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AROUND TOWN

Food drive

Westland firefighters have announced a food drive to benefit the Westland-based Salvation Army, which has faced a growing need amid an economic recession.

Firefighters are asking donors to drop off non-perishable food items 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Fire Station No. 1, next to Westland City Hall on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne.

In session

If you've ever wanted to see your county government in action, you'll have a chance Tuesday, April 14, when the Wayne County Commission will hold a full board meeting in Westland.

The commission will meet in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road, at 10 a.m. According to commission Chairman Edward A. Boike Jr., the meeting will serve as the commission's annual equalization meeting.

"State law requires every county to hold an equalization meeting on the second Tuesday of April each year to determine the equalized value of the county," Chairman Boike said.

The meeting is open to the public.

Deadline nears

Need help with those college bills? The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has a suggestion: Submit an application for its \$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded in June.

Applicants must be a United States citizen and college student entering the third or fourth year of undergraduate studies. They also must live in the league's service area of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland and the Wayne County portion of Northville as well as attend a Michigan college or university where they are majoring in government, political science or public policy.

Additional information and the scholarship application can be found at the League's Web site at www.lwvwww.org. Click on 2009 Scholarship Application. The deadline is April 17.



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Good hunting

David Foss of Westland carries daughter Rachel Foss, 4, after a successful hunt in the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland. Rachel was among kids of all ages who took part in what has become an Easter tradition for the Wayne County Parks, the annual Easter Marshmallow Drop. Youngsters big and small raced to grab the marshmallows as they hit the ground and hung out with the Easter Bunny during the event, held Friday morning. For more photos, See Page A7.

Hearing set in robbery of shopper

48-year-old Garden City man arraigned Friday

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Garden City man was arraigned Friday on charges of robbing a 38-year-old woman while she was operating a bottle return machine inside the Westland Kroger store at Merriman and Cherry Hill.

Nathan Lamarr Fisher, 48, has been charged with unarmed robbery and being a fourth-degree habitual offender for an incident that happened shortly before 10 p.m. Tuesday.

The woman was using the bottle return machine when a man walked up behind her, grabbed her arm, bent it downward, seized her purse and fled the store, according to Westland police.

Police issued a bulletin for area officers to remain on alert, and Westland police Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski said the suspect was spotted walking on Ford Road about 5 a.m. by a Garden City officer. Fisher was also wanted on drug warrants.

Westland officers went to Garden City to pick up the suspect, who was described as a prison parolee who has prior convictions for drug-related cases and breaking and entering.

According to authorities, Fisher at first gave Garden City police a fake name but later told them who he was.

Fisher was arraigned Friday in Westland 18th District Court, and Magistrate David Wiacek ordered him jailed with a \$50,000 cash bond.

A not-guilty plea was entered for the defendant, who has been scheduled for a April 23 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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Two men face hearing for allegedly stealing grease

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Grease is the word. It's more than a musical and a movie, however. Stealing it is a crime.

Two defendants face a May 5 pretrial hearing in Westland 18th District Court following allegations they stole used kitchen grease from a container outside Olympic Coney Island on Wayne Road before getting caught in the act at nearby Ashley's, a

bar and grill near the city's shopping mall.

A driver who legitimately picks up grease for a company that recycles it noticed it missing at Olympic before he drove up Wayne Road and called police to report a possible theft in progress at Ashley's, police Sgt. Steve Borisch said.

The driver used his vehicle to block the suspects in until police arrived around 2 a.m. Tuesday. "He blocked them in and police

came and arrested them," Borisch said.

The detective said restaurant grease can have uses ranging from pet food to biofuels, and he said it can be stolen and sold illegally to unscrupulous buyers. He said it recently has sold for 16 cents a pound.

Christopher Kind, 52, of Sumpter Township and Richard Tallent, 44, of Van Buren Township are charged in the Westland case with one count of

larceny, one count of attempted larceny and trespassing.

The charges are misdemeanors. If convicted, the men could face penalties ranging up to 90 days in jail and \$500 fines.

Westland 18th District Magistrate David Wiacek said the two men were released after posting 10 percent of a \$5,000 bond. They are due back in court on May 5.

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Graham students put words into action

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It wasn't Halloween, but Lily Posuniak didn't care. The 6-year-old put on her flower costume and paraded around the halls of P.D. Graham Elementary School to give fellow students a visual definition of the word spring.

Her costume? A flower, but she also wore gardening gloves and had a poster filled with lady bugs and more blooms to get her message across.

"It's her old Halloween costume, but we went to Michael's and bought the other things," said her mother, Cheryl.

Across the gymnasium, kindergarten Max McConnell



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Lily Posuniak, a kindergartner at P.D. Graham Elementary, won a prize for her costume for the word spring.

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VOCABULARY

FROM PAGE A1

was ready to sail away on a summer breeze in his boat, the SS Leprechaun.

"He picked the name, he designed it," said his father, Pat.

Max picked the word boat after his class got the job of finding words that related to a beach theme. Silver glitter and blue paint on a swirl of cardboard turned classmate Matthew Paulin into a wave, while Zachary Brothers wore an orange and blue striped fish outfit, complete with dorsal fin.

The parade was in celebration of Reading Month and was the idea of reading recovery literacy leader Belinda Edwards. Each day throughout the month of March, youngsters were given work and heard about Deb Frasier's *Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster* during announcements.

"We had guest readers, we talked it up during the entire month," said Edwards. "The youngsters then committed to a word group — one class did nouns, one did compound words and one kindergarten class did beach words."

Frasier's book is the story of a girl, named Sage, who doesn't know what the word miscellaneous means. According to Edwards, Sage thinks Miss Alaineus is the woman of the actually is the name of the woman on a box of spaghetti "whose hair is the color of uncooked pasta and turns into spaghetti at the ends."

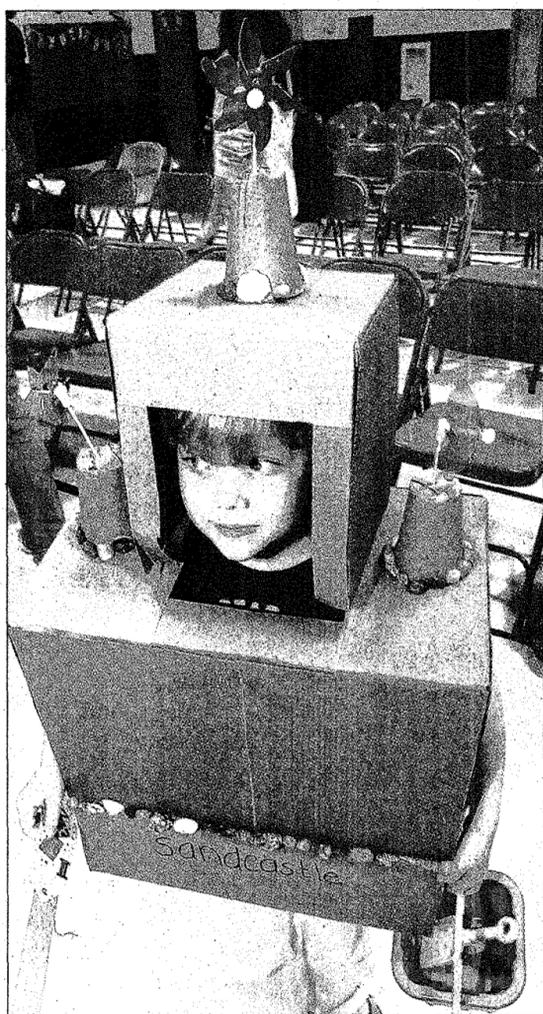
"It's an adorable book," Edwards said.

Students dressed up as words and paraded down the halls, starting by the fifth-grade classrooms, so other students could see them before filing into a packed gymnasium where parents wanted to snap photos of their favorite marchers.

Edwards had planned to have students line up along the walls, when she had a surprise. "This is a big gym, 500 kids no problem, but there were more parents in here than at kindergarten roundup this morning," she said.

This is the first time Edwards has done the vocabulary parade and it won't be her last, although "I may need a year in between," she said.

Max McConnell didn't hear that he may have to wait awhile to do another parade at the school. He was too busy



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cardboard boxes helped turn kindergartner Julia Kubus into a sand castle for the vocabulary parade at P.D. Graham Elementary School.



Kindergartners Matthew Paulin provided the wave and Zachary Brothers the fish, for the kindergartners' beach vocabulary theme.

keeping his sail in line with his boat.

"He sort of likes boats," said Pat McConnell. "We did it in a

couple of hours because that's what he wanted to do."

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McCotter: Michigan hasn't 'bottomed out'

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter couldn't be too optimistic, noting that the 15-member auto task force was in Detroit.

"They are now here trying to get more cuts," said McCotter in speaking before the Westland Rotary on Thursday. "In Michigan, we have not bottomed out."

Those comments came in response to a question from Margaret Harlow, who owns a family tire business.

"Have we bottomed out? Have we turned a corner?" she asked.

Financial planner Antoinette Martin asked about bankruptcies and foreclosures, as well as enforcement of usury laws.

McCotter, a Republican, said debt needs to be cut so consumers aren't in over their heads: "Once they have that outstanding debt, they then sell it off. We understand this is a huge problem and it's going to intensify."

McCotter said he wrote a letter to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Federal

Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke.

"You're now paying 100 percent on the dollar to insure those bonds," he said of the AIG payout. There's an incentive to allow General Motors to go bankrupt, he added.

"I've yet to receive an answer," McCotter said of his letter.

Kim Shunkwiler, a local chiropractor, said he was honored to serve in Vietnam.

"This thing's being gutted," said Shunkwiler, holding up a copy of the U.S. Constitution.

McCotter agreed the chaos in financial markets has led to turbulent times. He said the Wall Street bailout came "without any real control and certainly any sense of justice."

"The U.S. bailout has to end," the congressman said during his visit to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. If credit markets are freed up, much will improve.

"It's undermining your confidence in your subservient government," he told Shunkwiler.

"They turned the tax code into a penal code," McCotter added of the AIG bonuses. He said both the Republican and Democratic parties are

diverse: "Where the twain meet, we try to get things done."

McCotter discredited an Internet posting that President Barack Obama plans to shut the Web down.

"That would be to curtail free speech and that would be against the Constitution," he said.

McCotter's concerned about Michigan's future saying that "everything we've grown up with will be gone."

He said Mississippi has had success in encouraging university students to do research and development, and set up businesses after graduation. Massachusetts has done similar work, McCotter said.

As for national health care coverage, "I don't think nationalization is the answer, but I also don't think the status quo is the answer," he said.

In introducing the congressman, Shunkwiler noted his frequent presence in the news these days, as well as his recent comparison to fellow musician James Taylor.

"Any more you turn on the news and there is Congressman McCotter being interviewed," Shunkwiler said.

AROUND WESTLAND

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will sponsor a plant exchange and garden item sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. The public is invited.

For more information, call Maureen Davidson at (734) 728-1232 or Jo Johnson at (734) 522-3918.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour from 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, April 13, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month. LeBlanc also invites residents to join him for refreshments and an informal fireside chat from 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 13, at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517)-373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, April 13. He will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, from 9-10 a.m., then move to Redford for a coffee hour from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with

Anderson but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48933; by phone toll-free at (866) 262-7306; or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Blood drive

It was so popular that Wayne Memorial High School has had to add another day for their blood drive. Blood donations can be made between 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, in the old gym at the high school, 3001 Fourth St. at Glenwood, Wayne. This blood drive is open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.

Showing support

Skateland West is hosting a special roller skating session to support union families in southeastern Michigan from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 18. Show your union card and everyone in your party skates for \$1 each. Admission without union card is \$6. Skate rental is \$1.50, inline rental \$5.

In an effort to reach out and help the struggling union families of Michigan, Skateland West is offering an evening of entertainment and family fun at a premium discount. Any and all union cards will be accepted. All ages are welcomed and many games and activities are planned for the special session.

For more information, call (734) 326-2801 or visit www.skatelandwest.com. Skateland West is at 37550 Cherry Hill, just west of Newburgh in Westland.

Surplus food

Westland residents living north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their surplus food

commodities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, south of Palmer.

The pickup time and location for Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, April 13, or the second Monday of each month, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Ann Arbor, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Call (734) 729-1737 for information.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers collect their food at Taylor Towers and must contact their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents also must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

Food stuffs for April include a 3-pound frozen ham, UHT shelf milk, sweet potatoes, peas, applesauce, peanut butter, trail mix and possible additional items. The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

Further questions may be answered by calling the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

Wild skate

Join the "Wild's Walkers" in lacing up those skates and heading out on the ice with Westland Mayor William R. Wild at Mike Modano Arena from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in support of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Admission and skate rental are free, and refreshments will be available for a nominal cost which will go towards Relay for Life. Mike Modano Arena is at 6210 N. Wildwood, just north of Ford.

Spring Awards

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will hold its Spring Awards Celebration at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, west of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The celebration will honor the 2009 First Citizen and Business Person of the Year as well as its long-time members.

The cost is \$35 per person which includes a dinner buffet and open bar. Sponsors for the event include *The Westland Observer*, Parkside Credit Union and TDS Metrocom. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222 or visit www.westlandchamber.com.

Preschool signups

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. The preschool is located at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

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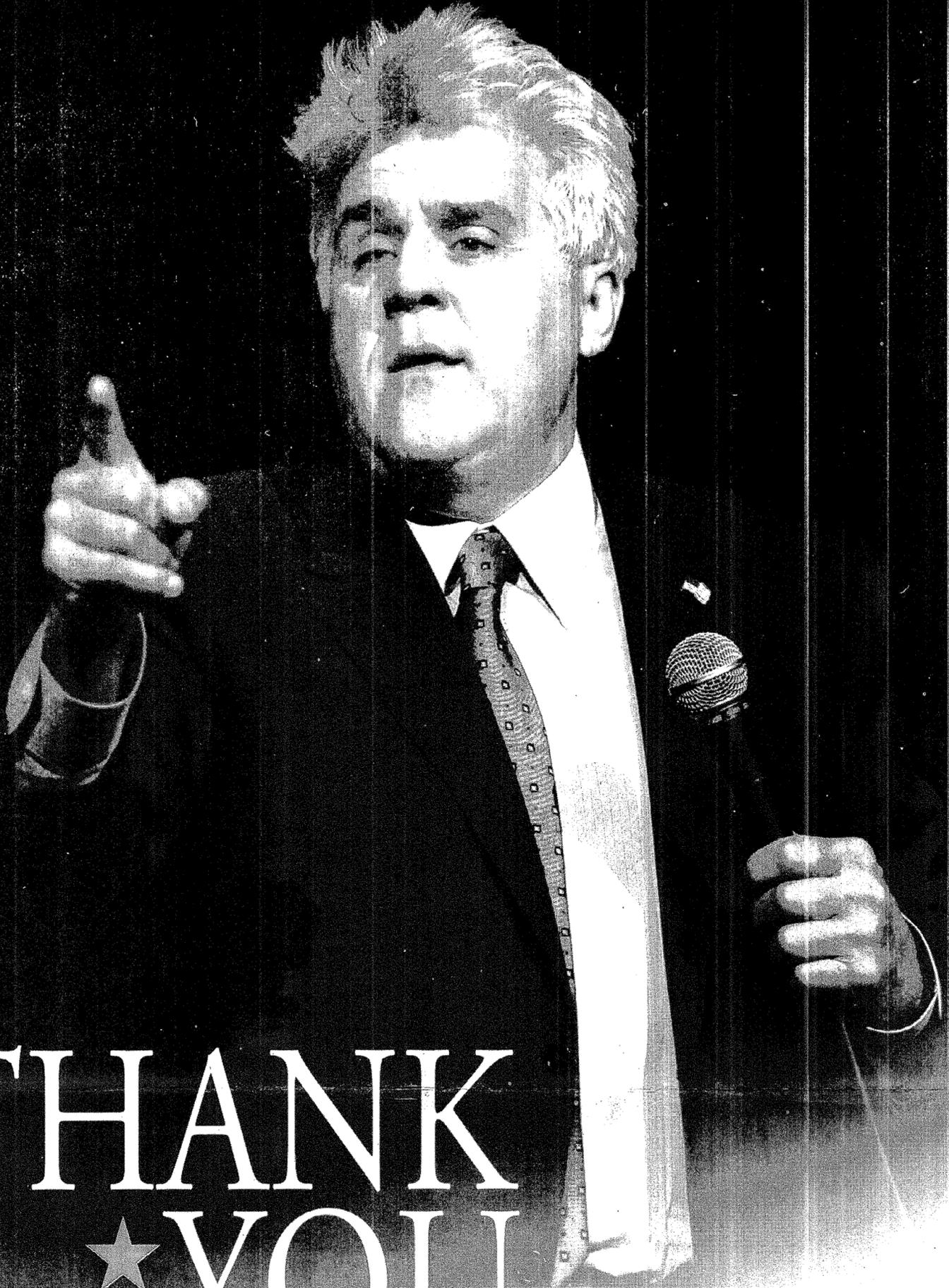
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Walker: Will work to move district forward

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education?

I want to continue to work with other members of the board in order to continue to move the district forward by practicing fiscal responsibility and also by continuing the partnership that we as a board have established in the community.



Walker

2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

I was appointed to the board Sept. 15, 2009, and since then I have gained two school board certifications in order to help me be a better school board member.

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

Budget cuts are the biggest problems being faced by all districts at this time. The board has to be able to continue the high level of excellence that are children are accustomed to on limited funds.

4. How would you address those issues?

SHAWNA WALKER

Who: Shawna Walker, 38, of Westland
Family: Married with two children
Education: I will receive associate's degree in liberal arts from Henry Ford Community College in May
Community Involvement: Volunteer and now full-time family case planner at "Looking for My Sister" working with victims of domestic violence; member of the Deacon Board at Pure Word Missionary Baptist Church; member of International Free and Accepted Modern Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star.

I along with other members of the board will continue to make decisions that are based on the best interest of the kids.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

Yes, so far I have been endorsed by Mayor William R. Wild, Councilman Bill Johnson, Councilman Dewey Reeves, State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, Westland Council President Jim Godbout, Councilman Bob Stottlemeyer, City Clerk Eileen DeHart and UAW Local 900.

6. What do you want voters to know about you?

Because I will continue to work hard for the children of the district.

Turner says students are his 1st priority

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education?

I have been on the board for the last 12 years and our school district has come a long way, but the problems that are facing this district and others in the state are far beyond what we have faced in the past. We met those of the past and I would like to be there to meet and overcome those ahead.



Turner

2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

As stated before, I have 12 years of experience here in Wayne-Westland. I have attended many of the classes that the Michigan Association of School Boards has put on for new, as well as older board members, to help us understand how to meet and overcome the problems facing us today as well as in the future.

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

There are many issues that face us nowadays. The first is a lack of funding. How can we educate students for a global society, if we don't have the funds needed to do it? The

ED TURNER

Who: Ed Turner, 75, Westland
Employment: Retiree
Family: Single, however, I do claim all students in the district as mine
Education: High school graduate and U.S. Navy veteran, served in the Korean "police action."
Community Involvement: Former board member of the True Grist Dinner Theater in Homer, Mich., former and founding board member of Old Historic Wayne Theater, former Wayne-Westland Junior Miss board member, judge for the Miss Wayne and Miss Westland contests, member and chair of the Westland Cable Commission and a Sunday school teacher

funding is being depleted by the lack of understanding that if our students don't have a good educational foundation how can we expect them to succeed in college.

4. How would you address those issues?

I would try to make our lawmakers in Lansing understand that adequate funding has to be their number one priority. We keep hearing this, but nothing is being done.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

No, I am not asking nor have I ever asked for endorsements or organizations and individuals. I want to feel that I am my own person; I will not be beholden to anyone.

6. What do you want voters to know about you?

I made a promise 12 years ago to the citizens of the Wayne-Westland school district that I would be a school board member for students first, parents second and administrators and teachers third. I believe that I have kept that promise and will continue to do so.

Neal: Work to ensure stable school district

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education?

I have been fully engaged in community service in the Wayne-Westland area for more than 32 years. I see my participation on the school board as an opportunity to continue serving my community by ensuring the stability of our school system. Not only is our future dependent upon the education of our youth, but the strength and prosperity of our community today depends on a quality education system.

2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

I am a professional curriculum developer and training consultant for Eureka Educators and adjunct professor at Jackson Community College and Madonna University. I have been involved in organized labor for 40 years. As the chief of the Westland Fire Department, I managed the department budget, personnel and services provided.

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

The most immediate concern is revenue. The governor proposes to help balance the state budget by eliminating \$7 million for Wayne-Westland. This will cause the district to enter deficit spending and severely affect the school system and our children.

Our district is losing more than 300 students each year. It causes two major problems - the loss of revenue and an imbalance between school population and school capacity.

4. How would you address those

MARK NEAL

Who: Mark Neal, 59, Westland
Employment: Creative director, Eureka Educators, L.L.C.; retired Westland fire chief
Family: Married with three children and seven grandchildren
Education: Bachelor of science degree in general science and chemistry, 1980, Eastern Michigan University; licensed emergency medical technician specialist; Army field medic and occupational therapy technician
Community Involvement: Member of Westland Civil Service Commission and Westland Breakfast Lions Club, board member of the Elderly Housing Corporation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Angel Flight and Western Wayne County Hazmat Team



Neal

issues? I support a coalition of parents, teachers, administrators and the Michigan Education Association to lobby to maintain the Wayne-Westland language in the state budget. I would also support the hiring of a legislative advisor to ensure the safety of our revenue. I propose we do more to advertise the quality education and services our school system provides.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who? I have the endorsement of Mayor William Wild, City Clerk Eileen DeHart, several Wayne-Westland school board members, and more, but most importantly, I'm seeking the endorsement of the citizens in our district who care about quality education.

6. What do you want voters to know about you? This is the first time I've been in an election. I offer the knowledge and ability to work with the district's administration, the great people who work in our schools and the families to preserve the quality of education in the Wayne-Westland school district.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

This is the final series of profiles of the seven candidates who are vying for the two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in the May 5 school election. The candidates are incumbent Ed Turner and challengers Gregory Maxwell, Carol Middel, Lori

Mireles-Smith, Brian Mulligan, Mark Neal and appointed incumbent Shawna Walker who was appointed to the board last September. Profiles of the three candidates vying for the one year remaining in a four-year term will appear in Sunday, April 19, issue of The Observer.

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Rick Bloom

A: No. Asset allocation is an investment strategy that financial advisers use. Asset allocation divides assets into many different classes. Diversification spreads risk within an asset class.

In understanding asset allocation it is important to recognize that there are many different classes. Asset classes are subcategories of investments. For example, some of the asset classes that I use in portfolios I manage are U.S. Large Cap, growth, value and blend; U.S. Small Cap, growth, value and blend; Foreign Large Cap, growth, value and blend; and, both foreign and domestic energy and real estate.

These asset classes are equity classes — stocks. In addition, there are many asset classes within the fixed-income or bond area such as U.S. Treasury, intermediate and short-term investment grade corporate bonds, short and intermediate term foreign bonds, inflation protected bonds and GNMA's. The strategy of asset allocation is to spread money into many different classes to reduce the overall risk to the portfolio without hurting returns.

Diversification is spreading investments within asset classes. For example, if you want to invest in an emerging market, diversification means investing in many companies and in many different emerging markets as opposed to investing in one company or even in one emerging market.

I believe, for the great majority of individuals, following an asset allocation strategy that is diversified will protect an investor. That does not mean that those

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individuals who follow an asset allocation strategy did not lose money last year because they did. However, generally they lost less because they followed this strategy.

In following an asset allocation strategy, the key is to have the right allocation in each of the different asset classes. The first thing investors need to do is to decide the allocation between equities and fixed income. I recommend to start with a 60/40 split (60 percent stocks, 40 percent bonds) and then make adjustments.

For investors with long-term goals, a 70/30 split is recommended. For those with short-term goals, a 50/50 split.

The key is to base your allocation upon your goals and objectives. Once you have determined the allocation between stocks and bonds, then you need to allocate within the different asset classes.

I do not have an equal allocation between asset classes. I generally have more allocated in large cap U.S. funds vs. emerging markets. The risk tolerance level of an investor is one of the guiding principles in this allocation. A more aggressive investor will have a larger percent in an emerging market than a conservative investor. However, no matter what type of an investor, I still want to have something in the emerging market area, it's the percent that changes.

Diversification is also important. You can't invest in one investment within an asset class, you must have many. This is why I like mutual funds. When you invest in a mutual fund you can have a hundred different investments within an asset class. Investing in just one or two investments within an asset class assumes too much risk.

In reviewing individual studies on investments, all the studies reach the same conclusion — it is more important to have the right overall allocation than picking the right investment. In other words, having the right allocation will ultimately make an investor successful. Unfortunately, most investors spend the majority of their time picking the right investments vs. determining the right allocations.

One last note, to make an asset allocation strategy work, you must occasionally rebalance your portfolio. After all, different asset classes will perform differently over time. It is important to rebalance your portfolio to make sure that you put your portfolio back into the proper allocation. By following this strategy you are actually selling your winners and buying your losers. That is exactly what an investor should do. We all want to sell high and buy low.

It is important to recognize that as your goals and objectives change, so should your overall asset allocation. As an investor begins to need income from their portfolio, the allocation should change to contain more in fixed-income investments and less in equities. It is your goals and objectives that dictate your overall allocation, not what is happening with the market.

An investment strategy is key. The successful investor is one who has a proper game plan based on his/her individual situation.

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GCHS senior picked to be Reagan Fellow

A senior at Garden City High School has been selected as a Ronald Reagan Fellow in the Ronald W. Reagan Leadership Program at Eureka College in Eureka, Ill.



Brent Glass

Brent Glass of Garden City is one of six incoming freshmen selected to receive the award which is based on leadership, service and academic excellence. It includes a full-tuition scholarship at Eureka College over four years.

Glass was selected from a field of 95 semi-finalists in a competition held on the campus in February. He is the son of Russell and Cindy Masucci of Garden City and Brian Glass of Belleville. He attends

Garden City High School, where he is ranked second in his class and is president of the National Honor Society and senior class.

He also has participated in Model United Nations and One Way Club for Christians. He also co-founded the school's Pro-Life Club.

Outside of school he is active at his church, where he plays guitar, teaches youth classes, coaches at a summer sports camp and participates in national fine arts competitions for drama and songwriting. He volunteers with Building Hope, which assists military families with home improvement and cleanup projects. He also teaches guitar classes and works at a local restaurant.

Glass plans to major in political science and history. "We are extremely pleased to welcome these six Reagan

Fellows to this distinguished leadership program," said Eureka College President J. David Arnold. "All of them have made excellence in learning, service and leadership among their own personal goals."

Besides receiving full tuition, Reagan Fellows participate in workshops and retreats throughout the school year. During the summer of their sophomore and junior years, Reagan Fellows have mentorships with leaders in their field within the United States and abroad. The program pays for travel and living expenses for the mentorships.

The Reagan Leadership Program is in its 26th year. The program is named for Ronald W. Reagan, 40th president of the United States and a 1932 graduate of Eureka College.

Credit union hosts teen driver workshop

Teen drivers can get information they need to take care of their "wheels" and stay safe at free workshop offered by Co-op Services Credit Union Wednesday, April 22.

The workshop, "Behind the Wheel: Keys to Drive Your Future," will be offered 6:30-7:30 p.m. that day at Livonia Public Library's Carl Sandburg Branch, 30100 Seven Mile, west of Middlebelt. Participants will receive valuable information about vehicle maintenance, safety and insurance issues, the benefits of buying and

leasing and much more. "After teens receive their driver's license, they find out there's so much more they need to know," said Jeremy Cybulski, youth and community development officer for Co-op Services Credit Union. "Driving is their first big step toward independence, and we want to help new drivers make sound decisions that will positively impact their financial future."

The workshop is being held in partnership with AAA Michigan and Bill Brown

Ford. Attendees, who register in advance by calling Patty Goonis at (248) 893-4010 by April 21, will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 VISA gift card.

Headquartered in Livonia, Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 50,000 members and maintains branch offices in Dearborn, Livonia, Melvindale, Walled Lake, Westland and Downriver. For more information about Co-op Services, visit the credit union Web site at www.cscu.org or call (800) 321-8570.

Anderson hosts 'Buy Michigan' seminars

Keeping state money in Michigan and employing local workers will be the focus of two seminars hosted by state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

Anderson will host the 'Buy Michigan First' seminars in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Management and Budget and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation at Schoolcraft

College on Friday, April 17, and Monday, April 20.

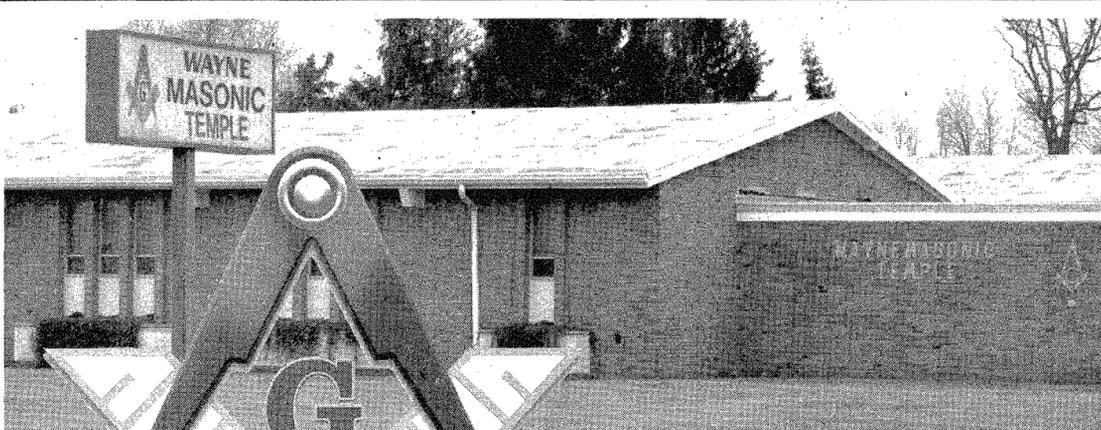
The seminar is geared toward business owners to assist them with registering as a vendor and bidding for contracts with the Michigan state government and is being repeated on two dates for the convenience of those who need flexibility to attend.

The seminars are free of charge. They will take place

8:30-11:30 a.m. both days in Room 425 of the VisITech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia.

In order to maximize the usefulness of the events, business owners are asked to contact Anderson's office at by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov.

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March Madness: Broncos best Cougars in annual matchup

When it comes to March Madness, the Broncos rule! Not the Denver Broncos, but the Burger Broncos who teams have proven they own the basketball court.

From the first of many games to the final annual meeting with the Varsity squad from Garden City High School, the teams representing the Burger School for Students with Autism showed their stuff.

Burger Bronco Basketball involves more than 100 players, five different teams, six coaches, three referees, an announcer, all-in-one DJ & photographer, as well as the cheerleading squad and the coach. Burger basketball also is successful because of a group effort by many volunteers.

The Broncos first game was March 18 when Burger East took on Burger West in a rivalry similar to Michigan versus Michigan State. Both teams played their best, but in the end it was a tie. Eric Hein of Westland played a fierce game and scored 14 points for the Burger West team.

"The game was kind of awesome because we had a good team," he said.

Team member Nick Bair of Canton showed up to each practice ready to play. He told his teacher that being on the basketball team was fun.

The Burger East team was led by an excellent coaching staff, which included Natalie O'Brien, Dennis Allison and Kellyanne Smith. Bill Kay acted as the team manager. The young men and ladies on this team played their best under the leadership of team



Eric Hein looks for the pass from Jayden Mills during the Burger East-West game.

captains, Dylan Kanalos of Woodhaven and Darnell Rogers of Detroit.

Later that same day, the Blue and Gold game was played.

The Blue and Gold team members are made up of the younger Burger students. The teams practiced together and then played each other in one final game. Blue versus Gold battled it out and in the end the game was also a tie. Bret Hodorek of Dearborn scored four baskets in a row.

"I made one shot, that was really awesome," said Bradley Zigulis of Westland.

The final game, when the Burger Bronco Varsity team took on the Garden City High School

Cougars. The Varsity players knew it would be a tough game, but the players were dedicated in practice and were motivated to win, especially with new uniforms donated by the Burger ASA, according to Coach Mary Jimenez.

It turned out to be the highest scoring game of the season. The final score, Burger Broncos 147, Garden City Cougars 113.

After the game, the Cougar players placed medals on all of the Burger West basketball team players. When the medal was placed around Shane Delaney's neck, he said, "This feels like I just won the championship!"

The Burger Broncos also offered a thank you to John Fleming & Associates, the Garden City Kiwanis, Vietnam Veterans of Plymouth-Canton and the Garden City Masonic Lodge for donating the medals for the players.

The Garden City High School cheerleaders cheered alongside the Burger cheerleaders. Coach Diane Pitt led the Burger cheerleaders who range in age from 6-23 years of age in a half time show.

According to Pitt, the Burger cheerleaders old "worked very hard to learn new cheers and a dance routine" and were excited to cheer with the high school girls.

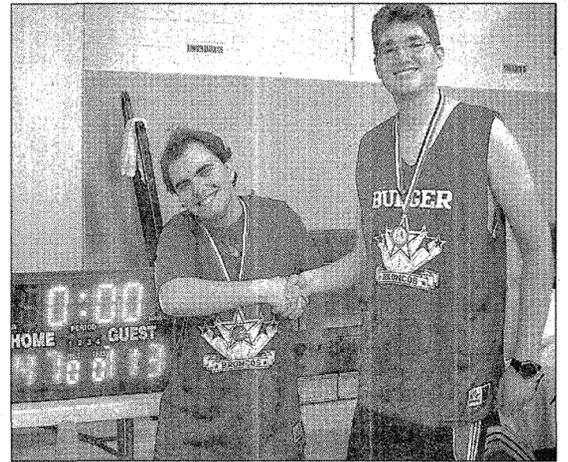
"Having the chance to participate on a cheerleading squad is very exciting for the young ladies at Burger School," said Pitt who also thanked the Burger ASA for donating new items to the cheer uniforms.

Players are already looking forward to the next year's game, and according to organizers, nothing beats the look on a child's face as the ball makes it into the hoop or someone makes a steal or a rebound.

Helping make the games



Garden City High School Varsity cheerleaders and Burger Varsity cheerleaders strike a pose after cheering together at the Bronco-Cougars Game.



Tony Arding and Brett Charley shake hands after a 34-point victory over the Cougars.

happen are Jimenez who organizes all the players and games, coaches and coordinates uniforms and medals. Denise Gooding and Kim Mussen helped coach the Burger West teams. Stan Bialach played rockin' music and took photographs, Patrick Crosby did the announcing.

Serving as referees were Debbie Bradley, John Fleming and Jeremy Taylor while Mary Mirabitur and Kathy Dawson donated and served lunch to about 200 people, including all the Burger players, Burger cheerleaders, coaches, Cougar players and high school cheerleaders.

NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

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Kevin L. Buford, Director, Department of Public Service, City of Westland, www.kbuford@cityofwestland.com

Eagle Scout project brings Easter to Salvation Army

BY JULIE BROWN, OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At age 14, Jacob Bartos of Westland's pretty young to be carrying out his Eagle Scout project. That's just what the Guardian Lutheran School eighth-grader was doing Saturday, April 4, at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

"I used to go here to the summer day camp," Bartos said. "I got the idea because there are a lot of people going through hard times. I wanted to help them out."

The Eagle Scout's a member of Troop 1147 of Christ Episcopal Church in Dearborn, where his school's also located. Bartos, son of Dawn Bartos, assembled 100 Easter baskets for his Eagle project which were distributed April 4 at the Salvation Army's Easter lunch for the neighborhood.

It took him about six weeks to assemble the baskets. His troop of about 50 boys helped, with adult volunteers from the Scouts also pitching in for the party.

Bartos sent businesses letters to seek money for his project. Wal-Mart of Canton was a big help, along with Harlow Tire, SignArama, Jack Demmer Ford, North Brothers Ford and Northside Hardware.

"It taught him the whole planning process, too," Dawn Bartos said of her son. "It doesn't just happen."

He got the actual baskets through church and school.

"I'm very proud of him," his mom said. "It definitely showed



Jacob Bartos, 14, of Westland collected Easter baskets for the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army for his Eagle Scout project. An Easter party was held for local families April 4 at the Salvation Army corps.

me that he could be a hard worker."

Jacob learned "to be helpful as much as you can and to be a leader not a follower." He hopes to attend college for a career in video game designing.

Bartos also did a bottle and can drive in his neighborhood, with neighbors pitching in for the cost of party food. Bartos plans to stay active in Boy Scouts, help

others with their Eagle projects and continue on merit badges.

"It's a great asset to our community, especially in these financial times," said Capt. Joanna Rose, corps commander for the Salvation Army with husband Derek. She appreciated the opportunity for fellowship, the colorful Easter baskets, and games in the gym.

Children were served in two shifts, 100 children who each got a basket with about 70 adults. "Jacob and his mom have been

absolutely wonderful," Rose said.

The Salvation Army has a youth character building program similar to Scouting; Rose said she welcomes the Scouts and others interested in working together.

"Anybody who has a heart to reach out in this area is welcome," she said, adding Jacob worked hard.

"I'm used to it being run by an adult," she added. "It's been a heart-warming thing to see him get involved in."

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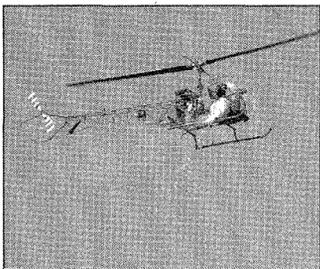


Two-year-old Selena Trudell of Canton greets the Easter Bunny. She's held by Uncle Jimmy Valenti, a Livonia resident.

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Very bunny: Youngsters start Easter with Marshmallow Drop

Thousands of marshmallows fell from the sky Friday morning much to the delight of hundreds of youngsters gathered in the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park. Wayne County Parks, with held its annual Marshmallow Drop, an Easter tradition dating back 25 years. Sponsored by ITC Holdings, Fox 2 and WNIC with help by the Westland Civitans, youngsters and their parents and grandparents waited for the familiar sound of the helicopter that dropped the marshmallows setting off a scramble to collect them. While the drop isn't competitive and youngsters only needed on of the sweets to receive a prize, youngsters scooped up as many as they could. Some lucky youngsters won a special prize after picking up a marshmallow with 90 printed on them. Those marshmallows were



A steady stream of marshmallows fall from the helicopter as it moves over the open field at Nankin Mills in Hines Park.



Cassandra Smith and 9-month-old son Clark look for marshmallows at the annual Marshmallow Drop in Hines Park.

dropped in honor of the Wayne County Parks' 90th birthday. Also a hand to meet and greet youngsters was none other than the Easter Bunny, decked out in his holiday finery and happy to shake paws with the youngsters.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Relay for Life benefits

Doo Wop for a Cause is coming to the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City on Saturday, May 16. Local entertainers will be putting on a Doo Wop and Oldies Show filled with music of the 1950s and 1960s. Come in your best 195-1960 era duds. Prizes for costumes that stand out. The show will be 6-10 p.m., and tickets are \$8 per person. They can be bought at Maplewood Center office. The event is being sponsored by Team "What About a Cure for Cancer" and the Garden City Relay for Life. The team also is sponsoring a Cutest Baby Contest during the Garden City Relay for Life at Garden City Junior High track May 30. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. There's a \$5 registry fee with photo. Be sure to put the contact info - name, age, address and phone - on the back of the photo. Checks must be written to American Cancer Society and sent to the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, MI 48135, attention Cheryl & Kelly. The deadline for registering is May 27.

Soldier benefit

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund will host their fourth annual dinner May 2, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. All proceeds go to veterans or families of fallen soldiers that are in need. The keynote speaker at the event will be Marcus Luttrell, a Navy SEAL and author of New York Times best-selling book "Lone Survivor," the harrowing story of four Navy SEALs who journeyed into the mountainous border of Afghanistan and Pakistan on Operation Redwing. A motivational story of survival, the book is also a moving tribute to the friends and teammates who did not make it off the mountain. A powerful testament to the courage, integrity, patriotism, and community that forged these American heroes. "Lone Survivor" is an incredible account of teamwork, fortitude, and modern warfare. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Ann Cornelius at (248) 346-5976 or visit www.fwsf.org

Annual Reunion

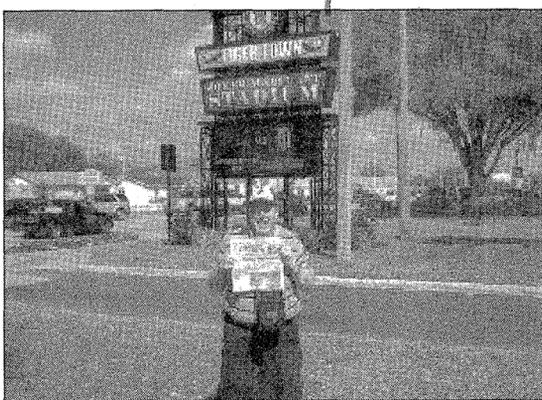
The Wayne High Alumni Association's 24th annual All Class Reunion Banquet will be 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 15, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Bor, Wayne. For more information, contact Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767 or by e-mail at waynehighalum@aol.com.

For union members

Skateland West is hosting a special roller skating session to support union families in southeastern Michigan 6-9 p.m. Saturday April 18. Show your union card and everyone in your party skates for \$1 each. Admission without union card is \$6. Skate rental is \$1.50, inline rental \$5. In an effort to reach out and help the struggling union families of Michigan, Skateland West is offering an evening of entertainment and family fun at a premium discount. Any and all union cards will be accepted. All ages are welcomed and many games and activities are planned for the special session. Grab your family and friends and roll your recession worries away with Skateland West. For more information, call (734) 326-2801 or go online to www.skatelandwest.com. Skateland West is at 37550 Cherry Hill, just west of Newburgh in Westland.

Free workshops

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician, wellness consultant and clinical nutritionist, will guide you through a workshop on Take Charge of Your Health 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia Learn how to take an active role in achieving better health and well being. There is no charge for the workshop, however, seat-



Wish You Were Here

Gerald Riley of Westland made sure he was at Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, Fla., for the opening day of the grapefruit league season. His beloved Detroit Tigers faced the Atlanta Braves and came away with a 5-4 win. Riley, who describes himself as a "faithful observer reader," posed in front of the Detroit Tiger marquee for his Wish You Were Here. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

ing is limited to the first 30 guests. Fischer will also present Tummy Trouble 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2009, Wednesday, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Are you suffering with Acid Reflux, Stress, Ulcers, Indigestion, Irritable Bowl Syndrome? Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns and the safe, natural, effective alternatives to naturally help yourself. Seating is limited to the first 15 guests. Reservations are required. Call (734) 756-6904 or go online to www.TLCHolisticWellness.com.

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U.S. 12 Bar and Grill, located at 34824 W. Michigan Avenue in Wayne, has a permanent poker room that runs Sunday through Wednesday every week available for local charities in the community. For more information, call John at (734) 216-1688.

Class reunion

Garden City High School Class of 1989 will hold its 20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight Aug. 29 at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$75 now through June 1. Tickets includes, dinner, premium open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts. Tickets are available for purchase at www.garden-city89.com or by contacting Paula at gchsl989reunion@hotmail.com.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive. For additional information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Higher Rock Cafe

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army presents the Higher Rock Cafe the second and fourth Fridays of the month at its facility at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands. Check out Higher Rock on the Web at www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660.

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Writing Group

Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne

Veteran's Haven

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

Silver Strings Dulcimer

Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, penny-whistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

Garden City Rotary

The Garden City Rotary Club meets at 12 noon Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed. Please join us there.

Habitat help

The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

Hospital retirees

The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne. All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

Radio Club

The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. The club is open to people who are interested in ham radio. Call Ben (W8AAA) at (734) 425-2629.

Garden City Lions

The Garden City Lions meet at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. Call Dave Fetter at (734) 425-4382.

Garden Club

The Garden City Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Center. Everyone may attend to hear guest speakers on a variety of gardening topics and plan events around the city. Call Della Hayden at (734) 427-9410.

Genealogical society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Purple Heart

The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

Setting a record

Everyone strives to be the best at something. They want to be faster, stronger, and bigger and they want everyone to know about it.

One of the most popular books at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is "The Guinness Book of World Records," which is chock full of interesting tidbits and amazing human and animal feats.

While trying to solve an argument regarding which was the fastest game bird in Europe, Sir Hugh Beaver, the managing director of the Guinness Brewery, realized that the answer could not be confirmed in any reference books. Thinking that other bar bets could not be proven with a single reference, he decided to commission what would become "The Guinness Book of Records." In 1955, the first edition was printed and became a surprise hit in both the United Kingdom and the United States. Records can now only be determined by a written application to Guinness to break the record. Record attempts can also be submitted at www.guinnessworldrecords.com.

Although the Guinness World Records books no longer accept eating and drinking records, some of the most popular records involve food. In 2006, more than 30,000 spectators attended the annual Nathan's International July Fourth Hot Dog Eating Contest and 1.5 million households watched it live on ESPN. The current world record for most hot dogs with buns eaten in 10 minutes is 59 by Joey Chestnut in the 2008 contest.

Two Web sites you might want to check out, if you want to take your taste buds and stomach to the limit, are for competitive eating - www.ifoce.com and www.major-leagueeating.com.

If you have the urge to be a record-setter, then the Web site or you is Universal Record Database (<http://urdb.org>). As seen on "CBS Sunday Morning," this site's goal is to be "the definitive site for human achievement." Records, such as the most pieces of tape taped to the face at one time (35) and most burps in one minute (67), are recorded.

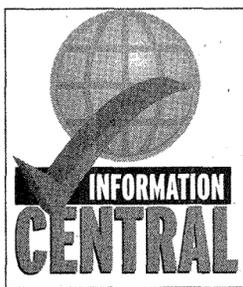
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Highlighted Activities

District Coffee Hour: 9 a.m. April 13

Join State Sen. Glenn Anderson with State Rep. Richard LeBlanc for monthly district coffee hour. The library opens an hour early on these days for you to ask questions and share your concerns with your local government officials.

District Evening Hour: 6 p.m. April 13



Join State Rep. Richard LeBlanc and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt for an informal "Fireside Chat." They invite all Westland residents to join them in the Faust Area, where you can express your concerns about issues that matter most to you. They will update you with news from the state and the county.

Adult Poetry Group: 7 p.m. April 13, ages 19 and up. Interested in reading, discussing, and writing poetry? Please join us for one of our sessions, whether you're a first-time writer or a serious wordsmith. Sign up at the Reference Desk or just show up. Check out our blog at: <http://westlandadultpoetry.blogspot.com>

Documentary Movie Night: "Sand and Sorrow" at 7 p.m. April 14

Join us for a viewing of the documentary film "Sand and Sorrow." This film details the historical events that have given rise to an Arab-dominated governments willingness to kill and displace its own indigenous African people, while examining the international community's "legacy of failure" to respond to such profound crimes against humanity both now and in the past. No sign up required.

Financial Seminar: Unexpected Retirement: What Do I Do Now? 7 p.m. April 15

Whether you have been laid off, decided to take a buyout, or anything in-between, join Andrew Gagne, associate financial advisor, as he shares with you some of the options you have to get and stay on your financial feet. Call today to reserve your seat.

20s/30s Book Club: 7 p.m. April 15 at Biggy Coffee, 37644 Ford, west of Newburgh

Come and discuss this month's selection, "The Bell Jar," by Sylvia Plath. It reveals so much about the sources of Sylvia Plath's own tragedy that its publication was considered a landmark in literature. Copies are available at the Reference Desk.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening. Everyone welcome.

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

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeo, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 9300 Pelham Rd., Taylor, MI 48180 (313) 292-9730 4/27/2009 at: 11:00 am Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

Robert Howell	2055	tv, boxes, totes
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Sarah Phelan	3073	dresser, boxes, totes
Justin Proch	4027	car parts
Jennifer Cooper	5001	boxes, bags, totes
Wayne King	5005	boxes, bags, dresser
Jason Benner	5085	sofa, dresser, bags
Ron Bemby	6085	boxes, bags
Steven Williams	6107	boxes, bags, mattress
Douglas White	6129	tv, chair, dresser
Richard McNamee	6131	boxes, bags, totes
Doug Reed	7022	bikes, bags, totes
Michael Pac	7045	boxes, tv, toys
Jerry Brazier	7058	tv, totes, sofa
Jeffrey Stonecipher	7082	totes, dresser, boxes
Larry Maddox	9078	boxes, bags, totes

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To all residents and interested parties, the Council minutes will be available for review on the internet at: www.gardencitymi.org

You can access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Nakia Mathis	B091	chairs, sofa, mattress
Rhonda Houston	B104	washer, dryer, ac unit
Madinah Heard	B117	boxes, totes, dresser
Annette Hawkins	B132	boxes, bags, totes
Petrice Johnson	B257	boxes, bags, totes
Rodney Ursery	B261	piano
Sheldon Turley	B330	boxes, dresser, picture
Donald Schwartz	B373	fish tank, monitor, tote
Connie Volpe	C009	restaurant equipment
Lola Yonko	C025	boxes, lamp, table
Carol Lyons	E023	boxes, bags, grill
Sturge Moreland	F014	boxes, bike, dresser

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 7 04/06/09

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

52: Appr. minutes of 3/16/09.
-Appr. req. from Westland Firefighters Public Awareness Comm. to be recognized as a non-profit org.
-Appr. req. from MI Mustangs to be recognized as a non-profit org.
-Appr. req. D. Borneman to conduct blanket burn at Nankin Mills Park any day btwn. 4/7/09 & 5/15/09.
-Appr. req. of Westland Bowl to hold Outdoor Flea Market on 5/30 & 31, 6/27 & 28, & 7/18 & 19, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
-Appr. req. from Wayne-Ford Civic League to annual flower sale on 4/10-12 & 5/9-10, 2009 at various locations.
-Appr. req. of North Bros. to hold 5K Run/Walk on 5/16/09 from 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., close Marquette & Carlson rds. and have Bailey Ctr. open for use.
-Appr. bid for portable toilets for city parks to Bendel Septic Tank Service-amt. \$7,400.00 per yr. for 2 yrs.
53: Appr. req. for closed study session.
54: Set public hearing date of 4/20/09 for CDBG XXXV, 7/1/09-6/30/10.
55: Adopt Prep. Res. of Hauler for Curbside Recycling Contract with contingencies.
56: Adopt Prep Res. of Cans for Curbside Recycling Contract with contingencies.
57: Adopt Prep. Res. of Recycling Facility Curbside Recycling Contract with contingencies.
58: Adopt Prep. Res. Recycle Bank Curbside Recycling Program Contract with contingencies.
59: Appr. Contract for Rollout Support & Ongoing Prog. review for Curbside Recycling with contingencies.
60: Adopt Prep. Res. to establish 9 member DACC Board.
61: Conf. appt. of G. Cobleigh, R. Compton, M. Daniels, B. Dashairya, L. Lewandowski, S. Mayeran, S. Rice, B. Schoof, M. Shinabarger to DACC.
62: Appr. checklist: \$1,119,756.19 & Prepaid: \$4,781,848.12
63: Meeting adj. at 9:05 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart, CMC
City Clerk

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Madonna show features seniors' artwork

On the heels of the successful "Montage" multi-media art exhibit that runs through Tuesday another group of Madonna University fine art and graphic design students will present "Transitions." The show features a collection of artwork created by the seniors during their studies at Madonna.

"Transitions" will feature the work of Brenda Rupp of Westland, Livonia residents Katherine Scally, Nellie Maltby and April Piechoki, Judy DePassio of Berkley, Ruth Johnston of Farmington Hills, Katie Shipman

of Brownstown, Mike Cauzillo of West Bloomfield and Rachel Bridgett of Troy.

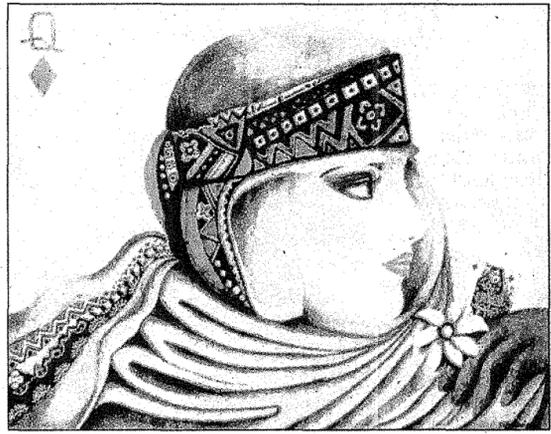
"The community response to the first student art show was so positive, we decided to feature another group of creative artists in a second exhibition," said Douglas Semivan, chair of Madonna's art department.

"Montage was full of wonderful pieces. I'm excited to see what the next group of students will be exhibiting," said Jill Hamilton-Krawczyk of Redford.

Exhibit-goers can mingle with the

student artists while viewing their work at an artists reception 4-8 p.m. Saturday, April 18. Refreshments will be served. The 2009 Senior Art Show will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily Saturday, April 18, through Saturday, May 2, in the Madonna University Gallery - entrance D, second floor.

For more information, contact Jeanne Moore, curator and gallery director, at (248) 875-7332. Madonna University is at 36600 Schoolcraft Road at Levan in Livonia.



Among artwork featured in the 2009 Senior Art Show at Madonna University is this piece by Judy DePassio of Berkley.

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Presented by **Andrea S. Vivian, D.D.S.**

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Acknowledging the inherent connection between oral health and a patient's overall health, your dentist will use many techniques to diagnose, treat, restore, and promote total patient well-being. We offer this column in the hopes of educating the general public about the benefits of oral health. If we can help, either by answering questions or by providing comprehensive dental care, please call us at **734-453-9413**. State-of-the-art dentistry and a dedicated professional dental team make **496 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Ste. 201, Plymouth**, the ideal place to achieve optimum oral health. We are located one block east of Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

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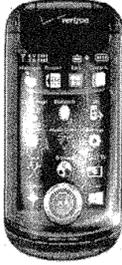
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HOMETOWN LIFE

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Jacksonville Jaguars linebacker and special teams player Tim Shaw remains devout in his faith and hopes he made a difference during his recent mission trip to Costa Rica as part of a group with Score International.

Sharing the huddle

NFL's Shaw has greater mission in life

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville Jaguars linebacker Tim Shaw is going against the grain when it comes to the perceived NFL lifestyle, which is sometimes clouded by the glitz and glamour.

Shaw, who spent his first season in the NFL with the Carolina Panthers after going in the fifth round, believes he has a greater purpose in life.

"It's not about what kind car you drive, all the type of possessions you have," said the former Livonia Clarenceville High standout, who went on to play at Penn State. "Having all those fancy things is not my thing, I feel like I should be doing more with the position I have and the platform I've been given as a professional athlete."

And as long as he's on the NFL stage, he's going to prune away the material things that may get in his way and plant some worthy seed.

As part of a group from Score International, Shaw embarked last month on a



Members of the Score International construction group including former Livonia Clarenceville standout Tim Shaw (far right), take a break during their recent mission trip to Costa Rica.

five-day outreach mission to San Jose, Costa Rica.

Shaw was accompanied by three fellow NFL players and a pair of team chaplains from the Jaguars and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, respectively.

"I was thinking about doing

a trip to fit my football schedule and I had a conversation during the last week of the season with our team chaplain, Anthony Johnson, during our team bible study," Shaw said. "He suggested Score International. It's a group that

uses athletes to share the gospel and do projects."

Shaw, ever the workout warrior going back to his days at Clarenceville, found the perfect mission on the outskirts

Please see **SHAW, B3**

Two Jakes

Rockets' tandem fuels 6-4 victory

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a rerun of the 1990 movie *The Two Jakes* on Thursday as host Westland John Glenn earned a 6-4 KLAAs South Division baseball win over rival Wayne Memorial.

Jack Nicholson's role was played by senior right-hander Jake Campbell, who was the winning pitcher.

Campbell went the first five innings before Jake Sperry (originally played by Harvey Keitel), took over and got the save.

Campbell scattered nine hits, struck out eight and walked two while allowing three runs.

Sperry allowed one run, one hit and fanned two, but also went 2-for-3 at the plate with an RBI as the Rockets evened their overall record at 3-3 and now stand 1-2 in the division.

Glenn scored four times in the opening inning thanks to an RBI single by Campbell and a 2-run double by Derrick Ammons.

Vince Creighton also delivered an RBI double in the bottom of the second as Glenn jumped out to a 6-2 lead.

Wayne's Jake White made it The Three Jakes as he paced the Zebras' 10-hit attack going 3-for-3 with an RBI. Shane Wilson added two hits and an RBI, while Zeb Hancock went 2-for-4.

Losing pitcher Jon Bryant went all six innings for the Zebras, who slipped to 1-5 overall and 0-3 in the KLAAs South. He allowed seven hits, walked only one and struck out five.

FRANKLIN 9, DEARBORN 5: Steve Wells doubled twice and scored a pair of runs, while Nate Robinson went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs Thursday as host Livonia Franklin (5-2) posted the non-league win over the Pioneers.

Patriot pitchers Garrett Gumm (three innings) and Mark McRobb (four innings) combined on a four-hitter. They teamed up for 10 strikeouts and walked six.

CANTON 13, CHURCHILL 6: Dan Stoney went 3-for-5 to spark a 14-hit attack Wednesday as the Chiefs (2-1, 2-1) rallied to beat host Livonia Churchill (4-2-1, 2-1) in a KLAAs South Division game.

Cody Blakita and starting pitcher Kevin Delapaz also added two hits apiece for Canton, which rallied for five runs in the sixth and four in the top of the seventh to overcome a 5-4

Please see **BASEBALL, B3**

GAME WRAPS

KLAAs girls soccer

CHURCHILL 8, WAYNE 0: On Thursday, Bailey Brandon recorded two goals and an assist to lead host Livonia Churchill (2-1, 1-1) to the KLAAs South Division triumph over Wayne Memorial (1-4, 1-1).

The Chargers led 6-0 at halftime and ended the game on an eight-goal mercy with 29 minutes remaining.

Other Churchill offensive production came from Alyssa Mira (two goals); Hannah Otto (goal and assist); goalkeeper Stefanie Turner (goal, assist); Darcy DeRoo and Kayla Munroe (goal each).

The Chargers led Megan Bauman finished the game in goal for the Chargers.

Ashley Struppa went all the way in net for the Zebras.

PLYMOUTH 8, FRANKLIN 0: Livonia Franklin (0-5, 0-1) is still in search of its first win following a mercy-rule setback Wednesday against the host Wildcats (3-0, 1-0). Plymouth jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead.

"We started strong and kept the game close early on," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We had a few breakdowns and they took advantage of that to get two quick ones heading in to the half."

"We were organized early and then lost that to where the score was 7-0 with 23 (minutes) to play."

Despite the loss, Franklin freshman goalkeeper Lexi Smith made several key saves, but Plymouth put in the final goal with six minutes to play to end it.

"We are feeling the strain of a couple of players nursing injuries," Barker said. "As a group we're having to fill in gaps by having players play out of position. It was a game full of adjusting that we just didn't do quick enough."

"The last 15 minutes of the game we finally felt the urgency we should have all game, we were organizing better and playing good soccer. We were playing as a team and attacking as a team. It was too little, too late, though."

Barker singled out senior Brooke Killeen and junior Erin Roulier as strong players in the backline for the Patriots.

"They stepped in nicely to fill the holes left by injury," the Franklin coach said.

Girls softball

CANTON 10, CHURCHILL 0: On Wednesday, the visiting Chiefs (3-1, 2-1) took just five innings to mercy host Livonia Churchill (5-1, 2-1) in a KLAAs South Division encounter.

Winning pitcher Amy Dunleavy tossed a no-hitter and collected three hits for victorious Canton.

Sophomore Natalie Hiser, who allowed 12 hits, took the loss for Churchill.

Girls tennis

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0
April 8 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Morgan Greig, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Emily Wisniewski (LF) def. Robbie Tomlin, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Rebecca Fenner (LF) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Chauna Gibson (LF) def. Jessica Gush, 6-1, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Jennifer Rellinger-Crystal Henderson (LF) def. Kara Winsor-Kelsi Thomas, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Stephanie Belcher-Angela Tomassini (LF) def. Nancy Watson-Xiyang Wang, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Sarah Noffze-Jaclyn Horsell (LF) def. Alicia Evans-Caitlee Parendo, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Kate Zurenko-Annie McLeod (LF) def. Megan McGregor-Melinda Powers, 6-4, 7-5; No. 5: Angela Browning-Jaclyn Kurc (LF) def. Zoie Smallwood-Ashlee Szabo, 7-6, 7-5.

Dual match records: Franklin, 1-2 overall; 1-0 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 0-2 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South.

Spartans' barrage crushes Rocks, 5-0

After playing to a scoreless draw the opening half, Livonia Stevenson began to find the range and rolled to a 5-0 KLAAs Central Division girls soccer win Thursday at home over Salem.

Stevenson is now 3-3 overall and 2-0 in the Central, while Salem falls to 2-1-1 and 0-1.

"After struggling to get behind their back line, which was pretty organized in the first half, we played with some more urgency in the second half," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said.

Five minutes into the second half, Renee Boudreau won a tackle at the top corner of Salem's box and dumped a pass inside to Shannon Merritt, who buried Stevenson's first goal while fending off a Salem defender.

Only a minute later, freshman Kelly Vellucci won a tackle about 25 yards away from goal and slotted a perfect pass which caught a breaking Kayla Kimble in stride for the finish to make it 2-0.

In the 49th minute, Boudreau juked a couple of Rock defenders in the box before locating Vellucci around the penalty mark. The ninth-grader then settled the ball before tucking it past Salem's keeper.

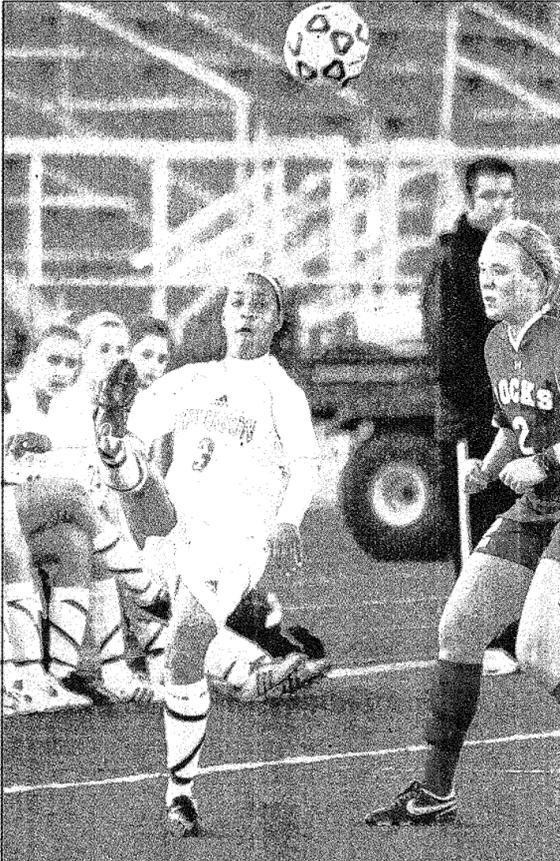
The fourth Spartan goal during the 13-minute span came when Krista Kane finished a header off a Merritt cross.

Salem then threatened on a couple of different occasions, including one dangerous shot coming out the mid-field area where goalkeeper Michelle Krawczyk made a nice diving save.

Stevenson's final goal came when Molly McConnell broke down the right flank past a Salem defender and whipped the ball into the box, ending up on the foot of Vellucci, who poked the ball to the far post. Salem's keeper made the initial save but couldn't hold on as the ball bounced, hitting the post and rolling across the line.

"I was really impressed

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Stevenson's Kayla Kimble (3) keeps the ball in play with the high kick in front of Salem's Lauren Booth during Thursday's KLAAs Central Division clash.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Corner kick lifts Canton by Churchill

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday afternoon, Canton's girls soccer team spent a significant amount of time practicing corner kicks.

On Wednesday night, practice made perfect.

With nothing but goose eggs on the scoreboard and just under eight minutes showing on the second-half clock, Canton's

GIRLS SOCCER Lisa Pierce struck a perfect,

curving corner kick that landed within striking distance of the right foot of teammate Lauren Peeler, who nudged the ball past Churchill goalie Stefanie Turner from less than five feet away.

"We've been working on corner kicks a lot at practice," Peeler said. "We've run that same play that we scored on so many times. It was a great corner by Lisa. The ball stopped right in front of me and I just kind of poked it in."

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All-area hoops team named



Jamie Stewart
Clarenceville



Robert Woodson
Wayne



Anthony Wash
Redford Union

FIRST TEAM
JAMIE STEWART, SR. F, LIV. CLARENCEVILLE: The 6-4 Stewart averaged 27.2 points, just under 10 rebounds and 3.4 assists per contest to lead the Trojans to another Metro Conference championship.

He collected his second straight Metro MVP award for his efforts and was named to Bankhoops.com's Class B All-State first-team.

An indication of Stewart's value to the Trojans came in the title-clinching victory over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood when he tallied 31 points including several key buckets down the stretch.

"Jamie had an outstanding year for us," said Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry. "He produced despite having a huge bull's-eye on his back every night. He really rounded his game out this year by filling up the stat columns, instead of just being a scorer."

ROBERT WOODSON, SR. PG, WAYNE: The 6-1 senior guard averaged 15 points, five assists and 2.5 steals a game.

The All-KLAA South Division selection was a three-year starter and a two-year captain.

"Robert is a leader on the court and in the classroom," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "He has a 3.5 grade point average. He was our go-to guy all season."

ANTHONY WASH, SR. PG, REDFORD UNION: Just 5-8, Wash made a huge impact at the point for the Panthers, earning All-Mega White first-team honors with an average of 17.4 points, including 39 treys. Wash, RU's MVP, accounted for nearly half of the squad's overall offense (40.3 PPG) and excelled in every facet to help the Panthers to a 13-8 record. In one win over Farmington, he scored 29 of RU's 38 points.

"He is one of the three best players to wear an RU uniform in my tenure," said head coach Brett Steele. "Without him on the floor, our team could not succeed. He was our leading scorer and was the focal point of every opponent's defensive game plan."

AUSTIN ANDERSON, SR. PG, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN: The 6-1 senior point-guard averaged 21 points per game en route to All-KLAA South Division honors.

"Austin had a great year and has improved in every aspect of his game over the three years he started for us," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "We have won 43 games in that span and he was a big part of it. This season has been asked to score more and had the second best single season scoring mark only behind Darin Armstrong (1980)."

BOBBY NAUBERT, JR. G, LIV. STEVENSON: The junior guard averaged 17 points and 5.5 assists per game for the Class A district champions.

"His work ethic in the classroom has carried over to the hardwood," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said of the All-KLAA Central Division pick. "He is the ultimate team player and knows exactly what it takes to be a winner. He's all about basketball and improving his game. His heart and determination became contagious toward the end of the year as he guided us to a district championship."

GREG MORGAN, SR. G, RED. THURSTON: The 6-0 shooting guard was a sparkplug for Thurston's Mega Blue co-champs, averaging 14.5 points, 4.4 rebounds and hit 53 percent of his three-point shots. Morgan, the team co-captain, earned All-Mega Blue first-team honors and received Thurston's Sportsmanship Award.

"Greg is a great shooter who has hit some huge shots for us over his career," said Eagles' head coach Brian Bates. "Greg is a very unselfish player. ... He has done great things for our program during his time here and we are going to miss him greatly."

SECOND TEAM
DANIEL HILL, JR. C, WAYNE: The 6-3 junior center averaged 13.5 points, eight rebounds, and two blocks per game for the KLAA South Division champs.

"Daniel was a captain this year as a junior," Woodard said. "He was also an outstanding student athlete with a 3.4 grade point average. Daniel was always able to get the job done without drawing attention to himself."

2008-09 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM

Jamie Stewart, Sr. F, Liv. Clarenceville
Robert Woodson, Sr. PG, Wayne
Anthony Wash, Sr. PG, Redford Union
Austin Anderson, Sr. PG, John Glenn
Bobby Naubert, Jr. G, Liv. Stevenson
Greg Morgan, Sr. G, Red. Thurston

SECOND TEAM
Daniel Hill, Jr. C, Wayne
Dietrich Lever, Soph. G, Canton
Adam Bedell, Jr. C, Liv. Churchill
Connor Leidal, Sr. C, Liv. Franklin
Justin Moss, Soph. C, Plymouth
Marcus Jones, Sr. G, Red. Thurston

THIRD TEAM
Joe Posler, Sr. F, Salem
Nathan Clark, Sr. G, Liv. Clarenceville
Ronald Pummill, Sr. F, Garden City
Jeff Poole, Sr. F, Liv. Franklin
Brennen Beyer, Soph. F, Plymouth
Ryan Woods, Sr. G, Liv. Churchill

FOURTH TEAM
Marlan Glenn, Sr. G, Canton
Anthony Mullins, Sr. G, Salem
Leonard Wernette-Left, Sr. C, RU
Sam Ahlersmeyer, Sr. F, Luth. Westland

COACH OF THE YEAR
Mike Allie, Liv. Stevenson

HONORABLE MENTION
Churchill: Tony Frezzell, Scott Senczysyn; Cameron Norscia; Franklin: Mike Gadsby; Stevenson: Ricky Chrzasz, Jordan El-Sabeh, Mark Grisa, Brian Rowe, Kendall Snow, Austin White; John Glenn: Dorian Prather, Jeremy Langford, Marquise Graves; Wayne: Derric Horton, DeLorean Holland; Clarenceville: Corey Reynolds, Jeremy Gainer, Jalen Reynolds; Luther: Westland: Josh Kruger, Eric Shoats; Huron Valley Lutheran: Tyler Wagaman, Chad Fielek; Garden City: Michael Pack, Kevin Burek; Redford Union: Julian Rivera, Tyrone Temple, Justin Floyd, Kyle Schuett; Thurston: Cameron Mitchell, Josh Miller, Brandon Rivera; Redford Covenant: Jamonne Chester; Canton: Kiere Daniels, Kevin Weisz; Plymouth: Cliff Buttermore, Brad Lineberry; Salem: Jake Peterson, Heath Parling; Plymouth Christian: Justin Govan; Agape: Mark Mullett.

lete with a 3.4 grade point average. Daniel was always able to get the job done without drawing attention to himself."

DIETRICH LEVER, SOPH. G, CANTON: The sophomore turned in a scintillating season, doubling as the Chiefs' point guard and top scoring threat. He led the team in scoring (14.6), assists and steals, and could break full-court presses almost single-handedly with his superb dribbling skills.

"Even though he was a sophomore, Dietrich was our best player this year," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "I think he was one of the top point guards in the KLAA. He can handle the ball, shoot the ball and find the open man on the break as well as in the half-court offense. I'm looking forward to seeing his development over the next two years."

ADAM BEDELL, JR. C, LIV. CHURCHILL: The 6-6, 185-pound junior forward had 15 double-doubles, while averaging 12.5 points and 12 rebounds per game.

He shot 55 percent from the field. "Adam's not a thick kid, but he's such a hard worker and good athlete," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "He is able to play much bigger than he is and handle guys that were much stronger physically. He was a dominant force around the basket, which allowed just to do a lot of different things offensively and defensively. What's more impressive to me is his preparation. He's always made sure he was clear on the strengths and weaknesses of our opponents. It's no surprise that he has a 3.8 GPA. Throw in his soccer skill and he could easily be one of the best true student-athletes ever to come out of the area."

CONNOR LEIDAL, SR. C, LIV. FRANKLIN: The 6-4 senior forward averaged 14 points, eight rebounds per game en route to All-KLAA South Division and Team MVP honors.

Leidal had season highs of 16 rebounds vs. Wayne and 25 points against Howell.

"Connor is fearless around the rim and very creative in how he gets his scores," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "He's always active on both ends of the court, a relentless rebounder. He plays much bigger than his 6-4 size. He has solid perimeter skills, which allows him to handle the ball and pressure. He was our hardest worker who never took a play or practice off."

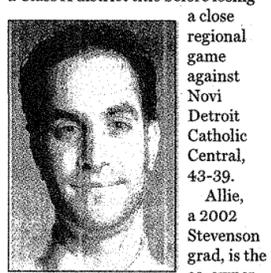
JUSTIN MOSS, SOPH. C, PLYMOUTH: The 6-7 sophomore was a force in the paint for the Wildcats, averaging 14.0 per game and 8.2 rebounds. He also collected a team-high 27 blocked shots and 17 steals.

"Justin had some exceptional games this year," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "His top games included a 22-point effort at Walled Lake Central and a 23-point, 18-rebound game against Livonia Churchill. With a lot of hard work and consistent effort, the future is bright for Justin."

MARCUS JONES, SR. G-F, RED. THURSTON: Jones, a 6-1 small forward, was in the mix almost constantly to help the Eagles to another winning season. The co-captain averaged 16.8 points but also contributed across-the-board (2.5 assists, 4.4 rebounds, 2.3 steals). He earned team MVP honors as well as selection to the All-Mega Blue first team.

"He had the ability to score by either a drive or jump shot, which made him a really hard player to guard," Bates noted. "He could not only score points from anywhere, but he was a great rebounder and defender. Marcus helped make us a better team and we are going to miss him very much."

COACH OF THE YEAR
MIKE ALLIE, LIV. STEVENSON: The 24-year-old second-year coach guided the Spartans to a 14-10 record and a Class A district title before losing



Mike Allie - Stevenson Coach of the Year

a close regional game against Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 43-39. Allie, a 2002 Stevenson grad, is the co-owner of M&M Sports Apparel

along with assistant coach Matt Bartnick, also a former Spartan player and teammate. Allie also referees Big Ten soccer games. "This is a great honor for our entire coaching staff and a testament to the outstanding character of the kids we coach," Allie said. "Coach Bartnick and I were fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach such self-motivated student-athletes this season. We are confident that these young men have laid a solid foundation for the continued and growing success of the Stevenson basketball program."

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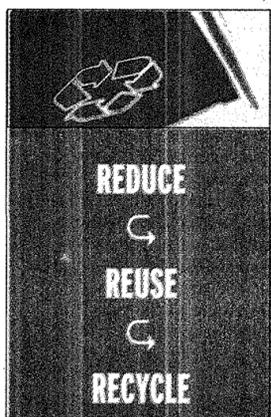
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Crusaders split WHAC showdown

Nothing gained, nothing lost in Friday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's softball showdown between host Aquinas College and Madonna University.

MU took the opener, 7-4, but the host Saints invoked the six-inning mercy rule to win the nightcap, 8-0.

The Crusaders are now 33-7 overall and 10-1 in the WHAC, while Aquinas is 20-7 and 9-1.

MADONNA 7-3, CONCORDIA 0-1; Jess

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Irwin struck out 15 and hurled her second no-hitter of the season Thursday in Ann Arbor as the Madonna University women's softball team (32-6, 10-0) swept a double-header from host Concordia University (7-19, 2-8) at Cardinal Field.

Irwin, the NAIA National Pitcher of the Week, walked only three in improving to 16-5 overall as the Crusaders won the opener, 7-0.

Brittney Scero (Canton) went 3-for-4 with two RBI to pace MU's

eight-hit attack.

Also knocking in runs were Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill), Tedi Johnston, Ashley Shay and Tori Turner.

MU also took the nightcap, 3-1, as freshman pitcher Hallie Minch (Garden City) improved to 16-1 with a four-hitter. Minch fanned 10 and did not allow a walk in 6.2 innings. Irwin came on to get the final out and her fourth save of the year.

Scero once again paced the Crusaders' offensive attack going 2-for-4 with an RBI. Kathleen Smiley and Shay each added an RBI.

Home run derby: MU earns split

A total of six homers on the day was only good enough to get Madonna University a split during Wednesday's baseball double-header against host Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne.

Balls were flying out of Warrior Field with regularity as Tech blasted three to win the opener, 7-4, offsetting Kevin Zerbo's 3-for-3 effort, including his seventh and eighth of the season to go along with three RBI.

Will Richards led the host Warriors, going 3-for-4 with a homer and three RBI.

Steve Weigle and Keegan McCamment also homered.

Corey Schwartz, who worked the first six innings, earned the victory on the mound. He

COLLEGE BASEBALL

allowed six hits, while Todd Phillips came on in the seventh to earn the saves.

MU starter Trent Pohl (2-1) gave up seven earned runs on eight hits in 4.1 innings.

In the nightcap, MU maintained its one-game lead in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 13-hit attack to go along with four homers in a 16-7 triumph.

Aaron Hacias went 2-for-4, including his third homer of the year, with three RBI.

Meanwhile, Adam Bailey added a pinch-hit 3-run homer, his first of the season, while Canton's Matt Kay clubbed his sixth and Zach Flavin added

his fifth.

Other offensive standouts for MU included designated hitter Drew Fry (4-for-5; RBI); Ryan Morrow (2-for-5; two RBI); and Zerbo (2-for-3).

Winning pitcher Tom Hansen (6-1) worked the first 4.2 innings, allowing five earned runs on seven hits. Jeff Mann and Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) finished up.

The Crusaders, ranked No. 8 nationally in the latest NAIA coaches poll, improved to 27-4 overall and 6-2 in the conference.

McCamment (2-for-4; three RBI) and Chad Geier (2-for-3) each homered for the Warriors, who stand 18-18 overall and 5-3 in the WHAC.

BASEBALL

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deficit.

Reliever Dane Staples, who got out of a bases loaded jam in the bottom of the sixth, earned the victory.

Ricky Scully and Andy Szymanski each collected two hits for the Chargers, who committed a total of four errors.

Ben Matigan, who went 1.2 innings, allowing four runs on five hits, took the loss. Starter Jimmy Tyler allowed four runs on four hits and four walks, while fanning seven

in four innings. Reliever Nate Belyk was roughed up for five runs on five hits in his 1.1-inning stint.

SALEM 11-8, FRANKLIN 0-9: On April 4, host Livonia Franklin (4-2, 2-1) and the Rocks (4-2, 2-1) settled for a split in a Kensington Conference crossover.

In the opener, Salem got the Central Division win in a five-inning mercy, 11-0, as pitcher Sam Ott limited the Patriots to just three hits while fanning six and not allowing a walk. He also went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Dave Hales led Salem's 13-hit attack going 3-for-4 with two RBI. Heath Parling added two hits.

Losing pitcher Dan Muller allowed nine runs, but only two were earned in 4.2 innings. He struck out five and walked one as the Patriots committed five errors.

Franklin bounced back to win the nightcap, 9-8, as Garrett Gumm, Tyler Barnes and Nate Robinson each collected two hits.

Sophomore Brett Marzion went just one inning in relief to pick up the win. Michael Basner went the first five and Mark McRobb earned the save.

Dave Russell, in relief of starter Justin Bashi, took the loss for Salem.

Drew Grabowski went 3-for-4 for Salem.

SHAW

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of San Jose.

Joined by Jaguars quarterback Paul Smith, defensive back Nate Jones of the Miami Dolphins and offensive lineman James Lee of the Bucs, the group's task was to erect a security fence around the perimeter of a piece of property that will eventually house a bible school, soccer field and gymnasium.

"We had to build the fence because of the all crime around," Shaw said. "I had never done anything like this before. It was amazing."

The fence was constructed in roughly in two days and it was done old-fashioned way.

"We used manual post hole diggers — mixing concrete, using shovels and wheelbarrows," Shaw said. "We were dead tired and hurting by the end of the day, but there was a great sense of good will and joy. To be able to see the fence go up and see your work finished was cool."

Shaw, born in England, had visited Europe, but had never been to Latin America.

San Jose, located in the Central Valley, is the capital and largest city in Costa Rica (population 346,000) with an elevation of 1,161 meters above sea level. Temperatures hovered near 80 during the work day before cooling off at night.

The NFL players also got a chance to visit the rural enclaves on the fringe of San Jose. It was an opportunity to get a first-hand look at the poverty and depravity of life.

"It was an eye opener, it blew me away," Shaw said. "Gates

and bars around every building, every window. I'd never been anywhere like that. It was a new experience, one of the most humbling things to see. It adjusted my perspective on things and how important it is to be thankful what we have here."

The Score International team then visited an area what Shaw was and the players were told was simply called, "The Hole."

"We had to drive to the top and drop back down into a place where there were Nicaraguan refugees," he said.

"We gave out food. It was a rough area of town. Kids were kicking a ball around, but it was a rolled up into plastic bag of trash. We went to a school where we gave out three or four Rubix Cubes. You'd had thought to them it was a bar of gold."

During his one season in

Carolina, Shaw got involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs in Charlotte. He plans to do the same in Jacksonville where he was signed late last season as a free agent for the final four games. Shaw played exclusively on special teams where he recorded three tackles.

Shaw vows his mission will intensify, which is to spread the word of God and help those in need.

"There's a bigger picture," said Shaw, who is currently in Jacksonville during the off-season doing voluntary workouts. "Just to see how blessed I am — I feel there's so much more I'm going to do because God has put it into my heart. The people I met the relationships and I made on this trip were amazing. It adjusted my perspective on things and what is really important."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 13
Andover at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14
Wyandotte at Wayne (2), 11 a.m.
John Glenn at Farmington (2), 4 p.m.
Lahser at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
Edsel Ford at John Glenn (2), 2 p.m.
Clarenceville at Clawson, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 17
John Glenn at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
(all double-headers)
Waterford Mott at Wayne, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Wednesday, April 15
Chavez at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
Clawson at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, April 14
Tri-Meet at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 15
Clarenceville at M.H. Lamphere, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
Birm. Groves Invitational, 9 a.m.
Elks Relays at Dearborn, 10 a.m.
Ypsilanti Relays, 10 a.m.
Mansfield-Mehock (Ohio) Relays, 10 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, April 16
Clarenceville at S.L. East, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Clarenceville at Ferndale, 4:30 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers unless noted)
Monday, April 13
Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14
Spring Arbor at Madonna (1), 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 19
Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers)
Tuesday, April 14
Siena Heights at Madonna, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Madonna at Siena Heights, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 19
Davenport at Madonna, 1 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Crusaders add cager

Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves recently announced the signing of New Boston Huron guard Kayleigh Burden to an NAIA letter of intent.

Burden, who averaged 12.3 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game for the Chiefs, is the first member of Graves' signing class for next

season.

"Kayleigh is a great young lady with drive and passion for the game," Graves said. "We know we are adding a quality athlete and are excited about what she will add to the program. She is the type of player that steps up under pressure, and loves to do the dirty work."

Burden, a three-time letter winner in hoops, helped the

Chiefs to a Class B district title as a senior. She is also a two-time All-Downriver selection and made second-team All-Huron League.

Burden, who plans to major in criminal justice, will join an MU squad that reached in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff semifinals, and loses just two seniors from a 2008-09 team that finished 15-17 overall.

SOCCER

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The one-goal decision left both teams with 1-1 overall records. More importantly, Canton arose to the head of the class in the newly formed Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division.

"Both teams played a great game," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "I was disappointed after we came up short (3-2) against Novi in our opener, but we made some minor adjustments and they worked tonight against a very good Churchill team."

"In the first half, I felt we didn't attack the end lines much. We only had one or two corners. In the second half, we focused more on attacking the end lines, which created more corners and goal-scoring opportunities."

"I credit the entire team for the win tonight. All 18 girls that were here played, and they all did a great job. It was a total team effort."

Junior goalkeeper Samantha McPartlin registered the shut-out for the Chiefs, turning away seven Charger shots.

"We controlled the first half — absolutely," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit, who was missing two starters because

they had already left for spring break. "Bailey (Brandon) got free and had a couple shots on goal that their keeper had trouble with. I thought we controlled first 50 minutes, but got then we got fatigued."

The Chiefs fired 12 shots at Turner and one found the net.

"They (Canton) ran the same corner that we ran against (Livonia) Stevenson where they get six or seven in box," Hebestreit said. "Stefanie" Turner couldn't get through the mess, and a couple of our people stabbed at it and couldn't get it. But it's a goal and it still counts."

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SPARTANS

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with the effort tonight, particularly in the second half, it was a really nice way to start our spring break, especially against a good Salem team," Pinta said.

"This has been a tough couple weeks for us in terms of competition, I think we've learned some things, we'll be healthier after break and should be ready to battle in our division. We had a very good team effort tonight."

In particular, Pinta singled

out senior Taleen Mergian, junior midfielder Amanda Jenaway and Krawczyk.

And the forward attack consisting of Kimble, Shannon Merritt, McConnell, Boudreau, and Vellucci "were very dangerous for us," Pinta added.

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Livonia Symphony Orchestra concert brings back romance

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra plans to go out with a bang Saturday, April 18. More than a year ago Jack Van Assche and the rest of the music committee decided they'd like to spotlight the Romantic period that started in the late 1830s and ran through the early 1900s. The members usually start planning the season by brainstorming concert themes and then select the music. All 10 of the committee, which includes orchestra members, conductor Volodymyr Shesiuk and non musicians, then vote to finalize the program.

"We wanted to end with something really special, a program that will be interesting for the audience and keep musicians challenged at the same time while working with budget constraints too," said Van Assche, LSO music committee member. "The use of auxiliary instruments like extra winds, harp, piano add to the cost of the music as does the size of the orchestra."

The April 18, concert requires a grand piano for guest artist Anna Sorokhtei who performs Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 1.

"We wanted to pick some of the best stuff written during that period like Rossini's La Cenerentola Overture," said Van Assche of Livonia. "Rossini was famous for his crescendo where the music gets louder and louder. It's a delightful little piece not performed very often and based on the Cinderella tale. The Prokofiev is an early work in the St. Petersburg conservatory, 1911 or 1912. He started in the conservatory at age 13 so he was 20 when he wrote this piece. For the third piece we chose Brahms' Number 4 symphony,

ROMANTIC BRILLIANCE

What: Livonia Symphony Orchestra concert featuring pianist Anna Sorokhtei
When: 4 p.m. Saturday, April 18
Where: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Tickets: \$17 adults, \$5 children/students, and available at all Livonia libraries or at the door on the night of the concert. For information, call (734) 421-1111

one of his mature works and one of his greatest."

Van Assche has been with the committee 12 years because he loves music. His extensive collection of 500 classical CDs allows members to hear any of the pieces under consideration. He played French horn in the high school band but admits he "can't even get a sound out of it anymore"

"We used to go down to hear the Detroit concert band and symphony on Belle Isle every time they played," said Van Assche, a CPA for Barzusu & Cross in Bloomfield Hills. "My mother was a real music fanatic, I started collecting LPs in high school from Bach to the Beach Boys. I have a broad musical background so if we're going to play a serious selection, we want to have a few lighter pieces to keep the audience interested and for the orchestra to reach for the highest rung."

Van Assche is especially excited about next season. The tentative dates are subject to approval by Clarenceville High School where the LSO concerts are held. The programs start at 4 p.m. Saturdays. Oct. 17 is a pops concert with classical music familiar to ear. Wait a Minute Don't Tell Me features music from TV shows, movies and the circus. The Dec. 5,

Sounds of the Season holiday program sees the return of Bunny Sanford's dancers in Nutcracker selections. Jan. 23, 2010 brings Livonia native Anthony Bonamici home from Russia for Schumann's piano concerto, March 6, LSO concertmaster Anton Shelepov plays Brahms violin concerto. April 17 concludes the season with Brahms German Requiem and the Madonna University Chorale, but first the 2008-2009 season ends with romantic music followed by the annual spring garden party fundraiser 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9 at Laurel Manor. The sit down lunch, silent floral auction and entertainment by LSO musicians costs \$30. Call Rose Kachnowski at (734) 591-0266 for tickets.

Volodymyr Shesiuk is especially looking forward to performing the Prokofiev concerto on April 18, with his daughter, Anna Sorokhtei of Rochester Hills. Like Prokofiev, Shesiuk was born in Ukraine. He and his family moved to the U.S. in 1991.

"This is very special because I will finish my 15th year with LSO," said Shesiuk of Garden City. "Prokofiev when young they called him infant terrible. Critics wrote about him that he had huge hands and said with these he can cut wood. Anna is opposite. She has smaller hands and plays this unusual double octave difficult for pianists."

"Anna started playing piano at 7 years old and was accepted to special music school for gifted kids. She started playing with Lviv symphony orchestra in third grade at 9 years old. To play with your own daughter is not easy job because you're a father. She'll always be independent. She tells me, I'm a musician not your daughter on stage."

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GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Swallowtail butterflies

Learn how to attract swallowtail butterflies to your backyard at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking available on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. (734) 326-0578; www.semibutterfly.com

Three experts

The University of Michigan in conjunction with The Wayne County Master Gardener program hold their Seventh Annual Spring Day Innovations in Gardening, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at Henry Ford Estate, 4901 Evergreen, on the U of M-DeARBORN campus. Check in at 8:30 a.m., will include coffee, tea and muffins. Dave Marsh will talk about colorful gardening with Proven Winner's brand of flowers at 9:15 a.m. Michael Saint of Good Earth Landscape Institute offers a creative gardening class on the principles of design, green practices, identification and characteristics of native Michigan plants at 10:30 a.m. He'll also offer suggestions about garden accessories. Julia Hofley will show how to create unforgettable entrances at 1 p.m. Lunch is included in the \$34 fee.

To register go to www.mgawc.org or mail a check to Mgawc, Spring Day, 19778 Silver Spring Dr, Northville, MI 48167-1942

Garden classes

Registration is ongoing for these continuing education classes offered by Madonna University:

- Spring Garden Design &

Maintenance, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 18, at Madonna University, \$24.

■ The User-friendly Garden, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 18, at Madonna University, \$24. Register by calling (734) 432-5804 or by visiting www.madonna.edu and clicking on continuing education.

Koi symposium

The Michigan Koi & Pond Club presents a unique all-day convention with local vendors and lecturers from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at The Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. Taro Kodama of Kodama Koi Farm, Mililani, Hawaii, will be the keynote speaker. Registration, open to age 16 and older, is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-members through April 11. Add \$5 for registrations after April 11. Registration includes access to all vendors, lectures and a catered lunch. Lunch is not guaranteed for those who register after April 11. Doors open at 8 a.m.; the first session will start at 9 a.m. Mail checks, payable to Michigan Koi & Pond Club, to Bruce Modetz, 32525 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information call Ray Alexander at (734) 846-8588; Ron Kardynski at (734) 646-7606 or Bruce Modetz, (734) 673-4868.

At English Gardens

■ Make It & Take It Workshop: Salad Bowl, 2 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at all stores. Session fee is \$24.99. Space is limited. Register online at www.englishgardens.com or at an English Gardens store. The store will provide all the supplies and information necessary to plant your own planter filled with vegetables to make a salad. ■ Janet Macunovich, co-founder and senior instructor of the Michigan School of Gardening, shows how to add color to the garden at 3 p.m., in

the Ann Arbor store, both on Sunday, April 19.

Visit local English Gardens Stores at 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 280-9500; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Driver in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 155 Maple at Jackson, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

Water solutions

Beth Rowley, owner of Landscape Beauty by Design, will offer practical, water-saving advice on mowing, fertilizing and watering your lawn at 7 p.m., April 21, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. She'll also talk about creative landscaping to save water. The program is free, although registration is required. (734) 397-0999.

Herbs

Vicki Hicks Home and Garden Services will present "The Wonderful World of Herbs: Growing, Preserving and Using," at 7 p.m., April 22, at Rosemarie's Massage, 595 Forest, Suite 6A, Plymouth. \$3 fee includes refreshments made from herbs. (734) 591-0209 or e-mail to vhicks@aol.com.

Yard Scraps to Garden Treasure

Advanced Master Gardeners and composters Nancy Perry and Luann Davis of the Canton Garden Club, will talk about using inexpensive vermicomposting methods to enrich soil and reduce waste, at 7 p.m., April 22, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. Register for the free program by calling (734) 397-0999.

Worms!

Kids, grades 4-6, can learn how to recycle food waste with live worms and learn how to maintain their own pet worm bin, at a free class, at 2 p.m., April 25, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Registration required, call (734) 397-0999.

Furniture store donates trees to schools

Art Van Furniture is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and Arbor Day, April 24, by donating trees to area schools and community organizations for planting.

The company plans to buy 4,000 Norway and White Spruce trees from the Macomb Conservation District in Bruce Township, as part of its Caring For Our Home Tree Donation Program. Among the tree recipients are Livonia Public Schools, the city of Novi forestry Department, Southfield Public Schools and Royal Oak Department of Public Service.

Art Van's Caring For Our Home Program began in 2007. Since that time, the company has donated almost 8,000 trees to community groups and

schools. The 2009 program will increase the total donation to almost 12,000.

In addition to the tree donations, residents visiting any Art Van location, from April 16 to April 25, will receive a packet of vegetable seeds for their own garden projects, while supplies last.

Art Van Furniture is a family owned furniture retailer that operates 30 stores in 29 cities throughout Michigan. It recently was named a "GreenTailor" by the Michigan Retailers Association for its environmentally friendly efforts. The company has also received the FOX Energy Team award from WJBK TV2 in recognition for its earth-friendly initiatives.

An energy management system was installed in all Art Van stores in 2007-08, followed by energy efficient motion sensor lighting.

The company also donates slightly damaged and rejected merchandise to nonprofit organizations that support the needy.

It shreds or donates used mattresses collected from customers.

It offers environmentally-friendly kits to the public for cleaning leather, wood and hard surfaces and donates a portion of proceeds from the sale of its "Grand Shores" furniture collection to the Water Quality Protection Fund of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality.

Earth Day celebration offers potluck meal

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen's urban garden ministry, Earthworks Urban Farm, will serve "earth friendly" foods at a community potluck in honor of Earth Day, 6-8 p.m., April 22, at its Meldrum site, 1264 Meldrum, Detroit.

The event will feature a sustainable foods' potluck, a low-carbon cooking demo by Chef Buddha of the Capuchin's monastery and owner of Millennium Catering, and a presentation by local urban farmers. Greenhouse tours will be available and will include a short seed-starting activity.

Event organizers encourage participants to bring an earth-friendly dish — consisting mostly of vegetables, fruits and whole grains — for the community potluck.

It not only tastes great, but

a plant-based diet consumes fewer resources than an animal-based diet," said Patrick Crouch, program manager of Earthworks Urban Farm.

He said Earth Day reminds individuals of their connection to the earth and to each other. "This connection to the land is what daily nourishes our minds, our bodies, and our spirits. It's not just a Franciscan ideal. Our connection to the earth is important on many levels.

"At Earthworks, we try to build community beyond race and class lines. All people deserve healthy food."

For more information on the Earth Day event, call Lisa Richter at (313) 579-2100, ext. 204.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Earthworks Urban Farm yields over 6,000

pounds of produce each season from its three city garden sites and two greenhouses and educates the community in regards to sustainable relationships between human beings and the earth.

Founded in 1929, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen serves Metro Detroit by providing food, clothing, and spiritual counsel to those in need. Frequently preparing and serving 2,000 meals a day, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen also distributes household items and operates a shower program, food pantry, and children's tutoring and art therapy program.

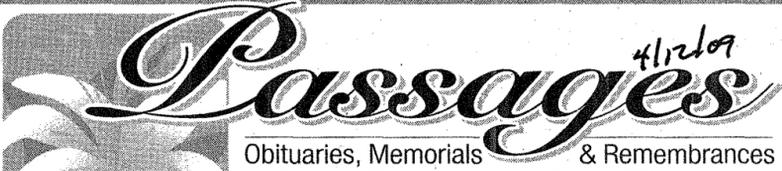
The soup kitchen is a ministry of the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order, which is headquartered in Detroit and serves Capuchin ministries worldwide.

Master Gardeners offer scholarships

The Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (MGAWC) MGAWC is offering \$500 scholarships to college students who are residents of Wayne County or who attend college in Wayne County.

The group seeks students who support the mission of MGAWC and who are majoring in horti-

culture or a related subject such as environmental science, biology, or landscaping. Visit programs at www.mgawc.org for more information. MGAWC is a nonprofit all-volunteer organization with a mission to distribute current gardening information, increase environmental awareness, support volunteerism and promote gardening activities.



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EDWARD G. EDSON

Age 84, April 10, 2009. Beloved husband of Shirley Maddalena-Edson. Loving father of Susan Edson, Jane (Rick) Motta and Patricia Edson. Proud grandfather of six and great-grandfather of four. Dear brother of Marian Fleming, brother-in-law of Jack Boland, Joseph (Jean) Middleton and Marjorie (Lyle) Hawkins. Also survived by 10 nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. and memorial service Tuesday 10 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorials to William Beaumont Hospice or charity of the donor's choice. Share your memories at www.willsullivanfuneraldirectors.com.



DORIS (DEE) GANSON

Age 81, lost her 2 year courageous battle with cancer on March 21, 2009. She died peacefully at beautiful Bay Bluff Nursing Home in Harbor Springs MI. Her best friend, daughter-in-law Deborah Carsell, son Larry Carsell, loving friend and companion Frank Stahl by her side. Mother of the late Debbie Ramsey, grandmother of (four) Jeff Moore, Amy, Scott and Andy Carsell. Survived by her 2nd son Stephen Carsell and daughter-in-law Diane of Livonia. She will be greatly missed by all.

RUSSELL P. ROBINSON, JR.

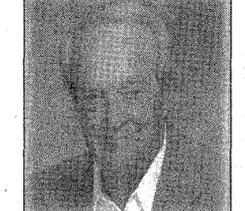
Age 80, 2/8/29-4/3/09, served in Korean War 1950-1953 - Chosin Reservoir Campaign, retired from sales at New York Carpet and Clyde's Carpet, did route sales for Cook Coffee, Sanders and Awreys. Graduated from Franklin High 2006 with grandson Raymond P. Jr. Beloved husband (58 yrs) of Gayle L. Dear father of Kathleen M. (Paul) Law, Linda L. Cinader (Laura Moore), Debbie A. (Gary) Fox, Mary K. Robinson (formerly Sturm), Rickie G. (Judy), Randy J., Raymond P. Sr., Robert P. (Monique Ulyrch), Ronald G. (Heather) and the late Russell C. Also survived by 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, one brother, four sisters and one deceased brother. Interned at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Funeral Mass was at St. Bernardine Siena Catholic Church. www.griffinfuneralhome.com

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FLORENCE G. RECTOR

Age 87, longtime resident of Bloomfield Hills, April 7, 2009. Mrs. Rector was a cheerful and friendly lady with a great sense of humor and quick wit. She was an experienced gardener, cultivating beautiful flowers in her backyard. She also was a wonderful cook specializing in great cheesecakes. She loved animals particularly cats and dogs, and she was an avid reader and had a flair for decorating her home. Beloved wife of the late Harold W. Dear mother of Sandi Champe (Bill), Heather Jenkins (Bill), and the late Doris Beckwith. Grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of seven. Private service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to Freeman Wilner Foundation, c/o Rose Cancer Center, 3577 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Suite 103, Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



RALPH D. YODER

Age 83, of Farmington, MI, April 4, 2009. "Mr. Farmington." Beloved husband of the late Margaret (nee Nowels), dear friend of Betty Truesdell. Father of Joel and Julia (Mrs. Wm. Chamberlain). Loving grandfather of Charlie, Billy, and Annie Rose Chamberlain. Brother of the late Annabelle Griffith, Gladys Wallace, and Clayton Yoder. Ralph was born in Pigeon, MI, on January 23, 1926, the grandson of a Mennonite Elder in the Pigeon River Mennonite Church. He moved to Farmington in his teens and served in WWII (1944-1946). He returned to Farmington to graduate from Farmington High School in 1947. Ralph dedicated a significant part of his life to the City of Farmington. He loved the area and its residents. Ralph served on the Farmington City Council for 26 years, and served as Mayor in both the 1970s and 1980s. He served on the City Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and as Chairman of the City Retirement system. Ralph retired as President of Tri-County Enterprises, Inc., Tri-County Trucking Co., and was a past President of the Aggregate Carriers of Michigan, Inc. He was a long standing member of the Salem Church and a member and past President of the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club in Farmington. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday 11 a.m., April 18th, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington, MI 48335. www.thayer-rock.com

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NEIGHBORS

On a roll Friends share love of strudel

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OSE STAFF WRITER

The last time Marilyn Alimpich had "real" strudel was before her grandmother died in 1977. Through the years, her mother and the rest of the family tried making the pastry without much success. It takes a certain knack to stretch the dough thinly enough over a tabletop without making holes. The entire strudel is then rolled up using the momentum of a tablecloth after spreading the surface with cheese, apple, cabbage, or a filling of the baker's choice.

Several ethnic groups in Europe enjoy the tasty delight as Alimpich found out when she mentioned the family's strudel-making attempts to her manicurist, Suzana Pallaska, at Gerald's Salon in Northville. Before long, Alimpich was organizing a daylong project to learn the skill from Pallaska, who brought her expertise from Macedonia in southeastern Europe 10 years ago. Last month, Pallaska, a Westland resident, shared her secrets during a baking extravaganza that included Alimpich's parents, Muriel and Nick Alimpich of Redford, friend Sandy Kline of Plymouth and her mother, Sonia Phillips. Alimpich's mother is of Croatian descent. Their family made strudel year-round.

"My grandmothers, who came from Europe, made strudel

and I mentioned it to my friend Sandy whose grandmother used to make it and would she like to make it sometime," said Alimpich of Plymouth. "I also mentioned it to Suzana and asked if she would help us along. She's of Albanian descent but grew up in Macedonia. Her foods are similar to the way we cook but Suzana had a different way of doing this so several of us of various Slavic ethnicities got together to practice making strudel. My family made huge batches. Suzana had us break the big ball into smaller balls."

Alimpich's family would try stretching the large dough ball over the table as her grandmother did. With Pallaska's method, they ended up making and then splitting about eight or nine strudel with a variety of fillings between themselves.

"She had one of those old metal tables and would hang the dough over the sides," said Alimpich. "It was always covered in an old sheet or tablecloth so you're picking up the cloth and the dough just sort of rolls."

STRUDEL-SAVVY

Muriel remembers her mother making as many as seven batches of strudel in one morning. She tells the story of her mother, Mary Medunic, then age 14, coming over on a German ship three weeks before World War I started. She was from Yugoslavia, a Croatian



Suzana Pallaska (left) and Marilyn Alimpich stretch dough during a day of strudel making at Alimpich's Plymouth home.

province under Austrian rule. "She was an expert at it," said Muriel Alimpich, 86. "She could stretch it all the way down past the table, no holes ever. She had gotten it down that well. She made cottage cheese and apple strudel. My husband loves Hubbard squash so she would make that. She also used to make cherries and walnuts. Nobody like the sauteed cabbage but me. I loved cabbage. I miss the strudel so maybe one day I'll buckle down and make some."

Pallaska remembers her mom making it as well when she was a girl.

"It's our food. I make those all the time for my kids," said Pallaska. "Strudel can be made as a sweet with apples, but if we want main food like a meal we make with spinach; cabbage; cheese, eggs and yogurt, whatever you want, leeks, onions and mush-



Muriel Alimpich (left), her daughter Marilyn Alimpich, Sandy Kline, Suzana Pallaska, and Kline's mother Sonia Phillips show off their finished strudel. The day-long baking extravaganza took place in Marilyn Alimpich's Plymouth home.

rooms, and tomatoes. Everybody makes it over there all the time."

SLAVIC TRADITIONS

Sandy Kline wanted to learn the skill of making strudel so the tradition doesn't die. Her father is Macedonian, her mother Sonia Phillips, Ukrainian. The Republic of Macedonia declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991 as did Croatia.

"Macedonians don't call it strudel but Zelnick," said Kline, who met Marilyn Alimpich through Plymouth Business & Professional Women. "Marilyn and I have been friends for years and have Slavic backgrounds and talk about different foods of our ethnicities. There are so many similarities between different countries. My grandmother, baba, used to come

to our house and make it from scratch. It's like phyllo dough and you put whatever fillings you want. Macedonians use more savory fillings, cottage cheese. My favorite is cabbage, cheese and leeks. Greeks call it spanikopita and fill it with spinach and cheese. It's all kind of similar because we're all in that area."

Kline was making the dough-filled creations last Friday with her mother and sister-in-law, Robin Phillips, who has a culinary arts degree from Schoolcraft College. The zelnick would be a special Easter treat for the family.

"Every holiday my godparents would bring zelnick," said Kline. "My family's really excited somebody's going to carry on the tradition because everyone else is too old to make it or gone."

BASIC STRUDEL RECIPE

Suzana Pallaska bakes by "feel," not a written recipe. This is not an exact science. She brought the recipe with her to Michigan from Macedonia 10 years ago.

MACEDONIAN STRUDEL

Yields: About 8-9 rolls

- Approximately 4 pounds King Arthur flour
- 2 whole eggs
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 tablespoons vinegar (they used cider, could be white)
- 1 cup warm water
- ¾ pound butter plus ½ cup canola or olive oil, warmed together
- cornstarch

Fillings: cottage cheese, grated apple, cherry, grated yellow squash, sautéed cabbage, spinach, anything you like

Cover table with clean cloth on which to stretch and roll dough.

Mix together in a bowl, or on board or table, flour, eggs, salt, vinegar, ½ cup water at first, then add another ½ cup water as the dough firms up while you're mixing it. Mix using a spoon and as it gets firmer, by hand.

Once firm, knead the dough until dimples disappear. Since this quantity makes a lot of strudel, divide the dough into several small balls then pat with cornstarch before flattening them into approximately 8-inch rounds (using a rolling pin). Stack two to three of the flat sheets together, spreading a warmed mix of butter and oil on top of each. This keeps the dough from drying too fast.

Stretch each set of flattened dough separately until very thin. Dab small quantities of filling across about ¾ to ¾ of the dough. Pick up one end of the tablecloth and use it to roll the strudel over the filling until you have a single roll. Place onto a lightly greased baking pan (you may have to "snake" it around the inside of the pan) and spread more butter-oil mixture on top. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Cut, eat and enjoy!

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Fund-raiser to help guardian angels

Sandy Mezza is a guardian angel. No, she doesn't hover around human beings. The Westland woman takes animals no one else wants and finds them forever homes. She's been doing it for 10 years, but it's not always easy. Mezza sometimes reaches a breaking point. That's



Linda Chomin

why she's grateful to Mark Blondy who's organizing a fund-raiser for no-kill shelters like hers Saturday, April 25, at Bentley's Restaurant in West Bloomfield. Mezza started caring for strays with other groups, but eventually went on her own to found Guardian Angel Animal Rescue. Over the years, she's taken in cats, dogs, snakes, birds, and hamsters. A week ago Saturday, she was on her way to PetSmart in Commerce for an adoption event. Mezza is there every Saturday from 1-4 p.m. During the summer, she holds dog washes every other

Sunday at Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth to raise money. By day, she works in advertising at Kroger, but her free time is devoted to the animals. She is one of the many guardian angels helping homeless animals through several rescue groups in the area.

"There are a lot of groups that call themselves no-kill and aren't," said Mezza. "I was caring for a colony of feral cats behind a fast food restaurant in Canton. There were probably 100. I spent almost five years trapping them, taming them and adopting them out to good homes."

Foster homes are Mezza's first choice for rescued animals, but when none are available the overflow of dogs and cats are kept at a kennel in Flint. Currently the group has about four dog foster homes and six cat fosters. Mezza estimates she has about 20 dogs and 50 cats ready to go to good homes.

"Because we're a no-kill we have a lot of hard-to-adopt animals, some have seizures. We keep them if they can live a good quality life and all they need is

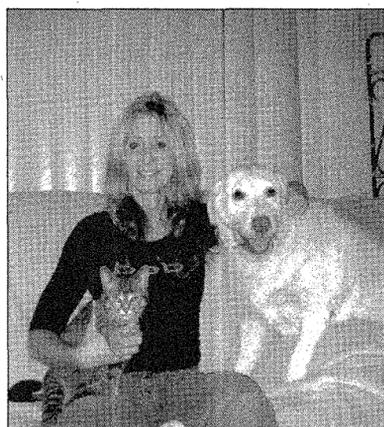
medication or socialization," said Mezza. "We just placed a hard-to-adopt dog last week. He was 7 years old and left outside his whole life from a puppy. He's very needy. We found an older woman who saw him and fell in love with him and he follows her around everywhere."

The barking in the background doesn't seem to bother Mezza as she drives a car full of dogs to PetSmart in Commerce. Another carload is coming from the kennel in Flint. The non-profit consists of about 25 volunteers including cat coordinator Donna Johnson of Canton. "There's probably more sadness than good stuff because of the stuff you see," said Mezza. "Sometimes I say I can't do that anymore but then you look at their cute faces."

Mark Blondy has a soft spot for furry faces just like Mezza. Rescue groups were his first thought when coming up with the idea for Pets & Bets, a project for his Self Expression and Leadership class at Landmark Education development and training company in Livonia. The event features an afternoon

of family fun with a pet fashion contest and adoptable animals, and an evening for grown-ups with a Casino, Texas Hold'em Tournament and dinner.

"I have a close friend who's rescued dogs before my very eyes and gave me a taste of what it's like," said Blondy, who grew up with dogs and currently lives with one. "Pets & Bets (the fund-raiser) allows me to be involved with what I have a passion for and I'm practicing the skills I've learned in class. The casino portion goes to Sandy's group. The other rescue groups will get the money from what's left of ticket sales, an auction, antique appraisals, a light-hearted tarot card reader. The site lists all the different vendors and rescue groups that will have ferrets, birds, dogs and cats for adoption. They're all donating time and services and making it happen. It's one person's dream but starts with us sharing with one another for this noble effort for these animals. We're getting the word out about these groups and we can make a difference for the rescue groups and the animals in need of a home."



Sandy Mezza of Westland with Blondy, a stray dog from Detroit, and Carly, a 4-month-old female kitten from a kill shelter. Both are considered hard to adopt because Blondy is 12 years old and very shy, and Carly tested positive for feline leukemia but is doing well now. Mezza is founder of Guardian Angel Animal Rescue.

Somebody out there can really make difference."

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and

community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at lchomin@hometownlife.com or (313) 222-2241.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The correct date of the public hearing for the proposed water system improvements of approximately 7,750 feet of water main construction along Thornapple Drive, Valencia Street, Seven Mile Road and Pickford Avenue, is **Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.**

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Highland Park Housing Commission is requesting proposals for Professional Architectural Services to implement the Capital Fund Program, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds, Fair Housing Act and ADA Compliance Certification. A Request for Qualifications packet can be obtained by an email to general@highlandparkhc.org or by mail at the address listed below. All final proposals must be submitted by April 30, 2009 at 5:00 pm EST by mail:

Attn: Dorene Jamerson, Highland Park Housing Commission, 13725 John R. Street, Highland Park, MI 48203, (313) 868-4500 phone.

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Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969
40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesclassof69@aol.com for more information.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989
Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township.

There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Cass Technical High School

Class of 1959

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969
Planning a reunion. Contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679

or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Dearborn Heights Riverside

Class of 1967

A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit Blessed Sacrament

Class of 1952
Planning a high school reunion on June 27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734)

525-8746.

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit schools

Planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960 in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or e-mail to Marlene.Kutnick.Yamron.hahatdc@yahoo.com. The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

Henry Ford II

Class of 1982

Looking for classmates to attend a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek MetroPark. A reunion also is planned for 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, ford21982@aol.com or visit www.classreport.org.

Detroit St. Casimir High School

Class of 1959

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009 class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at PJcruisin@wow-way.com.

St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostie, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

Garden City High School East

Class of 1959

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

20th reunion 6 p.m.-midnight,

Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, dj, door prizes, picture cd and other gifts, and available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchsi989reunion@hotmail.com.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Bentley High School

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of '68' at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of '69' at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of '70' at (734) 455-1395.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniu@aol.com.

Class of 1989

20-year Class Reunion, from 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive. Tickets are \$55 (cash bar); checks payable to F.H.S. Class of 1989, mail to: FHS 89 Class Reunion, P.O. Box 6139, Plymouth, MI 48170. Include your contact information. For more information, e-mail Angie at amiller@fctitle.com or Dennis at denny_dilorenzo@yahoo.com or call Dennis DiLorenzo at (734) 968-0064. Hotel Reservations can be made at the Livonia Marriott (800) 228-9290 or www.marriott.com. Group reservation rates under Livonia Franklin 20-Year Reunion.

Milford High School

Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Mother Of Our Savior

All class reunion

Aug. 15, 2009 at Monahan's K of C in Livonia. For more information, call Joe McCauley at (734) 420-2898.

Novi Orchard Hills Elementary

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Orchard Hills Elementary School, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince Drive, Novi. RSVP to (248) 449-1400 or bhurst@novi.k12.mi.us. Program includes 1-2 p.m. tours of Orchard Hills, 2 p.m. celebratory program in gymnasium, 3-4 p.m. sock hop and refreshments.

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School

Class of 1970

Planning a May 23, 2009 reunion at OLF Bradley Hall. Still looking for classmates that graduated with the class or joined the class any time during those years. E-mail Joan Barrett-Stec at steccland@aol.com.

Plymouth Canton & Salem

Class of 1979

30-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at Hyatt Regency Dearborn. 6:30 p.m. to midnight (food stations open at 7 p.m.). Tickets \$60 per person before July 1, \$75 per person after. For information, visit <http://home.rr.com/phs-30yearreunion> or send e-mail to phs_1979@yahoo.com.

Redford Thurston High School

Class of 1969

A 40-year "casual" get together, Saturday Sept. 5, Labor Day weekend, at G. SUBU's Leather Bottle Restaurant, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$10 at door. Discounted bar and a band will play. Reserve tickets by calling Ted Enright at (734) 564-1699, or e-mail TedEnright@AOL.com.

Class of 1972

37th Reunion/55th Birthday Bash May 2, 2009 at Mama Mia in Livonia. For more details, contact ths72reunion@gmail.com or call (248) 348-9214.

Rochester Adams

Class of 1989

Announces its 20-year reunion Saturday, July 18, 2009. For details and more information, visit rochesteradams89.com or e-mail rahs89@aol.com.

Wayne High School

All class reunion

24th Annual All Class Reunion Banquet 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 15, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Road, Wayne. For information, call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767 or e-mail waynehighalum@aol.com.

West Bloomfield High

Class of 1977

Reunion and get-together weekend, June 27-28, 2009 with a n Italian buffet dinner and party held at Gino's Banquet Hall in Keego Harbor on June 27. The cost for the dinner is \$22 per person. On June 28, the organizing committee has booked Beverly Hills Village Park for a family picnic. The picnic is a "rain or shine" event. Space is limited for the dinner. RSVP by May 15. After May 15, the party will be opened to classmates from 1976 and 1978. For more information and to reserve a seat at the dinner, visit: www.wbhs1977.com or call Daryl at (831) 763-9313.

Westland John Glenn

Class of 1969

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MILESTONES

Maxwell Lucas Quiambao

Maxwell Lucas Quiambao was born at 11:24 p.m., Feb. 7, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 20 inches long and weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

His parents are Cassie and Edmund Quiambao of Pinckney. Grandparents are Julie and Bill Skrent of Livonia and Robin Jackson and John



Maxwell Lucas Quiambao

Castro of Lake Orion. Great-grandparents are John and Betty Schaar of Livonia.

Brandon Richard Gordon

Brandon Richard Gordon was born on March 17, 2009, in St. John's Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces. Proud parents are to Laura and Rick Gordon, of Chesterfield Township. Brandon joins two sisters, Gillian, age 5, and Rebecca, age 1.

Grandparents are Ed Stephens, of Dallas, Ga., and Joann Stephens of Redford. Step-grandfather is Mike Cortell who lives in Redford.



Brandon Richard Gordon

Camden R. Schlaud

Camden R. Schlaud was born at 9:53 a.m., Feb. 28, 2009, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Ann Arbor, to Rick and Amy Schlaud of Canton. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 16 1/2 inches.

Camden joins older brother, Cole, at home. Grandparents are Rudy and Lou Cervantes of Canton, Kathy Schlaud



Camden R. Schlaud

and Lindsay Schlaud, both of Lapeer.

65th anniversary

Jane and Les Bowden will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on April 15 with their daughter, Darleen Sweeney; grandchildren, Debbie (Jason) Sprawka, Donald (Erica) Sweeney and two great-grandsons, David and Aidan Sweeney.

The couple resides in Ft. Worth, Fla., and Livonia.



Jane and Les Bowden

Fry-Naylor

Carolyn LeeAnna Fry and Stuart Allen Naylor plan to marry in June 2009 in Kualoa Ranch, Oahu, Hawaii.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gary and Mary Beth Fry of Plymouth. She graduated in 1999 from Plymouth Salem High School and from the University of Michigan in 2003. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in Japanese language and has done post-graduate work at University of Hawaii. She teaches Japanese at Aiea High School, Aiea, Hawaii.

Her fiancé, son of Greg and Gail Naylor of Jackson, graduated in 1999 from



Carolyn Fry and Stuart Naylor

Marmion Academy, Aurora Ill., and from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in biomedical engineering in 2003. He is a quality assurance engineer for Tissue Genesis, Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii.

Michael Donat Deschaw

Michael Donat Deschaw was born Oct. 13, 2008, at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, to Genevieve Leclair and Ryan Deschaw of Plymouth.

Grandparents are Diane Leclair of Plymouth, Teresa Deschaw of Plymouth, Don and Barb Leclair of Canton and Larry and Wanda Deschaw of Plymouth.

Great-grandparents are June Lazarus of Venice, Fla., and



Michael Donat Deschaw

Barbara Leclair of Fairfield Glade, Tenn.



Amanda Wilson and Robert Baker

Wilson-Baker

Joe and Kathy Wilson of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Robert Baker, son of Jim and Teresa Baker of Twin Lake.

The bride-to-be will graduate in May from Eastern Michigan University with a secondary education degree. Her fiancé graduated from Concordia and works as a management trainee with Enterprise.

The couple plans to wed in June 2010 at the Baker's home on Twin Lake.

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NEIGHBORS MEETING

Livonia Neighbors & Friends, a Livonia women's club, will hold its next meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Seven Mile, west of Gill Road, Livonia. New members are always welcome. A surprise speaker will be make an appearance.

For more information, visit LivoniaNeighborsFriends@hotmail.com. For questions, call Dorrie at (248) 777 3848.

THE GRAVEYARD SHIFT

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road and Five Mile, in Livonia. The main speaker, following the business meeting, is Diane Oslund on The Grave Yard Shift. Oslund will include tips on finding ancestors' burial sites and will answer the questions "Why bother?" and "How important is it anyhow?" She is the current vice president of the Ford Genealogy Club. The 6:30 p.m. program will be Stephanie Smith discussing how to use jump drives and thumb drives.

The meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.rootswest.com/~miwwegs/.

SPRING FLING

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and their Special Needs Ministry Team invite anyone with special needs to a Spring Fling Dance, 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. This event is designed for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities, other special needs, and caretakers. The event includes music, fun, friendship, snacks and beverages. Space is limited, so reservations are required. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822, or e-mail elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz no later than Friday, May 8.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

VegFest promotes the benefits of a plant-based diet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Dr. Joel Kahn brings up plant-based diets to most, if not all, of his patients at the Michigan Heart Group in Troy. Over the last 20 years he's seen an increase in the number of younger people seeking treatment for cardiovascular disease and it troubles him as a cardiologist.

That's why he's looking forward to speaking about the topic at VegFest, a plant-based tastefest and expo Sunday, April 26, at Ferndale High School. The event is presented by VegMichigan, a nonprofit organization promoting the health, environmental and ethical benefits of a plant-based diet. Kahn quit eating meat 25 years ago and went vegan (no dairy products) for the last 10.

"I'm now seeing a lot of patients in their 40s who are not necessarily smokers or diabetics. I'm concerned about the trend of people gaining weight and exercising less," said Kahn, medical director of cardiac rehabilitation at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. "I'll be speaking about the most common disease of heart attacks and strokes caused by clogging of arteries, disease that's preventable and that it's better to prevent than reverse it. Diet and lifestyle is a major component."

Kahn believes a plant-based diet is safe for everyone.

"Plants provide every nutrient even if you're an exerciser," said Kahn, a West Bloomfield resident who does a combination of swimming, yoga and exercise on machines 30 to 60 minutes a day. "Diabetics can safely use vegan diets. It's probably the healthiest diet choice. I think the key is to read. The VegFest is a great place to get started. Most doctors get little training in nutrition and it's usually funded by the milk and

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What: VegMichigan hosts annual vegetarian tastefest featuring food from local restaurants, lectures, cooking and raw food demonstrations, exhibitors, free samples and literature

When: Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 26

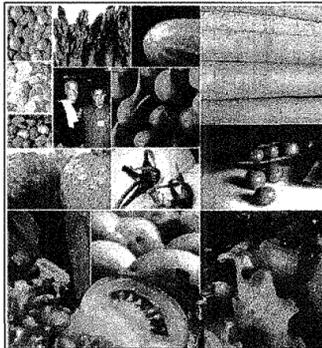
Where: Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest, south of Nine Mile, west of Woodward

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 students, free for children under age 6 and VegMichigan members. For discounted tickets and memberships in advance, visit www.VegMichigan.org or call (877) 778-3464.

dairy industry. Soybean farmers don't have the funds to provide curriculum. I want to stress for people to come and learn, that they read and be willing to make small changes one day a week, breakfast as a vegetarian, try not to eat meat and fish for a week, take baby steps."

Like Kahn, pediatrician Mary Sue Sylwestrzak suggests a vegan diet for patients, especially for certain medical problems. She'll talk about the benefits as well as safety at VegFest. An M.D., Sylwestrzak has been providing traditional and integrative care for infants, children and adolescents for 16 years and is nearing completion of a degree as a Naturopathic Medical Doctor. She practices at Watch Me Grow Pediatrics in West Bloomfield.

"I definitely recommend a vegan diet if they're interested or if they have allergies and would do better off without dairy products," said Sylwestrzak of Beverly Hills. "The benefits of a vegan diet for



children is eliminating saturated fats, cholesterol, a totally animal based product. Fat content is lower. There's a lower risk of diabetes, heart disease, obesity. All of those problems are increasing."

Sylwestrzak referred to a recent Ohio State-Temple University study as proof that even young children are overweight. The research showed one in five 4-year-olds are obese.

"I personally have seen more and more older kids with Type 2 diabetes taking medication in the last 5 or 6 years and an increase especially in overweight children due to the standard American diet of too much fast food, processed food, not enough fruits and vegetables, not enough activity. Like any diet it should be well thought out and planned, take into account requirements for B-12, vitamin D and calcium. If you make a good attempt to have a variety of foods every day you're probably going to be good."

The irony, she said, is pediatricians routinely tell parents to feed their child nothing but fruits, vegetables and grains for the first nine months.

"They're basically vegan," said Sylwestrzak. "There are benefits for kids of all ages, but different things you have to keep in

mind whether infant or adolescent. At VegFest I'm part of the ask the experts panel, an open forum, and a group of us will answer questions on anything related to a plant-based diet."

Harry Pianko went vegetarian 10 years ago and quit eating dairy products five years ago. As president of VegMichigan, he's looking forward to sharing information about healthy food choices at VegFest (formerly The Great American Meatout).

Pianko learned about vegetarian food from a college friend born in India. He quit eating meat after learning about the health benefits, cruelty perpetrated on the animals during factory farming and the resulting pollution and damage to the environment.

Before long he noticed the physical changes, which included an increase in energy and loss of weight. The 31-year-old Birmingham resident hasn't taken a sick day as vice president of finance and business operations for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Michigan chapter since 2000.

"It's a big vegetarian festival. We bring in speakers, local and national, to tell the benefits of a plant-based diet," said Pianko. "I'm especially excited about our keynote speaker John Salley who went vegetarian with the Pistons and is now vegan and going to share his story. There are people who want to quit eating meat but want to know where to get information. We have 13 or 14 restaurants confirmed like Q'doba and Inn Season who give out samples. For those who ask 'but how do I cook it,' we also have food demonstrations cooking everything from quinoa (a grain) to a smoothie. We're looking for-

ward to educating people who normally don't know about the benefits of a plant-based diet. We'd like to encourage people even if you're a meat

eater or just curious to check out VegFest and VegMichigan. We hope to get more meat eaters than vegetarians to show people how great it is."

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