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Gift of books

Youngsters in Wayne-Westland's 17 elementary schools will have two new books to read, thanks to a donation from state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland.

Anderson went before the school board Monday evening to present the books, *Tears of Mother Bear* and *The One The Only Magnificent Me*, both published by the Mackinac Island Press.

"I appreciate the working relationship we have and to continuing to do what I can for you," said Anderson. "This is my school district, it's very near and dear to me."

An American Booksellers Association Booksense Award winner, *The One The Only Magnificent Me* was written by Dan Haseltine and illustrated by Joel Schoon Tanis. It's the story of a boy who is transformed from an ordinary kid into something truly remarkable and along the way learns that simply being himself makes him magnificent.

Tears of Mother Bear, written by Anne Margaret Lewis and illustrated by Kathleen Chaney Fritz, is the tale of the Petoskey stone, the tears of the Sleeping Bear.

Anderson has been visiting every school district in his Senate district, providing the books for their elementary school library.

"We appreciate your generosity and the help you give us in Lansing," said school Superintendent Greg Baracy.

Used books

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has a new location for its used book sale. The organization will be setting up shop Friday-Sunday, June 26-28, in Westland Shopping Center at Warren and Wayne roads.

The organization will have a preview Thursday, June 25. Book-lovers can pay \$3 for a chance to check out the merchandise between 6-8:30 p.m. The sale will be open 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 26-27 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 28 for the bag sale — \$6 for one bag or \$11 for two bags.

Most books and magazines will sell for \$1 or less. DVDs and CDs will be individually priced.

The league also is accepting donations for the sale. Call (734) 421-4420 for more information.

Check it out

If you plan on watching the national spelling bee Thursday, May 28, on WXYZ-TV Channel 7, don't change the channel when it's done.

The channel will be airing a special the uncovers good things happening in *The Best Schools in Michigan*, and one of the districts showcased will be the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The program aims to expose those school districts that are best in preparing children for the real-world challenges of today's global economy. So take a good look at what's been uncovered in Wayne-Westland.

'Great job': Conover resigns as deputy mayor

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland Deputy Mayor Courtney Conover, widely praised as a good-will ambassador who tirelessly championed this city's milestones and strengths, has decided to step down in her third year on the job.

Conover, viewed by friends and supporters as a shining example of a woman who grew up here and made her hometown proud, said her last day on the job will be Wednesday.



Conover

She was mistress of ceremonies for events like the city's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance. She hosted programs on city cable sta-

A former broadcast journalist who served as Westland's media expert, Conover also could be found at events ranging from D.A.R.E. graduations to new business openings.

tion WLND, where she was once employed. She even took time to judge a cake-decorating contest for a local Cub Scout group.

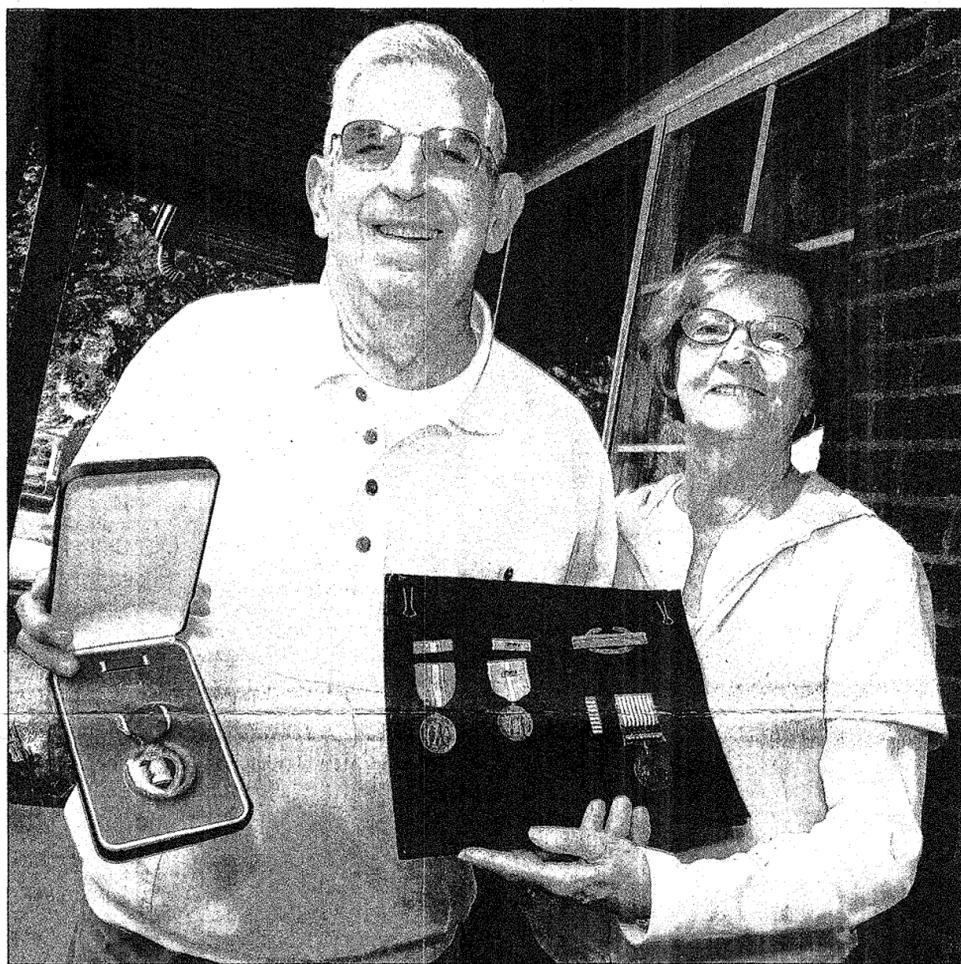
Every Friday, she issued a press release touting the next week's events in Westland.

"It has been nothing short of a tremendous honor to serve the city I've grown up in," she said. "I have embraced both the challenges and responsibilities that have accompanied this position — from the extensive writing, to the on-air tele-

vision hosting, to representing the mayor at various functions and, of course, responding to the needs of residents."

Conover, 32, indicated that she wants to spend more time with husband Scott, a former Detroit Lions offensive lineman and NutriSystem spokesman turned personal chef. She also wants to spend time with other family members, and she is considering pursuing writing and

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A Korean War veteran, Bobby York can show off the medals, including the Purple Heart, he earned in combat, thanks to the efforts of his grandson Jeremy York and wife Maria. York, joined by his wife Anna, and members of the family received them from U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow in a surprise ceremony at the William P. Faust Public Library May 16.

'Long overdue:' Korean veteran finally gets his service medals

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The day Bobby York went to enlist in the Army, his mother asked what he wanted for dinner that night. According to York's wife Anna, his mother didn't think the military would take her 18-year-old son because of his back problems.

The military did and 56 years after

he was mustered out, the Westland resident finally has the medals he earned while fighting in Korea.

"I finally got something out of Uncle Sam," York said after receiving his medals from U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow in a surprise private ceremony at the William P. Faust Public Library.



Bobby York was 18 when he enlisted in the Army in 1951.

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Judge orders man to prison for robbery

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A mentally ill transient man who stabbed and robbed a woman outside a Westland gas station is facing four years/three months to 10 years in prison.

Myron Terrell Boone, 27, was sentenced Tuesday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt, who convicted him in April on charges of robbery and assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder.

Boone also may receive psychiatric help because Skutt ruled that he was mentally ill.

"Like in any case, there's always circumstances, but we got a conviction, he's going to serve some time, and we're happy about that," said Westland police Lt. Dan Karrick, who is in charge of the detective bureau.

Boone robbed a woman and slashed her across the stomach when she stopped for cigarettes about 6:15 a.m. Jan. 15, 2007, at the Marathon station on the southwest corner of Joy and Newburgh roads.

During an earlier court hearing, the victim had identified Boone as the assailant who attacked her with what police described as a box cutter blade. The woman was treated and released at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Boone's trial had been delayed over two years while authorities awaited a ruling that he was competent to move forward with court proceedings. His case was finally resolved after it was determined that he was ready for trial.

Boone was charged in the attack after he was captured for an unrelated shoplifting charge in Roseville and after police received a tip that he was involved in the Westland incident.

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Council cuts court budget, leaf service

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wielding a sharpened budget ax, the Westland City Council has confronted a deepening financial crunch by slashing the 18th District Court's funding, chopping longevity bonuses for administration officials, whacking a leaf-pickup program and eliminating stipends for most boards and commissions.

Council members also have renewed warnings that they will need to convince employee unions to accept concessions in health care and pensions to avoid a budget deficit that outside auditors have said could spiral to \$32 million within four years.

"The road has ended," Councilman Michael Kehrer said Thursday, during the last round of budget talks before the council votes June 1 to approve a new

spending plan.

The council reached a consensus to trim \$206,400, or 5 percent, from the court's \$4.1 million budget to help offset a court revenue shortfall. Council members suggested that court officials examine such costs as top-shelf medical benefits, longevity bonuses and a vehicle provided for Court Administrator Beth Cargill.

Councilman Dewey Reeves questioned why Cargill needed a car at taxpayer expense. "I'm not for that," said Reeves, who had earlier indicated that district judges making nearly \$140,000 also could afford to buy their own cars.

Cargill and 18th District Judge Mark McConnell defended the 35-employee court, saying it operates efficiently and will have a difficult time absorbing the \$206,400 budget cut.

"I don't know that that's possible," Cargill said.

Council President James Godbout, Councilman Bill Johnson and others indicated that the court and other government bodies will have to adapt, much like autoworkers and others feeling the economic crunch.

"It's tough times," Godbout said, "and we don't have the money to operate like we've been operating."

Johnson warned that "if we don't do something now, next year is too late."

Kehrer said the court and the city will have to rein in costs for pensions and health care or face devastating layoffs and cuts in services.

"We're operating under a broken business model," he said, "and we need to fix it."

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CONOVER

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other interests.

Conover became Mayor William Wild's deputy mayor shortly after he assumed the job in January 2007.

"She's done a tremendous job," he said Friday. "She stepped right in from the very beginning. She was a very integral part of our staff, and I thought she did a great job. She's probably one of the most talented people I have ever met."

Wild voiced confidence that Conover will succeed at whatever she tries. He described her departure as "sad" and said she has contributed to his administration's successes.

"She won everybody's respect from the beginning and had it to the end," the mayor said.

Wild said he will replace Conover with city Controller Jade Smith. He hasn't yet announced Smith's successor.

Conover won accolades from people like Westland public library Director Cheryl Napsha. The two women became friends after Napsha started her job two years ago.

"Courtney has been instrumental in helping to develop the library as a community resource by publicizing and promoting the work that we do here and by bringing us into the fold of the city," Napsha said.

Conover is a 1995 graduate and valedictorian of John Glenn High School.



Speaking before crowds, like at last year's tree lighting ceremony, was among the many things Courtney Conover did as deputy mayor. Here, she reads the winning "What Christmas Means to Me" essay by Danielle Deel, 8, a third-grader at Hamilton Elementary. Behind them is Mayor William Wild.

She earned her bachelor of arts degree in communications four years later from the University of Michigan.

Last year, her professional achievements and contributions to her community led to U-M's African-American Alumni Council honoring her with its "5 Under 10" Young Alumni Recognition Award — bestowed each year to only five alumni who received their undergraduate degrees from U-M within the last 10 years.

Conover has served as a board member for the Westland Youth Assistance Program and Second Chance at Life, an organization that supports organ donation awareness. She also participates in 5K runs to raise money for charitable organizations.

Conover, who plans at some point to start her own family

with husband Scott, said she will cherish her time as deputy mayor.

"I will always be appreciative of the experiences and lessons I gained while working as a member of this administration," she said. "However, I have reached a point in my life where it is time to put my family first, spend some much-needed time with my husband, and pursue other interests." Friday afternoon, Conover issued what could be her last press release titled "This Week in Westland." It mentioned numerous events, including a Memorial Day weekend parade, the Bailey Center pool opening and a senior citizen health and fitness day. It was simply signed, "Sincerely, Courtney."

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Orlewicz lawyer: Judge erred on verdict form

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Last month, the Michigan Court of Appeals granted a new trial to a man convicted of manslaughter because Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette Berry failed to include "not guilty" among the possible verdicts at which the jury could arrive.



Orlewicz

Jean Pierre Orlewicz is hoping for the same conclusion in his case.

Elizabeth Jacobs, the appellate attorney for Orlewicz,

the Plymouth Township teen convicted last year in the November 2007 death and beheading of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, has filed a motion in Wayne Circuit Court claiming Berry did the same thing in Orlewicz's case.

Judge Bruce Morrow will hear Jacobs' motion in a June 19 hearing. Morrow is hearing the case in the first place because of strong language Berry used with Orlewicz while sentencing him following his April 2008 conviction on first-degree murder charges.

Orlewicz was convicted of luring Sorensen to the Canton home of Orlewicz's grandfather, stabbing him and then disposing of the body after beheading him. Orlewicz was

convicted largely on the testimony of a Westland teen who pleaded guilty to lesser charges in exchange for his testimony.

Morrow is also scheduled to hear arguments by Jacobs that Berry failed to allow adequate investigation into Orlewicz's mental state in the original trial. Morrow drew some heat from the higher court last month for hearing arguments behind closed doors, with neither Orlewicz's nor Sorensen's family — or the public or media — allowed to attend.

Maria Miller, a spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutor, declined comment. Neither Berry nor Jacobs could be reached for comment.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Summer festival

The Westland Summer Festival Committee has put out the call for sponsors for the 39th annual event. Business can sign on for the red, white and blue event at levels ranging from \$250 as red sponsor to \$3,000 for an All American sponsorship. Businesses will have their logos appear on printed material related to the festival which will be July 1-5 on the grounds of the Westland civic center complex.

For more information, call Ken Mehl at (734) 335-7943 or Diane Fritz at (734) 595-4981.

Closing celebration

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 stdunstan-schoolsecretary@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.

An open house and reception will follow.

Inspire Theatre

There's sure to be laughter as the wish for a simple wedding turns into a big affair when the Inspire Theatre presents *Father of the Bride* Friday-Saturday, June 5-6 and 12-13, inside The Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, west of Venoy, in Westland. Show time is 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$12 each. For more information, call (734) 751-7057 or go online to www.inspiretheatre.com.

Pancake breakfast

International Order of Rainbow for Girls of Wayne Assembly No. 72 will have their monthly Pancake Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112, 37137 Palmer, east of Newburgh, Westland. The cost is \$5 per breakfast and feature the "best pancakes in the state," served

to you by the Rainbow Girls. No reservations necessary. For more information, call (734) 721-7950.

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.

Used book sale

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will hold their used book sale Friday-Saturday, June 26-28, at the Westland Shopping Center Wayne and Warren roads, Westland. There will be a preview 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, and cost \$3. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 26-27 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 28. Most books and magazines will be priced at \$1 or less; videos, CDs and DVDs will be individually priced. To donate, call (734) 421-4420.

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.

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 available. The morning group meets from 10 a.m. to noon the second Thursday of the month, while the evening group meets from 6-8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month.

For more information on dates and times, or if attending for the first time, call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
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PROPOSED 2009-10 BUDGET
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009

Please take notice that, on June 8, 2009 at 7 o'clock p.m. at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2009-10 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2009-10 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2009-10 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan.

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

CYNTHIA SCHOFIELD, Secretary

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Wayne County board OKs Spence recount

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The Wayne County Board of Canvassers approved a petition Thursday filed by Roger Spence, a candidate for the Livonia school board, to recount the votes from the school election held on May 5. Spence, who lost to Dan Lessard by 10 votes, petitioned the Wayne County Election Division Tuesday to recount the votes in all of the precincts in the school district, which

encompasses most of Livonia and a northern section of Westland. Livonia has 35 precincts and 10 in Westland that would need to be recounted. Lessard received 2,878 votes in Livonia and Westland; Spence received 2,868 votes. Colleen Burton finished as the top vote-getter in the race for two school board seats. City Clerk Linda Grimsby said between 5,000 and 6,000 votes will be recounted from the two communities. Six teams of three persons repre-

senting the county's Board of Canvassers will visit Livonia City Hall Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the recount, which will be conducted in the gallery area of the fifth floor, Grimsby said. Westland's votes will be brought to Livonia City Hall. "All the votes from the LPS election will be here in one place," Grimsby said. Grimsby has not been involved in a recount since she's been city clerk, but believes the recount teams will examine

ballot containers and bags to make sure they were properly sealed. Teams will compare vote counts of the machine totals, which are recorded on a tape, and the ballot counts. Each ballot will be hand-counted and tallied. The candidates can have representatives in attendance to challenge the ballots, Grimsby said. All voting machines are checked for accuracy with a pre-test before the election, Grimsby said, in accordance with state law.

Once the recount is completed, the Board of Canvassers will meet at 9 a.m. on June 2 at Livonia City Hall to certify the results. Spence could not be reached for comment Friday afternoon. He said Tuesday that he sought the recount to "ensure the system works and that every vote got counted." State law requires that the petitioner must submit a \$10 deposit with the recount petition for each precinct in which a recount is requested.

The deposit is refunded if the recount changes the result of the election. If the recount does not change the result of the election, the deposit is proportionately divided among the counties involved in the recount, which in this case is Wayne County. It is not known whether county officials have indicated to the district what the recount would cost. Phone messages were left Friday afternoon.

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VETERAN

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"Today is Armed Services Day. What a great way to celebrate it with one of our heroes," Stabenow said. "This is long overdue."

York served in the Army from 1950-53, participating in three campaigns in Korea. A telephone operator, he served as a spotter and was wounded on Pork Chop Hill when a grenade went off, hitting his leg just below the knee.

"I didn't know I was hit, I didn't know until I saw the hole," he said. "All I know is that it went all the way through. I think it hit a nerve because when I tap on it, I can't feel anything."

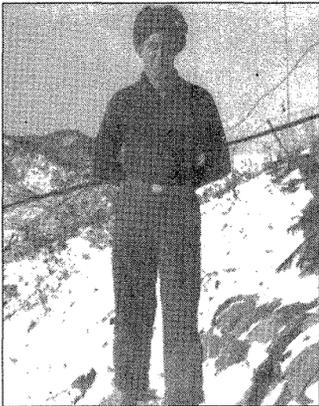
York almost lost his leg. He was brought stateside to recover from his injury and then sent back to Korea for another 14 months.

"He needed 12 months there, but he only had eight when he was wounded," Ann York said. "They asked if he wanted more and he said no. They made him mad when they sent him back. The second time he was a gunner for a heavy mortar and lost his hearing."

Stabenow presented York with five medals, most notably the Purple Heart, awarded on behalf of the president to a member of the armed forces who is wounded or killed.

"The Purple Heart is one of our most recognized, most respected and one of the oldest medals awarded," she said.

York also received the National Defense Service Medal, awarded for honorable service during a designated period of war, and the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, awarded to members



York stands in the snow in Korea.



York (center) hams it ups with his buddies.

of the armed forces in support of the defense of Korea. The service stars represent his participation in three battle campaigns.

Stabenow also presented him with his Combat Infantryman Badge-1st Award for performance of duties during active ground combat under hostile fire and the United Nations Service Medal for his service in defense of the principles of the United Nations Charter.

It was York's grandson Jeremy and wife Maria who decided to get the medals. It took almost two years and Stabenow's help to make it happen.

"It took a lot of phone calls. We saw a lot of paper trails," Jeremy York said, crediting his wife with doing much of the work. "It would come up in conversation and my dad and uncle said we should get them for him."

"We thought it was important to get them for him," Maria York added.

The family found out 1½ months ago that Bobby York would get his

medals. They didn't expect a special ceremony.

"We thought we'd get them, do up a box and give them to him on Father's Day or Christmas," son Greg York said.

According to family, Bobby York never talked about his time in Korea, mostly about his hearing loss. He does watch the movie *Pork Chop Hill* and chews on his fingers, his wife said.

His son Bobby (Dale) watches "all the Korea stuff on the TV to see if I can see him."

In presenting the medals, Stabenow urged York and his family to visit the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C., and even quoted two of the inscriptions: "Freedom is not free" and "Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met."

"I'm so glad I can continue to do one of the most meaningful things I'm able to do," she said.

BUDGET

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The council decided to eliminate longevity bonuses for noncontractual administration officials, such as department heads, in a move that will save about \$22,000. Officials said similar concessions will be sought during negotiations with city unions.

Employees who have at least three years on the job are typically rewarded late in the year with bonuses of \$100 for each year they have worked.

"It's a Christmas bonus is what it is," Kehrer said. "These are citizens' tax dollars, and we want to be intelligent in what we do with them."

Mayor William Wild called the longevity cuts "symbolic" but said he was willing to accept the council's decision and have his administration lead the way, as long as similar concessions are sought for other employee groups.

Council President Pro Tem Cheryl Graunstadt had previously suggested cutting longevity pay and said a city-wide effort would save \$348,000.

Council members also decided to eliminate the city's curbside leaf-pickup program and save \$95,000. They indicated that residents unable to bag their own leaves could likely receive help from a court worker program that lets small-time offenders work off debts.

The council also chose to eliminate stipends for a majority of local boards and commissions, a move that will save \$32,760. Small payouts will remain in effect for the Westland Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Board of Review and the Westland Housing Commission.

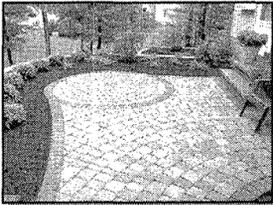
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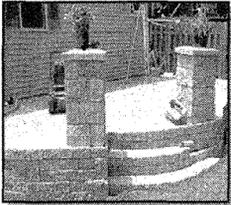
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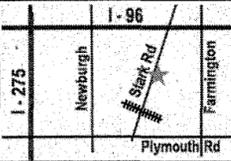


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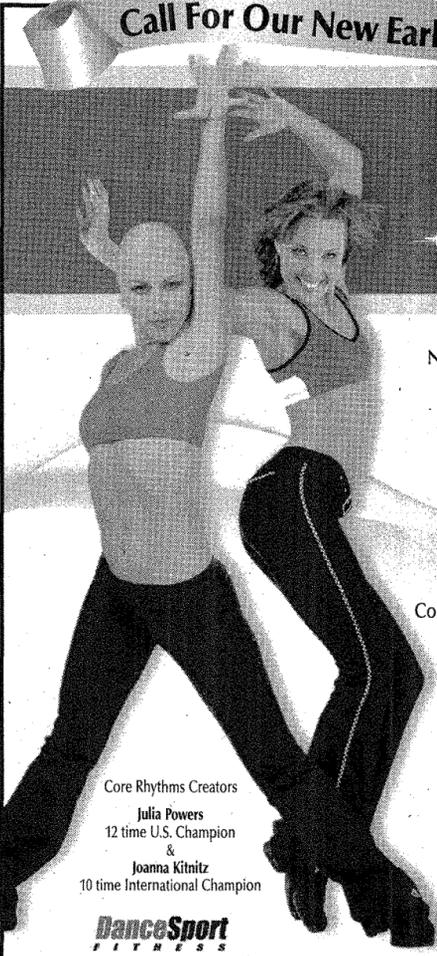


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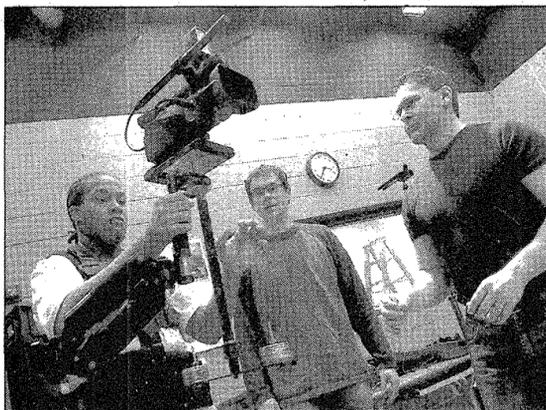


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EDUCATION



John Glenn junior Durrion Witherspoon gets instruction on using the Glidecam from Ralph Cabildo (right) of RC DJ and Video Productions in Westland and Lee Higginbottom (center) of Days to Remember Video of Rochester Hills.



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John Glenn senior Mike Penhollow tries his hand at using a Glidecam, a video camera that allows a photographer to easily move around while recording.

Students glide with new video equipment

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"Balance, balance, balance." It was a word students in Gloria Joseph's digital media class heard more than once as they tried their hand at shooting video with a Glidecam. "Balance is so critical, if you're not balanced you'll be picking yourself off the ground," said videographer Lee Higginbottom.

LEARN FROM PROS

Higginbottom and Ralph Cabildo of RC DJ and Video Productions in Westland were in Joseph's class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center recently to explain the technology that Cabildo relates to "what you see on MTV." Digital media is one of 23 technical training programs offered at the center for Wayne-Westland students and several

districts. The Glidecam has the look of a robotic arm holding a camera on a monopod. It has a smooth movement, recording video without a quiver as the photographer walks, runs or spins around. It gives the feeling of movement as it follows the subject, swinging one way or the other. "This is something that's really big as far as videography," said Cabildo. "It's where this field is going cinematically." Students in Joseph's class work on photography, digital imaging and film/video, learning skills for work in the media job market. With lucrative tax incentives bringing Hollywood to Michigan, knowing how to use such things as a Glidecam is a plus. "We need to have current technology," said Joseph. "When students leave this class the have a demo reel with examples

of their work to give employers. It's like here, here's what I know how to do." Cabildo, who is on the digital media advisory board at the center, said equipment like the Glidecam is "changing the image of 1980s video." Today's product is more finished, he said. "INVALUABLE" "This is invaluable to use," he added. "The video industry is tough, but the good thing about Michigan is studios are coming in a building. This may become another Hollywood. It's an exciting field." Higginbottom of Days To Remember Media in Rochester Hills has had a Glidecam for two years. He started out practicing with it at weddings. "I got so off balance, I stopped using it," he said. "This

year it's all I'm doing. You have to take baby steps. It's not that sophisticated for technology, but you've got to get to where you understand that it's all about balance." According to Cabildo, students interested in the business need to get involved now. He suggested students look do unpaid training with a company to get started. "Experience is everything," he said. "You seriously need to start getting in touch with these people. You're not going to get paid, but you're going to go a long way in getting training and experience." "You've just got to devote time to it," Higginbottom added. "A lot will come with hard work." The two men added that many of the media jobs are not unionized, it's independent contractors. "It's who's best and quickest," they said.

effects and the titles. "This allows a photographer to be mobile and get the shot," said Joseph, who spent 10 years doing auto commercials before taking up teaching. "This is our first one." Only a few students like Durrion Witherspoon tried their hand at using the Glidecam which can be used attached to the vest or held in a hand. Turning around in the classroom's small studio, he had to ask if he had hit anyone with the camera. "It feels like I'm carrying stones," he said. "I feel it in my back, the rest I don't feel." Witherspoon plans to pursue a career in animation while classmate Michael Penhollow wants to be an editor for single sports or ESPN. "This is pretty nice," he said swinging the camera around in the hallway. As for their recommendation to play around with the Glidecam, Higginbottom offered a word of warning: "I don't advise putting it on a bike the first time."

Jovanelly: WM alumna honoree

Dr. Tamie J. Jovanelly, researcher and assistant geology professor at Berry College in Georgia has been tapped at Wayne Memorial High School's 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award winner.

Jovanelly began her education at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she earned her bachelor of science degree in 1998, today. She completed her master's degree in geoscience at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2001. In 2006, Jovanelly completed her doctoral degree in geology at Kent State University.



Jovanelly

Best known by her students for her charismatic lectures and off-keyed signing, the infamous Dr. "Jo" includes her students in all aspects of her research endeavors. Topics include modern and ancient tsunami events, groundwater and surface water interactions, karst topography, barrier island evolution and geoscience pedagogy. During her short time at Berry College, she has written several publications including sedimentological analysis of an ancient sand sheet of multiple origins at Lynch Cove, Puget Sound, Wash., and two introductory geology laboratory manuals. Each summer, Jovanelly leads a group of interested students to Iceland, where she implements her hands-on teaching approach to study the geology of the country. Beyond Berry College, Jovanelly was the secretary of the Association for Women Geoscientists for four years. Through this position she worked diligently to encourage, support and advance young women in the sciences. In her spare time, she enjoys running marathons, bicycling, backpacking, caving, traveling, reading American classics, playing with her dog Rocky and planning her students' weddings.

Jovanelly is passionate about her work and ardent about recruiting students to the geology realm. At present, Jovanelly lectures students in a wide range of geology classes and does her best to evoke the same passion she possesses in her students.

KNOWLEDGE SHARED
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Location clouds food bank's future

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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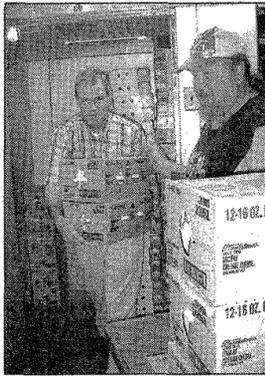
Open Door Ministry in Canton Township serves more than 300 families, most of whom come from Westland and Canton, a week from its food bank located in an old industrial building on Lilley Road, just south of Michigan Avenue, next to the township landfill.

And, according to the director, Steve Darr, the numbers continue to escalate.

"Last year we gave out 930,000 pounds of food," Darr said. "This year we're on a pace of 1.2 million pounds. That's a huge increase, the needs are there."

"We used to use a pickup and a van to get the food," he said. "Now we have semi trucks come in and drop it off."

Open Door Ministry has been renting the old cardboard producing facility from Greif Manufacturing since November 2003. Everything



Steve Darr (left), director of Open Door Ministry, helps put food in the freezer with volunteer Rich Dairymple of Ypsilanti.

seemed to be going well until a Canton Township fire inspector recently stopped by. Now, Open Door Ministry isn't certain if it can remain open at its current location.

"He asked if I had a Certificate of Occupancy,"

Darr said. "I told him we just rent here, but the owners aren't responsible for it."

"There are things that need to be fixed, but there are a lot of hoops we need to go through ... the building department, planning department, building and fire inspections," he said. "My concern is the list may be a mile long, and it would be difficult for us to complete at a reasonable cost."

Township Planner Jeff Goulet said the building occupied by Open Door Ministry is in a general industrial zone.

"Based on what they told me, no," said Goulet when asked if Open Door Ministry could even remain in the building zoned general industrial. "They have several different ministries — religious, job training, the food bank."

"We don't like large numbers of people in a general industrial zone because of truck traffic and other factors," he said.

Goulet said other churches have moved into industrial

sites in Canton, but in light industrial zones. Churches can file for a special land use permit for that classification.

"The master plan calls for the (Open Door Ministry) area to be light industrial," added Goulet. "So, potentially it could be rezoned and they could file for a special land use. Then we would have to inspect and evaluate modifications to the building for code compliance."

At that point, Open Door Ministry would have to decide if it wanted to put money into the building, which is currently for sale by the owner.

"This couldn't have happened at a worse time because we have so many families that are losing their jobs," said Darr. "We're there helping on a shoestring budget. To bring it up to code will be difficult."

And, said Darr, fixing the building would mean less money to purchase groceries from Gleaners Food Bank to distribute to needy families. "If we have \$100 in repairs

to fix, that's \$1,000 in food we won't be able to buy," Darr said. "When I sent in the \$75 for the zoning compliance application fee, that was \$750 worth of food."

"This could potentially cost people food," he said. "There are a lot of families depending on what we do here."

Simply moving to another location isn't a good option, according to Darr.

"We could move to another location, however it's difficult to find one that has all the facilities we have here," said Darr. "This place has allowed

us to grow to meet the increasing needs that are out there."

Despite some of the roadblocks that the food bank is facing, Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said he is prepared to help it stay open.

"Despite what our inspector told them, what we want to do is work with them. We're here to work with them. I wish they had called us before they went to the media," he said. "There are some issues out there, yes. But we're not shutting the food bank down."

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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.

Garden walk
The Wayne Garden Club Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, June 27, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine. Start at Goudy Park Gardens (behind Wayne City Hall) 3355 S. Wayne Road. For information contact Lynn at (734) 721-8232 or Mary Anne at (734) 728-2884.

Book signing
Award-winning author Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin autographs copies of her latest children's book, "Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History," at the Westland Borders Express 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 31. The event will provide Borders customers with the opportunity to purchase copies of her three published books, including "Cheryl's Musings: A Day In The Life Of An Award Winning Poet & Photographer" and "Woman Reclining." Vatcher is the owner of Pero Inc., a full service writing, tutoring, instructional design, consulting, photography, editing, and publishing company. For more information, call (734) 397-1626 or send an e-mail at peroinc5@comcast.net.

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

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 include, 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 gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com.

Fish Dial-A-Ride
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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.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center
The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center
The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center,

on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

Senior fitness
Seniors can get in shape through some programs offered at the Maplewood Center. The Senior Fitness Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass. Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group
The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support
A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More
A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Counterpoint
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Toughlove
A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers welcome. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.

EDUCATION

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

St. Damian
St. Damian Catholic School at 29891 Joy, Westland, offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. For more information

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Academic Pathways
Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia, will host open houses 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 14, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, and Thursday, Sept. 3. The preschool has a three-year-old program that runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday and a four-year-old program that runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Potty training is not required. Low cost tuition available. For more information, visit the Web site at www.academicpathwayspreschool.com or call (734) 261-9540.

YWCA preschool
The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2+ to 5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. For more information on these programs, or to enroll your child, call the YWCA's Education Department at (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

VOLUNTEERS

Karmanos Institute
The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers to transport cancer patients to mammogram and doctor appointments in metropolitan Detroit. Drivers are needed for Macomb and Oakland counties, Dearborn and Detroit. Volunteers must be at least 18. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

First Step
First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

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Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite

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Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. For more information please call Ruth at (800) 370-8592.

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The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

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Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light house-keeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

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 experience through memoirs 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 shephy@yahoo.com.

**CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 10 05/18/09**

Presiding: President Pro-Tem Graunstadt
Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer
Absent: Godbout
93-Appr. minutes of 5/04/09.
-Appr. req. from WPFU to hold MDA iFill-the-Booti fundraiser from 6/11th-13th at various intersections.
-Appr. req. from P.D. Graham to hold iNeighborhood Walki on 6/8/09 at 12:30 p.m.
-Appr. Bid for CCTV Pipeline Insp. system to Doheny Supplies; amt. \$94,883.86 to be financed in 4 annual pmts of \$14,988.86 & 1 balloon pmt of \$50,000.00 in yr. 5.
-Appr. Bid for 5 HVAC units at Dorsey Ctr. to Sharon's Heating & Air Conditioning-amt. \$56,930.00.
-Adopted Prep. Res. requesting MDOT to include bridge on Newburgh over Tonquish Creek in the Local Bridge Fund List.
94-Introduced Ord. 256, to amend Ch. 102 Art. II by repealing Sec. 102-36 & 102-37 of the Westland City Code.
96-Appr. Rezoning from CB-4 & CB-2 to CB-3, n.e. corner of Middlebelt & Ann Arbor Trail.
97-Appr. Special Land Use for prop. CVS Pharmacy with Drive-thru Ann Arbor Trail & Middlebelt.
98-Appr. Site Plan for prop. Shopping Ctr. renovation n.e. corner of Ann Arbor Trail & Middlebelt w/contingencies.
99-Appr. Special Land Use for prop. Collision Shop, 35522 Ford Rd.
100-Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. Exterior Renovations, 35522 Ford Road.
101-Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. Exterior Renovations, 36980 Ford Road.
104-Appointed J. Underwood to ZBA, term to exp. 6-21/2012.
105-Appointed W. Tremper to ZBA, term to exp. 6-21-2012.
106-Conf. re-appt. of D. McMullen to LDFA, term to expire 4/13/09.
107-Conf. re-appt. of R. Farsakian to LDFA, term to expire 4/13/09.

108-Appr. checklist: \$ 714, 159.72 & Prepaid: \$ 3,118,950.02
Mtg. adj. at 9:55 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's office.

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Wayne Rotary honored for Teen Court project

A project to construct a courtroom in Wayne Memorial High School has landed a local Rotary club the Hugh Archer Project Excellence Award.

The Rotary Club of Wayne received the honor at the Rotary International District 6400 conference, held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island May 2. The award is given annually to a Rotary club in District 6400 which initiates a new project that encourages teamwork among club members and achieves excellence.

The Wayne club received the award for its Teen Court classroom project. It provided the funds to renovate a classroom at Wayne Memorial High School to resemble a courtroom so that a "peer review" teen court could be held there as part of the high school's Business and Personal Law for the Young Adult class.

The current president of the Wayne Rotary Club, District Judge Laura Mack, presides over the Teen Court sessions. The Teen Court jurors decide the sentence for each juvenile offender after hearing the police report and questioning the defendant and his or her parent.

The cases are actual court cases where the juvenile offender, called a respondent, has been charged with a misdemeanor offense and



Wayne Rotary Club President Judge Laura Mack receives the Hugh Archer Project Excellence Award from District Governor Bruce Goldsen.

has admitted responsibility. As part of the sentence handed down by the Teen Court jurors, the respondent is placed on diversion. If he or she complies with the terms of the diversion, the case is dismissed and doesn't appear on the respondent's juvenile record.

Sentences typically include community service, apologies to parents and others, essays, anger management and other types of counseling. According to Mack, the teen jurors are harder on the respondents than a judge would be.

The Teen Court program at Wayne Memorial High School has been praised by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy and Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy as a model for the rest of the country.

In addition, Beth Johnson, who teaches the Business and Personal Law class, received the Crystal Apple Award from the State Bar of Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary on May 1, as part of the Law Day celebration at the Hall of Justice in Lansing, because of her enthusiasm and assistance to

the program.

Rotary is a volunteer service organization whose motto is "service above self" and whose members adhere to high ethical standards in their business, professional and civic lives. The Rotary Club of Wayne meets at noon every Tuesday at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, at Annapolis, Wayne, Michigan. People interested in becoming a member can contact Art Quintal at (734) 722-8925, or go online to www.waynerotary.org for more information.

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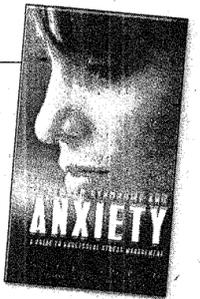
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Rocks' hurler Lee delivers vs. Pats in title game

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was only fitting that on an 80-degree afternoon that felt a lot like the first day of summer, the inaugural KLAA Kensington Conference softball title was decided by a pitcher delivering high heat.

Led by flame-throwing sophomore pitcher Briana Lee, Salem captured its second straight conference championship Wednesday when it knocked off state-ranked Livonia Franklin, 4-0. The Rocks also won the final Western Lakes Activities Association title last spring.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Lee silenced a robust Patriot lineup that had won 30 of 34 games heading into Wednesday's contest. She struck out nine, walked none and yielded just one hit - Chelsea Williams' first-inning, two-strike bunt single that Lee

nearly caught before it hit the ground and back-spun away from her.

"Winning back-to-back conference championships says a lot for the program as a whole and it shows what a hard-working group of girls I have," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, whose team

improved to 25-10. "They really wanted this one today because they wanted to do something no other team had done before."

"We beat a phenomenal team, just like we did when we beat Northville last year in the final game."

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Spartan, Churchill golfers moving on

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Things went pretty much according to script in Thursday's Division 1 district boys golf tournament held under challenging conditions at Tanglewood G.C.

The state's top-ranked team, Northville, earned its third consecutive district crown with a four-player total of 320.

Livonia Stevenson, the only team to defeat the Mustangs in a dual match this season, finished second with 325 and will be joined at next Friday's Lakes of Taylor regional by Canton (326), Livonia Churchill (327), Plymouth (338) and Dearborn (344).

Only three players broke 80 among the 12-team field led by medalist Zach Conrad, a junior from Canton, who carded the low round with a 75.

Northville was led by Trevor Grigg's 78, while Steve Brown (80), Alex Bernstein (81) and Wes Gates (81) also figured in the Mustangs' four-player total.

"We were happy to win and come away with the district championship - our number one goal was to qualify," said Northville coach Matt Stetson, who returned three starters from last year's team, which finished third in Division 1. "We scored a little higher than I thought - but with the wind - conditions were a little tougher."

"And there was also the pressure of playing on your home course. We wanted to play very well, but sometimes it can also backfire on you."

Two of the toughest holes came on North course - the par-3 Nos. 6 and 8.

"I didn't play well on those holes," said Conrad, who was a state qualifier last year. "I played a practice round here. The greens were tricky and I had to know where to hit my tee shots in good spots. I had to hit the right distances, but the wind effected it going left to right."

Conrad, the first Canton golfer to earn medalist honors for the Chiefs since Derek Trospier did it four years ago, practices out of Fox Hills Golf

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Livonia Stevenson's Drew Mossoian plays an iron shot during Thursday's Division 1 district boys golf tournament held at Tanglewood G.C.

28-1 Northville whips Franklin for crown, 18-2

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There was no stopping the Northville juggernaut even with the first-ever KLAA Kensington Conference baseball championship on the line Wednesday.

The host Mustangs, representing the Central Division, made it a mismatch against South Division champ Livonia Franklin by scoring an 18-2 triumph in four innings.

PREP BASEBALL

Northville improved its overall record to 27-1 with the 15-run mercy rule win, while the Patriots slipped to 17-11.

The game ended in the bottom of the fourth when fourth-year catcher Anthony Sergi belted a three-run homer against Franklin reliever Brent Marzion.

First baseman Bobby Thomas went 3-for-4 with five RBI, while winning pitcher David Uberti knocked in three runs to help his own cause.

The Mustangs also executed a successful hit-and-run play during a five-run first inning and had a total of five stolen bases.

Uberti was effective in his four-inning stint as he scattered five hits, two by Wayne Hawkins, while allowing just one walk.

"We've tried to stress pitching, defense and the fundamentals," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "And the depth

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GAME WRAPS

KLAA girls softball

N. FARMINGTON 2, CHURCHILL 1: Katie Severson tossed a six-hitter and struck out 10 Thursday to lead visiting North Farmington (28-6), champions of the OAA's White Division, to a non-league victory over Livonia Churchill (15-14).

Losing pitcher Abby Jewell allowed seven hits and struck out nine.

Katie Stodulski collected three hits for Churchill, while Missy Sidor knocked in the lone Churchill run.

NOVI 6, CHURCHILL 3: Stephanie Hirt scored three runs and three pitchers combined on a seven-hitter Wednesday as the host Wildcats (11-11) earned the Kensington Conference crossover win over Livonia Churchill (15-13).

Taylor Kerr collected three hits for the Chargers.

PLYMOUTH 20, JOHN GLENN 0: Amanda Burnard collected three hits Tuesday as the visiting Wildcats (23-7, 12-4) downed winless Westland John Glenn (0-27, 0-16) in a KLAA South Division make-up game.

Allie Murphy was the losing pitcher in the three-inning mercy, while Brooklyn Holbrook and Samantha Fox collected the lone hits for the Rockets.

FRANKLIN 1, CHURCHILL 0: Chelsea Williams bunted home pinch runner Keely Wilson with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh to propel KLAA South Division champion Livonia Franklin (30-4, 16-0) to the dramatic win last Monday over visiting Livonia Churchill (15-12, 7-9).

Natalie Polakowski singled to start the rally and moved to second on Amanda Nixon's ground-out. Brittany Taylor then was intentionally walked and promptly stole second base.

"It was not a suicide or safety squeeze," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "Wilson was just told to fly home on ground contact. We are very fortunate to have Keely Wilson on the team. She plays outfield but mainly runs. Keely accepts her role as a runner and gives it her all."

Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn (27-1) had a perfect game going until one out in the sixth when Andrea Jewell broke up the no-hit bid with a single.

Sanborn struck out eight in going the distance. Losing pitcher Abby Jewell gave up six hits and walked six, while striking out eight. She also collected Churchill's other hit.

Natalie Sanborn allowed only two hits to CHS. Abby Jewell and Andrea Jewell each had one of the hits.

CANTON 16, JOHN GLENN 0: Amy Dunleavy homered and doubled, while Sam Partain added three hits Monday as the Chiefs (24-5, 13-3) took five innings to mercy host Westland John Glenn (0-25, 0-16).

Canton, which scored 10 times in the opening inning off Glenn starter Allie Murphy, also got two hits apiece from Kaitlyn Mattson and Sam Podorsek.

Canton freshman Alyssa Boucher, who struck out five, limited Glenn to four hits, two by Stacey Truskowski.

It's Patriots' day in KLAA South

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tuesday's inaugural girls and boys KLAA South Division track-and-field meets had a Patriot-ic feel to them.

Livonia Franklin's trophy case is about to get a little more crowded as the Patriots' girls and boys teams earned first-place hardware in the event held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity stadium.

The Franklin girls chalked up 150 points to edge crosstown rival Livonia Churchill by three points. Westland John Glenn finished a distant third with 82. Plymouth (69), Canton (58) and Wayne Memorial (14.5) rounded out the girls field.

"After going 5-0 this season in the division in dual meets,

PREP TRACK & FIELD

we lost by two-and-a-half points to Churchill in Friday's regional, so we really wanted this bad," said Franklin coach Dave Bjorkland. "Churchill got us in the conference meet, the city meet and the regional, so it feels good to finally come out on top against them."

Several Patriots rose to the occasion Tuesday, including sophomore Megan McPherson, who won the 1,600-meter run (5:21.87) and the 800 (2:25.76) before placing fourth in the 3,200.

"Megan really stepped up for us, running in all four distance events," Bjorkland noted. "We asked just to try to score in the two-mile and she did it. Megan had a great day."

The Patriots' 800 relay team of Corinne Haro, Jen

Mueller, Ashly Butkowski and Kathryn Chinavare set a school record as did 300-meter hurdler Seneca Scott, who broke the tape first in both hurdles events.

Also earning first-place points for the Patriots were discus thrower Savannah Haig and pole vaulter Emily Quint.

The Chargers were paced by first-place individual showings from high jumper Senclair McDonnell, shot putter Taylor Byron and Sara Kroll, who won the 400-meter dash.

John Glenn's Chanel Payne had a day to remember, winning the long jump and the 100-meter dash. Her teammate, Aubrie Scott, won the 200.

Plymouth's Molly Slavens

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Stevenson boys get Central title

Livonia Stevenson followed up its Kensington Conference boys track conquest on May 9 by winning the KLAA Central Division title last Tuesday at South Lyon H.S.

The Spartans, who lost to Salem during the dual-meet season, outdistanced the Rocks for the divisional crown, 165-123.5. Rounding out the six-school field was Novi, 105; Northville, 96; South Lyon, 25; and South Lyon East, 8.

Senior sprinter Nick Anagnostou figured prominently in the victory as he led a one-two-three-four sweep in the 100-meter dash (11.32) and added a first in the 200 (22.31).

He also teamed up with Austin White, Patrick Smith and Nate Sergison to win the 800-meter relay (1:33.31).

The foursome of White, John Pauley, David Simor and Anagnostou also took the 400 relay in 43.23.

Stevenson's only other first was recorded by Simor in the long jump (21 feet, 0.25 inches).

Salem, meanwhile, got wins from Dana Baltazar, shot put (48-6) and discus (142-6); John Krutty, pole vault (12-9); Zach Gaskell, high jump (6-3); and Dana Baltazar, discus (142-6).

On the girls side, Kensington Conference champ Novi also won the Central Division with 192 points followed by Northville, 136; Stevenson, 112; South Lyon, 31; South Lyon East, 28; and Salem, 24.

Stevenson was led by Becky Adamcheck, who took the 300 hurdles (47.22) and 200 dash (26.94), while Becky Holubka captured the discus (97-4) and senior Courtney Calka lowered her school-record time in the 1,600 with an impressive 4:56.92.

Stevenson also captured the 1,600 relay in 4:12.89.



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BASEBALL

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of our staff is the reason why we've won games. They know the recipe for success is to stay ahead of the hitters and throw strikes, and have a play defense behind them.

"We've done a good job of being aggressive on the bases and being fundamentally sound whether it's bunting, or hit-and-runs - some of work and some don't, but most have worked in our favor this year because we've practiced that a lot."

Franklin went with its ace, senior right-hander Mark McRobb, who entered the game with an 8-1 record and two saves.

But McRobb had trouble locating the strike zone. He exited after 2.1 innings allowing eight walks and four hits. He also threw four wild pitches and hit a batter.

"You walk a couple of a guys and they scored five in that first inning," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "We wanted to limit as many base runners we could, or else they'll make you pay."

"Mark has had back-to-back

starts on short rest, but he's a senior and he wants the ball and he's earned that right. There's a reason why he's in the game and we were going to give him every opportunity to do so. He's our horse and we'll continue working with him going into the district."

The Mustangs made sure that McRobb was able to throw strikes. "We faced him (McRobb) last year and he throws pretty hard," Kostrzewa said. "He's a strong kid and he was 'amped' up a little bit being it was a championship game. We tried to stress patience right out of the gate."

Meanwhile, Franklin took its medicine and made the trip home to Joy Road.

"He's got a good ballclub, they do everything well," Fournier said of the Mustangs. "There's a reason why they're 28-1. They're legit. They were hitting on all cylinders."

"We knew we were the underdogs. We wanted to play loose and have fun. I told the kids this was a huge accomplishment winning the division. That was our first goal going into the season, and we did it. We wanted to be in these type of games because it prepares you for the state tourney."

Pats bounce back with 14-1 win; Spartans out-slug Wildcats in 10

There was no apparent hangover for Livonia Franklin's baseball team following Wednesday's 18-2 drubbing by Northville in the Kensington Conference championship game.

On Thursday, the Patriots improved to 18-11 overall with a six-inning mercy over host West Bloomfield in a non-leaguer.

Garrett Gumm, the winning pitcher, went the distance in the six-inning mercy allowing just three hits and a walk. He fanned five. Gumm also went 4-for-4 at the plate and scored three runs.

Tyler Barnes also went 3-for-3 with four RBI, while Dan Muller added two hits, scored twice and knocked in a pair of runs.

STEVENSON 9, PLYMOUTH 8: In a Kensington Conference crossover Wednesday, host Livonia Stevenson (11-18) rallied for two runs in the bottom of the 10th inning to beat the

KLAA BASEBALL

Wildcats (17-11) at Ford Field. It was 6-6 after seven innings. Each team scored a run in the ninth inning before Plymouth tallied a pair of runs in the top of the 10th to take an 8-7 advantage.

The game-winning rally started when Charlie Crockett was hit by a pitch and scored on Jeff Sorenson's triple. Mark Wagner's long double to deep left center field proved to be the game-winner.

Top Stevenson hitters included Mike Tuttle (4-for-6; three RBI); Sorenson (3-for-4; two triples; three runs); Wagner (2-for-5; two RBI); Nick Tomasi (two RBI) and J.J. Pettersson (2-for-6; RBI).

Mike Nadratowski went 4-for-6 and scored three runs to pace Plymouth.

Other standouts at the plate for the Wildcats included Travis Mewton (3-for-4; RBI); Matt Priebe (3-for-3; RBI); Cliff Buttermore (2-for-4); and Brad Lineberry (two RBI).

Josh Strautz, who went the final 4.2 innings in relief of Sorenson, got

the win. The Wildcats used three pitchers with Matt Skubik going the final four to take the loss.

CHURCHILL 9, NOVI 7: On Wednesday, Jimmy Szymanski belted a grand slam in the top of the seventh and Livonia Churchill (15-15-1) held on for a Kensington Conference crossover win over the host Wildcats (18-12).

Churchill, also getting a two-run double from Ricky Scully, scored seven times in the seventh to take a 9-3 advantage.

But Novi answered in the bottom of the seventh on Nick Regnier's grand slam to cut the deficit to two. The Wildcats put runners at first and third after reliever Steve Hovemale gave up a walk and single with one out.

The game ended when Charger first baseman Tyler Bledsoe snared a line drive and turned it into a double play.

Winning pitcher Jimmy Tyler went the first 6.1 innings, allowing seven runs on eight hits and three walks. He fanned seven.

Ben Matigian went 3-for-4 with two RBI and Andy Szymanski added two hits and scored twice to augment

Chargers' offensive attack.

Regnier, the losing pitcher, went all seven innings. He allowed nine hits, walked four and struck out six. He also went 2-for-4 along with Masaru Nogami, who had a triple and scored twice.

JOHN GLENN 15, S.L. EAST 9: Winning pitcher Steve Hickson went 3-for-5 with three RBI as Westland John Glenn (11-21) overcame five errors Wednesday to beat South Lyon East (4-18) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Hickson worked the first six innings, allowing seven runs in nine hits. He walked two and fanned three before giving way to reliever Rob Schurig, who allowed two runs on three hits.

Glenn hitting standouts included Andrew DeLuca (2-for-4; two runs; RBI); Vince Creighton (1-for-3; four runs); and Andrew McGrath (two-run pinch-hit single).

Nolan Nunez and Josh Moore each went 2-for-4 for the Cougars. Pat Powers and Steve Kopeck also knocked in runs.

C'ville girls derailed, 11-10

Harper Woods scored twice in the bottom of the seventh inning Tuesday to beat visiting Livonia Clarenceville, 11-10, in a Metro Conference girls consolation game.

The loss drops Clarenceville to 9-15 overall and 5-5 in the Metro.

Seniors Charmaine McQueen (2-for-5, triple, three runs, two RBI), Lisa Wilson (2-for-4, double, two RBIs) and Brittany Brooks (2-for-4, run, two RBIs) all sparked the Trojans' productive offense.

But the Pioneers also swung the bats, as Linda Weidner, Ellen Rogers and Anna Snider each collected two hits against Clarenceville pitcher Val Sochacki.

Harper Woods led 9-5 after four innings before the Trojans evened things up with four runs in the fifth on a two-run triple by McQueen scoring sophomore Joanna Burling (3-for-4, two runs, one RBI) and junior Megan McLaughlin.

That's how it stayed until the seventh, when Wilson's two-out single plated McQueen.

Wins continue to elude Trojans

Wins continue to be hard to come by for the Livonia Clarenceville baseball team.

On Thursday, a five-run fifth inning by Hazel Park (12-10) broke a 2-2 deadlock and saddled the Trojans (3-21) with another defeat, 10-4.

Damien Sanchez went 2-for-4 for the Trojans while John James (2-for-2, double, two RBI) and Jake Bibik (2-for-3) also had solid games at the plate. Collecting RBIs each for Clarenceville were Eric Trotter and Ben Gehan.

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Five errors by the Trojans hurt the home team's chances and helped pin the loss on pitcher Damien Quarles.

On Wednesday, host Ann Arbor Greenhills scored three times in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat the Trojans, 9-7.

Greenhills (10-7) wiped out Clarenceville's 7-6 lead with four runs in the top half of the inning.

Dan Schiffman (2-for-4)

doubled and knocked in three runs for the Trojans while Damien Quarles tripled in a run and Jake Bibik doubled.

HURON VALLEY 17, URBAN 2: On Wednesday, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (9-5) used an eight-hit attack and collected 10 walks to win a three-inning mercy game against Detroit Urban Lutheran.

Eric Schaffer (2-for-2) and Richie Mamo (2-for-3) were the top hitters, while pitcher Tyler Wagaman gave up three hits and two walks in three innings pitched for the victory.

LUTH. WESTLAND 16, BAPTIST PARK 1: Senior Sam Ahlersmeyer doubled, tripled and drove in five runs

Tuesday to spark visiting Lutheran High Westland (14-3) to a non-conference win at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The Warriors collected a total of 16 hits led by Ahlersmeyer, Micah Hausch (2-for-2, three runs, two RBI), Gage Flanery (3-for-4, four runs) and Tony Cipolla added two RBI.

"We responded very well after the setback against Cranbrook," Warriors coach Kevin Wade said of Monday's Metro Conference championship setback. "A lot of times after a tough loss it is hard to refocus and bad things happen. But we didn't let that happen to us."

CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE FORFEITED VEHICLES AND MISCELLANEOUS CITY VEHICLES 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 Forfeiture and Miscellaneous City vehicles. Friday, May 29, 2009 Inspections begin at 8:30 a.m. Auction begins at 10:00 a.m. Location: Midwest Auto Auction & Services, Inc. 14666 Telegraph Redford, MI 48239 ALL VEHICLES TO BE AUCTIONED MAY BE VIEWED BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M., ON THE MORNING OF THE AUCTION. VEHICLES ARE SOLD 'AS IS' AND ALL SALES ARE FINAL. ALL SALES MUST BE IN CASH AND ARE DUE IN FULL THE MOMENT THE BID IS ACCEPTED. Linda Grimsby, City Clerk Publish: May 21, 24, & 28, 2009 09655338-244

INVITATION TO BID INSTALLATION OF NEW HYDRONIC BASEBOARD HEATERS AND PIPING AT EMERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan is accepting General Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete: The Installation of five (5) sections of Hydronic Baseboard Units and all related piping, valves and insulation Bid forms and specifications are available at the Livonia Public Schools, Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 for a \$50.00 non-refundable bidder's fee (per set) in the form of a check made payable to Livonia Public Schools. Sealed bids will be received until 12:00 P.M. on the 2nd day of June, 2009 at the Livonia Public Schools, Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Rod Hosman. The Bid Opening will take place at 2:30 PM on the 2nd day of June at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education at which time, all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified, and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$20,487.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with the specifications. All bids shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days. All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner of any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board, Wayne RESA Board or the Superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, with rationale to support such a decision. All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Ray Irvine, Maintenance Supervisor, (734) 744-2514. Ray Raymond Administrator of Operations Livonia Public Schools Publish: May 21 & 24, 2009 09657854-243

Churchill goes all out in 5-0 win vs. Western

It was a radically different result Wednesday when state-ranked Livonia Churchill met Walled Lake Western on the soccer field.

On May 8, the two teams played to a scoreless draw, but this time host Churchill dominated from start-to-finish en route to a 5-0 triumph.

Alyssa Mira collected four assists and Hannah Otto scored two goals, including the game-winning 18 minutes into the match, to pace the Chargers, who improved to 12-2-3 overall.

Bailey Brandon chipped in with a goal and assist, while Callie Mack and Shari Zakalowski tallied the other Churchill goals.

"Four of the five goals were of

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the highest quality coming from 50-to-60 yards out," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We have been talking about the fact that we don't think we've played 80 minutes all year except maybe the (Livonia) Stegenson match. Tonight I thought we played all 80 minutes."

"The last three games we've scored on 60 percent of our opportunities. Right now we're clicking, and for the first time all year healthy."

CHURCHILL 2, LADYWOOD 0: Hannah Otto set up both goals Thursday as host Livonia Churchill (13-2-3) downed Livonia Ladywood (7-6-4) in a non-leaguer. Callie Mack scored what proved to

be the game-winning goal in the first half for the Chargers, while Alyssa Mira added an insurance goal in the second half.

Churchill goalkeeper Stefanie Turner got the shutout, while Ladywood's Michele Ring sparkled as well.

"It was one of the best goalkeeping displays I have seen in my 11 years of high school soccer," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said.

Ring, a senior, had two saves en route to her fifth shutout of the year in a 0-0 deadlock Tuesday against host Saginaw Nouvel (9-5-2).

The Blazers outshot Nouvel, 20-5. STEVENSON 5, LAKELAND 1: On Wednesday, host Livonia Stevenson (8-10) overcame an early one-goal deficit to beat White Lake Lakeland (8-8-1) in a KLAA crossover.

Stevenson rallied back to take a 2-1 halftime lead. The first goal came off a corner

kick which Joelle Williamson got her head on after a flick from Alex Harbowy. The second goal was Kelly Vellucci finish 12 yards out off a Harbowy cross.

In the second half, Stevenson coach Chris Pinta changed formations to prevent Lakeland penetrations putting Shannon Merritt and Williamson as outside back.

Tara Johnston, who came on in goal for starter Michelle Krawczyk, faced only one shot during the second half.

Stevenson then scored three goals to put it away - TALEN Mergian, Harbowy (from Molly McConnell) and Krista Kane (from Vellucci).

KETERING 2, WAYNE 1: In a KLAA crossover Wednesday, Waterford Kettering (6-11) came away with the victory over host Wayne Memorial (2-13-2).

Alyssa Escobar tallied the lone goal for Wayne.

C'ville Senior Night a big success

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A sophomore's first career goal made "Senior Night" even better Friday night for Livonia Clarenceville's girls soccer team.

The Trojans scored five second-half goals, including the first ever by sophomore forward Mary Zhen, and merited visiting Pontiac Northern 8-0 to cap the regular season in style.

Clarenceville (6-11-1) now gears up for a 6 p.m. Tuesday Division 3 district clash against host South Lyon East.

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"It should be a pretty competitive matchup," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "It was a good way to finish off the regular season going into the districts. Over the course of the year we've been putting it together and figuring it out."

Zhen scored on a penalty kick, awarded after she was knocked down inside the box. "She teed it up from about 12 yards in front of the Huskies' goal and 'buried it in the corner,'" Johnson said. "It was pretty sweet and all the girls

were excited for her."

Senior forward Jordan Fyffe really put an exclamation point on the seniors' final home match with a three-goal performance.

Another senior, midfielder Tori Bunker, chipped in with a goal and an assist. Clarenceville's three other seniors, midfielder Sam Giordano and defenders Mariah McClain and Stephanie Fletcher, "all played really well," Johnson said.

Also having a big game was junior Kristen Jolly, who stopped all the shots she faced in the first half before playing

out in the second half and scoring two goals. Sharing the goal-keeping whitewash with Jolly was freshman Britney Olds.

Junior midfielder Teresa Parent accounted for Clarenceville's other goal and assisted on another.

LUTH. WESTLAND 2, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Goalkeeper Chelsea Kyles posted the shutout Wednesday as host Lutheran High Westland (5-6-1, 5-5) earned the Metro Conference consolation round win over Livonia Clarenceville (5-11-1, 4-5).

Allyson Yankee tallied the game-winning goal with an assist going to Miranda Kasprovicz.

Hannah Mielke then notched the second goal off an indirect kick.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL DISTRICT BASEBALL DRAWS DIVISION 1 at PLYMOUTH Tuesday, May 26: (A) Canton vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30: Churchill vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Plymouth vs. Salem, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m. at LIVONIA FRANKLIN Tuesday, May 26: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30: Livonia Franklin vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Garden City vs. Romulus, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m. at MADONNA'S ILITCH BALLPARK Saturday, May 30: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 10 a.m.; Inkster vs. South Lyon East, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m. DIVISION 2 at LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND Saturday, May 30: (A) Lutheran High Westland vs. (B) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 10 a.m.; Championship final: Detroit Urban Lutheran vs. A-B winner, noon. GIRLS SOFTBALL Wednesday, May 27 Churchill at Garden City, 4 p.m. DISTRICT SOFTBALL DRAWS DIVISION 1 at LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Tuesday, May 26: (A) Wayne Memorial vs. (B) Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30: Garden City vs. Romulus, 10 a.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. A-B winner, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m. at PLYMOUTH Tuesday, May 26: (A) Canton vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30: Salem vs. Plymouth, 10 a.m.; Livonia Churchill vs. A-B winner, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m. at MADONNA UNIVERSITY PARK Tuesday, May 26: (A) Inkster vs. (B) Dearborn Divine Child, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30: Livonia Ladywood vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. South Lyon East, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m. DIVISION 3 at LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND Saturday, May 30: (A) Lutheran High Westland vs. (B) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 10 a.m.; Championship final: Detroit Weston Prep vs. A-B winner, noon. GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT DRAWS DIVISION 1 NORTHVILLE (Host) Tuesday, May 26: (A) Farmington at (B) Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; (C) Salem at (D) Redford Union, 7 p.m.; (E) Plymouth at (F)

Northville, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 28: A-B winner vs. C-D Winner, 5 p.m.; Canton vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m. (both games at Northville). Saturday, May 30: Championship final, noon. at LIVONIA CHURCHILL (Host) Tuesday, May 26: (A) Livonia Franklin at (B) Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.; (C) Livonia Churchill at (D) Garden City, 7 p.m.; (E) Detroit Western International at (F) Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 27: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; Dearborn Fordson vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m. (both games at Churchill). Saturday, May 30: Championship final, 1 p.m. DIVISION 2 FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON (Host) Tuesday, May 26: (A) Farmington Hills Harrison at (B) Hazel Park, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Berkeley at (D) Detroit Renaissance, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Ferndale at (F) Livonia Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.; (G) Birmingham Marian at (H) Redford Thurston, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, TBA; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, TBA. Saturday, May 30: Championship final, 12:30 p.m. DIVISION 3 at DETROIT COUNTRY DAY Tuesday, May 26: (A) Clawson at (B) Madison Heights Madison, 4:30 p.m.; (C)

Livonia Clarenceville at (D) South Lyon East, 7 p.m.; (E) Detroit Cesar Chavez at (F) County Day, 5 p.m. Thursday, May 28: Madison Heights Lamphere vs. E-F winner, 5 p.m.; A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 30: Championship final, 1 p.m. DIVISION 4 G.P. WOODS UNIV.-LIGGETT (Host) Tuesday, May 26: Lutheran High Westland at Southfield Christian (Pebble Creek Park), 4 p.m.; Plymouth Christian Academy at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 4 p.m. Friday, May 29: Championship final, 4:30 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE FINALS Saturday, May 30 Division 1 at East Kentwood, 10 a.m. Division 2 at Zeeland, 10 a.m. Division 3 at Comstock Park, 10 a.m. Division 4 at Forest Hills Eastern, 10 a.m. BOYS GOLF Tuesday, May 26 KLAA Kensington Conference Tourney at Salem Hills G.C., 9 a.m. Friday, May 29 Division 1 Regional Tourney at Lakes of Taylor, 9 a.m. TBA - time and site to be announced.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

KLAA SOUTH DIVISION BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET
May 19 at P-CEP Stadium
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 114 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 104; 3. Canton, 82; 4. Plymouth, 79; 5. Westland John Glenn, 62; 6. Wayne Memorial, 51.
EVENT RESULTS
DISCUS: 1. Nate Coleman (LF), 144 feet, 1 inch; 2. T.J. Arancibia (WJG), 139-3; 3. Brandon Dare (LC), 136-7; 4. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 134-8; 5. Jason Foster (C), 133-3; 6. Kyle Brindza (P), 128-10.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Hudson Cadet (LF), 6-1; 2. Ben Spreitzer (C), 5-11; 3. Chris Barnard (LC), 5-11; 4. (tie) Pawan Dhaliwal (P) and Keith Zech (C), 5-9; 6. (tie) Matthew Mills (WM) and Terrance Watson (WM), 5-9 each.
LONG JUMP: 1. Isaac Cadet (LF), 21-1.25; 2. Renaldo Powell (WM), 20-10; 3. Davarius Jenkins (WJG), 20-3; 4. Adam Payne (C), 19-10.75; 5. Matthew Roberson (P), 19-9; 6. Richard Haley (WM), 19-8.
POLE VAULT: 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 15-0; 2. Joseph Marlow (LC), 12-5; 3. Kevin Beate (LF), 12-1; 4. Nick Alavina (C), 11-9; 5. Grant Senkbeil (P), 11-5; 6. Barnard (LC), 11-5.
SHOT PUT: 1. Dave Fortin (LF), 47-11.25; 2. McArthur (LF), 46-9.5; 3. Deon Clemons (LC), 46-7; 4. Jay Woolfork (LF), 44-10; 5. Coleman (LF), 44-7; 6. Brindza (P), 44-4.
3,200-METER RELAY: 1. Plymouth (Warren Buzzard, Matt Neumann, Justin Heck, Derek Lax), 8:12.3; 2. Canton, 8:13.68; 3. Franklin, 8:35.91; 4. Churchill, 8:36.97; 5. John Glenn, 8:46.71; 6. Wayne, 9:38.0.
100 HURDLES: 1. Powell (WM), 14.36; 2. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 15.32; 3. Brandon Pilligan (P), 15.87; 4. Sheriff Hassanien (C), 16.31; 5. Sergio Pavan (WJG), 16.34; 6. Hayatt Ali (C), 16.55.

100 DASH: 1. Jeremy Langford (WJG), 10.95; 2. Mike Baumgardner (LF), 11.02; 3. Devon Easterling (LC), 11.30; 4. William Ayler (WJG), 11.35; 5. Parish Clayborn (WM), 11.40; 6. Paul Voegelé (LF), 11.41.
800 RELAY: 1. Wayne (Haley, Michael Safford, Tevin Hines, Parish Clayborn), 1:30.19; 2. Churchill, 1:30.86; 3. Franklin, 1:31.82; 4. John Glenn, 1:32.82; 5. Canton, 1:33.00; 6. Plymouth, 1:36.49.
1,600 RUN: 1. Buzzard (P), 4:35.25; 2. Joseph Porcari (P), 4:35.77; 3. Neumann (P), 4:37.35; 4. Joshua Andaloro (LC), 4:38.72; 5. Zack Spreitzer (C), 4:46.95; 6. Joshua Fletcher (WM), 4:51.53.
400 RELAY: 1. John Glenn (Kyren Boyd, Stefan Anthony, Jerome Scales, Langford), 43.05; 2. Franklin, 43.07; 3. Wayne, 43.80; 4. Churchill, 44.13; 5. Canton, 45.97; 6. Plymouth, 46.24.
300 HURDLES: 1. Ali (C), 42.24; 2. Ian Guerin (LC), 42.64; 3. Winston Roberts (C), 42.88; 4. Sergio Pavan (WJG), 43.04; 5. Ben Spreitzer (C), 43.30; 6. Brandon Tower (LF), 44.11.
800 RUN: 1. Buzzard (P), 1:59.74; 2. Josh Hurst (C), 2:00.61; 3. Keith Zech (C), 2:03.44; 4. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 2:05.90; 5. Heck (P), 2:06.10; 6. Nathan Wise (LC), 2:08.04.
200 DASH: 1. Anthony Frezzell (LC), 22.70; 2. Clayborn (WM), 22.75; 3. Easterling (LC), 22.77; 4. Paul Voegelé (LF), 23.75; 5. Tevin Hines (WM), 23.78; 6. Travis Tomez (LC), 23.79.
3,200 METER: 1. Lax (P), 10:10.75; 2. Thomas Wandle (LC), 10:11.51; 3. Porcari (P), 10:15.12; 4. Austin Jones (LF), 10:18.00; 5. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:34.24; 6. Quinn Osgood (LC), 10:35.30.
1,600 RELAY: 1. Canton (Ryan Randall, Zech, Jordan Wisniewski, Ali), 3:30.79; 2. John Glenn, 3:33.2; 3. Churchill, 3:34.99; 4. Franklin, 3:35.28; 5. Wayne, 3:36.46; 6. Plymouth, 3:38.85.
KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION

BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET
May 19 at South Lyon H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 165 points; 2. Salem, 123.5; 3. Novi, 105; 4. Northville, 96; 5. South Lyon, 25.5; 6. South Lyon East, 8.
EVENT RESULTS
POLE VAULT: 1. John Krutty (Salem), 12 feet, 9 inches; 2. Garrett Farley (Novi), 12-6; 3. Jonathon Gudeman (LS), 12-0; 4. Kevin Mantay (N'ville), 12-0; 5. Steve Topalian (Novi), 11-0; 6. Brent Parzuchowski (SLE), 11-0.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Zach Gaskell (Salem), 6-3; 2. (tie) Al Myers (N'ville) and David Brown (N'ville), 6-1 each; 4. Wyatt Stahl (LS), 5-9; 5. (tie) Nick Dyer (SL) and Paul Classen (Salme), 5-7 each.
LONG JUMP: 1. David Simor (LS), 21-0.25; 2. Brett Kuhn (Novi), 20-5.25; 3. Nate Sergison (LS), 20-3.75; 4. Farley (Novi), 20-2.5; 5. Will Burek (LS), 20-1.5; 6. Ryan Oliverio (SLE), 19-4.
DISCUS: 1. Dana Baltazar (Salem), 142-6; 2. Jon Aneed (LS), 139-4; 3. Joe Betro (Novi), 129-0; 5. Gautum Muthusamy (Novi), 126-3; 6. Courtney Frazier (Salem), 126-0.
SHOT PUT: 1. Baltazar (Salem), 48-6; 2. Ed Merhi (Salem), 46-1; 3. Aneed (LS), 44-9; 4. Andrew Nelson (LS), 43-6; 5. Jacob Mehr (SL), 43-5; 6. Frazier (Salem), 41-6.
3,200-METER RELAY: 1. Northville (Ed Clifton, Nicholas Dembicki, Jonathan Dalton, Noel Key), 8:17.49; 2. Novi, 8:20.39; 3. Salem, 8:22.96; 4. Stevenson, 8:33.13; 5. South Lyon, 8:52.4.
100 HURDLES: 1. Aliasghar Arastu (N'ville), 15-1; 2. Scott O'Connor (Salem), 15-94; 3. Evan VanBuhler (Novi), 16:11; 4. Burek (LS), 16.62; 5. Justin Hopton (Novi), 16.62; 6. Charles Williams (Salem), 16.83.
100 DASH: 1. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 11.32; 2. Simor (LS), 11.39; 3. Austin White (LS), 11.51; 4. John Pauley (LS), 11.58; 5. Patrick Patin (Salem), 11.64; 6. DeAndre Fordham-Johns (Novi), 11.64.
800 RELAY: 1. Stevenson (White, Patrick Smith, Sergison, Anagnostou), 1:33.31; 2. Salem, 1:33.32; 3. Novi, 1:35.47; 4. South Lyon, 1:36.78; 5. S.L. East, 1:44.11.
1,600: 1. Mike Blaszczyk (Novi), 4:35.47; 2. Frank Griffith (N'ville), 4:35.9; 3. Shawn Howse (LS), 4:36.82; 4. Matt Devey (Salem), 4:38.97; 5. Michael Charara (Salem), 4:39.22; 6. T.J. Butler (Novi), 4:39.52.
400 RELAY: 1. Stevenson (White, Pauley, Simor, Anagnostou), 43.23; 2. Salem, 44.72; 3. Novi, 45.21; 4. South Lyon, 46.4; 5. Northville, 46.63; 6. S.L. East, 47.09.
400: 1. Arastu (N'ville), 49.63; 2. Sergison (LS), 50.75; 3. Key (N'ville), 51.61; 4. (tie) Fumi Yonemura (Novi) and Stephen Pollard (LS), 52.08 each; 6. Gaskell (Salem), 52.55.
300 HURDLES: 1. O'Connor (Salem), 41.01; 2. Burek (LS), 41.97; 3. Mark Zheng (Novi), 42.43; 4. VanBuhler (Novi), 42.84; 5. Williams (Salem), 43.91; 6. (tie) Brendan O'Hara (LS) and Osama Al-Haymi (LS), 43.93.
800: 1. Dalton (N'ville), 2:00.59; 2. Dan Egner (Novi), 2:03.21; 3. Eric Plisko (LS), 2:03.59; 4. Charara (Salem), 2:04.87; 5. James Smith (SLE), 2:05.38; 6. Brett Giampa (Novi), 2:05.83.
200: 1. Anagnostou (LS), 22.31; 2. Arastu (N'ville), 22.48; 3. Dominique Williams (Salem), 23.15; 4. Simor (LS), 23.4; 5. Patin (Salem), 23.45; 6. Sergison (LS), 23.63.
3,200: 1. Blaszczyk (N'ville), 9:54.82; 2. Howse (LS), 9:59.37; 3. Robert Swain (SL), 10:16.34; 4. Griffith (N'ville), 10:17.15; 5. Jason Smith (Salem), 10:19.75; 6. Butler (Novi), 10:21.03.
1,600 RELAY: 1. Northville (Key, Paul Gibson, Dalton, Arastu), 3:28.92; 2. Stevenson, 3:33.0; 3. Salem, 3:34.99; 4. Novi, 3:36.5; 5. S.L. East, 3:41.48; 6. South Lyon, 3:42.19.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEETS
KLAA SOUTH DIVISION
May 19 at P-CEP Stadium
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 150 points; 2. Livonia Churchill, 147; 3. Westland John Glenn, 82; 4. Plymouth, 69; 5. Canton, 58; 6. Wayne Memorial, 14.5.
EVENT RESULTS
DISCUS: 1. Savannah Haig (LF), 112 feet, 7 inches; 2. Shannon Getchen (LC), 109-1; 3. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 102-2; 4. Tyler Buchanan (P), 98-1; 5. Sarah Meador (LC), 94-10; 6. Taylor Byron (LC), 90-0.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Senclear McDonnell (LC), 5-1; 2. Liz Hollaway (LF), 5-1; 3. Emily Quint (LF), 4-11; 4. Lindsay Lipa (C), 4-11; 5. Cierra Yetts (LC), 4-9; 6. (tie) Lauren Murphy (LF), and Francis Jackson (WM), 4-5.
LONG JUMP: 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 17-9; 2. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 16-11; 3. Ashley Banks (LC), 16-1; 4. Rebecca Knox (P), 15-0; 5. Alicia DiMauro (LC), 14-10.5; 6. Liz Hollaway (LF), 14-10.5.
POLE VAULT: 1. Emily Quint (LF), 10-2; 2. Meghan Powers (LF), 10-2; 3. Alicia DiMauro (LC), 9-10; 4. Reagan Engstrom (P), 8-6; 5. Evran Ural (LC), 8-6; 6. Lindsey Kreutzman (LC), 8-6.
SHOT PUT: 1. Taylor Byron (LC), 34-9.25; 2. Shannon Getchen (LC), 34-2.25; 3. Tyler Buchanan (P), 33-8; 4. Savannah Haig (LF), 32-7.5; 5. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 30-10.5; 6. Nicole Douglas (C), 30-9.
3,200-METER RELAY: 1. Churchill (Sara Kroll, Bethany Pilat, Emily Clairmont, Tiffany Raisanen), 9:48.24; 2. Plymouth, 10:18.18; 3. Franklin, 10:20.02; 4. Canton, 10:25.11.

100 HURDLES: 1. Senneca Scott (LF), 15.99; 2. Emily Quint (LF), 16.10; 3. Dayna Esper (LC), 16.39; 4. Jen-Mueller (LF), 16.68; 5. Mandy McManus (P), 18.29; 6. Christine Maleske (LC), 18.79.
100 DASH: 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 12.46; 2. Bree Edge (C), 12.91; 3. Shaunte Roberts (WJG), 13.02; 4. Rochelle Woods (WM), 13.06; 5. Kathryn Chinavare (LF), 13.27; 6. Lauren Stoltman (LC), 13.49.
800 RELAY: 1. John Glenn (Chanel Payne, Shaunte Roberts, Stephany Brown, Aubrie Scott), 1:47.24; 2. Churchill, 1:47.61; 3. Franklin, 1:47.87; 4. Canton, 1:52.78; 5. Plymouth, 1:55.02.
1,600 RUN: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:21.87; 2. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:29.91; 3. Bianca Kubicki (C), 5:37.41; 4. Nicole Traittes (P), 5:39.66; 5. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:47.13; 6. Katie Grimes (C), 5:52.48.
400 RELAY: 1. John Glenn (Shaunte Roberts, Aubrie Scott, Stephany Brown, Chanel Payne), 50.33; 2. Churchill, 51.82; 3. Franklin, 51.82; 4. Canton, 52.39; 5. Plymouth, 54.59.
400 DASH: 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 1:00.06; 2. Ashley Butkowski (LF), 1:00.68; 3. Stephany Brown (WJG), 1:01.75; 4. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:01.91; 5. Rochelle Woods (WM), 1:02.21; 6. Megan Kelly (LC), 1:04.16.
300 LOW HURDLES: 1. Senneca Scott (LF), 47.57; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 50.29; 3. Dayna Esper (LC), 51.08; 4. Shannon Niznik (LF), 51.48; 5. Lache' Walton (WJG), 52.73; 6. Jenna Hamed (P), 53.33.
800 RUN: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 2:25.76; 2. Tiffany Raisanen (LC), 2:29.12; 3. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:30.77; 4. Lizzie Gatzek (C), 2:32.33; 5. Emily Clairmont (LC), 2:38.11; 6. Victoria Church (LF), 2:41.89.
200 DASH: 1. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 27.01; 2. Rochelle Woods (WM), 27.29; 3. Chloe Taylor (LC), 27.29; 4. Ashley Butkowski (LF), 27.81; 5. Kathryn Chinavare (LF), 28.17; 6. Krystal Whitlow (P), 28.28.
3,200 RUN: 1. Molly Slavens (P), 11:47.51; 2. Bethany Pilat (LC), 11:52.54; 3. Sarah Thomas (C), 12:10.36; 4. Megan McPherson (LF), 12:15.89; 5. Alexis Hickson (LC), 12:49.42; 6. Paula Green (P), 12:50.34.
1,600 RELAY: 1. Churchill (Megan Kelly, Tiffany Raisanen, Senclear McDonnell, Sara Kroll), 4:14.32; 2. Franklin, 4:17.56; 3. Canton, 4:19.70; 4. Plymouth, 4:23.22; 5. John Glenn, 4:36.48.

KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION
May 19 at South Lyon H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 192 points; 2. Northville, 136; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 112; 4. South Lyon, 31; 5. South Lyon East, 28; 6. Salem, 24.
FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Sarah Rounsifer (N'ville), 29-4; **discus:** 1. Becky Holubka (LC), 97-4; **high jump:** 1. Elizabeth Roach (N'ville), 5-1; **long jump:** 1. Katie Liebig (SL), 16-9.75; **pole vault:** 1. Amy Reynolds (N'ville), 10-0; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Jaclyn Ward (N'ville), 16-6; **300 hurdles:** 1. Becky Adamcheck (LC), 47.22; **100 dash:** 1. Jasmine Ward (N'ville), 12.99; **200:** 1. Adamcheck (LS), 26.94; **400:** 1. Roach (N'ville), 59.89; **1,600:** 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 4:56.92 (school record); **3,200:** 1. Ellen Robinson (Novi), 12:02.52; **400 relay:** 1. Novi, 51.14; **800 relay:** 1. Novi, 1:51.89; **1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson, 4:17.39; **3,200 relay:** 1. Stevenson, 12:02.52.
CATHOLIC H.S. LEAGUE GIRLS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
May 19 at Livonia Ladywood
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 122 points; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 107; 3. Dearborn Divine Child, 97; 4. Birmingham Marian, 85; 5. Warren Regina, 71; 6. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 24.
FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Bridgit Molloy (LL), 36 feet, 1 inch; **discus:** 1. Molloy (LL), 104-10; 5. Teresa Wojnarowski (LL), 92-6; **high jump:** 1. Abbey Lovat (FHM), 5-5; 2. Shannon Hogg (LL), 5-1; **long jump:** 1. Caroline Strasser (DC), 16-4.5; 4. Lisa Achaon (LL), 15-2.5; 3. **200-meter relay:** 1. Divine Child, 10:05.9; **100 hurdles:** 1. Megan Yanik (LL), 15.99; **100 dash:** 1. Caroline Strasser (DC), 13.25; 6. Katie Morasso (LL), 13.74; **800 relay:** 1. Ladywood (Vitalie Morasso, Wojnarowski, Yanik), 1:49.6; **1,600:** 1. Gina Valgoi (WR), 5:12.9; 6. Julia Kenney (LL), 5:34.9; **400 relay:** 1. Mercy, 52.37; 6. Ladywood, 54.59; **400:** 1. Paige Cataldo (BM), 59.93; 2. Megan Vitale (LL), 1:02; **300 hurdles:** 1. Yanik (LL), 47.58; 3. Wojnarowski (LL), 49.27; **800:** 1. Katie Clark (FHM), 2:26.62; 6. Margaret Wojtanowski (LL), 2:33.31; **200:** 1. Strasser (DC), 27.29; 4. Vitale (LL), 27.6; 6. Morasso (LL), 28.11; **3,200:** 1. Valgoi (WR), 11:50.8; 2. Kenney (LL), 12:06.7; **1,600 relay:** 1. Ladywood (Vitalie Morasso, Wojnarowski, Yanik), 4:05.9.

SOFTBALL

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Lee has given the Patriots fits all season. In three games against Franklin, the sophomore has yielded just four hits. "The first time we faced Briana, we only got one hit, but we were able to generate a run and win 1-0," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez. "The second time we faced her we only got two hits, so we knew it wasn't going to be easy today. "When she's throwing the ball as hard as she does, the kids want to go for the high pitches. We struck out more than I thought we would today, but a lot of that was because of her velocity." The Rocks scored the only run they'd need in the second when Lee helped her own cause with a towering home run over the center field fence. The Patriots put together a mini-threat in the fourth when pitcher Natalie Sanborn reached first on a one-out error. Clean-up hitter Brianna Taylor hit a ground ball to Salem second baseman Lizzy Mazorowicz, who tagged

Sanborn, but threw high to first in an effort to double-up Taylor.

Rock first baseman Emily Pitcole chased down the loose ball and fired a strike to end the inning.

Salem padded its lead to 4-0 in the bottom of the fourth on a lead-off round-tripper off the bat of freshman catcher Alexis Powell — her team-high eighth of the season — and a two-run shot from Lee.

The key to Lee's mound gem was shutting down the potent bats of the Taylor twins — lead-off batter Brittany and Brianna, who combined to go 0-for-6 with four strikeouts.

"You definitely want to keep the twins off base," said Southerland. "When they get on, it seems like they end up scoring about 90 percent of the time."

The bulk of the Rocks' offense came from the heart of their batting order — 4-5-6-7 hitters Powell, Pitcole, Lee and Kelli Janiczek, who combined to get on base nine times. Powell, Lee and Janiczek all ripped two hits.

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TRACK

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won the two-mile in 11:47.51. The Patriots' title in the boys' meet was sparked by an incredible performance in the field events, during which Franklin built a 64-37 lead over the Chargers. "It feels great," Franklin first-year coach Pat Koelzer said. "It seems like we've fin-

ished a lot of meets this year two to three points behind Churchill, but we finally got them today. "The field events have been our strength all year. They got us a nice big lead today and we were able to hang on. We had four throwers score in the shot put then Nate Coleman came up huge in the discus with his personal best." Franklin's Cadet brothers — Hudson and Isaac — captured the high jump and long jump, respectively. Dave Fortin added to the Patriots' field-events onslaught by outperforming all comers in the shot put. The Chargers were bolstered by first-place efforts from pole vaulter Derik Peterman and sprinter Anthony Frezzell, who nipped Wayne's Parish Clayborn by .05 in a thrilling 200 dash final. Plymouth's Warren Buzzard was a double gold medalist, taking the 1,600 in 4:35.25 before winning the 800 in 1:59.74. Teammate Derek Lax crossed the line first in the 3,200 with a time of 10:10.75. Wayne's Renaldo Powell won the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.36, while Canton's Hayatt Ali was the 300 hurdles champion with a 42.24 clocking. Glenn's Jeremy Langford earned the Rockets first-place points in the 100 when he scorched the track with a time of 10.95.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County of Wayne will hold a public hearing on an application for the Rouge River Watershed Wastewater Facilities to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the funding assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The County is proposing improvements to the Rouge River Watershed Wastewater Facilities. The Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 24, 2009 at the Livonia Department of Public Works, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48150.

The proposed project consists of improvements within the Rouge River Watershed Wastewater Facilities. The facilities include the Dearborn Heights Combined Sewer Overflow Retention Treatment Basin (CSO RTB), Inkster CSO RTB, Redford Township CSO RTB, River Rouge CSO RTB, and the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley Interceptor System. Improvements include architectural/structural work; process mechanical systems; piping and valve replacements; heating and ventilation improvements; electrical work and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisitions (SCADA) improvements. Improvements are required to continue to comply with the communities' sewage disposal needs including National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit requirements.

If the SRF application is successful, the County plans to begin construction of the above noted improvements within the Priority I Planning Period of 2010 to 2014 under a schedule to be established with the Rouge River Watershed Communities. Sanitary sewer service for customers will be unaffected by the proposed improvements. Construction activities will be localized to the subject facilities, with little or no impact to traffic.

The estimated annual cost per household, for residents of the service area, is presented below. Communities indicated with an (*) have costs included for improvements at their respective CSO RTB.

Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household
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Livonia	\$1.33	Northville	\$1.26
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Executive summaries of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the following communities: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, River Rouge, Romulus, Van Buren Township, Wayne, Westland and Novi. The complete project plan is available for inspection at OHM - 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI and Wayne County Department of Environment - 415 Clifford, 7th Floor, Detroit, MI, beginning on May 26, 2009.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 24, 2009 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written questions should be sent to:

Rouge River Watershed Wastewater Facilities SRF Project Plan
 c/o Wayne County Department of Environment
 415 Clifford, 7th Floor
 Detroit, MI 48226
 Attention: Sue Ann Hanson, P.E.

Publish: May 24, 2009

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A trio of Madonna University softball players, led by sophomore pitcher Jess Irwin, earned All-American honors Wednesday by the National

Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Irwin, the 2008 and 2009 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year,

was joined junior second baseman Brittney Scero (Canton) and junior first baseman Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill), each of whom earned honorable mention and All-American Scholar Athlete honors respectively.

Irwin led the nation with 33 wins this year and became just the fourth pitcher in NAIA history to pass the 400 strikeout mark with her 400th against McKendree (Ill.) in the Crusaders' opening game win May 14 at the NAIA National Championship.

The Monroe native broke her own single-season punch-out mark in addition to setting the all-time Madonna and WHAC record this season with 423 and now has 698 career Ks, ranking in the top-15 all-time in NAIA history.

She fired four no hitters this season - raising her career total to six - and added a perfect game against Cornerstone on April 11.

Scero made her first appearance on an All-WHAC team this season after leading the loop with a school-record 79

base hits. The Crusaders' lead-off hitter posted a .383 average to go along with six doubles, six triples and three homers, including a pair of inside-the-park efforts. She also had 28 RBI and reached base at a .450 rate, all while facing off-season shoulder surgery.

Sidor is making her first appearance on the scholar-athlete squad after earlier being named to the Academic All-WHAC team.

The math major, who is enrolled in the College of Education, has been named to

the All-WHAC first-team the last three seasons and posted a .315 average in 2009 with a team best 48 RBI.

To earn the All-American Scholar Athlete award, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average above 3.5 and be a junior or senior academically.

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT
May 21 at Tanglewood G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS (top 6 qualify for regional): 1. Northville, 320 strokes; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 325; 3. Canton, 326; 4. Livonia Churchill, 327; 5. Plymouth, 338; 6. Dearborn, 344; 7. Garden City, 348; 8. Livonia Franklin, 349; 10. Salem, 350; 11. Westland John Glenn, 355; 12. Wayne Memorial, 393.

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS

Northville (320): Trevor Grigg, 39-39-78; Steve Brown, 38-42-80; Wes Gates, 41-40-81; Alex Bernstein, 31-40-81; Brandon Cameron, 43-40-83.

Stevenson (325): Christian Debay, 40-39-79; Drew Mossoian, 39-82-81; Dan Dufour, 39-42-81; Tom Cullum, 39-45-84; Adam Giordano, 46-38-84.

Canton (326): Zach Conrad, 39-36-75 (medalist); Andrew Rickerman, 39-43-82; Jeremy Lindbauer, 42-41-83; Brendan Muir, 45-41-86; Dominic Bonelli, 48-46-94.

Churchill (327): Kevin Robinson, 39-41-80; Matt Charney, 40-41-81; Adam Yerber, 39-43-82; Dan Bostick, 48-36-84; Erik Newman, 40-46-86.

Plymouth (338): Justin Bauer, 40-40-80; James Bryan, 40-44-84; Trevor Birdwell, 44-42-86; Andrew Overmeyer, 44-44-88; Ryan Bauer, 47-44-91.

Dearborn (344): Evan Bowser, 40-41-81; Kosta Ramirez, 42-42-84; Daniel Dent, 43-42-85; Nathan Taschler, 48-46-94; Patrick O'Brien, 47-48-95.

Garden City (348): Ron Pummill, 42-39-81 (rq); Nick Walker, 41-41-82 (rq); Mike Downey, 46-43-89; R.J. Wright, 53-43-96; Jared Cusmano, 49-52-101.

Salem (350): Josh Perrin, 43-39-82 (rq); Adam Powers, 43-42-85; Brandon Duprey, 47-44-91; Eric Duprey, 47-45-92.

Franklin (349): Chris Grund, 43-42-85 (rq); Jimmy Johnson, 42-44-86; Jordan Chisholm, 45-43-88; Jacob Wirgau, 46-44-90; Doug Nagy, 46-50-96.

John Glenn (355): Andy Myers, 41-40-81 (rq); Josh Duprie, 45-43-88; Alex Rochette, 42-49-91; Tim Boes, 41-54-95; Conner Monroe, 53-46-99.

Edsel Ford (373): Tom Prato, 41-47-88; Chris Wech, 47-43-90; Robert Neff, 48-46-94; Greg Barbour, 47-54-101; Nick Lyscas, 52-57-109.

Wayne (393): Kevin Sample, 41-44-85 (rq); Jacob Smith, 48-41-89; Zachary Williamson, 49-55-104; Jarret Williamson, 62-53-115; Shane Schooley, 56-67-123.

LIVONIA CITY

BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT
May 19 at Ildy Wyld G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Stevenson, 10 points; 2. Franklin, 8; 3. Churchill, 6.

Stroke play: 1. Drew Mossoian-Adam Giordano (S), 74; 2. Jordan Chisholm-Jimmy Johnson (F), 81; 3. Kevin Robinson-Dan Bostick (C), 87.

Best ball: 1. Adam Yerber-Matt Charney (C), 34; 2. Dante Cichelli-Joe Altard (S), 39; 3. Doug Nagy-Jon Holmes (F), 40.

Scramble: 1. Tyler Miller-Jacob Wirgau (F), 33; 2. Dan Dufour-Tim Misk (S), 36; 3. Erik Newman-Ryan Cioch (C), 37.

Alternate shot: 1. Tom Cullum-Christian Debay (S), 41; 2. Chris Grund-Drake Herman (F), 45; 3. Alex Cios-Greg Van Gorp (C), 49.

Scoring: first place (3 points); second (2); third (1).

GOLF
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Course. He plans to play this summer on the Adams Tour and PGA Junior National series.

The stellar performance by Conrad, who also plays travel hockey, came as no surprise to his coach Tom Alles.

"Zach works like crazy and plays all summer long," Alles said. "He has a ton of experience playing competitive golf.

He got off to a slow start, but has been playing well the second half of the season. He's a cool customer."

The only other player to break 80 was Stevenson's Christian Debay, who came in with a 79.

Teammates Drew Mossoian and Dan Dufour each carded 81s, while Tom Cullum and Adam Giordano each added 84s for the Spartans.

Mossoian, Stevenson's hottest player of late, was an individual state qualifier last season.

"We got a good round out of Christian (Debay) and Dan (Dufour) has been playing really well," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski said. "And Giordano is like Drew. You always know you're going to get a score anywhere from 80 to 84."

Churchill was led by Kevin Robinson's 80 and Matt Charney's 81, while Plymouth relied on Justin Bauer's 80.

The All-District team included Conrad, Grigg, Debay, Brown, Bauer and Robinson. Additional individual

regional qualifiers from teams that did not place in the top six included Garden City's Ron Pummill (81) and Nick Walker (82); Westland John Glenn's Andy Myers (81), Salem's Josh Perrin (82), Livonia Franklin's Chris Grund (85) and Wayne Memorial's Kevin Sample (85).

Salem's Adam Powers, who also shot an 85, was eliminated in a one-hole playoff with Grund and Sample when he suffered a double-bogey.

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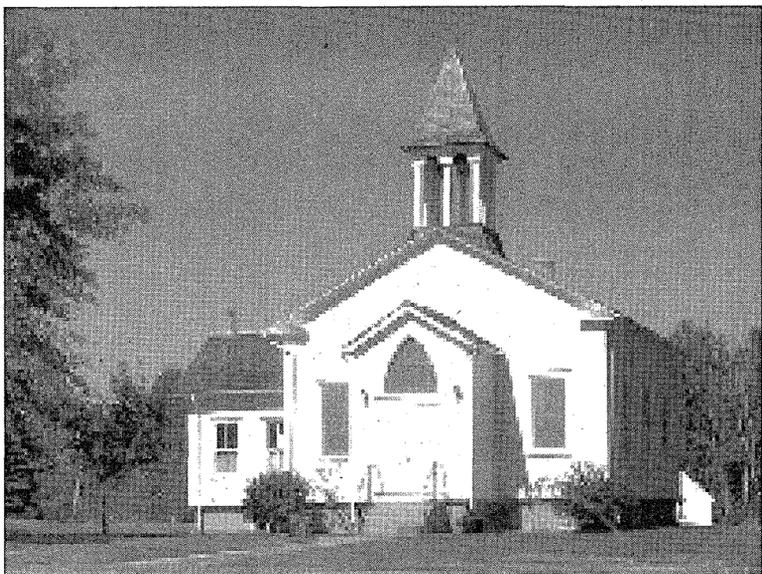
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Newburg United Methodist Church members met in this building from 1848 through 1962. The original church now stands in Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

Newburg Church lauds first pastor, celebrates milestone

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Paul Perez walked amid tombstones, reading faded stone inscriptions, as he searched the small, grassy Newburgh Cemetery on Monday.

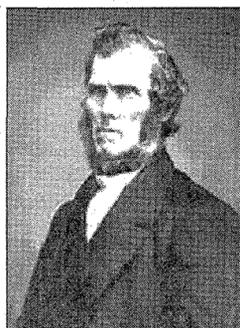
Just a short walk from the west entrance to the historic burial grounds, he noticed the polished marker, raised a few inches higher than nearby stones that lay flush with the earth.

"He was a veteran probably," he said, looking at the American Legion symbol planted near the historic grave. "This is Anna, his wife," he added, turning his attention to the old, barely legible tombstone next to Marcus Swift's final resting place.

Perez, deacon of Newburg United Methodist Church, will revisit the cemetery today, Sunday, May 24, along with other members of the congregation to lay a wreath at Swift's tomb, honoring the first pastor of the church. Swift was born in 1793 and died in 1865.

"The way that early Methodism lived and worked was that there were travelling preachers and Marcus Swift was one of them. Circuit rider was the title given to our early preachers," Perez said. Depending on how large the circuit was, a preacher might have stopped at a church once every month or every three months. Between visits lay people led the congregation.

"The first evidence of Newburg's existence was as a part of a 10 (church) circuit. That circuit was the whole length of Ann Arbor Trail," Perez noted. "It was called the Huron Circuit and it ran some 40 miles. Usually what happened was the word was sent out so that everyone knew when to expect the circuit rider."



Members of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia will place a wreath on the grave of Marcus Swift, first pastor of the church.

In addition to riding his 40-mile circuit, Swift also was an outspoken abolitionist. "I think what we celebrate is the fact that he had the courage and faithfulness to speak out," said Perez, noting that Newburg church today also has a "deep commitment to Christian service" through its outreach programs.

"I like to think that it (outreach) is a part of that heritage," he said, referring to Swift's anti-slavery work.

IN TRIBUTE

Members plan to walk to the cemetery, place the wreath, say prayers and sing songs at Swift's gravesite. "We'd like to see a good turnout," said Audrey Greenleaf. She and her husband, Harry, both longtime Newburg members, are on the planning committee for the church's 175th anniversary. The group has planned a special event each month during the yearlong celebration.

"We started in January and we won't stop until December," Greenleaf said. "In January we had a circuit rider arrive. In February we had a variety show."

Lenten dinners with special speakers followed in

March and April, with the gravesite tribute to Swift planned for May.

The church will round out the year with a choir concert, a "music Sunday," a church picnic complete with a time capsule burial, and more.

"It's a gift that the church has been here this long," Perez said. "This (church) community has survived and thrived since the first settlers came to the area. To be here for 175 years is saying a lot."

LONGTIME MEMBERS

Some of Newburg's members, like Perez, grew up in the church and have stayed involved as adults. Perez left the area for undergraduate and then seminary studies, returning with his wife and son last year to join the staff at the church.

The Greenleafs, who joined 47 years ago, are among the many members with long, active histories in the congregation.

"We moved here from New York State, just like Marcus Swift did," Greenleaf said, adding that her husband had been transferred to the area by Ford Motor Co. "My son married here. He got his music start in this church and still sings in the Livonia Chorus. My granddaughter played the baby Jesus when we had a Christmas pageant. My daughter was baptized here."

Greenleaf said her family has remained with Newburg for so many years because its members are "warm and friendly."

"It has always been a warm church. We do a lot of mission-type projects and fun stuff in church. It's not super big, so you don't get lost in it," she said. "You get to know the people."

Visit the church's Web site at www.newburgumc.org

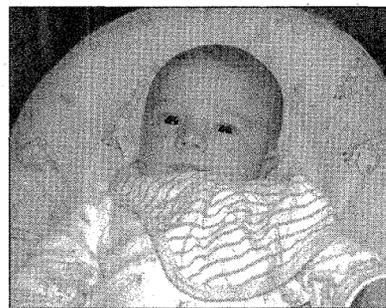
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EMERSON ABBOTT MCGUIRE

Emerson Abbott McGuire was born March 26, 2009, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, to Dan and Dannon McGuire of Canton.

Emerson joins big brothers Chatham, 6, and Langdon, 3, at home.

Proud grandparents are Renee and Jerry D'Ortenzio of Livonia, Nancy and Ted Nelson of Canton and Dan McGuire, Sr. of Island Lake, Ill. Great-grandparents are Vivienne Melnik of Livonia, Jean Wells of Livonia, and Jayne and Milt Handorf of Las Vegas, Nev.



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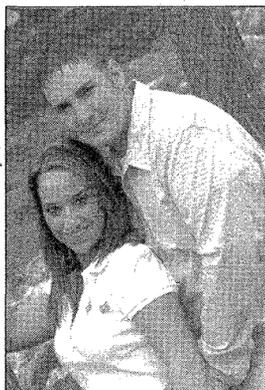
KING-PRIEBE

April King and Jim Priebe announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Bill and Patti King of Pinckney, is a 2003 Pinckney High School graduate who attends Central Michigan University. She is a property manager for Campus Habitat Student Housing.

Her fiancé, son of Gene and Judy Priebe of Livonia, is a 2001 graduate of Franklin High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as golf course superintendent at Mount Pleasant Country Club.

A September 2009 wedding is planned in Pinckney and Livonia.



King-Priebe

REUNION CALENDAR

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Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969

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

Brighton High School

Class of 1989

Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Cass Technical High School

Class of 1959

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

Clarenceville High School

All Class Reunion

Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. until close at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale, Shelter T. Potluck lunch at 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and its BYOB on adult beverages, non-glass. To help cut cost, feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter Ragland II at wragland2@hotmail.com or (269) 720-5679.

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ERMALINDA "LINDA" ACHILLE (NEE CARUSO)
Age 90. Beloved wife of the late Peter J. Achille. Devoted mother of Linda (Ken) Daniels, Louis (Pat) Achille, Patricia (Rick) Kneiding and Paula (Terry) Wendt. Sister of Frank Caruso (the late Frances). Grandmother to Christopher Daniels, Michelle (Daniels) DeBeau, Catherine (nee Achille) Bellamy, Nina (nee Achille) Cesena, Robin (nee Achille) Kerrigan, Holly Wendt, Joseph Wendt, and preceded in death by granddaughters Kristina "Tina" Kneiding and Toni Kneiding. Loving great-grandmother of 12 and great-great-grandmother of 12. Linda was very involved in St. Aidan's Women's Guild for over 40 years. A member of Eldorado Seniors, Ford Trade School Women's Group, volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital and Villa Marie for many years and involved as a leader in Girl Scouts of America and Cub Scouts. Linda was the ultimate stay at home mom. Her beautiful smile and caring ways will be greatly missed. Visitation Tuesday 2-9 p.m. and Wednesday 10 a.m. until her funeral at 11:30 a.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Burial at Glen Eden. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan or to the American Breast Cancer Association.

WALTER F. BROWN
May 14, 2009, age 94. Of Bloomfield Hills. Born August 19, 1914 in Norwich, CT. He graduated with a degree in Business from Syracuse University which he attended on a full baseball scholarship. He served as a Lieutenant in the US Navy for four years during WWII, including service for two years as a PT Boat Captain in the Philippines and Solomon Islands, and was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for heroism and distinguished service. He worked for Uniroyal (formerly United States Rubber Company) his entire post-war business career, retiring in 1983 as Corporate Vice President in charge of Worldwide Automotive. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee Member of Beaumont Hospital, and was a member of the hospital board for 35 years. An avid and accomplished golfer, he was an active member of the U.S. Seniors Golf Association and Bloomfield Hills Country Club serving as Club President and on the Board of Governors. Beloved husband of Ena (nee. Shackford) for 64 years. Dear father of Shackford (Joan), Bowden (Elaine) and Ena Anne Brown. Loving grandfather of Lauren, Brett, Albert and Walter. A memorial service will be held privately.

EDWARD J. SEDLACK
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VSA ARTS FESTIVAL

The Southeast Region Committee of VSA arts of Michigan holds its annual festival Friday-Saturday, June 5-6, in a new location. The event, which features performances by children and adults with disabilities, takes place in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. This year's program includes the FAR Conservatory Band from Birmingham, pianist Raymond Wells of Plymouth, and students from the

Old Village School in Northville. Everyone is invited to enjoy the performances as well as take part in art, music and movement workshops and hands-on art activities. A touring exhibit will showcase artworks by children and adults with disabilities throughout the state. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, and 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Admission is free.

CATWALK 2009

The Catwalk fund-raiser of Project Kitty Connect takes place Saturday, June 6, at Nankin Mills Picnic Area at Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Registration is at 9 a.m., walk starts at 10 a.m. The suggested donation is \$15. Make checks payable to Project Kitty Connect and mail to Project Kitty Connect, P.O. Box 39050, Redford MI 48239. For more information, call (313) 550-7287 or send e-mail to projectkittyconnect@hotmail.com. This is a sponsored walk to help support Trap Neuter Return in the community. TNR is an effective and humane way of reducing and managing outdoor cat populations. TNR humanely traps feral cats, spays and or neuters, vaccinates, and tips

ears for identification. The felines are then returned to their outdoor home.

Hines Drive is closed to general traffic on June 6, but participants can get to the picnic parking area by going around the first set of barricades only. Anyone driving past the second barricade could be ticketed.

OPEN HOUSE

Seedlings Braille Books for Children holds its 25th anniversary open house, 4-7 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 427-8552. Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to increasing the opportunity for literacy by providing high quality, low cost braille books for children. In 1984 when Debra Bonde founded Seedlings, braille materials were scarce and expensive. Her goals were to increase the availability and lower the cost of braille books for children in order to promote their literacy skills and the love of reading. In 1985, the first year of book production, she made 221 books in her basement office. By 1990, Seedlings was producing 5,000 books per year.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

Dad's brunch helps to keep jazz alive

Anyone who loves jazz won't want to miss the Father's Day Brunch noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 21, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Not only will the food and jazz be great, but ticket sales help keep the music alive. The annual event raises money for the Michigan Jazz Festival held every July on campus. This year's Father's Day Brunch is crucial to the survival

of the daylong jazz extravaganza featuring Michigan musicians. Tickets are \$27.50, and include a gourmet buffet and music. Call (248) 474-2720. Tickets are available until June 17, or until sold out which usually happens every year. Tom Saunders is especially looking forward to the food provided by the college's culinary arts department. The



Linda Chomin

trumpet player and his six-piece band, Tom Saunders & the Detroit Jazz Allstars, spice up the afternoon brunch with Dixieland and Swing.

Saunders, 61, started playing cornet at age 7 after his older brother moved on to another instrument. His career has taken him around the world where he's eaten a variety of food.

"They put on a great brunch. The meal is phenomenal and it's a great bargain for the food and entertainment," said Saunders of Grosse Pointe Park. "It's a beautiful venue. We'd love to see them all there."

Midge Ellis can't wait to hear Saunders' band swing again. They've played the brunch before. She's partial to the group's Dixieland tunes as well. Ellis expects everyone to be singing along to *When the Saints Go Marching In*.

"It's special every year because the music is good simple jazz and whole families come and bring their dads," said Ellis, the Livonia resident known as Mama Jazz, because she never stops promoting the music. "And it's America's only art form."

Ellis and the rest of the festival committee work hard to share their love of jazz with adults and youth. At age 86, Ellis realizes the music will die unless today's kids are exposed to the art form which began in the early 1900s in the south. In addition to hosting six big bands and 23 groups on six stages, the festival offers young musicians an opportunity to play with pros like pianist Dennis Tini of

Farmington Hills.

"We select three students who play without rehearsal with Dennis Tini, a distinguished professor at Wayne State and his trio," said Ellis. "We also have a Future of Jazz stage in the cafeteria with young bands playing for exposure. Most of them are college students recommended by their professors. Those are things no other festival does. Our piano workshops are all solo pianists. Some of the best in the world. Called the Steinway Jazz Cafe, people learn about jazz. The musicians show how they can improvise, turn a tune into bebop. People can ask questions. We're trying to get young people involved, teach people about this art form we don't want to lose."

Without funding, though, the future of the festival remains in doubt.

Automotive suppliers, who generously supported the event in the past, have given notice they won't be able to donate money next year. That means this year's musicians may not be back and that leaves Ellis sad. She can't say enough about the talent of the 203 musicians taking to the stages Sunday, July 19, from noon until the Johnny Trudell Big Band closes the program beginning at 9:45 p.m.

"We're depending on fund-raisers and donations right now because we don't have enough to do it next year," said Ellis. "If you're going to do anything for dad and he likes jazz bring him here and help keep the festival going."

"We have some new people this year, Trish Sandor, a singer. I never heard anyone sing like that since Sarah Vaughn or Ella Fitzgerald. She's with Mike Karoub, Jim Dapogny, piano, just



Tom Saunders & the Detroit Jazz All-Stars play at the Father's Day Brunch Sunday, June 21, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The event is a fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival on campus Sunday, July 19.

a piano and cello and her. Chris Collins, jazz director at Wayne, will be on reeds with just piano by Gary Schunk, a veteran player at Baker's for years. Dave Bennett plays a tribute to Benny Goodman. There's the World's Oldest Saxophone Section, Latin jazz by Soneo, Hot Club of Detroit who play Django Reheinardt's music. The musicians hang out all day, check their instruments like they check their coats. This is like old home week and we let them sell their CDs. We treat them like royalty because that's what we think they are."

Saunders is once again among the lineup that includes young musicians in the Wayne State University Big Jazz Band and the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band as well as veterans like Ron Kischuk and the Masters of Music Big Band and CSO, directed by Motor City Brass Band leader Craig Strain. He played the festival its first year at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights and every year since at the Botsford Inn and then Schoolcraft College.

Saunders serves on the board of the admission-free festival.

"What's special is all the musicians they get to hear, from soup to nuts," said Saunders. "If you're going to spend one day listening make it that day."

Like Ellis, Saunders is concerned about the fate of the festival about to celebrate its 15th year.

"Right now we're getting help from the national musicians union, the American Federation of Musicians, but we're pretty sure it will disappear. We can do it for one year but next year is kind of shaky because of the economy. We really count on donations from people and companies. If that dries up then you're on your own to play a lot of brunches and fund-raisers."

For more information about the brunch or festival, or to make a donation, call Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

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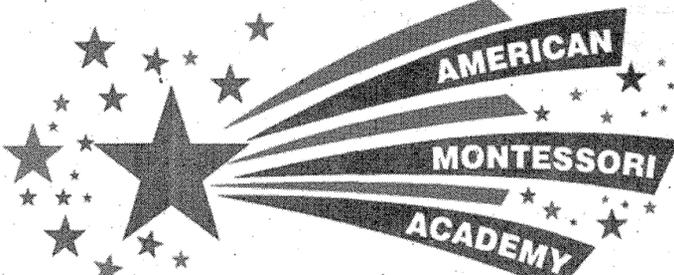
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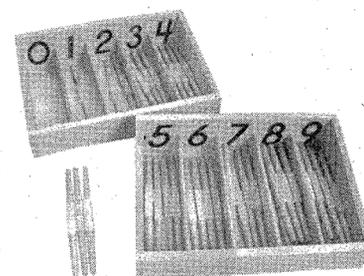
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Phoenix Mill exhibit evokes memories for local women

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

One of the first items in the Phoenix Mill exhibit to evoke a reaction from Margaret Dunning and Doris Richard was a vintage photograph of the open windows along the line where they sat assembling automotive parts.

The two women recently visited the Plymouth Historical Museum where the mural-size image brought back memories of the heat they endured while working at the plant in the 1930s and '40s. The sweltering environment was the reason coffee breaks were instituted to relieve the women employed there. Dunning and Richard shudder to think of those days before air conditioning.

Phoenix Mill made history for a variety of reasons not the least of which was allowing women to work outside of the home. That was something women didn't do when the plant opened in 1922. Dunning worked there during the Great Depression when nearly 70 women assembled voltage regulators and carburetor cutouts for automobiles and later parts for B-24 bombers built at Willow Run. Today she owns a collection of classic cars that includes a Model T with one of the regulators.

"Women were important in history where they weren't before," said Dunning of Plymouth. "They had smaller hands than the men. The work required an extremely fine attention to details."

WOMEN ONLY

The exhibit tells the story of the women and Phoenix Mill, one of 19 small manufacturing plants Henry Ford established on former mill sites to produce parts using water power from the Rouge River. Ford hired mostly farmers at the plants. The exception was Phoenix Mill which employed



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Doris Richard and Margaret Dunning reminisce about working at Phoenix Mill. They recently visited an exhibit on the mill at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

only women who sat on stools as they worked in the building designed by Albert Kahn Associates on the site of a grist mill which burned in 1905.

Ford paid the women \$5 a day, the same as men but they had to adhere to stricter dress codes. Dunning and Richard were among the single women and widows who were required to wear dresses,

stockings and high heels even during summer. These were women who needed to work because of financial circumstances. Dunning's father, Charles, died when she was 13 and her mother was struggling to make ends meet. They sold their dairy and potato farm in Redford Township, moved into Redford and then the village of Plymouth. Dunning gradu-

ated from Plymouth High School in 1929 and then went to the University of Michigan for two years before returning home. "It's so long ago," said Dunning, who turns 99 in June. After leaving Ford, she went on to work at First National Bank on Penniman then Plymouth United Savings Bank before purchasing a clothing store in downtown Plymouth in 1947. Dunning is well-known in the community for her philanthropic work and funded the building and addition to the museum.

"I had come back from college and was helping my mother with finances," said Dunning. "It was the only place a woman could think of to get a job. I worked on the line with everybody else. It was interesting for me because I was mechanically inclined and it was automotive. We made valves and smaller engine parts. Valve grinding was very important but that was all a man's job not women's. Phoenix Mill was strictly a woman's plant. It's a rather startling exhibit for some of the people who were not knowledgeable about what was going on, the history there. The mill made a difference. Women could get a job. There were a few jobs teaching but that required higher education which most of the people who worked at the Ford factory did not have. It was the only place where could you go and get that kind of money. If you got in over there that was pretty special. Ford started there \$5

HER FIRST JOB

Doris Richard fondly remembers Mrs. Sullivan, the woman who hired the "girls." Richard worked at Phoenix Mill in the early 1940s. She left in 1943 to marry her husband, Bruce, who worked for Ford as an engineer. Bruce volunteered at the museum every Monday and Wednesday for years and eventually became president of the Plymouth Historical Society. When the museum first opened, Doris helped with exhibits. Today the 87-year old woman still lives in Plymouth.

"It was really my first job," said Richard, a life member of the museum. "There were a lot of nice people there. All the women liked Mrs. Sullivan. They went to her for everything."

"She was a very, very strong woman," added Dunning. "We worked with very nice associates. You looked forward to lunch to talk with people. Lots of people were friends before they got to the factory because they lived in Plymouth. The mill meant a lot to the vicinity."

The display case is filled with original valves from the Model T and Model A cars. From 1936 to the plant closing in 1948 the Phoenix Mill women produced half of all cutouts and voltage regulators in the U.S.

"We're trying to save and preserve the history on women," said museum director Elizabeth Kerstens, who recently earned a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University in state and local history.

Dunning can't help think-

ing of the mill's history every time she drives by the building at the junction of Edward Hines Drive and Northville Road in Plymouth Township. Efforts have been under way to renovate the facility. A feasibility study suggested the building house a women's history museum that could be supported by leasing space to businesses and organizations in the community. The Friends of Phoenix Mill supports the plan, according to Friends president Beth Stewart.

The future of the mill is in the hands of Wayne County Parks which owns all of the mills located on the Rouge throughout Hines Drive as per a stipulation in the will of Clara Ford, Henry's widow. A statement from the Parks Division said there are not any future plans for the Phoenix Mill project.

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox supports restoring and using the building. Historic preservation and other grants could fund the project.

"Phoenix Mill would be an asset to Plymouth and the surrounding communities," said Cox. "I am in favor of the project and will continue to work with local proponents to find a way to support the project financially."

In the meantime, the parks division is using the mill as a storage facility.

"I would love to see that put back into a power plant," said Dunning. "The turbines are all there. It would be a cheap source of power if they could get that going."

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NEW PATIENTS

West Bloomfield author offers strategies to cope with anxiety

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Some days Nick Dubin has to take a moment to retrain his brain.

Anxiety is one of the common conditions that haunt individuals with Asperger's syndrome. Dubin's second book describes an incident where he backed into a car and could have blown the minor fender-bender out of proportion. He had a choice - to berate himself for the accident or reframe his thoughts by telling himself no one was hurt and the damage minimal.

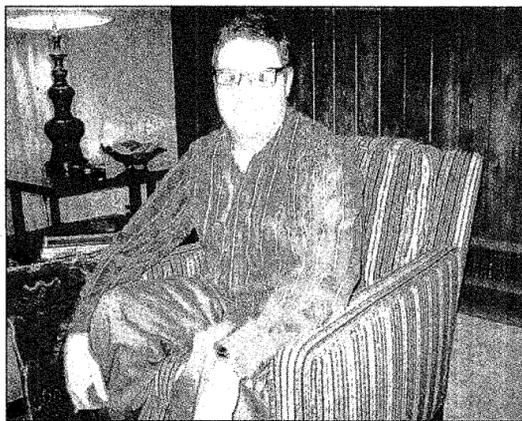
A form of autism, Asperger's syndrome is a development disorder affecting social skills and behavior. In his recent book, "Asperger Syndrome and Anxiety: A Guide to Successful Stress Management," Dubin offers strategies that help him during anxious times.

Although Dubin wrote the book for individuals with

Asperger's, anyone experiencing anxiety and stress could benefit from the strategies.

"I just become more mindful of my thoughts and how sometimes my thoughts mislead me," said Dubin of West Bloomfield. "That's where cognitive behavioral therapy comes in, aligning one's thoughts with the reality of the situation, stepping back, observing the situation and being mindful of how one is processing the situation, reprogramming outdated beliefs. A lot are formed in childhood and we don't question those beliefs. They become ingrained. If it doesn't make sense for the current time we need to drop that belief."

Living with Asperger's is an ongoing struggle. In the book Dubin relays some of the issues he and others deal with by providing examples. A doctoral student at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Dubin remembers the disastrous student teaching experience



Nick Dubin helps individuals with Asperger's syndrome deal with anxiety in his new book from Jessica Kingsley Publishers. The West Bloomfield man was diagnosed with Asperger's in 2004.

that led him to suspect he has Asperger's. Individuals with the syndrome usually have normal or above normal IQs, but lack the ability to interact socially. He was having problems relating to colleagues at University of Detroit Mercy where he earned a master's degree in learning disabilities.

Dubin wasn't diagnosed with Asperger's until age 27 in 2004. Early on, staff in the Birmingham schools recognized his poor fine motor skills and thought he had a disability in written expression when he simply had trouble using a pen.

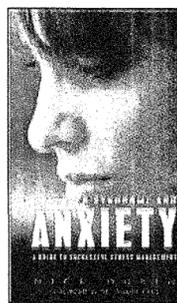
"It was the last phase at U of D," said Dubin, a graduate of Seaholm High School. "I broke the school's laminating machine, had difficulty relating to other faculty members. I thought back on my life and there seemed to be something amiss. I researched what it could be and found Asperger. Growing up I had been diagnosed with ADD, learning disabilities. Even though Asperger's was discovered in the early 1940s, it took a long time for it to be recognized."

Asperger's continues to affect Dubin's life in numerous ways but today he's controlling the

syndrome instead of it controlling him.

"Persons can go on and become successful, but there are people who don't move out of their parents' house until 40," said Dubin. "It's thought Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton had it. Socializing is a little more difficult. For me it's more of an intellectual exercise. For others it comes intuitively. For other people it's like riding a bike. Often times people with Asperger want to make connections and lack social wherewithal and basic skills."

Anxiety is created when individuals struggle with impairments that hinder nonverbal behaviors such as making eye contact. Some end up on the wrong side of the law as a result of misreading social cues. Individuals with Asperger's desperately want social contact. That's where the Judson Center steps in to help (judsoncenter.org). For the last two years Dubin has been interning in the Autism Connections Program at the center which provides services to individuals and their families. Every other week he co-leads a support group for adults with Asperger's. Originally Dubin



Author Nick Dubin is completing a doctoral degree at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology.

was hired as a public speaker by the center to give presentations about Asperger's and bullying, the topic of his first book. He currently works with individuals at the center as a mentor and coach. Dubin regularly recommends visiting wrongplanet.net whenever the need arises for interaction outside of the group. Wrong Planet is a Web community designed for individuals and parents of those with autism, Asperger syndrome, ADHD, and pervasive developmental and other neurological disorders.

"The group is a way to meet people," said Dubin. "We go over an article and discuss it and play games."

The book is a way for individuals to take control of their anxiety.

"The book is very helpful for individuals on the spectrum and for family and friends trying to understand them," said Stephanie Harlan, director of the Judson Center Autism Connections program in Royal Oak. "Nick hasn't met another individual with Asperger that doesn't have anxiety. He talks about how anxiety is worse in their heads than in reality and that it's about cognitive reframing, to be present in the moment, instead of ruminating."

"At the center we try to figure out what an individual's needs are and fit the services around those needs. A lot of needs revolve around some kind of social skills help, help to look for employment. A lot of adults with Asperger are highly qualified but underemployed because of social skills. Nick and the other therapists work on social

and interviewing skills, how to shake someone's hand and make eye contact, career assessment, how to build a job skill around what they really want to do in life, keeping in mind they have different anxieties. It can be overwhelming to make calls to employers so they're doing role plays, helping with resumes. The Judson Center also offers counseling with therapists who understand the issues of Asperger and autism so they're able to deal with anxieties and depression. It's common to have those issues going on with the diagnosis."

Dubin is currently working on a third book on depression.

"The depression I've gone through is common with Asperger's," said Dubin. "It's what we have to deal with, the unpredictability through the day. The transitions we have to make are a big deal for us."

Harlan is currently advocating for insurance coverage for therapeutic services for individuals from child to adulthood on the Autism Spectrum. She was in Lansing this week to encourage lawmakers to pass House Bill No. 4476. She works with AIM, an organization of more than 1400 Michigan residents who are supporting the autism insurance legislation.

"There are over 13,000 children diagnosed with autism in Michigan," said Harlan whose own child has the developmental disorder. "We're asking for insurance to cover children and adults. It's a lifelong issue. We're renovating our center to meet the needs of individuals and their families. We're adding new services like occupational and physical therapy. We served over 969 individuals last year. We have more adults than ever seeking services."

For more information about the Autism Connections Program, call (248) 837-2047.

Nick Dubin's book is available at amazon.com and from Jessica Kingsley Publishers at www.jkpb.com as well as some Borders and Barnes and Noble book stores. The cost is \$19.95.

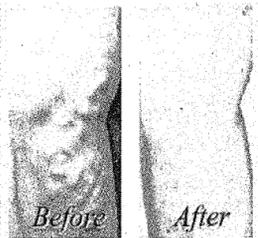
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Doctors often hear a patient say: "I had a blood test that showed I had rheumatoid arthritis." The doctor knows differently. In arthritis, laboratory tests are difficult to interpret as the results may represent the body's response to irritants unrelated to arthritis.

The presence of "rheumatoid factor (RF)" in a blood test does not mean rheumatoid arthritis just as a "positive Anti Nuclear Antibody (ANA)" does not mean the person has Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. Physicians make the diagnosis of an arthritic condition by listening to the patient relate the details of the joint pain such as when the pain began, where it spread what made the pain worse. The doctor then conducts an examination. Then, on the basis of the features of the history and the findings on examination, he makes a diagnosis. Blood tests help to confirm the doctor's assessment or indicate that he should rethink his initial impression.

In arthritis, the main role of laboratory testing is to assess the side effects of medications. Many of the drugs used to treat arthritis can potentially cause damage to the bone marrow, liver, or kidneys. These side effects can begin quietly with no evidence of their presence. The role of laboratory examinations is to uncover deleterious changes early and stop the offending medication before permanent damage occurs.

Used in this way, blood testing plays a role in the care of rheumatic conditions. In the future, blood analysis will indicate what drug is best for each patient's arthritis, but this tool-molecular microarray analysis-remains in development.

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