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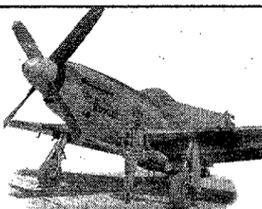
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Singin' the blues: Festival to help war veterans

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland has been chosen to host an outdoor blues festival organized by veterans to help soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The 12-hour G.I. Blues Festival, featuring performers such as Detroit's own Johnnie Bassett, has been scheduled for noon to midnight Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, on Wayne Road south of Ford.

Veterans Haven, a Wayne-based charitable organization that helps hard-luck veterans with everything from shelter to meals to job searches, plans to stage the event with help from The Detroit Blues Society.

"We have a lot of veterans who are returning

home who are not getting the medical attention they need or the monetary benefits they need right away," said Scott Romp, Veterans Haven spokesman. "Some veterans have come home to find their house payments haven't been made, or maybe their spouse has left them and they don't know where to turn. Maybe we can help them out."

Romp also described the veteran homeless situation as "a very big problem now."

Soldiers returning to places like Michigan have been particularly hard hit, because they are coming home to a state where jobs are scarce, Romp said.

"We can't help everybody," he said, "but we're doing what we can."

G.I. Blues Festival tickets cost \$10 and are available by calling (734) 478-0822 or (734)

728-0527, Romp said. On-site parking will cost \$5.

Organizers still have to seek approval from Westland city leaders.

"We're counting on their continued support for veterans and the civic league," said league President Vic Barra.

"I'm very excited that the civic league is able to be here to support organizations like Veterans Haven," he said.

Despite difficult times that saw two former civic league officers resign amid embezzling charges, Barra said, "I'm proud to say the civic league is coming back to its roots by helping charitable organizations."

Veterans Haven mostly helps veterans in the metro Detroit area, Romp said. He urged anyone who wants to help sell tickets to call (734)

478-0822.

Organizers also hope to raise money by selling food and beer at the festival.

Major sponsors for the G.I. Blues Festival include Ford Motor Credit Co., LaSalle Bank and the Gleaners Community Food Bank, Romp said.

This week, Romp released details of performers who he said will play the festival, starting with Steve Arvey at noon; The Carl Caballero Band at 1:30 p.m.; The Alligators at 3 p.m.; The Front Street Blues Band at 4:30 p.m.; The Eddy King Band at 6 p.m.; Sweet Claudette & Friends at 7:30 p.m.; The Christy Howard Band at 9 p.m.; and the Johnnie Bassett Band at 10:30 p.m.

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Expo presents latest in gas alternatives

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The future of Detroit is being tinkered with at corporate research centers and home garages.

Brett Hiveley, a senior at Livonia Franklin High School, is on the cutting edge of alternative fuels with his 1983 Mercedes that runs on vegetable oil.

Mujeeb Ijaz, manager of fuel cell engineering at Ford Motor Co., is working on developing a long-range, energy-efficient hydrogen fuel cell. Hiveley and Ijaz showed off their work May 18 at Wayne County's first Transportation Education Expo at Nankin Mills Park on Hines Drive. The event was part of National Transportation Week (May 13-18).

A section of Hines was closed so that stu-

dents and the public could see several demonstrations on the changing automobile technology and check out some classic cars from the Redford Rolling Thunder Club. The day concluded with a Classic Car Cruise.

Hiveley says he loves cars "or anything that moves."

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Couple faces trial on embezzling charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Willow Creek Apartments worker and her boyfriend are facing trial on charges of embezzling thousands of dollars from tenants who thought they had paid their rent.

Sharon Krajewski, 40, and Darnell Ware, 43, were ordered Thursday to stand trial after they waived their right to a preliminary hearing in Westland District Court.

Krajewski is accused of taking personal checks and money orders from renters who didn't make the financial documents payable to Willow Creek, an apartment complex on Newburgh south of Ford.

Some renters told authorities they were asked not to write Willow Creek on the documents, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said.

Krajewski and Ware are then accused of putting Ware's name on the documents and cashing them for their own financial gain, Borisch said.

The defendants face trial on one count each of embezzling

\$1,000 to \$20,000 and seven counts each of uttering and publishing - a charge that involves tampering with financial documents.

The couple waived a preliminary hearing Thursday in front of Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Cicirelli, who kept their bond at \$100,000/10 percent. That means they would have to post \$10,000 each, which they hadn't done.

The couple lived at Willow Creek, where Borisch said Krajewski had worked as an assistant manager. She was fired amid allegations of embezzling between last December and April.

"People started getting notices that their rent wasn't paid," Borisch said.

A not-guilty plea has been entered in court for the defendants. Their case will now advance to Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, the couple could face penalties ranging up to 14 years for uttering and publishing, and up to five years for embezzling.

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Tuning up: Summer concert series starts June 10

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Dean Stacy estimates that his Waco Band has been performing 15 years at the Westland Cultural Society's summer concert series.

"It's just one of the things we enjoy doing," said Stacy, a Westland resident. "We always get a nice crowd, and the people seem to enjoy us real well. We get a lot of dancers who come out and enjoy it."

Stacy's band used to be called the Waco Country Band, but he said a decision was made to drop Country from the name.

Don't worry, fans. The band still performs country music. But, he said, "we play some old rock and roll, too." Once again, the Waco Band will perform during this year's

free summer concert series. Shows will be in the performance pavilion behind the Westland public library, on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford.

"It's our 22nd concert season," said Ernie Johnson, one of the event organizers.

All concerts start at 6 p.m. on Sundays. Some shows may be rescheduled if rain dampens the fun.

Here's the lineup for this year's shows:

On June 10, Wanderin' Wheel will perform American folk, blues and jazz.

On June 24, the Waco Band with Dean Stacy will make its latest appearance.

On July 8, Pam & Scott will perform easy listening music.

On July 15, the Mike Hamilton Revue will feature a variety of music including country.

On July 22, the Birmingham Straw Hat Band will play Dixieland music, polkas and marches.

On July 29, the Tommy James Orchestra will perform Big Band music.

On Aug. 5, Trilogy II will celebrate Detroit's own history with Motown and other oldies.

On Aug. 12, the Tyrone Hamilton All Stars will play rhythm and blues and light rock music.

Closing the series on Aug. 19, the 30-piece Novi Concert Band will perform a variety of music.

Concert goers are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets. For more information, call (734) 722-7620 or (734) 522-3918.

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Survey finds fewer high school bus stops possible

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

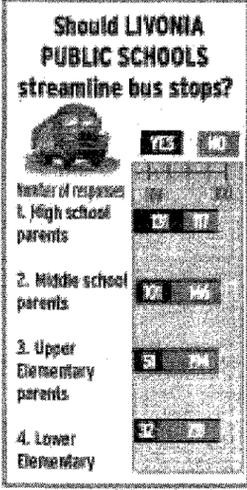
Parents rejected many proposed changes in the Livonia Public Schools transportation system, according to results of a survey the district conducted after rolling out the ideas weeks ago.

Sixty-two percent of those responding said no to the idea of starting the school day five minutes earlier. LPS officials said that, combined with streamlining bus stops, could knock minutes off the time that students arrived home in the afternoon.

Mom Christie Parrent said she wouldn't mind if the school day started sooner because her son's bus stop is close to home, but if he had farther to walk in the early morning hours, she said she'd be concerned.

Her son, Barry, a seventh-grader at Emerson Middle School, wouldn't mind getting off to an earlier start.

"I'd like to start school earlier because you'll be able to



play more" after school, he said.

About 12,000 students are bused to LPS schools; 254 people responded to the survey. The survey was available online and distributed at three meetings that LPS officials

scheduled to outline proposed changes.

A proposal to establish fewer bus stops to save time and diesel was met with mixed response.

Overall, more than two-thirds of respondents did not like the idea, but at the high school level, slightly more than half of parents were willing to give it a shot. The younger the students, the more likely parents were to respond negatively to this initiative. Parents of middle schoolers (59 percent), upper elementary students (79 percent), and lower elementary students (87 percent) offered a resounding no.

With those results in mind, in coming weeks the school board and superintendent will discuss the possibility of streamlining high school bus routes.

"More than money, it will save time," said Rod Hosman, director of administrative services. With gas prices rising, it is hard to say how much of a cost savings the district could expect next year.

"It will reduce the number of miles and decrease the amount of time the students are on the bus. That will be a bonus for everybody," he said.

Advertising directed at students through Bus Radio programming and print ads was met with negative response. Although 41 percent of parents said they would be open to print ads on buses, Hosman said the district was looking for more than 50 percent favorable rating to move forward with any idea.

The idea of a two-hour delayed start instead of canceling classes for the entire day in the event of inclement weather was rejected by a wide margin. Overall, 72 percent of those surveyed said no to the idea.

Child care concerns seemed to be the reason behind their responses, Hosman said.

"It might be easier to get a baby sitter for the whole day, rather than two hours and getting them off to school," he said.

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INFORMATION CENTRAL

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From May 27-31, 2007, 286 fifth-eighth graders will be in Washington, D.C., to show off their prowess of the English language by participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

No longer are spelling bees held just in the classroom or the local Rotary Club Hall.

Now, ESPN broadcasts live the semifinals of the competition and this year's final will be aired live on ABC in prime time 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, May 31.

Why the interest and what are the rewards for these middle school-age competitors?

This year's champion will receive more than \$40,000 in cash prizes, scholarships and other prizes, spelling words that many people have never heard of under intense pressure.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has some materials that might help you become the next great speller without having to rely on the spell check feature of your computer.

If not, then maybe understand the English language just a little bit better and appreciate the skills of these young competitors.

The Bad Speller's Dictionary, Office Guide to Spelling and Word Division and Words You Should Know How to Spell are references that might help readers who are stumped by the intricacies of spelling.

If you have young children and want them to become better spellers, these titles might help: My Kid Can't Spell by J. Richard Gentry, Carmen Sandiego: Word Detective (CD-ROM) and Super Solvers Spellbound (CD-ROM).

If you're interested in the spelling bee world, check out these titles: American Bee: The National Spelling Bee and the Culture of Word Nerds by James Maguire, which takes a look at the 2004 National Spelling Bee; How to Spell Like a Champ by Barrie Trinkle, and Spellbound, a documentary which features the contestants of the 1999 National Spelling Bee.

Spelling bees have also become a



popular plot in fiction, also.

Bee Season by Myla Goldberg, Spellbound by Karon Luddy

and Spellbound by Janet McDonald are recent adult and young adult titles where spelling competitions are a major focus of the story.

For more information on the Scripps National Spelling Bee, visit www.spellingbee.com and don't forget to visit your I-I-B-R-A-R-Y.

The William P. Faust Public Library is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Internet 101: 7 p.m. June 4. 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.

Internet 201: 2 p.m. June 6. An inside look at Internet search engines. No registration or fee required.

Get geared up for the Summer Reading Program beginning in June!

Information Central is compiled by Susan Hanson of the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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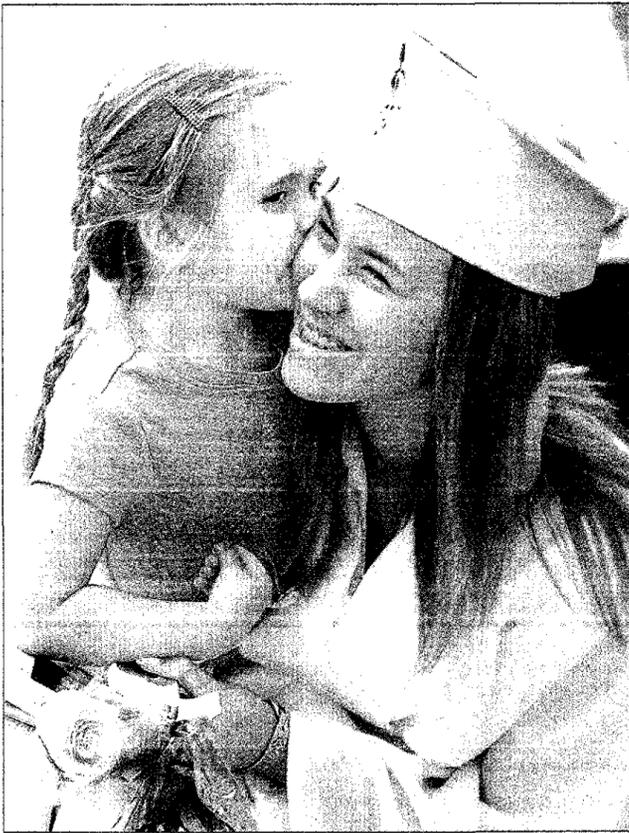
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A kiss for luck

Ladywood High School graduate Emily Elizabeth Gajeski receives a kiss from her sister, Mackenzie, 3, after the commencement ceremony Sunday. They live in Westland and Gajeski plans to focus on marketing at Schoolcraft College.



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Graduate Daysha Nicole Harper, who will attend Oral Roberts University to study business administration, poses with her mother, April, (left) of Westland, and grandmother Cleo, who came in from Texas.

Historians step up raising of funds for restoration work

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

With city finances in a crunch, local historians will try to raise their own money to improve the Westland Historic Village Park.

Historians need help in their efforts to restore certain buildings, such as the 1800s-era Octagon and Rowe houses, situated in the village park on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

Restoration efforts have started, but much work remains in sprucing up the emerging historic park.

To raise money, Westland Historical Commission member Bill Tremper has announced a \$50-per-person

buffet scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at Marvaso's Italian Grille, near the northwest corner of Wayne and Hunter. Admission at the door will be \$60.

Tickets are available at the Bailey Recreation Center, the senior citizen Friendship Center, the senior Dyer Center and the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Some historians have envisioned a time when old-fashioned weddings and other events can be held at the historic village park.

Tremper also has said that long-term plans include building a barn with a dance floor, a gazebo and putting a walking path on the park site.

With city finances already strained, Tremper has said historians want to raise as much money as they can to move forward with the projects.

In other developments, an estimated 40 people turned out Saturday, May 19, for a volunteer cleanup project at the historic park.

"We had a good time and got a lot of work done," Tremper said.

Jo Johnson, who chairs the Westland Historical Commission, also said 13 people signed up that day for a newly formed garden club.

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ACHIEVERS

Ashe' V. Lewis of Westland will attend the Interlochen Arts Camp, a premier summer arts program for aspiring artists in grades 3-12. Ashe' will study vocal arts for intermediate division at the camp.

The daughter of **Juanita Francis**, she is a student at Franklin Middle School where she has a 4.0 grade point average. She is a recipient of the President's Award and is a member of the Mosaic Youth Theatre

Justin Alan Ballard of Westland is among 329 students who received their juris doctor degrees during the spring 2007 commencement May 13 at the Michigan State University College of Law.

Adam Gorring, a senior at Wayne Memorial High School, has been selected as on the Brightest and Best by Channel 7 WXYZ-TV. He is senior class president,

a member of Upward Bound and played football. He plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in the fall to major in business.

Three Westland residents recently were recognized for their connectivity, leadership, quality excellence and sales performance by Comerica Bank.

Gretchen Kolly, Debbie Rizzo and Ron Rechlin received the Chairman's Outstanding Achievement Award for making their outstanding contributions to Comerica.

They each received a prize package totaling \$5,000 and one week of paid vacation.

Kolly, an assistant vice president, joined Comerica in 1999. Rizzo, an executive assistant, joined Comerica in 1989. Rechlin, a vice president, joined Comerica in 1998. They will be recognized at a special dinner.

Bill would merge services for veterans on 1 Web site

State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson is proposing legislation to create a one-stop shopping Web site for Michigan veterans.

This new site would include employment, education, and benefit information available to veterans in one central location.

"The men and women who have served our country in uniform deserve the best care and services our state can offer," said Anderson, whose 6th District covers Livonia, Westland, Redford and Garden City.

"We offer important services, and we need to do everything we can to make sure they are accessible to all veterans who could benefit from them," he said.

While the State of Michigan already offers veterans' information online, many have experienced difficulty connecting with the different programs that are available.

Quite often, veterans obtain this critical information through word-of-mouth or are unaware of how one program can supplement the work of another. By placing these

important resources in a central location, the information will be easier to find and better used.

The new site, which would be located at www.michigan-veterans.gov, will be created and managed by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

"By creating this Web site, we will ensure that our veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have access to all the resources they need to make a smooth transition back to civilian life," Anderson said.

ALTERNATIVES

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"I got the concept from my uncle," Hively said. "He bought two vehicles off of eBay that already ran on vegetable oil. He bought a newer Mercedes and a Ram 2500 and he offered to help me convert my Mercedes to vegetable oil."

Hively and his uncle, Ron Hively, recycled vegetable oil from local restaurants. The oil was put through a couple of filtering processes to become useful as a fuel.

"The thing about vegetable oil is it's somewhat thick, thicker than diesel fuel," Hively said. "You have to heat it up in order to run it through your engine."

The vegetable oil is heated to 180 degrees to reach the right viscosity to run through the engine.

"You have to start it up on diesel fuel, because you have to get the engine warm to get the coolant going so you start it up on the diesel," he said.

With gasoline prices approaching \$3.50 cents a gallon, vegetable oil represents a cheaper, renewable alternative.

"It doesn't put out as many greenhouse gases and the greenhouse gases it does produce are better because they can be put back into the atmosphere," Hively said.

Hively plans to seek an apprenticeship in a construction trade, but he is also considering going to diesel school to continue studying "the new and upcoming thing."

Hydrogen cells are another new and upcoming thing. The torpedo-shaped hydrogen engine sitting on a chassis is one of many ideas that Ford engineers are considering. The hydrogen fuel cell converts hydrogen into electricity to charge batteries as you drive.

Ijaz said the engine can get the equivalent of 41 miles per gallon on the highway and using a plug-in at night can get 25 miles a day that would increase the efficiency to 80 miles per gallon equivalent.

"Two elements of this power train are interesting," he said. "One is the plug-in feature, the ability to drive a vehicle on electric power only and that can have any kind of fuel — gasoline generator, or diesel generator or fuel cell generator. That's one interesting technology we're looking at."

Fuel cells represent a way of converting fuel into electricity for a vehicle with zero emissions and we think that's the long term, zero emissions vehicles will be the most viable as opposed to a full electric, which takes many hours to charge up."

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DINING

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■ A limo ride for the winner and stars to and from Buddy's (Farmington Hills or the original Buddy's Six Mile Road locations only) for lunch or dinner with Diana Lewis and Glenda Lewis courtesy of Protran Transportation.

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And to top it off, Buddy's Pizza will donate \$500 to each star's special children's charity.

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

Look for upcoming dining with these local stars — July: Jay Towers of WKRR-FM (97.1); August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9); September: Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4) — in all *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror* editions and online at www.hometownlife.com.

No purchase necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters. The star(s) featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date to be determined with winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

MHS looks for photos for 2008 pet calendar

Do you have a favorite pet photo you can't resist sharing?

Here's the chance to show them off. The Michigan Humane Society is looking for metro Detroit's most photogenic pets for its 2008 pet calendar.

For a \$20 entry fee, your companion animal is guaranteed placement in MHS' 10th annual wall calendar.

Thirteen photo entries will be selected as the "Pet of the Month" with all other photos appearing throughout the full-color calendar in a variety of formats. Dogs and cats wearing collars/ID tags, and cats photographed indoors will receive the best possible consideration.

Photos must be in color, horizontal in layout, no larger than 4 inches by 6 inches and contain only animals.

Polaroid® photos are not acceptable. For quality reasons, any color prints made at home on inkjet or laser printers will not be considered for "Pet of the Month," however, they will be accepted for the smaller photos used throughout the calendar.

Any photo taken at a commercial studio must include a signed copyright release from the photographer. All entries that meet these requirements and are postmarked by June 15, 2007, will be included in the 2008 pet calendar.

Enter by mailing a photo of

Thirteen photo entries will be selected as the "Pet of the Month" with all other photos appearing throughout the full-color calendar in a variety of formats.

your pet (one photo per entry fee) with a \$20 check or money order to Michigan Humane Society 2008 Calendar, 26711 Northwestern Hwy, Ste. 175, Southfield, MI 48033.

Clearly mark your name, address, daytime and evening phone numbers, and your pet's name on the back of the photo using a permanent felt-tip marker. Do not use a ball-point pen, which may damage the photo.

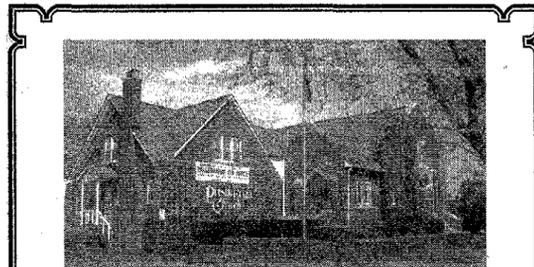
An entry form can be downloaded from the Michigan Humane Society Web site at www.michiganhumane.org.

The 2008 Pet Calendars will be available for sale for \$15 in the fall at all three Michigan Humane Society adoption and veterinary centers, by calling 1-866-MHUMANE 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or online at www.michiganhumane.org.

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Democrats meet

The Westland Democratic Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at the Dorsey Center, on Dorsey south of Palmer and east of Venoy. The club's board of directors will meet at 6:30 p.m.

'Bingo is back

Play bingo at the Wayne Ford Civic League at 10:45 a.m. Monday-Friday, 5 p.m. Sunday and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. The league, at 1645 N. Wayne Road just south of Ford in Westland, recently installed three giant plasma screen plasma TVs to enhance your bingo experience. All proceeds go to the general fund. For more information, call Vic Barra at (734) 728-5010 or visit the league Web site at www.wayneford.org.

Dems meet

The Westland Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at the Dorsey Center on Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue. The board will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Craft shows

Crafters are needed for a craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford. For information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373.

Tables are available for the fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Eunice at (734) 261-8357.

Car Wash

The Salvation Army Girl Guard Troop will hold a car wash noon-4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at the Salvation Army Center, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. The cost will be \$3 for cars and \$4 for vans and trucks. For more information, call (734) 722-3660.

Bag it

The Westland Building Department is aiming to make the disposal of trash a little easier by selling heavy-duty 6-mil trash bags.

Residents and non-residents

can purchase the bags which are sold in quantities of 100 for only \$12 at the Building Department, 37095 Marquette, just east of Newburgh Road, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Garage sale

The Salvation Army will hold a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Salvation Army Center, 2300 Venoy Road, south of Palmer.

Spaces are available for 420 each. A limited number of tables also will be available for an additional \$4 charge. For more information, call the Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660.

Golf outing

Grab your clubs and make July 27 your calendar. That's when The Senior Alliance will hold its 2007 Golf Classic at the West Course of the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights.

The Golf Classic, which raises money to help older adults live their lives in freedom and with dignity, will have a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$130 per golfer or \$500 per foursome and includes 18-hole scramble, continental breakfast at registration, lunch available at the turn and buffet dinner with prizes. Drinks will be provided on the course and cash bar at dinner. Sponsorships also are available.

For more information, to make a reservation, or to purchase a sponsorship, call The Senior Alliance at (734) 722-2830.

Cheer program

The Westland Stars will hold a cheer and dance summer program 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning June 14, in the multipurpose room of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

Come and join the Westland Stars and learn new dances and stunt with the team. The summer program runs four-six weeks, depending on camp. It's an opportunity for girls to get ready for try-outs for the fall team.

The Stars will be participating in the Westland Summer Festival, a youth cheerleading clinic and summer dance camp. The cost is \$35. Other fees include a \$20 uniform deposit and \$35 for the youth clinic.

Register at the Bailey Center. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

It's the Jungle!

Westland's Concrete Jungle Skate Park is open and ready for all skaters. Admission for adult Wayne County residents

is \$5 per session and \$8 for a day pass. For children who live in Wayne County, the cost is \$3 per session and \$5 for a day pass.

The Concrete Jungle is located at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, behind Westland City Hall. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

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 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.

Bingo

The Dyer Senior Center invites residents to play bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the center, 36745 Marquette, Westland. For more information, call Mary Browe at (734) 419-2020.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

The Westland Youth Assistance Program is at 36701 Ford Road in an addition to the Westland Police Department. The separate glass entrance facing City Hall and comfortable waiting area allows for private, professional, environment to assist families in Westland.

Westland youth ages 7 through 16 are referred to Youth Assistance by the police, courts, schools, parents and other agencies.

Once referred, an intake appointment is scheduled to explain the programs services to the youth and parents (guardians), and to offer them the opportunity to discuss their concerns and to ask questions.

All information discussed is con-

idential. All services are free to Westland residents.

Parents are required to participate in a Parenting Skills and Support Group.

The Westland Youth Assistance Program is funded by the City of Westland with additional funds from Wayne County, the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Target Corporation and North Bros. Ford.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Evening appointments are available by request. You also can contact the WYAA via e-mail at wyaa@wyaa.org.

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From farm to city life

Born in 1911, longest resident has stayed close to home

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

As Garden City celebrates 80 years since it first incorporated as a village, Marguerite Stolz has that number beaten and is likely the city's longest resident.

Born in 1911 at her parents home at Florence and Middlebelt, Stolz has never lived outside Garden City. She still lives in the home she built with her husband on Rosslyn just east of Middlebelt on land that was part of her grandparents' farm.

"I guess I stayed because it was my home," Stolz said. "I haven't gone far in my life — I went on quite a few trips with seniors."

Stolz is a third-generation Garden City resident. In 1878, her grandparents bought a 25-acre farm that ran from Florence to Marquette east of Middlebelt. Her parents, Charles and Johanna Liverance, also farmed in Garden City.

"One of my first memories was following my father when he was plowing. I'd be barefoot in the new furrows — they were smooth and cool," Stolz said.

The rural farm life was very different than living in Garden City today, she said, recalling Middlebelt as a dirt road before it was paved in 1924.

"There have been a lot of changes. I didn't expect to live in such a built-up city. I didn't think I'd live this long either," Stolz said.

Electricity came to Garden City simultaneously with the village incorporation in 1927.

"I remember when we first had electricity. I'd always had the job of doing all the (oil) lamps — I had small hands and could reach in," Stolz said. "In those days, boys didn't do dishes — you know who had to do them."

One of seven children, Stolz was the only girl. Her four older brothers are no longer living but her younger brothers John, 92, and Edward, 85, visit Stolz each Saturday for coffee.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A resident of Garden City since she was born in 1911, Marguerite Stolz attributes her love of gardening to growing up on her family's farm.

'One of my first memories was following my father when he was plowing. I'd be barefoot in the new furrows — they were smooth and cool.'

Marguerite Stolz
Garden City resident

As a youngster, Stolz attended the Hicks School on Cherry Hill and completed the eighth grade.

"I learned a lot since then," Stolz said.

In 1929, Stolz married William Stolz, a Texas native, who worked for the Ford Motor Co. The couple raised six children and built the home where Stolz resides today with her son William.

"We got married at the wrong time — it was just at the beginning of the Depression," Stolz said. "We were poor then but we never knew we were poor — everyone was poor. I still don't understand how we

had six kids in the house. My mother wasn't well and she stayed with us."

All six of the Stolz children are still living — Lucille Knight, Marjorie Kozma, William, James, Robert and Barbara Romatz, who is a Garden City resident.

"My grandmother sold the farm in 1925. My father was dead. The land was sold to a Realtor and divided for 40-foot lots," she said. "I got two lots back. The land went back to the state for taxes and I got three more lots — it's about half an acre. The developer never built anything."

Stolz and her late husband, who died at 60 in 1958, built their home themselves in 1938. The basement was dug using a scoop and a Model T Ford.

"I'd drive and my husband used the scoop. We were the first ones to build (in that neighborhood)," said Stolz, who still recalls what she paid for bricks in foundation. "I built the house myself all but the roof — I wouldn't go on the roof."

Another reason for staying in Garden City after she was

married, Stolz said, was to be near her mother who was crippled.

"I was busy — there were no throwaway diapers then," she said. "I used to can over 400 quarts in the summer when my children were young. I still do a little."

An avid gardener, Stolz focuses on flowers and leaves the vegetable garden to her son.

"I think my love of gardening comes from growing up on a farm. I always loved nature," she said. "I love birds and flowers. I love the cardinals in the winter snow — they're so pretty."

Over the years, Stolz said she has always like to keep busy. Stolz still does volunteer work, sewing baby clothing for unwed mothers through Lutherans for Life.

"There have been a lot of changes but I sort of make up my mind to go along with the stream," Stolz said. "When someone calls and wants to buy my property, I tell them they'll have to carry me out."

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80th celebration has plenty to see and do

If you grew up in Garden, lived in Garden or went to school in Garden City, you may want to make a trip back to the old neighborhood.

The city is celebrating the 80th anniversary of its incorporation as a village this week, culminating Saturday with a day filled with fun activities in Garden City Park at Merriman and Cherry Hill.

On Wednesday, May 28, Garden City Hospital has scheduled a health fair 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center, located on Maplewood west of Merriman. A variety of health screenings offered and health education information will be available.

The Straight Farm House, home of the Garden City Historical Museum, will have extended hours. Located on Merriman north of Ford, the museum will be open from noon to 5 p.m.

The focus will shift to the Straight Farm House on Thursday, May 31.

That's when answers to a treasure hunt are due at the museum.

Hosted by the museum, the contest is for all ages. Identify architecture details from around the city and submit your entry by 2 p.m.

Contest forms are available at the museum and the Garden City Chamber of Commerce office. Correct entries will be eligible for a prize.

The entry form for the children's contest is also available at the chamber office and the Straight Farm House.

All entries must be submitted by 2 p.m. Thursday, May 31, and the names of the contestants will be entered in a drawing for one of two \$25 certificates for opening an account with the Co-op Services Credit Union.

Catch up the history of the city by visiting the farm house 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 31 for an open house, hosted by the Friends of the Museum, the Garden City Chamber of Commerce and Schoolcraft College.

Champagne punch and appetizers will be served to visitors.

An 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance will be held at Roma Banquets on Cherry Hill east of Venoy on Friday, June 1. Tickets cost is \$15 per person for the dinner and program. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are available at the Garden City Clerk's Office, Orin Jewelers and American Speedy Printing.

Capping off the celebration will be a party in the park. Events during the day will include a breakfast at the Garden City Moose, a 5K run/walk and entertainment as well as contests for kids throughout the day.

The Maplewood Senior Center will hold its annual Ice Cream Social at 4:30 p.m.

During the evening, the Wayne County Parks Association will present a Movie in the Park, showing the movie *Monster House*.

Here's the full schedule of Saturday's events:

9 a.m. — 5K Walk and Run on the walking path. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per family.

11:30 a.m. — Bike parade on the walking path.

Noon — Ice Show in the Garden City Civic Arena, music by the Gold Tones in the Main Pavilion, the Fire House, a flea market/craft show, classic car show, bouncers, rock climbing wall and mini golf until 5 p.m.

12:30 p.m. — Karate demonstration

1 p.m. — Pie Eating Contest at Kerwin's Corner.

2 p.m. — Open skating at Civic Arena.

2:30 p.m. — Line dancers at the Main Pavilion.

2:30 p.m. — Pet contest at the Main Pavilion.

3 p.m. — Line Dancers at the Main Pavilion.

4 p.m. — Charity Hockey Game at Civic Arena, Police vs. Firefighters.

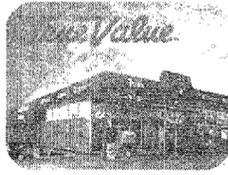
4:30 p.m. — Ice Cream Social at the Main Pavilion.

4:30 p.m. — Watermelon Eating Contest at the Main Pavilion.

5:30 p.m. — Big Band Express at the Main Pavilion.

9 p.m. — Movie in the Park.

Happy 80th Birthday Garden City!



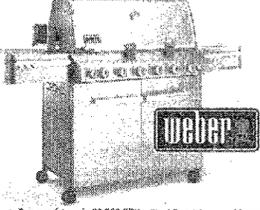
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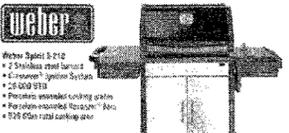
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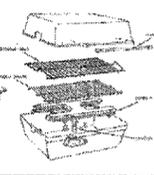
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Member-run clubhouse provides mental health services

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Jacqueline Berthiaume says without Lincoln Behavioral Services, she'd be living in a cardboard box somewhere, unable to cope with bipolar disorder on her own.

"They saved my life," said the 50-year-old Inkster resident.

Berthiaume is one of about 100 people (who prefer to be called mental health consumers, rather than clients or patients) who work at the Gathering Place and clubhouse, one of the extension services offered for adults with mental illness through the Redford-based Lincoln Behavioral Services.

The Gathering Place, in its new facility on Plymouth near Telegraph, uses the clubhouse model of psychosocial rehabilitation.

Everybody has a job to do to keep the clubhouse running smoothly, explained Joy Kornspan, program director and liaison for the drop-in center. A clubhouse can't function without its members.

"We need them to come here to complete the work," she said. "It helps them enormously."

Treatment focuses on the consumers' strengths, not



At the Gathering Place in Redford, members (from left) Eddie Flowers, David Biglane, Tom Burden and Carla Spearman prepare lunch.



Working in the clerical unit, Margaret Dempsey, answers the phone at the Gathering Place clubhouse in Redford, part of Lincoln Behavioral Services.



Joy Kornspan, program director at the Gathering Place, stands in the clubhouse's cafeteria.

their illnesses.

The clubhouse consists of four units. The food services crew makes lunches, sells meal tickets, buses tables and shops.

The clerical unit is responsible for phones, reception, producing an online newsletter and editing the daily GP Express for members to read at the lunch settings.

Member services runs a snack bar, library and clothing boutique.

Donations are requested for the latter two. Especially needed is professional clothing for men to wear on job interviews.

Vocational services helps mental health consumers find employment.

After the workday, which runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., members can partake in recre-

ational activities, like exercise, playing cards or pool or watching the plasma TV. On Saturdays, they gather for outings.

At 20,000 square feet, the Gathering Place's new facility, in a former Robinson's Furniture Building on Plymouth Road, is twice the size of its former site on Schoolcraft in Livonia.

An open house is scheduled for 4-7 p.m. Thursday, May 24.

Another service offered out of the Plymouth Road site is Assertive Community

Treatment, which focuses on keeping people out of psychiatric hospitals. With the support of the treatment team, consumers who have great difficulty in meeting the demands of daily living are able to live independently in

the community.

LBS is a nonprofit organization that accepts donations.

Members pay for services through Medicaid, Medicare and other insurance plans or based on a sliding pay scale.

Berthiaume has been working at LBS for seven years.

First diagnosed at age 27, Berthiaume was on and off medication for years.

In 1997, she says she suffered a breakdown. Then, she found Lincoln Behavioral Services.

"When I came here, I just flourished," she said.

She started the "warm line," a phone number people could call when they needed someone to talk to, which lasted for three years. She worked as an assistant direc-

tor in the drop-in center. She fought for Medicaid reform, speaking on the steps of the Capitol.

On May 14, Berthiaume was scheduled to start computer training for her new job, working in the outreach and education center for Gateway, which is an underwriter for the Gathering Place.

At first, she will work 20 hours a week, but Berthiaume hopes she can

work her way up to a full-time job. It will be stressful. "I'm going to need the support of the clubhouse," she said.

For information about the open house, call Joy Kornspan at (313) 450-0411. Information about Lincoln Behavioral Services is available online at www.lbscares.com.

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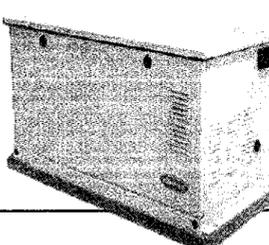
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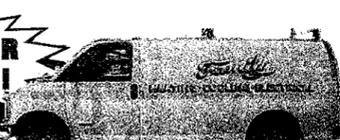


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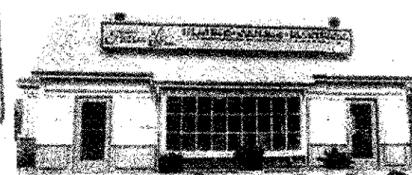
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WAYNE COUNTY

Canton

A Memorial Day service in Canton begins 11 a.m. Monday at the Canton Veterans Memorial behind Canton's Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The service will be to "Honor those who served and in Memory of those who died". The names of those from Canton who died from Iraq, Vietnam, WWII and the Civil War will be read. A brick paver for Sgt Bryan K. Burgess, Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Perrysburg, Ohio, who was killed in Iraq Nov. 9, 2006, has been added to the Memorial Walk of Heroes.

Garden City

Garden City will honor veterans in a ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday on the lawn of City Hall, Middlebelt north of Ford. The

ceremony will include the placement of wreaths by various veteran groups.

Plymouth

Plymouth's Memorial Day parade steps off at 7:30 a.m. Monday.

The parade will start at Wing and Harvey streets and work its way north on Main Street, ending at the Veterans Memorial Park in front of Central Middle School.

This year's parade will be led by the Vietnam Veterans of America. The ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park will include music played by 150 members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Band, which will be joined by a 25-member choir.

In conjunction with the parade, the Plymouth Historical Museum will host Plymouth Community Heritage Day.

Westland

A Memorial Day parade honoring veterans is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League. It will proceed north to Ford Road and then move west to Westland City Hall.



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Joan Pawelak got a close-up look at the memorial to mark the site of nine trees planted to honor Plymouth boys who died in service between 1917 and 1918 during last year's Memorial Day service at Plymouth's Veterans Memorial Park.

Following the parade, new street signs will be unveiled during a ceremony designating Central City Parkway as Honorary Veterans Memorial Parkway.

OAKLAND

Berkley

May 28: A memorial ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. at City Hall, 3338 Coolidge.

Beverly Hills

May 28: The Beverly Hills 25th annual Fun Run/Walk will be held at 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day, at Beverly School, 18305 Beverly Road.

Clarkston

May 28: A parade along Main Street in downtown Clarkston starts at 10 a.m., sponsored by American Legion Post 63 and featuring Clarkston High School Marching Band. A ceremony afterward at Lakeview Cemetery honors veterans. More than 600 names of veterans buried in cemetery will be read. Veterans who attend will each be given a medallion.

Clawson

May 28: Clawson's American Legion holds a parade at 10 a.m. starting on S. Main Street and ending at Blair Memorial Library.

Farmington

May 28: The City of Farmington will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade at 10 a.m., starting at the Uptown Plaza at Grand River and Mooney Street and proceeding west on Grand River, ending at Liberty Street, one block west of Farmington Road. A short public ceremony will be held in Memorial Park at Grand River and Oakland Street following the parade, where members of the armed forces and local police and fire personnel will be honored. Detours will include M-5 freeway and Freedom Road. For more information, call Farmington Public Safety at (248) 474-4700 or American Legion Post #346, 31775 Grand River, at (248) 478-9174.

Ferndale

May 28: The city's Memorial Day parade starts at 10 a.m. at Breckenridge and Livernois and proceeds along Livernois, Maplehurst, Woodward, Nine Mile and back to Livernois. A memorial service follows at 11 a.m. at the Memorial Mall on Livernois.

Lake Orion

May 28: There will be a 1 p.m. ceremony at the Orion Veterans Memorial, M-24 and Odanah. The names of all deceased Orion veterans to be read.

Rochester

May 28: Memorial Day events begin at 9:15 a.m. at Mt. Avon Cemetery in Rochester. After a short ceremony there, a parade travels about a mile to Veterans Memorial Pointe in Rochester Hills, located at Avon and Livernois. Services at Memorial Pointe are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Royal Oak

May 28: The Royal Oak Historical Society holds its Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon at the Royal Oak Farmers Market, 316 E. 11 Mile Road. All you can

eat; \$5 for adults, \$3 kids age 10 and under. The city's Memorial Day Parade starts at 9 a.m. on Washington Avenue. The Royal Oak Memorial Society will host a ceremony at Oakview Cemetery following the parade. Visit www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/city/events for a map of the parade route.

Troy

May 27: White Chapel Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Road, will have the Memorial Day Celebration Concert at 3 p.m. on the cemetery grounds surrounding the "Temple of Memories" landmark. The event will feature the Birmingham Concert Band.

May 28: The city's Memorial Day ceremony will be at 11 a.m. at Veterans Plaza in front of Troy City Hall, on Civic Center Drive, north of Big Beaver and west of Livernois. Also, at 11 a.m. Monday, White Chapel Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Road, will host the 77th annual WWI Polar Bear Memorial Service, honoring the Polar Bear Expedition, a contingent of mostly Michigan soldiers who landed in Russia in 1918 to fight Bolshevik forces.

West Bloomfield

May 28: The St. Mary's Polish Country Fair continues at St. Mary's Preparatory School, including a midway, ethnic foods, live music and Las Vegas tent. The fair information line is (248) 706-6775.

The Keego Harbor memorial service begins at 9:30 a.m., at Cass Lake Road just south of Orchard Lake Road. The parade starts at 10:15 a.m. and goes from Keego Harbor to Sylvan Lake. The Sylvan Lake memorial service immediately follows the parade at Memorial Park on Garland Street at about 11:30 a.m. A Memorial Day service at Pine Lake Cemetery begins at 10 a.m.

Oxford

May 28: A parade starts at Centennial Park in downtown Oxford at 10 a.m.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

June 11, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed modification to the previously approved site plan for:

Garden City Hospital - Planned Development. 6245 Inkster Road. Application SPR PD 06-009 proposes a modification to the approved Planned Development site plan in order to construct a 3-story building addition at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135. Located between Maplewood and Elmwood Avenues. Parcel ID # 35-011-02-0009-002.

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

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City Clerk-Treasurer

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Please take notice that, on June 11, 2007 at 7 o'clock p.m. at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2007-08 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2007-08 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2007-08 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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When mutual funds close, don't sell the fund or rush to invest

Dear Rick: A mutual fund I own is closing. Should I sell that fund?

Mutual funds close for a number of different reasons. Mostly, they close because the portfolio manager believes there are sufficient assets in the portfolio and he/she is concerned by taking in more money they will not be able to invest efficiently and wisely. Over the last few years, more and more mutual funds have closed to investors.

When mutual funds close to new investors, it typically does not mean that existing investors cannot continue to contribute into the fund. In addition, the fund still remains open to certain

types of investors. For example, many Registered Investment Advisers such as my firm, Bloom Asset Management, can continue to invest in funds that are closed to the general public. Sometimes a fund may close to the general public and still remain open in salary deferral programs such as 401(k) or 403(b) plans.

Unfortunately, some mutual funds close as a marketing ploy. In order to attract new money, funds will tell investors they are closing and then hope new money rushes

into the fund. It is not unusual for funds like this to reopen down the road.

My advice is if you are an existing shareholder, don't sell the fund. Nor should a new investor rush into the fund to get a position just because it is closing. I have not seen any independent research that shows that a closed fund either outperforms or underperforms and that should be your main focus.

If a fund I am in is closing I monitor it and make a decision on the most important thing — how it performs and how it fits into my portfolio.

Dear Rick: My income has taken a significant hit this year. I will no longer be receiving my bonus. I was thinking about potentially converting a portion of my IRA into a Roth IRA. What factors should I consider? Congratulations on looking to take advantage of a bad situation. I am a big fan of converting existing IRAs into Roth IRAs.

A Roth IRA allows money to grow tax free vs. a traditional IRA where money grows tax deferred. In addition, when an individual reaches 70 1/2, he/she must begin to take required minimum distributions from a traditional IRA. In a Roth IRA, there are no required minimum distributions so money can grow tax free for as long as an individual chooses.

Unfortunately, not everyone qualifies to convert money into a Roth IRA. In order to qualify, your adjusted gross income must be less than \$100,000 whether you are married or single.

When someone decides to convert money from a traditional IRA into a Roth there is an immediate tax consequence. The money in the traditional IRA being converted is subject to income tax. However, it is important to recognize that traditional IRA money would always be subject to income tax. When you do convert to a Roth you are accelerating your tax liability, not increasing it.

Unfortunately, not everyone qualifies to convert money into a Roth IRA. In order to qualify, your adjusted gross income must be less than \$100,000 whether you are married or single. In 2010 there is a scheduled change to our tax law that will temporarily waive this requirement. At that point, anyone will be able to take advantage of a Roth conversion regardless of income.

My general rules for Roth conversion are:
 ■ You have to have money to pay the additional income tax without touching the money you are converting.
 ■ By paying the additional tax, you are not putting yourself into a higher tax bracket.
 ■ You can invest the money for the long term, generally five to seven years.

If you meet these requirements, it makes sense to convert. Many seniors are under the mistaken belief that once you turn 70 1/2 you are no longer allowed a Roth conversion. That's not the case. You can't convert your required minimum distribution amount. However, you can convert anything above that amount.

When contributing new money into a Roth IRA, there is no deduction for new contributions. However, for most people who are eligible to contribute new money into a Roth IRA, it makes sense to forego the tax write-off. The benefit of allowing money to grow tax free vs. tax deferred offsets the benefit of deducting your IRA contribution amount.

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



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

This year, we remember heroes real and imaginary

Yesterday marked the 100th birthday of John Wayne. Tomorrow is Memorial Day. In many minds the two might seem related, though Wayne never served in the armed forces.

For a couple of generations of Americans, Wayne's swaggering Marines and brawling cowboys epitomized the American spirit. He was a 6-foot-4 colossus of righteousness (and sometimes self-righteousness) in the face of evil. Though never regarded as a great "actor," Wayne was one of the greatest movie stars, an icon as big as the screen he filled.

He played the part so well, he began to embody it in real life. He lent his support to many conservative causes, which he seemed to equate with true Americanism.

World War II broke out shortly after Wayne's career elevated from quickie 'B' westerns to major productions with John Ford's *Stagecoach*. It is Wayne's introductory shot in that film that sealed his image as *the* American.

Ironically, Wayne used every maneuver he could to avoid military service that might have derailed his blooming career.

While actors like James Stewart and Robert Montgomery and athletes like Hank Greenberg and Ted Williams engaged in real combat, Wayne waged his battles on Hollywood backlots and soundstages.

But his rugged image endured and inspired the real troops and blurred the line between real heroes and make-believe.

Wayne's story is interesting in light of our current situation in Iraq.

Those who have been most responsible for propelling us into this war, the president and vice president, did all they could to avoid involvement in the war of their generation. Vice President Dick Cheney famously said, "I had other priorities in the '60s than military service."

The 58,000 Americans who died in the Vietnam War probably had other priorities as well.

As someone who had first a student deferment and then a medical deferment during my draft years, I understand about other priorities. Unlike the president and his vice president, I also had strong objections to the war, though I won't pretend to say what I would have done if I didn't have legitimate deferments. Courage is something you earn, not something you claim.

Since that war, we stopped conscription except as a phantom registration process. The theory was that if military personnel signed up

Military men and women go where they are sent. They can't pick and choose their battles without disrupting the whole process. Most serve honorably, courageously and emphasize not their battle bravery, but their personal successes in winning over the hearts and minds of those they believe they are there to help.

voluntarily, the objections from those who "have other priorities" wouldn't be so loud and troublesome.

But as several former military leaders have made clear in recent months, those who choose to serve need to know that they are serving in a just cause, given the fullest of material support and the best care available if they become a casualty.

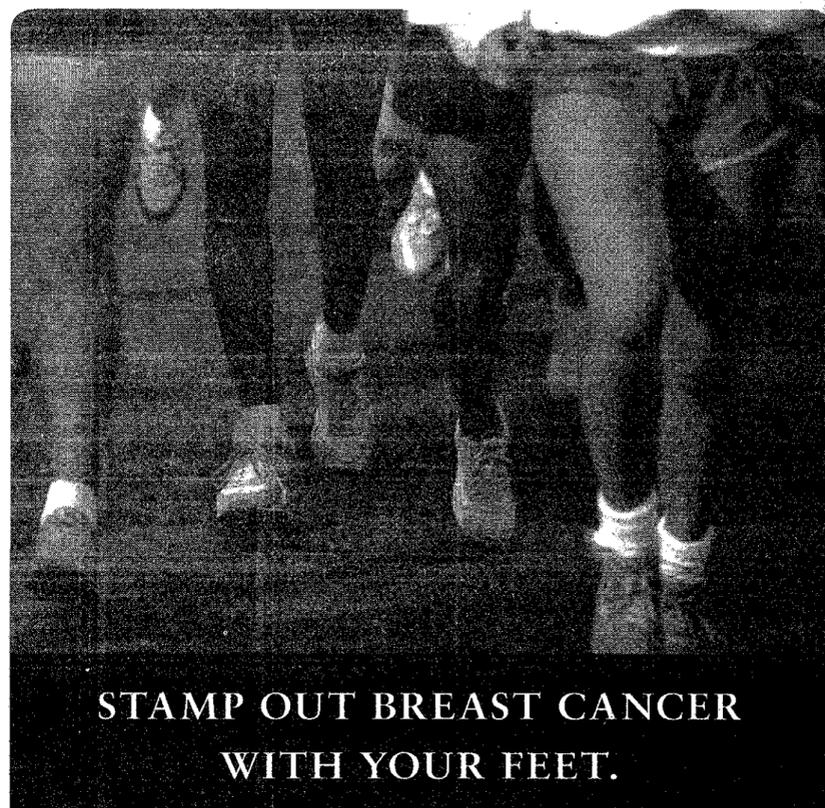
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And many give their lives honorably and courageously for the sake of American ideals.

But as an increasing majority of Americans grow skeptical about this war and its civilian leaders, we must realize that supporting our military is not the same as blindly supporting the policies of those civilian leaders who had "other priorities" when they were of an age to answer the call. Our democracy says the way to honor our military is to ask tough questions about all wars and speak out against those who would put young Americans in harm's way based on false and contrived data. We also need to be sure they are given what they need to protect themselves in an increasingly dangerous environment and that when they come home they receive the best medical care in the finest facilities possible.

Misters Bush and Cheney should make that a priority.

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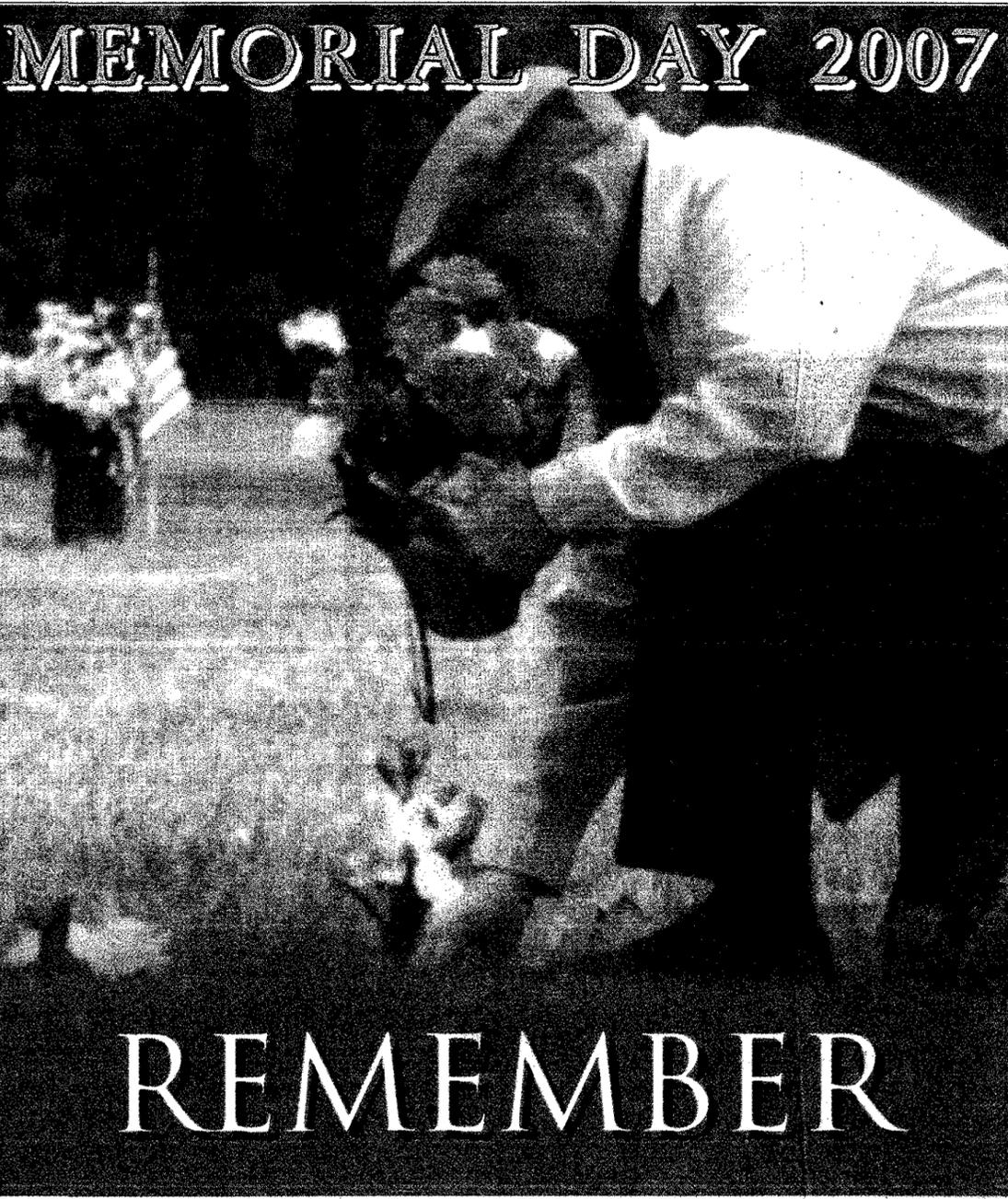
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Churchill boys hit tape 1st in WLAA thriller



Churchill's 'Fantastic Four' included David St. Amant, Jacob McDonald, Andrew LaBerge and Billy Gutowski, winners of the 1,600-meter relay and the WLAA title in a school-record 3:21.77.

1,600 relay effort clips Spartans

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Livonia Churchill's boys track-and-field team needed a heroic effort at Wednesday's WLAA league meet, it turned to its "Fantastic Four."

The Chargers wiped out a half-point deficit to rival Livonia Stevenson in the meet's final event when their 1,600-meter relay team of Billy Gutowski, Andrew LaBerge, Jacob McDonald and David St. Amant broke the tape first with a school-record time of 3:21.77, over five seconds faster than the Spartans.

The foursome's effort gave Churchill 110 points to nudge it ahead of Stevenson (108.5).

"It was all about having heart and working hard," said St. Amant, who anchored the title-clinching quartet. "We knew we were all going to have to go fast to finish ahead of Stevenson, and we all went out and did it. It's a great feeling, especially after we lost to them three times early in the year."

The Chargers' gold medal finish came just five days after they captured the Division 1 regional title on the same Plymouth-Canton Educational Park track.

"We have a lot of hard-working kids on this team, but those four work as hard as anybody," said Churchill coach Rick Austin, referring to his 4 x 400 contingent. "It was the fourth race of the day for all four of them on a very hot day, so for them

to set a school record like they did tells you all you need to know.

"All season long, the four of them came over to the track on Saturdays and ran 15 or 16 200-meter repeats after a long week of practice. They worked hard and they deserve all the success they experienced tonight."

Northville won the battle for third when it out-pointed fast-starting Canton, 89-76. Plymouth placed fifth with 60 points followed by sixth-place Westland John Glenn (59), Wayne Memorial (44), Walled Lake Central (41), Salem (29), Livonia Franklin (20.5), Walled Lake Northern (15.5) and Walled Lake Western (10).

Churchill got off to a flying start in the field events thanks to blue-ribbon efforts from Gutowski in the long jump (21 feet, 1 inch) and Derik Peterman in the pole vault (13-6). The Chargers kept pace with the Spartans due to St. Amant's win the 400-meter dash (49.79) and LaBerge's victory in the 300 intermediate hurdles (39.40).

Stevenson was in the middle of the pack following the field events, but Myles White helped kick the Spartans into high gear when he captured the 110-meter hurdles race in 14.67 seconds, nearly a half-second quicker than runner up Cavan Cavanaugh of Northville.

Two events later, the Spartans racked up first-place points from their 800-meter relay team of Steve Eideh, Nathan

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Charger girls take care of business

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Churchill girls track-and-field team's talented class of seniors padded its already-prominent legacy at Wednesday's WLAA league meet, which was held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium.

The Chargers also made the school's already-bulging trophy case a little more cramped when they sprinted past all comers by accumulating 166 points, 44 more than runner-up Northville.

Like the hot, humid, high-80s weather, Churchill was sizzling as it finished either first or second in 10 of the 17 events to capture its second significant title in less than a week. On May 18, the Chargers earned a Division 1 regional crown on the same P-CEP track.

"Winning tonight means a lot, especially for me and the other seniors," said Mandi Coppola, a four-event point-earner. "It feels good to know that we all helped keep the strong tradition going at Churchill."

"Winning the meet tonight is even more exciting than winning last year because we have a new team with new girls and different girls stepped up when they had to."

Livonia Stevenson (88.5) barely nipped Livonia Franklin (87) for third. Rounding out the field were fifth-place Plymouth (72), Westland John Glenn (47), Walled Lake Northern (39), Walled Lake Western (23), Walled Lake Central (11), Canton (3.5), Salem (3) and Wayne Memorial (1).

The title was extra significant for Churchill coach Keith McDonald, considering this year's senior class is made up of the first group of freshmen he greeted when he was hired to replace Kelly Graham prior to the 2004 season.

"This is the first group that I've been with since they were freshmen, so it's definitely a special group of kids for me," he said. "We have a large group of seniors who I've grown very close to and it's going to be hard to say good-bye."

The Chargers received an above-and-beyond performance from junior

Rachel McFarlane, who helped her team earn big-time points in the 3,200-meter relay (first), the 1,600-meter run (second), 3,200-meter run (second) and the 1,600-meter relay (second).

"Rachel was outstanding tonight," said McDonald. "I told her she didn't have to run in all four events tonight, but she insisted."

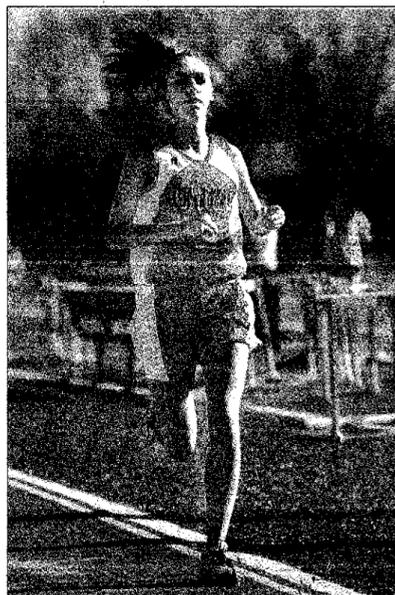
Churchill racked up a huge chunk of points in the relays as it won two (the 3,200 and 800) and placed second in the 400 and 1,600. The Chargers also received first-place points from Tauri Rothermel, who won the 300 hurdles event in 46.62 seconds.

Franklin senior Robyn Whalen starred in the field events as she won the discus (134 feet, 2.5 inches) and the shot put (39-7).

Plymouth's fifth-place showing was bolstered by high-jumper Brittany Petty's first-place leap of 5-4 and long-jumper Stephanie Okolo's gold-medal jump of 17-0.5.

The Patriots' fourth-place effort

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Churchill distance runner Rachel McFarlane, shown here in an earlier meet, was a workhorse in Wednesday's WLAA girls championship run with two firsts and two seconds.

Kesler signs new pact with Canucks

Despite suffering a hip injury which limited him to 48 regular season games and a broken finger suffered in his only playoff game appearance, Livonia native Ryan Kesler is armed with a brand new \$5.2-million, three-year deal with the Vancouver Canucks of the National Hockey League.

The 22-year-old Kesler, the Churchill High graduate and Canucks' No. 1 draft pick in 2003 (23rd overall) out of Ohio State, had six goals and 10 assists this season in 48 games.

In 158 NHL games over three seasons, the 6-foot-2, 205-pound forward collected 18 goals and 26 assists with 135 penalty minutes.

The restricted free agent was close to signing a deal prior to the 2006-07 season with Vancouver, but Philadelphia Flyers general manager Bobby Clarke put forth a \$1.9-million offer sheet.

Forced to either match the offer or lose Kesler and receive a second-round draft pick, Canucks G.M. Dave Nonis resigned the forward for one season after Kesler tallied 10 goals and 13 assists the previous season.

In January, Kesler went down with a hip injury that required surgery to repair a torn labrum, which lines the socket. He missed the rest of the regular season before returning to face the Dallas Stars in a first-round playoff game.

The third-line center left the game in during the fourth overtime and needed surgery to repair a finger that was cut and broken.

Kesler is one of three players with Livonia or Westland roots in the Western Conference of the NHL joining Mike Modano (Dallas) and David Moss (Calgary).



Kesler

Basketball pedigree

New girls coach right up Stevenson's Allie

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Just five years removed from high school, Livonia Stevenson's Mike Allie becomes the youngest varsity girls basketball coach in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The 22-year-old Allie, a 2002 Stevenson grad, succeeds Tim Newman who recently resigned because of personal reasons. In his four years, Newman guided the Spartans to a 42-47 overall record, including a 5-16 record last fall.

"Coach Newman has done an exceptional job with this program and I look forward to following in his footsteps," Allie said.

Allie played four seasons for the Stevenson boys program under Bill Dyer (now at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) and has coached the freshman boys the past three seasons (42-18 record) where he worked under Dyer and Brad Miller (last season).

He also served last season as Stevenson's JV girls coach, going 16-4.

"Our number one goal for the entire program will be to make sure each student-athlete is striving to make herself better in the classroom, and on the basketball court every day," Allie said. "I would like for us to be known as the hardest working defensive team in the conference."

"We'll pride ourselves on playing man-to-man defense, while being creative on the offensive end of the floor. With the commitment of each member of the program, we'll be competitive in the WLAA next

'Coach Newman has done an exceptional job with this program and I look forward to following in his footsteps.'

Mike Allie
Stevenson girls basketball coach

season. After meeting with the girls last week, they seem very enthusiastic about the future."

Allie graduated last December from the University of Michigan-Dearborn where he majored in Business Management with a minor in political science.

"Mike is a Stevenson graduate and played basketball at Stevenson, thus, he understands what it takes for the program to continue in a positive direction," Stevenson A.D. Lori Hyman said.

Allie also referees soccer during the fall at the collegiate level in the Big Ten, Mid-American and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic conferences, as well as the Horizon League. He also officiates during the summer months in the Premier Development League.

"Coach Allie is an extremely hard-working professional who demonstrates the ability to lead the girls basketball program to not only improvement, but great success," Hyman said. "It is without question that Mike knows the game and has a solid philosophy. He has exceptional leadership and motivational skills, which will be beneficial for the athletes."

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Sidelines

Hawks roll 4-1

After posting a 4-0 W-League victory May 18 over the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever, the Michigan Hawks Women improved to 2-0 in the United Soccer League season Friday with a 4-1 triumph over the London (Ontario) Gryphons at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Northville product Lauren Hill (Michigan State) scored three goals in the win over Fort Wayne with Livonia Stevenson alum Melissa Dobbyn (Livonia Stevenson) collecting three assists.

Northville's Nicole Cauzillo also scored in the victory. The Hawks return to action Wednesday at Fort Wayne before a 7 p.m. game Thursday, June 14 with West Michigan.

Blazers win 10-7

Alina Villarreal scored on a breakaway and Milly Niemyjski starred on defense to give Livonia Ladywood a 10-7 girls lacrosse victory Wednesday at Troy Athens.

Other standouts for the Blazers, now 11-3 overall, included Lauren Anastos (attack), Rachel Killian (center) and Maria Rotondo (goalie).

Pepsi champions

All-around age-group winners in the Pepsi Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run competition held May 10 at Livonia Bicentennial Park included: Patrick Miazgowski (13-14), Caleb Abston (11-12), Brian Alsobrooks (9-10) and Noah Zacharias (7-8).

The event was co-sponsored by the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation.

Hitting champs included Zachary Ziulkowski (13-14), Natasha Stevenson (11-12) and Zack Laurer (9-10), while running winners included Mikaila Murphy (7-8), Blake Frank (9-10) and Evan Stevenson (11-12).

JV Spartans shine

The Livonia Stevenson junior varsity soccer team, coached by Chris Stevanovic, recently finished a 15-0-5 season in the Western Lakes while outscoring their opponents, 59-2.

Members of the JV Spartans, who captured the Lakes side of the Western Lakes Activities Association, include: Lauren Wilson, Samantha Kilman, Christian Tappan, Brittany Hoots, Jennifer Barton, Alexandra Harbowy, Samantha Jackson, Tara Johnston, Anastasia Newton, Samantha Gutkowski, Katherine Vellucci, Angela Sharp, Madison King, Ashley Werner, Alisha Linstrom, Alison Slavin, Victoria Saferian, Samantha DeLuca, Ashley Welch, Amanda Linstrom, Lisa Black and Kristen Kwiatkowski.

Cards an ace

Gail McLaren, 72, of Livonia, used a 5-wood to ace the 147-yard, No. 15 hole Thursday at Whispering Willows.

For McLaren, who shot a 96, it was her second hole-in-one in 44 years of golf.

Hawks wrap up title; Wayne nips Rockets

It's official. Put another title in the books for the Hawks.

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran is outright girls softball champion of the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference for the seventh time in the past eight seasons.

Winning pitcher Amanda Gruenewald was the catalyst once again in Friday's 15-6 win at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The senior struck out 10 and went 3-for-4 at the plate, including a pair of triples.

Emily Helwig also went 3-for-4 for the victorious Hawks, who improved to 13-5 overall and 8-0 in the MIAC-Red.

WAYNE 7, JOHN GLENN 6: In a WLAA crossover Wednesday, visiting Wayne Memorial (3-22) held off a late Westland John Glenn (0-21) to earn the victory.

Winning pitcher Taylor Krohn was the offensive star for the Zebras, going 4-for-4 with an RBI. The sophomore allowed just four hits, walked four and struck out nine, who led 7-3 until the bottom of the seventh when Glenn rallied for three runs.

But with the tying run on third, Krohn recorded her ninth strikeout of the game.

"He pitched a pretty good game," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "She struck out a batter in every inning except the third when he turned a double play."

Colleen Blake went 2-for-2 and scored twice for the Zebras.

Joye Clenny reached base safely three times for the Rockets and scored two runs.

Losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook gave up 12 hits, walked two and struck out eight.

FRANKLIN 14, W.L. NORTHERN 3: The sound of aluminum reverberated throughout the afternoon as Livonia Franklin (22-11) unloaded for 19 hits

SOFTBALL

in a 14-3 victory Wednesday at Walled Lake Northern.

There were several standouts for the Patriots including Brittany Taylor, who went 3-for-5, including a fence-clearing solo homer in the opening inning. She scored three times and knocked in a pair of runs.

Twin sister Brianna also went 3-for-5 with a double and two RBI.

Other Franklin hitting stars included Allison Bonsall, 3-for-5 with a double and three runs, and Ashley Geraghty, who was 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn (16-8) scattered eight hits over seven innings. She struck out seven and walked two. All three runs were earned.

Jodi Wagner took the loss for the Warriors. She struck out eight, walked four and was the victim of four errors.

CHURCHILL 2, W.L. WESTERN 1: Julie Lewandowski pitched a four-hitter Wednesday and Livonia Churchill (16-14) scored a pair of runs in the sixth inning to beat Walled Lake Western (7-23) in a WLAA crossover.

Lewandowski went all seven innings, fanning two and walking two.

Losing pitcher Emily Carlson allowed just two hits, walked none and struck out six.

Down 1-0, Paula Guzik started the rally with a single. She advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on a Western infield error off the bat of Katie Stodulski. Stodulski scored on Lewandowski's sacrifice fly.

Amanda Pham scored Western's lone run on a passed ball.

HARPER WOODS 12, CLARENCEVILLE 2: In a Metro Conference tournament game Thursday, the host Pioneers (8-10) handed Livonia Clarenceville (7-19) its fourth straight setback in five innings.

Losing pitcher Abby Sochacki allowed 12 runs (eight earned) on seven hits and seven walks.

Kellie Manis went 2-for-3 with a runs scored for the Trojans, while Sochacki added an RBI single.

Harper Woods pitcher Beth Maddigan limited Clarenceville to two runs on four hits over five innings. She struck out seven and walked just one.

Kelly Duquette went 3-for-4 to lead the Pioneers, while Sarah Deramo added two hits and scored four runs.

HAZEL PARK 14, CLARENCEVILLE 4: In a non-conference encounter Wednesday, the visiting Vikings (19-5) earned the six-inning mercy rule triumph over host Livonia Clarenceville (7-18).

Each team collected eight hits, but Clarenceville committed five errors.

"We continue to get good pitching from senior Abby Sochacki, timely hitting and base runners, but cannot field the ball consistently or find a key hit to spark a rally," Clarenceville assistant coach Bryan DeCaire said.

"Hazel Park managed to hit a few balls hard, but a majority of their runs were scored on passed balls, wild pitches or mistakes by our defense. Give Hazel Park credit, though, they had base runners."

Sochacki doubled twice and knocked in a pair of runs, while sophomore Brittany Brooks added two hits. Kellie Manis scored two runs.

Four different Vikings collected two hits apiece as Tanya Coates knocked in two runs. Kelsey Knapp had three RBI.

CHURCHILL 3, FARMINGTON 1: Katie Stodulski collected two hits, including a double, while Sarah Krakowiak added an RBI double to lead Livonia Churchill (15-14) to a non-league win Tuesday against the host Falcons (26-7).

Winning pitcher Jordan Kerr scattered six hits, walked one and struck out nine in seven innings for the Chargers.

Losing pitcher Dana Velzy gave up five hits, walked none and struck out 12.

Ali Robinson went 3-for-4 in a losing effort.

MU's Haeger proud of his team's effort

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Even though Madonna University's baseball team was eliminated by Spring Arbor in the recent NAIA Region VIII championship round, Crusaders head coach Greg Haeger tipped the bill of his cap to his guys.

"Obviously, it's not the way we wanted the season to end," said Haeger, following the rain-soaked 6-4 loss to the Cougars on May 11. "But I'm proud of the way our players battled through the tournament."

"It's easy to give up once you get knocked down to the loser's bracket, but they were able to pull together and make it to the championship game."

The praise from Haeger wasn't the only reward for a determined effort at the regional. Sophomore second baseman Ryan Morrow earned selection to the All-Region team.

Madonna - which finished 34-20, the fourth consecutive year the team reached the 30-

victory plateau - was bumped down to the loser's bracket on the opening day of the regional, getting crushed 14-2 by No. 2-seeded Indiana Tech in a quarterfinal matchup.

But facing elimination the next day, May 10, the Crusaders came back strong with 8-3 and 7-2 victories over No. 4-seeded Bethel and No. 3-seeded Indiana Tech, respectively.

Against Bethel, seniors Tony Luttmann (Farmington) and Gary VanAllen and freshman Zach Flavin (Novi) each homered to back the nine-inning pitching of Josh Regits.

In the win over Indiana Tech, Madonna scored four runs in the fifth to break a scoreless tie and provide more than enough offense for winning pitcher Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn), who won his fifth game in six decisions.

The big blow in the fifth-inning surge was a two-run

single to left by senior shortstop Kyle Fedorka, which plated senior outfielder Manny Alvarado (Southfield) and freshman outfielder Rikco Rhoades (Orchard Lake St. Mary's).

Madonna won the first game Friday against the Cougars, 7-6, to force a second and deciding game. The Crusaders trailed 6-0 after two innings before staging a gritty comeback. Four innings of scoreless relief by junior Ryan Bardoni gave MU a glimmer of hope and a six-run rally in the top of the seventh put the Crusaders ahead to stay.

Luttmann's two-run double to left-center capped the frame and enabled senior relief pitcher Mike Hand (North Farmington) to earn the victory, with a save going to junior Eric Wendling.

Unfortunately, in the finale delayed by 3:15 after the seventh inning due to heavy rain - Spring Arbor returned from the lengthy interruption and scored three runs to nip the Crusaders, who led 6-0 early.

Can't keep up with Hawks' Jones; Tuttle wins 8th in Spartan victory

PREP BASEBALL

Ryan Jones fanned 13 batters Thursday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran rolled to a 5-0 non-conference baseball win over Newport Lutheran South.

The junior allowed just two hits and walked one over seven innings as the Hawks improved to 5-10 overall.

Kurt Metzger went 3-for-4 with three RBI to pace Huron Valley's seven-hit attacker.

Losing pitcher Brad Puchalsky fanned 10 and walked three.

LUTH. WESTLAND 9, GREENHILLS 0: Sophomore left-hander Micah Hausch threw a one-hitter Friday as host Lutheran High Westland (15-6) rolled to a non-conference win over Ann Arbor Greenhills (5-15).

Hausch struck out 10 and walked only five. The only hit he allowed was a two-out Texas League single to Greg Huntoon in the top of the fifth inning.

Leading hitters for the Warriors included Chris Ake (3-for-4, triple, two RBI); Dan Abbot (2-for-3, two doubles); and C.J. Garber (2-for-3, triple, two RBI).

FARMINGTON 8, CHURCHILL 1: Senior Burny Mitchem pitched a two-hitter and a complete game Thursday as the Falcons (21-8) routed host Livonia Churchill (14-16).

Mitchem struck out six and walked four, while Churchill starter Jimmy Tyler went 4.2 innings and allowed eight runs (six earned).

The Falcons led 2-1 after three innings and pulled away with a six-run fourth.

Farmington (21-8) amassed 12 hits and was led by Phil Sontag, who was 3-for-4 with an RBI triple.

Cam Fowler was 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBI; Eddie Knoblock was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI, and Mitchem was 2-for-4 with one RBI.

Matt Pochmara added a run-scoring double and Jordan Turner scored two runs for the Falcons.

Bryon Niemczak and Kirk Ciarracchi collected the lone Churchill hits. The Chargers (14-16) scored an unearned run with the help of an error.

STEVENSON 8, PLYMOUTH 3: Andy Jones went 3-for-4, including a homer and two RBI Wednesday to give Livonia Stevenson (20-11) the victory over the host Wildcats (12-13) in a game between divisional runners-up in the WLAA.

Stevenson senior pitcher Matt Tuttle improved to 8-0-1 on the season with a complete game. He struck out nine, walked six and allowed three runs on seven hits.

Losing pitcher Garrett Reban, a junior, allowed eight runs on 10 hits in 5.1 innings. He struck out four and walked three.

Other hitting standouts for the victorious Spartans included Sam Vomastek (2-for-3; three RBI) and Nick Plinka (2-for-4; two RBI).

Brad Lineberry went 3-for-3 with a double for Plymouth. David Harvey added two hits, including a double, and two RBI, while Matt Priebe went 2-for-3.

W.L. WESTERN 5, JOHN GLENN 4: Max Weberman clubbed a three-run homer and Ryan Warwick went 3-for-5 with an RBI to lead Walled Lake Western (15-13) to a 10-inning WLAA crossover victory Wednesday at home over Westland John Glenn (12-17).

Zach Gatten pitched the final inning in relief to earn the victory. He allowed two hits and struck out one.

Justin Reid went 2-for-4 with two RBI for Glenn. Ryan Lopez added two hits and knocked in a run.

Glenn reliever Robert Fraser took the loss, allowing two runs (one earned) on four hits and three walks in 5.1 innings. He struck out four.

CHURCHILL 11, FRANKLIN 3: Shea Dwyer got the victory on the mound and went 3-for-3 with a double and RBI to lead Livonia Churchill (14-15) to the WLAA crossover win Wednesday over host Livonia Franklin (7-21).

Dwyer worked the first five innings, allowing three runs on four hits and two walks. Brian Runge pitched two scoreless innings in relief, allowing three hits and a walk.

Kirk Ciarracchi went 2-for-3 with two runs scored for the Chargers, who scored five times in the third inning to break the game open. Tyler Bledsoe and Tyler Cotter each added two hits.

Neil Copeland collected two hits for the Patriots.

Losing pitcher Michael Basner, the Franklin starter, allowed seven runs on eight hits and three walks in two innings. Reliever David Leins went the final five innings, allowing four runs on five hits and two walks. He fanned four.

HAZEL PARK 12, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Alex Gillespie went 3-for-3 with two RBI and Nick Jentzen double and knocked in four to lead the Vikings (9-12) to a six-inning mercy-rule victory Wednesday at Livonia Clarenceville (3-21).

Winning pitcher Matt Sutherland went all six innings, allowing just two hits and one walk. He fanned 13.

Allen Mazur took the loss for the Trojans.

MU softball players earn All-Academic

A quartet of Madonna softball players were recently named to the 2007 Daktronics All-America Scholar Athlete team by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Juniors Liz Ballinger, Christina Finch and Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood) as well as senior Shannon Noder were all honored for their

achievements off the field of play after carrying a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or higher during the 2007 season.

Ballinger, a Mathematics and Education major from St. Johns, and Noder, a Criminal Justice major from Lincoln Park, were the mainstays in the circle for the Crusaders this season.

Day and Finch were key

members of the MU offense that helped propel the Crusaders to their first-ever Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament championships and berth in the NAIA Region VIII title game for the second straight season.

Day is a Fire Science and Mathematics major, while Finch is studying Psychology and hails from Adrian.

WMU netter Crosby ends career at NCAA doubles

COLLEGE TENNIS

Western Michigan University's nationally-ranked team of Brady Crosby (Livonia Stevenson) and Tim Bradshaw (Bromsgrove, England) fell in three sets Thursday afternoon in the opening round of the NCAA Doubles Championship held at the University of Georgia's Dan Magill Tennis Center.

In making WMU's first appearance in the individual championships since 1977, Crosby and Bradshaw, ranked No. 54 in the country, fell to No. 4 seeds Danny Bryan and Colt Gaston of LSU, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

After losing the first set, the Broncos broke the Tigers early in the second set. Bryan and

Gaston fought back to even the set at 4-all before the WMU pair took the final two games to even the set at one apiece.

LSU came right back and broke the WMU early in the deciding third set and hung on to take the hard-fought victory.

"I think we played pretty well today and I know we gave our best effort and put ourselves in position to possibly win the match," Bradshaw said.

The loss capped Crosby's four-year career for the Broncos.

He was recently named to Academic All-District IV for the second year in a row by

ESPN the Magazine. The first-team at-large selection, who carries a 3.77 grade-point average in finance, will now be placed on the Academic All-America ballot.

As a senior, Crosby was named first-team All-Mid-American Conference and Academic All-MAC for the third straight time compiling 56 total wins playing at Nos. 1 and 2 singles and throughout the doubles lineup.

He helped WMU finish 19-8 overall while earning an NCAA regional berth after taking both the MAC regular season and tournament titles.

The co-MVP is only one of four players at WMU to earn over 200 career victories.

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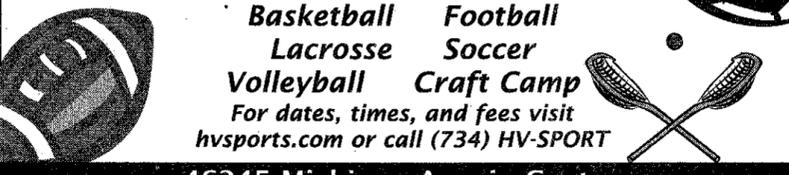
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Churchill's boys and girls track teams emerged victorious Wednesday night in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet held at Canton.

GIRLS TRACK

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was their best-ever at a WLAA conference meet, which pleased head coach Dave Bjorkland.

"It was a great showing by our entire team today," he said. "I'm so proud of the kids and the effort we put forth this season. We finished 4-1 in dual meets, third in the Region and

fourth in the conference. We also broke school records in nine events. This was, I believe, the best season in the history of Franklin girls track."

Stevenson pole-vaulter Marla Winkler won her event when she cleared the bar at 11 feet.

Spartan sophomore Courtney Calka was her usually productive self as she anchored Stevenson's third-place 3,200-meter relay team and first-place 1,600 relay

contingent along with winning the 1,600-meter run (5:03.27).

Brittany Mrozek turned in the Spartans' other golden performance when she crossed the line first in the 400 with a time of 1:00.10.

The meet's top freshman was Plymouth ninth-grader Kelly Hahn, whose time of 11:33.62 in the two-mile run was just fast enough to nip McFarlane (11:34.36).

Hahn also placed fourth in the 1,600 (5:17.66) and

anchored the Wildcats' sixth-place 3,200-meter relay squad. Wildcat sophomore Jill Morton placed fifth in the 100.

Junior Ashley Parker stepped up for John Glenn as she won an exciting 100-meter dash by .16 over Plymouth's Julie Hersey and the 200 with a 25.72 clocking. Parker also anchored the Rockets' winning 400-meter relay quartet that also included Chanel Payne, Ashley Montgomery and Lakeysa Smith.

BOYS TRACK

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Sergison, Dan Cragel and White, who covered the two laps in 1:29.50. Stevenson then earned second-place points in three consecutive races: the 1,600 run (Matt Rzepka), the 400 relay (Austin White, Mitchell White, Dave Simor and Eideh) and the 400 (Cragel).

The host Chiefs surged to the early lead after the field events behind first-place showings from high jumper Eric Thornton (6 feet, 7 inches) and shot putter Nick Moores (51-0.5). Moores also placed second in the discus (145-8), just ahead of teammate Steve Paye, who was fourth with a heave of 140-11.

"It was a like the Regional meet in that we were in first place for a while," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "We knew Churchill and Stevenson would be tough, and Northville beat us in a dual meet, so we were hoping for a top-four finish. It was a fight for fourth, but we won it."

"I'm proud of the kids because everyone gave their best efforts tonight, and that's all you can ask of them."

Plymouth's fifth-place finish was highlighted by senior Pat Slavens' victory in the 3,200-

meter run. The Wildcats' long-distance standout covered the eight laps in 9:49.58, five second faster than Walled Lake Central's Tony Sanfilippo. A pair of Salem runners — Kevin deBear (9:59.07) and Craig Cowing (10:05.54) — placed fourth and fifth in the race, respectively.

Plymouth pole vaulter Ben Ambrose matched Peterman's winning height, but he had to settle for second because it took him more attempts to clear 13-6.

John Glenn's resurgent squad chalked up three first-place finishes.

The Rockets' Larry Dawkins and Ian Thornton went 1-2 in the 100, respectively. Three races later, the duo teamed with Jujan Marks and Corey Davis to lead Glenn to gold in the 400-meter relay.

Dawkins' huge night was capped about an hour later when he outsprinted everyone in the 200 (22.08).

Wayne's best effort came from Kevin Lewis, whose time of 1:57.66 was good enough for second in the 800.

The mercury in the thermometer rose to close to 90 degrees during the peak hours of the day — almost as hot as the Chargers' "Fantastic Four."

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
Discus: 1. Robyn Whalen (LC), 134 feet, 2.5 inches; 2. Karl Prena (WLC), 122-2; 3. Kyndra Abron (LC), 121-3; 4. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 118-2; 5. Correen Weber (WLN), 111-7; 6. Kallee Hobbins (LC), 104-7; 7. Alysha Johnson (WLN), 101-8; 8. Bridgette Tinsley (WLN), 98-9.

High jump: 1. Brittany Petty (P), 5-4; 2. Kyndra Abron (LC), 5-3; 3. Brianna Jenkins (N), 5-1; 4. Liz Holloway (LF), 5-1; 5. Shaakira Hayward (P), 4-11; 6. Alyssa Marucci (WLN) and Meghan Matheny (C), 4-9 each.

Long jump: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 17-0.5; 2. Chanel Payne (WJG), 16-6.75; 3. Chelsea Pashnick (LS), 15-11.25; 4. Paige Stuart (N), 15-11; 5. Megan Wilson (LF), 15-10.75; 6. Jaclyn Konopka (N), 15-7; 7. Allie Plisko (LS), 15-6.25; 8. Jackie Griebek (LC), 15-4.5.

Pole vault: 1. Marla Winkler (LS), 11-0; 2. Amy Reynolds (N), 10-8; 3. Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 10-0; 4. Julie Foucher (N), 9-8; 5. Eren Ural (LC), 9-8; 6. Meghan Powers (LF), 9-4; 7. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 9-0; 8. Kiley Tobel (WLN), 9-0.

Shot put: 1. Robyn Whalen (LC), 39-7; 2. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 38-6; 3. Kyndra Abron (LC), 37-1; 4. Alysha Johnson (WLN), 35-8; 5. Becky Bartek (LS), 33-6; 6. Ashley Price (LF), 33-6; 7. Anita Foss (N), 32-0; 8. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 31-8.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Livonia Churchill (Sara Kroll, Lindsey Graciak, Erica Hope, Rachel McFarlane), 9:35.25; 2. Northville, 9:43.20; 3. Stevenson, 9:57.98; 4. Franklin, 10:00.54; 5. W.L. Northern, 10:01.48; 6. Plymouth, 10:18.18; 7. W.L. Central, 10:35.22; 8. W.L. Western, 11:01.51.

100 hurdles: 1. O'Malley King (N), 15-96; 2. Brittany Gentile (LS), 16-02; 3. Casey Lynett (LF), 16-17; 4. Tauri Rothermel (LC), 16-56; 5. Jackie Griebek (LC), 17-53; 6. Kinka Kochhar (N), 18-41; 7. Mandy McManus (P), 18-46; 8. Mallory Lukas (LC), 18-59.

100 dash: 1. Ashley Parker (WJG), 12-72; 2. Julie Hersey (P), 12-88; 3. Brittany Gibson (WLN), 13-11; 4. Carly Zeitlin (WLN), 13-17; 5. Jill Morton (P), 13-24; 6. Emily Kreichelt (N), 13-42; 7. Mandi Coppola (LC), 13-47; 8. Sarah LaBerge (LC), 13-52.

800 relay: 1. Churchill (Milan Boyer, Nicole Thornsberry, Sarah LaBerge, Mandi Coppola), 1:46.84; 2. Westland John Glenn, 1:47.76; 3. Northville, 1:48.13; 4. Franklin, 1:48.67; 5. Plymouth, 1:50.12; 6. Stevenson, 1:50.68; 7. W.L. Northern, 1:51.12; 8. W.L. Western, 1:53.17.

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300 hurdles: 1. Tauri Rothermel (LC), 46.62; 2. Casey Lynett (LF), 47.70; 3. Jaclyn Konopka (N), 48.26; 4. Mallory Lukas (LC), 48.68; 5. O'Malley King (N), 48.83; 6. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 49.19; 7. Mandy McManus (P), 50.42; 8. Brittany Gentile (LS), 50.84.

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GIRLS SOFTBALL
Tuesday, May 29
 Huron Valley at Macomb Christian (2), 4 p.m.
 Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:15 p.m.
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS
DIVISION 1
at WAYNE MEMORIAL
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Westland John Glenn vs. (B) Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Friday, June 1: Garden City vs. Romulus, 10 a.m.; Belleville vs. A-B winner, noon; championship final: 2 p.m.
at LIVONIA STEVENSON
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) Plymouth, 2:30 p.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. (D) Livonia Churchill, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 2: Salem vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Canton vs. C-D winner, noon; championship final: 2 p.m.
DIVISION 2
at DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Dearborn Divine Child vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4 p.m.
Saturday, June 2: Livonia Ladywood vs. Redford Thurston, 9 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. A-B winner, 11:30 a.m.; championship final: 2 p.m.
DIVISION 4
at SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN
Saturday, June 2: (A) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. (B) Lutheran High Westland, 10 a.m.; championship final: Southfield Christian vs. A-B winner, noon.
GIRLS SOCCER
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS
DIVISION 1
LIVONIA CHURCHILL (Host)
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Livonia Stevenson at (B) Pinckney, 7 p.m.; (C) Livonia Franklin at (D) Livonia Churchill, 6 p.m.; (E) Northville at (F) Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 30: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; Salem vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 1: Championship final, 4 p.m.
WAYNE MEMORIAL (Host)
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Ann Arbor Pioneer at (B) Canton, 7 p.m.; (C) Garden City at (D) Wayne Memorial, 6 p.m.; (E) Ann Arbor Huron at (F) Romulus, 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 31: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, TBD; Westland John Glenn vs. E-F winner, TBD
Friday, June 1: Championship final, 7 p.m.
DIVISION 2
REDFORD THURSTON (Host)
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Hamtramck at (B) Ferndale, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Detroit Renaissance at (D) Detroit Western International, 5 p.m.; (E) Redford Union at (F) Livonia Ladywood, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, May 30: A-B winner at Thurston, 3 p.m.; E-F winner at C-D winner, TBD.
Friday, June 1: Championship final, 6 p.m.
DIVISION 3
NEW BOSTON HURON (Host)
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Melvindale at (B) Flat Rock, TBD; (C) Grosse Ile at (D) Livonia Clarenceville, TBD; (E) Monroe-Jefferson at (F) New Boston Huron, TBD; (G) Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard at Detroit University Prep, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 31: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 4 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 6 p.m. (both at N.B. Huron).
Friday, June 1: Championship final, 6 p.m.
DIVISION 4
ANN ARBOR GREENHILLS (Host)
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Ypsilanti Calvary Christian at (B) Plymouth Christian Academy, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Ann Arbor Greenhills at (D) Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 31: Allen Park Cabrini at A-B winner, TBA; Saline Washtenaw Christian at C-D winner, TBA.
Friday, June 1: Championship final, 5:30 p.m.
DIVISION 4
ANN ARBOR GREENHILLS (Host)
Tuesday, May 29: (A) Ypsilanti Calvary Baptist Christian at (B) Plymouth Christian Academy, TBD; (C) Ann Arbor Greenhills at (D) Lutheran Westland, TBD.
Thursday, May 31: Allen Park Cabrini vs. A-B winner, TBD; Saline Washtenaw Christian vs. C-D winner, TBD.
Friday, June 1: Championship final, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
REGIONAL DRAW
DIVISION 2
at BEVERLY HILLS-DETROIT COUNTRY DAY
Thursday, May 24: (A) Tecumseh vs. (B) Country Day, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 30: Farmington Hills Mercy vs. A-B winner, 4 p.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 6 p.m.
Friday, June 1: Championship final, 5 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
STATE FINALS
Saturday, June 2
 Division 1 at E. Kentwood, 10 a.m.
 Division 2 at Zeeland, 10 a.m.
 Division 3 at Comstock Park, 10 a.m.
 Division 4 at Forest Hills Eastern, 10 a.m.
BOYS TENNIS
STATE FINALS
Friday-Saturday, June 1-2
 Division 1 at Midland, 8 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
STATE FINALS
Friday-Saturday, June 1-2
 Division 1 at MSU's Forest Akers (West Course), 9 a.m.
 Division 2 at MSU's Forest Akers (East Course), 9 a.m.

CEDAR POINT TRIP

Families and friends of the Wayne-Westland Soccer League are invited to take a round-trip bus tour Thursday, June 21 to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. The cost is \$55 per adult (48 inches and up) and \$39 for juniors 3-61 (48 inches or below, or age 62 and up). You must purchase tickets to reserve a seat on the bus along with a park pass from Rhonda Gates by May 30. Call (734) 467-3846.

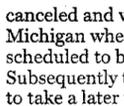


Big Hit parade

The Dynamic Boxing Club of Westland captured six titles, May 12-13, in a two-day tournament held at the Lincoln Park Memorial Building. Team members (from left) include Dan Smith (Garden City), Gabriel Garza, (Livonia) coach Richard Roland, Steven Ledesma (Dearborn Heights), Josh Ivezaj (Livonia) and coach Paul Soucy (Livonia). Ivezaj won both his bouts, winning by decision over a Detroit Kronk team member and stopping Phillip Todd of Lansing in the second round. Ledesma, a newcomer, also showed promise by defeating Austin Webster of Brighton on a TKO followed by a decision over Nathan Dillon of Lapeer. Smith, Sean Sedgeman (Inkster), Justin Brewer (New Boston) and Garza won their bouts. Smith, a super-heavyweight, and Sedgeman, a heavyweight, will compete this weekend in the Great Lakes Regional in Cleveland, Ohio with a chance to qualify for the Nationals, June 26-30, in Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

Ansara team makes up for lost time in Reno

Airline travel can be unpredictable at times. The Ansara Restaurant Group 1 bowling team found that out recently when they flew to Reno, Nev. for the U.S. Bowling Congress Open Championship tournament at the National Bowling Stadium. The group was scheduled to bowl in the team event on Thursday afternoon, but only Harry Sullins from Chesterfield Township was there on time, while the rest of the team had its flight canceled and was stuck in Michigan when they were scheduled to bowl. Subsequently they were forced to take a later plane. Although they missed the scheduled team event, Ansara made it in time for their allotted doubles and singles squad. They bowled as planned and were surprisingly able to find



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

an open spot to bowl in the team event on Saturday, a shuffle that only happens under special circumstances. It worked out for the best, as they put together a solid effort which put them into third place in regular team with a total score of 3,352, only 16 pins behind the leader and four pins out of second place. Lew Ansara of Farmington Hills is the long-time sponsor of the team and has traditionally assembled a group of highly competitive bowlers for the all-star leagues and tournaments. Eddie Grace III from Howell led the way with 729, followed by Ken Wyatt of Sterling Heights (685), Sullins (664), Nunzio Marino of Livonia (683) and Ryan Wilson of Garden City (612). "We all kind of found each other in the hotel lobby Friday morning and although the guys looked a little tired, everyone had a good outlook for doubles and singles," said Sullins, who owns 12 PBA regional titles and is a member of three halls of fame in Michigan. Despite a 156 start in the team, Sullins was able to use

more than 20 years of professional experience and knowledge to remain calm and bounce back with 270 and 238 games, while sticking to the team's original strategy to all play the same part of the lane to help dictate the breakdown and transition during the three games. The USBC Open was formerly the American Bowling Congress Tournament, the longest running and largest bowling event of all and full of great tradition and stories, and this is one for the books. The Ansara team joins another local team among the leaders, S&B Pro Shop of Troy, which currently holds down fourth place in the team all-events with a combined score of 9,762. S&B consists of Jay Lang of Sterling Heights, Bill Orlikowski from Grand Rapids, Dave Ewald of Macomb, Nick Wissinger of Utica and Kerry Krefl from Warren. Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net

CAMPS/CLINICS

Future Stars baseball
 Livonia Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier and his staff will stage a summer baseball camp for boys and girls exiting grades 3-6 from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 28, at the high school. The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt). You must be registered by Friday, June 15. For more information, call Fournier at (734) 968-0499; or e-mail mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us.
Glenn hoop camp
 Westland John Glenn boys varsity coach Dan Young will stage a basketball camp for boys and girls (entering grades 3-9 in the fall) from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, at the high school gymnasium. All participants will receive instruction on all phases of the game including offense, defense, shooting, rebounding techniques, ball-handling skills, mental attitude and teamwork. The cost is \$50 (includes T-Shirt). For more information, e-mail youngda22@yahoo.com.
Field hockey camp
 The 2007 Blazer Field Hockey Day Camp for grade six through incoming freshman will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at Livonia Ladywood High School. The cost is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt with on-site athletic trainer). Registration is due June 15. The camp, directed by Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, will put an emphasis on fundamentals and techniques. All camp participants must bring shin guards, a mouthpiece and water bottle. Rubber cleats are

recommended along with a field hockey stick (some available for signout at the camp). You should also bring a sack lunch. For more information, e-mail coachkris@ameritech.net.
All-Star Hoop Camp
 Registration is on for the All Star Basketball Camps this summer for boys and girls ages 8-15 hosted by Madonna University. MU men's basketball coach Chuck Henry will direct three sessions of boys camps including: 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 12; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, June 13-16; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 18-22; also July 30-Aug. 3. The girls camp will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday through Monday, July 5-9. The cost for each session is \$175 (hot lunches are available for \$5 per day). For more information, call coach Henry at (734) 398-5975; or MU at (734) 432-5591.
Franklin hoop skills
 The Livonia Franklin boys basketball skills camp (grades 4-9) will be from 9-11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, July 16-19, at the high school field-house. The pre-registration cost is \$65. Walk-up registration is \$75. Each camper will receive a T-shirt and red, white and blue basketball. Baskets can be loaned to 8 feet and mid-sized balls will be provided to younger player. Older players will be on separate course. Printable registration information is available at franklin-basketball.googlepages.com or e-mail jrheault@livonia.k12.mi.us.
C'ville mat camp
 The 2007 Trojan Wrestling Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 16-20 at the Livonia

Clarenceville High School gymnasium. The camp is open to any Clarenceville student presently in grades 1-7. The cost is \$60. Checks should be made payable to Clarenceville Wrestling (c/o Anthony Salciccioli) and sent to: 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information, call Salciccioli at (248) 719-3273.
Diesels football camp
 The Detroit Diesels, a minor league team, will stage a three-day youth football camp from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 25-27, at Emerson Middle School, 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia. Camp participants will be split into four age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. The cost is \$30, which includes camp T-shirt, Diesels season pass (\$48) value and pizza party on the final day. For more information, call (313) 299-1277.
MU volleyball camps
 Madonna University will stage a series of summer volleyball camps including: Elite - 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; General Players - 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; Setters - 8:30 a.m.-noon, Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2; Youth - 1-4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, June 29-July 2; Hitters - 8:30 a.m.-noon, Monday through Thursday, July 9-12; and defensive specialist - 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 9-12. For more information, call MU women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 (office) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings).

C'ville's Gregg stars in shootout victory

Goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg made 14 saves, including three in a shootout, and tallied the game-winning goal in the shootout to give Livonia Clarenceville a 3-2 girls soccer win Wednesday at Lutheran High Westland. The game was tied at 2-all and the end of regulation and through a pair of 15-minute overtimes. "It was crazy, insane, we played 110 minutes," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said.

GIRLS SOCCER

The Trojans, who improved 6-8-2 overall, led 2-1 at half-time on goals by Jordan Fyffe (from Jill Brown) and Brown (from Amanda Moody). The Warriors (7-7-1) got goals from Juliann Thomas and Allyson Yankee. In the shootout, Teresa Parent (game-winner), Tori Bunker and Gregg tallied goals for the Trojans.

ALL-WLAA SOCCER

2007 ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS SOCCER TEAMS ALL-CONFERENCE
Goalkeeper: Taylor Comiskey, Jr., Walled Lake Central.
Defenders: Chelsea Smith, Sr., Walled Lake Northern; Kristen Slack, Sr., Northville.
Midfielders: Bailey Brandon, Soph., Livonia Churchill; Brittany Hengesh, Sr., Plymouth.
Forwards: Danielle Toney, Sr., Northville; Victoria Slavin, Jr., Livonia Stevenson; Becci Houdek, Sr., Canton; Kelly Adsit, Sr., Salem; Alisha Lussiez, Jr., Churchill; Jamie Chandler, Sr., Stevenson; Sam Echols, Jr., Walled Lake Central; Chelsea Hunter, Soph., W.L. Northern.
ALL-DIVISION
Goalkeepers: Stefanie Turner, Soph., Churchill; Liz Matza, Sr., Northville; Brittany Warner, Sr., Plymouth.
Defenders: Lindsey Marlow, Jr., Churchill; Kelsey Baskins, Soph., Northville; Liz Tokarsky, Sr., Stevenson; Leslie Weisz, Soph., Canton; Lindsay Lowe, Jr., Walled Lake Western; Sara Davis, Sr., Westland John Glenn.
Midfielders: Sarah Stern, Jr., Northville; Annie Tasse, Jr., Northville; Kayla Johnson, Soph., Churchill; Alyssa Mira, Soph., Rachel Kein, Lisa Pierce, Jr., Canton; Stephanie Gutkowski, Jr., Stevenson; Lauren Kelly, Jr., W.L. Central; Katie Shull, Jr., Salem; Meghan Horgan, Sr., Livonia Franklin.
Forwards: Kaitlin O'Hara, Sr., Stevenson; Alyssa Haney, Fr., W.L. Central; Christy Naife, Jr., W.L. Northern; Clare Baptist, Sr., Plymouth.
HONORABLE MENTION
Churchill: Jessica Stroud, Andrea Lopez, Julianne Puroll, Hannah Otto, Tessa Allen; **Northville:** Julie Bawden, Sarah Aquino, Julie Blaszcak; **W.L. Central:** Nikki Rousseaux, Cassy Reederstorf, Danielle Martinak, Taylor Pond; **Rachel Kay;** **Stevenson:** Amber Sharp, Kathleen Griffith, Kayla Kimble, Molly McConnell, Taleen Mergian; **Canton:** Tracy Rymph, Megan Staub, Jessica Trost, Hannah Mills, Laura Daniels; **Plymouth:** Chelsey Quinlan, Val Klemmer, Kasey Webb, Kelly Dobbs, Katie Krajewski; **Salem:** Miranda Evers, Lauren Booth; **Lindsey Newton,** Sara O'Leary, Sara Stanilewski; **Franklin:** Kelly Powers, Kelly Roulier, Molly Perkins, Kristine Ostrosky; **W.L. Western:** Shaena Sparrow, Paige Parteno, Jodi Stratton, Liz Kramer, Nicole Trivax; **W.L. Northern:** Riley Wood, Jacqui O'Shea, Kelsey Breaugh, Giordana Koutavas, Sarah Stairs; **Wayne:** Whitney Jacobs, Kellie Newsted, Samantha Dye, Danielle Borg, Elizabeth Hardy; **John Glenn:** Marge Shupe, Justine Easter, Joslyn DeGroot, Lauren Whitt.
FINAL DIVISION STANDINGS
Lakes: 1. Churchill, 8-0-2; 2. Stevenson, 6-3-1; 3. W.L. Central, 5-2-3; 4. W.L. Northern, 5-4-1; 5. Salem, 2-7-1; 6. John Glenn, 0-10.
Western: 1. Northville, 8-1-1; 2. Canton, 7-1-2; 3. Plymouth, 6-1-3; 4. Franklin, 3-6-1; 5. W.L. Western, 1-8-1; 6. Wayne, 1-9.
WLAA CHAMPIONSHIP
 Churchill 1, Northville 0

CLARENCEVILLE PHYSICALS

Livonia Clarenceville High's middle school and high school athletic program participants can receive a physical at \$10 per student from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at Livonia Family Physicians, located at 28275 Five Mile Road, Livonia (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads). Physical forms are available in the main office at both the middle school and high. Parents are always welcome to schedule an appointment with their own family physician, if they prefer, but students will not be permitted to practice with their team until their physical is complete and the form is on file. Call high school athletic secretary Gail Bierschbach at (248) 919-0208; or athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217.

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You can be too close to your son

I have a 13-year-old son who means the world to me. He is really more like my best friend than my son and I couldn't be happier about this situation. We can talk about anything, even the problems in my and his mother's marriage that led to the divorce. I've come to depend on his friendship during the past several months. My ex thinks that we are too close. I think that she's just jealous of our closeness. But to make sure, I want to know what you think. Can a father and son be too close?

I do believe that a father and son can become too friendly and lose some of the perspective that is necessary in a parent-child relationship. And, for the record, it sounds like the relationship that you have with your son may have crossed this line.



Terry Wilamowski

To be clear, I am a huge fan of parent-child closeness as long as certain parameters are established and preserved. Primarily, I get concerned when the adult becomes dependent on the child for emotional support or when the topics that are discussed are inappropriate. For example, I believe that a parent should not discuss intimate details of a marriage with a child, no matter how mature that child seems. By telling your son your version of events, you are asking him to choose sides and this is unfair to him. I can understand that you may be hurting and feel the need for companionship and compassion, but a 13-year-old is not in a position to supply this for you. It will be better for everyone involved if you find a confidant that is more appropriate, such as an age-appropriate friend or a support group. As the father, it is your role to provide the support and guidance to your son, not receive it from him. Until this equilibrium is re-established, your ex-wife's concerns are justified.

My oldest daughter will be coming home for the summer following her first year away at college. She's a wonderful young woman, but I'm afraid that she has gotten used to coming and going as she pleases over the past school year and I do not want her to have a negative effect on her younger brother and sister. How do I make it clear that she will have different rules while she is home for the summer? Is this unfair of me to ask of her? What do you think I should do?

In the first place, it is well within your rights to ask your daughter to adhere to the rules of your household while she is here. Secondly, I can understand your concerns about setting a poor example for your other children. Thirdly, it sounds like you are unsure of your role now that your daughter lives away from home for so much of the year. This is the real issue.

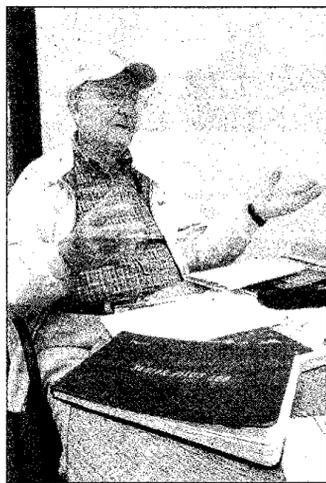
I believe that you need to talk to your daughter and find out what her expectations are as far as rules and appropriate freedoms are concerned. Let her present her ideas for proper conduct and express any concerns that you have. Wherever you encounter a difference of opinion, seek compromise if possible but remain firm on points that cannot be negotiated.

This should not be as difficult as it may seem. She is still your daughter, no matter where she lives. Your roles are being adjusted, not your relationship. This summer may be the perfect opportunity for the two of you to become reacquainted with one another and move your relationship forward.

My husband and our two boys are couch potatoes. I am worried that once school ends, they will not spend anytime outside and will have wasted another summer indoors watching TV. Is it OK for me to make them go outside and play, or is this something that I should just accept?

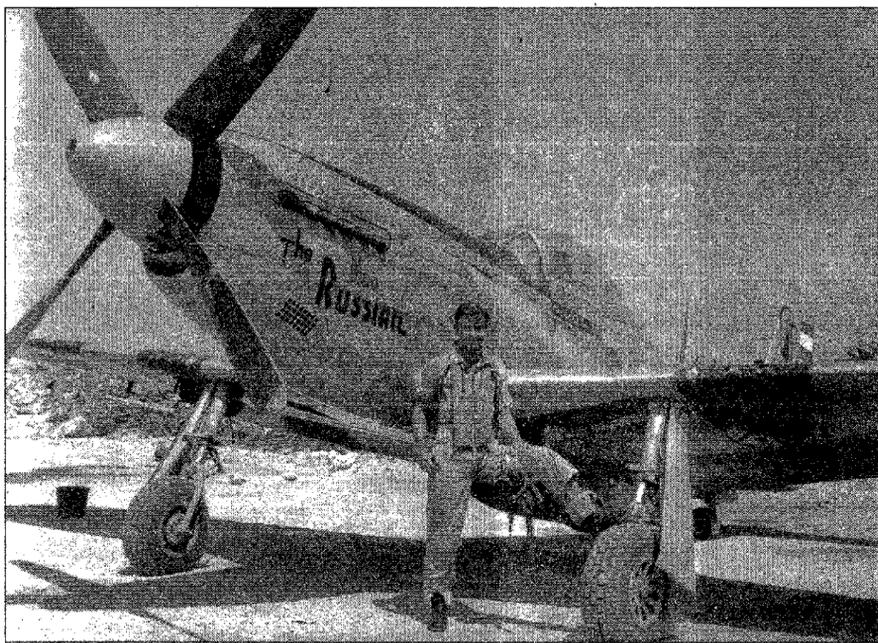
You are well within the bounds of appropriate parenting to want your sons, and husband, to go out and get some fresh air. Sitting in front of the television all day is not a healthy or productive way to spend a summer vacation. Limit the amount of time that they spend in front of the tube and enforce a mandatory amount of time that must be spent outdoors. Plan fun activities for them that will increase their desire to get outside. Take day trips to the zoo, park, or ride bikes. Go to a community pool and set up play dates that involve outside activities. Once they realize the kinds of things that there are to do outside, they will turn on the TV less and less.

Terry M. Wilamowski is a therapist at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments can be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com.



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Ruben Wayne Macy (formerly Moskaloff) talks about his days as a fighter pilot in World War II. In the foreground is the log of missions he flew during that time.



Ruben Wayne Macy (formerly Moskaloff) flew this P-51 Mustang during World War II. He named it The Mad Russian due of his heritage.

Honoring heroes

Flights program shows appreciation for WWII veterans

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Tears come to Louis Gill's eyes as he talks about the day American soldiers liberated him from a German camp for prisoners of war 16 months after he parachuted from a B-17 which had been hit by enemy machine gun fire.

Veterans of World War II fought and gave their lives to preserve American freedoms. Men like Gill came back wounded, physically and mentally, but happy to be back in the states. Since 1951, Gill has made his home in Livonia.

"It was like being reborn again," said Gill, 85. "It gives you a whole new appreciation for being an American, having all the food you want. We were constantly hungry. Usually all we talked about was food."

Gill weighed 113 pounds when he arrived in the states after World War II. He was a healthy 185



This photograph of Lt. Louis Gill was taken after his release from a prisoner of war camp in 1945.

pounds upon enlisting in the Army Air Corps in February 1942. Although Gill joined with the intention of becoming a pilot, he took on the much-needed roles of bombardier

and navigator. Today, Gill still suffers with headaches caused by flak that couldn't be removed surgically. The metal foreign objects recently set off security machines at Detroit Metropolitan Airport when Gill and a group of veterans took a one-day trip to see the National World War II Memorial dedicated in

2004 in Washington, D.C.

LAUDING SACRIFICE

The Pride and Honor Flights program was founded by Faye and Jack Wiseley to honor the veterans' sacrifices. Gill was on a mission to bomb a jet factory about to be brought online when he was shot several times. It wasn't until a month later that a cast was put on his broken leg. His family suffered as well, as Gill was listed as missing in action for a month after the Flying Fortress went down.

During captivity, he was moved several times to locations ranging from a convent to the Stalag Luft III camp made famous by the Steve McQueen movie *The Great Escape*. It was there Gill shared a bunk and became friends with Tuskegee

Airman Alexander Jefferson.

"We were always digging tunnels trying to escape," said Gill, who later married and raised two children, a son, John, and daughter, Susan Baker. Gill is still active as a member of Disabled American Veterans and is writing his memoirs.

On Memorial Day, Ruben Wayne Macy (formerly Moskaloff) will attend a breakfast and service at Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport to remember those servicemen who never returned.

Macy volunteers at the museum where he learned about the Pride and Honor Flights to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The 84-year old

PLEASE SEE HEROES, C2

Golden paws

Dogs provide independence for people with disabilities

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Imagine if you couldn't hear an intruder breaking into your home or a smoke detector blaring a warning. Jane MacFarlane and Rhonda Kerr never got a good night's sleep until they received their Paws With a Cause dogs. Ukon lives with MacFarlane and her husband in Canton. Rhonda and Bill Kerr of Rochester Hills share

Spring as Bill is deaf and Rhonda hard of hearing from birth. MacFarlane and the Kerrs are among 2,000 recipients assisted by the



Bill and Rhonda Kerr of Rochester Hills share Spring, their hearing service dog from PAWS With a Cause.

trained animals since the nonprofit was founded in 1979. Since the three received dogs, they have worked to raise awareness about the independence Paws dogs bring to their

owners. On Friday, June 8, they're part of a planning committee for the first Voices of Independence benefit at the Troy

PLEASE SEE DOGS, C2



Jane MacFarlane and Ukon demonstrated his abilities at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show at Cobo Center. One of his tasks was to alert the hard-of-hearing Canton woman to a door bell.



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31700 Van Dyke Ave., Warren
586-276-8200

Woodland Urgent Care
22341 W. Eight Mile, Detroit
313-387-8700

DOGS

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Marriott. Tickets are \$100 and include a silent auction, dinner, cash bar, dancing, and speaker Sue Thomas, whose ability to read lips led to an undercover job with the F.B.I. Her adventures were dramatized in the PAX-TV series, *Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye*. Thomas lost her hearing as a child.

Patron tickets are \$150 and include an earlier reception 6-7 p.m. with food and the opportunity to meet Thomas.

For tickets, call PAWS Southeastern Michigan regional office in Auburn Hills at (248) 844-5656.

Costs about \$18,000 to train one dog.

GREAT FULFILLMENT

"How do you explain the fulfillment they give you," said Jane MacFarlane, whose nerve deafness was detected at an early age by her mother. MacFarlane graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School.

"He alerts me to the door bell and fire. Because of his ability, I don't walk in front of a car. He hears them."

Because of Ukon, MacFarlane is able to serve on the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns to which she was appointed by former Gov. John Engler. When she isn't up in Lansing, MacFarlane is speaking or giving demonstrations with Ukon at public events such as the Detroit Kennel Club Show at Cobo Center in March. She is also part of the Council for Disability Concerns at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Each October, the council presents Dogs on the Diag to raise awareness.

Ukon performs a variety of tasks besides alerting her to the phone. The two-year wait for the golden retriever was

worth it. Paws provided training in her home and in public three times a week after MacFarlane received Ukon in September 2005.

Volunteer Puppy Raisers, otherwise known as Foster Parents, begin taking the dogs into malls and stores as early as 11 weeks to socialize them. Then at the age of 15 to 18 months the dogs receive formal training at the Paws headquarters in Wayland, south of Grand Rapids.

WORKING DOGS

"He does things he wasn't trained for like stopping at the corner, he puts his head in front of her leg," said MacFarlane. "Ukon loves working."

Rhonda Kerr calls Spring "our hero." She is the Kerrs' second hearing service dog.

"She helps us feel more secure at home and in public," said Rhonda Kerr, who attended a hearing impaired school in Bloomfield Hills from eighth grade. Today Kerr is a specification analyst at General Motors. Bill is an engineer for GM Powertrain at the Milford Proving Grounds.

"She's a very smart dog. She doesn't bark at all. She comes to us and puts one paw on our leg and then takes us to the phone or timer where the sound is. We have an 11-year-old son David who was putting on his football equipment in his room on the second floor and was stuck and we couldn't hear him. Spring comes down and finds one of us. She takes us upstairs and find David stuck in his shoulder pads. If he should fall in the shower, she would alert us."

"It would be hard without her. My husband used to go on business trips a lot and I was alone. I rely on her if someone's at the door. One time Randi, our first dog, was at my husband's parents' house.

Someone was trying to break into the dining room window. Randi kept going back and forth to the parents. They found out the next morning the next-door neighbor was robbed. Many people don't realize what a dog can do."

Sue Brooks knows how important an assistance dog is for a person with disabilities. She started raising puppies as a volunteer 15 years ago. In 2002, she retired from her job at the YMCA in Farmington to become Paws Southeast Michigan Development representative.

CHANGING LIVES

"We change people's lives every day forever one assistance dog at a time," said Brooks. "We train and certify service dogs for people with physical disabilities, hearing dogs for hard of hearing or deaf, seizure response dogs for people with seizure disorders, and a limited number of guide dogs who are service-guide combinations for a person with MS who might become blind, and combinations of all of these."

"One of our clients with Parkinson's disease was a school administrator and went out on disability six years ago. Her niece saw a presentation in school about Paws. The client got her dog in 2005 and returned back to middle school as a counselor."

Candy and Mike Sapp started Paws as Ears for the Deaf after a friend who was hard of hearing asked Mike to train a dog. Word soon spread that Mike could teach dogs to alert people with hearing disabilities to sounds. Within three years the name of the nonprofit was changed to Paws With a Cause.

To apply for a dog, call (800) 253-PAWS (7297) and ask for a client packet.

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HEROES

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Livonia resident was a fighter pilot in the 5th Army Air Force, 348th Fighter Group, 341st Blackhawk fighter squadron. He flew the P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustang in the Pacific Theater. Macy completed 154 combat missions and was recommended by the 341st Fighter Squadron Headquarters in a letter dated Aug. 24, 1945, to receive a Distinguished Flying Cross, but never received it even though he contacted government officials.

Bob Jackson, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said the office has been working for the past two years to help Macy receive his medal. He said letters have been sent to the Air Force and the Pentagon trying to verify details of Macy's career. Jackson said McCotter's office is always interested in helping veterans receive the recognition they deserve.

PROUD TO SERVE

"I made captain a month after my 22nd birthday," said Macy who enlisted in September 1942 at age 19. Macy grew up making model airplanes and longing to fly. His family was poor during the Depression, but still managed to buy a pair of silver wings for 75 cents at Selfridge for Macy's 12th birthday.

Macy flew missions until the war ended in August 1945. He first landed in New Guinea in April 1944.

"I was the first one in the group to solo or fly alone," said Macy. "I had the highest physical fitness rating. I practically lived at the Y."

Macy has written 13 stories about his war experiences as part of his memoirs. Some of the stories have been published in *Friends Journal*, a quarterly magazine by the Air Force Museum Foundation. After the war, he earned an engineering degree from the University of Detroit and raised a family of three children. He's lived in Livonia since 1960.

"We were in Saidor, New Guinea, on what came to be known as Black Sunday April 16, 1945," said Macy. "The weather closed in so bad about



Louis Gill stands at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Livonia man spent 16 months at a German camp for prisoners of war.

37 aircraft were lost, more than 50 men were killed or missing in action. That day was my first mission. I landed just before the weather closed in."

MEMORIES VIVID

Macy's luck held throughout the war. One of the incidents that he "can't get out of his mind" was blind landing a P-51 Mustang. Macy was testing a plane which had just been repaired.

Suddenly, oil covered the entire canopy. Macy couldn't see anything except for an area about the size of a playing card. He dropped the nose down with oil pouring out and covering the entire fuselage, but was able to land safely.

Missions were even more dangerous because he was actively engaging Japanese planes in warfare. He tells of leading a flight of four ships and approaching the target to find he couldn't drop bombs electronically. He had to circle around and drop them manually. On the return flight, a Japanese plane flew into a cloud and came out just below Macy whose guns wouldn't fire. It was a frightening time until another American plane shot the Japanese plane down instead.

The Wiseleys recently began taking veterans to the new memorial to show appreciation

for the men's bravery. The retired Whitmore Lake couple has scheduled three more flights this year.

"We've taken men from Detroit and Bloomfield Hills on the flights," said Faye Wiseley. "They're passing away at 1,200 to 1,500 a day so there's an urgency."

"They are so appreciative of the attention. They go on for weeks after we get back about how wonderful it was. If you can bring that kind of happiness it's worth doing over and over."

So far, the nonprofit has not turned down any veteran's application for the flight but funds and volunteers are needed to continue the trips scheduled for July 7, Oct. 13, and Veterans Day Nov. 11. To help, call (734) 426-8931. Veterans can also apply for a flight by calling this number.

"We need people for fund raising," said Wiseley. "Our next flight is July 7, and we have 100 already. We take two buses with only 57 in a bus. When we get to D.C. more than that is hard to handle. We don't want anybody to fall or get hurt. Some are on oxygen. We try to take medical professionals on each trip."

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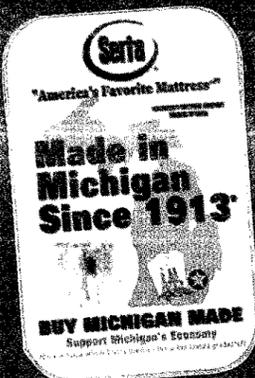
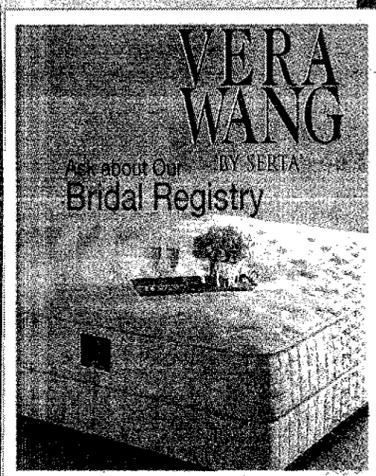
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WEDDINGS



Tappan-Mann

Elizabeth Rose Tappan of Livonia and Stephen Joseph Mann of Livonia were married May 25 at the Catholic Central Chapel.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Rosemary and Donald Tappan. She graduated in April from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science in engineering in mechanical engineering. She will be working for Shell Exploration and Production.

Stephen is the son of Timothy and Diane Mann. He graduated in May from Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science in computer science. He will be a middle school science teacher for Teach for America.

Presiding at the wedding will be Deacon Richard Misiak and the Rev. John Wheeler.

Honor attendants are Adam Colton (best man), Catherine Tappan

(Maid of Honor), Donald Tappan III, Katie Mann, Chris Kin, Christine

Tappan, Dan Kramer, Carolyn Tappan.

The couple will be making their home in New Orleans, La.

ENGAGEMENTS

Kelley-Melancon

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Kelley of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Kelley, to Eric Melancon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Melancon of Westland.

Laura is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is a first grade teacher in Inkster.

Eric is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is a warehouse manager in Belleville.

A July wedding will take



place at the Mercy Center Chapel in Farmington Hills.

Miller-Porenta

Robert and Colleen Miller of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Rosemarie, to Joseph Andrew Porenta, son of James and Valerie Porenta of Grand Haven, MI.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Salem High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in human biology from Michigan State University.

The prospective groom is a 2002 graduate of Grand Haven High School and earned a master of science degree in accounting from Michigan State University.



A wedding is planned for October 2007 at St John Chapel in Plymouth.

Everal-LaCross

Karen and Bill Everal of Lake Orion announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Elise, to Evan Edward LaCross of Canton, son of Betty and Jerry LaCross.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, and a 2006 graduate of Western Michigan University. Carrie earned her degree in secondary education and currently works at Uno's Chicago Grille.

The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 2005 graduate of Western Michigan University. Evan earned his bachelor's degree in accounting and is employed as the assistant controller at Domestic Linen Supply Co.

They plan a late-July wedding in Plymouth's Kellogg



Park, officiated by Plymouth mayor Dan Dwyer. Two members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will play violins at the wedding. The reception is being held at Weber's Inn of Ann Arbor.

BIRTHS

Dominic Jason Duffoure

Dominic Jason Duffoure was born May 4, 2007, at St. Mary's Mercy hospital.

He weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Brian and Jessica Duffoure.

Grandparents are Lawrence and Angela Linto of Westland and George and Anne Duffoure



of Redford. Great-grandmother is Dolores Frasier of Redford.

James Patrick DeWitt

David and Colleen DeWitt of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, James Patrick DeWitt, on April, 30, 2007, at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

He weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth.

James has two brothers, Aidan and Sean.

Grandparents are Bob and Mary DeWitt of South Lyon



and Greg and Sharon Knoph of Livonia.

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DONALD N. CATLETT

Age 65, of Farmington Hills. May 21, 2007. Beloved husband of Mary Ann for 44 years. Loving father of Shannon (Rebekah) Catlett and Sabina Catlett. Cherished papa of Cayley and Jacob. Dear brother of Marsha (Bob) Roth. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com



**EDWARD CLIFTON
"CLIFF" MCCLEW SR.,**

Age 92, May 23, 2007 of Bloomfield for 54 years. Beloved husband of Edith McClew. Loving father of Martha Sloan (Steven) and Edward "Ted" McClew Jr. Dear grandfather of Melissa Sloan, Amy Brandenstein (David) and great grandfather of Abigail and Emma Brandenstein. Cliff was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham for 52 years. He also graduated from Flint Central High School in 1933 and Albion College with a BA in 1938. He was a member of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club, Paul Bunyan Club, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and Lion's Club International. Cliff also enjoyed photography, genealogy, philately, fishing and hunting. After 38 years, he retired as a District Marketing Manager with Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Visitation Wednesday 3-7pm at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Road (between Big Beaver and Wattles Roads) Troy, 248-689-0700. In state Thursday 10am until funeral services 11am at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham. In lieu of flowers donations to the Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Committee-BASCC 2121 Midvale Avenue, Birmingham, Michigan 48009 or the Council on Temporary Shelter-COTIS, 26 Peterboro, Detroit, Michigan 48201. Online register book at www.pricefuneralhome.net

In Memory Of

JEROME T. O'CONNOR

Age 75, of Howell and former 25 year resident of Livonia, passed away on January 13, 2007. The family will be hosting an Irish wake in his honor on June 3rd, 2007 at the home of his daughter, Diane Walters located at 3343 Brighton Road, Howell, Michigan 48843, beginning at 3:00 p.m. For further information and to leave a message and sign his guest book, please go to www.jeromeoconnor.net

SUSAN GENEVA TEAGUE

Age 79 of Romulus, MI, died May 22, 2007. Uht Funeral Home

KAREN SLEBODNIK

Age 59, of Wayne, Michigan, passed away on May 23, 2007 at 8 pm. Ms. Slebodnik worked for over 25 years for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Most recently Ms. Slebodnik served as an events coordinator for the Sumpter Country Fest, Wayne County Fair, and Detroit's Festival of Trees. Ms. Slebodnik leaves her son, Jeff Slebodnik; grandsons Pierce and Preston; sisters Sue Bicknell and JoAnn Davis; brothers Mick Slebodnik and Jim Slebodnik and her father Joseph Slebodnik. Viewing will be held at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, 30895 Huron River Drive, Flat Rock on Wednesday, May 30th. Visitation will be from 9am to 11am; services starting at 11am. A luncheon will follow the services.

GEORGE J. CORMIE

Beverly Hills, MI, died May 16, 2006 in Hospice Care. He was 83. Born July 19, 1923 in Windsor, Ontario Canada, to Tom and Elizabeth Cormie. With his mother's death and having contracted polio at the age of 3, the family decided to move George to the United States to live with his aunt and uncle, Molly and Robert Bone, to receive medical care; and he was the first recipient of a leg muscle transplant at Children's Hospital in Detroit. He grew up in Ferndale, attended Wayne State University in Journalism and began a career in the painting and coatings industry, representing The Truscon Laboratories at the original Hudson's Department Store in downtown Detroit. In the 1970's, he founded his own paint coatings consulting firm, PCA. George was a member of The Engineering Society of Detroit, The Construction Specification Institute, and The Saginaw Valley Coatings Society. He served on the vestry of Nativity Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Michigan. He was an active advocate for civil rights; a devotee of the arts - from theater and ballet, to the symphony and jazz. He and his wife, Martha, attended 17 Broadway performances in New York. They were also avid attendees at the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario Canada, and remember with great fondness when it was held in a tent. George was an avid golfer and later, golf spectator. He loved to travel, socialize with friends and family, and loved evenings of hors d'oeuvres and champagne. George is survived by his wife of 56 years, Martha (Mason), one child, Thomas Andrew (Adrienne), and three grandchildren, Mason, Anya, and Ahren; a sister, Dorothy Ager (Bud), and half brother, Andrew (Irene) in Scotland. A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held Friday, June 1, 2007 at 3:00 PM at Nativity Church in Birmingham, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Special Olympics, U.S. Paralympic Team or the Nativity Episcopal Church Living Memorial Fund.

In Memory Of



ROBERT (ED) TROYER

May 4, 2007 Age 73 of Farmington Hills, MI. Loving husband to Shirley for 52 years. Father of Candy (Derrick) Richardson, Kirk Troyer, Karen (Al) Bylski, Kelly (Michael) Kish. Grandfather of nine, great grandfather of two. Expert marksman and avid outdoors man, longtime member of Multi-Lakes Conservation Club. In loving memory - knowing that you enjoyed everyday to its fullest, grateful for teaching us to do the same.

RONALD M. SEIM

Age 70, of Houghton Lake passed away May 23, 2007 at Grayling Mercy Hospital. Ron was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 8, 1936 to the late Maynard and Mergery (Kane) Seim. Ron was married at Wayne, Michigan on May 31, 1958 to Jonada L. "Jo" Dumke, whom survives. He worked in the testing lab at Wayne County Road commission until his retirement in 1984. Ron and his wife, "Jo", have owned and operated the Houghton Lake Travel Park for the past 18 years. Ron is a member of St. Martin Lutheran Church, ARVAC-MI, Houghton Lake Lions, former President of the Houghton Lake Merchants' Association, former Chamber of Commerce board member, former tourism bureau board member, member of Roscommon Twp. Planning Commission, and Roscommon County Economic Development Board. Mr. Seim is survived by his wife, Jonada Seim of Houghton Lake; two daughters, Lynn Marie (Herb) Tripp of Kentucky, and Beth (Kevin) Last of Westland; his son, Randy (Karen) Seim of Wayne; six grandchildren: Kyle, Cody, Ryan Troy, Jackie, and Colin; three brothers: Ted (Teal) Seim of Montana, Ken (Nancy) Seim of Minnesota, and Jim (Kitty) Seim of Texas. Services for Mr. Ronald M. Seim will be conducted 1:00 p.m. Wednesday May 30, 2007 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 3333 Warren, Westland, with Rev. Guy Purdue officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday, from 11a.m. to the time of service at 1p.m. Interment will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Martin Lutheran Church or American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Christler Funeral Home, Houghton Lake Chapel served the family.

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JOSEPH MATTHEW LOVIO

May 22, 2007 Age 85. When he first arrived in Detroit from West Virginia, he worked at Fisher Body Plant #29. Joe was an usher and choir member at St. Rita Church and a Precinct Delegate from the North End. He was an avid golfer and also taught night school at Wayne State University. He was the plant Safety Director at Bower Roller Bearing in Detroit, Hart and Schumacher Plant and then for Federal Mogul. Beloved husband of the late Bernice. Dear father of Christina Lovio-George (John) and Debra Lovio-Samson (Peter). Grandfather of John Joseph (Heather), Matthew Joseph and Amelia Danica. Brother of Katherine of Star City, WV. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass was held Friday at St. Rita Church, Detroit. Memorial tributes to United Mine Workers Activity Fund, District 31, 310 Gaston Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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- 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.

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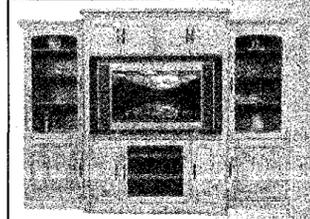
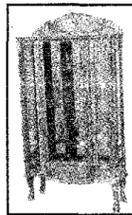


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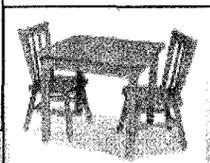
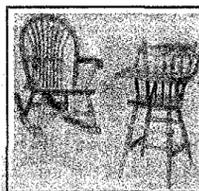
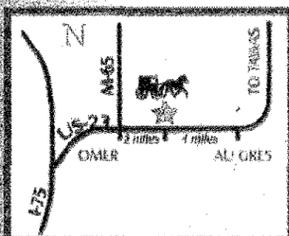
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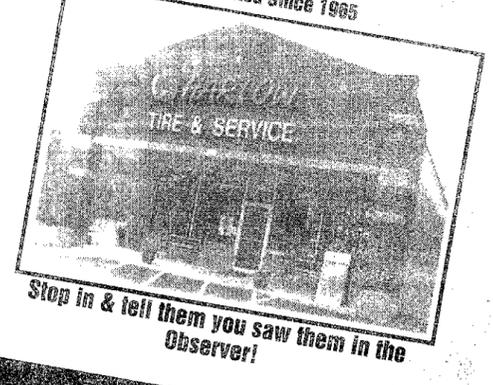
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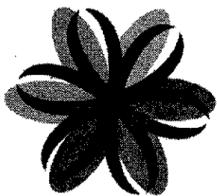
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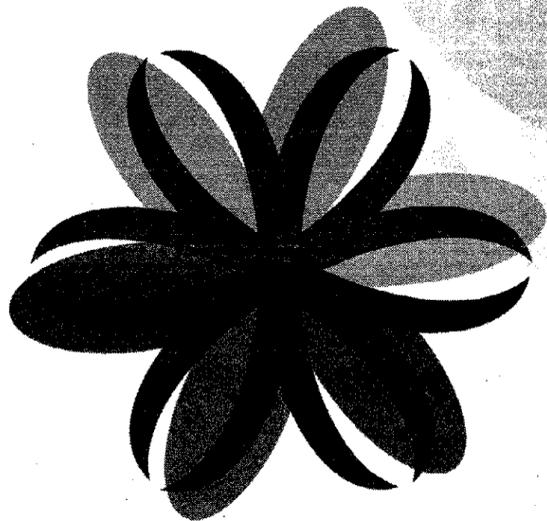
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Breast cancer

25 years of advances in treatment

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Early detection is still the best defense against breast cancer, according to Dr. David Bouwman, director of the Alexander J. Walt Comprehensive Breast Center at Karmanos Cancer Institute, and professor of surgery at Wayne State University.

While 25 years of advances in treating breast cancer have led to less invasive treatments, it is the combination of research and education programs which have lowered mortality rates. The early discovery of tumors dramatically improves chances of survival.

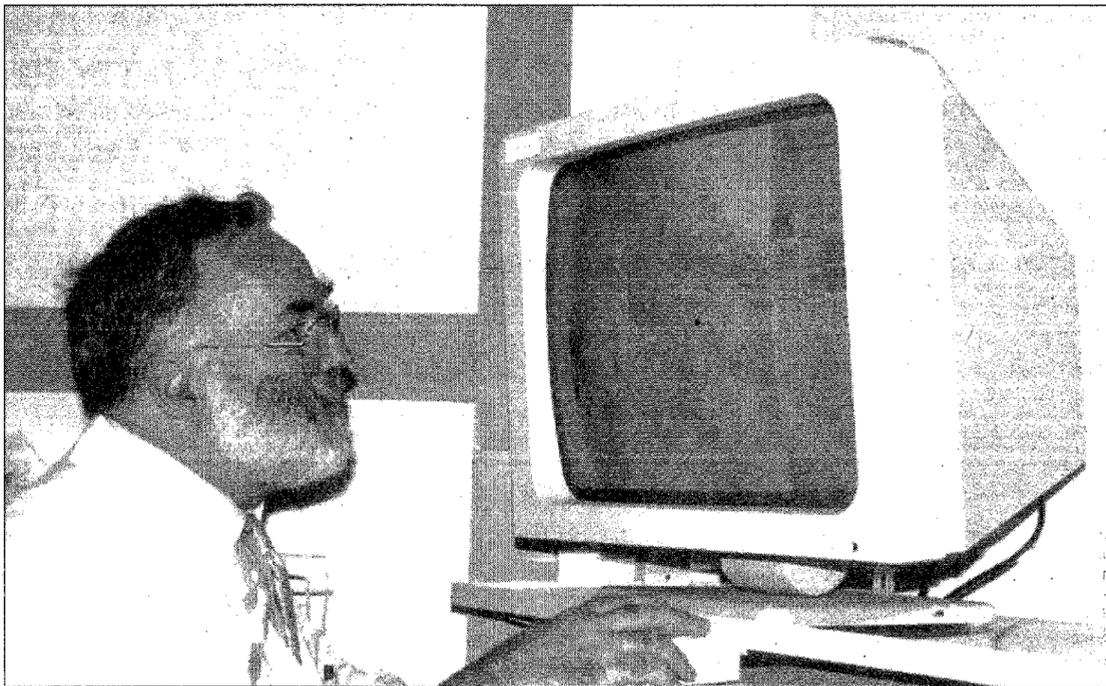
"I remember being a medical student back in the late 1960s at Johns Hopkins University, the home institute of William Halsted, the father of American breast surgery. His contribution was the radical mastectomy (developed in the late 1800s). We were still doing those routinely in the 1960s," said Bouwman, who's been treating breast cancer patients since entering practice in 1978. "The surgical treatment of breast cancer has evolved through reduction of the amount of surgery. We went from radical mastectomy to modified radical mastectomy where we no longer removed muscle. Today we believe lumpectomy, removing only the tumor, and radiation on the breast works just as well but can't be accomplished in all cases. With early diagnosis it's likely we can do the smaller surgery."

The evolution in surgery paralleled the theory of breast cancer.

PREVENTING SPREAD

"We now believe in the embolic theory that fairly early breast cancer can throw seeds and colonize other areas of the body," said Bouwman. "When I explain this to patients I use the dandelion theory. If you find a dandelion and take it out, it solves the problem if you take it out before it goes to seed. You solve the problem by putting a weed killer on the lawn. In breast cancer after the seeds have flown, it's important to treat the whole person with systemic treatments. The major role of chemotherapy is to stop the emergence of seeds. We give chemo to prevent that from arising. It markedly reduces the risk that that will ever happen."

"A more recent development for systemic risk is estrogen manipulating drugs when a person's tumor is estrogen receptor positive, and a diagnostic test for HER 2-new (oncogene), a growth factor receptor on some tumor cells that allows them to be more receptive. This can then be blocked with Herceptin. Why is it so important to use these drugs? Most people get chemo to prevent. People die from breast cancer never because



Dr. David Bouwman says mammography is still the gold standard for diagnosing breast cancer early.

of what happens in the breast, but secondary to what happens to the seeds."

That's why it's important to detect and treat tumors as early as possible. Bouwman says, mammography is still the gold standard for diagnosing breast cancer.

"When you combine all of these things, it's driving the overall mortality of breast cancer below 20 percent. I regard this as an all-out success story. I believe this number would come down further if people would comply with screening guidelines. One of the arguments is when to start. The risk factor changes with age. A woman at 50 has twice the risk of a 40-year-old woman. I recommend talking with your physician. There are women who have risk factor for breast cancer in the family that I strongly suggest she should be on tight (annual) screening at 40 or before. It's not that breast cancer doesn't occur before the age of 40. A year doesn't go by that a teenager doesn't get breast cancer in the Detroit area."

LOWERING RISK

Women should take into consideration a number of factors to lower their risk for breast cancer.

"Estrogen use increases risk, using hormone replacement therapy indiscriminately to solve all problems will result in extra cases of breast cancer. If women are concerned about osteoporosis, there are other solutions to that. Speak with your

physician.

"List your family history. Tamoxifen and Raloxifene are used for reduction of risk if at an elevated risk."

"My advice for women is to maintain breast health. Maintaining breast health like most other aspects of life is not a one-time decision, but a set of habits, awareness and self-education like maintaining an automobile. You can't just go in and have the oil changed. You have to be aware of things. Because interventions and treatments are so effective it becomes more of a loss if people don't do that. We see patients who did everything right and still suffer the ravages of this disease. They can't believe there are women who aren't making the small effort to take care of themselves."

Bouwman says a woman should keep the lines of communication open with her health care provider and if she's not satisfied with the quality of care to get a second opinion.

"No one can insulate you against the risk of breast cancer, but more people die in automobiles than from breast cancer every year, but people don't garage their vehicles (and stop driving)," said Bouwman. "Do not be paralyzed or overly anxious. I tell my wife the same thing, to be responsible in her health maintenance and watch the quality of care of physicians."

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Race proceeds benefit research, programs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure holds special importance for Maureen Meldrum, who was diagnosed with breast cancer 15 years ago.

Last year's Detroit event raised \$1.7 million for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure organization founded 25 years ago by Nancy Brinker after her sister, Susan Komen, died of breast cancer at age 36. A total of \$1.1 million was distributed locally as grants for breast cancer screening, treatment and education programs in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The rest of the money went to the international to fund research.

Twenty-five years of advances in breast cancer treatment in combination with research and education programs have lowered mortality rates.

"In 2006 we had 30,000 participants, 1,500 breast cancer survivors in pink shirts. It's very encouraging to see all of those pink shirts. It's really a message of hope," said Meldrum, director of breast cancer special programs at Karmanos Cancer Institute, the local presenting sponsor.

"Of the 178,000 diagnosed in the U.S. this year, 40,000 will die. If caught early the cure rate is 98 percent. We don't know what causes breast cancer or how to prevent it, but early detection saves lives. A recent report commissioned by Komen shows that metro Detroit has one of the highest breast cancer mortality rates in the nation. Some of that has to do with poverty, access. While we've made tremendous progress we still have gaps to close. Until every woman regardless of where she lives or the color of her skin has access to early detection and quality cancer care we don't think we're done."

Meldrum said in Komen's 25th year, the non-profit is recommitting and refocusing the effort to end breast cancer. The 16th annual Detroit race takes place Saturday, June 16, at Comerica Park. For more information, visit www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure or call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266).

"We have reached out to so many community partners," said Meldrum of Lathrup Village. "Komen is a series of over 100 races and we're introducing I AM THE CURE, typed so it looks like we're shouting. CURE leaders along the route will be shouting out inspirational and educational

words about breast cancer so people will walk away from the race learning why this is so urgent.

"We'll hang 10,000 pink ribbons along the route so Midtown is really transformed on this special day. An 8 a.m. opening ceremony honors breast cancer survivors and focuses on those whose lives we've lost.

"At the race we're doing much more education in a way that's much more exciting. We will have myth bustiers throughout the crowd, (Karmanos) Walt Breast Center doctors and nurses wearing sandwich boards with pink lace bustiers. On one side is a breast cancer myth, on the back truths such as all women at age 40 should start getting a mammogram every year."

Christine Fontichiaro learned she had breast cancer after a routine mammogram in June 2003. An ultrasound confirmed the presence of a tumor. After undergoing surgery, chemotherapy and radiation she has been cancer-free since Dec. 31, 2003.

Today, Fontichiaro volunteers her time as grants chair for the Detroit race.

"From its early days I had been a participant and always walked with friends," said Fontichiaro of Troy. "Then in February 2004 I began volunteering. As grants chair I oversee the process by which Komen requests proposals to disseminate the money we raise from Race for the Cure. We're making money available for a variety of needs including education, screening and limited treatment for women who are underinsured and uninsured. A woman is typically working but does not have insurance to cover mammograms or ultrasound that follows a questionable mammogram, or there are monies that might cover screening but there are no monies to fund treatment."

"Last year ACCESS, an Arab American outreach program in Dearborn received a grant for a program that requires one on one contact with the male of a family to explain breast cancer screening and to provide breast health education. Another grant funded an outreach program to the Hispanic population in the southwest area of Detroit."

For more information on breast health and cancer, call (800) KARMANOS or visit www.karmanos.org or www.komen.org.

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New moms: Lose weight carefully over time

Jill from Farmington Hills has just had a baby. She e-mails for tips on getting rid of the weight that came along with the new addition to her family.

Jill, pregnancy weight gain is a problem for just about every new mom. For most women the key is keeping weight in check during pregnancy.

Most women should gain no more than 30 pounds. The old saying you are eating for two just does not carry much weight in reality!

Nutritional needs change, but the volume of food consumption should remain pretty much the same. Most importantly, don't get frustrated! The weight from having a baby does not come off right away! Remember it took nine months to put the extra weight on. Look at it as a long-term goal and set up a healthy diet plan! Spend some time at the gym with a personal trainer and you'll be back in your old wardrobe in no time!



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Tara from Lincoln Park is thinking about starting a running program with her dog. She e-mails for tips for getting off on the right foot.

Tara, before starting a program you should get a checkup for yourself and your pet! Once your dog passes it is time to get started!

Remember your dog's size does not necessarily determine its running ability. It is best to wait until your dog is at least 12 months old to start a running program. That is when bones and joints are up for an extended run.

Pace yourself and remember to give your dog plenty of water and time to cool off. Excessive saliva and panting are usually trouble signs. Try to avoid running on concrete and hardened surfaces. Finally, be sure to know your dog's limits.

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Physicians are aware that other medical problems can cause an exhaustion similar to the fatigue of arthritis. Medication, depression, fibromyalgia and hypothyroidism are among the possible causes that may need evaluation in an individual patient.

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On Monday night June 25, young cancer survivors from across metro Detroit will receive a respite from the fight at the fifth annual American Cancer Society Boots 'n' Baseball event. The American Cancer Society (ACS) is partnering with the Detroit Tigers to host dozens of children from local hospitals, and their families to a free baseball game as the Tigers take on the Texas Rangers at Comerica Park. The young patients will have the

opportunity to enjoy all the festivities including ferris wheel rides, face-painting, goody bags, and many memorable activities.

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For more information about the American Cancer Society, call (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

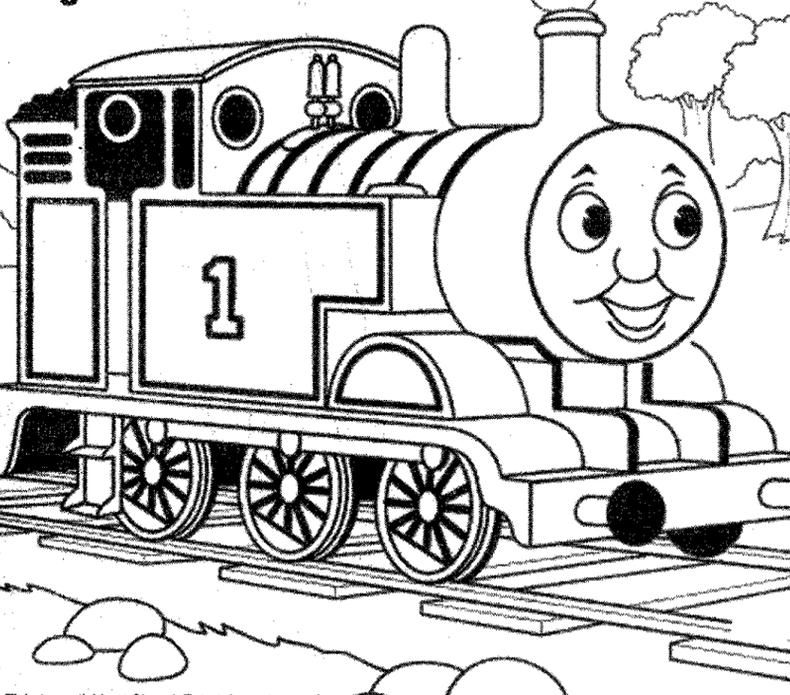
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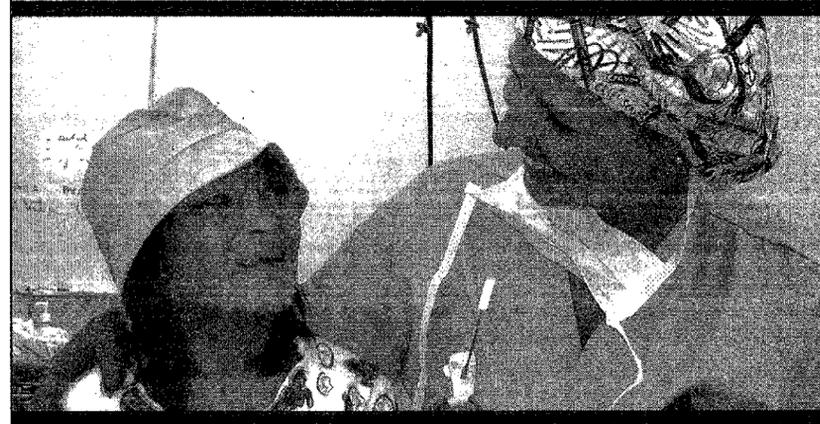


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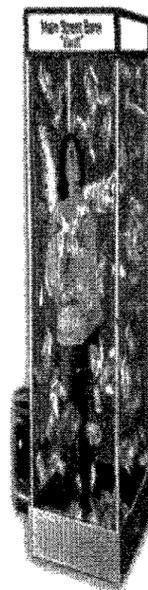
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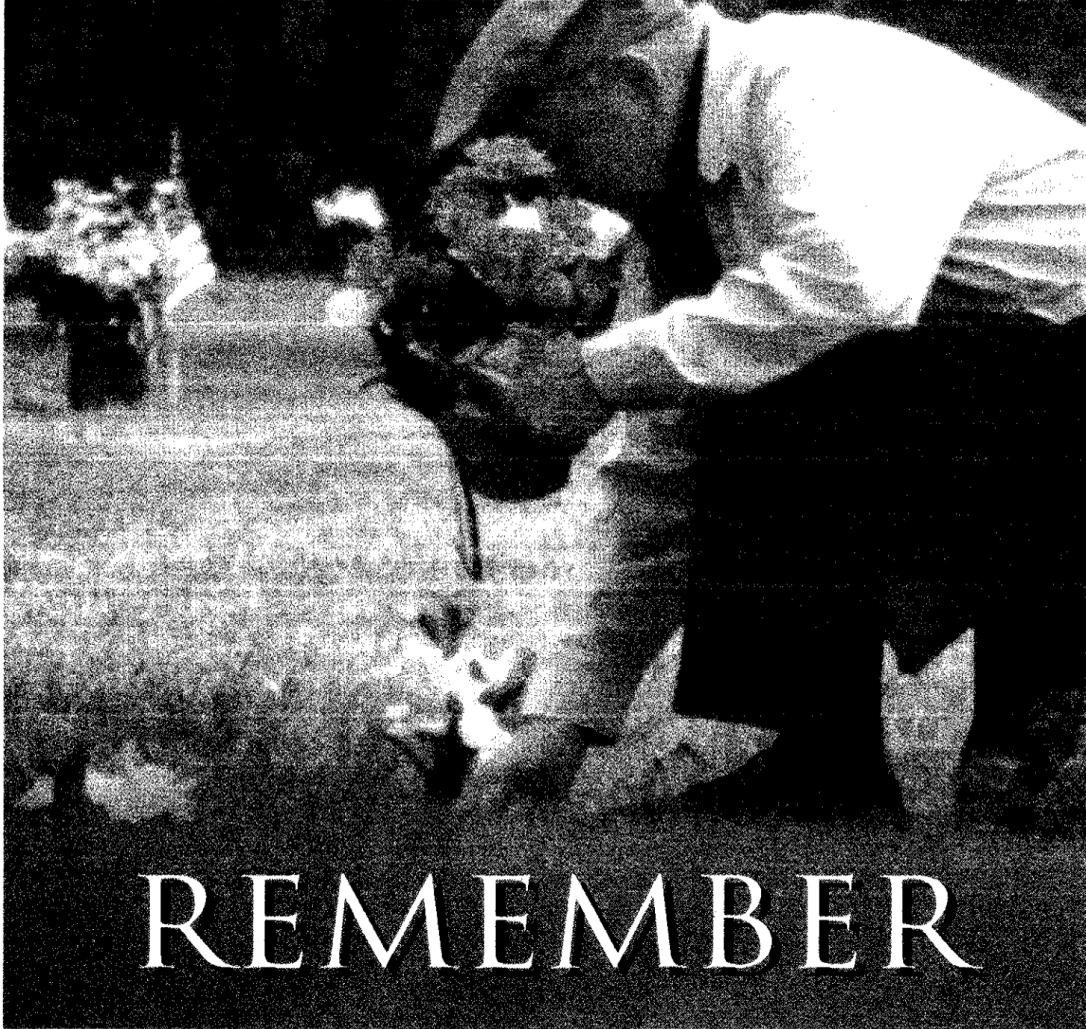
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