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## AROUND TOWN

### Going green

Westland Mayor William Wild has announced that the city has taken another step in its effort to become "greener" through his Mission: Green program.

The city has been accepted into the Rebuild Michigan program administered by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. Its aim is to bring about more energy efficient buildings through technical assistance and financing for cost-effective projects.

Highlights of the program include a utility bill analysis and energy consumption profile for each building, as well as a walk-through analysis and energy evaluation report. The project is of no cost to the city.

"Energy efficiency is certainly a key priority for Mission: Green - and our community as a whole," Wild said, adding that "we look forward to incorporating the recommendations into our city buildings as we implement our own energy action plan."

The 10 Westland city buildings include City Hall, the Bailey Recreation Center, 18th District Court, the William P. Faust Public Library and the Mike Modano Ice Arena, among others.

### Budget talks

Elected city leaders will continue their budget talks with department heads during an 8:30 a.m. Saturday session on the second floor of Westland City Hall. The meeting is expected to conclude by noon.

Tentatively, departments scheduled for discussion Saturday include the mayor's office, the city council, the city clerk and elections, finance and possibly others. Saturday's session will be the second of three. The final budget study meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. the following Saturday, April 25, also at City Hall.

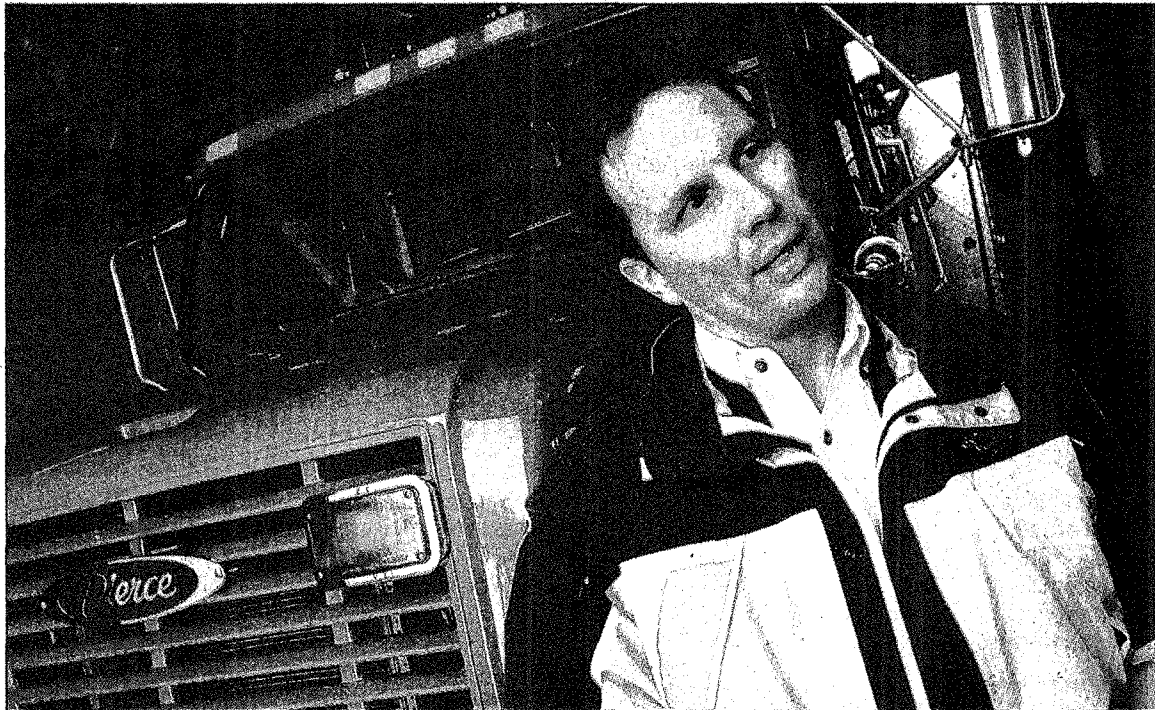
### Showtime

Wild Swan Theater will showcase its original version of *Jack and the Beanstalk* at 7 p.m. Monday, April 27, at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

Longtime actors Sandy Ryder, Michelle Trame Lanza and Jeremy Salvatori will bring the story to life through dynamic characters, while Toni Auletta's set design and Rebecca Valentino's costumes will bring enchantment to the entire production. Free tickets are available at the Children's Reference desk. All ages are welcome.

The performance is funded in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council and is sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library of Westland.

Call the Children's Service Department for more information at (734) 326-6123.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland Assistant Fire Chief Scott Neal explains the upcoming Citizens Fire Academy, an attempt to educate residents and business owners about the inner workings of the city's fire department.

## Fire academy gives residents an inside view of firefighting

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland residents will have a rare opportunity to learn how city firefighters battle blazes, rescue car-crash victims, respond to hazardous spills and perform life-saving medical procedures during a Citizens Fire Academy that will be offered in June.

Officials hope the academy will give participants a better understanding of how firefighters respond to emergencies and also teach them fire-safety and CPR lessons they can use at home.

"We're trying to bring some realism to the community and the people we service," Assistant Fire Chief Scott Neal said. "We want to

provide them with the knowledge to act in a positive manner during an emergency."

Neal already has started enrolling residents and local business owners for a cost-free academy scheduled for June 19-21 and June 26-28. Tentative times are 6-9 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at Fire Station No. 1, on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne.

Neal may be reached at (734) 467-3182, and applications should be available any day on the city's Web site, [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com). Participants will have to sign waiver forms to free the city of any liability.

Fewer than 20 students, ages 18 and older, will be accepted. They will be chosen partly on an essay

of 100 words or less stating their reasons for wanting to become involved.

Participants will be given an option to suit up in fire gear for class exercises including proper handling of fire hoses, using the Jaws of Life for vehicle accidents and trying out a 140-foot, city of Wayne fire truck ladder, among other hands-on instruction. They also will join classroom activities, such as learning the history of the fire department.

Attendees will earn a certification for certain courses they complete, such as CPR, and fire officials hope they will return to their neighborhoods and perhaps pass on the knowledge they have learned.

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## Man arraigned after assault at market

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland police captured a suspect accused of assaulting a woman and taking her purse as she was leaving a market Monday on the city's south side.

A surveillance video helped lead officers to a suspect known to live in the Norwayne neighborhood where the robbery occurred, police Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski said.

The incident happened about 6:30 p.m. Monday as the victim was leaving Robertson's, a market on Venoy south of Dorsey, police said.

"A guy went up to this lady who came out of the store, punched her in the face, snatched her purse and took off running," Trzybinski said.

The victim received minor injuries, he said.

Officers reviewed a surveillance camera that showed the suspect. "They figured out who he was and tracked him down," Trzybinski said.

Brandon Hall, 20, was arraigned Wednesday afternoon in Westland 18th District Court on a charge of unarmed robbery. Visiting Judge C. Charles Bokos entered a not-guilty plea for Hall, set a \$100,000 cash bond and scheduled an April 23 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The latest incident came six days after another purse-snatching, prompting police to warn people to remain alert and be aware of their surroundings while in public.

The other incident happened around 10 p.m. April 7 inside the Kroger store at Merriman and Cherry Hill. A woman was robbed of her purse while she was using the bottle return machine.

A few hours later, police arrested Nathan Lamarr Fisher, 48, of Garden City. He is facing an April 23 preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court that will determine whether he should stand trial.

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## City to launch 'trash-into-cash' on Earth Day

Earth Day, April 22, will have special significance in Westland, when Mayor William Wild will mark the day with an official launch of the city's "trash-into-cash" curbside recycling program during a special event at Westland Shopping Center.

The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, in the mall's east court.

"We couldn't be happier to partner with Westland Shopping Center as we herald the arrival of our highly anticipated curbside recycling program," Wild said. "As the largest business in our community - and the first to partner with RecycleBank - Westland Shopping Center is the perfect venue to properly introduce this cutting-edge program that will turn residents' trash into cash while

protecting our environment."

The city is expected to start its curbside program in mid-June, and households participating will accumulate points for the materials they recycle. In turn, they will earn rewards that can be used at local businesses.

At the Earth Day event, residents will have an opportunity to enter four prize drawings: one grand prize drawing for a \$250 Westland Shopping Center Gift Card, a second and third drawing - each for a \$50 Westland Shopping Center gift card, and the fourth will allow one lucky winner to win a KL Waterquest 9-foot, 7-inch sit-in kayak, retail value \$440, from Wilson Marine.

Wild will also honor Westland Shopping Center as the recipients

of Westland's Mission: Green Eco-Award for their "Thinking Green" initiative. The mall has already installed hand dryers in an effort to save paper towel and reduce landfill space and will soon begin recycling old corrugated cardboard, which is anticipated to save 4,216 trees annually. In addition, sod will be removed outdoors near the Arcade 2 and 6 areas, a move that will minimize water usage. Finally, effective June 1, Westland Shopping Center will begin saving 69,904 kilowatt hours of electricity simply by changing to compact fluorescent lamps.

Companies involved in the city's upcoming curbside recycling program will be on hand to provide information on the program. Refreshments will be served.

Characterized by Mayor Wild as Westland's own economic stimulus package, this program looks to reward each household with approximately \$240-\$540 annually and could inject between \$6-\$15 million into the Westland economy. The curbside recycling program involves single stream recycling in which all materials can be co-mingled in the same bin and also offers a monetary incentive to all those who participate.

Meanwhile, in August the mall will host Wayne County's household hazardous waste collection 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, which presents a prime opportunity for residents to rid their home of thermometers, garden chemicals, dyes, floor wax, nail polish, and other items deemed hazardous.

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## Business Person of Year believes in giving to community

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jeff Juenemann remembers well the day he bought his insurance business from Robert Hamzey in 1982.

"April Fool's Day it was," Juenemann, owner of Juenemann Insurance at 33652 Ford Road in Westland, said with a grin.

The joke wasn't on him, however, as the business has prospered. Juenemann was recently named this year's Business Person of the Year by the Westland Chamber of Commerce, an honor he was surprised and flattered to

receive.

He and wife Linda have two children, David and Kristen. Jeff Juenemann is active in Westland Rotary, handling its foundation duties, bell-ringing for the Salvation Army and packing backpacks for Wayne-Westland elementary students. He's a past president of Westland Rotary and of the chamber, as well as past president of the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents. He's volunteered as an adult leader for the Boy Scouts.

"I was very excited for him," said chiropractor Dr. Amanda Apfelblat, chair-elect for the Westland chamber who currently chairs community and educational development. "I think it's well-suited for him."

Apfelblat has a business relationship with Juenemann for her chiropractic practice.

"I've always been very happy with their insurance company and their services," she said. "He's very active in the community."

"Very well-deserved," Apfelblat added of the Business Person of the Year, to be given Thursday, April 23. "He's always giving to the community. I believe his business is a first-class business."

Juenemann is well-versed in the insurance business, highlighted on his firm's Web site at [www.juenemanninsurance.com](http://www.juenemanninsurance.com).

"It's meant to protect from financial catastrophe as opposed to maintenance," said Juenemann, who lives in Northville Township. "I think a lot of the common-sense assumptions you make

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# Observer & Eccentric will lay off 44 employees

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* Monday announced the layoff of approximately 44 people in all departments – advertising, editorial, circulation and production. In addition, the company will cease publication of five *Eccentric* print and web editions as of Sunday, May 31: The *Birmingham*, *West Bloomfield*, *Troy* and *Rochester* editions.

In addition, the Southfield edition and *O&E's Mirror Newspaper* will become part of a new, multi-community Sunday newspaper, the *South Oakland Eccentric*, which will serve Royal Oak, Berkley, Clawson, Huntington Woods, Southfield and Pleasant Ridge. "These expense reductions are a direct effect of our challenging economy and changing media landscape," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the *Observer & Eccentric/Mirror/Hometown Newspapers*. "These decisions, as difficult as they are to execute and to accept, position the newspaper for the future – a future that includes multiple platforms of news and advertising."

The newspaper company will continue to publish the *Observer Newspapers* in western Wayne County and Farmington/Farmington Hills and the *Hometown Weekly Newspapers* in Northville, Novi, Milford and South Lyon. The company also provides news and information on the web at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

Rosiek met Monday with employees and representatives of employee unions - Graphic Communications Conference/International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 13N District Council 3 and the Newspaper Guild of Detroit, Local 34022 to inform them of these decisions.

The *Birmingham Eccentric* has been published since 1878. The *Eccentric* was founded and named after a local men's club – The Eccentric Club. The first edition of the *Birmingham Eccentric* in 1878 sold for two cents a copy. The award-winning *Birmingham Eccentric* has had six owners in

its 131-year history. The newspaper has been known for its local news and prep sports coverage. Local names and faces in award-winning photo pages were a staple of the newspaper.

The *Eccentric* "brand" expanded in the late 1960s when a *Troy Eccentric* was launched in 1968 followed by the *West Bloomfield Eccentric* and *Southfield Eccentric* in 1970. A *Rochester Eccentric* was started in 1972. The *Eccentric Newspapers* merged with the *Observer Newspapers* and the two companies began combined publishing operations in March 1974.

The *O&E* purchased the *Mirror* from Oak Communications Inc. in 1998. The *Mirror* will become part of the new *South Oakland Eccentric* published on Sunday. The new product will offer local and national advertisers a greater reach with consumers in highly desirable south Oakland County communities.

The *O&E* and *Hometown Weeklies* are owned by Gannett Co. Inc.



Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, shows a gold record earned by the Marvelettes joined by two original members of the group, Katherine Anderson Schaffner (center) and Juanita Cowart Motley, both Inkster residents.

## County Commission honors the Marvelettes

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the Wayne County Commission took their show on the road to Westland, it seemed appropriate that they honored a group familiar with touring – the Marvelettes.

Two original members of the girl group formed at Inkster High School in 1961, Katherine Anderson Schaffner and Juanita Cowart Motley, were on hand to receive a tribute. The Marvelettes recording of *Please Mr. Postman* was the first number one record for Motown Records.

The City of Westland hosted the commission meeting

Tuesday as Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, whose district includes Westland and Inkster presented the tribute. Part of *Please Mr. Postman* was played along with a snippet of a song Gebhardt dedicated to Westland Mayor William Wild and commission staffer Bill Johnson – *Don't Mess With Bill*.

"We're very proud to be here. It's overwhelming – we've never been to a commission meeting before. We definitely appreciate it," said Schaffner. "We were only 15 or 16 when we started. It was overwhelming to become a Marvelette and travel the world over. We had a wonderful time."

The singing group that eventually became the Marvelettes won a talent show at Inkster High School – the top three prizes were auditions for Motown. The group went on to have other hit records including *Beechwood 4-5789* and *Too Many Fish in the Sea*.

About eight times a year, the commissioners will hold a meeting in a local community rather than in Detroit. Commission Chairman Edward Boike, Jr. offered positive comments about Westland,

noting the skate park and other recreational facilities he noticed as he arrived for the meeting.

"It's great to be in Westland, one of Wayne County's great assets. In the county, only Detroit, Livonia and Dearborn have more people," Boike commented.

The nearby William D. Ford Career Technical Center culinary arts students prepared pastries served at the meeting. The Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts program created edible chocolate centerpieces for a lunch served following the session.

On Thursday, May 21, the commission will hold their meeting at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City for the first time.

"I really like the idea of bringing the commission meetings out into the district. It gives people an opportunity to see what we do," said Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb, D-Garden City. "It makes the meetings more accessible since they aren't televised. I'm looking forward to the meeting being in Garden City."

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CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the May 5, 2009 Wayne-Westland and Livonia Schools School Board Elections on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND THE CITIES OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, INKSTER, ROMULUS, WAYNE AND WESTLAND, County of Wayne: NOTICE is hereby given that School Board Elections will be held in parts of the Township of Canton, and parts of the Cities of Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne and Westland for Wayne-Westland Community School District residents and parts of the City of Westland for Livonia Public School District residents on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates of the following offices will be voted upon: One (1) Wayne-Westland School District School Board Trustee for a one (1) year partial term ending June 30, 2010, Two (2) Wayne-Westland School District School Board Trustees for four (4) Year terms ending June 30, 2013 for those residents in parts of Canton Township and the Cities of Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne and Westland; and Two (2) Livonia Public Schools School Board Trustees for four (4) year terms ending June 30, 2013 for those residents in parts of the City of Westland.

The places of voting for the School Board Elections to be held on May 5, 2009, will be as follows:

Wayne-Westland  
School Precincts

Locations

Westland

1 Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson

2 Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard

3 Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette

4 & 8 Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh

5 & 29 Edison School, 34505 Hunter

6 Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer

9 Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey

10 Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse

11 Elliott School, 30800 Bennington

13 Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell

14 Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview

17 P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix

20 Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood

22 Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born

24 Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan

26 Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman

31 Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.

34 & 38 Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing –  
36745 Marquette

39 Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview

Canton Township

2C Tri-City Christian Cntr., 3855 Sheldon Road

15C Walker-Winter School, 39932 Michigan Avenue

28C Agape Christian Cntr., 45081 Geddes

City of Inkster

4001 Hicks School, 100 Helen Ave.

2001 & 2002 Inkster Rec. Cntr., 2025 Middlebelt

6001 Central Activities Rm. Twin Towers,  
2000 Inkster Rd.

City of Romulus

6 – R Rudgate Clubhouse, 7040 Shawnee Drive

City of Wayne

1 & 2 WA Senior Activity Center, 3500 Sims Ave.

4 & 5 WA Taft-Galloway School, 4035 S. Gloria

6 & 7 WA Hoover School, 5400 Fourth St.

8 – WA Roosevelt-McGrath School, 36075 Currier

Livonia Public  
School Precincts

Locations

Westland

12 & 25 Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail

15 Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct

21 Johnson School, 8400 Hix

27 & 36 Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz

30 Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.

40 & 41 Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine  
Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said elections will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On April 21, 2009, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1987	Lincoln	Town Car/4 Dr	Black	1LNBM82F7HY682266
1992	Ford	Taurus/4 Dr	Green	1FACP53U2NG260053
2002	Pontiac	Sunfire/2 Dr	Black	1G2JB124X27255449
1988	Ford	Crown Vic/4 Dr	Blue	2FABP74F4JX207365
1995	Mercury	Mystique/4 Dr	Black	1MELM66L6SK647885
1997	Honda	Accord/4 Dr	Silver	1HGCD5536VA214009
1995	Ford	F150/Pickup	White	1FTEX14H5SKA59396
1991	Plymouth	Voyager/Stawag	Brown	2P4GP55R4MR214317
1999	Dodge	Intrepid/4 Dr	Red	2B3HD46R0XH554926
1998	Pontiac	Bonneville/4 Dr	Green	1G2HX52KXW4227552
1990	Cadillac	Eldorado/2 Dr	Red	1G6EL1337LU613550
1999	Dodge	Stratus/4 Dr	Gray	1B3EJ46XXN580385
1994	Mazda	929/4 Dr	White	JM1HD4618R0306570

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

**30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION**  
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after May 16, 2009 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1978	Pontiac	Grand Prix/2 Dr	Tan	2K37Y8P596427

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CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF MEETING

Case #311B, Proposed Rezoning from CB-4, Vehicle Service and CB-2, Shopping Center Commercial Business to CB-3, General Commercial Business, Parcel #002-99-0079-000 and Part of Parcel #002-99-0078-000, Northeast Corner of Middlebelt Road and Ann Arbor Trail, Bruce A. Michael.

Case #311C, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed CVS Pharmacy with Drive-Thru, Parcel #002-99-0079-000 and Part of Parcel #002-99-0078-000, Northeast Corner of Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail, Bruce A. Michael.

Case #311D, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Shopping Center Renovation, Parcel #002-99-0079-000 and Part of Parcel #002-99-0078-000, Northeast Corner of Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail, Bruce A. Michael.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Adam Hammons, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF MEETING

Case #1077D, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Collision Shop, 35522 Ford Road, Parcel #032-03-0743-000 NW Corner of Ford Road and Harvey Avenue, Adham Farha (Dan Winter)

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Adam Hammons, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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AROUND WESTLAND

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will sponsor a plant exchange and garden item sale 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.

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](http://www.skatelandwest.com). Skateland West is at 37550 Cherry Hill, just west of Newburgh in Westland.

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

ON THE WEB

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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 the 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.westland-chamber.com](http://www.westland-chamber.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.

Scrapbooking

The Wayne Memorial Baseball Booster Club is hosting a Scrapbooking fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Rudgate West Clubhouse, 7040 Shawnee Drive, Romulus. The registration fee of \$25 includes a light break-

fast, lunch and door prizes. The deadline for registration is April 17. Checks and money orders can be made out to Wayne Memorial Baseball. Registrations can be mailed to Wayne Baseball c/o Deborah Gush, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, Mi. 48184. For more information, call (734) 260-9517.

Open House

McKinley Co-op Preschool will hold an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday May 16, in Good Shepherd Church, 6500 Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. The preschool is now enrolling 2-5-year-olds for fall 2009-2010 school year. McKinley Co-op offers morning and afternoon sessions in a fun and comfortable learning environment, affordable tuition and a teacher with more than 25 years experience. For more information, go online to [www.mckinleypreschool.org](http://www.mckinleypreschool.org) or call (734) 729-7222.

Rotary auction

The annual fund-raiser, "Off to the Races" for Wayne Rotary and Wayne Recreation will be held Friday, April 24, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne.

Money raised will be divided between Wayne Rotary College and/or Technical School Scholarships for Wayne Memorial High School youth whose parents are currently unemployed; and Wayne Recreation's upgrade of the Walz Quadruplex playground.

Live and silent auctions featuring items donated by Leo's Jewelry and Gifts, as well as mock horse races will be part of the festivities. Food will be served, and there will be a cash bar.

Tickets cost \$15 and are available from Wayne Rotarians or by calling Jeff Rutter at Wayne Recreation at (734) 721-7400, Ext 1304.

JUENEMANN  
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are inadequate. Everybody assumes when the basement floods, they have insurance coverage."

Juenemann Insurance Agency has bought several smaller Livonia, Westland and Ypsilanti agencies, blending them into the current office. The agency represents several national and regional insurance carriers including Auto-Owners Insurance Company, Progressive Insurance and Indiana Insurance for prop-

erty and casualty line of coverage. They also represent Jackson National and Blue Cross Blue Shield for life and health policies, among several other carriers.

Juenemann agreed there's more variety in insurance, beyond the big companies with big ad budgets: "Positively. Huge variety. Big, small, personal, commercial."

He explained that insurance policies are meant to cover losses that would cause financial hardship to the policy holder. Coverage is not a warranty or maintenance contract for small, expected or

routine expenses. Customers are advised to use the savings from higher deductibles to pay toward smaller claims.

"You can't just say, 'Hey, I want to be an agent' and go," he said of training for his career. "It's almost like the old apprentice thing." There's licensing along with continuing education requirements to consider.

Juenemann's dad was an insurance agent and he knew it wasn't for him. "Of course, years later I graduated with an insurance degree from MSU and began my career with the family business. Later I split

out and bought the agency in Westland. However you get into it, insurance is a good business for detail-oriented, service-minded individuals."

He's found several factors make his business somewhat recession-proof. The state requires car insurance to drive; mortgage companies insist on homeowners coverage to protect their collateral, your home. There's Department of Labor-required worker's compensation when workers are hired.

He encourages customers to come in so they understand insurance policies, which are

long, hard to read contracts developed over many years. Juenemann has a funny story or two from his nearly 30 years in the business.

"I received a call from a customer this past spring. She was opening her large above-ground pool. Finding it empty, she filed a claim for theft of 15,000 gallons of water. The company responded to the report, but was skeptical that a 'theft' had occurred. It was later determined that the pool had a leak causing the loss of water. Unfortunately there was no coverage."

SPRING AWARDS

**What:** Westland Chamber of Commerce's Spring Awards  
**When:** 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23  
**Where:** American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.  
**Why:** Honor the 2009 the First Citizen and Business Person of the Year as well as longtime members.  
**Cost:** \$35 per person which includes a dinner buffet and open bar.  
**Information:** To reserve tickets, call (734) 326-7222 or visit [www.westlandchamber.com](http://www.westlandchamber.com).

ACADEMY  
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However, they will not be certified as firefighters or authorized to assist at real emergency scenes.

The Westland Police Department has sponsored similar academies in the past, and Chief James Ridener said the police and residents found the classes useful. "It demystifies what we do,

and it also tends to allow people to see what goes on and why certain things happen," Ridener said. "It gives them an education of the legal system and how the police work. They don't jump to conclusions because they have a better understanding of the inner workings of the police department."

Fire Chief Michael Reddy said the Citizens Fire Academy can have a similar impact. He said some younger participants may even decide they want to pursue a career in firefighting.

Moreover, he hopes that all attendees, regardless of age, will leave with a new appreciation for the job that firefighters do.

"The main thing is they will have a better understanding of what their fire department does on a daily basis," Reddy said. "They'll get to use some of the equipment and see what goes on and what their fire department is doing for them. It will give them a more intimate knowledge of who we are and what we do."

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- 11:30 AM** – Ted Tenenbaum, Cancer Center Administrator and the Radiation Oncology physicians, will present an overview of the **Radiation Oncology Services**.
- 12:30 PM** – Richard Zekman, D.O., The Oakland Medical Group will present **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma**.
- 1:30 PM** – Michael Berkovic, D.O., F.A.C.O.I., The Oakland Medical Group, will be providing an update on **Lung Cancer**.

*Each presentation will allow time for questions from the audience.*

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Police seeking Dunkin' Donuts robber

A woman working at the Dunkin' Donuts store on the east side of Wayne Road, north of Palmer, told police the place was robbed shortly before 3 a.m. Monday.

The worker said a man came in, placed an order and then demanded money from the cash register. The woman told police she refused and that the suspect jumped onto the counter on his stomach, reached over and grabbed miscellaneous bills from the drawer.

The worker told police the man then lifted the cash drawer in an attempt to look under it. She said she ran to the phone to call police and that he fled the business and ran south.

A Romulus police dog was brought to the scene but was unable to locate a suspect.

The suspect was described as a light-skinned black male, 5-foot-10, with a thin build, 35-40 years old. He wore a short sleeve navy blue T-shirt with a "camel color" long sleeve shirt underneath it, according to police reports. He wore khaki pants and had a mustache.

Anyone who has information is asked to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

### Attempted break-in

Police reported that an intruder tried to break into the front door of Rent-a-

Center, on Wayne Road north of Glenwood, about 1:20 a.m. Monday.

A man who was working as security nearby told police that he heard a loud bang and then saw a man running from the scene.

Police arrived and found a rock near the front door, but the intruder who tried to break in had been unsuccessful.

### Cigarettes swiped

A customer at the 7-Eleven store at Merriman and Palmer roads apparently tried to beat the rising cost of cigarettes by taking them for free.

A 24-year-old man working at the register said a man came in and wanted to buy a carton of cigarettes at 1:10 a.m. Saturday. When the worker told the customer that the store didn't see cartons after dark, the man asked for six single packs, according to police.

After the employee scanned the six packs of Newports, the man grabbed the cigarettes off the counter and fled the store without paying. The worker didn't recognize the man as having been to the store before.

The suspect was described as a 30-year-old white male.

### Attempted car theft

A condominium resident on Shoemaker, east of Wayne

and north of Marquette, told police that he heard a noise, looked outside and saw three men trying to steal his neighbor's Dodge Durango around 3:15 a.m. April 2.

The witness told police he yelled at the perpetrators and that they ran to a nearby Chrysler minivan and fled. Police reported that the intruders had punched out the ignition of the Durango and cracked the steering wheel in an attempt to steal it. The driver's door handle and lock had been pried open.

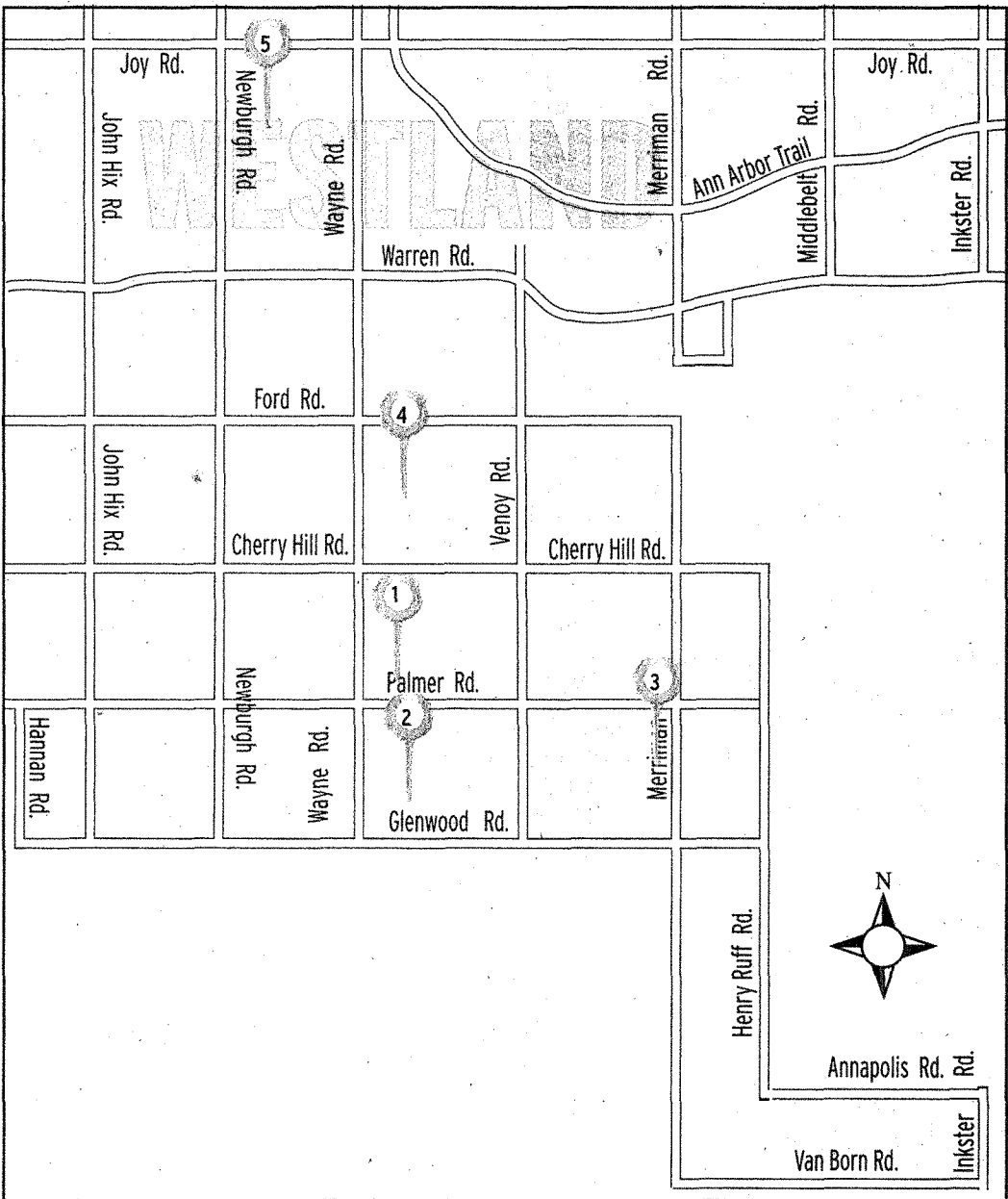
### Fight averted

Police responded to reports of three men trying to pick a fight with someone inside a second-floor apartment in the 36800 area of McKinney Drive, southeast of Joy and Newburgh, shortly before 10 p.m. Sunday.

The victim told police he was visiting a friend when three men, including one with whom he has had an ongoing dispute, arrived. He said they were demanding that he come outside and fight. He said he jumped off a second-story balcony while the men were yelling for him.

The victim told police that after the men left, he noticed that two tires of his car had been slashed and that the windshield was damaged.

- By Darrell Clem



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Each week, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz will be using this column as a regular forum to inform you about the tax process and to answer the questions most frequently asked about property taxes.

Always remember that your property is your most precious asset. Do not risk losing it for nonpayment of property taxes. If in doubt, ask questions.

**Important Tax Information about Real Property:**

Know when tax bills are due and to whom they are pay-



Ask the Treasurer

Raymond Wojtowicz

able. Do not assume that the seller will pay the taxes in the year of sale. If you do not receive a summer and/or winter tax bill, call the city, township or village treasurer where the property is located and request a tax bill. At the same time, check to make sure the trea-

surer has your correct mailing name and address. Do not send a check in the mail and assume that the check reached the treasurer.

**Q: How do I apply to receive notice of delinquent taxes if I am not the owner of the property?**

A: Any person who wishes to receive notice of delinquent taxes may pay a \$5 annual fee for each property by Feb. 1 to the county treasurer. Contact this office and request a Subscription Address Notice Form. You must specify on this

form the parcel identification number, the address of the property, and the address to which the notice will be sent. Return the completed form to this office along with a \$5 fee for each property you are requesting notice of delinquent taxes. For further information, contact our Tax Information at (313) 224-5990.

**Q: How can I get a copy of a tax record?**

A: The Michigan Freedom of Information Act as amended by 1996 PA 553 regulates and sets requirements for the disclosure of public records by all public bodies in the State. An individual may request public documents under the

Freedom of Information Act by submitting their request for public records of the Wayne County Treasurer to:

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Chief Deputy Treasurer,  
Wayne County Treasurer's Office  
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Listings** for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at [smaison@hometownlife.com](mailto:smaison@hometownlife.com). They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

### 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 1950-1960 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](http://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 Born, Wayne. For more information, contact Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767 or by e-mail at [waynehighalumni@aol.com](mailto:waynehighalumni@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](http://www.skatelandwest.com). Skateland West is at 37550 Cherry Hill, just west of Newburgh in Westland.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Get connected at your library

Libraries of all kinds continue to be engines of learning, literacy and economic development in communities nationwide. According to the 2008 State of America's Libraries report, released by the American Library Association, Americans check out more than two billion items each year from their public libraries. The average user takes out more than seven books a year, but patrons also go to their libraries to borrow DVDs, learn new computer skills, conduct job searches and participate in the activities of local community organizations.

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Studies provide solid evidence that the nation's public libraries are engines of economic growth, contributing to local development through programming in early literacy, employment services and small-business development. They show that libraries provide an excellent return on investment, have a measurable positive impact on the local economy and contribute to the stability, safety and quality of life of their neighborhoods.

We want you to know these things because this week is National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. With a theme "Worlds connect @ your library," this week is a perfect time to stop in at the William P. Faust Public Library and see what's going on. If you haven't been in awhile, you'll be surprised.

The library is more than a depository for books, DVDs and CDs. It has become a community gathering place, offering people, young and old alike, the opportunity to learn, be entertained and to try new things. You can learn how to use a computer and surf the Web. You can spend a quiet evening knitting or crocheting, hear music or watch movies.

And access to the library is no longer governed by the hours on a clock. Thanks to the Internet, the library is available 24 hours a day seven days a week. With the click of a mouse, any book from any library in the country can be sent to you in a matter of days. It's all part of the inter-library loan.

We encourage residents to stop by the library and see what's there. If you don't have a library card, take the time to get one and get connected.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

### • Happy to get recycling

I was very happy to read this ONLINE, as I am trying to use the least amount of paper possible. When I saw the broadcast on Channel 7, I was impressed. I do believe more communities will follow suit, as things are changing because change is growth. I'm glad Westland is keeping up with that.

Is the Mayor in the Recycling business? I thought it was auto parts. hmmm

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### • Training is interactive

As one of the facilitators of the grant, I will add some comments about the article ... This has been a two-year project that involves over 30 fire departments in southeast Michigan. This technology is not "television," but interactive video conferencing. In essence, it is resource sharing that involves over 100 individual fire stations on any given day. We are able to connect with parts of Michigan that would otherwise be out of reach.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

The Stanley Cups Playoffs have started. Do you think the Detroit Red Wings will be the champions again this year?  
We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



"I hope they do, but I've heard they've been doing badly lately."

Laura Gramlich  
Southgate



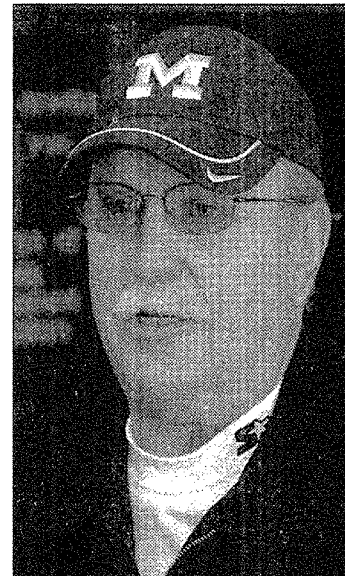
"Oh, yeah, definitely. They're just great. I love the Red Wings. I love hockey."

Sharon Williams  
Westland



"Yes, we have a great team, we have a strong team. They're playing great and they're going to go all the way."

Cathy Duford  
Westland



"They've got the material to go all the way, but when you go all the way, you've got to have a goalie that's hot. We all love Ozzie, but that's the question mark. I hope they make it."

Dick Tripp  
Garden City

## LETTERS

### Thank you, volunteers

The Westland Historical Commission wishes to thank the businesses and residents in Westland that have helped in the restoration of the Historic Village. Glass Unlimited has replaced windows that were broken. Chris Parzuchowski from Leoson Construction is working on some carpenter tasks. Rich Duffiney, a drywall finisher, completed a bedroom that needed work and patched a ceiling and a wall. Jim Popiel of Meticulous Window Cleaning LLC washed all the 54 windows in the Octagon House.

Everyone of them did a marvelous job and we would recommend their work. You can call the museum at (734) 326-1110 or me at (734) 522-3918 to get their phone numbers. Thank goodness for Westland volunteers.

Jo Johnson  
Westland

### Full of tales

A couple of rambling letters have been published recently concerning the economic and banking crisis in America and throughout the world. The letters are notable not for the clarity or accuracy of their content, but instead for their laughable conservative ideological spin. Each letter combines the usual anti-government and anti-Congress rhetoric with some wholesale historical revisionism and with a good dose of those always goofy right-wing conspiracy theories to boot. The tales spun in these letters would have us believe that economic meltdown occurred not because of 30 years of fraudulent conservative economic and tax policies, the wholesale deregulation of Wall Street, and Republican-sponsored corporate greed and irresponsibility. Rather,

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it was allegedly the fault of government and of Congress, and especially the fault of two evil Democratic legislators who somehow rigged the system, even while Republicans controlled all three branches of government. In fact, as proof of the veracity of these claims, the writer even cites that paragon of ultimate truth, virtue, and integrity, Karl Rove.

Such fairy tales are always popular with conspiracy theorists and low information voters such as FOX "News" viewers (we distort, you decide), as well as those whose warped and paranoid view of reality is shaped by screaming right-wing AM radio hosts. For the rest of us who prefer not to wear tinfoil hats and who don't buy into those bizarre delusions of black helicopters and a new world order, the first few months of the Obama administration have been a time of profound hope and satisfaction.

Despite wholesale Republican obstruction and childish behavior, President Obama and the Democratic Congress have already accomplished much to right the course of our nation, a course that had been thoroughly misdirected by a breathtaking level of conservative stupidity in nearly every aspect of economic, social and foreign policy. The task ahead is still monumental in scope, but what a great start!

So let the naysayers play with their tea bags while listening to FOX propaganda and their dear leader Limbaugh to shape their delu-

sional, hate-filled, and alternate version of reality. The rest of us will think for ourselves, as was evidenced by wisdom of America's people during the 2006 and 2008 elections. Our nation's future is once again bright, and her future glory will not be dimmed by irrational and ideologically driven nonsense.

Joe Golonka  
Westland

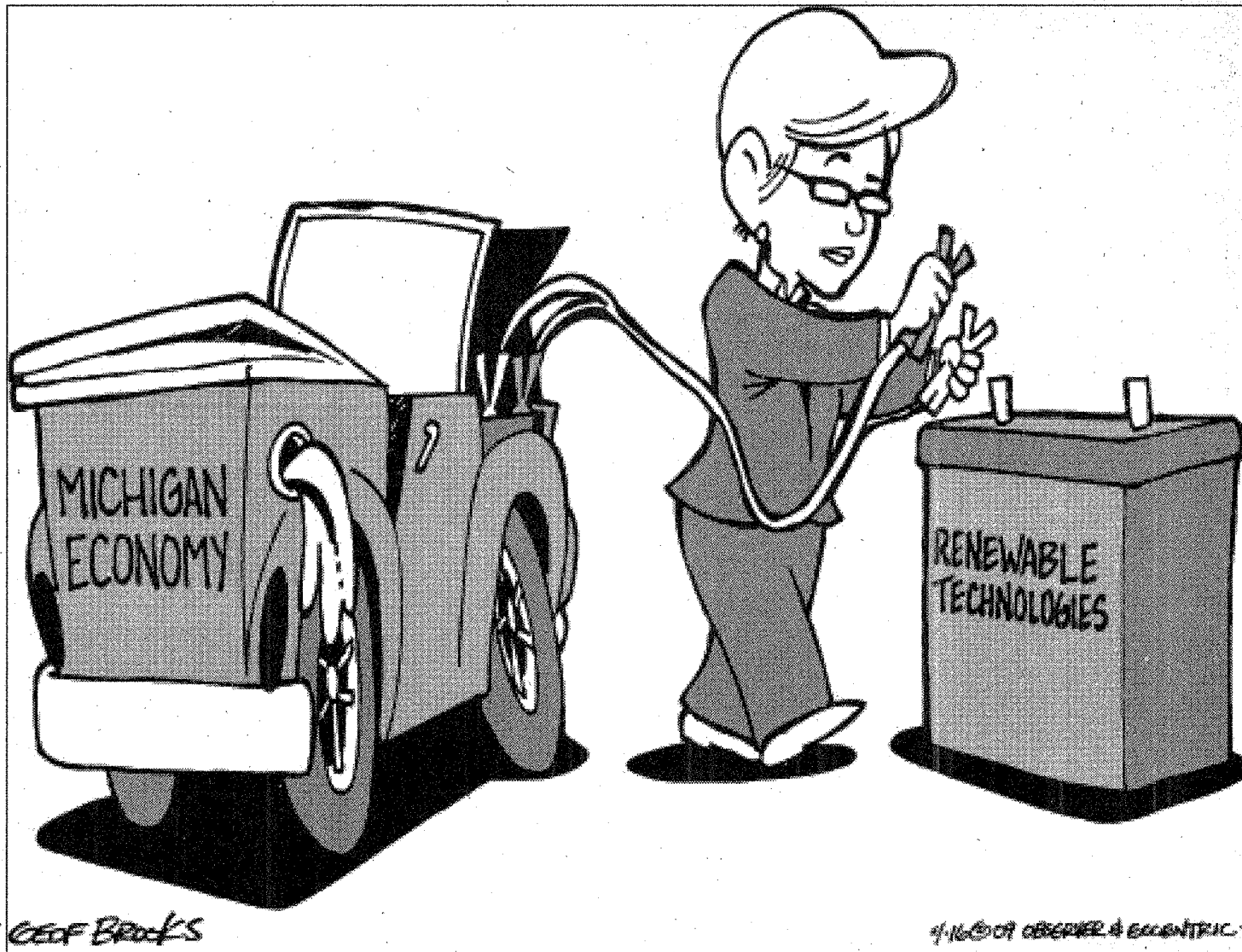
### Marvelous experience

I had the most incredible experience with my son this weekend — WE WENT TO THE MOVIES!!!! My son is 10 1/2 years old and is diagnosed with PDD-NOS and is also moderately cognitively impaired. We went and saw *Monsters vs. Aliens* all the way down at the Taylor AMC Star 10 theater, but it was worth every mile we drove! I cried for the first 10 minutes because I couldn't believe I was actually sitting in a movie theater with my son like a "typical kid." He hummed, he hooted, he constantly stood up, walked around and flapped ... and no one asked us to leave!

I would like to bring the movie experience to other caregivers of autistic children closer to home at the AMC Livonia 20 theater. What do I need to do, or who do I need to talk to about this? I met Cecelia Hammond in Taylor, and she mentioned it may be possible to start this up in Livonia.

Please, let's get this going in Livonia. We have Burger School for Autism as well as quite a few other schools who serve students with autism. I am personally volunteering to contact every school around me to help spread the word that AMC provides sensory-friendly films.

Michele Wysocki  
Livonia







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# Antique hats on display at charity event

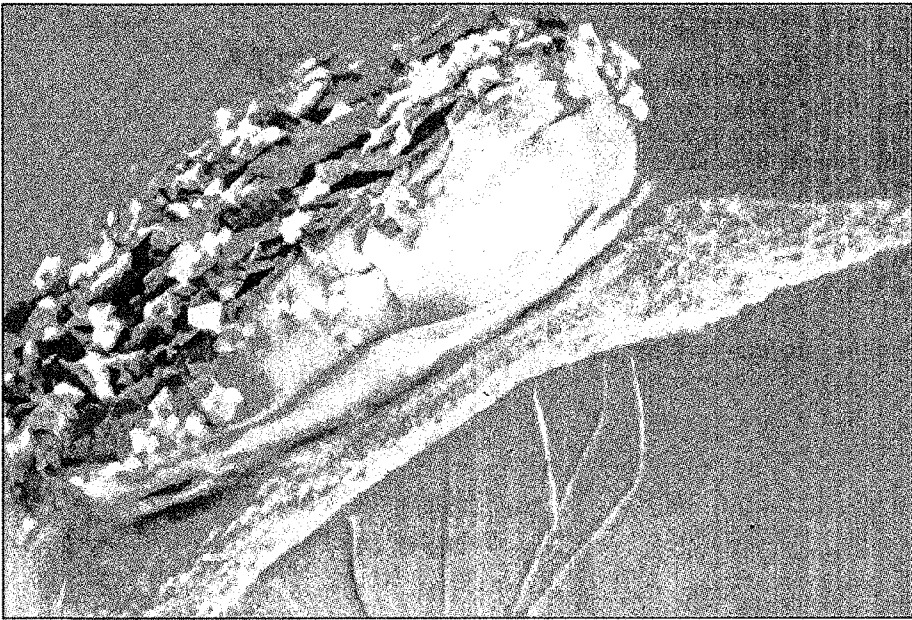
**BIRMINGHAM** — The Detroit Historical Society has graciously loaned out an incredible array of antique hats never before displayed for the public. The Women's Association of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan will present them at its Annual Spring Luncheon on April 30, at Meadow Brook Hall, Rochester Hills. The hats have been donated primarily by Michigan residents and cover the late 1800's to early 1900's. They have all been carefully preserved and cover a range of styles from everyday wear to social occasions — even funerals.

This is the first B&GC luncheon to be held at this venue and is particularly appropriate as it was the home of Matilda R. Wilson, the namesake of the group's annual community award. This year's award will be presented at the luncheon to Connie McEwan, an active community supporter and volunteer in a number of local organizations. Event chairs are Anita Dauch and Debra Cox.

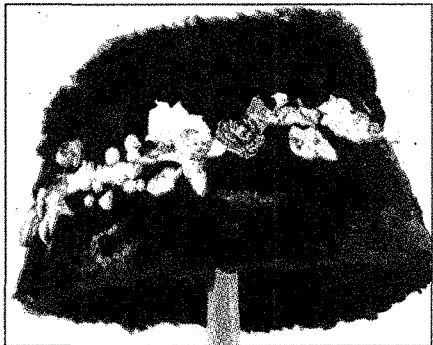
The luncheon will also feature a docent-guided tour of Meadow Brook Hall spotlighting the beautiful and fully furnished family living quarters throughout the first and second floors of the mansion. Meadow Brook Hall is the fourth largest historic house museum in the country (88,000 square feet) and is renowned for its superb craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale. In a timely convergence, it was being built (1920's) when many of the hats on display were actually being worn!

Tours begin at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon. Tickets are \$75 (additional \$10 for tour) and are available to the public by calling Meghan at (248) 522-4412.

Tax-deductible receipts will be provided by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan.



This silk hat, with white horsehair braid, silk, and satin ribbon from the early 1900s, was donated by Mrs. Leroy Swift and Wm. J. Kinmont.



This lady's sealskin and brown velveteen hat, dating to the early 1900s, was donated by Mrs. Nathan G. Leakey.



This ruby red velvet hat accented with taffeta and straw dates back to 1893, donated by Edward Hartwick.

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# Be prepared: Tax planning is a 12-month job

April 15th has come and gone and for most people it means they can forget about taxes for another year. That would be nice if we only had to worry about taxes when we file our tax return.

Unfortunately, that is not the case. Tax planning is a 12-month job. Those who don't think about taxes until next April most likely will find that when next year's tax season comes around, they will be in panic mode and will end up paying too much.

There are several things people can do throughout the year to make filing taxes as easy as possible. The first is setting up a tax record system. It is important to establish a record-keeping system because it appears major tax law changes are on the way.

It is hard to know what the tax law will be at the end of the



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

year and what new deductions may be available. One thing is certain you need to document deductions. I recommend saving receipts in some sort of record-keeping system. After all, something that is not deductible today may be deductible by the end of the year and the documentation is essential.

Many taxpayers are under the mistaken belief that taxes are due once a year. That's not the case. Taxpayers have found that in many situations when they file a return, not only do they owe but sometimes must pay interest and penalty on the additional money owed. Taxes

are due on a quarterly basis and for those with income outside of regular employment, must be monitored to determine whether an estimated tax payment is required. In addition to federal tax, one also must be concerned with State of Michigan taxes.

It is everyone's responsibility to stay current with changes in tax laws. I recognize this is difficult, however, it is important. That doesn't mean you have to stay up-to-date with every minute change in the law. I will do my best in this column to keep readers informed of any tax law changes that affect individuals.

Taxes are a fact of life and the goal of the taxpayer is not necessarily to lower their taxes but rather to be smart about them.

I realize this may be confusing. However, if a taxpayer's

goal is to merely lower their taxes, they're missing out on the most important goal – to increase net worth. If you lower your taxes you don't necessarily increase your net worth. In fact, in many situations when you lower your taxes you are lowering your net worth. For example, too many people purchase bad investment products – such as variable annuities – merely to lower their taxes. What they don't realize is they may

be lowering their taxes in the short run but increasing them for the future.

We saw the same thing back in the 1980s when numerous investors rushed in to buy limited partnerships in order to lower their taxes. Their goal of lowering their taxes was accomplished. Unfortunately it was because they lost money.

It is important for all taxpayers to understand how our tax laws work. Reading one or two articles or even a book will not

make you an expert in tax law. However, you do not have to be an expert in tax law to understand how to be smart with taxes. Being smart with taxes will help you increase your net worth, which is exactly what you want to do.

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# HOMETOWN LIFE



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## Hail Caesar: McLean gets national title

BY BRAD EMMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kevin McLean's hockey career is just beginning to blossom. The Livonia native, a defenseman with the Little Caesars AAA Hockey Club, showcased his emerging skills earlier this month in the 18-and-under USA Hockey National Tournament in Pittsburgh where the Tier 1 Midget Major squad from Detroit captured the title on April 5 with a 4-3 overtime win over the Dallas Stars.



McLean

Caesars, who call Joe Louis Arena their home rink, ended the year 55-16-7 overall as McLean finished with seven goals and 32 assists for 39 points.

At 19, he was one of Caesars' elder statesmen on a team where players were born anywhere from 1990 through 1993.

"It was a mixed group of older, and yet younger talented guys who got along well and became a family at the end of the year," said McLean, a 2008 grad from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High. "We had good team chemistry, just a great group of guys who worked hard."

At 6 foot 3, 175 pounds, McLean is just tapping into potential, according to his coach Bill Ciraulo.

"Kevin is a stay-at-home defenseman who improved immensely this season and has become a Division I college player," Ciraulo said. "We picked him up late last year and he's come a long way. He's tall and thin, but does a good job. I convinced him to play one more year with us because he'd be that much better as a junior player."

"He wasn't a captain, but he took on a role as a captain and did a phenomenal job because his teammates respect him."

McLean's long-range goal is to play collegiate hockey, but first he must make a stop next year in either the U.S. Hockey League, which stages its draft May 14-15, or North American Hockey League, where he has offers already tendered from teams in Wichita, Kan., and northern Minnesota, Ciraulo said.

"I'm more of a defensive defenseman — prevent the other teams from scoring with a good plus-minus rating and do whatever I can to help

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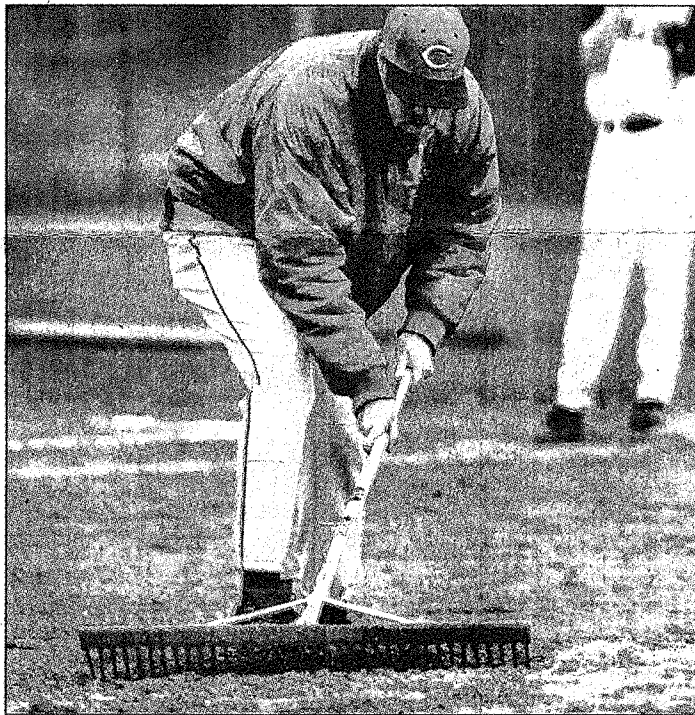
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Bloomfield Hills Lahser catcher Greg Padilla applies the tag on Clarenceville's Matt Kurdziel as he tries to score a run during Tuesday's rain-soaked non-conference baseball game. The teams were deadlocked 9-9 in the fourth when rain forced umpires to stop the contest.

## Rain-soaker

### Clarenceville can't sustain lead in 9-9 deadlock

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Clarenceville varsity baseball coach Dan Miller tries to keep the infield playable during the second inning Tuesday.

For more than two hours Tuesday, host Livonia Clarenceville and Bloomfield Hills Lahser battled each other and the raindrops trying to complete a non-conference varsity baseball game.

But ultimately, the elements were too much to deal with as the contest was stopped in the top of the fourth inning of a 9-9 deadlock.

"It's just a long game that never happened," Clarenceville coach Dan Miller said.

Lahser coach Mike Babcock said it was frustrating for the game to be called with his team poised to take the lead after scoring seven runs in the fourth.

"They finally came out that last inning and showed that passion and it ended up getting called after we tied the game," he said. "Which was a little unfortunate."

Lahser (1-1) still had the bases loaded when umpires decided the field was no longer playable.

Miller lamented letting a 9-2 lead evaporate, plus watching an infield pop-up fall in to keep Lahser's fourth inning alive. Had the Knights' been retired, Miller said it might have been ruled a complete game.

"We had a pop-up on the infield that the play should have been made," Miller said. "We make that play it

Please see **C'VILLE, B3**

## Langham named NJCAA All-America

BY BRAD EMMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What a difference a year makes — just ask Schoolcraft College's Tayler Langham.

As a freshman, the Salem High grad was a role player who came off the bench for the Lady Ocelots' 28-4 basketball team.

Fast forward to her sophomore year when the 5-foot-9 Langham became only the third player in Schoolcraft College history to be named NJCAA Division II first-team All-America joining former Ocelot first-team selections Rachel Eley (2001) and Charlese Greer (2006).

Langham, who recently made a verbal commitment to the University of Detroit Mercy, led the 32-3 Ocelots in scoring (15.9 points per game) while shooting 50.6 percent from the field.

It was a storybook season for the Lady Ocelots, who advanced to the NJCAA Division II National championship game before falling to Kirkwood (Iowa), 62-38.

"It (Schoolcraft) was a really good experience, they taught me a lot," Langham said. "I think I became a better player mentally. I developed an outside shot and defensively I've gotten better — not perfected — but I learned to be quicker on my feet. Coach (Karen) Lafata said she wouldn't let me go to Detroit (Mercy) without playing good defense."

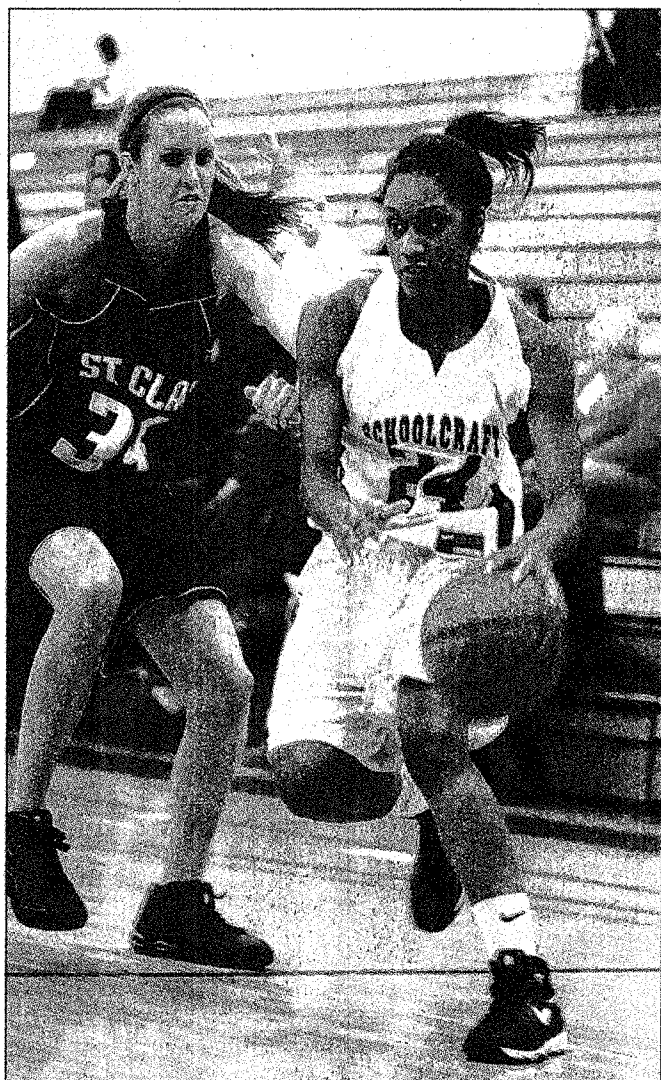
Langham, who prides herself on conditioning, said her job this season was "get the rebound and run."

It resulted in many double-digit blowouts during the regular season for the high-octane Lady Ocelots' fastbreak attack.

"People thought we were boring to watch, but it was fun and we had to play hard regardless," Langham said. "It was a really good team where everybody got along and had fun."

Langham will graduate from Schoolcraft with an associate degree in liberal arts after taking a complet-

Please see **LANGHAM, B3**



RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft College's Tayler Langham (right) recently earned first-team NJCAA Division II All-America honors.

## Perfection: Irwin's gem spurs Madonna

Jess Irwin, coming off NAIA National Pitcher of the Week honors, threw only the second perfect game in Madonna University women's softball history to highlight Saturday's double-header sweep at Cornerstone University.

The Crusaders took the first game, 8-0, in five innings as Irwin (18-5) struck out 12 of the 15 batters she faced en route to her fourth straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week honors. Irwin had 42 strikeouts in 19½ innings.

Offensively, Ashley Shay and Tedi Johnston each went 2-for-3 with two RBI. Brittney Scero (Canton) also knocked in two runs.

In the nightcap, MU improved to 35-7 overall and 13-1 in the WHAC with a 10-1 win over the Golden Knights.

Freshman Hallie Minch (Garden City) improved to 17-2 with a three-hitter. She struck out 10 and walked only three.

Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) and Mary Kate Setta each went 3-for-4 with three RBI, while Shay added three hits and two RBI. Cornerstone falls to 6-23 and 3-7.

**MADONNA 7-0, AQUINAS 4-8:** On Friday, host Aquinas College (21-7, 9-1) handed the Crusaders (33-7, 11-1) their first WHAC setback as pitcher Whitney Hudson threw a three-hitter to salvage a split in the nightcap.

Hudson (11-4) struck out three and did not allow a walk in the six-inning mercy. Ashley Aspinall went 4-for-4 with a 2-run homer and five RBI.

Losing pitcher Hallie Minch (16-2) was roughed up for seven earned runs on 11 hits.



Irwin

## SIDELINES

### MU adds spiker

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced the signed Monday of Katie Czarnecki, a transfer from Macomb Community College.

Czarnecki helped Macomb CC to the NJCAA Division II National Tournament in 2007. The 2006 L'Anse Creuse North grad also earned All-Macomb Area Conference, All-County and All-Region honors. She was the Crusaders' two-time team MVP (2005-2006) and MAC MVP her senior her.

Czarnecki joins Milford High's Evia Prieditis as Abraham's second recruit.

"We could not be more excited to add Katie into our team for next season," said Abraham, who has guided MU to seven straight NAIA National Tournament appearances. "She is an athlete that can attack from antenna to antenna and can terminate the play. With the graduation of a pair of All-Americans in Whitney Fuelling and Lubovj Tihomirova, we needed to bring in a player who can play on the outside for us. She is a big, left-handed attacker who can step right in for us next season."

### Graves gets cager

Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves announced Tuesday that Kristie Porada (Gibraltar Carlson) has signed an NAIA letter-of-intent for this fall.

Porada, cousin of current MU volleyball red-shirt freshman Amanda Koszela, is the second signee for Graves, joining Kayleigh Burden (New Boston Huron) who signed with the Crusaders last week.

The Rockwood native earned three letters in basketball to go along with a pair each in cross country and track at Carlson. As a senior she averaged 10.1 points and 5.2 assists per game on her way to a second straight selection to the All-Mega Conference team as well as a selection to the All-Downriver team.

"Kristie is such a versatile player," Graves said. "She does so many things well and we are looking to utilize her in several ways. Kristie has a stellar grade-point average which will fit nicely with the MU philosophy. She has the ability to handle the ball exceptionally well, has a decent shot, good speed and shows the desire and will to win and want to improve."

A two-year captain on the hardwood, Porada was also an All-Mega honoree last fall in cross country and earned the Coaches Award in track as a sophomore.

"Kristie loves basketball and we are certain that she is a boost to the program," Graves added.

### MSU honors Montgomery

The Michigan State University Black Alumni and Western Metro Detroit MSU alumni clubs will honor Spartans men's basketball associate coach Mark Montgomery on Wednesday, April 22, at Dearborn Hills Golf Course, located at 1300 S. Telegraph Road, Dearborn.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with speakers, including MSU athletic director Mark Hollis, slated at 6:30 p.m. The event concludes at 8 p.m.

The \$5 cover charge at the door includes appetizers, cash bar and door prizes. (Bring your camera and get your photo taken with Sparty.)

RSVPs are appreciated by e-mailing Rich Whipple at [REKJWhipple@yahoo.com](mailto:REKJWhipple@yahoo.com).



## MU men's golfers rule invite

The Madonna University men's golf team captured its second straight tournament Saturday by shooting a two-round total of 310 to take home the title in the Glen Oaks Invitational held at the Golf Club of Coldwater.

Senior Matt Robinson (Livonia Churchill) shot an opening round of 82, but bounced back in the afternoon to card a 75 to post the low total for MU of 157.

Fellow senior Elliott Oscar shot a combined 159 with rounds of 83 and 76, respectively, while Steve South (Livonia Franklin) had rounds of 78 and 80 (158).

Austin Stillman (Franklin) and Brett Quitiquit rounded out the scoring for Madonna with two round totals of 160 (81-79) and 163 (80-83).

The Crusaders return to the course Saturday at the Trine Invitational in Angola, Ind.

• MU men's golf coach Steve Mato announced the signing Monday of Tyler Skiba of Alpena High School. Skiba joins Ronnie Pollack, Jr., Kevin Robinson (Livonia Churchill) and Erik Taurence, all whom signed NAIA letters-of-intent in February.

Skiba was runner-up last year as a junior and medal-

### COLLEGE GOLF

ist as a sophomore for the Wildcats in the Big North Conference. He was also runner-up last summer in a pair of AGIA events.

Skiba, a three-team scholar-athlete, has won a total of six letters including three in hockey where he helped Alpena win the Division 1 regional in 2007.

"Tyler is an excellent student and has a great deal of tournament golf experience," Mato said. "He will be a valuable asset to our program in the very near future."

**Crusader women 2nd**

Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson) shot an opening round 87 (46-41) to lead the first day play of the Madonna University Spring Invitational held Tuesday at Walnut Creek Country Club.

St. Francis of Indiana, with a team total of 352, led the host Crusaders by 26 strokes followed by Ohio Dominican (381) and Cornerstone (394).

Other MU scorers included Sara Simnitch, tied for 11th (94); Livonia Franklin's Mariel Meyers, 13th (95); Dearborn Divine Child's Caitlin Steele (Livonia), 13th (102).

## Siena Heights wins nightcap in twinbill vs. MU

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

The Madonna University baseball team finds itself tied for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference following a double-header split Saturday at home against Siena Heights University at Ilitch Ballpark.

MU won the opener, 8-5, as winning pitcher Jeff Sonnenberg (8-1) went the distance, allowing one earned run on six hits. Sonnenberg, who picked off the Saints' Brent Cork at first to end the game, struck out six and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

Third baseman Aaron Hacias went 3-for-4 to pace the Crusaders' 12-hit attack.

Matt Kay (Canton) delivered a key 3-run double while Shawn Little (Canton), Zach

Jack Cross (1-3) got the win in relief for the Saints, allowing just one walk on no hits and two strikeouts in 2.2 innings.

MU, which dropped to No. 12 from No. 8 in the latest NAIA coaches poll, is now 28-5 overall and 7-3 in the WHAC (tied with Indiana Tech). Monday's and Tuesday's games were washed out for the Crusaders.

The Saints fall to 15-22 and 3-7.

### Haeger signs recruit

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the signing Monday of Tom Atkinson (Alpena) to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

Atkinson joins four other

MU signees including Brad Lineberry (Plymouth), Alex Charles, Donny Holland and Steve Pelletier.

Atkinson hit .344 as a junior while earning scholar-athlete honors. He also lettered in football where he named All-Big North Conference special mention.

"Tom is another in a long line of talented baseball players we have been able to recruit out of the Alpena area," Haeger said. "He continues in the tradition of players like Scott Anderson, Brandon Jaskolski, Bob Hamp, Jeff Warholik and most recently Jason Barbeau, who have come from that area and have had very good careers at MU. I have no doubt that Tom will do the same."

## S'craft coach Henry nabs four new recruits

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball program hopes to be back on the road to redemption following the signing of four new recruits for the 2009-10 season.

The Ocelots, 7-22 last season and 3-24 in 2007-08 under coach Randy Henry, have added two players from Redford Thurston High and two others from Allen Park.

Henry's biggest catch is first-team All-Observer selection Greg Morgan of Thurston, a 6-foot guard who averaged

14.5 points and 4.4 rebounds while shooting 53 percent from three-point range.

Also in the fold is Morgan's teammate, 6-5, 225-pound forward Cameron Mitchell; 6-4 Trevor Zacny and 6-6 Aaron Felsner, both of Allen Park.

"Morgan can shoot the 'three' and can take the ball to the basket," Henry said. "He's real muscular and is not scare to go to the basket."

"Mitchell is a tough guy inside, not afraid. He's got to get more acclimated to get the

ball in his hands. He's capable of scoring. He's got good strength and can jump. He played football."

Zacny, according to Henry, can play three different positions.

"He's multi-faceted, he played the point all year and has great vision running the floor," the Schoolcraft coach added. "He's near a 20-point scorer. He plays hard and loves the game."

Felsner, meanwhile, will help give the Ocelots some post presence.

"He can play inside, but can also hit the jumper at the free throw line," Henry said. "He's

played mostly with his back to the basket. I also like his tenacity to rebound."

The combination of Zacny and Felsner could have an immediate impact.

"They've been together three years on the floor at the same time and they like each other's tendencies," Henry said. "I could see them both as possibly starting."

Henry also said that Livonia Churchill's 6-7 senior center Cameron Norscia will also join the Ocelots as a walk-on.

"He won't be on scholarship, but with a good summer he could contribute," Henry said.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
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 SOFTBALL**  
Thursday, April 16  
Southfield at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
(all double-headers)  
Saturday, April 18  
Wayne at Willow Run, 11 a.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Thursday, April 16  
Clawson at Clarenceville, 5 p.m.

**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
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)  
Saturday, April 18  
Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m.

**Sunday, April 19**  
Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
(all double-headers)  
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.

## Demolition rolls past Wisconsin in opener, 34-6

BY CHRISTIAN YOUNG  
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Demolition needed a little time to knock the dust off the wrecking ball, but once it got going, watch out.

The Independent Women's Football League team started their season Saturday at

Livonia Franklin High School in a gritty fashion with a 34-6 Midwest Division victory over the visiting Wisconsin Warriors.

Detroit opened the game in grand fashion, as Aisha Brown busted off right tackle to put the first light in the scoreboard. New addition Danielle Paulozzi ran in a botched snap

on the extra-point attempt to give Detroit an 8-0 lead.

The Demolition would go up again via a big play by the special teams, as Lakita Davis blocked a punt and recovered the ball in Wisconsin's end zone for a 15-0 lead with 1:26 left in the first quarter.

Kristine Vidojevski returned an interception 98 yards, aided

by a crushing block by Dawn Adams, to put the Demolition up 22-0 before halftime.

The scoreboard would not get any rest, as Lateefa Moore (Wayne Memorial) delivered a crushing blow to Wisconsin quarterback Brenda VanKuick, forcing a fumble, and raced it back 51 yards for another defensive touchdown.

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might be the game. But I’m not going to blame the weather or anything.

“We played three innings of good baseball and one-half inning of bad baseball and we just have to learn how to put a full game together.”

Clarenceville freshman Damien Quarles pitched three solid innings before losing command in the fourth.

“Damien threw strikes for the most part and overcame the elements until the fourth,” said Miller, whose Trojans are 1-3 overall.

The fact mud practically hid home plate – along with a slippery mound – undoubtedly contributed to the struggles that Quarles, Damien Sanchez and Ben Gehan had trying to complete the inning.

Those conditions contributed to Clarenceville’s six-run second, which gave the Trojans a 6-1 lead.

An infield single by junior Mike Schiffman on a come-backer off Lahser pitcher Luke Dauch made it 1-1 and literally knocked Dauch to the sidelines.

Clarenceville then scored on a balk by Lahser reliever Brad Hill and bases-loaded walks to Quarles and sophomore Matt Kurdziel gave the Trojans a 4-1 advantage.

With Mike Deiotte on the mound, freshman Eric Trotter ripped an opposite-field single to right, scoring two more. The rally might have been even big-

ger, but catcher Greg Padilla tagged out Kurdziel sliding through the muck trying to reach home plate.

The Knights, who had opened the scoring in the first on Dauch’s double and a triple by Shawn Schreur, cut the deficit to 6-2 in the third on Schreur’s double to right.

In Clarenceville’s third, the Trojans bumped the lead up to 9-2 thanks to a wild pitch, error and a bloop single to left by Quarles.

That set the stage for the wacky fourth when four bases-loaded free passes enabled the Knights to make it 9-9 with two outs only to have action halted.

Despite how the game ended, Miller said there were plenty of positive signs for his team.

“Damien Quarles pitched well the first three innings,” Miller said. “Mike Schiffman had a strong game, he hit the ball hard a couple times and our infield defense was pretty good.”

Jimmy Moody, Damien Sanchez and Eric Trotter played well in the infield. Ben Gehan had a nice game scooping up a couple balls over at first base.”

**ANDOVER 3, CLARENCEVILLE 1:** Monday at Livonia Clarenceville, the Trojans (1-3) were held to one hit (Jimmy Moody) by Bloomfield Hills Andover pitcher Max Goidan (14 strikeouts).

The Barons (2-2) tallied runs in the first, fourth and fifth against Clarenceville pitcher Mike Schiffman, who gave up just two walks and six hits in seven innings of work in the non-conference matchup.

LANGHAM

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ing a couple of classes during the spring term.

She is looking forward to the opportunity to play Division I basketball. At UDM she plans to major in sports management.

She is grateful for the coaching she received from her high school coach (Fred Thomann), along with her college coach (Lafata).

“Coach Thomann helped me out a lot,” Langham said. “He was always screaming at me in practice. He kept me in line. He yelled a lot, but my parents said it was OK. It was mostly about defense and making sure I was in the right spot.

“He (Thomann) and coach Lafata have different coaching techniques. He (Thomann) yelled a lot in practice, but not so much in the games. She (Lafata) yelled a lot in the games, but not as much in practice.”

Langham’s only regret was not bringing home a national championship.

“They (Kirkwood) were big, they were blocking everything,” said Langham, who had a season-low five points. “They had won it a couple of times before and they were more ready than we were.”

But the sting of losing the national final was tempered by being named first-team All-America.

“I didn’t know until coach (Lafata) called me,” Langham said. “It was exciting.”

MCLEAN

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my team win,” said McLean, who has played organized hockey since age 5. “I thought our team as a whole would do the little things to win — play unselfish hockey, block shots, play good all-around defensive

hockey for the goaltenders, and have the forwards help back.”

Caesars advanced to the Nationals by defeating league rival Belle Tire in a two-of-three series last month in Taylor for the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) crown.

They advanced to the elimi-

nation round of the Nationals after getting three points in the prelims. In the elimination round, Caesars posted by wins over Mid Fairfield (5-3) and Cleveland (6-4).

“A lot of times a coach will shorten his bench when you get to the playoffs, but our coach (Ciraulo) believed in all of us, he gave us all equal time

and exposure,” McLean said. “He put the team’s success at the tournament above where we’d could possible play next year. That says a lot about him. And with the group of guys who won it, they’re most happy about to seeing our coach (Ciraulo) win it. We had a great coaching staff who helped us out a lot.”

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Your local golf guide

First time visitor to the Masters — one more check on the bucket list

By David Graham

As a lifelong fan and avid golfer, the dream has always been to visit the Masters tournament. When you enter your sixth decade, having a bucket list (as in what I want to do before I kick the bucket) seems pretty natural. Wednesday of the 2009 Masters Tournament, I was able to check off attending the Masters Tournament from my list.

Countless authors have documented the biggest surprise — Television cannot do justice to the change in elevation from tee to green. Until you actually see it, you just cannot appreciate it. Better yet, walk all 18 holes as I did on Wednesday and truly experience it. Whoever claims that golf is not an athletic event requiring stamina should make that walk and understand. Up and down the hills of Georgia, these golfers are truly world-class athletes who must be in good shape.

Everywhere you look is perfect green grass that is perfectly trimmed with fairways better than some of the greens I have puttied. And Massive pine trees — I was challenged to find a pinecone or two to take home since the maintenance staff would not want anything to be out of place (I did find two, one for my book shelf and another for a friend’s.) The flowers were Azaleas of pink, purple, red and shades between with blooming white dogwoods to contrast. Truly some great eye candy! And one of the best is the Great Old Oak tree between the clubhouse and the first tee. Reported to have been planted in 1850, it is truly a majestic tree that embodies the dignity of

this great tournament.

Our hosts at Augusta National want the “patrons” who visit to have a wonderful experience that is affordable. One of the more famous sandwiches served is the Pimento Cheese on White Bread. Sounds boring but actually is quite delicious. Combine it with a bag of chips and a sweet ice tea and you’ve got a perfect lunch at a perfect golf course for the grand sum of \$4.

As I walked the course up and down the hills, I had flashbacks to great Masters’ moments. Jack’s charge and victory in 1986, Scott Hoch’s missed 2 foot putt on #10 in 1989, Greg Norman’s collapse against Nick Faldo. They say the tournament doesn’t start until the back 9 on Sunday. The front 9 is incredible. The back 9 is even more spectacular starting with an unbelievable tee ball down the hill on #10, a 495 yard par 4. Next up, Amen Corner starting with #11, a 505 yard par 4 with a pond fronting the green (how about Larry Mize pitching in to steal the green jacket from Greg Norman in 1987). Next #12, a short 3 par of 155 yards that is devilish due to the swirling Georgia winds. Next up, #13, a 505 yard par 5 that challenges the players to get home in two for a shot at an eagle (remember Curtis Strange dumping his approach into Rae’s Creek fronting the green leading to Bernhard Langer winning the Green Jacket in 1985). Let’s jump ahead to #16 where Tiger created the greatest impromptu commercial for Nike when he pitched his second shot from the swale left of the green to the ridge on the green and watched as it

trickled ever so slowly down the hill and with its last turn, Swoosh logo perfectly face up, falls into the hole. Wow. I watched several patrons re-enacting that shot (without club or ball) with friends for their own Kodak moment.

Onward to #18, the player is hitting their tee ball through the chute of Georgia pines. Another great climb up the hill to that final green. I recalled Ben Crenshaw collapsing in tears as he rolled in his last putt to win his second green jacket in 1995.

As spectacular as it was to spend the day walking Augusta National, it got even better that evening as a guest at the annual dinner meeting of the Golf Writers Association of America. We attended to recognize our good friend and long time writer for the Detroit News, Vartan Kupelian’s election as President of the GWAA and his hosting of the Players of the Year awards. Padraig Harrington, Julie Inkster, Jay Haas and Jack Nicklaus — among others — were recognized. What a thrill to meet Mr. Nicklaus, shake his hand and thank him for the thrills he has provided golf fans over the years.

If you are a golf fan and you ever get the chance, whatever it costs, go to Augusta National to experience walking those Georgia hills, amongst those pines and relive all of your Master’s memories. Next up on my bucket list: to play Augusta National! How cool would that be?

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan and lifelong fan of the game of golf.

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# St. Michael adds cupolas in traditional style

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

When Rt. Rev. Michael Barna came to lead St. Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church in 1975 he promised himself that one day traditional onion-shaped domes or cupolas would find their rightful place atop the building in Redford. Money in the church budget went instead for necessities until the membership was able to afford a single dome to represent Christ.

Many more years went by until the parish started a campaign two years ago to raise \$90,000 for the remaining four cupola. On Thursday, April 2, Barna's dream was realized as the architectural accents were blessed and raised to the roof where they form a cross that can be seen from the sky. Christ is finally surrounded by the four smaller cupola symbolizing the evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John just in time for Pascha, the Russian Orthodox Church's Easter.

"I went to Russia five times when I was younger. Most churches there have cupolas. They're like the shape of a tear or light of a candle to give you warmth for your church," said Barna, 90, a mitred priest which is similar to a cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church. "When you see the onion dome you know it's a Russian church. On top is the Slavic Russian cross which has three bars. The bottom bar is slanted because Christ's pain was so great (on the cross) he wrenched it out of place and one end points up and one end down. Christ was crucified with a thief on each side of him. One repented and the end pointing up stands for one thief goes up. The other goes down."

Along with installing the four cupola and crosses, a craftsman was hired to gold leaf the main dome and cross. Plans call to cover the remaining four with gold as soon as money can be raised.

The symbols and traditions are

the reasons Pat Hermes joined the church and took on the task of overseeing the project along with the Very Rev. Timothy Barna who became pastor of the church when his father Michael retired in 2004.

"We didn't know where to get them from," said Hermes of Redford. "It's kind of unique thing to buy and we eventually found Campbellsville Industries in Kentucky. We encountered obstacles like whether to buy fiberglass or aluminum and wanted the shape as close to the center one. We decided on the aluminum so we could gold leaf the remaining four in the future because gold leafing went astronomically high."

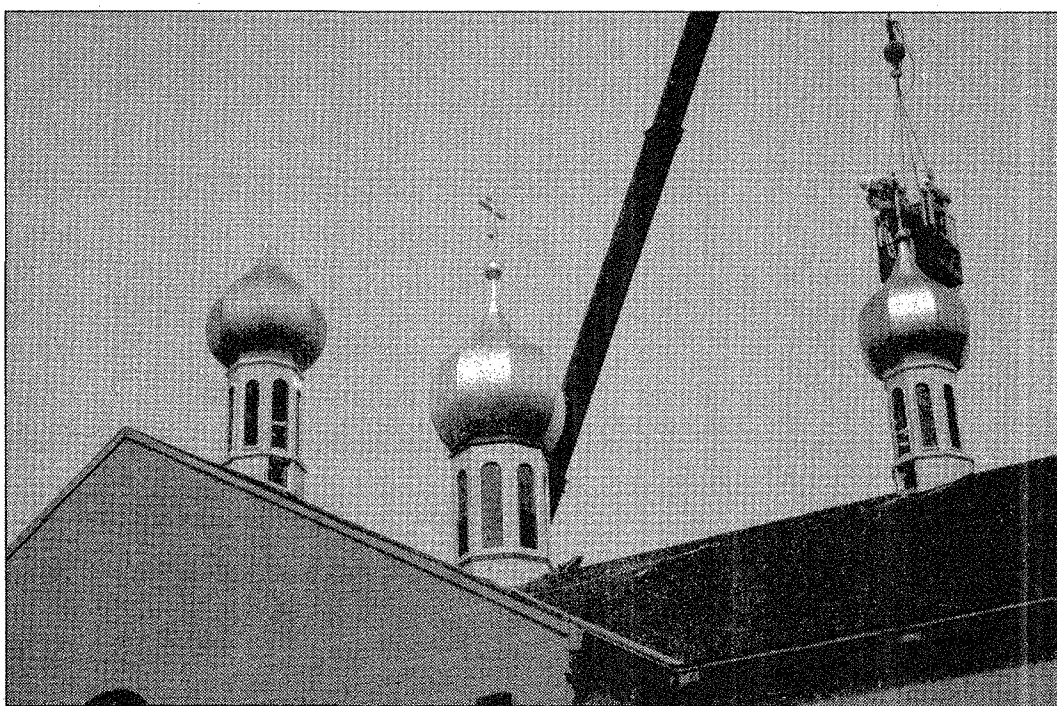
In the meantime Pastor Timothy Barna is quite proud of the church's exterior and interior and looks forward to Holy Week services as he leads a tour of the sanctuary.

Established in 1926, the church remained in the Michigan Ave. and Livernois area of Detroit until destroyed by fire in 1967. The present-day structure on West Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, was dedicated in 1968. Today 127 members attend services there.

"The Russian Orthodox Church was established in 988 A.D.," said Timothy Barna, a fourth generation priest. "This is Holy Week. Sunday was Palm Sunday but instead of palms we have pussy willows. On Good Friday we carry (Christ's) tomb around the church three times and on Saturday have a grave watch (in anticipation of the Resurrection)."

"It's very close to the Roman Catholic," added Hermes who formerly attended a Roman Catholic church. "It's just the old school. It's the same sacraments but no one but the priest touches communion. It's very reverent. The church doesn't change just for people. It's very strict. The body and blood (communion) are given together in a spoon, and the music is a capella, no instruments."

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A crane raises one of four new cupolas to the roof of St. Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church in Redford.



Rt. Rev. Michael Barna (left in miter hat) and his son the Very Rev. Timothy Barna bless the cupolas that now top St. Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church in Redford.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

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### Book signing

Rev. Jerry Yarnell, pastor of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, signs his new book, *Battle Lines: Seeing God's Hand Today* 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Border's, 43435 Ford Rd., Canton.

### Bethany west singles

• Saturday, April 18, Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

### Historic Polish church tour

West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society, a nonprofit organization with headquarters in historic St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Detroit, will hold its second annual west side Detroit historic Polish church pilgrimage and traditional Polish Easter meal Saturday, April 18. The pilgrimage starts at 10 a.m. at St. Hedwig, 3245 Junction, and includes St. Francis d'Assisi (4500 Wesson), and St. Stephen (4311 Central) in Detroit, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (976 Pope John II Ave.) and St. Stanislaus Kostka (266 Antoine St.) in Wyandotte. The meal will be held at Biddle Hall, 3239 Biddle, Wyandotte. The menu includes kielbasa, ham, potato salad, tossed green salad, beet horseradish (cwikia), bread, butter lamb, dessert (variety of cakes, or babkas), and beverages. Coaches do not have wheelchair lifts. Return to St. Hedwig between 5-5:30 p.m. Optional Our Lady Queen of Angels Mass at 5 p.m., and confession at St. Stephen, 5:30 p.m. Advance reservation only by April 8. Call (248) 477-8518, e-mail lpalazolo@detroitpolonia.org, or visit www.detroitpolonia.org. As a special feature, during dessert a video will be shown about traditional palm weaving by Sr. Cecilia Schmitt, a Franciscan nun in St. Cloud, Minnesota, who wrote "the" book on weaving palms. There will be emphasis on weaving the Polish palm cross.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia will host its celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday April 19, with special devotions to which all area Catholics are cordially invited to the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Mercy Sunday was formally instituted as a day of celebration by Pope John Paul II in 2001 and is based on Christ's revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska about humanity's need for His Divine Mercy in our troubled world. The day begins with Mass at noon followed by an opportunity for confessions at 2 p.m. and recitation of the rosary at 2:30 p.m. while reconciliation continues. The Divine Mercy Devotion begins at 3 p.m., traditionally the hour of "greatest mercy" commemorating the hour of Christ's death, and will include the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction.

### All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard. Expanded menu features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns and assorted beverages served buffet-style, \$5, adults; \$3, children 4-11; free, under 3; \$15, family (two adults and all children). Everyone welcome.

### Healing ministry

7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660.

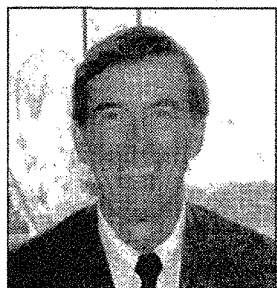
### Holy Land pilgrimage

Learn about the opportunity for the journey of a lifetime 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, as Russ Goodman of Ultimate Journeys Tours and Travel speaks at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. The topic will be the Current State of Pilgrimage and Travel in The Holy Land. Goodman coordinates over 40 churches and 1,000 passengers per year in travel to Israel, Greece, Turkey and several locations in Europe. Pastor Dorian McGlannan, St. John's Church rector leads the Ultimate Journey pilgrimage to the Holy Land Nov. 3-12, 2009. The trip originates in Detroit. For information, call (734) 453-0190.

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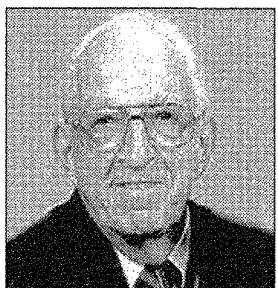


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**THE HON. DAVID F. "DICK" BRECK**

April 10, 2009. Age 78, of Birmingham. Husband of the late Frances "Fran" (nee. Miller). Dear father of Kevin (Anne), Margaret Smith (Kenny), and Kathleen Reitemeyer (Paul). Grandfather of Ian, Kelsey, Emily, Mary, Jessica, David, Gabriel, Benjamin and Rebecca. Brother of the late Sam (the late Marion). Memorial celebration Saturday, 11 a.m. at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10 a.m. Memorial tributes to Horizons Upward Bound at Cranbrook Schools, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

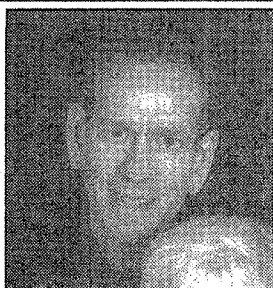


**MARVIN J. CRIGER**

Mr. Criger, 89, Charlotte, NC, passed away April 3, 2009 at the Carriage Club of Charlotte, NC. Mr. Criger is survived by his wife Marie, son, Dane Criger of Charlotte, daughter, Nadine Hershey of Mt. Pleasant, SC, a sister, Virginia Robertson of Plymouth, MI. Survivors include many nieces and nephews, including one special niece, Mary Ann Sincovec. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three sisters. Mr. Criger graduated with honors from the University of Detroit and also attended the graduate school of banking at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He was Senior Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of Dearborn Bank & Trust (Comerica Bank). He was a long time member of the Dearborn County Club, past president of Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, past president of First Friday Club, past president of the Detroit Chapter American Institute of Banking, Chairman of the Michigan Bankers Association, and Kiwanis Club treasurer. Marvin served his country in World War II as a Captain in the Army Air Corps and received the Purple Heart, Air Medal with 6 Oak Clusters, and Distinguished Flying Cross with 2 Clusters. He flew 57 missions over the Pacific. Upon retirement he and Marie moved to New Smyrna Beach, FL where he belonged to the Fairgreen Golf and Country Club, joining the Men's Association, Tuesday Bridge Group, and Over the Hill Golf Group. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church Men's Club and volunteered for AARP doing taxes for over 10 years. A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Gabriel Catholic Church on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 11:00 AM, 3016 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211. Interment was in the St. Gabriel Catholic Church Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Gabriel Catholic Church.

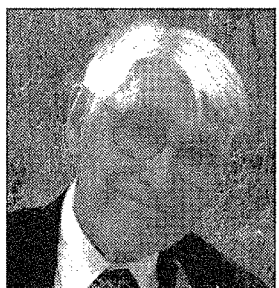
### EARL E. HARRINGTON

April 12, 2009. Age 74, of Plymouth. Loving husband of 51 years to Joyce. Dear father of Kathleen (David) Teal, Anne (Michael) Kanickides and Steven (Barbara) Harrington. Proud grandfather of six. Also survived by his sister Shirley (Gary) Orders. Mr. Harrington taught for 39 years in the Plymouth-Canton School District, including Smith Elementary, as well as West and Central Middle Schools. Private cremation services were arranged by the Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.



**MARLIN "MARV" E. REID, III**

Age 61, of Livonia, passed away February 20, 2009. A world traveler, he would meet and fall in love with Maryann Winkler while on a trip to Spain. On July 15, 1987, they would marry. He worked for Farmer Jack in Livonia, and was a devoted member of the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. He enjoyed biking, was an avid reader and loved music. Beloved husband of Maryann. Loving son of the late Rose and Ed Reid. Dear brother of Joanne (Michael) Shedlock and David (Maysoon) Reid. Proud uncle of Megan (Bryan) Reid-Blood, Katie, Allie and Gerard Reid. Brother-in-law of Claudette Reid, wife of the late Phillip Reid. Services were held in Tannetown, MD, with interment following at the United Church of Christ Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, 2 p.m., at the Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the "Homeward Bound Rescue League," P.O. Box 87591, Canton, MI 48187.



**BENNETT W. ROOT, SR.**

Long-time resident of Birmingham, died peacefully Monday, April 13, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI. He is survived by loved ones Barbara Evans, his four children, Ben Jr., Tom, Jim and Anne, daughters-in-law Helen, Laura and Kathy, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was married to Mary E. Mayfield of Flint, MI. Ben was born in Birmingham to Edwin and Eloise Root on April 24, 1917. After graduating from Birmingham High School and University of Michigan (BS Chem. Eng. '37), he worked at Exxon, assisting in the development of synthetic rubber. He and Mary, his wife of sixty years, wed in May, 1941. In 1942, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, studied meteorology at MIT and served as a Lt. jg. in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he returned home to raise his family on Webster St. and Bradford Rd. Until his retirement, Ben worked at the U.S. Rubber Co. (Uniroyal) Jefferson Avenue plant where he developed prototype and enterprise computer based quality management systems in conjunction with IBM. He served his community as a member of the Birmingham Planning Board, a member of the Birmingham School Board and a Vestryman at St. James Church. He was a lifetime member of the Senior Men's Club. Ben, a trumpeter in the Michigan Marching Band, loved classical music, especially opera. He was also particularly fond of gardening, cultivating bonsai and serving as a caretaker of a portion of the gardens at the Cranbrook Institute of Art. Services will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, Maple Avenue, in Birmingham on Tuesday April 21 at 11:30 a.m. Remembrances may be made to Clark Retirement Community—Benevolence Fund, 1551 Franklin Rd., Grand Rapids, MI 49506. [Matthysse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home, Wyoming, MI.]

### WALTER E. SCHMIDT

Age 95, Of Farmington Hills, MI. 4-8-09. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

### KATHRYN "Kitty" TOUHEY

Long-time Plymouth-Canton teacher, passed April 8, 2009. Survived by her sister-in-law Barbara Hopfinger her son Patrick Touhey, daughter Kathy Daniels, four grandsons, Josh Weideman, Justin Touhey, Sean Touhey, Christopher Touhey, granddaughter, Megan Touhey & her beloved friend Theresa Savich & family.



**JEANETTE ANN WINES**

Age 67, April 10, 2009. Of Canton, Michigan. Former member of the Plymouth-Canton Community Board of Education, member of St. John Neumann Alter Society and participated with the American Cancer Society-Relay For Life. Beloved wife of Roger R. Wines. Dearest mother of Eric R. (Melissa) Wines and Kristina M. Wines. Grandmother of Ashley and Rachel Wines. Sister of Mary Plante, Violet Toth and Joseph (Betty) Fanelli. Sister-in-law of Robert Bartus and Evelyn Fanelli. Also survived by cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and many dear friends. Predeceased by parents, Joseph and Anna Fanelli, sister Dora Bartus, and brother William Fanelli. A Funeral Mass was held today at St. John Neumann Church with burial following at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com. Contributions suggested to the American Cancer Society-Relay For Life.

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**Trinity food pantry**  
Deadline is April 23, for the Trinity Church Food Pantry on Saturday, April 25. Trinity Food Pantry for April. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 on Monday, April 20 to Thursday, April 23. Trinity Church is at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, Plymouth.

**Open house**  
And Science Fair 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton. Call (734) 459-2490.

**Apologetics for beginners**  
The Mass: Christ's Once for All Sacrifice is the topic as nationally-acclaimed apologist and author, Gary Michuta, continues his series "Sharing Made Simple: Apologetics for Beginners" 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish school, at 11441 Hubbard and Plymouth Rd., between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext 200, or see www.livoniastmichael.org. Michuta's presentation focuses on the reasons that

Catholics believe Christ is truly and wholly present in the Eucharist and how that sacrifice figures into the point and purpose of the Catholic Mass.

**Rummage sale**  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, between Five Mile and Six Mile, Livonia.

**Mom to mom sale**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

**Shared Hope presentation**  
Shared Hope International is a leaders in a worldwide effort to prevent and eradicate sex trafficking and slavery through education and public awareness. The organization rescues and restores women and children in crisis. Every year between 100,000 and 300,000 American children are sold into the sex trade in this country. The average age a girl is trafficked is 12. This eye-opening presentation takes place 4-5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan Rd., Wayne, 48184, and 1-2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Pre-regis-

tration appreciated but not required. Visit www.christoursavior.org and click on the events page to register. To learn about sex trafficking, visit www.sharedhope.org.

**Landscape project**  
Trinity Church of Livonia is holding a Native Landscape informational meeting 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, in the church library at 34500 Six Mile, next to Stevenson High School, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. The meeting is to discuss native landscape plans for the church property. They have been working with the City of Livonia and the Friends of the Rouge at ways to be good stewards. Goals include reducing air and water pollution, embracing a sustainable aesthetic, and building community. All are welcome. A planting day is scheduled for May 16. The church is also hosting a site at a Livonia Park for the Rouge Rescue set for June 6. Call (734) 425-2800.

**Clothing bank**  
Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive. The bank continues in April. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

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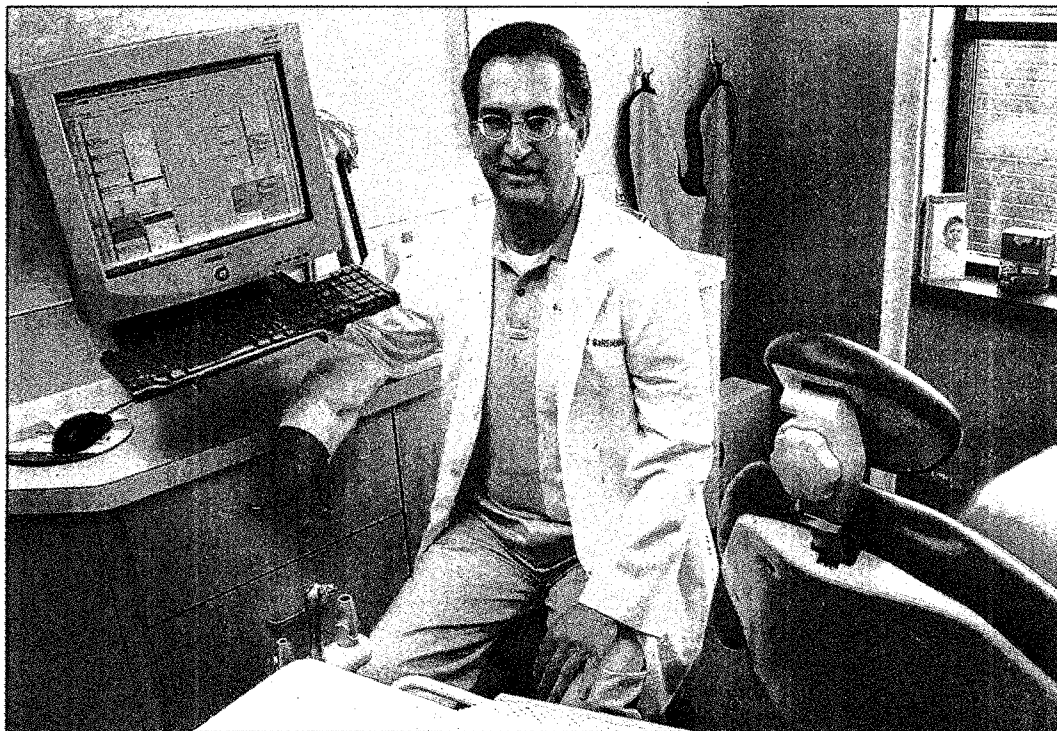
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**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

I think what makes our office unique is that we are hometown people and we treat our patients like friends and family, which many of them are.

**Observer:** How did you decide to open your first business? I worked for the VA when I first graduated, and then practiced dentistry in several other offices,

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but I didn't like the way they ran their businesses. When I met my predecessor, Dr. Schmitt,

here in Garden City, I realized we had the same philosophy of how to treat people. We hit it off immediately and I bought his practice when he retired.

**How did you decide to locate in the Garden City community?**

Garden City is my hometown. I grew up here and my parents still live here.

**Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business?**

One of the funny things about Garden City is that it still is kind of a small town. Families tend to stay here or come back if they leave. It often happens that friends or family members, maybe who haven't seen each other in a while, will bump into each other at our office. And then one will say, "I didn't know Dr. Barsamian was your dentist!" And then they'll make plans for dinner or something to get caught up with each other.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Local phone service

TDS Telecommunications Corp. is committed to helping low-income families get telephones in their homes at an affordable rate using funds from the Universal Service Fund program.

While 90 percent of American households have telephone service, there are millions who simply cannot afford a telephone in their home and situational poverty caused by the recent economic downturn is pushing many new families and individuals into qualified programs, many of whom may not be aware that Lifeline and Link-Up reduced-cost phone service programs are available and can help to keep a landline in their home.

Consumers may be eligible for these reduced rate telephone services, if they receive qualified benefits from their state.

"Lifeline and Link-Up are designed to ensure that everyone in the country has access to basic telephone service," said Kevin Hess, senior vice president of Government and Regulatory Affairs for TDS Telecommunications Corp. "Phone service is not only a convenience, but a necessity. It's a

link to emergency services, the way we look for jobs, and the way we stay in touch with family and friends."

According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Lifeline program provides discounts on monthly service for qualified telephone subscribers. Depending on the state, customers could see a discount of \$10 or more per month. The Link-Up program offers reduced charges for telephone installation and additional discounts off the monthly service.

Consumers can find out more information about these programs by writing to the FCC at 445 12th St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. People can also call (888) CALL-FCC or log on to [www.fcc.gov/cgb](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb). There are different requirements in nearly every state to qualify for the Lifeline and Link-Up programs. To find out what the qualifications are, call TDS at (888) CALL-TDS.

### Time to plant

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

purchasing 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.

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.

Art Van is partnering with community schools and organizations to keep the tradition of outdoor beautification on Arbor Day alive. Trees will be planted as part of various projects - from school landscaping to community parks, from support for class projects to gifts to students for home planting.

The donation will support every community in which Art Van operates stores. Among the 2009 organizations receiving the trees is the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

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

## CHAMBER CHAT

The Westland Chamber of Commerce is honoring two individuals for their work in our community.

The first is the 2009 Business Person of the Year Jeff Juenemann. Jeff is the owner of Juenemann Insurance. Jeff has been a Chamber member for 31 years, before he even owned his own business. Jeff also was a past president on the Chamber Board, past Westland Rotary president, and past president of the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents. He is still involved in all of these

organizations along with several others. He gives back to his community as often as he can.

Thanks, Jeff, for being such a great role model.

Second we would like to honor the 2009 First Citizen of the Year Meriem Kadi. Meriem has been a staple to almost every community organization or function. She is always willing to help out and volunteers most of her time. She is involved with the Westland Chamber, the Westland Rotary, the Westland Community Foundation, the Western Wayne Oakland

County Association of Realtors and the Friends of the Library just to name a few.

Meriem is a perfect example of what a First Citizen is. Thanks for all you hard work in our community!

Both of these individuals will be honored on April 23, at the Westland Chamber's Spring Awards. If you would like to attend, call the Chamber at (734) 326-7222 to reserve your spot.

**Brookellen Swope**  
president, CEO

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Celebrate Earth Day

Through its Caring For Our Home program, Art Van Furniture will once again celebrate Arbor Day, by donating 3,000 spruce trees to area schools and organizations for planting. The groups will plant the trees as part of regional beautification projects and educational programs. Others can do their part by beautifying their surroundings with flowers! Stop by any Art Van store at 8300 Wayne Road, Westland, to receive a free packet of flower seeds now through April 25. Don't delay. Packets are available while supplies last. And, by the way, Earth Day is April 22, Arbor Day is April 24.

#### Free CPR class

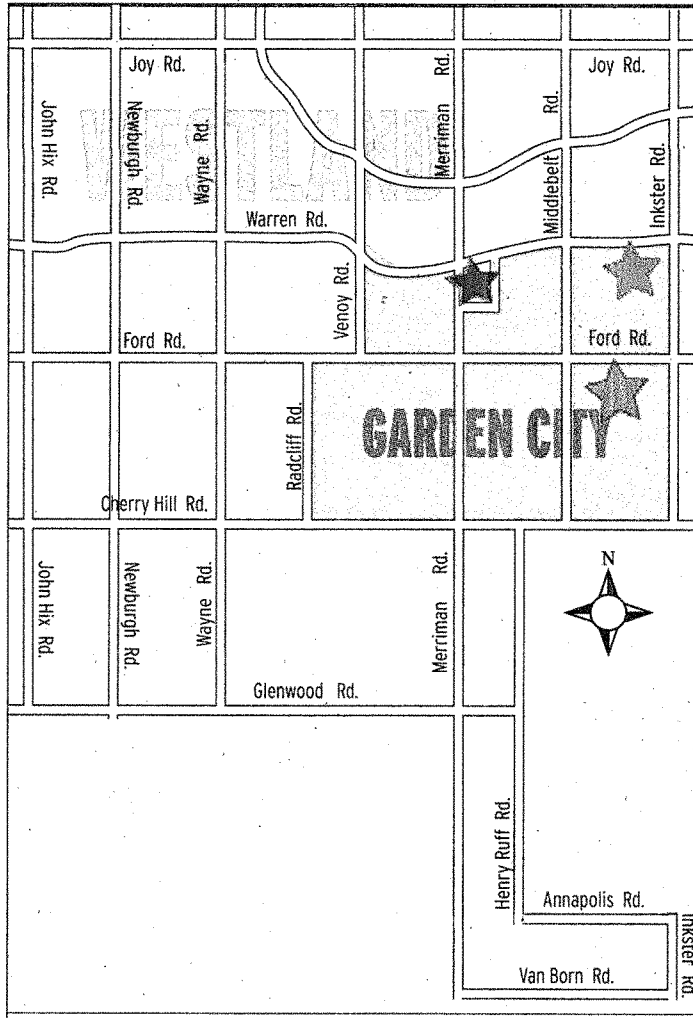
Performing effective CPR immediately after someone suffers sudden cardiac arrest can double their chance of survival. Garden City Hospital, in partnership with the American Heart Association, will present a community CPR class free of charge 1-4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, in the hospital's Health and Education Center, 6701 Harrison, Garden City. To register, contact Garden City Hospital's Community Education department at (734) 458-4330.

#### Open House

Barson's Greenhouse is holding an open house Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26. Located at 6414 Merriman, between Ford and Warren Road, Barson's features annuals, perennials, vegetables, plants, hanging baskets, top soil and peat. It's also the go-to place for ponds. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. You'll find more information on the Web site at [www.barsons.com](http://www.barsons.com) or call (734) 421-5959.

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#### Honoring Mom

Now through May 1, people can submit at one-page maximum hand written

essay about what makes their mom so special in a contest sponsored by the Texas Roadhouse in Westland. The contest is for kids ages 5-12 and when a child brings in their letter they will receive a free kid's meal voucher for their next visit just for their efforts. The winner will get to take his or her family out to dinner to celebrate Mother's Day at Texas Roadhouse (up to \$60 value, tax and gratuity excluded). They also will receive a gift basket with a \$20 gift certificate to Biggby Coffee and a one-hour massage at Pure Massage. The letters will be posted throughout the restaurant. Five finalists will be selected, with Mayor William Wild picking the winning essay. Texas Roadhouse is at 36750 Ford, west of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4570.

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# FILTER

## Students, Art Deco Society team for exhibit

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Rebecca Binno Savage hoped to attract a younger audience for the annual Detroit Area Art Deco Society's Michigan Modernism Exposition when she invited Oakland Community College students to submit work for a photo display.



Savage

"I'm hoping those students will bring in friends to see it and to see the (Modernism) show itself. To me it's something unique to see 20th century design all in one space and one time," said Binno Savage, a Society member. "We have a total 34 photos. They will be up during the whole show, not just for the preview party."

The preview party, 7-10 p.m., Friday, April 24, will kick off the weekend Modernism show, which will run 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, April 25 and noon-5 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at the Southfield Municipal Complex at 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. General admission is \$8 for the Modernism Exposition, which will include 20th century antiques and fine arts from more than 80 dealers from across the U.S., Canada and Europe. The exposition will offer a broad selection of the mid-century design in furniture, jewelry, clothing, radios, photographs, art, glass, china, silver, clocks, paintings and textiles.

Tickets for the preview party are \$50 in advance, available at [www.daads.org](http://www.daads.org), and at select retailers listed on the Web site or by calling (248) 582-3326. Preview party tickets at the door are \$65. The party offers first dibs on the exposition's antiques and fine arts, live music by Sarah Grogan and the SG Ensemble, and a first look at the student photography display.

### COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Binno Savage worked with 10 student photographers from the college's Royal Oak campus, offering a list of art deco buildings for subject material, using her book, *Art Deco in Detroit*, as inspiration.

"The Deco Society approached them based on a friendship our board has with one of the professors. We came up with a way that we could work together," Binno Savage noted. "I helped the students choose which buildings to shoot for the exhibition. The images are so terrific. It really has turned out to be so much better than I thought it would be. There is a lot of color and black and white. Some are sort of straight-on photos of the buildings and some are creative angles. Say the building has neon, like the Elwood Bar and Grill, the colors are played up in the neon. It depends on the building."

Binno Savage said she stayed "minimally involved," letting students rely on their own creativity in deciding how to photograph each building.

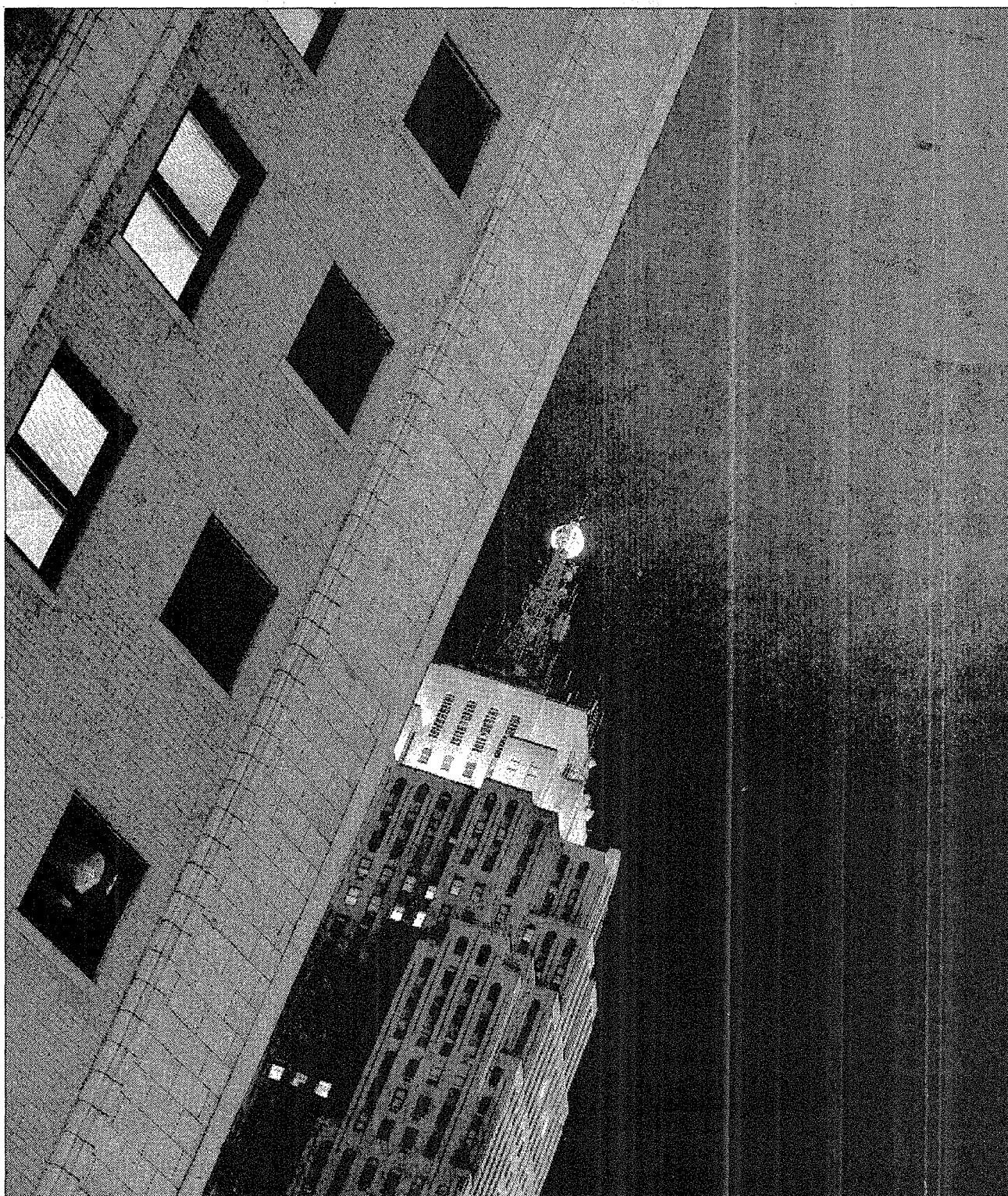
"It surpassed our expectations," she said.

Area deco structures include the Guardian and Penobscot buildings in downtown Detroit, Ellwood Bar, Ford-Wyoming drive-in, a Mosque in Hamtramck and the Majestic Theatre in Detroit.

Along with the student exhibit, a vintage 1934 Chrysler Airflow, restored by owner Sam Haberman of Birmingham, will be on display during both the preview party and exposition.

Preview party proceeds will go towards a scholarship given annually to a student at Eastern Michigan University in the historic preservation program, as well as projects supported by the Society.

"This will be our ninth year. We've donated to such projects as the Penn Theatre in Plymouth and the Redford Theatre," Binno Savage said. "We've donated to exhibits at The Henry Ford related to our era. We support 20th century design."



A photo by Ryan DeBloski of Bloomfield Hills, from the student exhibit.

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# FOOD & WINE

## These wines are 'hot'

Currently, dry Riesling is the "hot" white wine.

Laden with apple, lime, white peach, mineral notes of slate and wet stones; sometimes floral such as jasmine and orange blossom and always a vibrant finish, it's a most versatile white wine with foods. It's perfectly styled



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

for sushi or fish with a lemon-butter-sauce. Grilled brats are a delicious meat accompaniment. No matter the success of riesling in Michigan, New York State, cooler regions of northwest U.S. and Australia, Germany is where it all began. Its many wine areas from the northern reaches of the Mosel south to the Swiss border, offer unique regional tastes due to the wide variety of soil types, aspects and climatic influence of the regions' rivers.

So, don't group all these wines under one moniker, "German riesling."

Holding U.S. consumers back are German wine names such as Paul Anheuser's 2008 Schlossbockelheimer Konigsfels Riesling Kabinett, a truly excellent, fresh and fruity wine for \$17.

Only two elements of the label are important as you try to navigate through many selections. In the case of this wine, it's the term Riesling Kabinett, announcing a dry style with lots of fruit sweetness and the region Nahe, which means that riesling grown there will display more earthy and mineral notes.

### MASTERING REGIONAL STYLES

If you'd like a slightly drier style than the Anheuser Kabinett, look for 2006 Dr. H. Thanisch

### RIESLING AROUND THE WORLD

The many delicious facets of RIESLING styles are exemplified by: Poet's Leap 2007 Columbia Valley, in the Long Shadows collection, \$20 Cono Sur 2008 Vision (Chile), \$15 Penfolds 2008 Thomas Hyland, \$14 Kendall-Jackson 2007 California, \$12 - slightly sweet at 2.2 percent residual sugar

Classic (dry) Riesling from Bernkastel in the Mosel, \$20. The Mosel's steep, slate soil slopes are the source of intense riesling fruit, mineral characters and ageworthy wines.

As a point of wine style comparison, from the same Mosel region, try 2006 Bollig-Lehnert Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Kabinett, \$18.

Looking for a bargain, you'll find none better than 2005 Dr. Heyden Oppenheimer Riesling Kabinett, \$14, from the Rheinhessen. Oppenheim, a village on the banks of the Rhine River has a more Mediterranean climate with lots of sun and fertile soil that gives the wines full-bodied flavors.

Although it's a step up in sweetness, 2006 George Albrecht Schneider Niersteiner Hipping Riesling Spatlese, \$18, comes across as dry as many kabinett wines, due to its good acidity.

2004 Fitz-Ritter Bad Durkheim Riesling Kabinett from the Pfalz region, \$17, is again another style. Mother Nature looks after the region with a unique combination of abundant sunshine and low rainfall. Riesling gets physiologically ripe with loads of complex fruit.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

### MURDER MYSTERY MEAL

**PLYMOUTH** - Barefoot Productions announces its first murder mystery fund raiser, "The Case of the Missing Jewels," 6 p.m. April 23, at Station 885 restaurant in Plymouth. Tickets are \$30.

The evening features a three-course meal as well as interactive dinner entertainment in which guests have the opportunity to don their sleuthing hats to solve the case. The fund raiser, which stars Barefoot Productions' talent, is meant to build excitement for its spring murder mystery production, "Prescription: Murder," April 30-May 10 at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main St., Plymouth.

Call (734) 560-1493, or visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com).

### BEST BURGER BLOWOUT

**CANTON** - Think you've got the best burger in town? Enter the Spice Up Your Summer Cook-off Series starting with the Best Burger Blowout on Sunday, April 26 at Canton Farmer's Market 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. The grills will fire up at 11 a.m.

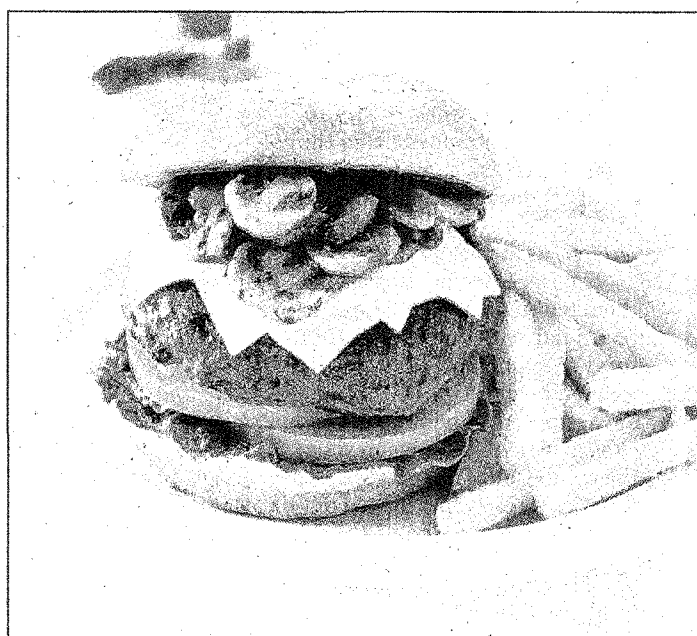
Participants must register for the event at the front desk of the Summit on the Park, and must provide all ingredients and cooking utensils. Prizes will be awarded for the most delightful burgers and the top three burger kings or queens will move on to a featured competition at Liberty Fest 2009. There is a \$10 entry fee for Canton residents and a \$15 entry fee for non-residents.

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### BBQ RIB COOK OFF

**NOVI** - The first-ever West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, is set for Sunday Aug. 9 at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi. The all day event will feature as many as fifty BBQ Rib Teams, live music, local restaurant tastings, family activities including a furry creature petting zoo, and more.

"Experience West Oakland," a committee of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, was recently granted a sanction from the Memphis Barbeque Network for their inaugural event, which will offer BBQ competitors the chance to com-



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pete for Prize Packages totaling \$10,000. A panel of 40 professional and amateur judges will determine the contest results. The Grand Prize Winner will be invited to compete in the "Memphis in May" Barbeque Network Finals, May 2010.

More information on the sanctioning body can be found at [www.MBNBBQ.com](http://www.MBNBBQ.com)

Registration information for interested contestants can be found at [www.experiencewo.com](http://www.experiencewo.com)

Restaurants located in Western Oakland County are invited to participate in the fun by offering samples of their most popular dishes. Exhibitors featuring cooking and barbeque related products

are also welcome. For additional information about the West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, contact Linda Daly at the Novi Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743, or e-mail [info@novichamber.com](mailto:info@novichamber.com)

### CANTON FARMERS MARKET OPENS

**CANTON** - Canton Farmers Market will kick off its third season 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will be open every Sunday through Oct. 25 rain or shine at this historic site.

New and returning vendors will offer a wide-variety of

merchandise, as it becomes available, including fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, baked goods, flowers, herbs, jellies, jams, cider, honey and much more. New vendors this season with Michigan-made products, include Aunt Violets Cottage offering mosaic tile work; Sansonetti Gourmet Foods offering pasta sauces, appetizers, mustards, barbecue sauces, salsa, and dipping oil; and Sun River Natural offering homemade bath salts and lotions.

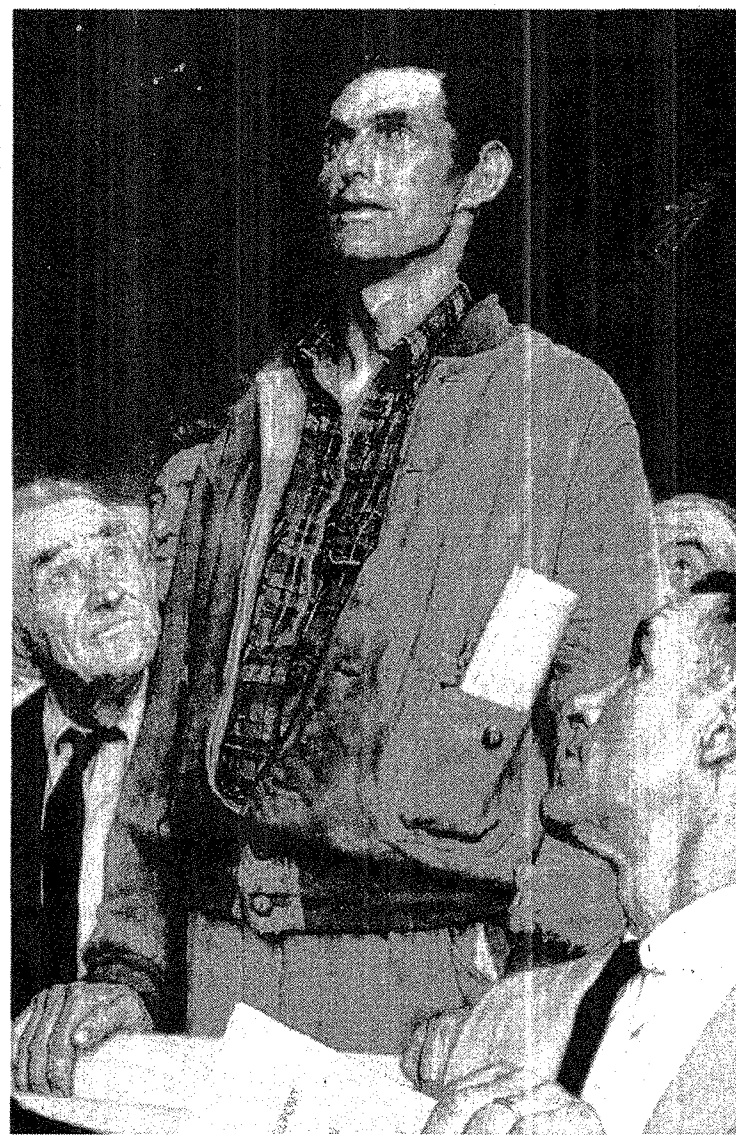
Special activities are planned for the opening including: the Spice Up Your Summer Cook Off Series challenge, featuring the Best Burger Blowout, where all you closet chefs can show off your culinary skills. While at the market, be sure to purchase a Farmers Market tote made from recycled materials, while supplies last.

Admission is free.

Canton Farmers Market is always looking for new and unique vendors to add to our outdoor market, especially meat, cheese, seafood, and dairy vendors. Applications are still being accepted for the 2009 season. Vendor market applications and registration forms are available at [leisure.canton-mi.org](http://leisure.canton-mi.org) or by contacting the Market Manager at [spavlo@canton-mi.org](mailto:spavlo@canton-mi.org).

To find more information about Canton's growing Farmers Market, visit [leisure.canton-mi.org](http://leisure.canton-mi.org) or contact the Market Manager at 734/398-5570 x 5.

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