatically let GM move your money or should you do it yourself. My view is you should look at your portfolio and make a decision. I'm not a fan of automatically moving into the default option. On the whole, I'm somewhat disappointed in the restructuring of the General Motor's 401(k) plan. I've been a believer that companies should offer more options to employees, not less. One of the reasons I urge investors to directly transfer their retirement accounts into an IRA when leaving a company is to keep total

control of their money. That way you do not run into the situation the employees at General Motors are now experiencing.

I have been reading about how you can invest in a socially responsible manner. Do you have any ideas how to do this? **Sara**

Socially responsible investing is becoming more popular and there are many investment alternatives to use. The key is to define socially responsible investing. As an example, some people define socially responsible investing as avoiding companies that sell alcohol, tobacco. While others believe socially responsible investing means dealing in companies with good environmental records. I believe the best way to invest in a socially responsible manner is to use mutual funds. In today's market, there are mutual funds in just about every asset category. An excellent resource is www.socialfunds.com. This

site offers a wealth of information regarding socially responsible investing. One mistake many investors make is they make the assumption that if you invest in a socially responsible manner, you are not concerned with performance. That's not the case. Many socially responsible funds have outperformed the average in their category. One last note, look for low-cost and commission-free funds that will keep more money in your pocket - where it belongs.

Do you think reverse mortgages make sense? **Pam**

I have no problem with reverse mortgages and I believe in certain situations they make a lot of sense. I would not use the proceeds from a reverse mortgage to make an investment. The money should be used to increase your cash flow to allow you to stay in your home, help a grandchild with a college education or

something of that sort. Recently, someone on my radio show asked me if it makes sense to take money out of their home through a reverse mortgage to use the proceeds to invest in an oil and gas well. Absolutely not. Reverse mortgages are an effective financial planning vehicle that helps many seniors. However, like many good strategies and investment tools, sometimes they are misused. Unfortunately, in many cases, people misuse reverse mortgages and it causes them problems down the road. If you are going to use a

reverse mortgage, take your time, and make sure that you deal with a reputable company. If you need the name of a reputable company, contact me. Don't get pressured into doing something with the money that you don't feel comfortable with.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at money-matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Gardeners swap plants at party

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

The late singer Rick Nelson sang disparagingly about a *Garden Party* he attended, but Westland historians hope theirs will take root and flourish.

Gardeners and green-thumb enthusiasts are invited to bring their plants and seeds to exchange them during a get-together at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road south of Marquette.

The event will be sponsored from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, by the Westland Historical Commission. And, it's free.

Jo Johnson, who heads up the commission, held out hope that the event could blossom into a larger project.

"Maybe we can start a garden club," she said.

Johnson and Kim Petersen of Livonia are urging anyone interested in gardening to show up to swap their plants and seeds.

"They can bring any plants in the yard that have multiplied and that they would like to exchange, or they can bring packages of seeds," Johnson said.

"We've never had this in Westland," she said. "We thought it would be something to try. If it turns out good, we'll have it again. A lot of people are into gardening."

The garden party could be a springboard for other events, too, such as talks by master gardeners at various locations across Westland, Johnson said.

Some similar events involving gardeners have fallen by the wayside with the closing of Clyde Smith & Sons Farm Market & Greenhouses, on Newburgh south of Joy.

Also, the new event could lead to an organized group that might want to help maintain and spruce up garden areas at the historic village, Johnson said.

For more information, call Johnson at (734) 522-3918 or Petersen at (734) 591-6506.

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City spruces up Curtis Woods Park

In observance of Arbor Day, the city of Westland planted several spruce trees Friday at Curtis Woods Park, on Palmer Road, will be the second recent improvement to Curtis Woods Park. The park received a new walking path in late 2006 that is already popular among local walkers.

The city is a member of Tree City U.S.A., which is

honored to celebrate Arbor Day along with other communities all over the world.

The spruces, which will serve as a buffer between the park and traffic on Palmer Road, will be the second recent improvement to Curtis Woods Park. The park received a new walking path in late 2006 that is already popular among local walkers.

The city is a member of Tree City U.S.A., which is

sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, according to the mayor's office.

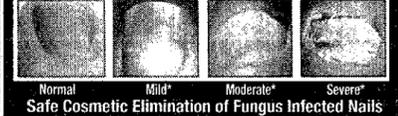
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LeBlanc says tax plan would jump start state

A Westland lawmaker has come out in support of a comprehensive business tax and incentive package that would jump-start Michigan's economy and reward businesses that create jobs in Michigan. According to State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, the proposal rewards investment, protects Michigan-based companies, and ensures funding for education, health care and the 21st Century Jobs Fund. "This is a comprehensive plan that will reward companies that invest in Michigan and help jump-start

Michigan's economy," LeBlanc said. "Michigan needs bold action to help resolve the unprecedented fiscal crisis that we are facing. By turning Michigan into a magnet for 21st century jobs providers, we can become a powerhouse in the global economy and get our own economy back on track." Under the Michigan Business Tax, about 75 percent of businesses in Michigan would pay less in taxes. It is the only plan of its kind to address both the Personal Property Tax and the Single Business Tax in such a far-reaching

manner, LeBlanc said. The MBT is the House of Representatives' solution for replacing the SBT and reforming the Personal Property Tax. It will: - Provide \$700 million in new tax credits that reward Michigan businesses for investment, compensation, and research and development. - Reward capital investment by cutting the Personal Property Tax by an average of 73 percent for manufacturers and 46 percent for commercial businesses, while also protecting funding for

local units of government. - Boost job creation by providing credits for investment in Michigan and for Michigan payroll. - Help small businesses by exempting companies with less than \$350,000 in gross receipts from taxation. Businesses with up to \$700,000 in gross receipts will pay reduced rates. The plan also enhances existing small-business tax credits. - Protect education, health care, police and fire protection, and other essential services by ensuring revenue-

neutrality. - Benefit most businesses by creating a 0.488 percent tax on net worth and a 7 percent tax on profits. - Offer a rebate to business taxpayers if the tax generates 10 percent beyond the revenue-neutral point. In developing the tax reform legislation, House lawmakers consulted with a variety of leaders from the public and private sectors, including tax experts, small business leaders, local government, the nonprofit community, organized labor and many others.

ELECTION NOTICE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 8, 2007 FOR LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CITIES OF LIVONIA & WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular School Election of Livonia Public Schools School District and the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College District, Michigan, will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

The Polls of Election will open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.

Candidates for the following offices will be voted upon:

Livonia Public Schools - School Board
1 - One (1) year term
2 - Four (4) year terms

Schoolcraft Community College District - Board of Trustees
3 - Six (6) year terms

A full list of candidate information can be obtained by going to http://www.waynecounty.com/clerk/elections05_2007-school-candid.htm

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| Precinct | Location | Address |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| City of Livonia Precincts: | | |
| 3A | Coolidge School | 30500 Curtis Avenue |
| 3B | Buchanan School | 16400 Hubbard Road |
| 4A | Dickinson Center | 18000 Newburgh Road |
| 7A | Dickinson Center | 18000 Newburgh Road |
| (consolidated 8A & 8B) | 8A Dickinson Center | 18000 Newburgh Road |
| 9A | Cass School | 34633 Munger Avenue |
| 10A | Riley School | 15555 Henry Ruff Road |
| 11A | Coolidge School | 30500 Curtis Avenue |
| 12A | Coolidge School | 30500 Curtis Avenue |
| 13A | Riley School | 15555 Henry Ruff Road |
| 14A | Riley School | 15555 Henry Ruff Road |
| 15A | Buchanan School | 16400 Hubbard Road |
| 16A | Cass School | 34633 Munger Avenue |
| (consolidated 16B & 17B) | 16B Hooper School | 15900 Levan Road |
| 17A | Holmes School | 16200 Newburgh |
| 18A | Holmes School | 16200 Newburgh |
| 19A | Randolph School | 14470 Norman Avenue |
| 19B | Webster School | 37855 Lyndon Avenue |
| 20A | Frost School | 14041 Stark Road |
| 21A | Frost School | 14041 Stark Road |
| (consolidated 22A & 22B) | 22A Kennedy School | 14201 Hubbard Road |
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| 24A | Roosevelt School | 30200 Lyndon Avenue |
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| (consolidated 31A & 31B) | 31A Rosedale School | 36651 Ann Arbor Trail |
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| 33A | Garfield School | 10218 Arthur Avenue |
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| 34B | Grant School | 9300 Hubbard Road |
| 34C | Grant School | 9300 Hubbard Road |
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VOTER INSTRUCTIONS IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT

To comply with the voting accessibility requirements, the voting instructions will be provided on cassette tapes. Any voters who request the voting instructions in an "alternative format" in advance of the election will be supplied with a copy of the tape. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in an "alternative format" should be made by contacting the clerk in advance of the election no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the Election. In an instance where a voter contacts his or her local clerk in advance of the election to request that the voter instructions be available in an "alternative format" in the polls, the clerk will arrange to have a cassette player available in the polling place.

This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public School District and the Schoolcraft Community College District, Wayne County, Michigan.

VAL VANDERSLOOT EILEEN DeHART
Livonia City Clerk Westland City Clerk

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LEAGUE

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January to embezzling between \$1,000 and \$20,000 from 1999 to 2004.

Neal Greenfield, ex-league president, settled his case by agreeing to repay \$16,000 and by giving up another \$16,000 that police seized during their investigation.

However, Shari Greenfield has refused to repay \$16,000, and her restitution hearing will continue June 1 in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Gregory Dean Bill.

"We're trying to get the restitution down to zero," Bricker told the *Observer*.

Shari Greenfield has been working as a waitress at a Westland cafe/bar, and Bricker said she doesn't have the means to pay \$16,000.

"She can't pay it, even with installments," he said. "She doesn't owe it anyway."

League officials and authorities voiced disappointment after Judge Bill placed the

Greenfields on probation, rather than giving them jail time. Critics called the sentence too lenient for a couple accused of stealing from an organization that raises money to support youth baseball, senior citizen programs and other activities.

Bill defended his decision by saying he wanted the ex-couple to repay money they owed. However, Bricker dismissed suggestions that Shari Greenfield should have to repay money just because she pleaded no contest, which falls short of a guilty plea although it is treated similarly in court.

"By pleading no contest, she made no admission that she embezzled anything," Bricker said, adding later, "She is still owed \$27,000. Are we going to go after that (by suing the league)? I don't know at this point."

By pleading no contest to reduced embezzling charges, the Greenfields avoided potential lengthy prison sentences. Early on, Special Wayne County Prosecutor Abed Hammoud had indicated in court that the amount the couple owed was at least

\$145,000.

On Thursday, new league President Vic Barra denied claims by Bricker that the league owes money to Shari Greenfield.

"I do not place any value whatsoever on the comments made by her attorney in court," Barra said, noting that a police investigation indicated the Greenfields embezzled money by writing checks.

"I'm looking forward to the final phase of the restitution process," Barra said.

Meanwhile, bingo games have returned to the civic league after state officials agreed to restore licenses to the club, on Wayne south of Ford. Still, Barra said some former patrons haven't returned due to negative publicity that cast shadows on the organization.

He held out hope that former patrons will realize that the Greenfields are no longer in charge and that the league is trying to rebuild its reputation so that it can continue sponsoring community programs.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the School Election to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.

Location: Civic Center (City Hall)
6000 Middlebelt
Garden City, Michigan 48135

Date: May 2, 2007
Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk
734-793-1620

Publish: April 29, 2007



NOTICE OF ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID DISTRICTS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the annual election for the School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan, and the biennial election for the Schoolcraft Community College District, City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan, will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

At the annual election of the Garden City School District there will be elected one (1) Member of the Board of Education for a four-year term, ending June 30, 2011. The candidates for said office to the Board of Education are as follows:

ONE (1) FOUR YEAR TERM
(one shall be elected)

Michael Daniel Bachko
James Larkin
Brian W. Nowka

At the biennial election of the Schoolcraft College District, Garden City, there will be elected three (3) trustees at-large for six (6) year terms ending June 30, 2013.

THREE (3) 6-YEAR TERMS
(three shall be elected)

Mary Breen
Brian D. Broderick
James G. Fausone
Joan A. Gebhardt
Ron Randall

The places of voting for the election to be held on May 8, 2007, will be as follows:

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| Precinct 1 | Farmington School 33411 Marquette |
| Precinct 2 | Memorial School 30001 Marquette |
| Precinct 3 | Lathers School 28351 Marquette |
| Precinct 4 | Lathers School 28351 Marquette |
| Precinct 5 | Memorial School 30001 Marquette |
| Precinct 6 | Garden City Middle School 1851 Radcliff |
| Precinct 7 | Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood |
| Precinct 8, 11 | Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood |
| Precinct 9 | Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt |
| Precinct 10 | Douglas School 6400 Hartel |

All polling places are handicapper accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's Office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, May 7, 2007, to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

Allyson Bettis
City Clerk
City of Garden City

Published: April 29, 2007

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154

The Livonia Public schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

CAFETERIA TABLE REPLACEMENT AT ROSEDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bid forms and specifications are available at the Maintenance Department, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI, 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. A \$25.00 fee is required for the specifications.

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Ray Irvine, Maintenance Supervisor at (734) 744-2514.

Bids will be received until 1:00 P.M. on the 4th of May, 2007, at the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidders.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

SANDRA L. POLLACK,
Supervisor of Finance
Livonia Public Schools

Published: April 22 and 29, 2007



Parties pick their favorites in Schoolcraft's election

Partisan: a strong supporter of a faction, party. This is the definition from Webster's New World Dictionary. Merriam Webster adds "especially: one exhibiting blind, prejudiced, and unreasoning allegiance."

In this nonpartisan political season of school elections this spring and several local government elections coming this fall, the word "partisan" is being thrown around with heavy suggestions of that Merriam Webster cautionary addition.

Political parties have a long history, probably informally dating back to a time in ancient history when two cavemen disagreed with each other and found others to support their positions. Julius Caesar had his "partisans" and Brutus had his. British history is enlivened with Cavaliers and Roundheads, Tories and Whigs, Liberals, Conservatives and Labour.

In the United States after Federalists, Whigs and Know-Nothings we have settled into two major parties since the Civil War and an ever-changing cast (outcast) of minor parties. The two major parties have taken a variety of positions over the years, and while the Republicans have been generally the "conservative" party and Democrats the "liberal" party, those positions have always been in flux.

Anyone who has been attentive to the nonpartisan Schoolcraft board election will realize that the two parties have chosen their favorites. Western Wayne County Republican notables - Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo - have lined up behind Jim Fausone, a Canton attorney with offices in Northville. Notable Democrats - state Rep.

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Marc Corriveau, state Sen. Glenn Anderson - are backing Joan Gebhardt, who is an aide to Democratic House Speaker Andy Dillon and has run in past partisan elections as a Democrat.

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What might be at play is ambition for higher political office. U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, former state Sen. Laura Toy and others have served at the college on their way to other things. Fausone has said his interest is in being on the Schoolcraft board and he's not looking any further. Gebhardt says she wants to continue serving on the board but doesn't completely rule out running for another political position at some future date.

The only potentially partisan issue on the horizon is labor negotiations. Gebhardt said in her interview with the *Observer* that she is "a labor person" and Fausone might take a harder line. But that would be highly speculative.

Both seem enthusiastic about the college, supportive of President Conway Jeffress and his drive to connect college programs with real world jobs and mindful of the college's special place in the broader education environment. Nothing particularly rings of standard "party" positions.

Political parties are not the "evil" that some seem to believe

them to be. Parties allow people with a common perspective on the role of government, the limits of governmental authority, the limits of government taxation and other issues to come together in common cause. Our major American parties, especially since the time of Franklin Roosevelt, have coalesced around these issues but each has members that line up along a range of views.

We are ill served by people who exhibit "blind, prejudiced and unreasoning allegiance" to those parties, but we are probably well served by a party system that anchors toward a center and tries to work toward a viable consensus.

It would be hard to find candidates for "nonpartisan" positions who don't have "partisan" leanings. In that case, they would probably not be a good candidate since they would have chosen to not be involved in the broader political process. What we often have in our local communities is a situation where a person who would naturally be a Democrat or a Republican has to hide his/her party positions because the communities are so dominated by one party or the other.

In the end, partisan or non-partisan, voters have to decide who will serve intelligently, honorably, honestly and with the best interests of the students at Schoolcraft College. To understand that, voters have to get beyond the party labels and endorsements.

Hugh Gallagher is the managing editor of the *Observer Newspapers*. He can be reached by phone at (734) 953-2149 or by e-mail at hgallagher@hometownlife.com.

Economic woes should inspire us to improve our community

Sobering news continues for our region as we recently learned the 66-store Farmer Jack supermarket chain - a metro Detroit fixture for more than 80 years - will likely be sold in piecemeal fashion to several buyers. This likely means the Farmer Jack name will be no more when the dust settles and the deals are completed.

In Livonia, this anticipated deal will impact hundreds of local workers who are employed at the Farmer Jack stores on Five Mile near Newburgh and on Seven Mile near Middlebelt, and a large grocery warehouse that opened in the Inkster-Plymouth area just a few years ago. Many of these workers agreed to a 10-percent pay cut two years ago in an effort to preserve the company and their jobs.

For the many metro Detroiters who grew up shopping for groceries in a Farmer Jack store, this is the latest reminder that our economy and region is permanently changing. This painful transition continues to eliminate some long-standing companies and chips away at some long-believed ideals about loyalty.

Farmer Jack's anticipated demise can be blamed on a number of factors, starting with its parent company, the New Jersey-based Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. A&P bought the company from Paul Borman in 1989 when Farmer Jack had dominated metro Detroit's grocery business for decades. Some will blame the employee unions for their negotiated legacy costs. Some will blame Wal-Mart and Meijer for their superstores that chipped at Farmer Jack's share of the local market over the past decade.

The blame game, however, will not help those who will lose their jobs. This is the latest in a series of local economic struggles that were sparked by the downsizing automotive industry.

This has caused several years of difficulty for many metro Detroit individuals and businesses, but it should also serve as a challenge to all of us to think differently.

For those blue-collar workers looking for new jobs, they must find an avenue to quickly learn new sets of employable skills. This will be especially difficult for an auto worker or manufacturer who has been forced out of a job in his or her 50s or 60s, but they are not prepared to retire.

There is no doubt that change brings an uncomfortable fear of the unknown when one has to make career or major strategic changes. Our region's economic severe downturns will leave us no choice but to encounter that fear and overcome it so we can make necessary

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changes in our thinking. This transition is necessary for all of us, individually, and for all of us as a metro Detroit community.

A recent report by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments estimates that the region will lose 25,000 metro Detroit residents for each of the next several years as they flee for other states in the search for work. There are plenty of job opportunities outside of Michigan. For example, there are advertisements running on local radio stations to promote a job fair - that will take place here in metro Detroit - by the Phoenix Police Department, which is looking for new officers to serve their booming Arizona community.

We all have to be personally creative and determined to curb this tide of people leaving metro Detroit, or we risk permanent damage to this region we call home.

The days of high school graduates finding steady jobs that support a household are over. To have a chance at a household-support job, we all need college, vocational or other special-skills training after high school, whether you graduate this summer or 30 summers ago. As more people are trained in needed skills, experts said they feel more corporations will develop and expand in this region.

According to Michigan Works, a private employment services company with an office in Livonia, there are thousands of good-paying in Michigan in the health care, accounting and integrated technology industries.

This transition is painful now, but it will inspire all of us to overcome uncomfortable fears and make necessary changes that will benefit all of us in the long run. We need to do this for our own survival. We need to do this for the survival of our entire region.

Dan West is the president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.



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It's a done deal: Kensington Lakes starts in '08-09

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The courtship is over and the honeymoon period now starts. The Western Lakes Activities Association and the Kensington Valley Conference have officially merged for the 2008-09 school year. And with the addition Thursday of two Waterford schools from the Oakland Activities Association - Mott and Kettering - the newly formed Kensington Valley Activities Association will consist of a total 24 schools divided into two conferences - Kensington and Lakes - and features four six-school divisions. After principals from the WLAA and KVC approved the plan, the final step came Thursday when both Mott and Kettering were formally invited to join league. The plan was devised to maximize scheduling concerns and cut down on rising transportation costs. Unlike surrounding leagues such as the Michigan Mega and the OAA, the KLAA will not juggle divisions or seed

schools in divisions based on past winning and losing percentages. In the new setup, the Kensington Conference will consist of two divisions including the South, which will be all schools from the WLAA including Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Canton, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn. Meanwhile, the Central Division will feature three teams from the Western Lakes - Livonia Stevenson, Salem and Northville; and two existing KVC members - South Lyon and Novi; along with a new school set to open, South Lyon East. The Lakes Conference's North Division will feature three WLAA schools - Walled Lake Western, Central and Northern; along with White Lake Lakeland of the KVC; and Mott and Kettering of the OAA. The West Division will consist of five existing KVC schools - Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Milford and Pinckney, along with a new school set to open, Howell Parker. The next step will be to create and adopt a constitution, and establish

bylaws and league rules for overall governance and administration of all athletic and activity programs. "The initial concept of the league was driven by finances," said Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman. "It doesn't look like gas prices will be coming down any time soon, so transportation was definitely an issue. Plus, we were concerned about the amount of time the kids were spending on some of the bus rides from, let's say, Canton to Walled Lake. "This will create a better situation for scheduling games, too. We had a very difficult time finding an opponent for our football team to open against this year. The new league will give us more options as far as scheduling is concerned." Churchill athletic director Marc Hage and Novi A.D. Curt Ellis will sit down in the next 10 days to devise a plan to help formulate the new KLAA as far as forming committees and getting input from all schools involved as far as scheduling and playoff formats.

KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

(Starting 2008-09)
KENSINGTON CONFERENCE
South Division: Livonia Churchill (Chargers); Livonia Franklin (Patriots); Plymouth (Wildcats); Canton (Chiefs); Wayne Memorial (Zebras); Westland John Glenn (Rockets).
Central Division: Livonia Stevenson (Spartans); Northville (Mustangs); Salem (Rocks); Novi (Wildcats); South Lyon (Lions); South Lyon East (Cougars).
LAKES CONFERENCE
North Division: White Lake Lakeland (Eagles); Walled Lake Central (Vikings); Walled Lake Northern (Knights); Walled Lake Western (Warriors); Waterford Kettering (Captains); Waterford Mott (Corsairs).
West Division: Brighton (Bulldogs); Hartland (Eagles); Howell (Highlanders); Milford (Mavericks); Howell Parker (Patriots); Pinckney (Pirates).

PLEASE SEE **MERGER, B2**

Sidelines

Briton grid honoree

Albion College senior Pete Shaw (Livonia Clarenceville) was among 345 players from 195 school across the country that were included on The National Football Foundation's National Honor Society, which is comprised of college football players from all divisions who maintain a 3.2 grade-point average or better.

Shaw, a wide receiver, and teammate Chase Chandler (Novi), a defensive back, were the only scholar-athletes from the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association to be tabbed for the award. Shaw was an All-MIAA first-team selection in 2006 and a second-team pick in 2005. He was Albion's top receiver with 40 catches for 764 yards and seven touchdowns.

North Brothers 5K

North Brothers Ford and the City of Westland will stage its eight annual 5-kilometer fun run and walk to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at the Bailey Recreation Center. Pre-registration (through May 13) is \$12 for students 18-and-under; \$15 for adults. Late registration (after May 13) is \$18. Race day registration starts at 8 a.m. Awards will go to the top three finishers in each age group. Call Jackie Marcaccinni at (734) 524-1230; or e-mail info@northbros.com.

MU golf report

On April 20-21, Westland's Steve South (Livonia Franklin) fired rounds of 77-75-152 to pace the Madonna University men's golf team, which placed ninth in the Malone College Invitational at Tannenhau Golf Course in Alliance, Ohio. Other finishers for MU, which had a 36-hole total of 620 includes Aaron Cheesman (Salem), 75-79-154; Steve Robinson (Livonia Churchill), 78-79-157; Jono McMahon, 78-80-158; and Matt Robinson (Churchill), 86-79-165. On April 19, MU took third Spring Arbor Invitational at Arbor Hills G.C. with a 637 total. Spring Arbor took first with 623 followed by Cornerstone with 630. MU scores included McMahon, who had a tourney-best 72 after 18 holes; before carding an 83 for a 155 total; South, 78-80-158; Cheesman, 80-80-160; and Tom Voyer, 87-83-170. Shanna Page shot a 4-over 72-76-148 to lead Bethel College (Ind.) to the NAIA Region VIII women's golf title, April 20-21, at Blackthorn G.C. in South Bend. Bethel had a two-day total of 621 followed by Marian (Ind.), 676; St. Francis (Ind.), 694; Siena Heights, 731; Aquinas, 751; and Madonna, 772. MU's Ashley Laws (Wayne Memorial) tied for 20th with 97-99-187. Danielle Elswick (Wayne) was 26th with 91-97-188.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn's Sheena Martin lets a high pitch go through during Friday's Lakes Division softball game with Salem.

Seeking answers Winless Glenn can't get over hump

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Westland John Glenn coach Julie Rogers didn't envision this kind of start to the 2007 girls softball season, but she refuses to throw in the towel. The Rockets are still searching for their first victory after being mercied Friday by host Salem, 14-1, in five innings. Rogers, who inherited a 1-22 squad from a year ago, watched her team commit 11 errors. The loss drops Glenn to 0-8 overall and 0-4 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "We let infield fly (balls) drop in between us with people standing, and they (Salem) were running the bases and we were holding onto the ball," Rogers said. "It's frustrating, but we'll keep working. We have the egos to be successful, but some of our players don't quite have the skills yet that we're looking for to become starters at this level." Salem, now 2-5 overall and 1-3

in the Lakes, is also going through growing pains. "We're off to a rough start and we know we have to pull it together if we are going to be able to compete here when the season gets down to the district play," Salem coach Bonnie Southerland said. "With five sophomores and a freshman - we're young. My pitchers have been doing well, but we have to do a better job at the plate making contact. "The girls are staying positive and know what they need to do to step it up, and we will. I have confidence in them." The Rockets grabbed a short-lived 1-0 lead in the top of the second as Katie Down walked and scored on Samantha Giles' fielders choice. The Rocks answered with a vengeance, pushing across nine runs in the bottom of the inning.

PLEASE SEE **SOFTBALL, B2**

Crusaders deck Cards to garner top spot

With several Observerland alums swinging hot bats, the Madonna University softball team moved into a first place tie in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a pair of lopsided wins at Concordia on Friday afternoon. The Crusaders won the opener 20-0 in five innings and then proceeded to win the nightcap 18-0 in five-innings as well. Leading the offense for Madonna was junior Heather

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Richardson (Canton) who went 3-for-4 with a team-high seven runs scored in the twinbill. Richardson also drew three walks and drove in five runs on the day. MU freshman Brittney Scero (Canton) added four hits, five runs and three RBIs in the doubleheader. Freshman Caitlyn Sidor (Livonia Churchill)

recorded four hits as well, along with five RBIs. Overall in the doubleheader, Cardinal pitchers surrendered 26 bases on balls. Madonna senior left-hander Shannon Noder cruised throughout the first game to pick up her team leading 14th win of the season. Noder allowed just four hits and struck out four. MU scored in every inning of the first contest. The Crusaders

opened the contest with a pair of runs in the first inning and then posted six runs in both the second and third innings. In the nightcap, Madonna scored three runs in the first inning and two in the second before exploding in the fourth and fifth innings with six and seven runs, respectively. The Cardinals were able to keep Madonna off the scoreboard in the fifth inning for the only time in the doubleheader.

Junior southpaw Liz Ballinger picked up her 13th win of the year after limiting the host Cardinals to just four hits, while striking out five batters. Sophomore Ashley Bonsall (Livonia Franklin) delivered an RBI triple in the nightcap. Madonna improved to 27-12 overall and 12-4 in WHAC action. Concordia dropped to 5-33 overall and 0-18 in league play.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

String music

Livonia Churchill No. 1 singles player Nick Payne shows off his two-fisted backhand in Friday's dual match against Westland John Glenn. The Chargers rolled to an 8-0 victory. See boys tennis results on page B5.

Well-traveled Bores eyes next level

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Mark Bores certainly has the credentials to be a travel agent. That's because his pursuit of a Division I hockey scholarship has taken him all over the map. The 20-year-old defenseman from Livonia is winding his career with Mahoning Valley Phantoms of the North American Hockey League. He has played a total of 108 games with the Phantoms, the North Division playoff champions of the NAHL who are based in Boardman, Ohio (near Youngstown). This week, 6-foot-3, 200-pound Bores and his teammates, including forward Jason Simota, also of Livonia, will travel to Fairbanks, Alaska to play the host Ice Dogs in the opening round Thursday of the Robertson Cup, emblematic of the

Junior A National Champion. Four teams will vie for the Cup, including host Fairbanks, along with the Central Division playoff champ; (either the Southern Minnesota Express or the Fargo-Moorhead Jets); and the Southern Division playoff champ (either the Texas Tornado or the St. Louis Bandits). The Phantoms swept both the Marquette Rangers and USA Under-17 National Development Team in three games to earn a spot in the Robertson Cup tournament. Before being tendered a contract with the Phantoms, Bores played two months with another Junior A team in Montana. "I didn't like the whole situation," said Bores, who eventually migrated to the NAHL. "But this (the NAHL) is a very good league. The top teams can compete with top teams in other Junior A

PLEASE SEE **BORES, B2**



Livonia native Mark Bores, a member of the Mahoning Valley Phantoms of the North American Hockey League, will play Thursday in the opening round of the Robertson Cup in Fairbanks, Alaska.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

2007 RAIDER RELAYS
April 27 at North Farmington
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 67.5 points; 2. Oxford 59.5; 3. North Farmington, 48; 4. Farmington Harrison, 42; 5. Country Day, 40; 6. Ann Arbor Huron, 35; 7. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 31; 8. Rochester Stoney Creek, 26; 9. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, 18; 11. Salem, 10; 12. Dearborn Divine Child, 8; 13. (tie) Detroit Community, Beikley, Royal Oak and Wayne Memorial, 0.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 75
WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 62
April 26 at W.L. Northern
Shot put: Rebecca Bartek (LS), 32 feet, 1 inches; discus: Weber (WLN), 101-4; high jump: Gibson (WLN), 4-8; long jump: Gibson (WLN), 14-11.5; pole vault: Maria Winkler (LS), 9-0; 100-meter hurdles: Christine Armstrong (LS), 17.68; 300 hurdles: Armstrong (LS), 51.48; 100: Gibson (WLN), 13.47; 200: Kindervater (WLN), 28.12; 400: Brittany Mrozek (LS), 1:05.11; 800: Quaintance (WLN), 2:21.12; 1,600: Courtney Calka (LS), 5:23.83; 3,200: Calka (LS), 11:48.0; 400 relay: Northern, 54.24; 800 relay: Stevenson (Chelsea Pashnick, Brittany Gentile, Allie Pilsko, Mrozek), 1:54.36; 1,600 relay: Northern, 4:22.33; 3,200 relay: Northern, 10:09.85.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 114

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 23
April 26 at Churchill
Shot put: 1. Kyndra Abron (LC), 38 feet, 5 inches; 2. Kallee Hobbins (LC), 33-4.75; 3. Anderson (WJG), 32-6.
Discus: 1. Abron (LC), 111-2; 2. Hobbins (LC), 100-8; 3. Stephanie Bradshaw (LC), 95-2.
High jump: 1. Abron (LC), 5-2; 2. Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 4-10; 3. Kija Cotts (WJG), no mark available.
Long jump: 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 16-1; 2. Jackie Gribeck (LC), 14-10.25; 3. Ashley Montgomery (WJG), 14-9.
Pole vault: 1. Zgorecki (LC), 8-9; 2. Jennifer Olmstead (LC), 7-3; 3. Eren Ural (LC), 7-3.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 80

PLYMOUTH 57
April 26 at Plymouth
Shot put: 1. Robyn Whalen (LF), 36 feet, 11 inches; 2. Ashley Price (LF), 31-0.50; 3. Kara Guimmo (LF), 24-9.
Discus: 1. Whalen (LF), 121-0; 2. Guimmo (LF), 84-0; 3. Price (LF), 76-0.
Long jump: 1. Jill Morton (P), 15-11.75; 2. Megan Wilson (LF), 15-10; 3. Megan Priebe (LF), 13-6.5.
High jump: 1. Brittany Petty (P), 5-6; 2. Liz Holloway (LF), 4-10; 3. Shaakira Hayward (P), 4-8.
Pole vault: 1. Meghan Powers (LF), 8-6; 2. Beah Knisely (P), 7-6; 3. Anastasia Bending (LF), 7-6.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Franklin (Laura Marshall, Devon Walley, Allison Milican, Seneca Scott), 10:18.84 (broke the school record of 10:20.6 set in 1988); 2. Plymouth, 10:27.0.
100 hurdles: 1. Mandy McManus (P), 18-2; 2. Sarah Woods (LF), 18-3; 3. Carolanne Cucci (LF), 18-6.
100 dash: 1. Julie Hershey (P), 13.4; 2. Jill Morton (P), 13.5; 3. Megan Wilson (LF), 13.6.
800 relay: 1. Franklin (Casey Lynett, Monica Hardy, Ashley Butkowski, Wilson), 1:54.42; 2. Plymouth, 1:54.50.
1,600 run: 1. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:33.15; 2. Kari Saarela (LF), 5:37.87; 3. Molly Slavens (P), 5:50.9.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Jalesa Moise, Megan Davis, Jill Morton, Julie Hershey), 54.05; 2. Franklin, 56.81.
400 dash: 1. Scott (LF), 1:04.03; 2. Butkowski (LF), 1:04.21; 3. Nour Bacha (P), 1:08.0.
300 hurdles: 1. Lynett (LF), 51.82; 2. McManus (P), 53.43; 3. Angela Calcaterra (P), 53.84.
800 run: 1. Milican (LF), 2:38.18; 2. Marshall (LF), 2:40.06; 3. Etleva Niema (P), 2:41.06.
200 dash: 1. Julie Hershey (P), 27.66; 2. Wilson (LF), 28.23; 3. Hardy (LF), 28.65.
3,200 run: 1. Kari Saarela (LF), 11:54.79 (broke the school record of 12:01.7 set in 1977 by A. Jordan); 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 12:08; 3. Slavens (P), 12:23.
1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Lynett, Butkowski, Milican, Scott), 4:26.24; 2. Plymouth, no time available.
Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-0 overall, 2-0 WLA-Western Division; Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 WLA-Western Division.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 93

BIRMINGHAM MARIAN 95
April 24 at Ladywood
Shot put: Bridgit Malloy (LL), 32 feet, 4.75 inches; discus: Molly (LL), 85-10; high jump: Kathryn Berger (LL), 4-10; long jump: Jenae Bahoura (LL), 14-3; 100-meter hurdles: Megan Yanik (LL), 17.59; 300 hurdles: Bahoura (LL), 53.6; 100 dash: Katie Morasso (LL), 13.15; 200: Brown (BM), 28.13; 400: Morasso (LL), 1:03.88; 800: Asher (BM), 2:40.79; 1,600: Sarasky (BM), 5:38.33; 3,200: Danielle Kanclerz (LL), 13:48.72; 400 relay: Marian, 53.99; 800 relay: Ladywood, 1:57.73; 1,600 relay: Ladywood, 4:27.36; 3,200: Ladywood, 11:01.0.
Ladywood 2nds: Paige Evans, shot put (30-5.75); Allison Spitzley, high jump (4-8); Morasso, long jump (14-1); Stephanie DiGiandomenico, 100 hurdles (17.83); 300 hurdles (54.97); Yanik, 400 (1:04.19); Jordan Collins, 800 (2:45.4); Kanclerz, 1,600 (6:02.53); Cathy Wojtanowski, 3,200 (14:00.87); 3rds: Evans, discus (71-6); Kirsten Salter, high jump (4-2); Bahoura, 100 hurdles (18.18); Berger, 400 (1:08.13); Janessa Esquilbe, 800 (2:46.6); Wojtanowski, 1,600 (6:20.33).
Ladywood's dual meet record: 1-1 overall, 1-1 Catholic League (Central Division).
METRO CONFERENCE TRI-MEET
April 24 at Lutheran Westland
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 103 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 59; 3. Harper Woods, 8.
FINAL RESULTS
Shot put: Becca Refenes (LW), 31 feet, 8 inches; discus: Refenes (LW), 84-5; high jump: Marsh (BHK), 4-6; long jump: Megan Kohtz (LW), 11-11; pole vault: Myrian Stork (LW), 6-0; 100-yard hurdles: Nagarkar (BHK), 18.1; 300 hurdles: Nagarkar (BHK), 54.5; 100 dash: Lauren Schwewe (LW), 12.3; 200: Schwewe (LW), 28.5; 400: Schwewe (LW), 1:07.3; 800: Katherine Mackenzie (LW), 2:41.0; mile: Mackenzie (LW), 5:48.8; 2 mile: Gumushian (BHK), 13:36.7; 400 relay: Kingswood, 57.4; 800 relay: Cranbrook, 2:00.9; mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Mackenzie, Ashley Taylor-Voss, Nicole Zehel, Katey Ramthun), 4:43.1; 2 mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Mackenzie, Taylor-Voss, Zehel, Ramthun), 11:25.3.
Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 5-0 overall, 2-0 Metro Conference.

BORES

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leagues." Mahonning Valley also captured the regular season title in the North Division, which also includes the Alpena Ice Diggers, the Traverse City Stars, Marquette and the U-17 squad.

Prior to going the Junior A route, Bores played Junior B with the Chatham Maroons of the Western Ontario Hockey League where he commuted nearly three hours daily during his senior year at Livonia Stevenson High.

And before going to Chatham, Bores was a member of the AAA HoneyBaked Midget Major teams where he played against the Lerg cousins, Bryan and Jeff, who recently led Michigan State to the NCAA Division I championship. Bores also played with Michigan's Kevin Porter for AAA Belle Tire.

He credits his father Mark and mother Jan, along with his stepfather Tom Wozniak, for allowing him to pursue his hockey travels.

"There aren't any doubts," Bores said of his quest. "They've been very supportive of my dream of playing Division I and they would do whatever it takes for me to get there. And I appreciate that."

"I had to figure it out for myself. The only thing I'd do over again is that I'd go the Junior A route before going Junior B.

Bores is a stay-at-home

defenseman who carries modest offensive numbers over the past two years - one goal and 13 assists during the regular season; and one goal and three assists in 13 playoff games.

He rates himself as a guy "with good size, who likes to hit, very aggressive, a good shot, and has good vision on the ice."

He credits the Mahonning Valley coaching staff, led by Bob Mainhardt and Curtis Carr, with elevating his game.

"They've taught me a lot of good skills, the little things that it takes to be a better player," Bores said.

Bores, who plans to study pharmacy, carried a 3.2 grade-point average at Stevenson. He took two classes last semester at Youngstown State University.

"There's not much to do here," said Bores, who along with three teammates lives with a hockey mother near the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. "We had a lot of bus rides early in the year, but after New Year's we had a lot more games at home. You can get a job or go to school, but I decided to stay rested as much as possible, and try to concentrate on hockey."

Bores hopes he can make a strong showing in the Robertson Cup. He's talked to both Wayne State University and Michigan about walking on.

"It's my first time going," said Bores of the trip to Alaska. "Hopefully if I play well I can get something out of it."

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SOFTBALL

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Abby Pairitz ignited the big inning with an RBI single. Kelly Behr collected two RBI before Pairitz finished what she started with a two-run single.

The Rocks padded their lead in the fourth when Mary Cox led off with a single, Pairitz

walked and Emily Pitcoale singled in Cox. Mary Johnson followed with an infield single before Kelly Behr drilled a two-out single that scored Pitcoale and Johnson.

Salem starting pitcher Melissa Leach and reliever Kelly MacDonald limited the Rockets to just one hit, a first-inning single by Tarra Anderson.

Leach earned the win, striking out two while yielding one

hit and two walks in three innings. MacDonald struck out three and walked one in her two innings of work.

Glenn sophomore starter Brittany Holbrook walked three, struck out one and allowed five hits.

STEVENSON 8, W.L. NORTHERN 4; Livonia Stevenson (5-4, 4-0) took over sole possession of first place in the WLA's Lakes Division with a win Friday at home over Walled Lake Northern (4-5, 3-1).

Winning pitcher Jamie Johnson allowed three earned runs on six hits. She struck out seven and walked one.

Lauren Brueck went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Janice Hollandsworth went 2-for-4 with a runs scored for the Spartans, who scored five times in the fifth inning.

Losing pitcher Alyssa Wagner allowed six earned runs on eight hits. She walked one and struck out one.

Lindsey Szutka doubled twice and Charli Coram added two hits for the Knights.

MERGER

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"I like the concept of the new league," said Salem girls basketball coach Fred Thomann. "The KVC has always had a lot of high-quality teams, especially in girls basketball, so it will be good from a competition standpoint. It will be interesting to see how they align the playoffs and the

post-season." The reduction of the number of long bus rides is a plus, too, as far as Canton girls hoop coach Brian Samulski is concerned.

"When teams from Plymouth, Canton and Salem play in Walled Lake, we don't get home until 10:30 on some nights," he said. "We'll still have to make trips up there, just not as many."

Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright also contributed to this report.

CORRECTION

For the record, Livonia Churchill's Joe Varilone captured the 3,200-meter run in the Livonia City Boys Track Meet held April 24 at Stevenson High School.

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Churchill deadlocks; Wayne ties Rockets

Livonia Churchill fired a ton of shots, but Walled Lake Central goalkeeper Taylor Comiskey was up to the task as the two teams battled to a scoreless draw in a key Lakes Division girls soccer match Wednesday in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Churchill, ranked No. 4 in the latest Division I statewide poll, is 6-0-2 overall and 3-0-1 in the Lakes Division.

Central, ranked No. 10 in Division I, is 7-0-1 overall and 2-0-1 in the division.

"They (Central) played well, they were organized defensively in the back and their goalie (Comiskey) made three spectacular saves," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We were all over them, we were in their end but we did not find enough creative ways to attack them."

Churchill goalkeeper Stefanie Turner had to make just two saves in earning her fourth shutout.

The Chargers outshot Central 16-2.

WAYNE 1, JOHN GLENN 1: Christy Jones' goal from Samantha Dye

GIRLS SOCCER

with 12 minutes to play Friday gave visiting Wayne Memorial (2-4-1) a tie with rival Westland John Glenn (1-7) in a WLAA crossover.

Wayne first-year coach Evan Baker pushed defender Danielle Borg up front to create more pressure.

"Danielle made a great run down the right wing and serve the ball into the goal area," Baker said. "We had all kinds of chances and could only score one."

Glenn's Amber Sportsman scored in the first half off a cross from Justine Baker.

Nickole Jarvis was in goal for the Zebras, while Lauren Whitt was Glenn's keeper.

"It was a pretty even both ways, a good, clean game," Glenn coach Jerry Poniatowski said. "I thought our team played nice team ball. They passed it when they needed to."

CLARENCEVILLE 8, HARPER WOODS 0: Amanda Moody's hat trick propelled Livonia Clarenceville (4-4, 2-2) to a Metro Conference mercy-rules victory over Harper Woods (0-7, 0-5).

Season Belcher, Shannon McNeilly, Tori Bunker and Merna Sason also scored goals for the Trojans, who ended the game with 20 minutes remaining. Jordan Fyfe added two assists.

Goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg did not face a shot in notching her third shutout of the year.

W.L. NORTHERN 1, STEVENSON 0: Christy Naife, who was dangerous all night, scored the game-winning goal with 10 minutes remaining in the first half gave Walled Lake Northern the WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Wednesday over visiting Livonia Stevenson (3-5-1, 1-3).

"We outshot them, and outposessed them 60-40 down one player; Amber Sharp was red-carded in the first five minutes of the game, leaving us shorthanded," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said.

Liz Tokarsky anchored Stevenson's backline, according to Pinta, who also singled out the contributions of Lauren O'Connor and Stephanie Gutkowski.

"Things just aren't bouncing our way, and we're really struggling to score," Pinta said. "We're in a funk right now and trying to fight our way out of it. I thought a lot of the girls fought hard tonight, especially shorthanded. We'll be O.K. I have faith in this team and believe they can get out of this."

CANTON 2, FRANKLIN 0: Goals by Becci Houdek and Megan Staub carries the Chiefs (4-1-1, 3-0-1) to a WLAA-Western Division triumph at Livonia Franklin (3-4, 2-2).

"While we worked hard and did put up a fight, we just didn't do the things that we are capable of and

that we needed to do," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We struggled a bit offensively and couldn't create the opportunities we needed. We're hope we can turn the corner with our struggles in big games soon."

CLARENCEVILLE 3, LUTH. N'WEST 0: Amanda Moody scored two goals and added one assist Wednesday as Livonia Clarenceville (3-4, 1-2) blanked visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest in a Metro Conference encounter.

Tori Bunker scored the game-winner in the opening half.

Goalkeepers Chelsea Gregg, who recently committed to Madonna University, and Kristen Jolly combined for the shutout.

SALEM 8, JOHN GLENN 0: The Rocks (3-4, 1-3) surged to a 5-0 halftime lead and never looked back on the way to a WLAA-Lakes Division victory Wednesday at Westland John Glenn (1-6, 0-4).

Taylor Carlson netted the first Salem goal.

Kelly Adsit added two goals to make it 3-0 before Rachel Gizicki scored on a shot from the top of the 18-yard box to up the lead to 4-0.

Lauren Booth capped the first-half scoring when she found the net on a free kick from 40 yards out approximately three minutes before the intermission.

Katie Shull, Lindsey Newton and Kara Winczkowski closed out the scoring for the winners.

PDL champion Bucks hold open tryout

The Michigan Bucks returns a majority of its starting lineup from their 2006 North American Premier Development League championship team for the 2007 season, which begins May 16.

But Bucks head coach Dan Fitzgerald said there are a few holes to fill.

Consequently, the Bucks will stage an open tryout from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5 at Oakland University. There is a \$25 registration fee and forms can be printed from the

Bucks Web Site: www.bucksoccer.com. All players must bring their own soccer gear.

"Although we're excited that most of our star players are returning this spring, there will be an opportunity for five-to-10 newcomers to make our roster," Fitzgerald said. "We do have several new faces reporting to camp on May 1 from all over the country, but we want to see if there is any new local talent that we have missed that can make one of those spots." The Bucks, who have

depended on homegrown talent throughout their franchise history, have commitments from collegiate players from OU, Michigan and Michigan State, along with several younger stalwarts from area high schools.

And the Bucks will also have their usual international flair with players coming from five different foreign countries.

Player signings along with the PDL home and away schedule will be announced this week.

The Bucks will also continue as a minor league affiliate of the Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew, which will visit Detroit on Wednesday, May 30.

The Bucks will complete their regular season home schedule by playing the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever at Crew Stadium prior to the Crew-Toronto FC MLS match on July 22.

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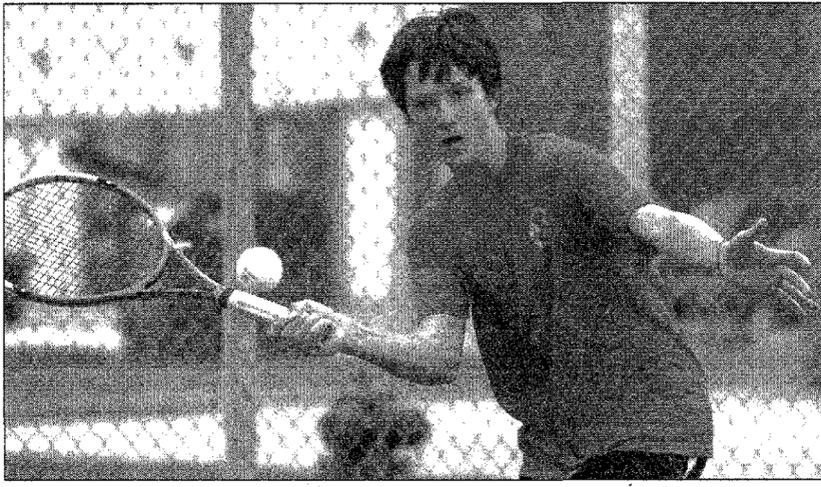
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John Glenn's Tim Smolen makes the volley during his No. 1 singles match Friday against Livonia Churchill's Nick Payne, who won in straight sets, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5 tiebreaker).

BOYS TENNIS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
April 25 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Tim Smolen, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5); No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Alex Cotosimo, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Alex Cios (LC) def. Cory Frawner, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. James Abraham, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangies (LC) def. Lenny Manfre-Clyff Palac, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Justin Samland-Shawn Murphy, 6-

3, 6-0; No. 3: Steve Mazur-Robert Fortney (LC) def. Billy Lyons-Brad Sheahan, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Paul Yandric-Andy Clairmont (LC) def. John Abraham-Zac Ernat, 6-1, 6-1.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 4-1 overall, 4-1 Western Lakes Activities Association; Glenn, 1-5-1 overall, 0-5-1 WAAA.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 5 SALEM 3
April 26 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (Salem) defeated Ian Petty, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Neil Bakshi (Salem) def. Chris Martin, 6-1, 6-0;

No. 3: Erik Koch (LS) def. Jake Burnstein, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Dave Benson (Salem) def. Leon Vaskov, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Mike Greco-Pat McHugh (LS) def. Tyler Jeleniewski-Matt Benson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Justin Collins-Ben Bagazinski (LS) def. John Bills-John Kang, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Alex Cook-Brady Thom (LS) def. Yuvi Rajeev-Andy Fosdick, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Chris Orlos-Clayton Northey (LS) def. Parth Patel-Andy Steinman, 6-1, 6-1.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 5-1 overall, 5-1 WAAA; Salem, 1-3 overall, 1-3 WAAA.

Whalers reach OHL championship series

The Plymouth Whalers used a familiar script in clinching the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference title and the Wayne Gretzky Trophy before 9,000 at London's John Labatt Centre on Thursday evening.

The Whalers received excellent goaltending from first star Michal Neuvirth, gritty penalty-killing and timely goal scoring in a 4-1 victory over London.

Plymouth takes the best-of-seven game series in five games over the Knights, winning all three games in the series at the John Labatt Centre.

The Whalers move on to OHL's Championship Series for the fifth time in their 17-year history, playing against the winner of the Sudbury-Bellefeuille Eastern Conference Final.

As of Friday, Sudbury led the series 3-2.

Neuvirth stopped 45-of-46 shots in the victory and stopped 183-of-193 shots over the five-game series for a .953 save percentage.

The Whaler penalty killers went 10-for-11 in the game

and played shorthanded 3-on-5 four different times, allowing only Sergei Kostitsyn's goal in the first period.

The Plymouth power play built an early 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Tom Sestito (10th of the playoffs) and Dan Collins (5).

Wes Cunningham (1) scored a shorthanded goal in the second period and Collins added an empty net goal in the final minute of play in the third period.

Sestito gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead at 3:05 of the first period when he tipped Collins' shot from the high slot past London goaltender Steve Mason.

Collins gave the Whalers a 2-0 lead when he rifled a shot from the high slot past Mason at 8:19. Kostitsyn cut the Plymouth lead to 2-1 at 11:51 on the power play when he scored from the right wing top shelf under the bar.

The key goal of the game came from Cunningham when he scored a shorthanded goal at 18:18 of the second period. Andrew Fournier did a lot of the work, skating with the puck from center ice and

into the left wing along the boards in the London zone. Cunningham followed up on the play late and was stationed at the hash marks when he accepted Fournier's feed. Mason stopped most of Cunningham's shot, but the puck trickled over the line to give the Whalers a 3-1 lead after 40 minutes.

London head coach Dale Hunter pulled Mason twice late in the third period in an attempt to get back into the game, but Collins scored on the empty net with 48 second remaining to close the scoring. Plymouth also played in the OHL Championship series in 1994, 1995, 2000 and 2001, winning the title in 1995.

The first game of the upcoming OHL Championship series is tentatively set for 7:05 p.m. Friday, May 4 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. The dates for the rest of the OHL Championship Series will be announced.

Tuttle lifts Stevenson by Lakes leaders, 8-0

Matt Tuttle was on his game Friday. The senior right-hander from Livonia Stevenson stopped Lakes Division baseball leader Walled Lake Northern in its tracks with a 1-hitter in the Spartans' 8-0 victory.

Stevenson is 6-4 overall and 2-2 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Northern falls to 9-2 overall and 3-1 in the Division. Stevenson, which collected nine hits, struck for seven runs in the opening inning thanks to four hits and three walks. And Tuttle did the rest as he struck out nine and walked only three in nine innings.

Jeff Sorenson and Luke Knochel paced the offense each going 2-for-3 with an RBI apiece. Dan Rozek also added two hits, while Andy Jones scored twice and knocked in a run.

Other Stevenson players scoring runs included Matt Loney, Sam Vomastek, Larry

PREP BASEBALL

Klemczak and Jake Wilson. B.J. Johnson had the lone hit for the Knights.

W.L. CENTRAL 10, CHURCHILL 9: Walled Lake Central (6-1, 4-0) scored seven times in the top of the fourth inning Friday and went on to beat host Livonia Churchill (5-6, 1-3) in a WAAA-Lakes Division game.

Two dropped fly balls started the rally for the Vikings, who got two hits apiece from Torrey Stimson and Brent Reichle.

Churchill rallied to tie the game at 9-all with four runs in the bottom of the fourth and two more in the fifth, but Central won it in the top of the sixth when James MacLellan singled and came home on Brent Reichle's single.

Garrett Reichle started on the mound for Central, allowing seven runs on eight hits and four walks over 3.2 innings. Steve Little, who went 2.1 innings, allowing two runs on two hits and two walks, got the victory. Stimson pitched a scoreless seventh to earn the save.

Losing pitcher Vinny Carozza, who came on in relief of starter Brian Runge, gave up two runs on four hits and two walks. Runge gave up eight runs on seven hits and struck out three.

Eric Mitchell went 3-for-3, including a two-run double in the fourth inning to lead Churchill. He finished with three RBI.

Bryon Niemczak went 2-for-4 and scored three runs.

Central made four errors, while Churchill had a total of three.

PLYMOUTH 11, WAYNE 3: The sure-fire combination of solid pitching, near-flawless defense and timely hitting led the Wildcats (3-8, 1-3) to WAAA-Western Division victory Friday over visiting Wayne Memorial (4-6, 1-2).

Plymouth jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the second.

The Zebras narrowed their deficit to 5-3 with two in the third and one in the fourth before Plymouth cushioned their advantage with a pair of runs in the fourth and four in the fifth. Brad Lineberry earned the win on the mound as he limited the Zebras to four hits.

Ryan Collop suffered the loss for the Zebras as the Wildcats pounded out nine hits.

GIRLS GOLF

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 208 WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 215
April 26 at Edgewood C.C.

Franklin scorers: Jessica Stchur, 49; Mariel Meyers, 51; Paige Scarpace, 53; Georgia Patrick, 55.
Central scorers: Sarah Johnson, 40 (medalist); Kelly Miller, 53; Darci Walker, 60; Lauren Mozak, 62.
Franklin's dual meet record: 4-0 overall; 3-0 WAAA.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE TRI-MATCH
April 25 at St. John's Golf Center

TEAM SCORES: 1. Livonia Ladywood, 179 strokes; 2. Bloomfield Hills Academy of Sacred Heart, 207; 3. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 219.
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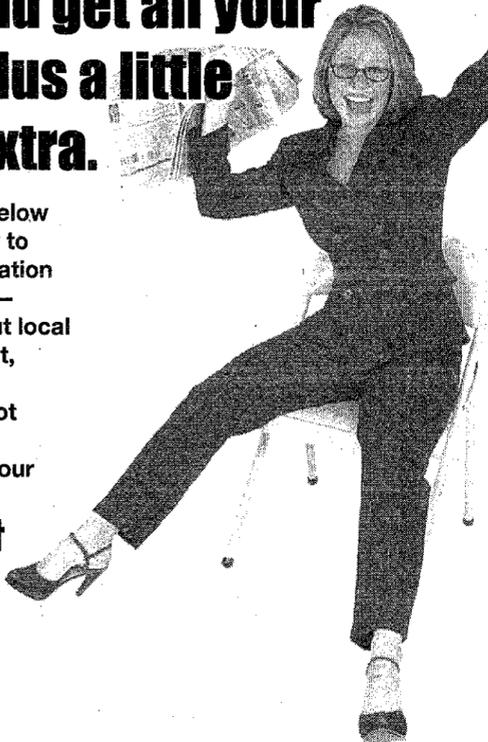
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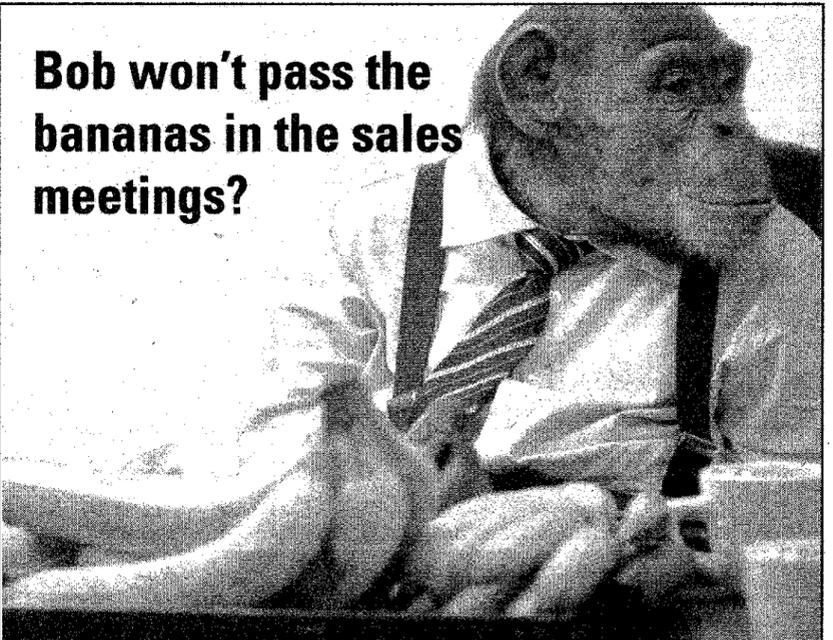
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Chemistry Catastrophe

Nursing is a very rewarding profession and the training is very intense — it's all about science. Not only chemistry, but biology, anatomy, and physiology too! If you're finding chemistry to be too boring, I encourage you to hang in there. It's just one piece of the whole picture. However, if you're finding chemistry class to be too difficult to grasp, you might want to get more information about the nursing profession. Talk to some nurses to find out how much chemistry they were required to take in college and how much chemistry they use on the job. Browse through some college catalogs to learn more about their requirements for nursing graduates. It might not take as many chemistry courses as you think to complete a nursing program. For now, keep your options open until you have more information.

Why is it that kids can hardly ever get along with their parents, but they can always get along with any other adult?

Looking for Answers

This is a good question, and one that many parents probably wonder about too! There's no easy answer to this dilemma. Families are complicated and can have lots of "baggage." Maybe you're still upset you weren't allowed to go to the school dance, or maybe Mom is still angry about the mess you left in the kitchen or Dad is furious that you totaled the car ... sometimes these things are hard to let go. Over time, more things are added to the pile. Pretty soon, family members can't communicate with each other without

Teen Talk

Monica Fulton

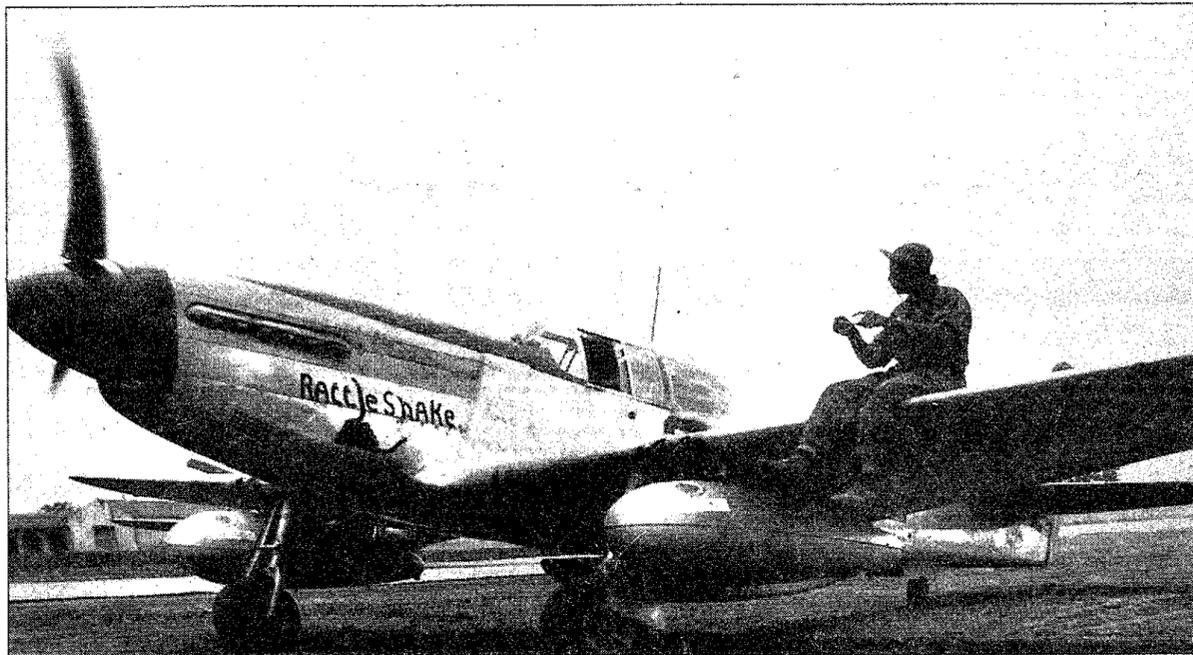
taking a bag from the pile, opening it up, and feeling angry all over again. As a result, tempers flare, people yell, and a full-blown argument erupts. The reason this doesn't happen with other adults is because there isn't a pile of baggage hanging around, waiting to be opened. Other adults in your life are not a part of our complicated families and don't have access to our bags ... we get to leave those at home! I encourage you to try your best not to open old bags when having discussions with your parents about new issues. When the family is able, you'll want to set aside time to clear out the old baggage and get rid of it once and for all!

I have straight A's and barely get in trouble, yet my parents still expect more. What am I suppose to give them?

Not-So-Perfect

It sounds like you're frustrated about your parents' expectations of you. Have you asked them what they want from you? Sometimes we expect more of ourselves than other people do. It will help if you sat down with your parents and explained how you're feeling. Let them know that you feel as though you aren't living up to their expectations of you and that you want to know what you need to do to meet their expectations. You might find out that your parents are more than pleased with your choices and that you've met their expectations already. Maybe your parents just haven't communicated this fact to you. They might be thinking that you already know how they feel based on your grades and behavior. However, you might find that your parents do have higher expectations of you, and they might be more than you think you can handle. If this is the case, have a heart-to-heart with mom and dad and see if you can negotiate a more reasonable set of expectations. Once you've reached those goals, you can raise the bar higher and tackle your parents' goals!

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can be reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbc-global.net.



The Tuskegee Airmen were based in an isolated training complex near the town of Tuskegee, Alabama during World War II.

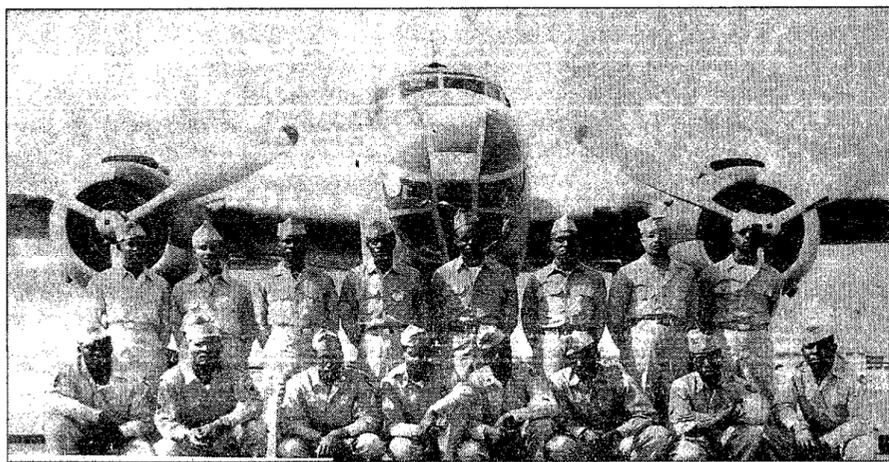
The legacy continues

New Tuskegee Airmen museum to preserve history

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Lucius Theus was flying high on March 29 when President George W. Bush presented the Tuskegee Airmen with the Congressional Medal of Honor. The 85-year-old Bloomfield Hills resident was part of the ground support personnel that made it possible for the black military airmen to escort strategic bombers on 200 missions over Europe with the 15th Air Force without the loss of a single bomber to enemy aircraft in 1944-45.

It was Theus' hope that recognition of the 332nd Fighter Group's accomplishments during World War II would inspire future generations of African Americans to seek a career in aviation. Theus rose to the rank of major general in the U.S. Air Force after entering the Army Air Corps as a private. He went on to graduate from the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program and earned a master of business administration degree from George Washington University. He later received an honorary doctor of business administration from Madonna University



Nearly 1,000 black military aviators were trained separately during World War II due to racial segregation.

where he served on the board of directors for many years.

Theus is one of only three members of the African-American World War II fighter group known as Tuskegee Airmen to become a general. On May 11 he'll celebrate the Congressional Gold Medal Award at a benefit to raise money for the Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum at the Coleman Young International Airport (formerly Detroit City Airport). The gala salutes the African American military aviation pioneers and allows their legacy to live on by pre-

PLEASE SEE TUSKEGEE, C3



White bomber pilots referred to Tuskegee Airmen as The Black Redtail Angels because they felt safer flying alongside the crews during missions. The tail assemblies on Tuskegee Airmen planes were painted red.

Barbershop singers to raise spirits with upbeat music concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Don Bohnwagner (left), Wally Jennings, Don Venturino, and Don McCorkle perform as the 3 D's & W on May 5, in the Activities Center at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia.



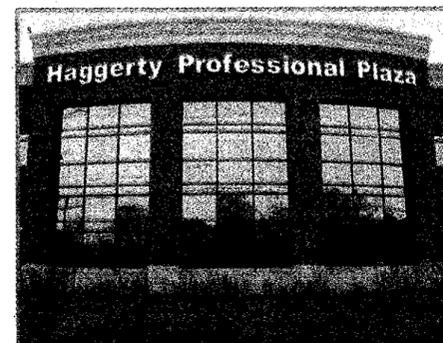
Don Bohnwagner likes to ham it up with the rest of the guys in the Renaissance Chorus. That's why the barbershop singers always put on such entertaining concerts. This year's show takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt in Livonia. Tickets are \$15, \$13 for students and seniors, and available by calling (734) 453-0574.

The Renaissance Chorus is the Wayne

Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and directed by Scott Casey. Bohnwagner joined the group 25 years ago after singing with the Wayne State University Chorus. He's also sung with the Livonia Civic Chorus and Plymouth Community Chorus (now the BeckRidge Chorale).

During last year's concert, he played FIFI the maid for an old radio show skit about a private eye attempting to solve a murder. "We try to make it a lot of fun," said Bohnwagner of Farmington Hills.

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Bohnwagner is the chorus's business manager.

"Guests will be sitting at tables. After the concert we'll have an afterglow where we'll let our hair down and sing, and there will be pizza, salad. How long we sing depends on how long the audience wants us to sing. Our quartet, the 3Ds & W, will sing the Red, Red Robin keeps bobbin' along."

The program features a variety of music ranging from love ballads to patriotic and old favorites as well as songs of faith. The members of the award-winning



The Renaissance Chorus performs a cabaret-style concert 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5. The chorus is the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

quartet, Wild Card, are special guests. Mark Pritchard is especially excited about the theme of this year's show - The Imagery That Music Creates. Pritchard is president of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

"We're going to have a slide show that puts up a picture that relates to the song - a Civil War scene for the Battle Hymn of the Republic. We'll have visuals, green hats for the guys singing McNamara's Band," said Pritchard of Garden City. "It's a cabaret setting for the spring concert. We like to have a forum to show off the music we're working on to show the public the types of barbershop music from ballads to love songs. It's an upbeat time, something that will cheer you up. There's fun and good messages. Sunny Side Up is sort of like your basic optimistic anthem. We're good for people's spirits. It's certainly good for our spirits as well."

Bohnwagner has stayed with the group for more than two decades because of the camaraderie among chorus members - and the music. This year California Here I Come is sure to set toes a tappin'.

"We have about 25 members in The Renaissance Chorus," said Bohnwagner, who also sings in the Wayne Westland Senior Chorus with Barbara, his wife of nearly 55 years.

"We're not a competitive chorus. We're a nonprofit out there in the community singing. We sing when Santa Claus comes at Christmastime to different malls. We sang at Ikea when it opened in Canton. We come from all different walks of life. We have a plumber, professional photographer, financial adviser for the city of Westland, a retired attorney, physician."

The chorus is always looking for new members who enjoy barbershop music. Guests are always welcome to join the chorus at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior in Westland. For more information, call Bohnwagner at (248) 474-1054 or Pritchard at (734) 422-7468.

SpringElation to raise funds for children with disabilities

Families are welcome to step into spring with JARC's 9th Annual SpringElation noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Joe Dumars Fieldhouse, 45300 Mound, Shelby Township. More than 1,500 people are expected to attend the event to raise funds for children with disabilities and their families.

JARC will have exclusive use of the facility and will offer basketball, in-line skating, beach volleyball, carnival and arcade games, a high ropes course, climbing wall, miniature golf, slot car racing, a giant slide, face painting, laser tag and more. The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group's Milk and Honey will cater the event.

"SpringElation has truly become one of JARC's most important fundraising events as

more and more children with disabilities and their families are assisted by the services we provide," said Joyce Keller, JARC executive director.

Tickets are \$20 and include all games and food. Call (248) 538-6610 or visit the Web site at www.jarc.org. Children ages four and under will be admitted free.

SpringElation will support the Harris Children and Family Division which provides services to more than 300 children with disabilities and their families. Services include in-home respite care, school inclusion, financial grants, skill-building classes, social events, preparation for residential placement, and advocacy with schools and agencies on behalf of families.

For more, call Eric Adelman at (248) 538-6610 ext. 343.

St. Michael church presents healing Mass

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend a special Mass of Anointing 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road.

According to Pastor, Rev. William Tindall, this Mass will incorporate the rituals of the Sacrament of the Sick, which Catholic doctrine teaches offers

spiritual strength and healing to those who are aged, or seriously or chronically ill, be that physical, emotional, or spiritual.

"In this way," said Tindall, "the church community asks for the relief of suffering and the restoration of health for those participating. We believe that we have a special obligation to the sick and suffering among us and the Mass of Anointing helps manifest that concern."

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servicing history in the museum estimated to cost \$26 million.

"I was very fortunate indeed to be interested in the whole field of aviation," said Theus. "I lived in a small town in the suburbs of Chicago. There were a number of African Americans who wanted to fly but were unable to fly in and out of the airports (due to discrimination) but were able to get farmers' permission to let them land in their fields. It was there I saw them in their fancy leggings and sleek flying machines. I was determined to have a career in aviation."

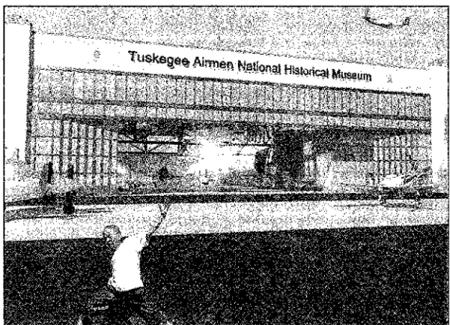
Theus applied for aviation flight training and passed the test but somehow his application was lost. Blacks were not allowed to fly in the U.S. military until after the Tuskegee Experiment of World War II due to racial segregation. At the time it was thought African Americans lacked the intelligence, skill, courage, and patriotism to fight alongside whites. On a base in Alabama, the Tuskegee Experiment proved those assumptions wrong.

White bomber pilots regularly requested Tuskegee Airmen to escort them on missions. Whenever enemy aircraft spotted the Red Tails in the sky, they avoided them. The Germans called them Black Birdmen. White bomber pilots referred to Tuskegee Airmen as The Black Redtail Angels because they felt safer flying alongside the black crews in planes with tail assemblies painted red. The 332nd was deactivated when President Harry Truman issued an order to integrate the armed services in 1948. The Army Air Corps became the U.S. Air Force.

"We went to Washington, D. C., to receive the medal but it originated here in the Detroit area with Philip Handleman who worked with Sen. Levin's office to get legislation crafted," said Theus. "The Congressional Medal of Honor is one of the nation's highest honors and we are extremely pleased to have that award presented to us by the President and leaders of Congress. We hope that it stands out to our young people as a shining example of achievement



Members of the Tuskegee Airmen pose for a photo in their original museum at Historic Fort Wayne. Major General Lucius Theus is the fifth person from the left in the front row. Lt. Colonel Lawrence Millben is second from the right in the back row.



This rendering is of the museum the Tuskegee Airmen plan to build at the Coleman Young International Airport (formerly Detroit City Airport).

and would say to them that regardless of how uneven they might perceive the playing field, if they're willing to work hard and constantly pursue excellence they can succeed in their chosen field of endeavor. Where else but in America can one do this, come from the bottom and achieve. This is the legacy we'd like to leave. That's what the museum is all about."

Lawrence Millben believes the achievements of the Tuskegee Airmen paved the way for his successful 42-year military career. Millben rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force and served as base commander from 1990 to 1996 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, the reserve component of the U.S. Air Force. He was the first African American to assume this position. Today Millben is president of the technical advisory committee for Davis Aerospace Technical High School at the former Detroit City Airport. He was the first African American to graduate from Aero Mechanics High School, but afterwards had difficulty finding a job as an aircraft mechanic.

"The Tuskegee Airmen taught me perseverance," said Millben

of Detroit. "At Aero Mechanics one of the teachers kept on making me do the assignments over and over again. Then I read an article in Reader's Digest about Tuskegee Airmen. I decided to stay. I learned good enough isn't good enough. "My success is due to what they've done. I stood on the shoulders of the giants that came before me. That's why it's important to continue the legacy, to make people aware of what the Tuskegee Airmen did, what they went through. We need to tell the story so kids understand the doors that opened."

Millben is especially looking forward to the gala where guests will come face to face with history. In addition to Theus, the last living general to come out of Tuskegee, several of the original Airmen will be in attendance.

"There's going to be a lot of history in that room," said Millben who serves on the board of governors of the National Tuskegee Airmen and the Tuskegee Airmen National Museum founded at Historic Ft. Wayne in 1982. The Tuskegee Airmen were established in Detroit in 1972 and today have 47 chapters in the U.S. with 44

original Tuskegee Airmen in the Detroit Chapter. The new museum replaces the one at Ft. Wayne.

"We're looking for memorabilia. Veterans die. Their spouses or kids look at it and don't know what it is," said Millben. "We want to show conditions of WWII prevalent at that time, not necessarily Tuskegee Airmen."

"We're trying to show kids there's something besides the corner. In the city their world is a six-block radius. During Black History Month the Tuskegee Airmen bring in 2,000 kids for one week to Wayne County Community College so they can find out what aviation is all about to try to get them interested in aviation."

Funds from the gala will turn two hangars at the former Detroit City Airport into an educational experience. The Tuskegee Airmen already sponsor a scholarship fund for graduating seniors to inspire and assist them in achieving excellence in aviation and related careers. The Young Eagles program takes kids ages 8-17 up in the air on the second Saturday of each month at Coleman Young International Airport.

"We'd like to put in airplanes that Tuskegee Airmen flew. We've already hired an architect, designed a museum that is modern," said Millben. "We want a museum capable of grabbing people's interest on the way in the door. We need interactive equipment. If you go to the science center kids can put their hands on the exhibits."

The black tie gala begins at 6:30 p.m. with a strolling supper at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Tickets are \$150, and available by calling (313) 319-8597.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.tuskegeearmenmuseum.org.

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Oil exhibit

Irene Kallas took first place with this oil in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia Spring show at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington. The exhibit runs May 1-31, with an opening reception 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 3. For more call (734) 261-7633.

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A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kim-silasophia@gmail.com. Reunion website is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details.

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1977
A 30-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact Dan Nelson at (248)433-3742 or e-mail: Groves77reunion@hotmail.com.

Birmingham Seaholm

Class of 1962
A 45-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information: www.seaholm62.org. Contact: Greg Frontier at gfrontier@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cafollis@mybluelight.com.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1977
A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248)685-8747 or by email haningky@yahoo.com.

Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more information.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser

Class of 1976
Golf Scramble and/or casual dinner at Camp Ticonderoga, Friday, June 29, 2007. Reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Pine Lake Country Club. For information go to www.Lahser1976.com or contact Jackie (McLernon) Bean at (248)399-9054, Dean Shipman at (313)701-8544, John Wallbillich at (800)707-7170 or Jeffery Given at (248)594-2401.

Burt Elementary and Junior High (Detroit)

Class of 1967
For information contact Contacts: Sandy Rhodes Luoma at andysgar-den2003@yahoo.com, Sue Smith Nykamp at suenykamp@yahoo.com or Margaret Hadcock Gallagher at edgal-lagher@prodigy.net

Clarenceville High School

All classes
Sunday, July 29 at Kensington Metro park, shelter "T", open to all Clarenceville alumni - grads and non-grads. Not open to current students unless they are the children of attending alumni. Lunch is potluck (email for division of stuff to bring). For more info, contact: clarenceville_alumni_reunion@yahoo.com

Clawson High School

Class of 1962
A 45-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Troy on Crooks Road in Troy. Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information, e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at (248)593-6182.

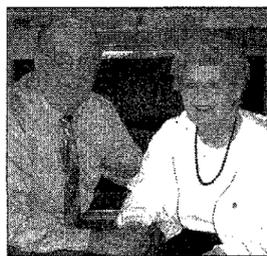
Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1977
A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

Dearborn Edsel Ford

Class of 1967
A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efs67@yahoo.com

ANNIVERSARIES



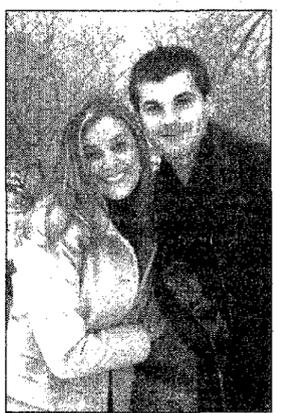
Nagles celebrate 50th anniversary

Charles and Sally Nagle of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married April 27, 1957, in Detroit, Michigan. They both graduated from Cooley High school in 1954. Charles and Sally have made Livonia their home since 1973. Charles was a self-employed painter and is now retired. Sally is a homemaker who enjoys gardening. The couple have two children: Michael (Joni) Nagle and Kimberly (Kurt) Lipsky all of Livonia. They have five grandsons and two granddaughters. They enjoy spending time with their family and friends.

ENGAGEMENTS

Luttrell-Kowalski

The parents and families of Lauren Luttrell and Dean Kowalski are announcing their engagement. Lauren and Dean both graduated from Divine Child High School in Dearborn and then went on to receive bachelor degrees in education at Eastern Michigan University. Lauren is a preschool teacher at The University of Michigan Children's Center for Working Families. Dean teaches at Emerson Middle School in Livonia. They are planning a late June wedding.



Ellinwood-Wedge

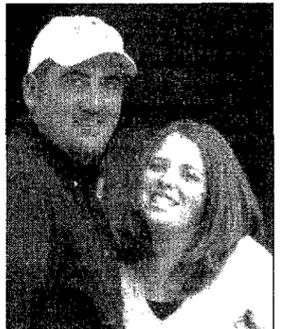
Jane Ellinwood of Waterville, Ohio, and David Ellinwood of Whitehouse, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheena of Maumee, Ohio, to Ronald Wedge, son of Connie Wedge of Livonia and Leslie Wedge of Redford Township. Sheena attended Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, and graduated from Owens State Community College. She is transferring to Bowling Green State University, where she will study child psychology and early childhood education. Ron graduated from Redford Union High School. He is



enrolled in the Bowling Green State University Fire School and is a member of the Maumee Fire Department. A July 7, 2007, wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Brown-Powers

David and Lorraine Brown of Milford announce the engagement of their daughter, Abigail Brown, to Patrick Powers II, the son of Patrick and Paula Powers of Novi, Mich. Abigail is a graduate of Farmington High School and Madonna University. She returned to Madonna to pursue a teaching degree and will receive her certification in art education in May, 2007. Patrick is a graduate of Novi High School and has completed his carpentry apprenticeship. He is a member of Detroit



Local 687. Patrick and Abby are planning a July, 2007, wedding.



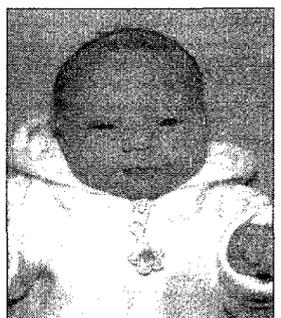
Colettas celebrate 60th anniversary

Charles and Ava Coletta of Garden City celebrate their 60th anniversary on May 2, 2007. The couple has nine children, 22 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. They met in Pennsylvania where Alva was working in a restaurant with her mother. Pat worked at the American Legion every weekend where he played music for the club's dances. The group would stop at the restaurant for coffee and something to eat after the job. Pat served in the Navy. After returning home, he and Alva married. Pat retired from Garden City Public Schools in 1992. For many years he played saxophone for various events with his band, Moonmist Quartet. Alva was a homemaker raising her nine children and eventually earned her license in cosmetology and works for Avon. Pat and Alva have been active members of St. Raphael Parish in Garden City for several decades. They enjoy traveling and camping. Their family extend their love and gratitude and thanks for their examples of love, faith and commitment.

BIRTH

Kylie Mae Carpenter

Brianna Maguire and Matthew Carpenter announce the birth of their daughter, Kylie Mae Carpenter, born on Dec. 15, 2006. Kylie weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Leonard and Karen Maguire of Livonia and Ken and Carol Carpenter of Southgate. Great-grandmother is Barbara Carpenter of Southgate.



SINGLES

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Moon-dusters
Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Ladies - date style clothes, gentlemen - jackets and ties. For more information, call Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197.

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Euchre

Anytime 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-members.

Volleyball

Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and field-house of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quanton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Mass
11 a.m. Sunday, April 29, St. Joseph's Church, 345 Elm St. Wyandotte. Brunch follows. Contact Jerry at (734)283-6887.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Greek Town Casino Trip
May 19, 2007, Wayne/Westland Chapter is hosting trip. Some tickets are still avail-

able. Call Pat Tokar at (248)478-8977 or Diana Winn at (734)757-7386. Cost is \$25 which includes a round trip bus ride to the Casion and you will receive a \$15 voucher for cash from Greektown. Bus leaves Westborn Mall parking lot, Michigan Avenue and Outer Driver, at 5 p.m. Arrives back at 11 p.m. Public invited.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville. **Sunday Fellowship**
Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

■ Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101.
■ Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.
■ Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.
■ Ward School of Christian Learning for Single Men - 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Room C350. Studying the book Risk by Kenny Luck, pastor of Every Man's Ministry at Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, Calif.
Single Parents
Group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Single Adult Ministries office at Ward Church. Contact Single Point Ministries at (248)374-5920.

SINGLETON

Senior groups meet weekly for dinner at local restaurants to discuss current events and future activities. For a monthly newsletter, call (313)563-9362 or write to: P.O. Box 5356 Telford Station, Dearborn, MI 48128.

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CARL THOMAS FRANCAVILLA

Age 80 of Plymouth, April 26, 2007. Beloved husband of Frances. Dear father of Carl (Andrea), Robert (Kathy), Cathy Buchanan, and the late Christopher. Loving grandfather of eight. Dear brother of Tony and John, and a sister Gloria Armelagos. Owned & operated Independent Carpet One of Westland for many years. Member of Dearborn Country Club. In state Monday 9:00 AM until 9:30 AM funeral mass at Divine Child Catholic Church, 25001 Herbert Weir, (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill) Dearborn. Visitation Saturday 5-9 PM and Sunday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. To leave a message of condolence, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

DAVID R. BARTEL

Age 66, of Plymouth, April 25, 2007. Dear brother of Art (Necce) Pasaka, Lawrence, Walt (Peg), Christine Penderon and Richard Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday 1pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. Visitation Sunday 2-9pm. To leave a message of condolence, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



DELLA CATHERINE SWIFT

Age 84, Thirty-four year resident of Livonia passed away Thursday, April 19, 2007 in Yucca Valley, California. Beloved wife of the late James F., mother of Michael (Cynthia) Swift of Livonia, MI, Robert (Sheran) Swift of East Highland, CA and Janet (Fred) Muzzarelli of Yucca Valley, CA; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Survived also by brother Emil (Marion) Tracy of Butler, PA and sister June Stobbe of McKees Rocks, PA. Della enlisted and was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corp for 2 years during WW2. She had a 30-year career in the airline and travel industry. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.actionalz.org/donate

TIMOTHY REILLY

Of Dearborn Heights. Age 51. April 25, 2007. Dearest brother and friend of Pat (Kim) and Mike (Carrol). Dear uncle of Courtney, Patrick, Lindsay, Katie, Mellissa and Eric. Loving companion of Irene for ten years. Instate Monday at St. Albert the Great Church at 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass at 10 a.m. Visitation at Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home, 2640 Monroe Blvd. (near W. Outer Dr.) Dearborn, Sunday 1-9 p.m. with a Rosary at 5 p.m.



EDWARD F. MALYSZ

Of Kingman, Arizona, formerly of Detroit, passed April 21, 2007 at the age of 82. Devoted husband of Katie; dear dad of Linda Summers, Michael, Thomas Patrick and Katherine (John) Urda; grandpa to eight grandchildren and 1 heavenly granddaughter; great-grandpa of six. Retired from Chrysler Warren Stamping Plant as a tool & die welder. Celebration of Life Service Saturday 10:00am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Visitation Friday, 4-8pm.

GERALD E. CZARNECKI

Age 68, April 24, 2007. Loving husband of Maureen. Father of Sara (Adam) Levitsky, Jeffrey and Matthew. Grandfather of Abigail, Michael, Max and Miranda. Brother of Patricia (Dr. Brian) Miller and John. Visitation Sunday 4-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Monday prayers at the funeral home at 9:45 a.m., proceeding to the Church of Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi for his Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m.

HELEN B. LOVELESS

Age 80 of Lisbon, MD died April 18. Graduated from Plymouth High School in 1944 & Albion College in 1948. Survived by husband, William Loveless of 56 years, five sons and two daughters, 18 grandchildren sisters, Lois Merriman of Plymouth, MI, Betty Hunter of Zephyrhills, FL. Preceded in death by brother, Robert Bowden of Harbor Springs, MI.



WILLIAM CHARLES GRUND

Age 66, April 26, 2007 of Rochester. Beloved husband of Brenda (Ballard) Grund. Loving father of Nichole Grund, Brandon Grund, Cheryl Kunchneimister (Rock), Billy Grund and Robert Grund (Michelle); seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; dear son-in-law of Buford and Carlisle Ballard; dear brother-in-law of JoAnn Buchheister (John); dear uncle of Alyssa Buchheister and Dave Sherman (Kim) and friend of too many to count. William owned and operated Brend Contracting in Shelby Township, was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the Clinton River Boat Club, Michigan Contractors Association, MIM, loved boating and spending time with his family and friends. William will be deeply missed by many. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm at Price Funeral Home 3725 Rochester Road, (between Big Beaver and Wattles Roads), Troy, (248) 689-0700. Funeral Monday, 1pm at funeral home. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Memorials to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Online register book at: www.pricefuneralhome.net

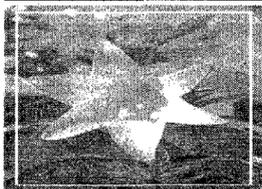


JOHN A. FRATTO

Age 66, April 24, 2007. Beloved father of Cherie (Frank) Bruni and John (Teresa). Grandfather of Jacob, Ben and Joey. Brother of Rosalie Dean, Antoinette Nicholson and Bernard Fratto of California. Services were held. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son.

PATRICIA ROGERS VOORHIS

Age 60 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN formerly of Birmingham, MI passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at her home. Born in Middletown, Ohio, she attended the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Patricia was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Preceded in death by father, Robert Rogers and mother, Barbara Pennington. Survived by her husband of 41 years, Donald Voorhis; daughters, Jenny Mitchell and husband, Jordan of Kirkland, Washington, Sarah Fraley and husband, Kevin of Milan, Michigan; grandchildren, Hannah, Joseph, Hunter and Miranda. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00AM June 2, 2007 at the Peoples Presbyterian Church, 210 Smith Ave., Milan, Michigan. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to P PAW Clinic, a non-kill animal shelter, 6869 Morganton Road, Greenback, TN 37742. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.



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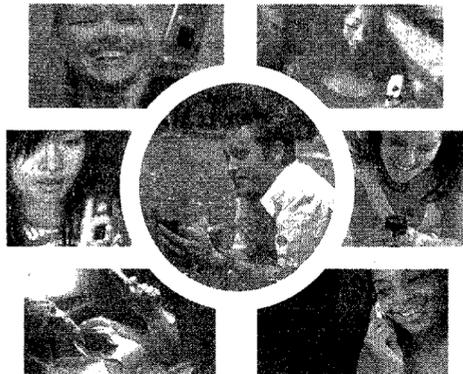
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SBM, 30, 5'6", 180lbs, mom, dark complexion, brown eyes, medium length hair, seeks cool, handsome, down-to-earth SM, drama-free and considerate, to share all the good things life offers. ☎191375

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SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. ☎962910

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SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎600106

POSSIBLE LTR
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degreed, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎993381

GOOD TIMES
Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, D/D-free. In search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. ☎159358

GIRL NEXT DOOR
SBF, 22, 5'1", seeking a SM, 18-27, for dinner dates, phone conversations, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎188347

LET'S TALK
SBF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a tall, caring SBM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama. ☎190972

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Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. ☎121526

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WIFW, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
SWF, 57, 5'6", attractive, intelligent, romantic, enjoys walks, dancing and singing, seeks a slim to medium build, N/S, gentleman, 48-65, 5'8"+, for companionship, maybe more. ☎175130

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Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589875

DO YOU LIKE CHOCOLATE?
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SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. ☎164114

IRISH GIRL
SF, 59, 5'6", seeking SWM, 59+, N/S, Irish a+, respectful, honest and sociable, for companionship on my 60th birthday and more. Let's celebrate. ☎165289

WORTH THE CALL
SBF, 24, 5'10", 198lbs, goal-oriented, curvaceous, sociable, honest and genuine, D/D-free, enjoys soul food, Italian, seafood. Seeking nice, respectful, secure gentleman, who knows how to treat a lady right. ☎173903

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN
Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

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WATERFORD AREA
SF, 46, 5', 120lbs, enjoys swimming, biking, working, staying active. Seeking fit SM, 38-45, with similar interests for friendship and possible LTR. ☎189575

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HI LADIES
Sweet, genuine SBM, 38, 6', 320lbs, good-looking, warm smile, enjoys writing, reading, drawing, music and much more. Seeking real, fun, open-minded lady to share the good times. ☎152105

NEW TO AREA
SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. ☎140690

HII
SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, with salt-n-pepper hair, seeks thin SF, under 42, with long hair and nice legs for a life of happiness, humor and love. ☎192324

SEEKING A SPECIAL LADY
SBM, 6', caring, likes quiet evenings, romantic walks, movies and picnics, seeking a B/HF, 24-46, who enjoys the same, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎192108

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SWM, 34, tall, slender, enjoys playing live music, seeking a W/AF, 30-44, slender, attractive, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. No head games. ☎192524

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. ☎777324

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

GIVE ME A CALL
SBM, 38, 6'2", seeking a woman, 25-38, for casual fun, movies, dinner and more. ☎191863

TAKE A LOOK
DWM, 46, 5'9", blonde/hazel, N/S, occasional drinker, likes movies, music, dining out, bowling and the simple things. Seeking a SWF, 35-45, slender, with similar interests, for phone conversations and more. ☎163984

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM
47, 6'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

SERIOUS-MINDED GENTLEMAN
SBM, 47, N/S, hard-worker, marriage-minded, seeking a woman, 35-55, who's compassionate, down-to-earth, christian a+, and enjoys the simple things in life. No head games. ☎165969

COULD IT BE YOU?
SBM, 48, 6'2", brown complexion, wavy hair, mustache/goatee, employed, mature, intelligent, hard-working, enjoys souflood, good company, romance. ISO very attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth and independent lady, for life and love. ☎189723

WORTH THE CALL
SM, 33, enjoys comedy films, hanging with friends, laughter. ISO loving, light-hearted SF with great SOH to get to know, share good times, friendship and maybe more. ☎191217

GOOD LOOKING..
SWPM, 52, very tall, N/S, athletic, blonde/blue, enjoys sports, cooking and outdoor activities, seeking a monogamous, easygoing SWF, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, romance or casual fun. ☎182818

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

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SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎114846

GOT TIME?
SBM, 46, 6'3", average build, seeks down-to-earth, gentle, honest SF, 35-55, for dinner dates, good conversation, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎154257

GOOD BETTER BEST!
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

WORTH A CALL
SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SBM, 21, 6', self-employed, independent, enjoys the beach, traveling and cuddling, seeking a woman, 24+, kind, caring, attractive, for friendship/LTR. ☎186855

LET'S TALK
SM, 26, 5'5", 140lbs, independent, no children, cute, down-to-earth, fun, looking for similar lady friend to share the good time in life. ☎187636

WHAT'S UP LADIES
Sociable, genuine SBM, 27, 5'10", black/brown, 165lbs, well-built, looking for a cute, sweet SF, to share the good times in life. ☎187781

ARE YOU THE ONE
Loving, sociable, romantic SBM, 53, fun-loving, compassionate seeks SF, 30+, under 160lbs, with an big smile and warm heart, to share the good times in life. ☎187963

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SBM, 19, 5'6", average, seeking a B/HF, 18-21, for dinner dates, outdoor activities, conversation, or watching a good movie. ☎190801

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

GOOD TIMES
SWM, 30, 5'8", N/S, enjoys the beach, the outdoors and traveling, seeking a woman, 21-40, active, in good shape, with similar interest, for friendship, maybe more. ☎165687

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE
DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and life's daily adventures. ☎146279

ARE YOU MY LADY?
SBM, 24, 6'3", N/S, D/D-free, seeks a SWF, 24-33, slender, attractive, honest, easygoing, fun, active, for friendship, romance and exploring life together. ☎186082

HI LADIES
Loving, respectful SBM, 28, 6'2", 195lbs, brown complexion, solid build, fun to be with, looking for a nice, cool, loving lady to share some fun tomes, friendship and maybe romance. ☎183672

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiques, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. ☎176497

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎860305

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

FRIEND AND CONFIDANT
SWM, 74', active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! ☎139382

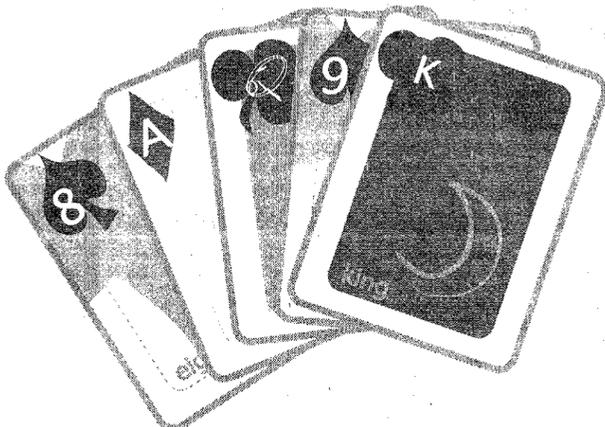
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SWM, 56, black/brown, clean-shaven, N/S, adventurous, seeking a SWF, 45-58, for friendship, maybe more. ☎185903

LOOKING FOR LOVE
26-year-old, marriage-minded male, seeks foreign female. Must be sweet, caring, and attractive. ☎192333

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SM, 55, youthful, enjoys cookouts, concerts, shooting pool, karaoke, entertaining friends, simple fun. Looking for a sociable, good-humored lady to share life, laughter and possible LTR. ☎190762

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Survival classes

Learn to cook to prevent cancer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Can certain foods fuel the growth of cancer? Shawna Broida thinks so. That's why she's teaching a cooking course that focuses not only on surviving cancer but preventing the life-threatening disease.

Whole Foods in West Bloomfield is hosting the eight-week series presented by The Cancer Project, a national organization dedicated to prevention through education and research. The sessions are based on *The Survivor's Handbook: Eating Right for Cancer Survival*, published by the nonprofit in Washington, D.C. The book was written by Dr. Neal Barnard who's been studying the link between food and diseases such as cancer and diabetes for years. Barnard believes so strongly in the connection he founded the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) in 1985 to promote preventive medicine and conduct clinical research.

LESS FAT

Studies have shown meat and dairy products influence hormones such as estrogen and testosterone, fueling breast and prostate cancers. The Cancer Project advocates a low-fat vegan diet to help reduce the chances for acquiring these diseases and survive if you do. The series covers all of the components of the plan - Fueling Up on Low-fat Foods (May 2), Favoring Fiber (May 9), Discovering Dairy Alternative (May 16) includes a taste testing of soy milk and rice milk alternatives, Replacing Meat (May 23), Planning Healthy Meals (May 30), Antioxidants and Phytochemicals (June 6), Immune-Boosting Foods (June 13), and Maintaining a Healthy Weight (June 20).

Each class begins with a short video on a specific topic such as meat alternatives, then Broida cooks up four-five recipes. Each student receives a copy of *The Survivor's Handbook* on the first night. For those unable to attend, the book is available online for downloading at www.cancerproject.org or by sending \$14.95 for a hard copy.

Broida suggest eating before classes even though students do taste everything she makes. "Fat is hard on the immune system to fight off cancerous cells," said Broida of Commerce. "The Cancer Project believes we can prevent up to 1/3 of cancers and prevent it from reoccurring by



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Shawna Broida cooks up a vegetarian stirfry with a chicken strip substitute at Whole Foods in West Bloomfield.

improving nutrition. People think it's going to be difficult to do, but realize it's something they can do. You can start by trying one vegan dish. The recipes are all easy. If I can make them in 20 minutes here, they can do it at home. And don't think you have to count calories. With this you can eat until your full."

SNAP TO PREPARE

In less than 15 minutes, Broida cooks up a vegetable stirfry with a chicken strip substitute and spoons it over brown rice. The Cancer Project plan calls for eating 40 grams of fiber a day to flush hormones and toxins from the system.

"It's difficult on a meat-based diet to get enough fiber," said Broida, "but with a vegan diet you can have beans at one meal, grains at another."

Broida never dreamed one day she would become a vegetarian, let alone a vegan who doesn't eat dairy products. She grew up on a Milford farm that raised hogs. Broida quit eating meat and potatoes and joined a vegetarian cooperative when she moved to East Lansing to earn an economics degree at Michigan State University.

After college, Broida married and went back to her old ways of eating. Her cholesterol shot up to 230. Broida is only in her 30s and felt that was too young to be taking the medications her

physician suggested. Her sister-in-law is a vegan nurse practitioner and recommended a vegetarian diet, Broida began eating meatless meals and eliminated dairy when she started teaching cooking classes for The Cancer Project. Her cholesterol dropped to 187 in a little over a year. Today she's a stay-at-home mom trying to introduce her children Sarah, 7, and Ethan, 4, to a vegan diet. Her family is not vegan but she's working on it.

"My kids do like soy chicken nuggets and veggie burgers but still can't give up grilled cheese sandwiches," said Broida who's studying nutrition at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. "I am encouraged by the fact they like fruits and vegetables."

"You have to be flexible. We don't expect every person who comes to class to become vegan. We hope they'll enjoy the recipes and incorporate meatless meals."

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cancer Project does suggest meat eaters avoid all animal products for three weeks to allow their taste buds to adjust to the new flavors and textures.

"Tonight I'm cooking burritos made with whole pinto beans and grilled vegetables," said Broida. "My kids haven't embraced

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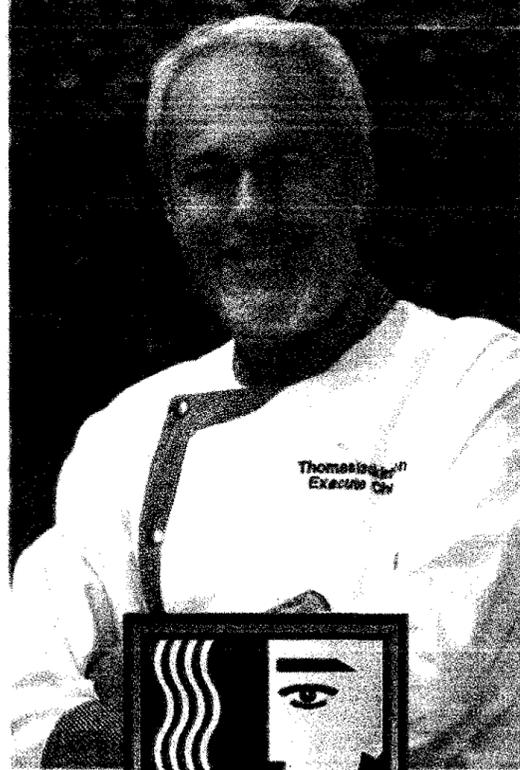
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Shawna Broida dishes up a healthy vegetarian stir fry over brown rice.

tofu so I always make a pasta side dish with marinara or pesto sauce. You don't need protein in every meal.

Vegetables, grains, beans, and soy all have protein. Calcium can come from kale, leafy greens and beans. Bok choy is a great source of calcium.

Janice and Frank Kierdorf are living proof that diet makes a difference. The couple, who are in their 70s, have no major health problems. Both took Broida's class about one year ago even though they were eating a healthy diet. Their typical breakfast consists of oatmeal or banana and strawberries with cereal and whole grain toast.

"For dinner we might have whole wheat pasta," said Janice Kierdorf of Wixom. "My husband likes all kinds of bean dishes. There are so many different types of wonderful beans."

"Shawna taught us some new ideas for more healthful dinners we could make. We're not vegetarians but because of Shawna we're not eating as much meat."

Fat is definitely the culprit in meat, according to Jennifer Reilly, senior nutritionist for The Cancer Project, an affiliate of PCRM. Reilly helped write *The Survivor's Handbook* with Barnard to accompany the Food for Life Nutrition and Cooking Classes for Cancer Prevention and Survival. About 26 states now offer the series launched in 2001 to help cancer survivors take advantage of the healing power of foods.

"The biggest cancer trigger is fat in the diet," said Reilly, a registered dietitian. "It causes men and women to produce more of their sex hormones. This increases the risk for cancers."

Since the book came out in 2003, the evidence has become even stronger.

"There's more information on the link between dairy intake and ovarian cancer risk, and an even stronger link between dairy intake and prostate cancer," said Reilly.

"The classes are unique in that they get to try dishes and find out how healthy they can be. This can be a health prescription as well."

There is no charge for the cancer prevention and survival cooking course beginning 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Whole Foods, 7350 Orchard Lake, at 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Registration is required. Call Renee Mahon at (248) 538-4600.

For more information, visit www.CancerProject.org or call (202) 244-5038.

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Stop smoking for family

Dan from Westland is a pack a day smoker. He e-mails asking about the potential impact on his family.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

chances of smoking by at least 40 percent. That is because kids are most likely to begin smoking between the ages of 8 and 20. The same statistics show that if kids don't see their parents smoking, they won't start.

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is good for you and your family. It really is a matter of life or breath!

Tom from Allen Park e-mails asking which is more important when it comes to exercise, duration or intensity?

Tom, the latest research shows that when it comes to heart health it pays to be intense! Rowing, running, weights, and brisk walking are especially effective. Your best bet is to boost your level of aerobic exercise while throwing weight training into the mix. Researchers tracked 45,000 men aged 40 to 75 for 12 years. Those who ran for an hour or more per day decreased their risk of heart attack by 42 percent or more. Those lifting weights for at least 30 minutes each week cut their risk by 23 percent. Rowing an hour or more a week cut the risk by 18 percent.

The findings are startling. Talk to a personal trainer to find the intensity level that is right for you!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

APRIL

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Irish pub night

To benefit Homes for Autism 6-9 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Four Green Fields, 13 Mile and Woodward in Northwood Shopping Center. Tickets \$50, includes hors d'oeuvres, two drink tickets, raffle prizes, silent auction, live entertainment. For details, call (248) 588-2111 or send e-mail to info@homesforautism.org

Autism treatment options

Autism Treatment Options Exist, presented by Dr. Keri Topouzian D.O. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Farmington Community Library. Treatment options, gut dysfunction, genetic and environmental causes, co-occurring symptoms. Space limited. No charge. Call (248) 489-1573.

UPCOMING

Blair lecture

U.S. speed skater Bonnie Blair talks about her experience with stress urinary

incontinence 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at Detroit Marriott Southfield, 27033 Northwestern. No charge. A buffet dinner will start at 6 p.m. Space is limited. To RSVP, call (866) 421-0473.

Cancer workshop

7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. No charge but registration required, call (734) 223-3938 or send e-mail to info@theclub.org.

Alive '07

Donate Life Coalition of Michigan's presents its ALIVE '07 fund-raiser, live and silent auction and awards presentation 6-10 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Park West Gallery, 29469 Northwestern Highway, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile, Southfield. To obtain an ALIVE '07 invitation or make a monetary contribution, call Peggy Burkhard at (248) 770-5172. Tickets are \$50. If you purchase a party wagon pack of at least 10 tickets, tickets will cost \$450 total, \$45 each. The invitation is available online at donatelifeimichigan.org. To obtain more information about becoming a registered organ donor in Michigan, visit giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

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