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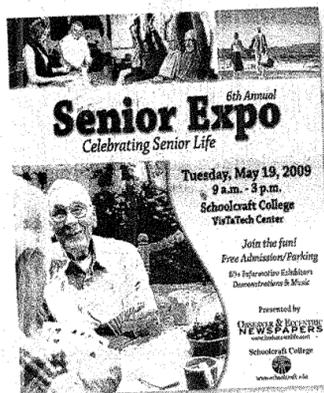
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AROUND TOWN Sign up for CFA

When you need help you want to know the firefighters will be there. But have you ever thought about how the Westland Fire Department is organized and operates?

Residents can find out by signing up for the fire department's 2009 Citizen Fire Academy. The deadline for applying is Tuesday, June 9.

The academy is designed for adults to learn more about the inner workings of the fire department. It provides an interactive forum for both the Fire Department and the citizens to share information about the diverse services the department offers.

The Citizens Fire Academy is a learning experience to help citizens better understand and handle themselves in emergency situations. It includes a Family Day, where students will be able to show their families the skills they have learned. The Academy concludes with a three-hour "graduation" during which students will receive certification for completing the courses.

The Citizen's Fire Academy is open to persons 18 years old or older who either live or work in Westland. The 32-hour program provides a comprehensive look at the profession. There are nine sessions, lasting three-four hours during which students will be exposed to everything from structural fire-fighting techniques to HAZMAT response. Class size is limited to 17 participants.

The academy will be held at Fire Station 1 - Fire Department Headquarters - at 36435 Ford at Carlson. An application is available on line at www.ci.westland.mi.us. They can be sent to Assistant Chief Scott Neal, c/o Westland Fire Department CFA, 37201 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call Neal at (734) 467-3182.

Dinner time

Time is running out to try the food prepared by students in the culinary arts program at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

The center's Café Marquette is having two dinner buffets - Wednesday, May 20 and 27 - before closing for the school year. The May 20 dinner will be Chuck Wagon Buffet, while on May 27, it will be a Chef's Table. The Wednesday evening buffet costs \$10 per person.

The café also will be open for lunch twice - Wednesday-Thursday, May 27-28 - before closing. Buffets will be available 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days and cost \$8 per person.

The Career Technical Center is at 36455 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.

It's a race: 10 file for council, Wild for mayor

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Incumbent Mayor William Wild will be unopposed in his November bid for his first four-year term, barring a write-in campaign by a challenger, but an August primary looms for the Westland City Council race after 10 hopefuls beat Tuesday's candidate filing deadline.

Wild's lone candidacy comes after he served a one-year appointed stint before winning a two-year term in 2007, replacing former Mayor

Sandra Cicirelli after she stepped down to become a district judge.

"I feel good about it. I kind of look at it as a vote of confidence," Wild said as Tuesday's filing deadline passed.

Wild vowed that his administration "will keep on working hard" to address budget woes, provide city services at lower cost, fix lead-contaminated Central City Park and usher in a curbside recycling program by late June, among other goals.

Meanwhile, 10 council candidates

are set to compete in the Aug. 4 primary after they turned in enough valid signatures of voters before Tuesday's deadline, according to the city clerk's office. The top eight vote-getters in August will battle for four seats at stake in the November election.

The field includes incumbents Charles Pickering and Dewey Reeves; former Councilman Kenneth Mehl; return candidates Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Hal Dunn, Sam Durante and Mark Rodriguez; and first-time election-

seekers Janet Frederick-Wilson, Adam Hammons and Meriem Kadi.

Candidates may withdraw from the race by 4 p.m. Friday.

The top three vote-getters in November will earn four-year terms; the fourth-place finisher will win a two-year term. The winners will join council holdovers James Godbout, Bill Johnson and Michael Kehrer.

Voters will elect at least two new council members after incumbents Cheryl Graunstadt and Robert

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Competition heated up at the Senior Spelling Bee at Plymouth Township's Friendship Station Tuesday. At right, Leonard Kozele confers with teammate Gail MacDonald. The other competitors, from left; Emily Rosenquist of Plymouth Township, Faye Lindsay of Plymouth, Marilyn Reinink of Westland and Larry C. Hindle of Canton. Judges are David Workman and James Plakas.

Senior spellers get final word

BY BRAD KADRICH
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In the movie, *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, Ricardo Montalban's character says, "Vengeance is a dish best served cold."

In the annual Wayne County Senior Spelling Bee, however, "vengeance" turned out to be the word served up as the winner by two spellers from Westland.

Leonard Kozele and Gail MacDonald, both of Westland, earned first-place honors at the spelling bee held at the Friendship Station, the senior citizen center on Schoolcraft in Plymouth Township.

Kozele and MacDonald have cleaned up since being paired by a drawing in Westland in November 2007.

"We just make a good team, I guess," MacDonald said. "I guess it's just teamwork. How did we get to be such good spellers? I had spelling as a class in elementary school. We know it's an important thing."

The pair topped a field of some two dozen spellers vying for a trip to the Ford Center in Dearborn to compete in a countywide spell-off later this year. It was their second win; the pair also won the countywide bee last year.

"It was really successful," said Bobbie Pummil, director of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, who hosted the event sponsored by the office of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "It's getting bigger every year. We may have to



Larry C. Hindle of Canton confers with partner Marilyn Reinink of Westland. The pair earned third-place honors.

look for a new place to hold it."

Faye Lindsay of Plymouth and Emily Rosenquist of Plymouth Township finished second, while Marilyn Reinink of Westland and Canton resident Larry Hindle finished third in front of an audience of some 100 people.

The event included lunch, raffle gifts and prizes.

Plymouth City Commissioner Dave Workman and 35th District Court Judge Jim Plakas served as the judges for the event.

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Plea rejected in pedestrian fatality case

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Wayne County Circuit Court judge refused Tuesday to accept a plea agreement for a 22-year-old Livonia man charged with killing a pedestrian in Westland while drinking and driving.

Judge Michael Hathaway rejected an offer for Wesley Thomas Sanborn to spend one year in the Wayne County jail and serve five years on probation for the Aug. 3 death of Gary Brown, a 27-year-old Livonia father of two.

Sanborn was accused of driving drunk shortly before 5 a.m. Aug. 3 and hitting Brown — also described as drunk — as he was walking along a stretch of Joy Road east of Newburgh. Westland police arrested Sanborn seven hours later, saying he still smelled of alcohol when he drove back to the scene in a damaged Chevy Blazer.

Sanborn has told police that he was receiving a text message and a cell phone call at the time and that he believed he had hit a mailbox.

Hathaway ruled Tuesday that a one-year jail term was too lenient for Sanborn, according to a court clerk and Brown family attorney Gary M. Wilson.

Hathaway gave Sanborn the option of accepting a prison term of two to 15 years or going to trial for driving drunk, causing Brown's death and leaving the scene. If convicted, Sanborn could potentially face 15 years in prison.

According to Hathaway's court clerk, Sanborn is scheduled to return to court on June 16, at which time he could accept the new terms of a plea agreement or move forward with a trial.

Sanborn has been described as a Madonna University student who made the Dean's List, but Hathaway has said the defendant's background doesn't lessen the seriousness of what happened.

Hathaway refused to send Sanborn to jail for just one year even though Wilson has said the Brown family was willing to go along with the plea agreement.

"The family is satisfied that justice was done," Wilson said when the earlier plea agreement was reached, adding that Sanborn had no prior record and made some "really, really stupid decisions."

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College fair open to all parents, students

BY SUE MASON
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Your kids are never too young to think about college. That's the message from organizers of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' 2009 College Fair.

Representatives from 60 colleges, universities and trade schools, NCAA Clearinghouse and Michigan Works! displaced workers program will be under one roof to give parents, students of all ages and the unemployed a leg up on higher education.

"The University of Michigan at Concordia, Hope College, Cooley Law School, even The Ohio State, will be here," said Janice Tomlinson, director of the federal TRIO/ Upward Bound at Wayne Memorial High School. "All of the big Michigan colleges

COLLEGE BOUND

What: Wayne-Westland Community Schools' 2009 College Fair

When: 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 20

Where: Media Center of Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St. at Glenwood, Wayne

What: The fair will feature representatives for 60 colleges and universities, five breakout sessions, an elementary exploration room and on-site college registration.

Who: It's for Wayne-Westland parents and students in elementary, middle and high school.

Information: Call (734) 419-2256.

will be here and the community colleges as well."

The program is presented by Wayne Memorial counsel-

ing office in collaboration with Upward Bound, a federal program that helps high school students from low-income families or from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree to complete their secondary education and enroll in and graduate from college. Also sponsoring it are Buffalo Wild Wings, Wayne Rotary Club, Michigan Virtual High School and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

This the second year Wayne Memorial has hosted the college fair. Last year, some 2,000 people attended the pilot program which Tomlinson deemed a "success."

"With so many things going on with the economy, we saw a need to do it again," she said.

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COLLEGE

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"We're building on the template to make it a district-wide event for parents of students in pre-school through high school. For parents with young students, it starts the dialogue about school, it gives a parent a jump-start on higher education."

The fair will be set up in Wayne Memorial's media center. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the fair will focus 11th-12th-graders at Wayne High and juniors and seniors from John Glenn who will be shuttled in to participate. The public session will be 4-8 p.m. and will feature the college representatives, door prizes and give-aways, on-site college registration and even an elementary exploration room from 4-8 p.m. where youngsters can look through books about careers and watch videos. There also will be information for parents: "Helping Your Child Get Ready for High School and Beyond" and "NCAA Clearinghouse Eligibility," 6:30-7:10 p.m. and "No Worker Left Behind" "Online Learning Opportunities for High School Students" and "Paying for College: A Financial Aid Overview," all offered 7:15-7:45 p.m.

To pump up interest, the district held a poster contest among middle and elementary students. The winner was Michael Tyra of Franklin



Franklin Middle School Principal Darlene Scott, art teacher Thomas Stubner and Janice Tomlinson, Federal TRIO/Upward Bound director at Wayne Memorial High School, join Michael Tyra in showing off his winning 2009 College Fair poster.

Middle School. The posters are being shown off in businesses in the community and the students will receive a professional copy of their poster. Steve Paulsen, a graphic arts teacher at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center also held a contest among his students with their work used in a widespread promotion of the fair, Tomlinson said.

And to pump up interest in the fair among students, school staffs are wearing their colors to tomorrow (May 15) for College Day.

"They're supposed to talk about their life after high school," Tomlinson said. "We think it'll be fun."

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VFW events

Members of the Sgt. Stanley Romanowski VFW Post 6896 at 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, has several events planned for May. Up first is a Corn Hole Tournament at 8 p.m. Friday, May 15 (sign-up will be 7:30-7:55 p.m.), and a trivia tournament at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

And it will hold its last Military Breakfast until fall 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 17. The cost \$5 for adults. The breakfast is open to the public. For more information, call the post at (734) 525-9454 or visit its Web site at www.vfw6896.com.

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 or call (734) 729-7222.

Be a star

The Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team is offering a summer program. Children ages 10-14 years or in the fifth-eighth-grades from Westland and the surrounding area can join the team for the first summer practice 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the multipurpose room of the Westland Bailey Center, 36651 Ford in the civic center complex. Dress to work out and bring a water bottle. This summer we will be working on dances, cheers and be attending camp. Join in the fun this summer. For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

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.

Food pickup

Westland residents living north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their surplus food commodities on 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Dorsey

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Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, south of Palmer.

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

The May distribution will include a frozen 4-ounce can of orange juice, UHT shelf milk (if available), rice cereal, green beans, sliced potatoes, vegetable soup, and possible additional items.

The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services which determines food allocations, distribution sites and dates of distribution. For more information, the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

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.

Glow Skate

Grab your skates and head for the Mike Modano Arena on Friday nights for Glow Skate. Cruise around the rink with blacklight illumination from 7:30-9 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Skate rentals are \$2.50. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood at Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Collins House, and the Westland Historic Society meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, also at the Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Golf outings

Join Mayor William Wild and his Wild's Walkers as they tee up to support the American Cancer Society on Saturday, May 16. The Wild's Walkers are holding a golf outing at the Westland Municipal Golf Course. The event is \$30

and includes lunch and golf. Tee times begin at 10 a.m., and golfers may schedule a tee time of their choice by calling (734) 721-6660. The Westland Municipal Golf Course is at 500 Merriman, just south of Cherry Hill.

The Westland Rotary will hold its annual golf outing Thursday, May 21, at the Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. The four-person scramble will have an 11 a.m. shotgun start. Registration is 9:30-10:30 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Salvation Army summer camp and Westland Rotary charities.

Cost is \$125 for an individual golfer, \$450 for a foursome and \$500 for The "Eagle" which includes a foursome and birdie hole sponsorship. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and beverages at the turn, beer and pop on the course for \$1 each, balls, tees and other goodies, door prizes, dinner and dessert with open bar. There also will be a skins game, closest to the pin, longest drive for men and women, hole in one contest and other tests for skill and fun.

For more information, call Mary Vellardita or Dick Isham at (734) 729-5401 or Joseph Tseng at (734) 525-7636.

Prison families

Do you have a family member currently in prison? Do you feel alone? Do you wish you had a support group that you could turn to? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by e-mail at hope4healing@rocketmail.com. This support group is to provide adult family members with support and a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain. Meetings are free and held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Do you ever wish you had an understanding person to talk to? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer support and assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones.

Caregiver Support meetings offer valuable information and assistance to individuals caring for a loved one. They're held from 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday of the month at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue in Westland.

Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile Road in Redford. Morning and evening options are avail-

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'Inspiring': Class puts cha-ching in fund-raiser

BY SUE MASON
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Tyler Horde admits his backpack weighed a lot when he brought a coffee can filled with pennies to school. The Marshall Middle School sixth-grader didn't bring the 20 pounds of change for a math assignment, but to help his class win a pasta party sponsored by Olive Garden.

It worked. Students in Michelle Hunt's class raised more than \$1,335 to claim the prize for the Pennies for Patients (or Pasta) fund-raiser. The students brought \$658 and received a match of \$652 from the Ryder Corp.

"I can't believe this is such a generous class," said Danielle Hall, adviser for the National Junior Honor Society which had the task of counting the donations. "Even after it was over they kept bringing in more money. It wasn't added to the class total, but it was added to what we gave the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society."

Pennies for Patients, a campaign in which students are encouraged to donate spare change for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, has been the chosen fund-raiser for the Westland school since 2000.

Classroom is pitted against classroom to see which one can bring in the most money and win the prize. This year, the school collected close to \$3,000 for the charity.

"I was amazed at their personal efforts and collective donations," she said in a letter she sent home to parents. "Your son or daughter has been instrumental in making the largest contribution from one class that Marshall has ever seen. Our efforts alone came within less than \$100 of matching the rest of the entire student population."

According to Hall, the donations were collected weekly and deposited in Coin Star for counting. By pushing the donate button, no fees were taken out and all the change raised went to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Because the school raised more than \$1,000, it received a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card.

For Tyler, bringing in the coffee can filled with \$35 in change was no easy task. His sixth-grade classroom is on the second floor of the middle school.

"I brought them in all at one time," said the 11-year-old. "It was a long climb up the stairs, I almost fell backwards."

Students like Sania Mannie thought about the many sick people in her family and brought in money.

MaLisa Williams did it in honor of her great-grandmother who died last year because of lymphoma and a aunt who died of leukemia a few years ago. She

went to her mother's work and collected more than \$100.

Samuel Whitfield twice took up collections at his church, Great Faith Ministries International, netting \$60, while Steven Gray went around his neighborhood and collected another \$40.

"And I put in about \$18 of my own money," Steven said.

Xavier Edwards had a box of money — more than \$100 — he had been saving up for the past few years.

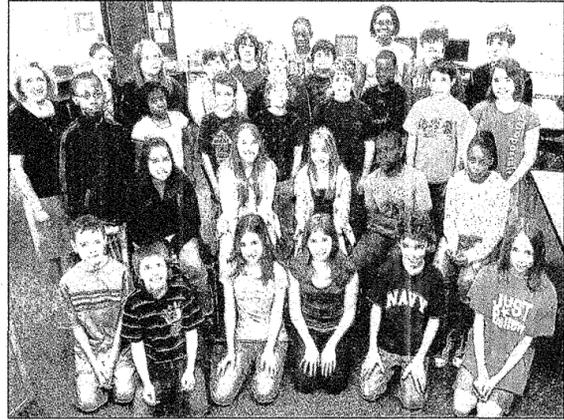
"I was just saving it. When the school did this, I said I should donate all my change because my uncle has one of the

diseases," he said.

Hunt is amazed at her students' response. At the beginning of the competition, she shared a story about a student she had a personal and professional connection with last year who is dealing with leukemia and has been in remission since second grade.

"In today's times where every dollar counts, it's truly refreshing, inspiring and hopeful to see children leading by example," she said. "Their individual and collective efforts are remarkable and exemplary."

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The Marshall Middle School sixth-grade class of Michelle Hunt and Dunata Iwaniec (at left) have plenty of reasons to smile - the \$1,335 they raised for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and winning a pasta dinner from Olive Garden.

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ELECTIONS

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Stottlemeyer decided not to seek re-election.

Stottlemeyer, a retired Westland Fire Department sergeant in his ninth year on the council, didn't elaborate on his decision. Graunstadt has decided to step aside after finishing her eighth year, or second four-year term.

"I decided not to seek re-election because I felt eight years was long enough for me," she said. "I am proud that I was able to obtain my goal of being a role model for my three daughters, as I always wanted them to know how important it was to stand up for your rights and to stay true to your principles."

Like many families, Graunstadt said hers has faced "trying times" during the last three years due to a tough economy, "and I am ready for a break."

"Having said that, I am also curious to see if I'll miss the meetings or miss being a part of the process," she said. "If I find that I do, or if I feel that I have something to contribute, I just may run again down the road."

"Serving on the Westland City Council has provided a wonderful opportunity for me to grow and gain appreciation for the role local government plays in the lives of everyday people," Graunstadt said. "I will remain grateful to those gracious Westland citizens that put their trust in me, and I hope they feel that I served them well."

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PUBLIC SAFETY

'Ghost hunters' AMVETS put out call for missing furniture

charged in Eloise theft

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four teens accused of sneaking into a Westland building on the old Eloise property — former site of a poorhouse, farm, asylum and a hospital — may have been looking for ghosts, police said.

"They said they went there because they heard it was haunted," police Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski said. Instead, the youngsters have found themselves in trouble for allegations they stole computer equipment, a DVD player and a clock radio.

Westland 18th District Judge Mark McConnell on Monday arraigned two 17-year-old defendants on charges of larceny from a building, and two 16-year-old teens are facing similar allegations in juvenile court.

The teens are accused shortly after midnight last Thursday of breaking into a Wayne County building — named after retired Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard — that still houses some county services near Michigan Avenue and Henry Ruff Road.

The building sits on a once-sprawling medical complex, and some ghost-hunters have long claimed the site is haunted.

Trzybinski credited Garden City Police Officer Robert Matigian with rounding up the four suspects after an anonymous caller provided a tip last Saturday afternoon. Police recovered the stolen items, Trzybinski said.

McConnell arraigned two 17-year-old defendants, Bradley Michael Wilson of Westland and Bryant Jacob Marshall of Garden City, on charges of larceny from a building. McConnell set a \$10,000/10 percent bond for the teens, entered not-guilty pleas for them and scheduled a May 21 preliminary hearing to determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Larceny from a building carries penalties ranging up to four years in prison upon conviction.

1 A man claiming he was a member of AMVETS Post 171, southeast of Merriman and Avondale, recently stopped by and loaded up four tables and 30 chairs in a truck, claiming he needed to borrow them for an event, AMVETS hall manager John Wilson said.

The incident happened on April 25 and the items still haven't been returned early this week, prompting Wilson to seek the public's help in solving what he believes is a theft.

The man, accompanied by a woman, went to the AMVETS hall around noon. "Someone came in and misrepresented himself as a member and borrowed four big round tables and 30 chairs," Wilson said. "We do lend them out to members."

The man and woman, who rode in what was described as a black Dodge Ram truck, were supposed to return the items the next day, but early this week they still hadn't shown up, Wilson said.

"As far as I'm concerned, this was premeditated and they didn't have any plans of bringing them back," Wilson said.

He described the white male as being short, heavy-set, clean-shaven and in his early 20s. He couldn't provide many details about the woman, but he believed she had medium-length hair.

The tables were described as brown Formica and were about 5 feet in diameter. The chairs were red vinyl with black frames.

Wilson encouraged anyone with information to contact him at (734) 729-8930. He said a \$50 reward is being offered if the suspects are caught.

Car loses its wheels

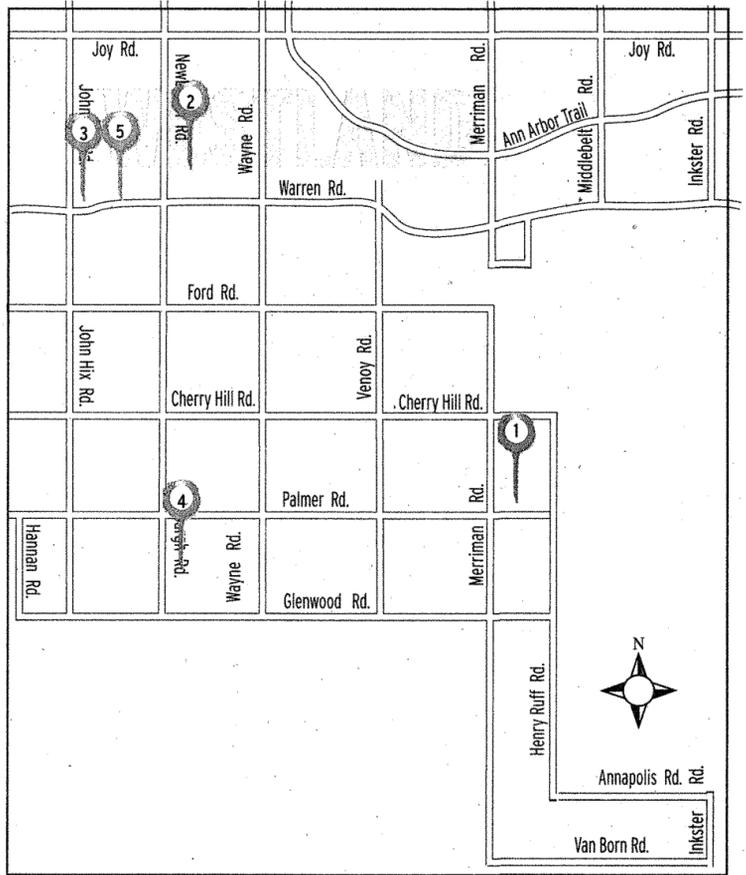
2 A 50-year-old man told police that all four wheels on his Lincoln MKS were stolen between 5 p.m. May 1 and 9 a.m. May 4 while it was parked outside his residence on Heather Court, on the east side of Newburgh north of Warren.

The victim reported that he had parked the car after he left work and later noticed that the wheels were missing. He said the car had been left on four cinder blocks.

The man estimated the value of the wheels at \$1,000.

Minivan reported stolen

3 A 52-year-old man reported that his 2007 Dodge Caravan was stolen sometime between 11 a.m. May 3 and 11 a.m. May 4 while it was parked in his driveway on the northeast corner of Warren and Hix roads. The vehicle theft remains under investigation.



Locked window foils intruder

4 A 23-year-old woman told police that someone tried to break into her apartment on Orchard Circle, northeast of Newburgh and Glenwood, between 3-9 p.m. April 27.

The woman told police she returned home to find that a screen had been removed from a window and had been placed in a grassy area. However, the window was locked and the would-be intruder did not get inside.

Vehicle ignition damaged

5 An 83-year-old man reported that someone broke into his four-door Dodge vehicle between midnight April 25 and 3:35 a.m. April 27 and pulled out the ignition.

No damage was seen to the outside of the vehicle, which was not stolen. The incident happened near the northeast corner of Warren and Hix roads.

-By Darrell Clem

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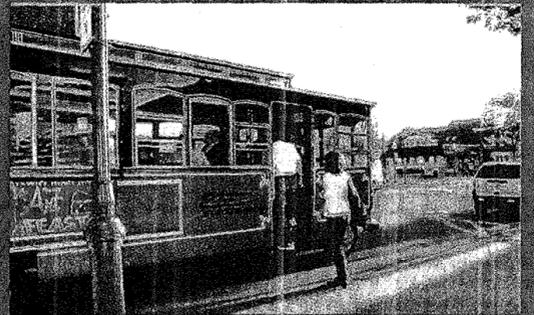
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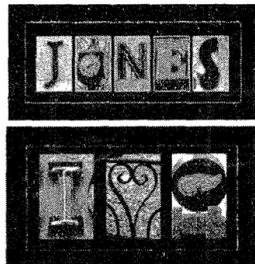
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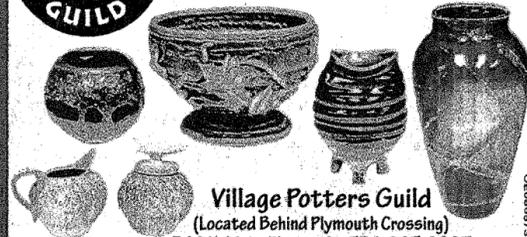


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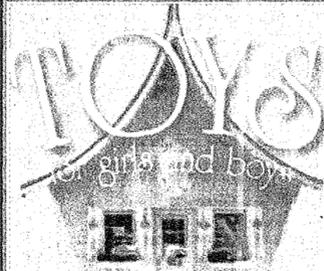
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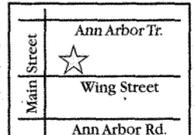


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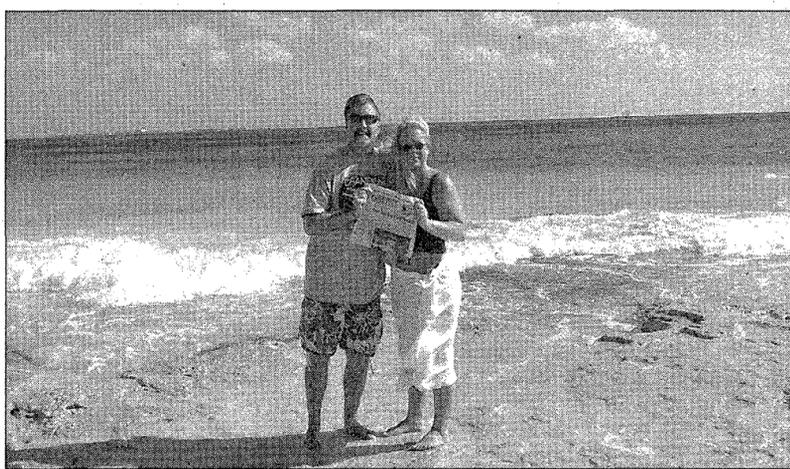
St. Dunstan Catholic School is inviting all former school staff, students and families to attend the closing Liturgy at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14. The school is closing after 45 years. People planning to attend should call (734) 425-4380 or send an e-mail to stdunstanschoolsecretary@comcast.net by June 5. People who would like to contribute as a minister in the liturgy, singer or instrumentalist, should call the Parish Office at (734) 425-6720.

Be a Star

The Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team will begin their summer program. Children ages 10-14 or in the fifth-eighth-grade from Westland and the surrounding area can join the team for its first summer practice 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the multipurpose room of the Westland Bailey Center in the Westland civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road. Dress to work out and bring a water bottle. This summer the team will work on its dances and cheers and will attend camp. For more information call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

3-Day fund-raiser

A Breast Cancer 3-Day spaghetti dinner benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure will be held 5-8 p.m. Friday, June 19, at the CrossPointe Community Church, formerly First Baptist of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood, east of Newburgh, Wayne. Minimum donation is \$7 for adults and \$4 children age 10 and under. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, beverages and dessert. Breast Cancer jewelry, mugs and Wendy's discount books



Wish You Were Here

Lance and Sue Lada of Westland celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Feb. 24 while in Cancun. "We spent the whole week, and had a wonderful time enjoying the sun and surf," said Lance Lada. And that's what they chose as a backdrop to pose with their Observer. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226 or by e-mail to smason@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

also will be for sale. For more information, call (734) 564-6437.

Getting fit

Guardian Martial Arts & Fitness's is offering several programs for adults and children this summer. For adults, "Fierce to be Fit" will begin May 18, and run through June 26. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Fitness Warriors will be weighed, measured and challenged to reach great shape in time for summer weather. The top three Warriors will receive cash prizes at the end of the challenge. Weigh-ins, recipes and weekly incentive prizes will help Fitness Warriors to succeed on their path to great shape. • Martial arts and fitness expert Kelly M. Perkins will teach "Kids Get Growing." Kids ages 9 to 12 years will have fun learning to plant, grow and harvest a vegetable garden. This is a

summer long program that will meet once per week on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 P.M. Beginning late May and running through September, "Kids Get Growing" will help kids to learn to grow their own healthy foods. This program is designed to give children skills to grow their own food, nourishing them life long. In addition, growing their own food will help them make better eating choices and exercising in the garden will encourage kids to spend more time outdoors.

• Also providing youngsters and adults the opportunity to develop leadership skills, self-confidence, physical fitness and outstanding self-defense, Guardian will offer a three-month summer special of American Kenpo. Space is limited for "Fierce to be Fit" and "Kids Get Growing." Call Guardian

Martial Arts & Fitness at (734)266-0565 to register now and for more details.

Relay for Life benefits

The AmVet Post 171 is having a yard sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the post, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland, to benefit the Westland Relay for Life. All proceeds will go directly to the cancer awareness walk.

• Doo Wop for a Cause is coming to the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City on Saturday, May 16. Local entertainers will be putting on a Doo Wop and Oldies Show filled with music of the 1950s and 1960s. Come in your best 195-1960 era duds. Prizes for costumes that stand out. The show will be 6-10 p.m., and tickets are \$8 per person. They can be bought at Maplewood Center office. The event is being sponsored by

Team "What About a Cure for Cancer" and the Garden City Relay for Life. The team also is sponsoring a Cutest Baby Contest during the Garden City Relay for Life at Garden City Junior High track May 30. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. There's a \$5 registry fee with photo. Be sure to put the contact info - name, age, address and phone - on the back of the photo. Checks must be written to American Cancer Society and sent to the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, MI 48135, attention Cheryl & Kelly. The deadline for registering is May 27.

Class reunion

Garden City High School Class of 1989 will hold its 20th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight Aug. 29 at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$75 now through June 1. Tickets includes, dinner, premium open bar, DJ, door prizes, picture CD and other gifts. Tickets are available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or by contacting Paula at gchsi989reunion@hotmail.com.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

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

Higher Rock Cafe

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

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

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

Writing Group

Story Circle Women's Life Writing Group meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free. For more information about story circle, go online to www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shepry@yahoo.com.

TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) M128 of Westland meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879.

Democratic Club

The Garden City Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday

of the month (September through June) in Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. For more information, call Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344.

Citizens for Peace

Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

In Harmony

The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

Veteran's Haven

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

Silver Strings Dulcimer

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

Garden City Kiwanis

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

Garden City Rotary

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

Habitat help

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

Hospital retirees

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

Radio Club

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

Garden City Lions

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

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On May 19, 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:

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2004	Chrysler	Sebring/4 Dr	Black	1C3EL56R44N401502
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1999	Dodge	Durango/Stawag	Black	1B4HS28Y2XF686615
1999	Oldsmobile	Intrigue/4 Dr	Silver	1G3WH52K7XF316307
1996	Pontiac	Grand AM/4 Dr	Red	1G2NE52M1TM516017
1994	Plymouth	Duster/2 Dr	Green	1P3AP6437RN177524

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.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1576C, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Transmission Repair Shop, 5717 E. Executive Drive, Parcel #028-99-0006-708, West Side of Executive Drive, North of Ford Road, East of Hix Road, Christopher M. Peters (Luciana Forest).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., June 2, 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

Published: May 14, 2009

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Westland will hold a public hearing on the proposed Project Plan for the City's inflow and infiltration (I/I) removal program for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held during the regular City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. on June 15, 2009 at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185.

The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce the amount of storm water entering the sanitary sewer system. Reducing the clean water entering the sanitary system will reduce sanitary sewage treatment costs for the City.

The proposed Project Plan provides: extensive background information, an identification of the various alternatives considered to reduce I/I, an analysis of the principle alternatives with their associated costs and benefits, and a more detailed description and discussion of the recommended alternative. The final Project Plan, following receipt, consideration, and response to public input, will be submitted to the MDEQ as required to qualify for low interest loan financing for the selected project elements.

The recommended alternative that is proposed involves removing I/I by means of manhole rehabilitation, pipe rehabilitation, and footing drain disconnections. The proposed project targets areas of high I/I as determined by a flow metering study performed in 2008.

Beneficial impacts of the proposed project include improving service life of the sewer system infrastructure and reducing treatment costs. Adverse impacts of the project include construction related impacts such as short term traffic disruption, noise, and dust similar to street construction work, as well as the construction associated with footing drain disconnection, installation of outlet piping, and sump pump installation.

The City is proposing to fund the project through rate increases that would amount to a maximum of \$5.61 per quarter to the average home owner.

A copy of the draft Project Plan detailing the proposed project will be available for review beginning May 15, 2009 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4 PM, at the following location:

City Hall
36601 Ford Road
Westland, MI 48185

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 15, 2009 will also receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to:

Eileen DeHart, CMC
City Clerk
City of Westland
36601 Ford Road
Westland, MI 48185

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CITY OF WESTLAND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN - FINAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR XXXV, 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) and HOME PROGRAMS

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Westland anticipates receiving an estimated \$1,117,367 of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$354,098 of HOME funds for the 2009 fiscal year (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010) and has prepared an Annual Action Plan for the program period. The Westland City Council approved the use of funds at its regular meeting on May 4, 2009. In addition to the anticipated grant amounts, the City of Westland will use \$189,877 CDBG program income and reprogrammed funds and \$35,000 HOME program income and reprogrammed funds.

2009/2010 USE OF CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

CDBG Program Funds \$1,307,244
(\$1,117,367 + \$189,877 Program Income/Reprogrammed Funds):

- CDBG Administration \$213,931
- Rehabilitation Administration \$181,510
- IT Administration \$ 500
- Housing Rehabilitation \$ 75,000
- Senior Programs \$164,000
- Hegira Programs \$ 2,000
- First Step \$ 4,000
- Youth Assistance \$27,000
- Outreach Ordinance Code Compliance \$ 97,000
- Carver Sub. Fire \$ 72,520
- N'hood Resource/Code Compliance Officer \$116,000
- City Projects \$177,209

Potential projects: Fire Station No. 3 improvements, Norwayne water main/street improvements

- Samuel B. Ware Community Center \$ 15,000
- Fire Rescue Vehicle \$161,574

HOME Program Funds \$389,098
(\$354,098 + \$10,000 Program Income + \$25,000 Reprogrammed Funds)

- HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program \$115,000
- HOME Administration \$ 31,939
- Set-Aside to Non-Profit Housing Organization Liberty Hill Housing Development \$125,000
- Housing Rehabilitation - \$1 Foreclosure Project \$ 67,159
- Homebuyer Program \$ 50,000

Other Programs

- Administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Administration of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program
- Administration of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- Provide referrals to the homeless and persons with special needs for shelter and other available services.

William R. Wild, Mayor
City of Westland

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 9 05/04/09

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

79-Appr. minutes of 4/20/09.
-Appr. req. from Second Chance at Life for non-profit recognition.
-Appr. bid for NSP Appraisal & Realtor Serv. bid split award to CRS Commercial Real Estate & Century 21 Dynamic, Appraisal bid to Integra Realty Resources, amt. not to exceed \$150,000.00 over 18 mths.
-Appr. bid for NSP Demo services to Oak Wood Building Co., amt. not to exceed \$180,000.00.
-Appr. Intergovernmental Agreement btwn. Wayne County & City regarding Nuisance Abatement Program.
-Adopt. Prep. Resolution for HUD Homes Acquisition to purchase 3 properties.
80-Held public hearing for proposed 2009-2010 Budget.
81-Appr. req. from Kroger to open a iGarden Center in their parking lot from 5/6/09-6/30/09.
82-Set public hearing date of June 15, 2009 for SRF Project.
83-Intro. Final Statement for CDBG Grant Year XXXV Annual Cons. Action Plan 7/1/09-6/30/10.
84-Waived procedure to intro. & adopt Final Statement for CDBG Grant Year XXXV Annual Cons. Action Plan 7/1/09-6/30/10.
85-Adopted Final Statement for the CDBG Grant Year XXXV, Annual Consolidated Action Plan 7/1/09-6/30/10.
86-Adoption of Prep. Res. for Final Statement for the CDBG Grant Year XXXV, Annual Consolidated Action Plan 7/1/09-6/30/10.
87-Approved app. from SPJ, LLC (28001 Joy Rd) to transfer ownership of Class C Licensed Business with Dance Permit.
88-Appr. Rev. Site Plan for exterior renovations, 29234 Van Born, PID 083-99-0023-000 w/contingencies.
89-Appr. Site Plan for exterior renovations, Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Rd., PID 034-99-0030-002 w/contingencies.
90-Conf. appt. of W. Gabriel to Planning Comm, term to exp. 5/6/2012.
91-Appr. checklist: \$423, 810.23 & Prepaid: \$416, 874.46
Mtg. adj. at 8:36 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart, CMC
City Clerk

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Reverse mortgage may help some struggling seniors

Many senior citizens find themselves in financial difficulty as the Michigan economy continues to weaken and GM downsizes.

There are a number of things seniors can do at the first sign of financial trouble such as reduce costs, be more efficient with expenditures and perhaps even consider a part-time job. Another weapon in the senior arsenal during difficult financial times is a reverse mortgage.

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

A reverse mortgage is for seniors who are age 62 and older. Basically, the reverse mortgage provides a way for seniors to convert the equity in their home into cash. The beauty of a reverse mortgage is that as long as you stay in your home you never have to repay the mortgage.

The mortgage, including interest, is only due when the home is sold or the homeowner passes on. A reverse mortgage allows the senior to remain in the home for as long as he or she wants while enjoying the equity during his or her lifetime.

The proceeds from a reverse mortgage are for the homeowner to use for any purpose they choose. I generally recommend reverse mortgages to pay off primary mortgages, home equity loans or other types of debt. Reverse mortgages are also effective in providing money to cover living expenses. I generally don't recommend reverse mortgages for such things as vacations, long-term investing or any frivolous expenditure.

Reverse mortgages can be costly. Even though the government has capped origination fees, there are other fees associated with a reverse mortgage. Not all reverse mortgages and reverse mortgage companies are the same. Therefore, it pays to shop around and pay particular attention to cost and interest rates. The terms of reverse mortgages are not the same. Interest rate charges can either be fixed or adjustable.

In addition, there are different ways to get your proceeds. Therefore, before you decide that a reverse mortgage is for you, you need to do your homework. Take your time. There are many resources which can help you learn more about reverse mortgages. AARP offers a free guide "Reverse Mortgage Loans: Borrowing Against Your Home." You can get a free copy of this pamphlet by visiting AARP's Web site at www.aarp.org/revmort. There are also other educational materials available on the Internet. The more you know before you begin the process of looking for a reverse mortgage, the more beneficial it will be for you.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Glenn rolls out Ford vehicles for 4 UR School event

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Glenn High School students Verica Temelkova and Brooke Femat had quite a bit of company at their school in Westland.

Temelkova, 17, an 11th-grader and Student Council representative, was putting up a sign at Glenn with Femat, 15, freshman class president. The Student Council booth was among many for the recent Drive One 4 UR School event, which included the opportunity to test drive Ford vehicles and raise money for John Glenn at the same time.

"We're trying to recruit new members," Femat said. "We do a lot of exciting things for the school," Temelkova added. "We help out in a fun way. It's exciting and fun, and we all get to work together."

The event featured Ford vehicles courtesy of Westland's North Brothers Ford. Each household could test drive a car, with Ford Motor Co. and the dealership on Ford Road donating \$25 to Glenn activities for each participant.

"We're supposed to be having at least 15 cars," said salesman Brian Holiday, who worked 35 years for Ford at the Wayne Assembly plant. He's new to auto sales and enjoying his job, including introducing people to the cars and trucks at the Glenn event.

"They're the future of our economy, our society," he said of the students.

North Brothers, which also has a Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Troy, and Ford like to support the school.



The Mathletes math club members were in charge of the dunk tank at the John Glenn High School event.

"They're trying to bring every vehicle we have," said Holiday, upping his car estimate a bit. He acknowledged these are challenging times in auto sales.

"There are people who want to buy," but many are waiting to see what the U.S. government does about older car vouchers, Holiday said.

"It's putting a lot of people on hold right now. Everybody wants the best value," he added. "Around here especially, people love cars. We rely on the automobile and people need safe, reliable transportation."

Other Glenn groups like the JROTC and sports teams also participated event that included a pancake breakfast put on the morning by the wrestlers. There also

was a cookout courtesy of the Classes of 2011 and 2012 working with the softball team.

Sports clinics included football, swimming, basketball, wrestling and cheer. The newspaper had a chocolate fountain, the yearbook a car wash and the art club students provided arts and

crafts.

The Mathletes math club ran the dunk tank, with Principal David Ingham the final one to take the hot seat. Math teacher Lynda Favorite, club sponsor, didn't take a turn in the tank, her department head volunteered.

"She's younger," Favorite said with a smile.

The math club has 30-40 members.

"We promote the love of math," Favorite said. The club has speakers, competitions, seeks math scholarships, and helps with ACT preparation and homework.

"The kids help each other, too, which is nice," she said. The students are self-motivated and run the club pretty much by themselves, she said.

Ingham, the principal, also had kind words for the Glenn Rockets and their enthusiasm.

"Kids still do have a lot of school pride," Ingham said.

Ingham started the Ford portion of the program while at Adams Middle School in the Wayne-Westland district. That was on a smaller scale, and parents needed to visit the dealership on Ford Road.

"We decided to bring the cars here," the principal said. "It's a bigger goal for the test drive - 300."

There were at least 20 events, he said, as the Glenn campus was opened to the community.

"It's a nice little open house for the community. We hope it becomes an annual event and grows from here," he added. "We need the community to come to the school."

TRUNK SHOW

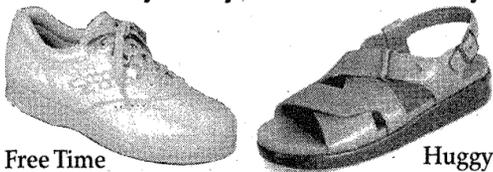
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OUR VIEWS

Library grows under Napsha

Friday, May 1, was an anniversary of sorts for Cheryl Napsha. It marked the start of her third year as the director of the William P. Faust Public Library, and if her first two years on the job are any indication, she'll continue to make the library a social hub in the community.

Napsha took over a library in need of a leader who could restore confidence in the library after two previous directors were fired in as many years. Napsha came in with goals, including out-reach programs for residents of outlying neighborhoods. Last June, the library started reaching out to the Norwayne community through its satellite library. It put computers, books and programs within the reach of the area's low-income families.

Napsha has expanded the definition of library. It no longer means, books, magazines, videos and CDs. The Westland library has become a cultural hub in the city under her tutelage.

Activist/singer Anne Finney, Motown legend Martha Reeves and members of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League have made appearances at the library, not to mention the budding poets, musicians and writers who frequent open mic night. Families can enjoy a night out with no expense at the family game nights, and people who enjoy knitting and crocheting are in stitches at the weekly Knitting @ the Library.

The library also has become a resource for residents of the community and to meet their needs, Napsha is expanding hours even at a time when she faces budget cuts. Her staff has developed foreclosure packets for people facing the loss of their prized possession and are ready, willing and able to work with patrons who must fill out forms on computers they know nothing about.

There's also a myriad of programs for toddlers, children, teens, young adults and adults, enough to keep a person's social calendar filled, for months on end.

At a recent CD release party for youngsters in Lincoln Elementary's Bright Futures program held after hours at the library, Napsha let it be known that none of it happened solely because of her. It was, she said, her "wonderful staff." And it's true, the Westland library is filled with people who are committed to making it the best it can be, and we believe it is happening because of Napsha's leadership.

If we were a teacher and this was a test, we would give Cheryl Napsha and her staff an A+. With all she has done in the past two years, we can't wait to see what new cool, creative and informative things will come to the library.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

• Dillon right about signs

I agree with Mr. Dillon. These signs everywhere are an eyesore. If the tax paying businesses in our own city cannot post signs all over the city, why should someone who does NO legitimate business in Westland be allowed to do so? As a tax-paying business in Westland, Mr. Dillon has the absolute right to request the city to enforce an ordinance that is already in place. And shame on the city if they do not follow through on this.

JustaNumber

•About shared revenue cut

Take from Westland and give to Detroit. When is re-election?

kt3598

Yep, Jenny Grandtheft, you did say 'we'd be blown away'

Hemi426

Join the discussion

Do you agree with using federal stimulus money to help erase the deficit in this year's state budget?

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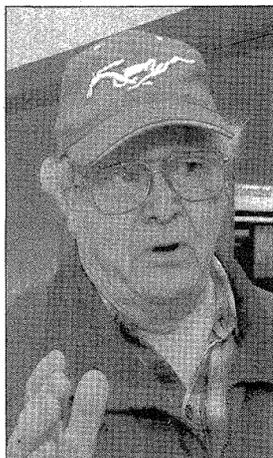
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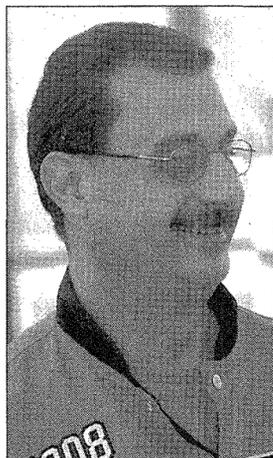
It's been said it would be better to give adults each \$127,000 to spend to end the recession rather than give money to businesses. If you got that money, how would you spend it?

We asked this question at the Garden City post office and the William P. Faust Library in Westland.



"I don't want them to give me \$127,000. If you don't work for it, you shouldn't get it."

Bill Miller
Garden City



"I'd pay off my bills, put some away for college, open a retirement account and put some back into the economy."

Fred Agius
Westland



"I'd probably donate some of it, pay off any bills I have and save the rest."

LaShawn Hardy
Garden City



"First thing I would do is invest a little. I'd put a little in a savings account. I'd buy a house, pay off my car, go to Hawaii on a trip and give my daughter some to pay off her student loans."

Sheila Rogers
Westland

LETTERS

Don't want to share

I don't care for this recycling program we are about to embark on. There are not enough people that will take the effort to do this. My little family on Berkshire, we only see us doing anything right now. We do at least 85 percent of recycling, and with economy, we should we give our neighbor any credit for our own efforts?

Neighborhoods aren't what they used to be. Everyone used to talk to everyone. We don't see anyone talking, or kids playing on our street. I much rather keep the cash for ourselves. No one else is chipping in ... Or helping out.

I see boxes, and garbage cans, literally being thrown in the dump truck just to be thrown in all of our landfills! I can't go around rescuing everything that foolish people throw out. But I bet you, if they went to these landfills, they would be as shocked as I would be.

No, I don't want to share in my cash with anyone!

Mari Squire
Westland

The 1st 100 days

The first 100 days of the Obama administration have accomplished more for America and for recession-ravaged Michigan than the first 100 days of any presidential administration since Franklin

What do you think?

Mail comments to the Westland Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226 or e-mail to smason@hometownlife.com.

Roosevelt in 1932. Despite wholesale Republican obstruction and the endless bleating of stale and discredited right-wing talking points by politically naive detractors, as evidenced by some recent letters in the *Observer & Eccentric*, America's ship of state has been pulled off the rocks upon which clueless conservative ideology had grounded it.

Competence and reason have replaced incompetence and blind conservative ideology at all levels of the federal government. America is regaining the global respect that the previous administration had destroyed with arrogant and childishly disrespectful behavior. The president's economic stimulus plan, derided by Republicans who thoroughly embarrassed themselves in the process, has already provided more than \$4 billion to Michigan, money that has not been wasted on unproductive schemes that further enrich the wealthy, but that is instead being used to rebuild infrastructure, assist law enforcement, aid cash-strapped educational institutions, and held local governments provide necessary services.

In just 100 days, the Obama administration and the Democrats in Congress have made crucial investments to create jobs and improve education, renewable energy, and health care. This is merely a down payment for a new economic vision, one where skilled workers fuel America's economy rather than debt and speculation. It is a vision where America's leadership on clean energy fuels 21st century innovation and discards the failed 20th century ideas which Republicans are so desperately clinging to. It is an America where families and businesses are no longer weighed down by crushing health care costs.

Barack Obama ran for president on a promise of change, and he has delivered. Meanwhile, the Republicans are veering ever further to the right, becoming a regressive, reactionary political party whose message of negativity, obstruction, and outright hate appeals to a steadily shrinking and aging base. It is no wonder that our nation's youngest voters, who are America's next generation of leaders, rejected them by more than 30 points during the last election. While America's future depends on the vision of those who are looking forward, the disloyal opposition prefers to keep looking backward, still embracing their quaint and failed conservative ideology. Good luck with that — and good riddance!

Joe Golonka
Westland



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MALLS & MAINSTREETS

FASHIONISTAS FUND RAISER
ANN ARBOR — Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan's spring fundraiser, Fashionistas 2009, will provide guests with an evening of exciting spring fashions and an a chic way to support Girl Scouting 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at Kensington Court, 610 Hilton Blvd., Ann Arbor. Alicia Smith, morning news anchor for WXYZ-TV is celebrity emcee. More than 40 baskets will be raffled off, filled with jewelry, golf items, gift certificates, tickets to the University of Michigan home opener and two one-week stays in a condo in the ski resort community of Winter Park, Colo. Organizers hope to raise \$25,000 for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. Tickets are \$40 per person, or \$360 for a table of 10. Call (734) 971-8800 or visit www.gshom.org.



Girl Scout Juniors in Troop 40035, made up of fourth-graders from Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth, have created a "Dogs Rule" gift basket full of pet treats for Fashionistas 2009 on May 14.

san candles, unique jewelry, barbecue sauces and spices, eco-friendly cleaning products, health and beauty items, informational websites and more.



Bohemian Home in Plymouth will host the creators of word signs on May 15.

BOHEMIAN HOME TRUNK SHOW
PLYMOUTH — Husband-and-wife artists Greg and Dilynn Puckett, creators of unique and popular word signs, will visit Bohemian Home 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 15 during Art Feast. The Pucketts started in their local farmers' market in Indiana and, within two years,

have grown to be represented in over 450 stores throughout the United States. Word signs are made of a series of 4" x 6" photographs that make up words. Photographed images, from around the world, taken from signs, artifacts, pieces of architecture and objects that take the shape of letters are used. They come ready to hang or display.

Bohemian Home is proud to be one of the top 10 retailers of word signs in the country. Customers can preview the new "expressions" line and order any letter or word combination. Bohemian Home is located in Downtown Plymouth at 427 Forest Ave. Call Carol or Nancy at (734) 737-0095.

PROJECT MOTHER'S DAY
DEARBORN — Solstice Designs delivered 400 hand-crafted Project Mother's Day "Courage Within" necklaces to 13 domestic abuse shelters across the country including First Step of Michigan as part of its Project Mother's Day campaign. The necklaces were funded by donations from Solstice customers, and purchases of the "Courage Within" necklace (\$45, available at www.SolsticeEtsy.com). Children staying at domestic abuse shelters received the necklaces to gift to their moms. For more information, call (313) 724-9400.

ADVICE FOR GIRLS
DEARBORN — Emmy Award-winning journalist and Detroit native Shaun Robinson, weekend co-anchor and correspondent for "Access Hollywood," will discuss and sign her new book "Exactly As I Am: Celebrated Women Share Candid Advice with Today's Girls on What It Takes to Believe in Yourself" at 7 p.m. May 22 at Borders Dearborn, 5601 Mercury Dr. The book includes advice from Jamie Lee Curtis, Celine Dion, Diane von Furstenberg, Jennifer Hudson, Janet Jackson, Alicia Keys, Oprah Winfrey, and many more. Call (313) 271-4441.



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Model Lauren Poole-Romeo, of Northville, with fashion designer Naeem Khan, who visited metro Detroit to present a luncheon fashion show at Oakland Hills Country Club on May 7. The Indian-born, New York-based designer has dressed the likes of Carrie Underwood, Eva Longoria and Beyonce. He visited Bloomfield Hills to support the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America Michigan Chapter. Local models wore gowns from his Fall 2009 collection, characterized by metallic textures, chunky rhinestone collars and rich fabric created by laser printing a floral design on lace using the latest technology. "I don't hold back. You come to me for a full dose of glamour," Khan said. "Don't dilly dally here or there. You want attention, you're going to get attention with my clothes." Call Ken Dewey, director of the 5th Avenue Club at Saks Fifth Avenue, (248) 643-9000, to pre-order any of Khan's pieces.

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J.C. Penney store manager Bill MacKinnon and store employees were just a few of the volunteers that visited Wayne Metro's KEY Program.

J.C. Penney workers help KEY kids

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's Keeping an Eye on Youth (KEY) Program received a special visit from employees of the J.C. Penney in Westland last month.

Several J.C. Penney volunteers from the Westland Store visited the KEY Program and helped facilitate games and activities for the children. Volunteers also brought snacks and coloring books for the children.

The children enjoyed special activities, including a carnival day in which they used tickets to play carnival games and received prizes for completing the game. They also participated in a trivia challenge.

Store Manager, Bill MacKinnon was just one of the many J.C. Penney volunteers that enjoyed spending the afternoon with the children in the KEY Program.

"J.C. Penney is the biggest supporter of 'After School programs' across the country. Each store partners with a local program" said MacKinnon.

Employees often dedicate their time and

resources to local charitable projects, like the KEY Program, he added.

"J.C. Penney has been a tremendous support to our program" said Carla Chinavare, director of School-Age Programs at Wayne Metro. "The generous employees and shoppers have helped raise funds to support our programs for homeless and low-income youth. We love having JC Penny team members come out to volunteer with the kids and be involved in the program."

"It's great to have a local partner that is so involved in the program, it creates a sense of community. They really care about the community that resonates with the children."

Wayne Metro's KEY Program provides after-school and summer academic enrichment activities and recreation to children residing in a homeless center. The program operates from 4:30-8 p.m. Monday-Friday and gives children ages 5-17 an opportunity to interact with their peers and enjoy a respite from the stresses of homelessness.

New Zealand native happy to work in Westland

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Until she got her new cell phone recently, Denise Mills could be identified by her distinctive ring tone — the national anthem of New Zealand.

Mills, marketing manager for Westland Shopping Center, grew up in New Zealand and has adjusted well to life here.

"I met an American gentleman in New Zealand," Mills said during a recent Westland Chamber of Commerce After Hours. "One thing led to another. He invited me to come to the States."

She and that gentleman, Scott, have been married since 1998 and make their home in Livonia near the Westland city limit.

Denise Mills was in her mid-20s when she came to the U.S.

"Obviously, the main thing is you drive on the opposite side of the road. The novelty of a white Christmas wore off quickly," she added.

When she was younger and shopping in New Zealand, she



A native of New Zealand, Denise Mills is enjoying her time as marketing director at the Westland Shopping Center.

could use a payment form for store purchases like a debit card. Mills was surprised debit card technology came later here, and she couldn't pay for her groceries as she did back in New Zealand.

"I lived in the country," she said of her growing up years. Her village was less than 1,000 people and the town where she was educated about 17,000-18,000.

"I had big city experience," said Mills, who'd worked in

Auckland and Wellington before coming to the U.S.

Being the only one from her family to move here was an adjustment.

She's gone back to New Zealand a couple times, and her mom has visited twice, in 2001 and 2006.

Mills saw the receptionist job at Westland Shopping Center advertised in the *Observer*, and was hired after her interview for that position. About a year later, the marketing manager at that time left to be with her children.

"It was just a natural progression," said Mills, who's been in marketing at the mall at Wayne and Warren roads eight years.

She likes her community involvement, such as being on the Westland chamber's board of directors. She and Scott won't necessarily retire here, though.

"We will eventually go back one day," she said. "But no major plans at this time."



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Patriots' 2-1 triumph all but wraps up division

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's nearly time for the Livonia Franklin softball team to break out the confetti and let go the balloons.

The Patriots, ranked No. 8 in the latest Division 1 statewide coaches poll, claimed at least a share of the KLAAs South Division title Tuesday afternoon with a critical 2-1 victory over Canton.

Franklin, 24-4 overall and 13-0 in the South, needed only a win in its last three division games to claim its first outright title since 1997.

Leadoff hitter Brittany Taylor singled and came all the way around from first base to home on a sacrifice bunt by Chelsea Williams to score the game-winning run in the bottom of the fifth

inning.

Taylor churned furiously around third after Canton failed to cover the bag and the throw from first base got away.

"The last two games the same play worked — she just motors," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said of her speedy senior catcher.

Meanwhile, Patriots senior pitcher Natalie Sanborn came up with the key outs, including a fly out to right field to end the game with Canton runners at second and third in the top of the seventh.

Sanborn, pitching on a sore ankle suffered during the warmups prior to Saturday's championship game of the

PREP SOFTBALL

Franklin also captures Farmington Invitational softball crown, visit www.hometownlife.com.

Farmington Invitational, improved to 21-1 overall as she scattered seven hits.

Losing pitcher Amy Dunleavy gave up five hits, struck out five and walked two in six innings as the Chiefs fell to 20-5 overall and 10-3 in the division.

"She (Dunleavy) struck out 17 in 11 innings the last time we met," Jimenez said. "We learned to lay off the high pitch."

Dunleavy got out of a first-inning jam when Franklin put runners on second and third with one out and the Chiefs took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third on a single by ninth batter Sam Partain and a double by freshman right fielder Jesse Lerner.

Franklin tied it up in the bottom half of the inning.

Williams reached base on a bunt single, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on Sanborn's RBI single, which took one hop off the right-center field fence.

Franklin then tallied the game-winner on Taylor's manufactured run.

"It's the little things that make the difference in wins and losses," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "And it's the little things you do not do that causes those losses. Our left fielder was supposed to cover on that play. And with her speed (Taylor's) — speed kills. She capitalized and was able to take the extra base."

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GAME WRAPS

KLAA girls softball

S.L. EAST 9-6, JOHN GLENN 1-4: In a Kensington Conference cross-over Tuesday, host Westland John Glenn (0-21, 0-12) fell twice to South Lyon East.

East won the first game, 9-1, as Nicole Tedd pitched a four-hitter, struck out three and walked only one. Allie Murphy took the loss.

The Cougars also took the second game, 6-4, as Tedd and Kelsey Hines combined to scatter 10 hits.

Amanda Murakami had three hits, including a double, to lead Glenn, while Stacey Truskowski added two hits, including a double.

Brandi Holbrook took the loss.

STEVENSON 1, S.L. EAST 0: Senior pitcher Laura Deacon whiffed 15 and tossed a two-hitter Monday as Livonia Stevenson (13-11, 6-6) edged host South Lyon East in a KLAA Central Division game.

Deacon also singled in the top of the fourth inning. Courtesy runner Molly Knoph advanced to second on a stolen base, took third on a sacrifice by Nina Bonanno and scored on Amanda Paison's successful suicide squeeze bunt.

FRANKLIN 11-13, WAYNE 0-1: Pitcher Natalie Sanborn won both games to carry Livonia Franklin (23-4, 12-0) to a doubleheader sweep Monday of host Wayne Memorial (6-20, 2-12).

Sanborn (20-1) struck out eight and walked only one in five innings as Franklin cruised in the opener, 11-0.

Top hitters for the Patriots included Brittany Taylor (2-for-4, two-run homer; three RBI); Mariah Barcus (2-for-3, two runs); and Brianna Taylor (2-for-3, triple, three RBI).

Wayne starter Taylor Krohn, who gave up 10 hits and walked five, took the loss.

The Patriots collected 17 hits in the nightcap en route to a 13-1 win as Brianna Taylor went 2-for-3, including a two-run homer.

Brittany Taylor added two hits, scored four runs and knocked in two, while Amanda Nixon, Jessica Emery, Chelsea Williams and Barcus each added two hits to pin the loss on Wayne starter Ashley Odum.

CHURCHILL 13, JOHN GLENN 0: In a KLAA South Division encounter Monday, Abby Jewell and Natalie Hiser combined on a no-hitter as Livonia Churchill (13-9, 6-7) won at Westland John Glenn (0-19, 0-11).

Jewell and Hiser combined for nine strikeouts and walked only one in four innings.

Hiser also added three hits while Jewell added two RBI. Katie Stodulski also contributed two hits and two RBI.

Allie Murphy was the losing pitcher for the Rockets, who committed three errors.

CHURCHILL 10-9, RU 0-3: Livonia Churchill (12-9) cruised to victory in both ends of a doubleheader Saturday at Redford Union (6-15).

Pitchers Abby Jewell and Missy Sidor combined on a one-hit shutout in the opener as the Chargers won 10-0.

Katie Stodulski, Andrea Jewell, and Taylor Kerr collected three hits apiece in Churchill's 14-hit attack.

In the nightcap, Natalie Hiser pitched four hitless innings and fanned six in a 10-3 Churchill triumph.

The Chargers scored eight runs over the final three innings to clinch the victory.

Jewell collected three of Churchill's 10 hits, while Sarah Sanders had a hit and RBI for the Panthers.

GLENN GOES 0-3: Westland John Glenn (0-18) lost all three games during the Farmington Invitational.

Dearborn Heights Crestwood downed the Rockets, 15-7, despite two doubles from Stacey Truskowski and two hits from Brandi Holbrook. Allie Murphy took the loss.

North Farmington downed the Rockets, 15-0, as Holbrook had two hits in the setback, while Amanda Caudill suffered the defeat.

Farmington then beat Glenn, 15-0, as Holbrook took the loss.

Franklin's late rally douses Canton, 7-6

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For a roundup of other KLAA baseball action, visit www.hometownlife.com

Livonia Franklin's Prentice Hawkins, who also goes by the first name Wayne, is built like a fireplug.

And Hawkins flexed his muscles and caught Canton off-guard with a flare to right field as the Patriots rallied

from a 6-4 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning Tuesday to stun the visiting Chiefs, 7-6, in a key KLAA South Division baseball game.

The win puts Franklin, now 14-7 overall and 10-3 in the division, in the driver's seat with three games remaining.

Canton, meanwhile, falls to 17-6 and 8-5.

The seventh-inning Franklin rally started when Steven Wells drew a one-out walk off Canton reliever Andrew Tidwell. Wells advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on Garrett Gumm's double.

Winning pitcher Mark McRobb then followed with a single and promptly stole second. That brought up Hawkins, who had the winning runs on second and third with two outs.

"Prentice has hit the ball hard all year and has nothing to show for it," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said.

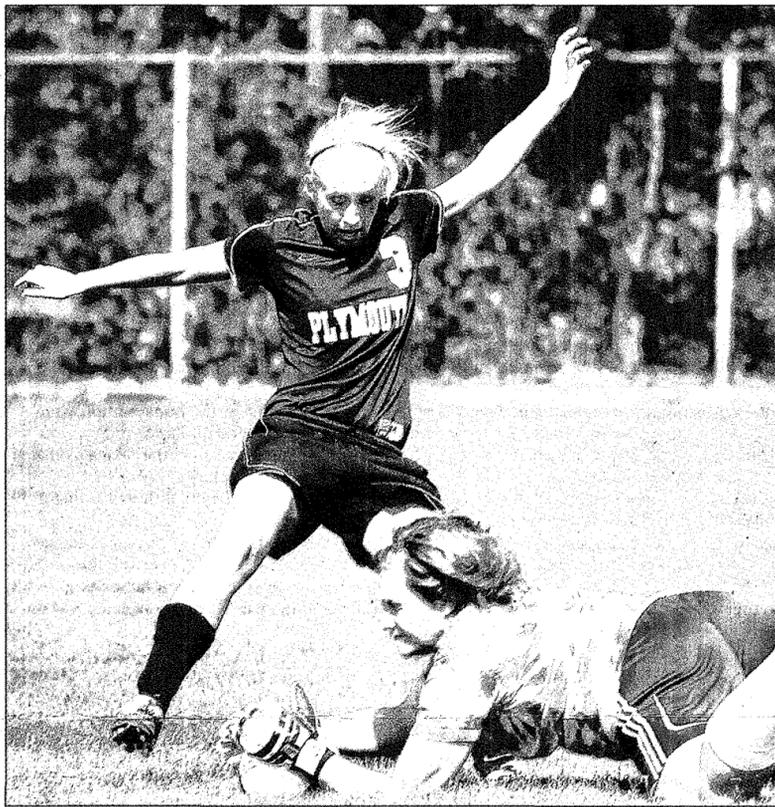
"To have him have that knock in that spot was fitting. He's done a great job for us behind the plate all year. He's always on even keel and continues to work his butt off. He never gets too high or too low."

McRobb went all seven innings, allowing seven hits and four walks.

Wells had an RBI single in the third to make it 1-1, but the Chiefs took a 4-1 lead with two runs in the third and one in the fourth.

Franklin tied it in the bottom of the sixth with three

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Sprawling save

Plymouth's Alyssa Deykes is denied on this attempt by Westland John Glenn goalkeeper Katie Yax during Monday's KLAA South Division match. For a roundup of area girls soccer games, see page B3.

Track 'em down

Stevenson boys rule Kensington Conference meet

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson pulled off a mild surprise Saturday by winning the inaugural KLAA Kensington Conference boys track title hosted by South Lyon East.

The Spartans, who placed fourth at the Observerland Relays and lost a dual meet earlier in the season to Salem, upstaged the 12-school field with 116.33 points.

Salem was runner-up with 103, while Northville (99), Livonia Churchill (66) and Livonia Franklin (64) rounded out the top five.

"We scored in every event and obviously that's a big thing," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "All those sixths, sevenths and eighths, too, add up."

Stevenson individual winners included David Simor, long jump (20 feet, 6.5 inches); Nick Anagnostou, 100-meter dash (10.68); and Nate Sergison, 400 (51.03).

The foursome of Simor, Austin White, Sergison and Anagnostou also captured the 4 x 200 relay in 1:30.95.

Anagnostou just a week earlier finished fourth in the Observerland Relays' 100 behind Livonia Franklin's Paul Voegel and Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford, who went 1-2.

This time Anagnostou edged out Churchill's Devon Easterling (10.81) and Voegel (10.96).

"Nick winning the 100 and not being seeded number one with almost all the same sprinters (as Observerland) was a big thing

for us," Shaw said. "And Eric Plisko finishing second in the 800 (2:00.75) with his best time by three-and-a-half seconds was key for us as well."

Stevenson also got a boost from Will Burek, who added three fifths, including both hurdles events (110 highs and 300 intermediates) and long jump; Shawn Howse, fourth in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs; and Jon Aneed, sixth in both the shot put and discus.

"Aneed was seeded 11th and 12th and came in sixth in both," Shaw said. "Burek's three fifths added up to 12 points. And both pole vaulters (Jon Gudeman and Henry Weyand) did decent in bad weather by taking third and fourth where we don't normally score that high."

Salem got firsts from Dana Baltazar, shot put (49-4); Dominique Williams, 200 (22.36); and Zach Gaskell, high jump (6-1).

Other individual winners included: T.J. Arancibia (John Glenn), discus, 146-6; Joe Marlow (Churchill), pole vault, 11-1; Renaldo Powell (Wayne), 110 hurdles, 14.23; Frank Griffith (Northville), 1,600, 4:30.57; Warren Buzzard (Plymouth), 800, 1:59.91; Alisaghar Arastu (Northville), 300 hurdles, 37.78; and Mike Blaszczyk (Novi), 3,200, 9:51.45.

Churchill's foursome of Tony Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey and Easterling captured the 400 relay (43.62), while Northville captured both the 1,600 and 3,200 relays in 3:27.86 and 8:16.6, respectively.

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Stevenson's Nick Anagnostou captured Saturday's KLAA Kensington Conference 100-meter dash.

Zerbo's homer saves MU, 12-11

The Madonna University baseball team needed 12 innings and 25 hits to get past Fresno Pacific (Calif.) University, 12-11, in the opening round of the NIAA national tournament at Lewis & Clark Park in Sioux City, Iowa.

Of the 25 hits, none was bigger than Kevin Zerbo's solo homer in the top of the 12th inning to give the Crusaders a 12-11 lead that would stand up.

COLLEGE BASEBALL For the game, MU's Aaron Hacias was 5-for-7 from the plate, scoring four runs. He also hit a solo homer in the top of the 10th inning.

Teammate Ryan Morrow went 4-for-5, scoring two runs with an RBI, as MU improved to 39-10 overall.

In the top of the 10th inning, Hacias hit a leadoff solo homer to center to give MU a one-run lead heading into the bottom of the inning, but Fresno answered with a run of its own and sent the game into the 11th inning tied at 11.

Neither team managing a run in the 11th, but in the top of 12, with one out, Zerbo hit a 0-1 pitch deep to left center for what proved to be a game winning homer against the Sunbirds (33-14).

MU hurler Jeff Sonnenberg lasted 7 1/3 innings, allowing nine runs on 12 hits.

MU reliever Andy Omilion earned the win after pitching four innings, allowing four hits and one run to move to 3-1 on the season.

With the win, MU advances in bracket play to take on the winner of Game 3 that pairs top-seed Bellevue (Neb.) against No. 2 seed Jamestown (N.D.).

Novi nips Churchill at wire for conference crown

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Skies were cloudy for the most part, but it was Novi's day to shine in Saturday's inaugural KLAA Kensington Conference girls track and field championships held at South Lyon East.

The Wildcats held off a strong effort by Livonia Churchill to lead the 12-team field with 120.66 points.

Churchill was next with 114.5 followed by Northville (97.5), Livonia Franklin (91), Westland John Glenn (60) and Livonia Stevenson (54).

The Wildcats captured a pair of relays (400 and 800) and received individual first-place finishes by Elle Robinson (3,200 run) and by Jasmine Ward (100 dash).

"Winning the KLAA was an awesome feeling," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "Our kids have worked really hard and to see it all come together was nice."

Churchill got firsts from Taylor Byron in the shot put (35 feet, 9.5 inches) and Sara Kroll in the 800 run (2:15.99).

Kroll, who added a second in the 1,600 run (5:01.2) also teamed up with Emily



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Stevenson's Becky Adamcheck broke the school record in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in Saturday's KLAA Kensington Conference meet.

Clairmont, Tiffany Raisanen and Bethany Pilat to win the 3,200 relay in 9:55.2.

Another meet standout was John Glenn's Aubrie Scott, who figured in 34 of her team's 60 points by winning the long jump (16-11.75) and the 200 dash (26.72).

Scott also teamed up with Shaunte Roberts, Stephanie Brown and Chanel Payne for a runner-up finish in the 400

relay (52.52) along with a third in the 800 relay (1:52.77).

Not to be outdone was Stevenson senior Courtney Calka, who held off Kroll in the 1,600 (5:00.7), took second in the 800 (2:17.26). Calka also anchored the victorious 1,600 relay (4:10.23) with a furious kick down the stretch to beat Northville. She was joined by teammates Stephanie Batshon, Becky Adamcheck and Haley Babcock.

Adamcheck also established a new school record in the 300 hurdles (45.72).

Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund was also pleased with his team's showing despite being somewhat shorthanded.

"We tried some new things in our lineup to prepare for regionals and were very happy," he said. "For example, we asked Ashley (Butkowski) to try the 3,200 relay and still come back with her other events and she responded very well."

"But that meant we juggled some of the other relays, and we were also dealing with some illness, etc. Considering all that, fourth place in this new league is pretty good."

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KLAA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK MEET

May 9 at South Lyon East
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 120.66 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 114.5; 3. Northville, 97.5; 4. Livonia Franklin, 91; 5. Westland John Glenn, 60; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 54; 7. Canton, 48; 8. Plymouth, 45; 9. Salem, 16.33; 10. South Lyon, 13; 11. South Lyon East, 3; 12. Wayne Memorial, 0.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Taylor Byron (LC), 35 feet, 9.5 inches; 2. Tyler Buchanan (P), 34-2.5; 3. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 31-11.5; 4. Shannon Getchen (LC), 31-8; 5. Savannah Haig (LF), 31-7.5; 6. Isis Hayward (P), 30-8; 7. Amanda Thomas (SL), 30-3; 8. Nicole Price (SL), 29-3.5.

Discus: 1. Gretchen (LC), 107-3; 2. Anderson (WJG), 102-1; 3. Haig (LF), 100-11; 4. Buchanan (P), 100-10; 5. Amber Burkett (LS), 89-5; 6. Jill Hakala (Canton), 87-3; 7. Amy O'Brien (N'ville), 86-10; 8. Becky Holubka (LS), 85-5.

High jump: 1. Beth Roach (N'ville), 5-1; 2. Liz Holloway (LF), 4-11; 3. Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 4-9; Heather Armiak (Novi), 4-9; 5. Sierra Yetts (LC), 4-7; 6. (tie) Senclair McDonnell (LC) and Shannon Lohman (NVL), 4-7 each; 8. (tie) Ashley Kretschmer (Salem), Merideth Tarrant (Novi) and Alyssa Armiak (Novi), 4-5 each.

Long jump: 1. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 16-11.75; Chelsea Ciampa (N'ville), 16-8; 3. Chanel Payne (WJG), 16-4; 4. Katie Liebig (SL), 15-6.75; 5. Lauren Forche (Novi), 15-0.75; 6. Katelyn Shelar (Novi), 14-10.5; Melanie Bauer (LS), 14-10.25; 8. Phalyin Winans (Canton), 14-10.

Pole vault: 1. Amy Reynolds (N'ville), 10-6; 2. (tie) Meghan Powers (LF) and Michelle Stesicki (N'ville), 10-0 each; 4. Shelar, (Novi), 10-0; 5. Alicia Dimauro, (LC) 8-6; 6. Lisa Black (LS), 8-6; 7. Allie Jones (Novi), 8-6; 8. Emily Wolf (LC), 8-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Jacklyn Konopka (N'ville), 15.66; 2. Dayna Esper (LC), 16.07; 3. Seneca Scott (LF), 16.16; 4. Regina Barbosa (Novi), 16.42; 5. Jen Mueller (LS), 16.66; 6. Lyndsay Tyler (SL), 17.2; 7. Anne Irvin (Novi), 17.42; 8. Mandy McManus (P), 17.49.

300 hurdles: 1. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 45.72 (school record); 2. Ciampa (N'ville), 47.49; 3. Kelly McCloskey (Novi), 48.49; 4. Scott (LF), 49.32; 5. McManus (P), 51.55; 6. Shelby Johnson (N'ville), 51.9; 7. Shannon Niznik (LF), 51.93; 8. Konopka (N'ville), 52.65.

100: 1. Jasmine Ward (Novi), 12.4; 2. Bree Edge (Canton), 12.48; 3. D'Maya Davis (Novi), 12.69;

4. Payne (WJG), 12.76; 5. Kathryn Chinavare (LF), 12.98; 6. Ashley Banks (Canton), 13.01; Lipa (Canton), 13.03; 8. Krystal Whitlow (P), 13.66.
200: 1. Scott (WJG), 26.72; 2. Brianna Pieprzak (Novi), 26.82; 3. Chloe Taylor (LC), 26.96; 4. Brittany Davis (Novi), 27.23; 5. D'Maya Davis (Novi), 27.65; 6. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 27.82; 7. Yekaterina Belikov (Salem), 28.3; 8. Ashley Banks (Canton), 28.37.

400: 1. Roach (N'ville), 1:01.1; 2. Ashly Butkowski (LF), 1:02.15; 3. Daniela Drury (N'ville), 1:02.16; 4. Deja Wright (Salem), 1:02.61; 5. Samar Aoude (LC), 1:03.26; 6. Beth Swanberg (Canton), 1:04.21; 7. Megan Kelly (LC), 1:04.44; 8. Taylor (LC), 1:04.72.

800: 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 2:15.99; 2. Courtney Calka (LS), 2:17.26; 3. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:26.88; 4. Tiffany Raisanen (LC), 2:28.8; 5. Mallory Church (LF), 2:31.27; 6. Lizzie Getzke (Canton), 2:32.13; 7. Baditot (N'ville), 2:32.45; 8. Kelley Determan (Salem), 2:32.72.

1,600: 1. Calka (LS), 5:00.07; 2. Kroll (LC), 5:01.02; 3. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:21.36; 4. Elle Robinson (Novi), 5:26.84; 5. Brooke McMahan (Novi), 5:32.12; 6. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:37.33; 7. Abby Chandler (Novi), 5:40.18; 8. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 5:41.6.

3,200: 1. Robinson (Novi), 11:35.09; 2. McPherson (LF), 11:37.52; 3. Molly Slavens (P), 11:43.49; 4. Pilat (LC), 11:57.97; 5. Paula Green (P), 12:08.07; 6. Chandler (Novi), 12:24.02; 7. Sarah Thomas (Canton), 12:33.26; 8. Victoria Tripp (Salem), 12:35.7.

400 relay: 1. Novi (Davis, Brianna Pieprzak, Ward, D. Davis), 51.88; 2. John Glenn, 52.52; 3. Salem, 53.23; 4. Franklin, 53.59; 5. Canton, 54.13; 6. Northville, 54.47; 7. Stevenson, 54.89; 8. S.L. East, 55.64.

800 relay: 1. Novi (Kelly McCloskey, Pieprzak, D. Davis, B. Davis), 1:49.67; 2. Churchill, 1:51.02; 3. John Glenn, 1:52.77; 4. Franklin, 1:53.12; 5. Northville, 1:53.34; 6. Canton, 1:55.49; 7. S.L. East, 1:56.69; 8. Stevenson, 1:57.01.

1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Stephanie Batshon, Adamcheck, Haley Babcock, Calka), 4:10.23; 2. Northville, 4:10.73; 3. Churchill, 4:17.71; 4. Novi, 4:20.31; 5. Canton, 4:33.01; 6. South Lyon, 4:34.15; 7. Plymouth, 4:39.76; 8. John Glenn, 4:40.22.

3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Emily Clairmont, Raisanen, Pilat, Kroll), 9:55.2; 2. Franklin 10:07.2; 3. Novi 10:13.36; 4. Plymouth 10:25.29; 5. Canton 10:33.68; 6. Northville 10:43.10; 7. Stevenson 10:50.34; 8. Salem 10:53.44.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 95 CANTON 42

May 12 at P-CEP Stadium

Shot put: 1. Taylor Byron (LC), 34 feet, 10.5 inches; 2. Shannon Getchen (LC), 32-4; 3. Nicole Douglas (C), 29-3.25.

Discus: 1. Getchen (LC), 102-7; 2. Byron (LC), 89-10; 3. Allison Bartig (LC), 88-8.

Long jump: 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 15-6; 2. Ashley Banks (C), 14-11.5; 3. Michelle Lu (C), 14-10.25.

High jump: 1. McDonnell (LC), 4-10; 2. Sierra Yetts (LC), 4-8; 3. Lindsay Lipa (C), 4-8.

Pole vault: 1. Alicia DiMauro (LC), 10-0; 2. Lindsey Kreutzman (LC), 8-6; 3. Eren Ural (LC), 7-6.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Churchill (Emily Clairmont, Tiffany Raisanen, Bethany Pilat, Sara Kroll), 10:01.37; 2. Canton, 10:39.08.

100 hurdles: 1. Dayna Esper (LC), 17.47; 2. Chrissy Maleske (LC), 18.5; 3. Jessica Raisanen (LC), 18.6.

100 dash: 1. Bree Edge (C), 12.9; 2. Ashley Banks (C), 13.19; 3. Lipa (C), 13.31.

800 relay: 1. Churchill (Samar Aoude, Courtney Simpson, Leah Heinzelman, Chloe Taylor), 1:49.25; 2. Canton, 1:52.89.

1,600 run: 1. Pilat (LC), 5:32.15; 2. Bianca Kubicki (C), 5:37.97; 3. Katie Grimes (C), 5:55.28.

400 relay: 1. Canton, 51.84; 2. Churchill, 52.28.

400 dash: 1. Kroll (LC), 1:00.35; 2. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:02.06; 3. Taylor (LC), 1:02.5.

300 hurdles: 1. Esper (LC), 53.31; 2. Alex Herten (LC), 54.53; 3. Megan Howard (C), 54.94.

800 run: 1. Raisanen (LC), 2:31.28; 2. Lizzie

Getzke (C), 2:34.4; 3. Maddy Jiga (C), 2:45.28.
200 dash: 1. Lauren Stoltman (LC), 27.63; 2. Aoude (LC), 27.7; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 27.56.

3,200 run: 1. Sarah Thomas (C), 12:12; 2. Alexis Hickson (LC), 13:00; 3. Clairmont (LC), 13:07.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:36.19.
Churchill's dual meet record: 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLAA South Division.

DUAL MEET RESULTS LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 73 ROCH. HILLS LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 55

May 12 at Lutheran Northwest
Shot put: 2. Allyson Yankee (LW), 28 feet, 8.25 inches; **discus:** 2. Yanke (LW), 79-1; high jump: 2. Emilie Freeman (LW), 4-10; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Rachel Storck (LW), 17.6; 2. Jackie Schwartz (LW), 19.4; **300 hurdles:** 1. Storck (LW), 53.0; 2. Amanda Terranella (LW), 54.2; **100 dash:** 2. Megan Loh (LW), 14.7; **200:** 2. Yanke (LW), 31.4; **400:** 1. Kately Ramthun (LW), 1:02.6; 3. Jess Rice (LW), 1:10.7; **800:** 1. Nicole Zehel (LW), 2:43.5; 3. Rice (LW), 2:54.6; **1,600:** 1. Zehel (LW), 5:44.2; 2. Sarah Maynard (LW), 6:02.6;

400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Schwartz, Brittany Maynard, Beth LaRose, Loh), 1:00.9; **800 relay:** 2. Lutheran Westland (Schwartz, Terranella, Freeman, Ramthun), 1:56.4; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Freeman, Terranella, Ramthun, Zehel), 4:26.4; **3,200 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (S. Maynard, B. Maynard, Lyle, Rice), 11:33.6.

Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 4-1 Metro Conference.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

WESTERN WAYNE INVITATIONAL

May 11 at Walnut Creek C.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson (A), 324 strokes; 2. Canton, 326; 3. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Plymouth, 330 each; 5. Livonia Franklin, 349; 6. Woodhaven, 350; 7. Westland John Glenn and Garden City, 361 each; 9. Livonia Stevenson (B), 365; 10. Redford Union, 422.

INDIVIDUAL SCORERS

Medalist: Andrew Rickerman (Canton), 74.
Stevenson (A) scorers: 2. (tie) Tim Milk, 77; 4. (tie) Drew Mossion and Dan Dufour 80 each; 22. Christian Debay, 87; 30. (tie) Adam Giordano and Tom Cullum, 91 each.

Canton scorers: 1. Rickerman, 74; 2. (tie) Zach Conrad, 77; 14. Jeremy Lindbauer, 84; 30. Dominic Bonelli, 91; 52. Travis Hall, 102; 54. Josh Maxam, 103.

Churchill scorers: 4. (tie) Adam Yarber, 80; 7. (tie) Kevin Robinson, 87; 11. Dan Bostick, 83; 18. Nick Proben, 86; 22. (tie) Ryan Ciroch and Chris Thiele, 87 each.

Plymouth scorers: 7. (tie) Tim Andrew Overmeyer, 81; 10. Jimmy Bryans, 82; 11. Ryan Bauer, 83; 14. Josh Heinz, 84; 18. Justin Bauer, 86; 29. Trevor Birdwell, 90.

Franklin scorers: 14. Jimmy Johnson, 84; 18. Chris Grund, 86; 22. Jordan Chisholm, 87; 34. (tie) Jacob Wirgau and Doug Nagy, 92 each; 37. Jon Holmes, 93.

John Glenn scorers: 7. (tie) Andy Myers, 81; 34. Connor Monroe, 92; 41. (tie) Josh Duprie, Alex Rochette and Tim Boes, 41 each; 57. Travis Jozefczak, 107.

Garden City scorers: 22. Ron Pummill, 87; 27. Nick Walker, 88; 37. (tie) Jerod Cusmano

and Mike Downey, 93; R.J. Wright, 96; 50. John Selinski, 100.

Stevenson (B) scorers: 18. Dante Ciccelli, 86; 30. Nick Collins, 91; 37. Jimmy Vayis, 93; 45. Nick Barr and Cam Humitz, 95 each; 50. Matt Fox, 100.

RU scorers: 52. Jeremy Stover, 102; 54. Josh Marlow, 56; Jake Kinjorski, 105; 58. Scott Bunzeluk, 112; 59. Andrew Sisson, 113; 60. John Carey, 115.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 162, NOVI 170
May 12 at Fox Creek G.C.

Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossion, 39 (medalist); Tim Milk and Adam Giordano, 41 each; Christian Debay, 43; Tom Cullum, 45; Joe Attard, 46.

Novi scorers: Brent Womack and Nick Hanson, 41 each; Steve Rajkovic, 43; Chuck Mallo and Sam Palmer, 45 each; Steve Guertin, 51.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 6-2 overall, 6-2 KLAA Central Division; Novi, 4-4 overall, 4-4 KLAA Central.

LIV. FRANKLIN 162, WAYNE MEM. 162
(Franklin wins tiebreaker)
May 11 at The Woodlands

Franklin scorers: Doug Nagy, 39; Chris Grund, 40; Jordan Chisholm, 41; Drake Hermann, 42; Jimmy Johnson, 44; Tyler Miller, 45.

Wayne scorers: Kevin Sample, 33 (medalist); Jacob Smith, 37; Corey Robbins, 44; Zachary Williamson, 48; Jarret Williamson, 49; Gary Nell, 62.

Dual match records: Franklin, 4-3 overall, 4-3 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 1-7 overall, 1-7 KLAA South.

Advertorial

TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

You are entitled to the lie your stroke gave you

By Jeanne Myers

You have played a pretty good shot to the green, and the ball has come to rest on the fringe or collar. A fellow-competitor then blasts out of a greenside bunker depositing sand all over and around your ball.

Doesn't seem fair, does it? The USGA agrees with you, and has adopted many decisions they call Equity Decisions to take care of situations such as this. There is a principle in the Rules of Golf that says that a player is entitled to the lie his shot gave him. That principle comes into play here, and in the instance described above, the player is allowed to remove all the sand around his ball, even the sand on the fringe, and he can lift and clean his ball even though he is not on the green.

The same is true, in some circumstances, if another player's pitch-mark through the green interferes with your lie or line of play. Normally, you may not improve your line of play by eliminating "irregularities of surface" or "pressing down cut turf." Therefore, if the pitch-mark is there when your ball comes to rest near it, you will not get relief. But, if the pitch-mark is created after your ball came to rest, in equity, you will be allowed to repair it.

Your ball lies in a bunker. You take a practice swing outside the bunker, and by mistake, tear out a large divot that lands behind your ball in the bunker. That divot is a loose impediment, and you are not allowed to remove it without penalty. However, if another player does the same thing to you, you are allowed to remove the divot under the principle that "the player is entitled to the lie his stroke gave him." The same would be true if your ball lies in a water hazard.

Suppose a branch falls from a tree and comes to rest on your ball lying in a bunker. You might assume that under this generous principle you are entitled to remove it —Not so. The principle applies only in cases in which the lie of the ball has been altered as a result of an act by another player, caddie, spectator or other animate outside agency. In this case, the lie was altered by natural causes and you are not entitled to relief.

The principle may also be applied when a player's area of intended stance is affected by another player's stroke. For example, if another player removes a huge divot when playing his ball, and that divot hole now affects your stance, in equity, you may restore that area as nearly as possible without penalty. The equity ruling even goes so far as to say that if the area of the stance can't be restored, you may place your ball without penalty on the nearest spot within one club-length of the original lie that provides the most similar lie and stance to the original. This new spot may not be nearer the hole or in a bunker.

This equity principle also applies if your lie or line of play gets improved instead of damaged. For example, your ball lies in a bunker, and before you can reach the bunker, a greenkeeping staff member rakes the bunker improving your lie or line of play. As long as you have not sanctioned the raking, you are absolved of penalty.

The general rule of thumb is that if another person creates the situation, you are absolved of blame and can get relief. However, if you create the situation yourself, or it happens through natural causes, you are just out of luck!

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Chargers settle for 0-0 tie vs. Plymouth

It was an all too familiar story Tuesday night for the Livonia Churchill girls soccer team.

The Chargers played air-tight defense, but were unable to find the back of the net in a 0-0 draw with host Plymouth.

Churchill is 9-1-3 overall and 6-1-2 in the KLAAs South Division.

"It was like the rest of our games," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We played well enough to win, but we hit a post and missed on a couple of other good chances. We've had trouble scoring. It will eventually come and we'll figure it out."

Churchill goalkeeper Stefanie Turner helped preserve the shutout by stopping a penalty kick against the Wildcats, who are 5-3-1 in the KLAAs South.

NOVI 1, STEVENSON 0: The KLAAs Central Division co-leading Wildcats (11-2-2, 7-1-1) scored midway through the second half to earn the victory Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson (7-8, 6-3).

The Spartans' best chance came in the first half when Novi goalkeeper Erin Zerito stopped Dayna Stevens' attempt. Kayla Kimble's shot from 18 yards out off a feed from Renee Boudreau just sailed high in the second half.

"I was very pleased with our play," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "We were a completely different team from the last time we saw them and just couldn't finish, which ended up hurting us in the end."

FRANKLIN 1, JOHN GLENN 0: Sophomore Ally Mesa scored 15 minutes into the second half Tuesday to give host Livonia Franklin (2-10-2, 2-6-1) the KLAAs South Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (3-9, 2-7).

The backbone of Courtney Smith, Renee Berger, Colleen Anthony and Erin Roulier helped preserve the shutout.

GIRLS SOCCER

"Everyone played well and gave us many hard minutes," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We pulled together as a team to make sure we could attain our goal of getting a win."

Glenn, meanwhile, got sterling play from senior defender Melissa Mezaros.

"We played well and lost," Glenn first-year coach Jimmy Mortada said. "We dominated, but put many shots over the goal-keeper. We did not finish. We're heartbroken."

At 3 p.m. Saturday at Wayne Memorial High, teachers from the Wayne-Westland Schools will face police officers from Wayne and Westland in a charity soccer match.

STEVENSON 1, SALEM 0: Renee Boudreau's goal at the 25-minute mark was the difference Monday as Livonia Stevenson (7-7, 6-2) earned a KLAAs Central Division win over the host Rocks (4-4-3, 2-4-2).

After getting fouled about 40 yards out from Salem's goal, Taleen Mergian chipped the ball into Salem's box where Kayla Kimble flicked it with her head past some defenders to Boudreau. Off a hop, Boudreau volleyed the ball up and over Salem's keeper into the back of the net.

Pinta was praised the defensive play of Ashley Welch.

"That was as good as I've seen her defend all season," he said. "The rest of the back line was solid tonight and very busy including Mergian, Samantha Kliman, Brittany Hoots, and Kimble at times. Shannon Merritt was great tonight in the attack, she held the ball well for us and really worked her tail off."

PIONEER 2, STEVENSON 0: Emily Jaffe's goal at the 10-minute mark proved to be the game-winner Friday as Ann Arbor Pioneer turned back host Livonia Stevenson (6-7) in a non-league game.

Pioneer also scored an insurance goal late in the game off a restart from 30 yards out when the Spartans failed to clear the box.

Livonia Clarenceville routed visiting Lutheran High Westland, 10-1, in Monday's Metro Conference Tournament softball opener.

The Trojans (9-10, 6-3) rode the strong pitching of Val Sochacki, who allowed one earned run and two hits while walking one and striking out eight.

All the scoring Sochacki really needed came in the third, when Lutheran Westland errors enabled seniors Charmaine McQueen (two runs, two RBI) and

METRO SOFTBALL

Miranda Cummings (2-for-4, run) to cross home plate.

Clarenceville scored two more in the third and another in the fourth before tacking five runs on the board in the sixth, with McQueen bringing home two with a double.

CLARENCEVILLE 7-5, ANNAPOLIS 6-8: In a nonconference twinbill on Saturday, host Livonia Clarenceville (8-10) split with Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

The Trojans won the first game, 7-6, but fell short in the nightcap,

8-5.

The opener featured McQueen's 3-for-4 day at the plate along with two hits and an RBI by junior Megan McLaughlin, to back the complete-game pitching of junior Chelsea Gehan (five earned runs).

Clarenceville battled back from a 6-2 deficit to tie the game 6-6, with sophomore Stephanie Bishop, Burling, McLaughlin and McQueen singling.

In the seventh, Wilson scored the winning run on Burling's RBI groundout.

The Trojans (carried a 5-4 edge into the seventh inning of Game 2, but four errors proved too costly to overcome.

On the plus side, senior Lisa Wilson went 2-for-4 with a run and RBI, while sophomore Joanna Burling contributed two singles.

CLARENCEVILLE 12, KINGSWOOD 2: On May 6, Livonia Clarenceville (7-9, 5-3) scored seven runs in the second inning and rolled to the Metro Conference win at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Senior Miranda Cummings had a big day for the Trojans, going 3-for-5 with two runs and two RBI while junior Val Sochacki, the winning pitcher, collected three hits and an RBI. Freshman Angela McAlpine also knocked in a run for the Trojans.

Deacon lifts Stevenson to Carlson invite crown

Livonia Stevenson brought home a championship trophy Saturday by winning the Gibraltar Carlson girls softball tournament.

The Spartans avenged an earlier loss in the tourney by downing Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, 3-1, in the finals.

Senior pitcher Laura Deacon fanned 16 batters and allowed just two hits in seven innings as the Spartans improved to 12-11 overall.

Shelbie Wilson led Stevenson's eight-hit attack going 2-for-3 with a double and RBI.

Monroe St. Mary CC downed the Spartans in the opener, 3-1, as Carlie Giarmo

allowed just four hits, walked three and struck out 10.

Emily Hollandsworth suffered the loss, allowing just five hits and pair of walks to go along with 5 Ks.

Katie Bone and Kristie Gordon each went 2-for-3 for the Kestrels.

In the second round, Stevenson bounced back to beat Allen Park, 10-3, as Deacon went the first five innings, allowing just two hits and two walks while fanning eight.

Jacqueline Johnson came on for the final two innings of relief.

Wilson and Deacon paced the offense with two hits apiece.

PATRIOTS

FROM PAGE B1

After Franklin put two runners aboard in the bottom of the sixth, but failed to score, Canton made one last bid as Lerner reached first on an infield throwing error with two outs.

Dunleavy then ripped a Sanborn pitch off the left-center field wall for a double, but the potential game-tying run remained at third base.

"The fly was hit to the fence, but the runner stopped," Arnold said. "Those are the little things. We should still be playing. We had two or three chances to be up there. We have good power hitters and we got people on base, but we did not capitalize on our opportunities."

Franklin, meanwhile, has been on a mission since losing to Division 1 state champion Garden City, 2-1, in last year's pre-district.

"It's the senior leadership from basketball, it helps when they've been in that kind of competition," Jimenez said, referring to four Franklin softball starters who were also starters on this year's Class A state runner-up hoop team. "Our captains demand more and expect more from their teammates. I don't have to say a lot to them."

Strike out cancer

The first Strike Out Breast Cancer Public Schools of Livonia Invitational will be Saturday at Ford Field.

Admission is free as Churchill takes on Stevenson at 10 a.m. followed by Franklin and Clarenceville at noon. The championship game is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Between the first two games, breast cancer survivors will be recognized and all spectators are encouraged to wear pink.

Donations can be made by cash or check to: Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Blazers booted in semifinals, 1-0

Despite a stellar effort by goalkeeper Michele Ring, who made eight saves, Livonia Ladywood fell Tuesday at home in the semifinals of the Catholic League girls soccer playoffs to visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 1-0.

"Michele Ring did everything she could to keep the game close," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team falls to 7-5-3 overall. "But we were never able to get things going at the offensive end. I am extremely proud of the girls' effort, but in the end it just wasn't our day."

Kacie Steinbrecher's goal

in the 20th minute proved to be the difference for the Irish (12-3-1).

CLARENCEVILLE 8, HARPER WOODS 0: Tori Bunker and Jordan Fyffe tallied two goals apiece Monday as visiting Livonia Clarenceville (4-8-1, 3-4-0) scored a mercy-rule win over Metro Conference foe Harper Woods (0-10, 0-7).

Joining the scoring parade for the Trojans were Teresa Parent, Ashley Welch, Jericca Clements (who also each collected an assist) and Morgan Tressler.

Sharing the shutout were Kristen Jolly, Fyffe and Bunker. Clarenceville, the fourth seed, was slated to open Metro Conference tournament play Wednesday at home against No. 5 seed Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 5, LIVONIA STEVENSON 4 May 12 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Alli Carpenter (Salem) defeated Paige McNamara, 6-2, 6-4. **No. 2:** Linda Ling (Salem) def. Carli Marschner, 6-0, 6-1. **No. 3:** Gabrielle Sabatini (LS) def. Anna Norman, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1. **No. 4:** Laura Gumpfer (LS) def. Morgan Spencer, 6-0, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Shannon Dwight-Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo, 2-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4). **No. 2:** Christine Steinmeyer-Danielle Jagodzinski (LS) def. Kerry MacDonald-Alex Lamb, 6-4, 7-5. **No. 3:** Mallory Rojo-Victoria Brotz (Salem) def. Calla Miller-Melissa Martinez, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. **No. 4:** Ashley Davis-Katie Fletcher (Salem) def. Simona Enea-Kelsey Futrell, 6-3, 6-0. **No. 5:** Emma Vanhoof-Bethany Haller (Salem) def. Andrea Burford-Michele DeBeaudry, 6-0, 6-1.

Dual match records: Salem, 6-3 overall, 6-3 KLAAs Central Division; Stevenson, 6-7 overall, 4-6 KLAAs Central.

PLYMOUTH 6, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3 May 8 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Jessica Bracey, 6-2, 6-0. **No. 2:** Emily Wisniewski (LF) def. Sarah Mitchell, 6-3, 6-2. **No. 3:** Gina Matar (P) def. Angela Tomassini, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. **No. 4:** Radhika Patel (P) def. Rebecca Fenner, 6-3, 6-3. **No. 1 doubles:** Katie Binger-Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Crystal Henderson-Jenn Relling, 6-0, 6-1. **No. 2:** Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong (P) def. Stephanie Belcher-Lindsey Fenner, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6. **No. 3:** Claire Marchesano-Annie Mackenzie (P) def. Sarah Noffze-Jaclyn Horsell, 7-6, 6-4. **No. 4:** Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey (P) def. Angela Browning-Jaclyn Kurc, 6-1, 6-2. **No. 5:** Anne West-Gina DeBlasi (P) def. Annie McLeod-Renee Kozekowski, 6-4, 6-2.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 6-3 overall, 6-3 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 5-6 overall, 4-5 KLAAs South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6, SOUTH LYON 3 May 8 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Erin Hawkins (SL) def. Paige McNamara, 6-2, 6-1. **No. 2:** Carli Marschner (LS) def. Megan Penkevich, 6-1, 6-3. **No. 3:** Gabrielle Sabatini (LS) def. Emily Rosochacki, 6-3, 6-1. **No. 4:** Laura Gumpfer (LS) def. Jessica Bemiss, 6-2, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Shannon Dwight-Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Sally Barens-Leah McGuire, 6-3, 6-3. **No. 2:** Christine Steinmeyer-Danielle Jagodzinski (LS) def. Patty McAllister-Brittany Johnston, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 3:** Calla Miller-Melissa Martinez (LS) def. Stephanie Mushna-Andrea Cogo, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. **No. 4:** Maia Clark-Janelle Matuch (SL) def. Simona Enea-Kelsey Futrell, 4-6, 6-4 (10-4 tiebreaker). **No. 5:** Emily Bohm-Annamerie Pavlock (SL) def. Andrea Burford-Michele DeBeaudry, 6-0, 7-6 (7-3).

Stevenson's dual match record: 6-6 overall, 4-5 KLAAs Central Division.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 9, WAYNE 0 May 8 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Katlyn Foster (LC) defeated Morgan Greig, 6-1, 6-1. **No. 2:** Nicole Kruse (LC) def. Callee Parendo, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 3:** Kelly Houghan (LC) def. Stephanie Tomlin, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 4:** Kristi Fata (LC) def. Jennifer Farley, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Val Rose-Kristi Walker (LC) def. Megan McGregor-Melinda Powers, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 2:** Courtney Bennett-Nikki Fata (LC) def. Ashlee Szabo-Zoie Smallwood, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 3:** Jessica McClain-Allison Gale (LC) def. Alicia Evans-Lynn Mathew, 6-0, 6-1. **No. 4:** Caitlin Griffith-Maria Paul (LC) def. Samantha Collins-Samantha Bugliane, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 5:** Shree Handa-Lauren Patta (LC) def. Amber Frost-Brianna Wilson, 6-0, 6-0.

Dual match records: Churchill, 9-2 overall, 8-1 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 0-10 overall, 0-9 KLAAs South.

CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE PROPERTY AND BICYCLE AUCTION

Under Provisions of Sections 2.32.070 and 3.05.1006 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, the Police Department will be conducting an Auction of Bicycles and Property.

May 16, 2009

Inspections begin at 9:30 a.m. Auction begins at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Livonia Police Department (Rear of Building) 15050 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48154

ALL PROPERTY TO BE AUCTIONED MAY BE VIEWED BETWEEN 9:30 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M., ON THE MORNING OF THE AUCTION. Property is SOLD 'AS IS' AND ALL SALES ARE FINAL. THE CITY OF LIVONIA ASSUMES NO LIABILITY AS TO ANY ITEM SOLD AND MAKES NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE AUTHENTICITY OF ANY ITEM SOLD. THE CITY OF LIVONIA MAKES NO GUARANTEE THAT ANY ITEM WILL WORK AS IT'S SUPPOSED TO. THE PURCHASER ASSUMES ALL RISK AND THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS UNDER ANY CONDITIONS.

ALL SALES MUST BE IN CASH AND ARE DUE IN FULL THE MOMENT THE BID IS ACCEPTED.

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Clarenceville School District Bid Proposal Media Center Furniture Package

The Clarenceville School District is accepting sealed bids for the installation of new media center shelving at Botsford Elementary School. The sealed bid should be submitted to Dave Bergeron, Clarenceville School District 20210 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia, MI 48152, by 2:00 a.m., E.S.T., Monday May 25, 2009. Late bids will not be considered. The bids will be publicly opened at this time. Proposals must contain the wording iProposal: Botsford Media Center Shelving on the envelope/package. A copy of the Request for Proposal and additional information can be obtained by contacting Wold Architects and Engineers, 202 East Third Street, Suite 200, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067, (248) 284-0611. The Clarenceville School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities and to accept a bid which, in the owner's opinion is in the district's best interest.

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CALL FOR QUALIFICATIONS TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

The City of Livonia is prequalifying Technology Contractors for:

PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR

THE NEW 38,000 SF, 16TH DISTRICT COURT FACILITY IN LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

This includes the following work:

- o Electronic Surveillance System
- o Courtroom Technology
- o Paging System
- o A/V equipment
- o Cat 6, copper, coaxial, and Fiber wiring
- o Access Control System

In order to be considered, firms must be able to meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Have single contract bonding capacity of \$1,000,000.
- Be in business for at least 5 years
- Have an EMR less than 1.0

Must be capable of doing all above work in house or manage the work of subcontractors you engage to perform portions of the work as part of your lump sum bid. Bids will not be accepted for only portions of the work

Pre-Qualifications documents can be obtained by contacting Aimee Johnson at (248) 223-3549, or by e-mail at aimee.johnson@plantemor.com. Qualification packages will be due on Friday, May 22, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Qualifications must be submitted using the format and forms provided by Plante Moran CRESA, L.L.C., for the "Technology Procurement and Installation, 16th District Court."

The Qualification Packages will be available electronically only to the firms who meet the minimum requirements.

It is anticipated that formal bid packages will be sent to prequalified contractors in June of 2009.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein.

Jack E. Kirksey
Mayor
City of Livonia

Publish: May 7, 10, 14 & 17, 2009

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 73 CANTON 64

May 12 at P-CEP Stadium

Shot put: 1. Deon Clemons (LC), 49 feet, 1 inch; 2. Paulin Chateau (LC), 40-4.75; 3. Bryan Bartig (LC), 39-9.

Discus: 1. Jason Foster (C), 129-0; 2. Brandon Dare (LC), 125-7; 3. Jeremy Atkins (LC), 117-2.

Long jump: 1. Scott Coppola (LC), 20-2.5; 2. Ben Spreitzer (C), 19-4; 3. Nick Alaniva (C), 18-10.5.

High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 5-11; 2. Keith Zech (C), 5-11; 3. Christopher Barnard (LC), 5-9.

Pole vault: 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 15-0; 2. Nick Alaniva (C), 12-0; 3. Eddie Koelzer (C), 11-6.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Keith Zech, Paul Rakovitis, Zach Spreitzer, Josh Heist), 8:39.1.

110 high hurdles: 1. Peterman (LC), 15.4; 2. Mike Appel (LC), 16.8; 3. Sherif Hassanien (C), 17.0.

100 dash: 1. Coppola (LC), 11.3; 2. Travis Tomey (LC), 11.4; 3. Joshua Dillard (LC), 11.7.

800 relay: 1. Churchill Dillard, Coppola, Tomey, Devon Easterling, 1:32.0; 2. Canton, 1:35.4.

1,600 run: 1. Josh Hurst (C), 4:35.4; 2. Tom Winkle (LC), 4:38.9; 3. Josh Andaloro (LC), 4:43.8.

400 relay: 1. Churchill Dillard, Coppola, Tomey, Easterling, 43.7; 2. Canton, 46.3.

200 dash: 1. Tomey (LC), 23.2; 2. Ryan Randall (C), 23.7; 3. Schmidt (LC), 23.9.

3,200 run: 1. Winkle (LC), 10:36.0; 2. Josh Osinski (C), 10:36.9; 3. Osgood (LC), 10:40.0.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Jordan Wisniewski, Keith Zech, Ryan Randall, Sherif Hassanien), 3:33.7; 2. Churchill, 3:39.3.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLA South; Canton, 2-4 overall; 2-3 in KLA South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 76 PLYMOUTH 61

May 11 at Franklin

Shot put: 1. David Fortin (LF), 48 feet, 8 inches; 2. Nate Coleman (LF), 47-3.5; 3. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 46-6.5.

Discus: 1. McAuliffe (LF), 138-3; 2. Coleman (LF), 133-3; 3. Kyle Brindza (P), 128-1.

High jump: 1. Kevin Beadle (LF), 6-1; 2. Hudson Cadet (LF), 5-11; 3. Pawan Dhalwal (P), 5-9.

Long jump: 1. Isaac Cadet (LF), 20-2; 2. Matthew Roberson (P), 19-4.5; 3. Dante Fox (P), 19-3.5.

Pole vault: 1. Beadle (LF), 11-0; 2. Mike Kaplan (LF), 10-6; 3. Grant Senkbeil (P), 10-0.

300 hurdles: 1. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 42.72; 2. Brandon Tower (LF), 34.19; 3. Lomske (P), 43.97.

100 dash: 1. Paul Voegelé (LF), 11.03; 2. Mike Baumgardner (LF), 11.13; 3. Tino Benavides (LF), 11.78.

200: 1. I. Cadet (LF), 23.14; 2. Voegelé (LF), 23.17; 3. Richard Duncan (LF), 23.57.

400: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 52.54; 2. Woolridge (P), 53.03; 3. Mike Beasley (LF), 53.39.

800: 1. Matt Neumann (P), 2:06.02; 2. Just Heck (P), 2:06.29; 3. Buzzard (P), 2:06.64.

1,600: 1. Buzzard (P), 4:46.4; 2. Joe Porcari (P), 4:46.64; 3. Neumann (P), 4:46.93.

3,200: 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:48.12; 2. Porcari (P), 10:49.17; 3. Derek Lax (P), 10:54.02.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Duncan, I. Cadet, Baumgardner, Voegelé), 45.02; 2. Plymouth, 48.1; 3.00: 1. Plymouth, 1:37.4; 2. Franklin, disqualified; 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth, 3:41.0; 2. Franklin, 3:59.43; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth, 8:36.78; 2. Franklin, 8:44.38.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLA South Division; Plymouth, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLA South.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 101 HARPER WOODS 19

May 12 at Clarenceville

Shot put: 1. Taylor Hall (C'ville), 42 feet, 11 inches; 2. Andrew Jasmer (C'ville), 37-3; 3. Joe Haapala (C'ville), 36-11.

Discus: 1. Haapala (C'ville), 134-10 (school record); 2. Hall (C'ville), 123-11; 3. Jasmer (C'ville), no mark.

High jump: 1. Tony Lawson (C'ville), 5-8.

Long jump: 1. Lawson (C'ville), 17-4; 2. Darryl Whitaker (C'ville), 16-8.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Ben Watts (C'ville), 18.1; 2. Christian Grates (C'ville), 18.5.

300 hurdles: 1. Watts (C'ville), 45.9; 3. Grates (C'ville), 47.2.

100 dash: 1. Todd McCullar (C'ville), 11.2; 2. Moose Hobson (C'ville), 11.5.

200: 1. Hobson (C'ville), 24.4; 2. Levonte Brooks (C'ville), 24.6; 3. Jeremy Gainer (C'ville), 25.2.

400: 1. Kassius Kelly (C'ville), 55.3; 2. Lawson (C'ville), 55.6; 3. Whitaker (C'ville), 57.1.

800: 1. Leonard Hogan (C'ville), 2:20.2; 1,600: 1. Gavin King (C'ville), 5:47.2; 3,200: 1. King (C'ville), 12:14.9.

400 relay: 1. Harper Woods, 48.1; 2. Clarenceville, 48.4; 800 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Brooks, Hobson, McCullar, Kelly), 1:37.8; 2. Harper Woods, 1:43.9; 1,600 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Hogan, Ardit Dushkaj, Kelly, Lawson), 3:54.3; 3. Harper Woods, 4:02.5; 3,200 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Alex Scott, Josh Robinson, David Gibson, Jason Gonzalez), 11:47.4.

Clarenceville's dual meet record: 7-3 overall, 4-1 Metro Conference/LUTHERAN WESTLAND 89 LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 38

May 12 at Lutheran Northwest

Shot put: 1. Sircy (NW), 41-feet, 8.75-inches; 3. Joe Krueger (NW), 38-2.5.

Discus: 1. Krueger (NW), 120-9.

High jump: 1. Garrett Wilson (NW), 5-0.

Long jump: 1. Ethan Haller (NW), 18-1; 2. Wilson (NW), 17-1; 3. Zach Musial (NW), 17-1.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Musial (NW), 17.3; 2. Micah Kempf (NW), 18.7; 3. Josh Andrzejewski (NW), 18.7.

300 hurdles: 1. Andrzejewski (NW), 46.5; 2. Bob Schwartz (NW), 47.1; 3. Kempf (NW), 49.3.

100 dash: 1. Zech Robinson (NW), 12.1; 2. Derrick Mozham (NW), 12.6; 3. Wilson (NW), 12.7.

200: 1. Theodis Washington (NW), 24.8; 2. Justin Palka (NW), 25.7; 3. Scott Kim (NW), 27.1.

400: 1. Spencer Lyle (NW), 54.3.

800: 1. Dave Moldenbauer (NW), 2:13.5; 2. Cameron Banks (NW), 2:28.5; 3. Stuart Tarp (NW), 2:34.8.

1,600: 1. Stolzenfeld (NW), 5:08.2; 3. Alex Kemp (NW), 5:17.2.

3,200: 1. Stolzenfeld (NW), 11:29.5; 2. Josh Kirk (NW), 12:05.6.

400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Robinson, Haller, Wilson, Washington), 49.5; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Haller, Andrzejewski, 4:36.15; 2. Daniel Martin (Salem), 4:37.04; 8. Jeffrey Girbach (N'ville), 4:38.13.

2,000: 1. Mike Blaszczak (Novi), 9:42.72; 2. Devey (Salem), 9:44.05; 3. Griffith (N'ville), 9:51.45; 4. Howse (LS), 9:55.58; 5. Derek Lax (P), 10:02.23; 6. Jason Smith (Salem), 10:05.36; 7. Girbach (N'ville), 10:07.77; 8. Robert Swain (SL), 10:13.57.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey, Easterling), 43.62; 2. Stevenson, 43.69; 3. Franklin, 44.33; 4. Salem, 44.94; 5. John Glenn, 45.6; 6. Novi, 45.62; 7. South Lyon, 46.62; 8. S.L. East, 47.18.

800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Simor, White, Sergio, Anagnostou), 1:30.95; 2. Salem, 1:32.28; 3. Churchill, 1:32.79; 4. South Lyon, 1:36.85; 5. John Glenn, 1:37.69; 6. Franklin, 1:37.69; 7. Novi, 1:37.89; 8. S.L. East, 1:38.37.

1,600 relay: 1. Northville, 3:27.86; 2. Stevenson, 3:33.25; 3. Canton, 3:33.98; 4. Plymouth, 3:35.07; 5. Novi, 3:37.75; 6. Churchill, 3:38.02; 7. Franklin, 3:38.34; 8. S.L. East, 3:42.59.

3,200 relay: 1. Northville (Ed Clifton, Nicholas Dembicki, Key, Dalton), 8:16.6; 2. Canton, 8:21.21; 3. Novi, 8:27.19; 4. Plymouth, 8:29.53; 5. Churchill, 8:30.03; 6. Salem, 8:37.34; 7. Stevenson, 8:37.55; 8. South Lyon, 8:55.24.

Dual meet records: RU, 4-2 overall; Clarenceville, 6-3 overall.

Warriors blank C'ville in playoffs

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran Westland's varsity baseball team got off to a strong start Monday in the Metro Conference Tournament, blitzing visiting Livonia Clarenceville 9-0.

The top-seeded Warriors (11-2, 7-1) featured a 13-hit attack — including a two-run homer by Sam Ahlersmeyer — to back the complete-game pitching of Micah Hausch, who gave up just two hits and struck out 10 in seven innings.

"It was a good win for us, giving us a chance to move on in the tournament," said Warriors' head coach Kevin Wade. "We know we need to come with our best effort of the year on Thursday and give ourselves a shot in the title game."

If Lutheran Westland prevails Thursday, they will move on to Monday's championship tilt.

Ahlersmeyer's fifth round-tripper of the season was just one of a number of extra-base blows against the Trojans (2-16, 0-8) and freshman left-handed pitcher Damien Quarles. Ahlersmeyer also doubled.

Other Warriors showing power were Gage Flanery (two doubles in a 3-for-4 day), Hausch (two doubles in three at-bats) and Ryan Rakovalis (2-for-4, two doubles, three RBI).

Helping the cause was Eric

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Shoats, who singled, scored, drove in a run and swiped three bases.

For Clarenceville, the lone hits against Hausch were registered by freshman Damien Sanchez and sophomore Joe Schiffman.

HURON VALLEY 7, CALVARY CHRISTIAN 5: On Monday, visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-3, 5-0) scored in the eighth inning to edge Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Academy in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference matchup.

The Hawks sprayed 12 hits around the field, with Aaron Howell (3-for-4), Richie Mamo (2-for-4) and Hymie Polonia (2-for-4) doing much of the damage.

Howell also was the winning pitcher. He struck out 14, allowed eight hits and walked five.

Kendall Hunley went 2-for-4 for Calvary.

CLARENCEVILLE 1-1, ANNAPOLIS 0-14: On Saturday, host Livonia Clarenceville (2-15) knocked off Dearborn Heights Annapolis in the opener of Saturday's doubleheader, but the Cougars roared back in Game Two.

The Trojans rode the outstanding pitching of junior Mike Schiffman in the victory. He pitched a complete-game, three-hit shutout and his teammates came through win a run in the bottom of the fifth.

Senior Jake Bibik ripped an RBI-single, knocking in sophomore Matt Kurdziel, who also singled.

But the Trojans could not complete a sweep in the nightcap as they lost in six innings.

Collecting hits for Clarenceville against winning pitcher Zack Fields were Kurdziel and freshman Eric Trotter.

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runs as Canton starter Kevin Delapaz, a hard-throwing junior right-hander, ran into control issues.

Tyler Barnes singled in a run, while Hawkins walked with the bases loaded followed by Nate Robinson getting hit by a pitch with the sacks still filled to cut the deficit to 4-3.

Tidwell, a submarine throwing right-hander, then came on for Delapaz, who went 5 1/3 innings, allowing just two hits, while fanning eight and walking six.

"The first three innings our

approach at the plate wasn't very good," Fournier said. "He (Delapaz) is good, but we decided we'd start working the count. He normally doesn't walk that many kids."

Tidwell hit Josh Weigand with a pitch to make it 4-4, but the Chiefs were able to get out of the inning and take the lead with two runs in the top of the seventh.

The Patriots, who defeated Canton in an earlier meeting 14-0, then had to come from behind.

"We knew it would be a dog-fight, they're a good ballclub," Fournier said of the Chiefs, who got three hits from Nick Tomilenko and two by Cody Blakita.

KLA BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

KLA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TRACK MEET

May 9 at South Lyon East

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 116.333 points; 2. Salem, 103; 3. Northville, 99; 4. Livonia Churchill, 66; 5. Livonia Franklin, 64; 6. Canton, 59; 7. Novi, 52; 8. Westland John Glenn, 33; 9. Plymouth, 31.83; 10. Wayne Memorial, 19.33; 11. South Lyon, 13; 12. South Lyon East, 6.5.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Dana Baltazar (Salem), 49 feet, 4 inches; 2. Ed Mehri (Salem), 49-1; 3. Deon Clemons (LC), 48-5.4; 4. David Fortin (LF), 47-5.5; 5. Nate Coleman (LF), 46-10.5; 6. Jon Aneel (LS), 45-3; 7. Jordan Birman (P), 44-8.25; 8. Jay Woolfork (LF), 44-0.5.

Discus: 1. T. J. Arancibia (WJG), 146-6; 2. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 144-4; 3. Baltazar (Salem), 141-0; 4. Gautum Muthusamy (Novi), 135-5; 5. Courtney Frazier (Salem), 130-2; 6. Aneel (LS), 129-5; 7. Kyle Hnatjuk (N'ville), 127-3; 8. Jason Foster (Canton), 126-0.

High jump: 1. Zach Gaskell (Salem), 6-1; 2. Al Myers (N'ville), 6-1; 3. David Brown (N'ville), 6-1; 4. Kevin Beadle (LF), 6-0; 5. Hudson Cadet (LF), 5-11; 6. (tie) Ben Spreitzer (Canton) and

Mike Schacht (Canton), 5-11 each; 8. (tie) Pawan Dhalwal (P), Wyatt Stahl (LS) and Matt Mills (WM), 5-8 each.

Long jump: 1. David Simor (LS), 20-6.5; 2. Aliasghar Arastu (N'ville), 20-6.25; 3. Nate Sergison (LS), 20-4.5; 4. Brett Kuhn (Novi), 20-2.5; 5. Will Burek (LS), 19-5.25; 6. (tie) Ryan Oliverio (SLE) and Adam Payne (Canton), 18-7.25 each; 8. Donte Fox (P), 18-7.5.

Pole vault: 1. Joe Marlow (LC), 11-1; 2. Ed Koelzer (Canton), 11-1; 3. Jon Gudeman (LS), 11-1; 4. Henry Weyand (LS), 11-1; 5. Garrett Farley (Novi), 11-1; 6. Jeffrey Wagner (N'ville), 11-5; 7. Nathan Menovych (N'ville), 11-5; 8. (tie) Grant Senkbeil (P) and Nick Alaniva (Canton), 11-5.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14.23; 2. Arastu (N'ville), 15.32; 3. Derik Peterman (LC), 15.12; 4. Sherif Hassanien (Canton), 15.2; 5. Burek (LS), 15.32; 6. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 15.45; 7. Scott O'Connor (Salem), 15.67; 8. Evan VanBuhler (Novi), 15.75.

300 hurdles: 1. Arastu (N'ville), 37.78; 2. Powell (WM), 39.5; 3. Hassanien (Canton), 40.41; 4. O'Connor (Salem), 40.55; 5. Burek (LS), 41.85; 6. VanBuhler (Novi), 42.12; 7. Ian Guerin (LC), 43.11; 8. Winston Roberts (Canton), 43.34.

100 dash: 1. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 10.68;

2. Devon Easterling (LC), 10.81; 3. Paul Voegelé (LF), 10.96; 4. Isaac Cadet (LF), 11.03; 5. Mike Baumgardner (LF), 11.05; 6. Jeremy Langford (WJG), 11.06; 7. Tony Frezzell (LC), 11.07; 8. Parish Clayborn (WM), 11.51.

200: 1. Dominique Williams (Salem), 22.36; 2. Langford (WJG), 22.55; 3. Easterling (LC), 22.79; 4. Patrick Patin (Salem), 22.84; 5. Ian Herman (SL), 22.95; 6. Richard Duncan (LF), 23.01; 7. Austin White (LS), 23.34; 8. Frezzell (LC), 23.48.

400: 1. Sergison (LS), 51.03; 2. Noel Key (N'ville), 51.48; 3. Gaskell (Salem), 52.38; 4. Mike Beasley (LF), 52.9; 5. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 53.3; 6. Stephen Pollard (LS), 53.31; 7. Fumi Yonemura (Novi), 53.91; 8. Jordan Wisniewski (Canton), 53.93.

800: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 1:59.91; 2. Eric Pliisko (LS), 2:00.75; 3. Josh Hurst (Canton), 2:01.06; 4. Jonathan Dalton (N'ville), 2:01.26; 5. Dan Egner (Novi), 2:02.55; 6. Keith Zech (Canton), 2:02.76; 7. Mark Waterbury (LC), 2:04.04; 8. James Smith (SLE), 2:06.26.

1,600: 1. Frank Griffith (N'ville), 4:30.57; 2. Matt Devy (Salem), 4:31.45; 3. Hurst (Canton), 4:32.03; 4. Shawn Howse (LS), 4:34.38; 5. Buzzard (P), 4:35.69; 6. T. J. Butler (Novi),

4:36.15; 7. Daniel Martin (Salem), 4:37.04; 8. Jeffrey Girbach (N'ville), 4:38.13.

3,200: 1. Mike Blaszczak (Novi), 9:42.72; 2. Devey (Salem), 9:44.05; 3. Griffith (N'ville), 9:51.45; 4. Howse (LS), 9:55.58; 5. Derek Lax (P), 10:02.23; 6. Jason Smith (Salem), 10:05.36; 7. Girbach (N'ville), 10:07.77; 8. Robert Swain (SL), 10:13.57.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey, Easterling), 43.62; 2. Stevenson, 43.69; 3. Franklin, 44.33; 4. Salem, 44.94; 5. John Glenn, 45.6; 6. Novi, 45.62; 7. South Lyon, 46.62; 8. S.L. East, 47.18.

800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Simor, White, Sergio, Anagnostou), 1:30.95; 2. Salem, 1:32.28; 3. Churchill, 1:32.79; 4. South Lyon, 1:36.85; 5. John Glenn, 1:37.69; 6. Franklin, 1:37.69; 7. Novi, 1:37.89; 8. S.L. East, 1:38.37.

1,600 relay: 1. Northville, 3:27.86; 2. Stevenson, 3:33.25; 3. Canton, 3:33.98; 4. Plymouth, 3:35.07; 5. Novi, 3:37.75; 6. Churchill, 3:38.02; 7. Franklin, 3:38.34; 8. S.L. East, 3:42.59.

3,200 relay: 1. Northville (Ed Clifton, Nicholas Dembicki, Key, Dalton), 8:16.6; 2. Canton, 8:21.21; 3. Novi, 8:27.19; 4. Plymouth, 8:29.53; 5. Churchill, 8:30.03; 6. Salem, 8:37.34; 7. Stevenson, 8:37.55; 8. South Lyon, 8:55.24.

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The Forum Fitness Center is stepping up to help area residents get moving and get healthy. Together with other members of the International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health, Forum Fitness will make exercise available to the public this week as part of the nationwide Get Active America! campaign. An open house Friday-Sunday, May 15-17, will let area residents take exercise classes and use the facilities at Forum Fitness free of charge, including pool activities for adults and kids on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Guests will be provided free access to the club's trainers, state-of-the-art exercise equipment and an array of exercise classes. Visitors who would like to join Forum Fitness during Get Active America! week, will benefit from deep discounts on gym memberships. Forum Fitness is at Ford and Wildwood in Garden City. For more information, call (734) 729-7000 or go online to www.ForumFitness@aol.com.

Pizza, pizza!

In case you didn't notice, a landmark in Garden City turned 50 years old - the Little Caesar's store on Cherry Hill east of Venoy celebrated its 50th anniversary last week. Pizza was a little-known snack food in 1959, but Mike and Marian Ilich saw its promise and took a risk by investing their \$10,000 life savings to open their first pizza shop - Little Caesar's Pizza Treat - in the strip mall on May 8, 1959. Today, Little Caesar's is the largest carry-out chain internationally with restaurants on five continents. If you get a chance, stop by. The store has been remodeled and employees are ready to serve up a hot pizza.

2nd anniversary

Texas Roadhouse in Westland is celebrating its second anniversary in a special way with themed days May 18-24. On tap Monday, May 18, is Super Hero Day/Kids Night with Pic-A-Dilly the Clown, prizes, sno cone machine and more. Tuesday, May 19, is Military Day; Wednesday, May 20, Day at the Beach and Margarita Madness; Thursday, May 21, Bike Night (ride in on your bike and wear your best biker gear, even if you don't have a motorcycle); Friday, May 22,

Favorite Beer Day, wear your favorite beer apparel and you may even go home with a new beer shirt of your own; Saturday, May 23, Sports Mania and Carnival in the parking lot with inflatables, clown, fire trucks and give-a-ways, and Sunday, May 24, Yea Haw Texas Roadhouse Style Western Day. Texas Roadhouse is at 36750 Ford, west of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4570.

Helping out

Toarmina's Pizza, "Home of the 24-inch Pizza," has plenty of ways for community groups to raise money. Everything from gift books, gift certificates and Pizza Days. There's also a nifty Monday Madness where a percentage of all pizza sales that day from the group supporters will be donated to their cause. You can find out more on the Toarmina's Web site at www.toarminas.com or call (888) 24DELIVER and ask for Lou. Toarmina's has three locations in Westland at 8006 N. Wayne Road, 1311 S. Wayne Road and 32785 Cherry Hill.

New management

The under new management sign is out at Roma Banquets of Garden City. The hall, located at 32550 Cherry Hill Road, east of Venoy. Roma Banquets offers four suites with individual full-service bars and dance floors and 11,000 square feet of flexible space to host weddings, receptions, showers or other special occasion parties. It also offers on-premise catering. For more information, call (734) 422-4550 or go online to www.romabanquets.com.

Electronics trade-in

You can turn your gadgets into green as in money through Radio Shack its electronics trade-in program available online or at its company-operated stores like the one inside Westland Shopping Center at Warren and Wayne roads. Customers can take eligible electronics to Radio Shack and receive same-day savings on purchases. Eligible products must be in working condition and able to "power on" during the appraisal process. The RadioShack Trade-in program also is available online at www.RadioShack.com/tradein. For more information, call Radio Shack at (734) 762-4287.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Art Danou, president of Family Fresh Market, is committed to bring customers a specialty market emphasizing meat, deli and produce.

Family Market emphasizes quality

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of service and/or products you feature.

Family Fresh Market is a specialty market that specializes in quality and provides fresh Meat, Deli items, and produce. We thrive on customer service, and a clean shopping environment. We also offer many other items.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

We are a family market that offers our customers a shopping experience that focuses on the needs and wants of the customer!

Observer: How did you decide to open your first business?

We know that Westland is a small community that

needs a fresh market. So, I decided that when I saw that Bud's closed down, I wanted to take on the challenge of revamping the market and give it a fresh "new" look.

How did you decide to locate in the Westland community?

We saw that the need was there and wanted to provide it.

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

As we were setting up the market, it was funny how many of the previous customers walked in and grabbed a cart and we had to tell them we weren't open yet. We couldn't wait until they started shopping!

FAMILY FRESH MARKET

Business Name: Family Fresh Market

Business Address: 31210 W. Warren Road, Westland

Name and Title: Art Danou, president

Business opened: April 2, 2009

Number of employees: 15-30

Business Specialty: A specialty market emphasizing meat, deli and produce.

Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday

Business phone, Web site: (734) 466-3000, www.family-freshmarket.net

CHAMBER CHAT

WESTLAND CHAMBER

From 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, the Westland Chamber of Commerce will hold its sixth annual Restaurant Rally with Ameriprise Financial - Antoinette Martin - as the major sponsor and TDS Metrocom as the corporate sponsor. This event provides participants with the opportunity to sample some of the area's finest foods, and enjoy lots of fun and laughs. Last year, this event drew rave reviews from those who participated.

How does the event work?

Participants will be given a starting restaurant; they will sample free food, enjoy entertainment, if available, take advantage of drink specials and then catch the trolley, courtesy of Co-op Services Credit Union

and Michigan Chiropractic Specialists - Dr. Amanda Apfelblat, to another restaurant on the circuit. A detailed menu will be given to help you determine your next destination.

Tickets are only \$25. The ticket price includes entrance to all participating restaurants, an event T-shirt that must be worn during event and transportation to all restaurants. Hundreds of tickets have already been sold! There will be a total of 500 tickets sold so be sure to reserve yours today.

To guarantee your shirt sizes, payment must be received by May 15. Call the chamber at (734) 326-7222 to reserve your spot or for more information.

Brookellen Swope
president and CEO

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New collection

Award-winning designer Alexander Julian has introduced his latest bedroom collection "Cottage Colours," offered exclusively at Art Van Furniture, including its store at 8300 Wayne Road north of Warren Road in Westland.

Widely known for his use of eye-catching color, Julian has created appealing furnishings for master bedrooms and youth bedrooms in six colors: Robin's Egg Blue, Country Butter, Beach Cottage White, Heartland Cherry, Pure Black and Pinstripe Pine.

Julian will meet with guests to share information on his inspiration, designs, and details of the "Cottage Colours" collection. Refreshments will be served.

"Colours by Alexander Julian" was introduced in 1981. Julian is the first clothing designer to design his own exclusive fabrics. One of his textile designs is part of the Smithsonian's permanent collection. His licensed products for men include sportswear, clothing, neckwear, eyeglasses, accessories, leather goods, and socks.

Julian's first furniture collections debuted in 1994. Since then, he has designed and marketed other products for the home, including upholstery, lamps, area rugs, exclusive fabrics for the trade both for the decorator market and contract market, and a paint collection. He is the recipient of five prestigious Coty Awards, becoming the youngest designer ever inducted into the Coty Hall of Fame.

Art Van Furniture is Michigan's largest furniture



Alexander Julian, with his wife, Meagan Mannell-Julian, jokes that he's 'the only designer smart enough to listen to his wife.'

retailer and America's largest independent furniture retailer, operating 30 stores throughout Michigan.

Be prepared

The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters has a free 19-page guide to protecting your pets in the event of a disaster, whether it be flooding, extreme heat, hurricane, wildfires or any other common or uncommon disasters a pet owner might experience.

NAPPS, America's only nonprofit pet sitting organization, has a disaster preparedness guide and emergency ID cards, which allow for contacting, in an emergency, veterinarian clinics or pet guardians. The complimentary guide can be downloaded at the association's Web site www.petsitters.org.

The NAPPS Disaster Preparedness Guide covers disasters of all types with special recommendations for birds, reptiles and other smaller animals.

"As an association dedicated to protecting the welfare of all animals, we are confident that these guides may mean the difference in preventing the suffering of many pets, pet sitters and pet owners might otherwise experience," said NAPPS President Monica Leighton of Professional Pet Sitting in Venice, Fla.

The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters is dedicated to promoting the concept of in-home pet care, supporting professionals engaged in at-home pet care, promoting the welfare of animals and improving and expanding the industry of pet sitting. To find a pet sitter in your area, check out NAPPS nationwide referral network at www.petsitters.org.

Send it in

Get in on the Strictly Business Page of the Westland and Garden City Observer by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones.

Planning a special event, offering a discount, whatever it is, let us know. It's simple to do. Just e-mail all of the details to Sue Mason, editor, at smason@hometownlife.com and she'll take care of the rest.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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MAY

Sharing made simple

Is Mary really contrary to the teachings of scripture? is the topic of the Apologetics for Beginners lecture by nationally-acclaimed apologist and author, Gary Michuta 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south Plymouth Rd, between Farmington and Merriman roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org. All are welcome. Michuta's presentation will focus on the scriptural rationale for Marion doctrine and the reasons behind the reverence in which Catholics hold Christ's earthly Mother.

Clothing donations wanted

Donations of clean, used clothing are being accepted through May 30, at Memorial Church of Christ, Five Mile. Please leave donations at the east door or call (734) 464-6722 to arrange pickup or to volunteer

to pack on May 31. Charitable tax receipts are available. On Sunday May 31, at 1 p.m. volunteers will pack up the lightly used clothing for shipment to Ukraine, Honduras, Kosovo, India, and Niger by Master Provisions, a group that supports missionary activities through clothes distribution in those countries. Last year, more than four tons of clothing were shipped from Livonia.

Help available

A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Caring help available

Are you or someone you know struggling with depression, divorce, grief, addiction, relationship difficulties, or job loss? Real Life Church through its volunteers and partnerships with area ministries and professionals provides classes, seminars, care, support & recovery groups, counseling, and prayer to help you get through life challenges. Visit the Web site for details on current classes and groups offered as well as location, days and times www.realifeplmouth.com.

Weekend refuge for women

1 p.m. Saturday, May 16, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 17, at Prayer Gate. 16115 Beck Rd. Between Five Mile and Six Mile. Life Care trained Counselor and Pastor Lillian Easterly-Smith will be guest speaker helping all to begin to break bondages and strongholds. Team builders/games/activities will help women make life long friends unify to get through life's moments. Register by calling Erika at (734) 404 0270.

Celebration

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrates St. Matthias Apostle Festival 10 a.m. Sunday, May 17, at the church, 35300 W. 8 Mile, Farmington Hills. Friends and family, including former members and the larger community, will be welcomed with gifts. Vocal and handbell choirs, as well as special soloists will be featured on this annual "Church Music Sunday". In addition, a new vision for a three-year "Transformation Ministry" will be officially initiated with the Installation of the Reverend Gustav Kopka, Jr., Ph.D. as the called Transformation Pastor. The celebration continues with a reception and refreshments.

King's Brass concert

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass will be appearing in concert 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. Michael Please see **CALENDAR, B7**

Volunteers make a difference in Nicaraguan children's lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nancy Pennington can still see the cracked ground under her feet as well as the smiling Nicaraguan children even though she's back home in Livonia. The memories make her recent job loss seem not as trying when thinking back to the conditions she witnessed on a mission trip with Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville in early April. The first three days were spent at the Casa Mephioseth orphanage in Juigalpa, the next three days in the barrios of Nicaragua. A total of 16 members of the church's Single Point Ministry along with Rev. Dick Bont and his wife, Beth, experienced the living conditions in one of the poorest Spanish-speaking countries.

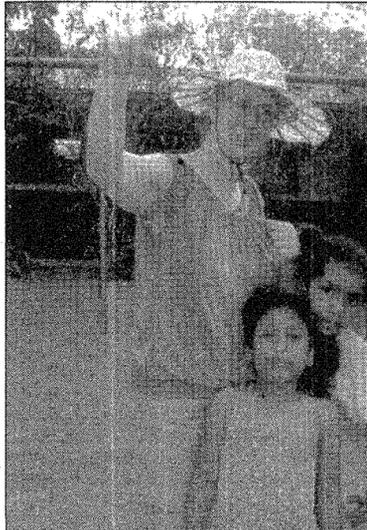
"At the orphanage they grabbed onto me," said Pennington. "They knew we were coming. We played and played. They walked around so proud that we could be their moms and dads. They had somebody to spend time with. It was like Christmas. I didn't tell them stories about religion and God, just held them and told them God loves them."

The trip was organized by Chosen Children Ministries, an evangelical mission organization providing physical and spiritual help for the people of Nicaragua since 1996. Teams of 10 or more church members work directly with the children and adults, construct buildings and provide the necessities of life like food.

Members of Ward Presbyterian Church have traveled on these missions for the last 7 years. Chosen Children Ministries operates the orphanage and over the years has mobilized thousands of volunteers who make a difference in the lives of abandoned and needy children and families in Nicaragua.

"I was hiding away in a cubicle and needed something to inspire my life," said Pennington. "I wanted to be helpful. They just loved the attention. They thought we just brought the world when we brought flour. They only get a drop of water a day. A man there goes 8 miles every day for water. They give him money and buy some water."

A dry hole in the ground shows the desperation of villagers who were only able to dig down about 100 feet. "I came back to work on Monday and was laid off. My world fell apart, but I'm thrilled I went. I carry this with me," said Pennington. "The women lost husbands trying to drill that well. I look at my beautiful wallpaper. These people have nothing but a dirt floor and an 8-foot room. I wish I could take all this stuff and put in my suitcase and



Nancy Pennington of Livonia visited an orphanage in Nicaragua as part of mission trip with Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

take it down to them. I made the biggest album of photos from the trip. Now other people want to come next year. I want to go again if I get a job."

In the meantime charitable work on behalf of the Nicaraguan people hasn't stopped. Members of Ward Presbyterian Church raised \$3,500 for a well.

"They have so many more needs," said Pennington. "We're collecting money for all the things they need. We took one lady to a doctor, bought a mattress for another."

The team fulfilled spiritual needs as well. In addition to purchasing instruments for orphanage children to perform in local churches, the Ward team acted out two dramas, Jonah and the Whale and The Lions Den, in Spanish.

"I wrote all the plays. Tom Sheet rewrote them in Spanish. We worked on it all year and practiced it with everybody," said Pennington. "We performed it in 95 degree heat, put costumes on over our clothes. It was a unique experience. They had no bathrooms. They have to go out and dig a hole."

"This is the worst economy but I'm so positive coming back from there. There's so much opportunity here, I have a caring family. I have so much going for me."

To help the church help the Nicaraguan residents, contact Rev. Dick Bont at (248) 374-5933 or Dick.Bont@WardChurch.org.

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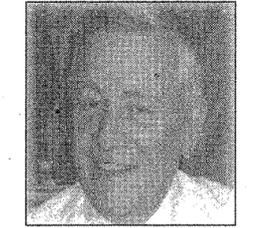
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TOM SPENCER COREY
Aged 79, of Big Bear Lake, CA. Died April 2nd, 2009. He is survived by his brother Roger Corey of St. Petersburg FL, and his sister April Corey Dobbs of Plymouth, MI, and children; Mrs Nancy Burke of Fulton NY, and David Corey of Eugene, OR. Also grandchildren Megan and Jared Corey of Eugene, OR. Tom was a 1948 graduate of Plymouth H.S. and a veteran in the U.S. Army in Germany. Remains were cremated by the Neptune Society a charitable organization for Leukemia & Lymphoma victims. Tel 951-359-2021, located in Riverside CA. Donations for the Society should be addressed to 401 N. Salinas St., Suite 304, Syracuse, NY 13203.



JACK A. RIESS
Age 91, died peacefully on Friday, May 8, 2009 at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne, IN. Born March 20, 1918 in New York City, NY, he was the son of Jack A. Riess and Mary A. Riess (Brady). He graduated from Michigan State University in 1942 with a degree in Chemical Engineering and worked for the Burroughs Corporation as a Metallurgical Engineer. He is survived by five children: Jack, Edward, Veronica (Schalek), Linda (Watch) and Michael; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Alma (Fisher) of East Tawas, Michigan. Private family service will be held and burial will in the South Lyon Cemetery, South Lyon, Michigan. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons, Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

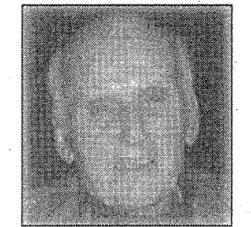


BENEDICT J. SMITH
Age 89, of Birmingham, died May 11, 2009. He was born on June 3, 1919, in Joliet, Illinois. He received his undergraduate degree from University of Illinois and his MBA from the University of Chicago. He is predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy. Dear father of five children; Geraldine (the late Mike) Mowery of Toledo, OH; Daniel (Connie) Smith of Mendon, MA; Margaret (Jeff) Kimble of LaCanada, CA; Lawrence (Corinne) Smith of Elmhurst, IL; and Gregory (Cathy) Smith of Birmingham, MI. Grandfather of Carrie, Ryan and Evan Mowery, Danny (Kristy) and Matt (Molly) Smith, Katie and Megan Kimble, Bryan and Brittany Smith, Julia, Casey and Jackie Smith, and great-grandfather of Dylan and Ava Smith. He had many interests including bridge, tennis, paddle tennis and a particular passion for golf. He was the former president of Stonycroft Hills Club, and the CFA Society of Detroit. He also spent numerous hours volunteering for organizations, including Catch (Sparky Anderson's Charity for Children), Vista Maria, Birmingham Senior Mens Club, Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC), Daughters of Divine Charity (Saint Elizabeth Briarbank), Holy Name SEED Foundation, City of Birmingham Traffic and Safety Commission, Beaumont Hospice and Saint Vincent DePaul. He was a former member of Oakland Hills CC. Mr. Smith is retired from Manufacturers National Bank and was an officer in the United States Navy during World War II. Funeral services will be held Friday, May 15th, at 10 a.m. at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30 a.m. The family will receive friends at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Wednesday & Thursday 3-8 p.m. Prayers Thursday 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Catch Charity, 223 Fisher Building, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202 or Vista Maria, 20651 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.

GERTRUDE B. LINDEN
Age 97, of Dayton (formerly of Garden City, MI). Passed away 5-6-09.

JAY RICHARD MacNIELL
November 9, 1924 - April 3, 2009. Age 84, of Livonia passed away on Friday, April 3, 2009 at Central Michigan Community Hospital. A memorial service for Jay will be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mt. Pleasant, MI on Saturday, May 16th at 11 a.m. with Fr. Loren Kalinowski officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 16th from 10 a.m. until time of service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. Envelopes will be available at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Jay was born on November 9, 1924 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the son of Ralph MacNiell and Myrtle (Noreen) Knight. Jay served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946, earning 2 bronze stars. He married Ruth Alice Rozanske in June of 1949. Jay worked as an electrician for the Union Local 58. His step-father, Ray Greene, had sponsored Jay into the Electrical Workers Union. Jay was a member of the I.B.E.W. for over 60 years, the Knights of Columbus, and St. Michael's Parish in Livonia. Jay is survived by his wife, Ruth; children, Jay Richard MacNiell, Jr. of Kingman, AZ and Marsha MacNiell of Mt. Pleasant. Jay was preceded in death by his parents. You may view Jay's obituary online and send a private condolence to the family or sign the public guest-book at www.clarkfuneralchapel.com.

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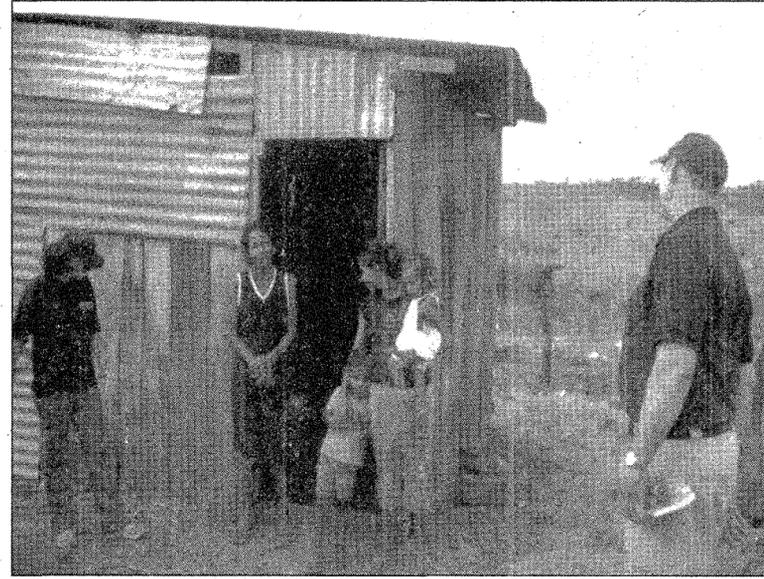


RICHARD T. "DICK" STERLING
Of Farmington Hills. Age 82, May 11, 2009. Beloved husband of Carol for 57 years. Loving father of René (Craig) Henriksen, Sheri (Scott) Louks, Suzanne (Tony) Olivieri. Dear grandpa of Heidi (Brandon), Erika, Hannah, Emma, Mitchell, Harrison and William. Grandpa Great of Ryan. Brother of Nancy (David) Stelmazek, the late Thomas Sterling and Audrey Kingsley. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Proud U.S. Marine Corps Veteran of WWII, wounded in the South Pacific. Retired from Ford Motor Co. Memorial service Friday, May 15th, 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills. Family will receive friends at the church from 9 a.m. until time of service. Arrangements entrusted to THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, downtown Farmington. Memorials suggested to St. John Lutheran Church. www.thayer-rock.com

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Tom Sheet delivers food to a family in a Nicaraguan barrio during a mission trip. Sheet was one of 18 people who visited the country from Ward Presbyterian Church.



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Let us pray
Pastor Dana Runestad of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church offers a prayer of praise and blessing during the Livonia Prayer Breakfast at Laurel Manor on the National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 7. Classical Bells provided the music at the event.



CALENDAR

FROM PAGE B6

Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. Zimmerman and The King's Brass present hymn classics with a contemporary flair. Their original arrangements are featured on 13 recordings. No charge, but a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call (734) 459-3333.

God and country event

10:30 a.m. Sunday May 17, at Parkview Baptist Church, 9355 Stark, Livonia. Call (734) 261-6180. Event is to honor those who have served our country and who have fought to keep this country free, and for our right to worship God. Everyone is invited. The service includes Posting of the Colors by American Legion Post #32 Livonia; Pledge of Allegiance, and Pledge to the Christian Flag, and special times of Prayer for all servicemen, and for our country.

Guest speaker is Sergeant Viri Stalaker who served in U.S. Army from 1969-1971. He was stationed in Vietnam Central Highlands as a Combat Infantry Point Man. He was awarded The Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge. There will also be a luncheon. For a slide show of pictures from 2008 ceremony, visit www.pbc-livonia.com/page.cfm?id=40.

Saturday night live

Chuck Tocco is the first performer in the new event Saturday May 16, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City. For more information, e-mail gpcpevents@wowway.com or call (734) 421-7620. Tocco's acoustic style of Christian Praise and Worship will appeal to a wide range of audiences.

Music at St. John's

The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7). Call (734) 453-0190.

Garage sale

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Monday, May 23-25, at 36019 Middleboro, Livonia. Proceeds go to help the Anglican Church of Livonia purchase a new church building. Services are

presently held at the Livonia Family Y. For more information, call Mary Ann at (734) 591-3067.

Clothing bank

The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 23, and continues on the fourth Saturday of each month, at 41711 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org for information.

Band competition fund-raiser

More than 15 bands will compete to help raise money for a local organization that connects those in need of home repairs with volunteers ready to help. The bands will play all genres of music at the Second Annual Battle of the Bands noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 23, in the large pavilion at the Garden City Park, rain or shine. The music is free with proceeds from concession and T-shirt sales going to Michigan Missions, a nonprofit organization that helps unemployed, disabled, elderly and low-income persons with home repairs at no cost to them. Garden City Park is located on the northeast corner of Merriman and Cherry Hill Road. Call (734) 793-1850 for directions. Michigan Missions is nonprofit organization that brings youth, host churches and homeowners together to serve God by serving others.

Yard sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. For information, call Mary at (248) 471-1322. There will be starter plants, children's toys and miscellaneous household items for sale.

UPCOMING

Landscape project

Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, next to Stevenson High School, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, is hosting a site at a Livonia Park for the Rouge Rescue set for June 6. Call (734) 425-2800 for additional information.

Acoustic concert

Featuring Judy Insley and Almost Perfect 8 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Nov. Tickets \$12 at door, \$10 in advance. Contact Katie at (248)

449-1456 or nea5r@sbcglobal.net. For more information, visit www.judyinsley.com.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cha cha dance lesson 7 p.m., free with paid admission, lessons will be suspended until this fall. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information (734) 261-5716.

Free concert with Air Margaritaville 7 p.m. Friday, June 12, at Kellogg Park, 761 Penniman and Main, Plymouth.. Bring a chair, your favorite refreshment and a laid back attitude. Be there by 6:30 p.m.. Call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479. Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. Separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy M. (734) 513-9479.

A Day at the Races 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Pinnacle Race Track, 18000 Vining Rd., between Sibley and West Rd., New Boston (Exit 13 off I-275). Buffet at 11 a.m. For details, call Robin (734) 676-4515.

Celebrating 45 years of memories

St. Dunstan Catholic School invites all former school staff, students and families to join them for the closing Liturgy 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14. Please R.S.V.P. by June 5, by calling, (734) 425-4380 or sending e-mail to stdunstanschoolsecretary@comcast.net. If you would like to contribute as a Minister in the Liturgy, singer or instrumentalist, call the Parish Office at (734) 425-6720.

Crocodile dock

Down by the water Vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 15-19 for fun, friendship and food, at St. Aidan Catholic Church on Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 per participant (family discount available). Music CD available last day for \$10. VBS Mass 9:30 a.m. Sunday June 21. For more information or to volunteer, call Jackie at (734) 425-9333.

Bethany suburban west

Monthly Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 11, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster Rd., Redford. Dance admission \$10 (No dance lesson). Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane K., (734) 261-5716.

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Downtown Hoedown is free fun for country fans

99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown comes to Detroit's Hart Plaza the weekend of Friday, May 15 through Sunday, May 17.

This year's festival combines value with quality, and a little Hollywood thrown in, by bringing area fans more than 20 national recording artists including legendary Willie Nelson, Rodney Atkins, Phil Vassar, Jessica Andrews, Bomshel, Luke Bryan, Josh Gracin, Darryl Worley, Lee Ann Womack, Jason Michael Carroll, Zac Brown Band, Trailer Choir,

Whitney Duncan, Justin Moore, Jessica Harp (of the Wreckers), Stephen Cochran, Trent Tomlinson and more.

The 2009 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown will also welcome movie star and celebrity Kevin Costner as he performs with his band Modern West on the main stage on Friday, May 17.

Along with these very talented national artists, 99.5 WYCD also brings in the best home-grown talent from Metro Detroit including The Forbes Brothers, The Orbitsuns, Redhill, JoCaine,

Willie Nash, David Shelby, Austin Scott, Justine Blazer and youth sensation Molly Hunt.

"We are excited to bring this extraordinary event to Detroit again this year," said Tim Roberts, WYCD Program Director. "Looking over the list of performers, there is a great mix of national artists and household names, along with young up-and-comers and local talent galore. We are most proud - especially this year - to be able to provide this bonanza of country music as a free event, allowing every country music fan a chance to enjoy the festival."

The Downtown Hoedown began in 1983 with Hank Williams, Jr., Tanya Tucker, The Kendalls, Brenda Lee and Mel Tillis. Since then, Hart Plaza has seen Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire, the Dixie Chicks, Montgomery Gentry, Rascal Flatts, Gretchen Wilson, Big & Rich and more perform at the Hoedown. This year's 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown will be produced by Palace Sports & Entertainment (PS&E), metro Detroit's leading event producer. Visit www.wycd.com for a complete lineup.



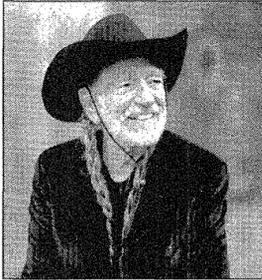
Kevin Costner & Modern West play the Main Hart Plaza Stage at 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 15 during WYCD's Downtown Hoedown.

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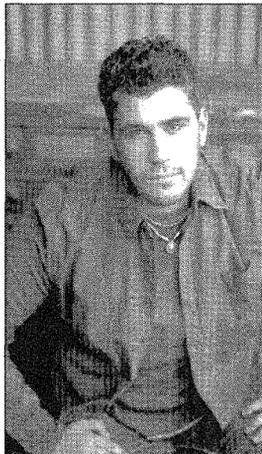
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Westland native Josh Gracin takes the Upper Stage at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday during WYCD's Downtown Hoedown at Hart Plaza.

Band battle raises money for mission

Over 15 bands playing all genres of music are scheduled to play at the Second Annual Battle of the Bands, noon-9 p.m. May 23, in the large pavilion at the Garden City Park. The event, which will take place rain or shine, also includes face painting and other entertainment. The music is free, with proceeds from concession and T-shirt sales going to Michigan Missions, a nonprofit organization that helps unemployed, disabled, elderly and low-income persons with home repairs at no cost to them. Jo Anne Pooley, executive director of Michigan

Missions, is optimistic about this year's fund raiser. "We hope the funds raised will be enough to give Michigan Missions the ability to help even more of those in need and share God's love with everybody," she said. Garden City Park is located on the northeast corner of Merriman and Cherry Hill Road. Call (734) 793-1850. Michigan Missions is a nonprofit organization that brings youth, host churches and homeowners together to serve God by serving others.

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A trolley will transport guests to outlying galleries and shops during Plymouth ARTFeast May 15-16.



Artists will create sidewalk chalk art during Plymouth ARTFeast May 15-16.

No. VI Chop House set to relocate to Crowne Plaza

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

After 12 years inside the Hotel Baronette, the No. VI Chop House relocated less than a mile south of its current location, to the recently renovated 220-room Crowne Plaza Hotel.

"It's being designed to be more beautiful than the existing spot," said Matt Prentice, chief executive officer of the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, which owns the Chop House. "The Crowne Plaza has undergone a multi-million dollar renovation."

According to Prentice, Hotel Baronette sought after the management group Sage Hospitality to handle hotel operations, including food and beverage.

"It's a bit surprising, but problems can be opportunities," he said. "We wish the Baronette well, but there wasn't enough business for both (No. VI Chop House and Sage Hospitality) of us."

The No. VI Chop House was scheduled to leave the Baronette May 3, and open its new location May 4.

"We'll be doing 100 percent of the food at the hotel and we'll have some new menu surprises," said Prentice, noting the addition of a bar menu. "We've never had a burger on our menu, but for the bar menu, I told our chef 'I want to have the best burger in town.'"

"Prime beef is always going to be more expensive, but we have a lot of ways you can dine at No.

VI. You don't necessarily have to spend a lot of money to have a good time."

While crediting the restaurant's executive chef Jason Hayden and master sommelier Madeline Triffon, Prentice guarantees diners will experience the same quality food, wine and service, they have come to expect.

"No. VI is one of the more popular restaurants in Novi. We've got a pretty loyal following," he said. "The executive chef at No. VI is one of the best chefs in the state, and it's got the best wine list in Novi."

In addition to the Chop House, the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group is opening its third Deli Unique location in the Crowne Plaza.

"We're waiting on a permit from the City of Novi, but I'm hoping to have it up by the end of May," Prentice said. "The deli will give hotel patrons, as well as the local patrons, an awesome place for breakfast and lunch."

Prentice also mentioned the restaurant group is creating jobs in Novi and will soon begin hiring for the deli.

The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group also owns other fine dining locations including Coach Insignia, on top of the Renaissance Center; Northern Lakes Seafood Company, in Bloomfield Hills; and Shiraz, in Bingham Farms.

kmurad@gannett.com (248) 349-1700, Ext. 103

Feast on art at Plymouth's premiere event

More than 30 galleries and shops in and around downtown Plymouth will participate in Plymouth ARTFeast 2009 May 15-16.

The annual art walk features pottery, paintings, sculpture, glasswork, mixed media, fiber works, jewelry and many surprise art finds.

Artists will be present during opening receptions, 6-9 p.m. Friday, with some artists present on Saturday as well.

During the Friday evening gala, a trolley will deliver patrons to the outer areas not within walking distance of downtown. Musicians will perform in the open air for walking enjoyment.

Other ArtFeast activities

PLYMOUTH ARTFEAST

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include sidewalk chalk murals, open chalk, face paintings and balloon art.

Visit at least 12 of the art stops and have your passport stamped for chance to win wonderful pieces of art. The event is free. See participating stores for details.

Participating ArtFeast locations include: Basket Kreations, Bohemian Home, Brass & Iron Beds, Cellar 849,

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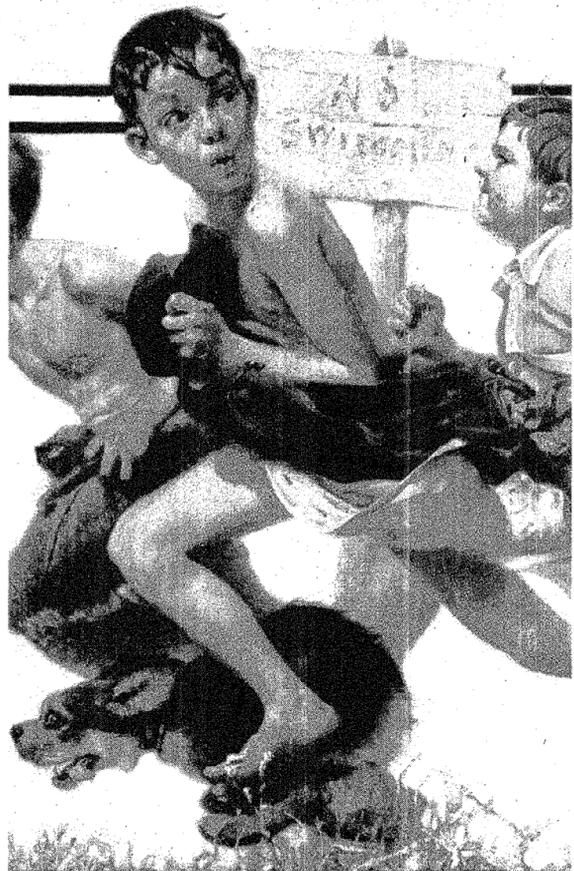
Artist demonstrations are among the highlights of Plymouth's premiere art walk, May 15-16.



Trekker at Comic Con

Mary Gibbs of Redford plays Kara Donovan, helmsman of the Osiris, in the locally made fan-based film series "Star Trek: Osiris," which premiered online April 18. The professional actress and Redford Union High School graduate will join fellow castmates to greet fans and screen a multi-media presentation of the pilot episode "Eclipse" at this weekend's Motor City Comic Con, May 15-17 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. "Star Trek: Osiris" began production in summer, 2008. Shot entirely on a green screen, it follows the adventures of the maiden voyage of the U.S.S. Osiris. For more, visit www.stosiris.com or www.motorcityconventions.com.

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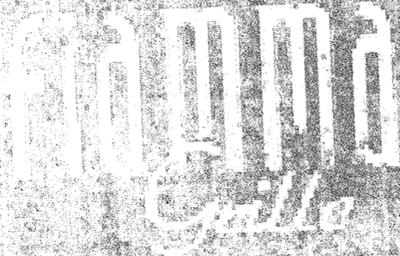
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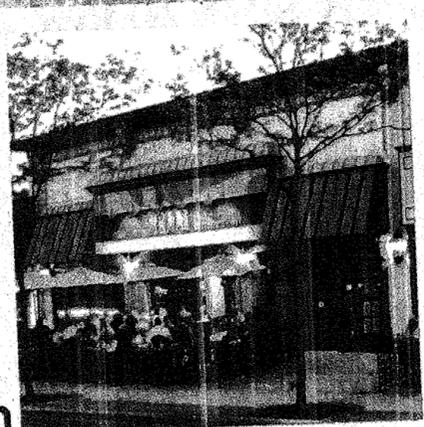
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CRIMSON ROASTED ORGANIC BEET SALAD
Mixed field greens, roasted beets, chevre cakes, roasted almonds,
grapefruit segments and red onion, tossed in a lemon honey vinaigrette. \$10

SPINACH & MICHIGAN WALLEYE CROQUETTE SALAD
Baby spinach, red onion, grape tomatoes, aged cheddar, Creamy Smith apples and walnuts.
Tossed with a whole grain vinaigrette. \$12

FIAMMA CAPRESE SALAD
Vine ripened tomato, fried eggplant, fresh buffalo mozzarella and balsamic. \$10

WEDGE OF ICEBERG LETTUCE
With garnish of olive tapenade, roasted red pepper, crumbled bacon, olives,
tomato and bleu cheese dressing. \$7

SANDWICHES

Accompanied with Fruit or Sweet potato fries

GRILLED SALMON CLUB

Twice smoked apple cured bacon, vine ripened tomato, herb cheese spread,
roasted shallot glaze and baby spinach. Served on whole grain bread. \$12

TUNA BURGER

Ground sashimi grade tuna with Asian aromatics and spices, mango wasabi aioli
and vegetable slaw with miso vinaigrette. Served on a whole wheat bun. \$12

PIEDMONTESE BEEF BURGER

8oz Burger with grilled shitakes, slow roasted tomatoes, white cheddar,
Topped with crispy shallots. \$12

MEAT

Steak as aged as 14 days. Steaks ordered well done cost an extra \$2.
Add a bowl of soup or dinner salad \$3. Sub risotto on any dish for an additional \$2

PIEDMONTESE FILET MIGNON*
All natural. Cut from the heart of the tenderloin.

Topped with Fiamma zip sauce. Accompanied with Potatoes Au Gratin and roasted root vegetables.
6 oz. Filet... \$23 8 oz. Filet... \$29 10 oz. Filet... \$35

RESERVED BLACK ANGUS NEW YORK STRIP STEAK*
Chosen from the top 5% of choice beef, center of the loin, topped with roasted tomato compound butter.

Accompanied with brie and fontina Mac & Cheese and grilled asparagus. \$27

BRAISED SHORT RIBS

Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and roasted root vegetables.
Topped with crispy shallots. \$23

FIAMMA MIXED GRILL

Chef's daily creation. Please ask your server. Priced Accordingly

COLORADO PRIME LAMB CHOPS*

Marinated and char grilled. Topped with port wine demi.
Accompanied with spinach and french sautéed fingerling potatoes. \$26

FREE RANGE CHICKEN AND WILD MUSHROOM MILANESE*

Natural chicken breast filled with wild mushrooms. With veloute cream sauce.
Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and chef's fresh vegetable. \$17

PORK PICCATA

Breaded White Marble Farms pork tenderloin topped with a lemon caper cream sauce.
Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and sautéed spinach. \$17

FISH & SEAFOOD

Add a bowl of soup or dinner salad \$3. Sub risotto on any dish for an additional \$2

LAKE SUPERIOR WALLEYE

Sautéed in a light flour dusting drizzled with our roasted garlic aioli.
Served with long grain, wild rice and toasted orzo, and chef's fresh vegetable. \$19

NORWEGIAN SALMON

Lightly encrusted with dried exotic mushrooms, pan roasted and drizzled with truffle oil.
Accompanied with garlic mashed potatoes and chef's fresh vegetable. \$19

AHI TUNA* (Sashimi Grade)

Seared rare with an Asian spice rub. Served with ponzo reduction and cucumber wasabi sauce.
Accompanied with fried risotto cake and stir fry vegetable. \$22

FRESH SAUTEED JUMBO SEA SCALLOPS

With lemon Butter Blanc. Accompanied with creamy orzo risotto and sweet English peas. \$19

SIMPLY GRILLED OR BROILED FISH
Priced Accordingly

COLD WATER LOBSTER TAILS

Two - 6 oz tails, broiled.
Accompanied with scallop potato cakes and asparagus. Market Price
Available ala carte or added to any dinner Market Price

PASTA

Add a bowl of soup or dinner salad \$3

CHICKEN CAVATAPI

Walnut encrusted chicken breast served over cavatapi pasta with apple-cured bacon,
slow-roasted tomatoes, gilled portabellas, shitake mushrooms, and a smoked gouda cream sauce. \$17

PASTA FIAMMA

Linguini pasta tossed with pan seared scallops, shrimp, shitake mushrooms, roasted peppers,
Hungarian peppers, in a white sherry wine sauce (spicy). \$21

PIEDMONTESE MEDALLIONS AND POTATO GNOCCHI

Tossed with exotic mushrooms, shallots and asparagus tips with a sherry wine sauce.
Topped with brie cheese. \$23

VEGETARIAN

Add a bowl of soup or dinner salad \$3

HOUSE MADE LASAGNA

Four layers of roasted vegetables, with roasted garlic béchamel and pomodoro sauce. \$15

MUSHROOM NAPOLEAN

Layers of buttered phyllo, each filled with a mixture of sautéed wild mushrooms,
mushroom pate and asparagus tips. \$14

TOFU, VEGETABLE AND CASHEW STIR FRY

Served over a coconut risotto cake. Vegan friendly \$14

DESSERTS

HOUSE MADE TIRAMISU HOUSE MADE CRÈME BRÛLE
SIGNATURE BLACK FOREST CAKE



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