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Are you ready?

A Westland Community Preparedness Fair will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 30, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building, 7575 N. Hix Road in Westland.

Dozens of booths will showcase the Westland Disaster Response teams, the Fire Preparedness Smoke House, ham radio demos, 72-hour Emergency Kits, home food/water storage, budgeting, coupon hints, do-it-yourself repairs and more.

The Garden City Hospital's diagnostic truck also will be on hand to check blood pressure, cholesterol and other blood tests for a fee of \$10.

The fair will be informative, fun and free and for the whole family. For more information, call (734) 266-0533.

Concert series

Time to dust off the lawn chairs, pull out the blankets and head over to the Performance Pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library for the Westland Cultural Society's 2009 summer concert series.

The Waco Band with Dean Stacy will open the series at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 7, followed by the Big Band Beat with the Tommy James Orchestra on June 14 and Easy Listening with Pam & Scott on June 28.

Kicking off the lineup for July will be Classics and Standards by Stolen Moments on July 12, a variety of music by the Novi Concert Band on July 19 and Blue Grass music by Bandura Bridge with Mitch and Jesse Mann.

Three performances are planned for August — Tyrone Hamilton's All Stars performing rhythm and blues and light rock on Aug. 2, the Birmingham Straw Hat Band doing Dixieland, polkas and marches on Aug. 9 and Diane Trombley & Co. doing vocal standards on Aug. 23.

The concerts are free and start at 6 p.m. They're sponsored by the Westland City Council in cooperation with the Westland Parks and Recreation Department. In the event of rain, the outdoor concerts will be rescheduled whenever possible.

The pavilion is behind the public library on Central City Parkway north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 722-7620 or (734) 522-3918.

Show support

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 festival 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 take place July 1-5 in the Westland civic center complex on Ford west of Wayne Road.

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

Citizens panel to chart W-W's future

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Less than a month after receiving a new contract, Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy now knows what his goal will be for the 2009-10 school year.

The school board in a 5-0 vote, with board President Martha

Pitsenbarger and Trustee William Gabriel absent, called on Baracy to create a citizens committee to look at the use of school buildings and the district's demographics.

"These are a number of things that are important to this school district," said Vice President Skip Monit.

"We're very confident that the superintendent will complete these goals

satisfactorily."

The board has asked Baracy to create a committee made up of parents, students, community and staff members and "other district stakeholders" to review building use and the district's demographics, explore various learning configurations and additional educational options for students.

Baracy will report the committee's recommendations to the board for consideration for the 2010-11 school year.

"It's going to be a huge undertaking," said Baracy. "Our hope is in partnering with the community we can preserve the academic excellence

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Sarah's Furnishings For Less



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Adam Pocock does the shopping while Sarah Pocock cleans up the furniture for display in the used furniture store they opened earlier this month in Westland. The Redford residents hope to fill a middle-of-the-road niche for quality used furniture.

Duo redefines recycling with new store

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With people going green to save the planet and save cash, a brother and sister team have opened a store

SARAH'S FURNISHINGS FOR LESS

Where: 8039 Middlebelt, east of Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

What: Store offers quality used furniture and household items at a reasonable price.

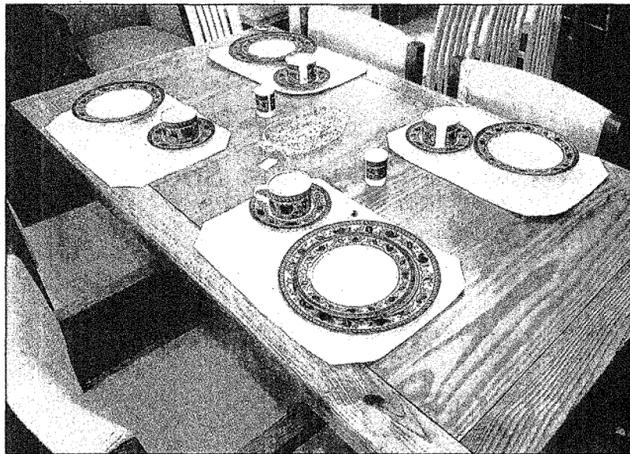
Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

in Westland that recycles household goods.

Adam Pocock, 30, and his sister Sarah, 26, of Redford have opened Sarah's Furnishings for Less on Middlebelt in northeast section of Westland, offering quality

pieces of furniture at reasonable prices.

"Business has been steady, everyone that comes in seems happy about the pieces," said Sarah Pocock. "We had a woman come in who had paid \$400 for a burgundy



Among items at Sarah's Furnishings for Less is this pine trestle table with chairs.

recliner we were selling for \$75."

People from all walks of life come through the doors, some are bargain hunters, some pay full price. But all are surprised at the quality of the merchandise.

Adam Pocock scours auctions and estate sales to find the furniture — anything that is in good

condition and a good deal — and brings it back to the store where his sister cleans and polishes the pieces before setting them out. A majority of the items are chairs and coaches, but there are also end tables, dining room sets and dressers. There

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36 teams are ready to Relay

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cancer fighters come from all walks of life in Westland. And they'll be out in full force Saturday and Sunday, May 30-31, for the annual Westland Relay for Life.

The 24-hour event — it goes from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday — raises money for the American Cancer Society. It will be held at Jaycee Park, at Hunter and Wildwood in Westland.

"We have 36 teams, we are up from last year," said Holly Soranno, ACS community representative. "We met our team goal."

The fund-raising goal is \$120,000 for Westland, up a bit from last year.

"We try to grow our event every year with more teams and more walkers," said Soranno. "People are willing to give from their hearts this year and know their dollars are making a difference."

This is the ninth year for Westland event, which has "done fantastic, it (the Westland community) keeps rallying around the cause, continues to grow and amaze us every year," she added.

A lot more people from Wayne are involved this year. That's nice, Soranno said, because Wayne doesn't have its own Relay for Life.

Chair of the Westland benefit is Kelly Salingue.

"We have a full committee again," Soranno said of the hard-working volunteers. Organizers have a "Mission Green" chair, to go with the "Plant the Seed for Hope" theme, making the benefit green all around.

At Westland's Relay, there will be a survivor lap 3 p.m. Saturday — participants need to register by 2:30 p.m. Saturday

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Memorial to remember city's 1st DPS director

A memorial service is planned for July 5 in Fife Lake, Mich., for Westland's first appointed department head, Donald Marhofer.

The city's first director of public service, Mr. Marhofer died April 13 of congestive heart failure. He was 83.

Mr. Marhofer was one of four appointments made by then newly Mayor Thomas Brown in 1966. He had served as the Nankin Township building inspector for three years prior to taking over the public service department after the township became a city. After serving as DPS director, Mr.



Donald Marhofer

Marhofer worked as the city's building inspector until his retirement in 1987.

According to Doreen Pierce, her father was known by many of the local building contractors. He inspected many of the apartment complexes built in the city in the 1970s and 1980s, including Westland Towers.

"I remember when dad told me a story of how Mayor (Eugene) McKinney called him into his office when he was a building inspector. Dad thought he was in trouble for something, but the mayor gave him a compliment," Pierce said. "Apparently, Mayor McKinney was in a restaurant and had overheard some builders complain about 'that Marhofer from the building department.' When Mr. McKinney asked the builders if there was a prob-

lem, they said, there was no problem, they were just griping about how the building inspector was always making them follow the building code."

"I remember when my dad was working for the city was when he would come home and talk about shutting down a job (red tagged) because it didn't meet the code for the city and how mad the contractor would be," added daughter Diane Macreano.

Pierce also recalled being happy when there was a snow day for school, but it was her father who had the extra work of making sure the snow was removed from the roadways.

"I'd be cheering when he would be on the phone coordinating work crews," she said.

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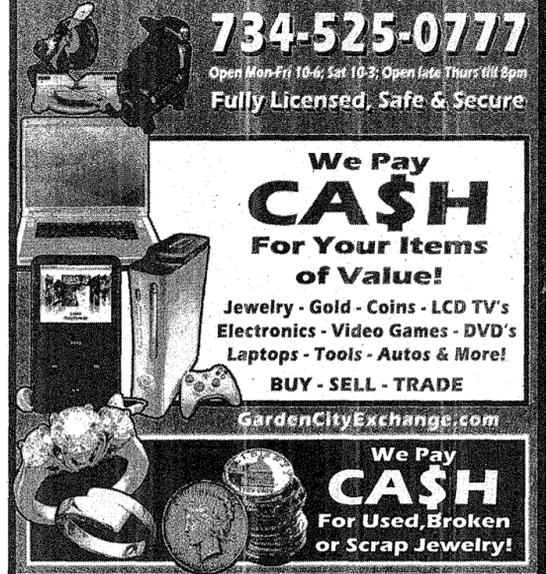




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Walkers filled the path in Jaycee Park for last year's Westland Relay for Life. This year's event is Saturday-Sunday, May 30-31.

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night, there will be a lumina-
ria ceremony which starts at
10 p.m.

"Even with the economy
being down, I think we have
a great chance of getting a
really good turnout," said Kelly
Salingue, this year's chair.
"People seem to be getting
back to basics and looking to

help out more."

"My dad is a cancer sur-
vivor," she added. "He had
one kidney taken out due to
cancer." Her father, Everett
Lawrence, was the survivor
speaker a few years ago at the
Westland event.

He got a transplant, and is
a "little tired but besides that
OK. He's really excited to be
there this year."

Salingue works at Westland
Lock and Key and lives in
Westland. Her boss started

working with Relay, and Kelly
started walking at the Relay
where walkers take turns and
are represented all 24 hours on
the track.

"I always tell her she
planted the do-gooder seed
in me," said Salingue, who
moved up to vice chair and
then chair.

To learn more about the
Westland Relay, visit its Web
site at www.relayforlife.org/westlandmi or call Soranno at
the ACS at (248) 663-3452.

"We welcome anyone and
everyone to come and check
it out that day," she said. The
event is free, although fund-
raising dollars are gladly taken
for cancer research, education
and patient services.

"I just think people are
focusing now on what's impor-
tant," Salingue said. "A lot of
people have lost a lot of things,
and they don't want to lose
family members, or friends or
co-workers."

Pool opens

The 2009 season has kicked
off at the Bailey Recreation
Center's outdoor pool. Pool
hours now through June 12
will be 3-6 p.m. weekdays and
noon to 3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.
weekends. The regular season
starts June 13 and will feature
an array of "theme" nights for
the entire family, including
"Two for Tuesday," "Wacky
Wednesday," "Family Night
Thursday" and "Flotation
Friday." The Bailey Center is
at 36651 Ford Road, behind
Westland City Hall. For more
information, call (734) 722-
7620.

Association meets

The Westland
Condominium Association
will host its next meeting 7-9
p.m. Monday, June 1, inside
the clubhouse of Westland's
Woodview Condominiums,
located on the northwest
block of Central City Parkway
and Warren. The agenda
includes Westland's recently-
launched curbside recycling
program, the association's
annual vendor's fair and gen-
eral updates. Coffee, juice,
and cookies will be served

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
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.

An open house and recep-
tion will follow.

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Pancake breakfast

International Order of
Rainbow for Girls of Wayne
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7950.

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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
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36651 Ford in the civic center
complex. Dress to work out
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summer we will be work-
ing 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.
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Preschool signups

Willow Creek Cooperative
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ing enrollment into its
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for children. Skate rentals are
\$2.50. The arena is at 6210
Wildwood at Hunter, east of
Wayne Road. For more infor-
mation, call (734) 729-4560.

Friends of Eloise

The Friends of Eloise
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port 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
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are even a few decorative pieces, like a high-heeled ceramic boot vase that Sarah Pocock bought.

"We went to the same estate sale, he saw it and didn't like, I did," she said. "I love it, he hates it."

Adam Pocock gets credit with coming up with the idea of opening shop. He noticed that there wasn't anything in between thrift store and consignment shops for used furniture.

"Just because you can't afford the nice stuff at the consignment stores doesn't mean you shouldn't have it," he said. It took three months from the time he came up with the idea to opening the store. He admits it was a quick move from a concept

to opening a business and points to his sister.

"It was pretty fast for me, I love to over-plan, she likes to jump right in," he said.

Word-of-mouth has helped bring people into the store, so much so that "we've already made the rent for the month," Sarah Pocock said.

"The first thing we sold was a Stroh's beer sign, the second day we sold some of the higher end stuff," she added.

They stored many of the pieces in the living room of their grandmother's house in advance of opening the store. According to Sarah Pocock, their grandmother thought they'd underpriced the goods, but she said that's done with good reason.

"We can move items out and move new ones in and keep people coming back," she said.

Adam Pocock uses an old

Redford Fire Department van to pick up the goods, and the store does offer some deliveries. It also will hold furniture for three days with a deposit. If the store doesn't have what a shopper is looking for, there's a signup list.

Adam Pocock said it's hard to determine to whom the store appeals, mostly likely average middle-class shoppers. The location puts it in an area with a lot of apartment complexes.

"With the economy, we hope we're filling a need," he said. "More people are buying used furnishings, no one can afford to buy new."

As for going green, Adam Pocock is in the process of making a sign for the store. Its message: "Be green, save green, buy used."

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Sarah Pocock of Redford lent her name to Sarah's Furnishings for Less, a used furniture store she and her brother Adam opened in Westland's north end.

MARHOFER

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Mr. Marhofer also was a volunteer for the Westland Goodfellows. According to Pierce, he had her and her sib-

lings help with presents that were donated.

"We would go into the school and unwrap gifts people donated," she said. "Sometimes we would unwrap used toys and games and some had pieces missing. That's why when

donations are requested now, it states unwrapped toys."

A World War II veteran, he was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Mr. Marhofer is survived by his wife Shirley and five

children. The memorial service will be at 1 p.m. at the American Legion, followed by a flag presentation during internment at Fife Lake Cemetery. A luncheon will be held at the Legion Hall, 10283 M-186, in Fife Lake.

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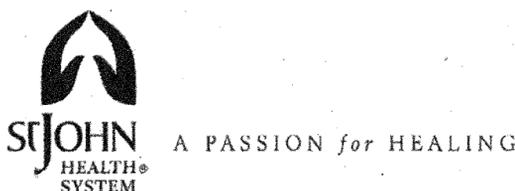
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Computer, cell phones reported taken from store

1A laptop computer and a variety of cell phones were reported stolen in a break-in at the Metro PCs store on Middlebelt south of Annapolis in Westland's south end.

The break-in occurred between 10 p.m. May 19 and 9 a.m. May 20 when a large rock or piece of broken cement was thrown through a large storefront window. Once inside, the suspect climbed over a bullet-proof counter/wall and stole the computer, 15 Bluetooth cell phone sets, more than 20 used cell phones and a Sprint cell phone, valued at \$5,400.

The owner told police he did not receive any alarm notifications nor did he hear from neighboring businesses about a possible power outage.

2A resident of Farragut Street is out \$1,246 because after being caught in a money scam.

The woman told police she received a call and was told she won the "Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes" and

was asked to send money by Western Union to Costa Rica. The woman sent \$496 on May 13 and an additional \$750 on May 14.

She told police that it was a man called her, but the Western Union transfers were made out to a woman. The man kept calling back, asking her to send more money and that was when she realized it was a money scam, she told police.

3Two residents of Barchester, south of Cherry Hill and west of Newburgh, had tools taken from their garages in separate break-ins May 18-19.

In the first incident, the owner told police that he had closed his garage around 8:30 p.m., but had not locked the door. When he went to the garage at 6:30 p.m. the next day, he found a compound mitre saw oxygen/acetylene tanks, the cart and hoses were missing.

The cart was described as homemade, brown in color with pink wheels.

4Another Barchester resident reported his 21-inch Craftsman lawn mower and a Black& Decker leaf blower, still in the box taken from his garage sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. May 19.

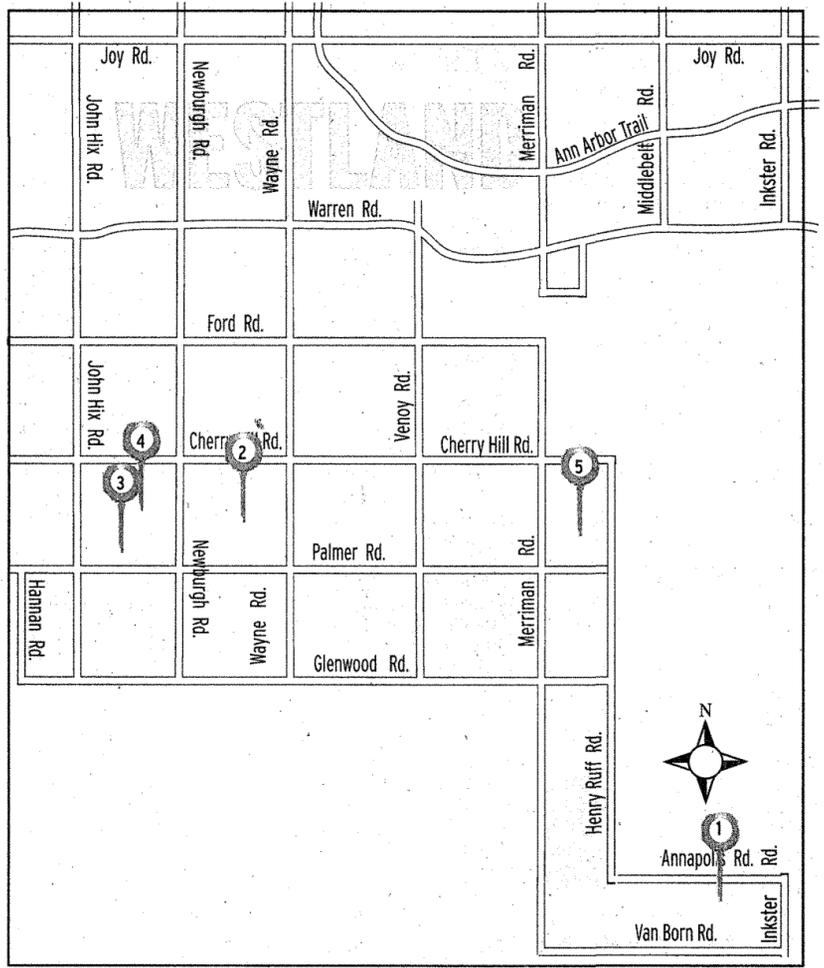
The man told police that someone had entered his locked garage by unknown means and stole the items, valued at more than \$200.

There were no signs of forced entry and the door was locked when the man checked it at 6 p.m.

Both men checked with neighbors who said they had not seen anything.

5The owner of a home on Birchwood, south of Cherry Hill and east of Merriman, told police that someone attempted to break into her home sometime between 4 p.m. May 15 and 1:45 p.m. May 18.

The homeowner told police an unknown person was unsuccessful in gaining access to the home by trying to rock the door wall off its track.



Bureau handles reports, gun permits

The Westland Police Department's Support Services/Records Bureau is open to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and closed on all public holidays.

Copies of reports are available for a \$5 fee. Record and background checks also cost \$5, while the notary fee for gun permits is \$10. There's no

charge for gun registrations and safety inspections.

The bureau also has Concealed Weapons License (CPL) application packets available at no charge. However, processing questions can be directed to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office at (734) 721-5125. There is a \$15 charge for applicant/personal fingerprinting.

Animal Traps - with a Department of Natural Resources permit - are available for one week with a refundable \$55 deposit.

Record checks and fingerprinting for certain job applications and gun services are done 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

For more information, call (734) 721-5350.

PANEL

FROM PAGE A1

Wayne-Westland has been known for into the future. The process will give residents, parents and students the opportunity to help develop an educational system that will even better prepare our students for the global marketplace than we do now."

The board resolution echoes Baracy's comments, stating that the trustees wish "to partner with the community to maximize the district's resources in a financially responsible way and provide global educational opportunities for generations to come."

Baracy hopes to begin assembling the committee within the next month and have the first meeting by July 1. Each school will be represented by two-three stakeholders — parents — and there also will be members of the staff, residents of the community as well as a few students, quite likely those involved in student government.

Baracy stressed that the work will have to "all about the students, not the adults."

"It's going to be aggressive, it's something that has to be done," he said. "We hope to reach out to the community to provide good feedback on what they want their school district to look like."

One of the things the committee may look at is reconfiguring

grade levels like what was done in the Novi and Livonia school districts. That has been successful in those districts and could help Wayne-Westland better use its facilities, Baracy said.

"Birth rates are down in Wayne County, and there's no indication that that trend is going to turn around," said Baracy. "Most of our buildings were built during the baby boom or before. We can't operate buildings at 50 percent of capacity and we have several that do."

The last time Wayne-Westland organize a citizens committee was 1994, and according to Baracy the end result was the closing of seven schools.

"This is going to be a recommendation from the ground up," he said. "It will be comprehensive, it will focus on the good things happening in this district."

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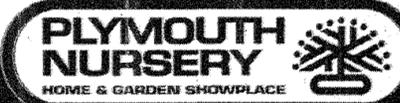
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Investors should take proxy statements seriously

Memorial Day has come and gone and summer has unofficially begun in Michigan. When I was a kid, summer was the time that everything slowed down, even in the business world. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case. We live in a society that operates 24/7, 365 days a year.

When it comes to our personal finances, we cannot afford to take the summer off. That is particularly true this year with all the financial difficulties.

During this financial crisis, many people have been outraged at some of the excesses on Wall Street. Whether it was bonuses paid to executives who then invested in risky investments to pad their bonuses or the mismanagement of company finances, at times it appeared there was no accountability and no one was protecting the shareholder's interest.

One way to hold people responsible and put some accountability back into the system is to take advantage of the opportunity to vote.

Over the course of the year, investors receive proxy statements from stocks and mutual funds they own. These proxy statements seek shareholder permission to do a variety of things. For example, in a mutual fund proxy statement, permission may be sought to raise fees. Other proxy state-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

ments may seek a vote to elect members of the board of directors. The general argument against voting is one vote here and one vote there will not make a difference. Often this is true, but occasionally a few votes here and there can sway an election. We have seen elections for political offices where a few votes here and there made the difference. Another benefit to voting your proxy and being involved in the process is the opportunity to learn a great deal about your investment.

Unfortunately, when most people receive a proxy statement, it goes into the shredder. What they don't realize is that statement contains a wealth of information about the company or mutual fund, the members of the board of directors and information about the management team.

An investor who was complaining about executive salaries didn't understand how corporations could pay the amount of compensation they do. I explained that, generally, for top executives, the board of directors sets the policy as to compensation. I asked him if he voted his proxy regarding the

members of the board of directors and he said no.

Not only could he vote his shares, but it was possible for him to submit his own proposal regarding compensation or other corporate issues to be included in the proxy statement. There is a process involved in regards to having a proposal included in a proxy statement. Although it is not easy, it is possible for ordinary individuals to attempt to influence a company's direction by the proxy process. You don't have to be a major shareholder in the corporation, or even a large shareholder, you simply have to be a shareholder.

In voting your proxy, most companies and mutual funds have made it easier than ever before. Options include mail, the Internet and telephone. There is no reason not to vote.

I believe the more someone knows about an investment, the better it is. When an investor understands an investment, they tend to be a more successful investor. So when you receive a proxy statement, take some time to read the materials. No one ever said being a successful investor is easy. Good luck!

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

Research inspires TRIO director to begin MU mentoring program

A dissertation addressed the positive effects mentoring has on leadership development of minority populations helped earn Connie Tingson-Gatz her doctoral degree in higher education administration this spring from Michigan State University.

And the research so inspired Tingson-Gatz that she initiated a peer mentoring program for Madonna University students in 2006.

Tingson-Gatz, the director of Madonna University's federal Student Support Services TRIO program that assists low-income, first generation and disabled students, brought together a diverse group of TRIO students to assist their peers academically, and provide encouragement and moral support.

Reflective of Tingson-Gatz's research, many students benefit from the mentoring experience, developing leadership skills. Gina DeMatteo of Allen Park took on the role of student-mentor after having been a recipient of tutoring and support through the TRIO program.

"Gina grew from the experience," Tingson-Gatz said. "She gained confidence and communication skills, and emerged as a leader within the TRIO program and throughout campus."

DeMatteo received the Outstanding Peer Mentor Award at TRIO's graduation reception in April.

"You can't ask for a better college experience than having the opportunity to lead as a mentor," she said. "I will apply the leadership skills I developed to my career and life."

Motivated by the success of the mentoring program, Tingson-Gatz plans to continue providing leadership opportunities and activities for TRIO students, like an expanded student mentoring program, a leadership training series and



Connie Tingson-Gatz, the director of Madonna University's federal Student Support Services TRIO program joins with student-mentor Gina DeMatteo at TRIO graduation reception.

leadership retreats and conferences.

A resident of Westland, Tingson-Gatz began her doctoral studies in the late 1990s while working full-time as TRIO academic program coordinator. In 2001, she chose to pursue the degree more intently under a revised curriculum, which required additional course work, to ensure she was

current in the field.

Madonna University's TRIO program celebrated its 30th anniversary last fall and to date has completed approximately 37,000 hours of tutoring, involving more than 400 students. Other program services include academic and technological resources, cultural and leadership experiences and peer-assisted study.

Zonta Club to show documentary

In celebration of International Day to Take Action on Women's Health, the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is showing of the documentary, *A Walk to Beautiful*, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 1, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

The film deals with the topic of obstetric fistulas and is one of

many service projects funded by Zonta International. The film tells the story of five women in Ethiopia suffering from devastating childbirth injuries. Rejected by their husbands and ostracized by their communities, these women are left to spend the rest of their lives in loneliness and shame.

The documentary follows each of these women on their journey

to a special hospital in Addis Ababa where doctors are being trained to recognize and correct this problem. The women find solace for the first time in years. As their lives begin to change, they are able to share intimate experiences and what it was like.

The film is being shown free of charge to the public. For more information, call (734) 464-3728.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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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CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland, Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **June 22, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

Police Department Lobby Renovation

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**Relay for Life:
Be hip, be there**

Saturday, hundreds of people will converge on Jaycee Park, all with one thing in mind: To honor those who have died from cancer and to help raise money to find a cure. Yes, Westland's annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life is this weekend, and once again we're urging residents to join these cancer fighters in helping them raise \$120,000.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature fund-raising event. Money raised at the event helps accelerate the ACS progress toward a future where cancer doesn't take the lives of friends and family. Cancer doesn't take a day off, it doesn't take a vacation. It doesn't discriminate. Mother, father or child, everyone is at risk of getting cancer.

The ACS estimates that there will be 1.47 million new cases of cancer in the United States this year and 53,550 new cases in Michigan. And when it strikes, ACS is there to help cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the cancer experience — from diagnosis and treatment to life beyond cancer. When cancer strikes, the ACS can lessen fears and provide inspiration through its many programs and services made possible through the donations raised at events like the Relay for Life.

It's a tribute to organizers to have so many people participating in the Westland Relay for Life, and it's a tribute to the community to have so many people willing to give of their time. For 24 hours, team members will walk the half-mile path around the park, each step marking a commitment to finding a cure for cancer and honoring those who have survived and those who have lost their battle with the disease. The relay isn't easy and the participants don't want to do it alone. They want the community to come out and be a part of the event, and we agree.

There will be plenty of activities happening throughout the event. We urge residents to stop by the park sometime between 10 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday and be a part of the Relay for Life. Cheer on the survivors, celebrate as they walk their victory lap at 3 p.m. Saturday, or pause to remember those who have lost their fight at a candlelight ceremony at 10 p.m. that evening. Better yet, come early or hang around after those laps to enjoy the food and activities the teams will be offering to continue to raise money.

Each and every one of us has been touched by cancer, whether it is a family member, relative or friend who has had or has succumbed to the disease. Think about them and think about what you can do to help find a cure. Now is as good a time as any to get out and get involved. We hope to see you at the Relay for Life.

And kudos to those people who have stepped forward and made Relay for Life an annual event in the city. Know that you have made Westland a part of a worldwide effort to fund cancer research as one of thousands of Relay for Life events being held in 23 countries this year.

Way to go!

**ONLINE
VOICES & VIEWS**

• Conover will be missed

Courtney Conover is Westland's shining star and we will miss her. She has given the city a sense of style and class matched by no other. I for one wish her all the success in the world, and I know she will achieve great things.

Westlander

• About time for water rules

It's about time Westland and this area moved into the correct decade. First, the long awaited recycling program will finally start and now water usage rules to relieve strain and pressure on our over-burdened water system. It is about time for both of these.

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Join the discussion

What are the chances that General Motors can avoid bankruptcy?

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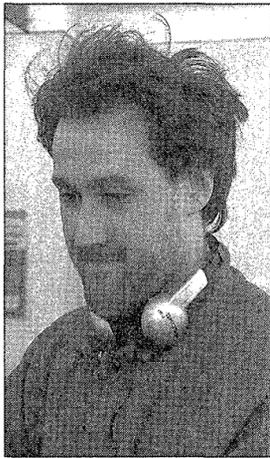
What do you do for cheap entertainment?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Library in Westland.



"I usually go and enjoy myself at the park."

Alvanes Falls
Westland



"I ride my bike around the city and see the sights."

Phillip Seeley
Westland



"I take advantage of the free museum passes I get at the library. I've been to the DIA and Cranbrook free. I've also started going to Toledo for baseball. The best seats are \$9."

Meghan Chatham
Westland



"I play with my grandchildren at the playground."

Linda Bodnovits
Garden City

LETTERS

Think about service personnel

I was just reading the comments from Community Voice. The one lady, Stephanie Ponius, said that she would not be celebrating Memorial Day because she was a Jehovah's Witness. What does being a Jehovah's Witness have to do with honoring the men and women that have given their lives for our country?

I am not a veteran, but I do have a flagpole. And I fly the American flag every day. And when I see that flag flying in the wind, it makes me proud to be an American. And it reminds me of the servicemen that are fighting, and the ones that have fought.

Miss Ponius, while you are at the park, you should give one small thought to the men and women that have given everything they have, so you even have a park to go to.

Gary Locke
Westland

Fuel call button has its costs

I am responding to the May 17 story, "Button 'dignifies' getting fuel for disabled," by Susan Mason. Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America would like to add a disabled fuel call button to every gas station. The fuel call button would easily get assistance to a disabled driver when fueling their car. This deed will cost about \$1,000 for every gas station in Michigan. MPVA would like this to be a federal mandate.

Although this is a great idea, I believe taxpayers should not pay for this service. Just because the disabled would welcome this service, does not mean everyone's tax dollars should go to this service. There are only a certain percent disabled and with these hard times.

We should think about more fiscally responsible uses of taxpayers' funds. Right now, I think it would be more appropriate to put the taxpayer money in to growing the economy. Although my viewpoint may be unpopular to the public because it appears I am against the handicapped, it is not my stance at all on the issue. I believe that down the road it will be an appropriate time for the government to put money in to a project like this.

Sharon Shebib
Birmingham

Unstoppable government

Our federal government is becoming unstoppable. They have now adopted the Californian emission standards as federal law, forcing the already crippled automakers to again make cars no one wants to buy. Instead of letting the market decide on what cars we want to buy, the federal government is telling us "this is what you will drive."

The California economists have long fought the automakers over these emission standards. Our federal government went along with a lot of these standards and forced automakers to produce cars with CAFE standards that in effect helped the fall of the auto industry. These mandates will cost the price of each and every car to rise \$1,300.

In addition to this, the car czar panel has encouraged GM to import cars made in China and other countries. This is insane! Why would our government use billions of our tax dollars to save the auto manufacturers and our jobs and then "encourage" imports? The truth has slipped out that one of the reasons Obama fired Rick Wagoner was that fact that he found importing foreign cars an unacceptable move and the federal government decided Wagoner had to go.



What do you think?

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The feds' want to feel better about themselves by the old "out of sight, out of mind." If we don't manufacture anything in this country, then we won't pollute or harm the environment, but it's OK for the other developing countries to do it because then they don't feel responsible even though we buy and use the products. What a bunch of idiots and hypocrites!

Next on our plate is this Cap-and-Trade (Cap and Tax) legislation that needs to be defeated. If you do nothing else this year, call your senator and tell them you do not want this legislation to pass. This bill has been disguised as an environmental move to save the earth from global cooling/warming depending on which decade you look at. This science is a guess at best and no one can tell us for sure, one way or the other, if we are causing it. Our climate is warming but that most likely is a natural trend of our planet as shown in thousands of studies worldwide.

Obama let it slip out that the proceeds (taxes) raised from this will go to support "other projects," one of them is the Obama Health Care plan that will push the private health insurance companies like Blue Cross Blue Shield out of business using our taxpayer dollars to support Obama care. This Cap and Tax will cost each and every household in this country on the average, \$3,100 per year in additional energy costs. Heritage.org states that this bill will:

- Destroy 1,105,000 jobs on average, with peak years seeing unemployment rise by over 2,479,000 jobs;
 - Raise electricity rates 90 percent after adjusting for inflation.
 - Raise inflation-adjusted gasoline prices by 74 percent.
 - Raise residential natural gas prices by 55 percent.
 - Raise an average family's annual energy bill by \$1,500.
 - Increase inflation-adjusted federal debt by 26 percent, or \$29,150 additional federal debt per person, again after adjusting for inflation.
- Obama and his team of tax cheats and

thieves stand there just smiling at us while their hands are stealing the money right out of our wallets, taking away more of our freedoms and half of this nation are just as happy as a pig in poo with that. I don't get it, can anyone explain it?

Everything the government does costs us MORE money. Do they not know how to "reduce" costs? How about a tax cut? I would suggest a cut in government jobs starting with reducing Congress back to a part-time status with corresponding pay and benefits would greatly improve our situation. Move to a flat tax plan and abolish the IRS, which would save us billions a year. We are the ones paying yet you'd think it was their money the way they talk and spend it.

Another Tea Party is brewing for the Fourth of July weekend. Check in at the taxdayteaparty.com for updates on local gatherings.

Phil Solarz
Westland

Westland's loss

Wow, what is going on in Westland. First, the two best people from the *Observer* are leaving us, and I want to thank BOTH of you for all you have done. You have been incredible.

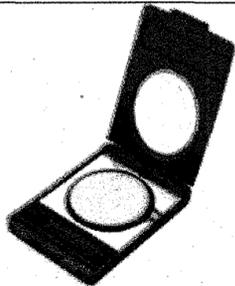
Now we have Chuck Pickering, Bob Stottlemeyer and Cheryl Graunstadt leaving... and then Courtney Conover announces she is leaving. What is going on? Is there something in the water in Westland? I cant believe a mass exodus from the city.

Anyway, I will miss all of you. When people do stuff for the good of Westland I look up to them. Who would of thought as a kid growing up in Westland, I would EVER be on a first name basis with a state senator, state representative and a few mayors, not to mention the best writer the *Observer* has had, and not to mention a great editor. Thank you both. For the last several years you have made my days. Darrell, love all your writing, I envy you so much. And Sue, when I was sending the updates from North Carolina about the Marines coming home and then you did the story on it, thank you so much. You will be missed.

I wish both of you all the luck in the world and hope all goes well with you. I hope we can keep in touch.

Bud Somerville
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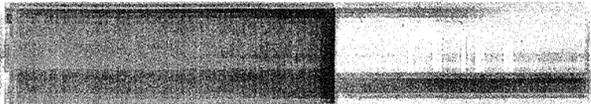
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Merle Norman Luxiva Lasting Eyecolor

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Merle Norman Luxiva Long Wear Lipcolor



Makeup 'pretty charming' at Merle Norman studios

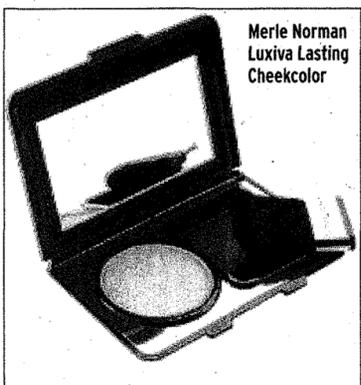
Love and nature combine this season to create romantic fashions with an organic flair. For makeup, sweet pastels blend with mineral tones to create a look that's timeless, wearable and beautiful. Merle Norman Cosmetics captures the all-out feminine trend with its Spring 2009 Color Collection, "Pretty Charming."

BEAUTY TO BEHOLD

Lids are aflutter in the ladylike classics of Delicate Pinks or softly shaded with the mystique of Berry Enchanting. For a dose of girliness, try the sweet pink and grey mix of Luxiva Eyecolor Duet in Ballerina/Lava. For those with violet tendencies, pick the regal pairing of Luxiva Matte Shadow Duet in Freesia/Grapevine. To add a touch of sparkle, top with Luxiva Crystal Eyes in Paparazzi Pink or Mauve Star. Complete the eye effect with liner. Try Purely Mineral Eye Pencil in Platinum or Dusk. Go dramatic or dreamy — the conditioning formula gently defines lash lines and blends easily.

FLIRTY GLOW

A so-in-love flush makes the heart skip a beat. Sweep on Luxiva Purely Mineral



Merle Norman Luxiva Lasting Cheekcolor

Cheeks in the cool pink shimmer of Coy or the blue-based mauve of Come Heather.

SEALED WITH A KISS

Lip colors take on hues of a more passionate nature. For a power pout, try Luxiva Long Wear Lipcolor in sweetly subtle Heather or rich Plum. The creamy base coat lasts for hours; layer with the clear coat for added moisture and shine. For a more velvety option, trace and fill

in with dual-sided Satin Lip Pencil in blushing-nude Caramel Pink or lilac-laced Angel Mist.

NAIL THE LOOK

To finish the look, give fingers and toes a coat or two of Salon Formula Nail Color in ethereal Heavenly Pink or decadent Cranberry Rose.

The "Pretty Charming" Spring 2009 Color Collection is available now for a limited time only, at Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios.

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GAL PAL WEEKEND

LIVONIA — Grab the girls and book a Gal Pal Weekend at The Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia June 5-6. The package includes wine and dining at Andiamo of Novi; discounts and shuttles for shopping at Laurel Park Place mall; margaritas at On the Border; and a two night stay at Embassy Suites with complimentary happy hour cocktails, cooked-to-order breakfast and a Saturday

morning champagne toast. Packages are \$189 per person and include a \$10 donation to Susan G. Komen Fund for the Cure. Embassy Suites is located at 19525 Victor Parkway, R.S.V.P. with Rachel Boyd, (734) 462-6000.

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At the conclusion of the 26th annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign, Lowe's reported \$4.3 million in sales, nearly doubling the previous record of \$2.3 million raised by one retail grocery two years ago. The \$1 and \$5 Shamrocks donations have now raised more than \$200 million for Jerry's Kids. Generous customers of the more than 1,600 participating Lowe's locations showed their commitment to the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign through donations starting at \$1. Several partners, including Lowe's, extended the program beyond the original March 17 deadline due to its overwhelming success. All money raised stays in local communities. Visit www.mda.org.

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Fighting for dignity

Family refuses to accept suicide explanation for son's death

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Bill and Amy Piepsney, Dec. 12, 2008, started like any other day. It was a Friday, and they got their two children off to school before leaving for work. Hours later, however, the day turned into the Canton couple's worst nightmare.

Around 4 p.m., their daughter called them to report that their 13-year-old son Dustin, an eighth-grader at East Middle School in Canton, was missing. She knew he had come home from school because his jacket was on the floor and he had brought in the mail when he got home.

Bill and Amy both came home because it wasn't like their son to not be home and not tell anyone. They called the police and reported a missing person. While waiting for the police to arrive, the family searched the home. That's when Bill realized his .40-caliber handgun that he kept locked up in his room was missing.

They called the police again to report the missing gun, and this time police officers arrived fairly quickly. With the help of a K-9 dog, officers searched the neighborhood and nearby woods and park, but found nothing.

Shortly before midnight, Dustin's grandfather, who had come over to help with the search, heard Dustin's cell-phone ringing in the field back behind the family's Beechwood Street home. He followed the music, and found the unthinkable. Dustin was laying less than 50 yards behind their home, dead with a gunshot wound to the head. The missing gun was laying at his side.

Police investigators arrived on the scene. Their initial reports suggest they felt it was a suicide. In fact, their reports are labeled "Juvenile Suicide." Boguslaw Pietak of the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office, who performed the post-mortem examination, came to the same conclusion, and listed

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Dustin Piepsney

the cause of death as suicide.

For the family, this just didn't make any sense. Their son was a good student, active in sports, and didn't have any enemies that they knew of. Still, they accepted what the police were telling them, though they didn't understand it.

As their grief began to give way to disillusion, the family started to try to piece together why their son would take his own life. Nothing added up to that, however. There was no suicide note, and no witnesses.

DOESN'T ADD UP

As far as they knew, their son was not upset about anything. He was active in sports, including being a prominent member of the Canton Wrestling Club and player with the Westland Comets. The last morning they saw him alive, he talked about going to see his 10-year-old sister Ashley's play at school later that day. The Piepsneys also know, having spoken to kids he rode the bus with, that he was goofing around on the way home from school. And he was even playing Xbox with a friend (from another location)

shortly before his sister got home. That friend eventually told police that Dustin abruptly ended the game by saying, "I've got to go."

The police say they interviewed neighbors, teachers, friends, family members and other students at East Middle School. Nobody could believe or had a reason why Dustin would commit suicide.

"We found no evidence of him being despondent or distressed," said Sgt. Dave Shreiner, one of the detectives on the case. "We didn't find any notes. We didn't find any evidence of disputes or bullying. Typically these are things you expect to find. But they are not popping up."

"We looked at a lot of theories. We had to stay focused on what evidence we had and what the scene provided us," he added.

And according to Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, the main evidence police have is a contact wound to the head, meaning the gun barrel was placed

directly against Dustin's head when it was fired.

Although Boguslaw did not return calls for this story, his report draws the same conclusion.

For the Piepsneys, however, there were too many other unanswered questions.

"We know our kids inside and out. He didn't sit in his room by himself and brood," Amy Piepsney said. "We talked about everything with Dustin. We would've known something was wrong. And even if we didn't, someone would have known something."

The more they thought about everything, the more they felt the police jumped to a conclusion because of what they found at the scene.

"If Dustin was here today, he would kick us for accepting the conclusion that he committed suicide," said Bill Piepsney, a graduate of Westland John Glenn.

"It makes me angry and ashamed that suicide was even a consideration in my mind. It infuriates me that I could have thought that," Amy added.

the truth. If the conclusion was the same, then that's what it is," Amy Piepsney said.

They hired J.F. Moore and Associates, and investigator Joseph Morrow — a retired detective from the Westland Police Department — took on the case. After examining photos taken at the scene and during the autopsy, Morrow came to a startling conclusion.

Based primarily on blood patterns, he concluded Dustin's body had been moved four to five feet away from where the main blood spot was found and, in his opinion, where he had been shot. Blood had also run down Dustin's face, despite the fact that when he was found he was laying face up. The gun was also found on the left side of the body, despite the fact that the autopsy showed the bullet entered the right side of his head.

"It is this investigator's opinion that the victim fell face down with the head landing where the large blood spot was located and all blood flow stopped shortly thereafter," the report reads. "The body was turned over and moved to the southwest within an hour's time frame."

Jimmy Moore, former chief of police in Ypsilanti and owner of J.F. Moore and Associates, refused to discuss the report, but did say his staff agreed with Morrow's findings.

"I'm a lecturer of crime scene investigation at EMU and Washtenaw Community College. The people who work for me are all retired police officers. We know what we're doing," he said. "In this case, we agree with the lead investigator (Morrow)."

The findings stunned the family, who then approached the Canton Police Department to take another look at the case. They agreed to, according to Schreiner. They even enlisted the help of a Michigan State Police blood splatter expert to take a look at Morrow's findings.

A representative with the state police would only confirm that they are indeed looking at the case, but they have yet to conclude a report.

AN ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE?

While the family hasn't completely ruled out that there could have been foul play involved, they think it is likely that their son accidentally shot

himself. The clip in the gun was empty when police found it. They think it is possible that he didn't realize there was a bullet in the chamber of the gun. They also think someone was with Dustin, which Morrow's report would seem to suggest.

Morrow also concluded that it was an accidental shooting, most likely self-inflicted.

Last week, Santomauro and Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy met with the family. Santomauro admitted to the family that there were mistakes made, particularly in the response time to the initial call the family made. He said two people have already been suspended for their actions. He also said the case has made the department re-evaluate how it will approach similar cases in the future.

However, he is satisfied that his investigators did a good job on the case.

"From an investigation standpoint, I'm comfortable we've done enough — not only once, but twice," Santomauro said. "We just don't have any evidence to support a homicide. There is no evidence that there was anyone else there."

"We know he did it, but the question is why. We can't answer that. And I think that is what is bothering the family so much," Santomauro added.

The Piepsneys will never accept their son killed himself on purpose. Their hope is that someone will come forward with information that will help them know the truth.

A couple of months ago, the family moved from their home on Beechwood, unable to live with the constant reminder of their son's death. They moved into a condominium a couple of miles away off of Canton Center Road. Bill Piepsney said they still love the Canton community and wanted to stay. But he said they will never quit fighting for their son's legacy.

"My mission is not to point out what the Canton Police Department did wrong. My mission is to prove it wasn't a suicide, the way the public thinks of suicide," he said. "All he has left is his name and his integrity and dignity. That's what we're fighting for. The conclusion that he committed suicide is unacceptable to us."

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Rockets lift off vs. rival Wayne

BY BRAD EMONS
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Two rival baseball teams well below the .500 mark were fighting to live and play another day as the Division 1 state tournament opened Tuesday at Livonia Franklin.

Westland John Glenn received a sterling pitching performance from senior right-hander Jake Sperry to beat Wayne Memorial for the third time this season, 4-0, in a pre-district encounter.

The Rockets, 12-20 overall, advance to the district semifinals beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday to face host Franklin (18-11). The second game features Garden City against Romulus. The semifinal winners will meet in the final at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Sperry, mixing up a fastball and curve, controlled the Zebras throughout all seven innings, allowing just three hits and three walks while striking out five.

"I felt real good," Sperry said. "It was a special day and I knew I had to come out and compete. I had a week off. I just tried to practice hard for this game."

"At the beginning of the game I was trying to get my fastball working, but in the later innings (the curve ball) became more effective."

Glenn, meanwhile, collected six hits off losing pitcher Jon Bryant, who struck out seven and walked only two in 6½ innings.

Glenn took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on a single by Derrick Ammons, who later scored from third on a

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn players and coaches greet winning pitcher Jake Sperry following Tuesday's 4-0 pre-district win over rival Wayne.

SIDELINES

District girls soccer

STEVENSON 2, FARMINGTON 1: Junior forward Molly McConnell figured in both goals Tuesday as host Livonia Stevenson (8-10) advanced in the Northville Division 1 district with a win over the Falcons (9-6-3).

McConnell gave the Spartans a 1-0 lead in the first half off an assist from Samantha Gutkowski and set up freshman Dayna Stevens' second-half header to put the Spartans up 2-0.

"It was one of the better games I've seen Molly play, she was tough," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. Farmington came back on Katie Williams' goal from Kirsten Evans with 17 minutes left.

"It was a competitive game," Pinta added. "They (Farmington) stormed out of the gates the second half. They were pounding us. We switched formations at half-time and they were starting to take it to us. We actually moved people back and it helped us move forward. It turned things around for us and it got us more chances. It was a good win for us and our goalie (Tara Johnston) played well."

WAYNE 3, FRANKLIN 1: On Tuesday, Alyssa Escobar scored twice and Megan Maynor had the other goal as host Wayne Memorial (3-13-2) earned the Division 1 district victory against Livonia Franklin (2-14-2).

Sophomore forward Ally Mesa scored the lone goal for the Patriots to cut the deficit to 2-1 in the second half.

"We had a slow start and never really got ourselves going until after they scored," Franklin coach Jen Barker said. "We did come back and get a goal and continued to put pressure on their backs, but we never found that extra spark that would have given us a enough help to tie it up."

JOHN GLENN 7, WESTERN 0: Ashley Bailey, Megan Nikula and Melissa Mezaros each tallied two goals as Westland John Glenn (4-12) advanced in the Livonia Churchill district tourney with a win over Detroit Western International.

Ali Zarate also scored for the Rockets, who led 2-0 at half.

LADYWOOD 6, FERNDALE 1: Senior Alessia Vagnini, bound for Siena Heights University, erupted for three goals and two assists Tuesday as host Livonia Ladywood (8-6-4) cooled off the Eagles (10-6-3) in a Division 2 district matchup.

Caitlin Szczypka, Becky Babon and Kelly Capoccia also tallied goals for the Blazers, who led 4-0 at intermission.

Lindsay Maier chipped in with two assists, while goalkeeper Michele Ring and Emily Chrzasz added one each.

S.L. EAST 6, CLARENCEVILLE 1: In a Division 3 district encounter Tuesday, host South Lyon East (3-15) romped to the victory with five second-half goals to oust Livonia Clarenceville (6-12-1).

Mary Zhen's scored the lone Clarenceville goal from Teresa Parent to break East's string of five straight scores.

Clarenceville, down only 1-0 at halftime, put goalkeeper Kristen Jolly in the midfield during the second half.

LUTH. WESTLAND 1, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 0: Sarah Frusti notched the game-winning goal and goalkeeper Chelsea Kyles posted the shutout Tuesday as visiting Lutheran High Westland (8-6-1) captured its first state tourney game in school history with the Division 4 triumph against host Southfield Christian at Pebble Creek Park.

Chargers give G.C. the boot in district opener

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The home-field advantage wasn't nearly enough for the Garden City girls soccer team against state-ranked Livonia Churchill in Tuesday's Division 1 district matchup.

Churchill put on an impressive clinic from the opening whistle, making slick passes and perfect shots to build a 6-0 halftime lead en route to an 8-0 mercy-rule victory.

"Sometimes we have a tendency to not take an opponent at face value, like we don't know anything about them," Chargers coach Dave Hebestreit said. "Today they came out in warmup and went right to work, started the game strong and finished the game strong."

"I couldn't ask for more, 48 minutes to score eight goals. Our finishing was top-notch today."

Churchill (14-2-3) scored the match-ending eighth goal with 31:25 remaining in the second half when senior forward Hannah Otto (two goals) redirected a header from senior midfielder Alyssa Mira (two goals) behind beleaguered Cougars senior goalkeeper Stephanie Nichols.

"My team today, and hopefully for the rest of the way through the tournament, will continue to take care of teams it should take care of," Hebestreit said.

According to G.C. coach Bill Torni, whose team ended the season with a 5-9-3 record, the Chargers' onslaught was something his team had no answer for.

"They came ready. We knew they were going to shoot hard," he said. "We had a game plan that didn't quite work out right."

The Chargers struck for three goals before the game was 11 minutes old, and the rest were just details.

With 36:25 to go, Mira chipped a pass from senior midfielder Bailey Brandon inside the far post with a per-



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia Churchill's Bailey Brandon tries to control the ball from Garden City's Rachel Szczembara during Tuesday's Division 1 district girls soccer match.

fectly placed shot.

A long-ball feed from senior midfielder Lindsay McMullen put Otto into the open and she made no mistake with her 15-yarder to make it 2-0.

Churchill padded the margin to 3-0 with 29:20 remaining. While sliding off to the right of Nichols, senior forward Shari Zakalowski booted the ball into the cage.

But the Chargers kept coming, making it 4-0 with 23:36 left thanks to senior midfielder Kayla Johnston's marker. Her long-rang shot from the right flank bounced off a couple of Garden City defenders tangled in front of Nichols and inside the left post.

Before intermission, the Chargers tacked on Mira's second tally and (with 6:19 to go) a goal from junior defender

Darcy DeRoo (from Brandon).

The seventh goal of the night came just 3:13 into the second half, when a re-direct in front of Nichols by senior forward Callie Mack trickled home.

Wednesday's district semifinal matches at Churchill pitted the host Chargers vs. Wayne Memorial, while Westland John Glenn took on Dearborn Fordson.

Zebras keep Glenn winless for season

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Crystal Little sent a message loud and clear to her Wayne Memorial softball team prior to Tuesday's Division 1 pre-district clash with rival Westland John Glenn.

The first-year coach started four JV callups after six of her eight seniors skipped practice last Thursday and the Zebras still advanced with a 7-5 triumph over the Rockets at Livonia Franklin.

"It was senior skip day, but they have all summer to go to Cedar Point," said Little, whose team improved to 7-22 overall. "I'm looking at the long run for this program and I had to make a statement for the underclassmen. It was quite surprising to see the younger players step up."

Wayne won despite being out-hit 8-3. The Zebras took advantage of nine walks and

pair of hit batsmen to beat Glenn (0-29) for the third time this season.

First baseman Halee Lankton went 2-for-2 and scored three runs to pace Wayne's offense. Catcher Kathy Harris also contributed a key two-run single in the second inning as the Zebras jumped out to a 5-0 lead.

Winning pitcher Nicole Odom went all seven innings, striking out five and walking only two. Stacey Truskowski went 3-for-4 to lead Glenn's offensive attack. Losing pitcher Brandi Holbrook and Molly Robinette each added two hits.

On Saturday, the Zebras will take on host Franklin (30-5) in a district semifinal. Game time is noon.

"We have almost a week of practice," Little said. "Whoever practices the hardest will play."

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Wayne's Kathy Harris is safe at home on a passed ball in Tuesday's Division 1 pre-district game. Waiting for the throw is Glenn pitcher Brandi Holbrook.

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By David Graham

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Stevenson routed in predistrict

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Long ball, small ball, curve ball, fast ball — you name it — and the Canton baseball team executed it to near perfection Tuesday afternoon in its Division 1 predistrict game against Livonia Stevenson.

The Chiefs will be riding a tidal wave of momentum into Saturday's district tourney at Plymouth thanks to a resounding 20-0 white-washing of the Spartans, who finished 11-19 overall.

The most impressive of Canton's 18 hits was Alex Dixon's lead-off, into-the-wind home run in the top of the fourth inning that cleared the 355-foot sign in left-center field by the length of a Winnebago.

But just as damaging to the Spartans were five Canton hits — including three bunt singles — that never left the infield.

"We lost a couple of games during our seven-game los-

ing streak (earlier this month) because we couldn't get a bunt down," said Canton coach Mark Blomshield, whose team will take a 22-11 mark into Saturday's district semi-final clash against Livonia Churchill. "So we started spending more time in practice on bunting. We told them no one on this team is too good to bunt. The kids have to believe that it's an important part of the game. Today, they did the best job they've done all year."

Canton starting pitcher Kevin Delapaz was nearly flawless on the mound. The junior left-hander no-hit the Spartans over the first five innings by keeping them off-balance with an unpredictable blend of sharp-breaking curve balls and mitt-popping fast balls.

Delapaz struck out six and walked just two. His efficiency was reflected by his five-inning pitch count: 60.

Reliever Alex Dixon chalked

up two K's and a walk in his lone inning of work.

Junior Jeff Sorensen suffered the loss for the Spartans, yielding four runs in three-plus innings.

"We were short on pitching, which is one reason we had a tough year," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "We had three sophomores starting on the infield, so it's a young group. We just have to find some kids who can pitch."

Junior third baseman Andrew Tidwell paced the Chiefs' hit parade by going 4-for-5 with three runs scored and an RBI.

Dixon (3-for-4, five RBI) came within a triple of hitting for cycle.

Canton senior center fielder had a prototypical game for a lead-off hitter, reaching base four times (twice after getting hit by pitches), scoring twice and laying down a slick sacrifice bunt in the fourth.

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ROCKETS

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delayed double steal with Nate Bovia, who had walked.

The Rockets' leadoff man, senior center fielder Andrew DeLuca, then ripped a shot over the right field fence — his fourth of the season and 20th extra base hit overall — to make it 2-0 in the top of the third.

Glenn tacked another run on the board in the sixth on a double by Sperry followed by Andrew McGrath's infield single after a sacrifice bunt by Steve Hickson.

Devin Crimboli then doubled in the seventh and came all the way around from second base after a Wayne throw to third on an attempted steal sailed into left field.

"This is nothing new," Glenn coach Tom Wakefield said. "We've had to manufacture runs. We've done it all year. We're a scrappy team. Fortunately, today we were able to get the runs because we executed."

Wayne finishes its season 7-22 overall after going 4-4 in its last eight games.

"Jon (Bryant) definitely deserved to win, he deserved more support than what he got," Wayne coach Paul Cavanaugh said of his senior starter. "The effort, too, has to be there. Today, the attitude was not there by everybody."

Wayne did not get a runner past second base all afternoon.

"As a team, we've hit over .300," Cavanaugh said. "A majority of our losses are by one or two runs — 9-8, 11-9

and 6-5. Our biggest problem is not getting the timely hit, but today we did not get any base runners."

Sperry, meanwhile, is eligible to start again Saturday. "Jake's been our go-to guy all year," Glenn coach Tom Wakefield said. "With a minimal staff, we expect a lot out of our one and two guys. It's just that one or two bad innings has haunted us."

"Jake will shoot me if he doesn't start. We'll see how his arm feels. I don't want to blow him out."

Sperry appears ready if called upon.

"It's the coach's decision," Sperry said. "But whatever he does, he's right. I trust his decision. But it would be nice. And hopefully I'll pitch (against Franklin) on Saturday."

ZEBRAS

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CANTON 5, STEVENSON 4: Winning pitcher Amy Dunleavy helped her own cause with a two-run triple in the third inning Tuesday as the Chiefs (30-6) held off Livonia Stevenson (16-15) in a Division 1

predistrict game at Plymouth.

Dunleavy stuck out 11, walked one and allowed eight hits.

Losing pitcher Laura Deacon allowed six hits, walked four and struck out six in going all seven innings.

Offensively, Deacon doubled twice, while Katie Bone went 2-for-3 for the Spartans.

Stevenson trailed 5-0 through three innings before rallying for

three runs in the top of the fourth and one in the seventh on a Becca Zarros RBI single. But Zarros was left stranded at first with two outs.

HAZEL PARK 7, CLARENCEVILLE 5: Livonia Clarenceville (9-17) dropped last Thursday's home finale to the Vikings despite big days at the plate from seniors Charmaine McQueen (3-for-4, two RBI) and Lisa Wilson (3-for-4, two RBI).

Warriors bat around vs. Dearborn

Lutheran High Westland appears primed and ready for another state baseball tournament run.

The Warriors, last year's Division 4 runner-up, jumped up three divisions Friday to rout host Dearborn, 13-0.

Sam Ahlersmeyer and Micah Hausch, both of whom tripled, each collected two hits and combined for four RBI as the Warriors improved to 15-3 overall.

Others contributing to the 14-hit attack included Gage Flanery (2-for-3, two RBI); Kent Krzyske (2-for-4, RBI); Ryan Rakovalis (2-for-3);

Tony Cipolla (2-for-4); Jake Andrezejewski (RBI) and Austin Baglow (RBI).

Baglow and Andrezejewski divided pitching duties, blanking the Pioneers over three and two innings, respectively.

"Our focus now is to try and play our best in the upcoming tournament and this game was another chance for us to try and get prepared for it," Warriors' coach Kevin Wade said. "I thought we did a good job jumping on them and putting them back on their heels."

The Warriors open district play 10 a.m. Saturday at home against neighbor Westland

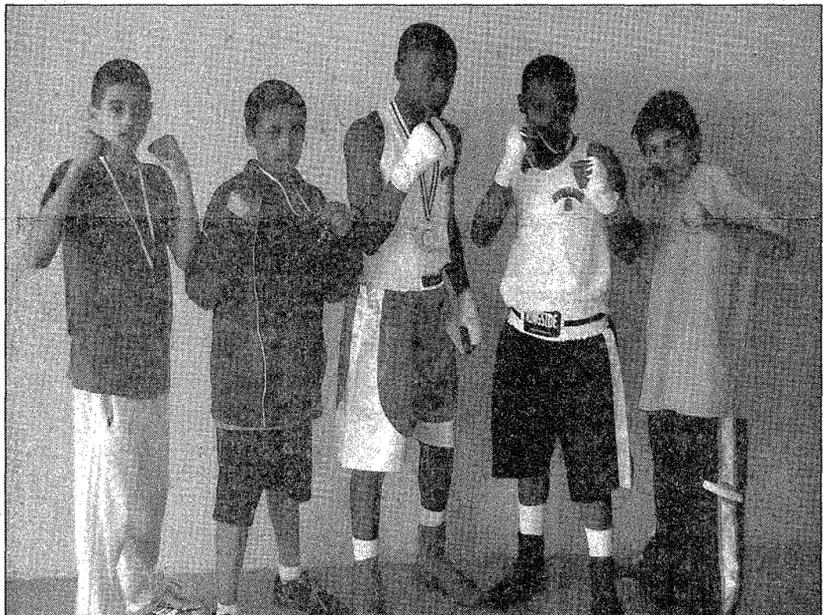
Huron Valley Lutheran. The winner faces Detroit Urban Lutheran in the final at approximately 12:30 p.m.

HARRISON 7, CLARENCEVILLE 0: On Tuesday, a four-run surge in the sixth inning Tuesday broke open a close non-conference game as Farmington Hills Harrison knocked off Livonia Clarenceville (3-22).

Four Hawks pitchers combined to no-hit the Trojans as Dylan Sutton earned the victory.

Despite the setback, Harrison received two good innings of work from pitchers Mike Schiffman and Damien Quarles.

Clarenceville's Damien Sanchez reached base three times and registered two stolen bases.



Dynamic effort

Westland's Dynamic Boxing Club, owned by Plymouth's Chuck Phillips, captured four of five bouts at the State Junior Olympics held May 16-17 at Big Dog Boxing Club in Port Huron. Among the participants were (from left) Aaron Policelli, Sam Rizzo, Robert O'Quinn, Jarico O'Quinn and Anthony Hernandez. Rizzo won two matches in the 100-pound division including a third-round TKO over Michael Cass of Flint and Nick Loznak on a decision. Jarico O'Quinn won the 110-pound weight class with a decision over Tristian Moore of Bay City, while Robert O'Quinn took the 125 title with a decision over Dylan Price of Port Huron. Hernandez, of Westland, decisioned Max Fishell of Prodigy Boxing Club to claim the 85-pound title, while Policelli lost a close decision also in the same weight class.

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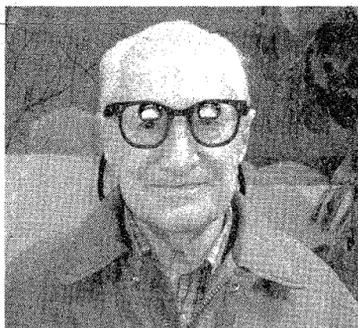
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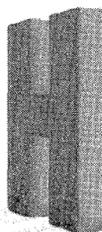
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DIVISION 3
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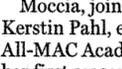
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Bronco All-Academic

The Mid-American Conference recently announced its 2009 Women's Tennis All-Academic team led by Western Michigan University sophomore Amanda Moccia (Livonia Stevenson), who helped the Broncos (21-8, 6-2 MAC) to the most wins in the conference and a berth in the MAC Tournament championship match for the fifth season in a row.



Moccia

Moccia, joined by teammate Kerstin Pahl, earned her first All-MAC Academic honor in her first season of eligibility with a 3.85 grade-point average in biomedical sciences. She was ranked nationally in doubles most of the season and finished the year 27-6, including 19-1 in dual matches, while also going 18-15 in singles, including 5-0 against MAC opponents.

The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport.

Spartan 5K Fun Run

The Livonia Stevenson High Booster Club will stage its 5-kilometer and 1-mile run Spartan Fun Run beginning on Sunday, May 31. The 1-miler starts at 9 a.m.

followed by the 5K at 9:30 a.m. The event begins and ends at Stevenson High.

Pre-registration entry fees for the 5K are \$20 for adults and \$10 for the 1-mile fun run. Pre-registered runners will be guaranteed a T-shirt. Fees (after May 16) are \$25 and \$15, respectively.

For more information, including a course map and registration form, visit www.livonia.k12.mi.us/schools/high/Stevenson.

Army nominates White

Livonia Stevenson junior running back Austin White, a two-time All-Observer selection, has been officially nominated for consideration to play in the 10th anniversary US Army All-American Bowl, which features the nation's top prep football stars.

The 2010 game will be played Saturday, January 9, 2010 in San Antonio's Alamodome and broadcast live on NBC.

Of the 400 nominees, 90 will ultimately be selected and invited to this year's 10th anniversary game. The U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Committee is comprised of Rivals.com, the largest college and high school sports Web site. Tom Lemming, who is recognized as one of the nation's leading experts on college football recruiting and high school talent, Football University regional directors, and Sportslink, owner and producer of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, the U.S. Army National Combine, and Football University.

The 90 invitees will be announced next December.

Churchill seizes 3rd in Kensington event

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

KLAA BOYS GOLF

Northville, the state's top-ranked team in Division 1 boys golf, withstood a stiff challenge to capture the inaugural KLAA Kensington Conference Tournament Tuesday at Salem Hills.

The Mustangs carded a four-player total of 301 to stave off a bid from runner-up Salem (307) and third-place finisher Livonia Churchill (308) for the team title.

The Mustangs boasted five All-Conference (top 18) players led by senior Wes Gates '74, who was co-runner-up, followed by Trevor Grigg, '75; Steve Brown and Eric Goebel, '76 each; and Alex Bernstein, '77.

Salem got a boost from Eric Duprey, who earned individual medalist honors with a 72. Teammate Alex Murray also made All-Kensington Conference with a 75.

Churchill, 6-4 during the KLAA's South Division dual match season, pulled off the biggest surprise as senior Matt Charnley and junior Adam Yarber each shot 75, while senior Dan Bostick added a 78.

"This is by far our best effort of the season," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "The guys played really well today. I'm

hoping we are peaking at the right time of the year. I would love for them to shoot 308 on Friday (regional at the Lakes of Taylor). That would put us right in the hunt for a spot at 'states.'"

Seniors Kevin Robinson and Erik Newman each added 80s for the Chargers, while Ryan Cioch contributed an 81.

"The course today was playing fast," Worley said. "The greens were just firm and fast enough not to give up any really low rounds. It was a pretty fair test. Guys who could play the bump-and-run today had better opportunities to shoot a good round."

Canton, the KLAA South Division champ at 10-0, was led individual co-runner-up Andrew Rickerman, a senior, who shot 74. Teammate Zach Conrad, a junior who earned Division 1 district medalist honors last Thursday at Tanglewood G.C., added a 79.

Other All-Conference players included Novi's Brent Womack (76) and Nick Hansen (77); Plymouth's Justin Bauer (77); Westland John Glenn's Andy Myers (77); South Lyon's Kyle Gordon (79); and Livonia Stevenson's Christian Debay (79).

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS
 May 26 at Salem Hills G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 301 strokes; 2. Salem, 307; 3. Livonia Churchill, 308; 4. Novi, 313; 5. Canton, 315; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 320; 7. Plymouth, 323; 8. Livonia Franklin, 327; 9. South Lyon, 330; 10. Westland John Glenn, 349; 11. South Lyon East, 370; 12. Wayne Memorial, 376.

Individual medalist: Eric Duprey (Salem), 72.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING

Northville (301): Wes Gates, 74; Trevor Grigg, 75; Steve Brown and Eric Goebel, 76 each; Alex Bernstein, 77; Brandon Cameron, 83.

Salem (307): Eric Duprey, 72; Alex Murray, 75; Aaron Thompson, Adam Powers, Josh Perrin, 80 each; Tom Holling, 92.

Churchill (308): Adam Yarber and Matt Charnley, 75 each; Dan Bostick, 78; Erik Newman and Kevin Robinson, 80 each; Ryan Cioch, 81.

Novi (313): Brent Womack, 76; Nick Hansen, 77; Tyler Manning and Chuck Mallo, 80; Sam Palmer, 84; Steve Rajkovic, 87.

Canton (315): Andrew Rickerman, 74; Zach Conrad, 79; Brendan Muir, 80; Jeremy Lindlbauer, 82; Dominic Bonell, 86; Travis Hall, 92.

Stevenson (320): Christian Debay, 79; Adam

Giordano and Drew Mossolan, 80 each; Dan Dufour, 81; Tim Misk, 84; Tom Cullum, 85.

Plymouth (323): Justin Bauer, 77; James Bryans, 80; Andrew Overmeyer and Ryan Bauer, 83 each; Josh Heinze, 85; Trevor Birdwell, 86.

Franklin (327): Jordan Chisholm and Doug Nagy, 80 each; Chris Grund, 83; Jon Holmes, 84; Drake Hermann, 90; Jimmy Johnson, 94.

South Lyon (330): Kyle Gordon, 79; Ben Morman and Lucas Copp, 83 each; Jake Green, 85; Alex Whybra, 87; Cody Tubbs, 88.

John Glenn (349): Andy Myers, 77; Josh Dupre, 85; Conner Monroe, 91; Tim Moran, 96; Tim Boes, 97; Joey Wakeford, 104.

S.L. East (370): Bryan Hawkins, 80; Alec Sturos, 87; Zach Sturos, 96; Matt Oiah, 107; Ryan Groth, 111; Montana Cohn, 113.

Wayne (376): Jacob Smith, 80; Zachary Williamson, 95; Gary Neill, 97; Shane Schooley, 104; Jarret Williams, 112; Corey Robbins, 120.

DUAL MATCH STANDINGS

Central Division: 1. Northville, 9-1; 2. Stevenson, 8-2; 3. (tie) Novi and South Lyon, 5-5 each; 5. Salem, 1-6; 6. S.L. East, 0-9.

South Division: 1. Canton, 10-0; 2. Plymouth, 7-3; 3. Churchill, 6-4; 4. Franklin, 5-5; 5. (tie) John Glenn and Wayne, 1-9 each.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS
 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 (Nville), 29-4; 3. Lauree Glover (LS), 28-15; 4. Allison Gudeman (LS), 27-9; **discus:** 1. Becky Holubka (LS), 97-4; 3. Amber Burkett (LS), 87-7; 5. Kayla Branton (LS), 83-3; 8. Julia Sawicki (LS), 76-6; **high jump:** 1. Elizabeth Roach (Nville), 5-1; 7. Melanie Bauer (LS), 4-7; **long jump:** 1. Katie Liebig (SL), 16-9; 7.3. Marci Kovsky

(LS), 15-9; 8. Bauer (LS), 14-7.5; **pole vault:** 1. Amy Reynolds (Nville), 10-0; 3. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 9-6; 5. Alex Kitz (LS), 8-6; 7. Lisa Black (LS), 8-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Jaclyn Ward (Nville), 16-6; **300 hurdles:** 1. Becky Adamcheck (LS), 47-22; 7. Kovsky (LS), 52-27; **100 dash:** 1. Jasmine Ward (Nville), 12-99; **200:** 1. Adamcheck (LS), 26-94; **400:** 1. Roach (Nville), 59-89; 7. Hayley Babcock (LS), 1:05-14; **800:** 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 2:21-47; **1,600:** 1. Calka (LS), 4:56-92 (school record); **3,200:** 1. Ellen Robinson (Novi), 12:02-52; **400 relay:** 1. Novi, 51-14; 2. Stevenson (Megan DeMarco, Erin Erickson, Kovsky, Bauer), 52-54; **800 relay:** 1. Novi, 1:51-89; 2. Stevenson (Erickson, Claire LeBlanc, Bauer, Stephanie Batshon), 1:54-2; **1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Adamcheck, Batshon, Babcock, Calka), 4:12-89; **3,200 relay:** 4. Stevenson (Gudeman, Sam Hamill, Megan Roberts, Marissa Borden), 11:06-39.

Clarenceville School District Invitation to Bid Computer Systems

The Clarenceville School District is accepting sealed bids for 217 computer systems. The sealed bid should be submitted to Dave Bergeron, Clarenceville School District 20210 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia, MI 48152, by 10:00 a.m., E.S.T., Thursday, June 4, 2009. Late bids will not be considered. The bids will be publicly opened at this time. Proposals must contain the wording "Proposal: Computer Systems" on the envelope/package. A copy of the Request for Proposal can be found at: www.clarenceville.k12.mi.us or by contacting the Technology Director at (248) 919-0240. Clarenceville School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities and to accept a bid which, in the owner's opinion is in the district's best interest.

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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.

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Linda Grimsby, City Clerk

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MAY

Clothing donations wanted

Donations of clean, used clothing are being accepted through May 30, at Memorial Church of Christ, Five Mile. Leave donations at the east door or call (734) 464-6722 to arrange pickup or to volunteer to pack on May 31. Charitable tax receipts are available. On Sunday May 31, at 1 p.m. volunteers will pack up the lightly-used clothing for shipment to Ukraine, Honduras, Kosovo, India, and Niger by Master Provisions, a group that supports missionary activities through clothes distribution in those countries. Last year, more than four tons of clothing were shipped from Livonia.

Church food pantry

Trinity Church is holding another food pantry for May, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, Plymouth. Recipients must reserve a pickup time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. through Thursday, May 28. Pickup day is Saturday, May 30.

Yard sale

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

Lost innocence vigil

Shared Hope International is kicking off a National Awareness Campaign to End Demand for child sex slavery in America with a candlelight vigil 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Members of the church and Shared Hope International are collaborating to raise awareness about child sex trafficking occurring here in Michigan and across our nation. If possible, wear a red shirt for unity and come at 1 p.m. to learn more about trafficking.

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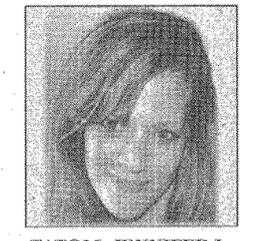
May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends



HELEN McKENNA May 24, 2009, Age 95. Wife of the late Patrick. Helen was a woman of "true grit". In her youth, she had to pass up a scholarship to Pratt Institute in New York to work as a secretary to help sustain her family during the Depression. Within two years after she and Patrick McKenna were married in 1937, he quit his job at Detroit Gray Iron and went into the wood pattern business for himself. Helen managed the office and the finances. They worked as a team complementing each other in their strengths until Patrick's death in 1953. When his business that had been converted to defense work during World War II closed in 1946, they produced wood candy cane Christmas ornaments until Patrick could restart his business once again. His death from an auto accident came just as he had reestablished his contacts in the automotive field. Helen, at the age of 39, took over the business and with help of some of Patrick's friends in the industry made McKenna Industries a success. She smartly invested her profits and financially supported her parents who lived into their 90's. She also helped her children and grandchildren through tough times. Helen believed family comes first and that is the way she lived her life. She was a great socializer and an excellent ballroom dancer. Her impression of Marlene Dietrich singing "Falling in Love Again" at Ridgedale Players was a huge hit. She was a woman of courage and determination. She often said "laugh and the world laughs with you; cry and you cry alone." That's "true grit". Loving mother of Michael D. and the late Patricia. Dear grandmother of Patrick and Daniel Grant, Gael Giles, and Mick, Brian and Stephanie McKenna. Great grandmother of Courtney and Meghan Gowan, Grant Giles and Mickey and Aisling McKenna. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave., (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday 10a.m. until funeral service at 1:00p.m. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ARLENE LENORE LENOX Funeral Services for Arlene Lenore Lenox will be held Friday, May 29, 12:00 noon at Zaagman Memorial Chapel, 2800 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI with Rev. David Fernlund of Algoma Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10 am-12 noon prior to the services. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice of Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook SE, Ste. 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5783.

MARGUERITE NELLIE RAWLINS, Age 92, May 25, 2009 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late David Earl Rawlins. Loving mother of Dorothy Rawlins, Mary Rawlins, Alice Davis, Paul (Dec Dee) Rawlins, Donna (Eric) Pregitzer, David (Valerie) Rawlins, Jr., Norma Rawlins and Richard Rawlins. Sister of Zoe. 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral Service 12 PM Friday at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation 3-9 PM Thursday. Share a memory at www.rggharris.com



TATOM, JENNIFER L. (nee SCIANNA) Age 39 May 25, 2009. Beloved wife of Tom. Loving mother of Michael, Samantha and Kelsey. Dear sister of Carrie (Al) Silveri and Dino. Cherished daughter of Aldo and the late Marcia Scianna. Visitation Thursday 2 - 9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). Funeral Service Friday 1 PM at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be made to U of M Cancer Center for Melanoma Research. To leave a message of condolence, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

BLAIR MORTON Born January 14, 1944. Passed from this life, surrounded by his loving family at home on May 24, 2009 after a long courageous battle with cancer. Survived by his loving wife Ellen Tomasovich. Proud father of Ian, Nicole and Danielle. Also survived by his brother David (Jackie) Morton, and many family and friends whose love and support have been invaluable. The family suggests donations to the Salvation Army. Please sign Blair's online guest book at: www.rggharris.com.

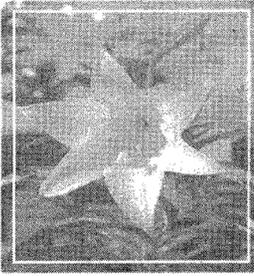
MICHAEL DENNIS MCGINNIS Age 66, of Novi, passed away Thursday, May 21, 2009. He was born September 18, 1942 in Lima, Ohio, the son of Jack D. and Inez Jane (Ackerman) McGinnis. Dear brother of Peggy L. McGinnis of Hartland. Michael had retired as a general foreman for Detroit Diesel. Services will be Saturday, May 30 at 1:30 p.m. (visitation 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.) at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association. Please visit the family's on-line guest book at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.

GLENN LELAND WHITE Formerly of Livonia. Born October 16, 1929, died May 22, 2009. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



TERESA ROBBINS Died May 21, 2009. She was born March 13, 1948. Preceded in death by father, Edward Weimhandl. Survived by husband, James Robbins, son Jimmy and wife Alina; brother David Burt; sister Marie Wiens (Gary); sister Dianne Horton (Chuck); sister Denise Erickson (Mike); sister Laura Lodin. Teresa served on the Westland School Board. She was active with Oakwood Annapolis Hospital Auxiliary. Spear headed Protection and Preservation of Sassafras Trail. Avid gardener. Beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Will be greatly missed by all. Memorials in lieu of flowers preferred to Westland Humane Society or John Bolde Food Depot at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, MI.



WILLIAM S. THOMAS Age 86, May 22, 2009 Member of the Detroit Federation of Musicians and VFW Post #6695. Beloved husband of Angela. Dearest father of Mary (Gordon) Hooper, Diane (Rick) Kelley, Charles Thomas, Angela K. (Timothy) Frost and son-in-law Michael (and the late Barbara) Keith. Also leaves 18 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held on Tuesday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

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FILTER

Chamber Music Society closes season with virtuoso pianist



Yefim Bronfman

Yefim Bronfman returns to the Chamber Music Society of Detroit for a solo recital, Saturday, May 30. The concert takes place at the Seligman Performing

Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills (the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile roads), on the campus of the Detroit Country Day School.

The program includes: Tchaikovsky Dumka, Op. 59; Tchaikovsky Sonata No. 2 in G major (Grand Sonata), Op. 37; Berg Piano Sonata, Op. 1; Schumann Arabesque, Op. 18; and Prokofiev Piano Sonata No. 2 in D minor, Op. 14.

The evening also includes a Pre-Concert Talk by Steven Rings, Assistant Professor of Music, University of Chicago, who will discuss the concert repertoire. The Pre-Concert Talk is open to ticket holders at no additional charge.

For more than 30 years,

Yefim Bronfman has been recognized as one of the world's most brilliant pianists. His commanding technique and exceptional lyrical gifts have made him a stand-out as an orchestral soloist as well as a highly regarded solo recitalist and chamber musician.

Born in Tashkent, in what is now Uzbekistan, in 1958, Bronfman immigrated with his family to Israel in 1973. As a teenager, he toured with the Israel Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein and Zubin Mehta before coming to the United States in 1976. He made his North American debut with the Montreal Symphony in 1975 and his New York Philharmonic debut in 1978. In 1989, he became an American citizen.

Recent highlights of his busy career include performances with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Kirov Orchestra, Vienna Philharmonic, Berlin Philharmonic, Israel Philharmonic and St. Petersburg Philharmonic, as well as with symphony orchestras in all major American cities including Boston,

Philadelphia, Los Angeles and others.

Also within the past few years, he premiered a new concerto written for him by Esa-Pekka Salonen; completed a recital tour of Europe with mezzo-soprano Magdalena Kozena and a duo recital tour of the United States with pianist Emanuel Ax; recorded all the Beethoven piano concerti, as well as the Triple Concerto with violinist Gil Shaham, cellist Truls Mork and the Tönhalle Orchestra Zurich under David Zinman; and completed a recording and concert tour with flutist Emmanuel Pahud.

Among his many awards are a Grammy for Best Instrumental Soloist in 1997, for his recording of the three Bartok concerti with Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, as well as the 1999 Avery Fisher Prize, one of the highest honors given to American instrumentalists.

A member of the Artistic Advisory Board of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, Mr. Bronfman's much-anticipated performances are always a highlight of the CMSD season.

Tickets and luxury coach to Tigers game

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals baseball game at Comerica Park on Monday, July 6. The tickets are in the upper deck behind the first-base dugout. A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m.

The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends. The \$40 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride to the ballpark and back from the Museum.

The Tigers are playing well this year and tickets will be harder to come by, so be sure to get your tickets now from the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The Museum also has tickets and a luxury coach reserved for the Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians game on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The Museum is located at 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Call (734) 455-8940. Tickets can also be purchased through PayPal from the Museum's website at www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html. Go Tigers!

GET OUT

ART

College for Creative Studies: Annual Student Exhibition, through May 29, (313) 664-7464, www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/seo.
CPop Gallery: CPop's farewell exhibit, "It's All About @," through May, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, wcpop.com.
Lemberg Gallery: James Stephens Short Stories, through June 6, 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberg-gallery.com.
Focus: HOPE Gallery: "Focus on the Mission" teen photograph exhibit, May 28 through July 30, Focus: HOPE Gallery, Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. May 28. Second floor, Center for Advanced Technologies, 1400 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit.
Northville Art House: "Saints & Angels: Colonial Arts of Latin America," through May; Call for Entries, Art in the Sun, June 27-28; classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.
Northville Tipping Point Theatre: Behind-the-scenes of live theatre through artists' brush, through May, 361 E. Cady St. At Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, June 5-20, (248)344-0479 or

(248)-347-0003. Art House artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 5, www.northvillearts.org.
Orchard Lake Fine Art Show: July 24-26, includes artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com.
Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Student and Faculty Art Show, May 29-June 13. Opening Reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 5; "Amy Sacksteder: Still," through June 13, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.
Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park.
Plymouth Community Arts Council: Behind the Lens "Peace Project," May 30-June 12, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734)416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.
Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Anne Lise Coste, through May 30, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com.
Visual Arts Association of Livonia: "Artistic Expressions" through May 29, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204, www.vaalart.org.

Cancer survivor stages singing debut in Southfield

Southfield resident and Hodgkin's Lymphoma survivor Marcus Weatherspoon will be making his local singing debut to raise money for his Man and Woman of the Year campaign to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The event, "Life is a Cabaret," will take place Thursday, June 4 at Arturo's Jazz Theater & Restaurant, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road in Southfield, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"I just believe that my life has a calling and there's something so deep inside of me that wants to entertain and wants to perform," says Weatherspoon. "I can't leave here until I've done it. I can't leave here until I'm sitting across from Oprah and she's interviewing me. I refuse to die until that happens."

The event will feature the song styling of Weatherspoon, who will perform at the 170-seat jazz theater. WDRJ-AM gospel station 1440 will be in attendance to hear the local musician.

All proceeds will be donated to LLS and Weatherspoon's Man of the Year Campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to provide support and a cure for blood cancer patients like LLS's Boy and Girl of the Year, Alex Wisner and Paige Malewicz.

Man and Woman of the Year participants work as a team to raise funds for the LLS mission, which is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Individual efforts are also tracked as the top fundraising man and woman from the team will be named as "Team Anchors" and will be recognized in a national advertisement in USA



Marcus Weatherspoon

Today, The advertisement will also feature photographs of the top man and woman fundraiser in the nation.

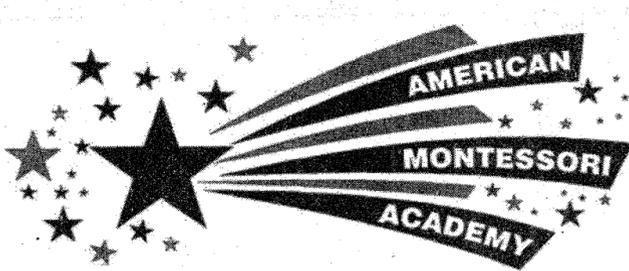
In April of 2008, Marcus Weatherspoon received news that nobody wants to hear: He had cancer. It was Stage 4 (out of five) Hodgkin lymphoma and it had spread to his throat, chest, stomach and pelvis.

He was told by doctors that surgery was not an option because of the severity of his tumors. Weatherspoon would have to fight to stay alive and accomplish his dreams. Eight months later, in December, he received news that his cancer was gone.

"I believe that if you give up mentally, physically, your body is going to give up. I just chose not to go that route," says Weatherspoon.

For more information about the Man and Woman of the year program, visit www.lls.org/mi; or contact Miriam Imerman at (248) 581-3884 or miriam.imerman@lls.org.

Hodgkin lymphoma is a type of blood cancer that affects the immune system. It can strike in people in their twenties or thirties. There were about 8,220 cases of Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosed last year in the United States. It is considered to be one of the most curable forms of cancer with a five-year survival rate of 86 percent. For more information about Hodgkin lymphoma or other blood cancers, contact the Michigan chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at (248) 581-3900 or www.lls.org/mi.



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FOOD & WINE

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MAKE-A-WISH FUNRAISER

LIVONIA — The Make-A-Wish Foundation is partnering with Baskin-Robbins for a 'FunRaiser' to raise money for their Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour, a three-day, 300-mile bicycle ride from Traverse City to Chelsea. Baskin Robbins will donate \$1 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation from each ice cream cake they sell June 1-July 25. They aim to sell 5,000 cakes, raising \$5,000 for the Wish-A-Mile.

To kick off the program, Baskin Robbins will host an event 3-9 p.m. Monday, June 8 at the Livonia location, 17138 Farmington Road. Local media and Make-A-Wish representatives will join customers to enjoy entertainment, their favorite Baskin Robbins' flavor and an additional \$5-off coupon on any ice cream cake purchased that day, including pre-orders. Visit www.baskin-robbins.com.

CANTON COOK OFF

CANTON — Now is your chance to showcase your "pot-luck" favorite at the Spice Up Your Summer's Cook Off competition featuring "Summertime Sides and Appetizers" 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7 at the Canton Farmers Market.

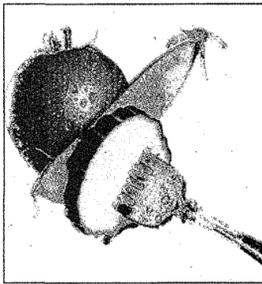
Five categories include appetizers, salad, veggie, fruit, and pasta. Participants are asked to bring a prepared version of their dish to the competition, provide a list of ingredients, and supply all of their own ingredients and cooking utensils for on-site preparation. Great prizes will be awarded for the most succulent sides and appealing appetizers, with the top three moving on to compete at Liberty Fest 2009. Entry fee is \$15; \$10 for Canton residents. To enter by June 1, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

NEW DINING AT TWELVE OAKS

NOVI — Tin Fish, A&W and Sanders will open later this year at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

The original Tin Fish in Fair Haven has offered a casually elegant waterfront experience on Anchor Bay since 2001. A second Tin Fish opened just last year at Clinton Township's Mall at Partridge Creek. Tin Fish's theme will revolve around fish and water and will provide a truly unique, fun atmosphere for dining and entertainment.

A&W also will open this fall — the perfect time to raise a



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frosty mug of the world's number-one selling root beer. While the mixed-fresh-daily blend of herbs, spices, barks and berries remains a proprietary secret to this day, more widely known is the tasty brand of all-American food that A&W has served up since 1922. A&W will be located in the mall's Lifestyle Café Food Court.

To further sweeten the offerings, longtime Detroit-area favorite Sanders will open a flagship store at Twelve Oaks Mall by this fall. Since its first soda fountain opened in 1875, Sanders has tempted customers with its famous candies, fudge toppings and baked goods as well as desserts, including its popular ice cream sodas and hot fudge cream puffs. The new Twelve Oaks store will not only offer these signature treats, but will also be the first Sanders location to bring back — by popular demand — Sanders' vintage sandwiches, soups and light morning fare.

Twelve Oaks Mall is located at the intersection of three major highways, I-96, I-696 and I-275, at Novi and Twelve Mile roads in Novi.

BLU MYNT OPENS

GARDEN CITY — The Blu Mynt, owned by Mo Berro, recently opened at 31408 Ford, just west of Merriman, in Garden City.

The restaurant serves Middle Eastern cuisine like hummus, tabbouleh, shish tawook and shwarma, as well as hamburgers and subs. Lunch specials start at \$6.99, and dinner specials at \$10.99. The Blu Mynt also offers a new feature aimed at attracting younger patrons later in the evening. Along with a coffee and juice bar — the business doesn't sell alcohol — Berro has a hookah bar for customers over age 18.

"People smoke flavored tobacco — it's for the lounge and that time after dinner. It's been very popular," said Berro. "We have an area with couches like you would have at Starbucks and a television. Any age can come. It's a good place to hang out. There's no other place like it in Garden City."

COMERICA CITYFEST '09

DETROIT — Comerica Cityfest 2009, formerly Tastefest, will dish up something to satisfy most anyone's summertime gastronomic desires July 1-5 in Detroit's New Center area. Taste tickets are \$10 for 16. Portion prices are two to five tickets for taste size, six to 10 tickets for sampler size and 11 to 14 tickets for meals.

Participating restaurants include Finn & Porter, Eastern Flame, Marwood Inn, Redwood Grill, Mozart Catering, Aw...Shucks, Bogartz Café, Centaur, Chan's Café, Clubhouse Tavern, Damon's Grill, Happy's Pizza, Harbor House, Kola's Food Factory, Lazybones Smokehouse, The Melting Pot of Troy, Motown Kabob, New Center Eatery, Pizzeria Venti, Rice Bowl Fresh Asian Eatery, Union Jacks, Unique Creations, and Waves Inn Fish Supreme.

Desserts will be provided by Good Girls go to Paris Crepes, The CupCake Kitchen, Trenton Ice Cream, Canopy Cheesecake Co., Casey's New York Style Ice, Sweet Potato Sensations, The Chocolate Gallery Café and the Funnel Cake Place.

Beverages will be served by Barefoot Wine, Doubletree Guest Suites mobile coffee house, Town Pump Tavern, and more.

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SIVE DAILY SPECIALS

PLYMOUTH — Five Restaurant announces the following daily specials: Monday Happy Hour, half-off mixed drinks and other wine, beer and drink specials; Tuesday Date Nights, buy one entree from the prix fixe menu and get another for half-off, champagne toast included; Wednesday Girls' Night Out, half-off drink specials, specialty drink features and free chef's tasting with tips and recipes from 5-7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, half off select bottles of wine; Friday and Saturday, live entertainment; Sunday, light fare entrees all day starting at \$10. Five is located at the Inn at St.

John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 357-5700 or visit www.theinnatstjohns.com.

JAWS BURGERS EXPANDS FARMINGTON HILLS

Jaws Jumbo Burgers in Farmington Hills is forming an investment group. Members will share 30 percent ownership and profits of all future Jaws Restaurant locations and a 30 percent commission on all franchise store sells. Jaws Jumbo Burgers plans to open multi-unit stores in the Metro Detroit area and throughout the United States. A membership fee and monthly dues are required. Members are allowed a low-cost ground floor opportunity to plan for their family's financial future with Jaws Jumbo Burgers. For more information visit www.jawsjumbo-burgers.net or call Craig Ellis, (248) 259-1326.

MEIJER SCORES NUTRITION METRO DETROIT

NuVal, a scientifically-based food scoring system, launched in all stores in the Midwest-based Meijer retail chain. The NuVal Nutritional Scoring System gives all food a Score from 1 to 100; the higher the score, the higher the nutrition. All NuVal scores are provided on the shelf, making it easy for consumers to compare the overall nutrition of the foods they buy at a glance. The inventor of the "one-stop" shopping concept, Meijer operates 185 supercenters in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. Consumers visiting their local Meijer will see thousands of items with the trademark NuVal blue hexagon, which contains the NuVal score. Scored categories include salty snacks, milk, yogurt, vegetables (fresh, frozen and canned), cereal, bread, cookies, and crackers, among others. Visit www.nuval.com.

Charley sports green footprint

If you're a wine aficionado, have concern about the environment and plan to vacation Up North, do visit one of Michigan's most popular wineries, Left Foot Charley, located in The Village of Grand Traverse Commons, Traverse City, Mich.

Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Left Foot Charley came on the scene in 2007 as the first Michigan winery to open in an urban facility, a former Michigan state hospital campus, currently under development as a mixed-use project in a Michigan Tax-Free Renaissance Zone. Jen and winemaker Bryan Ulbrich, LeftFoot's owners, renovated the former hospital's laundry facility for its modern winery operations, classy tasting room and winebar, with a nifty small plates menu.

GREEN FOOT

After only two years at the Traverse City location, Left Foot Charley has raised the environmental concern bar by sporting a green foot. "In calendar year 2008," Bryan Ulbrich said, "we went through 2,000 bottles (750mL each) for complimentary tasting and wine served by the glass (\$5) at the wine bar."

"Those bottles went from the bottling line to the tasting room to the recycling bin outside. They were picked up, crushed and turned into asphalt. The bottles had a closure and a label. All that cost a lot of money and created a greater carbon footprint for the winery."

WINE PICKS

Delicious new 2008 wine releases from Left Foot Charley. PINOT GRIGIO, \$15; PINOT BLANC Island View Vineyard, \$18 and RIESLING MD, \$15.

Now, wine for tasting on premise is drawn from a tank outfitted with nitrogen gas or carbon dioxide gas taking the place of the wine and keeping the remainder fresh.

"All this has been a learning curve," Ulbrich adds. "We're now planning to use 300L refrigerated tanks behind the tasting bar. They have a nitrogen line running to them under a pressure of 5psi." Wine on tap? You could say that.

GROWLERS FOR TAKE OUT

Locals and visitors alike can fill a standard growler with a shelf life in the refrigerator of two weeks — such as a stay Up North. Growlers can be returned for a refill. They're rinsed with 160-degree water (same as the rinser on the bottling line). Danger of something impacting growler cleanliness is eliminated.

GOING INDEPENDENT

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

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Helping MDA

Defying typical non-profit fund-raising across the United States this year, Lowe's is at the top of a long list of retail and restaurant partners to report a record-breaking \$18 million in Shamrocks Against Dystrophy sales. At the conclusion of the 26th annual Muscular Dystrophy Association campaign, Lowe's reported \$4.3 million in sales, nearly doubling the previous record of \$2.3 million raised by one retail grocery two years ago. The \$1 and \$5 Shamrocks donations have now raised more than \$200 million for Jerry's Kids.

Shamrock sales at the Westland Lowe's brought in \$1,741 that stays in local communities and provides hope to families living with muscular dystrophy and related diseases.

"We want to thank our loyal customers for their tremendous support and are extremely proud of our Lowe's team that got behind this effort 100 percent," said Todd Turner, Westland store manager.

"We're grateful to our partners for reaching out to their customers, for even a small donation," said Gerald C. Weinberg, MDA President and CEO. "The overwhelming generosity of the local Westland community demonstrates that there is so much good in the world. We can't thank everyone enough."

Through Shamrocks Against Dystrophy, \$1 and \$5 donations help fund research for treatments and cures, support group sessions, clinic fees, MDA

summer camp, mobility and communication devices, and much more.

New to staff

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing with the addition of two new medical staff members.

Joining the staff is Dr. Romal Bhan, Infectious Diseases, who has offices at 24350 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 111, in Farmington Hills, and Dr. Obioma S. Agomuo, Obstetrics/Gynecology, who has offices at 17330 Northland Park Ct., Southfield.

Now with 365 physicians in 47 specialties able to serve the community, Garden City Hospital has become a leader in providing quality healthcare and service to patients, visitors and staff. For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, contact the Physician Referral service at 877-717-WELL.

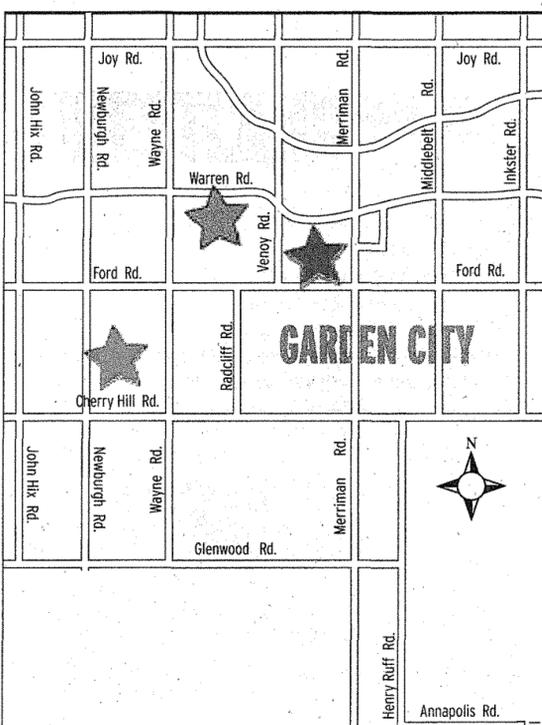
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Classic Cars
You're invited to Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury's first annual Classic Car Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of classic and customized vehicles. Plus any purchase of ice cream or food on site during the event will help support The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Metropolitan Lincoln

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Garden sale
With sunshine and warmer weather the norm, Materials Unlimited is having a garden sale to celebrate. Now through June 30, take 20 percent off of any decorative garden items. Looking for creative gifts or that finishing accent for a one of a kind look? Materials Unlimited has three floors of unique items perfect for outdoor display! From iron gates to cast stone fountains, there will be more than one object that would look great at your place. Materials Unlimited is at 2 W. Michigan Avenue in Ypsilanti. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call (734) 483-6980 or shop online at www.materialsunlimited.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Get out and vote
You can help the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland win a grant by voting online at www.theanimalrescuesite.com/click-to-give/shelterchallenge.faces?siteid=3 money. The Animal Rescue Site will choose eligible Petfinder.com animal rescue organizations to receive special funds to help animals! Participating is simple. You can cast one vote every day for your favorite rescue. More than 60 grants will be awarded for a total of \$100,000 going to eligible Petfinder.com members. Fifteen weekly prizes of \$1,000 will be awarded to eligible Petfinder.com organizations throughout the course of the challenge. Final winners, including \$20,000 Grand Prize, will be announced on July 29. Final prizes will go to the eligible Petfinder.com organization with the highest accumulative votes for the duration of the challenge as specified in the rules.

Chamber luncheon
The Garden City Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly luncheon June Chamber at noon Tuesday, June 2, at Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury, 32000 Ford Road, Garden City. The cost is \$10 per person. Call the chamber office at (734) 422-4448 to reserve a spot.

Coffee Connection
The Westland Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Coffee Connection 8-9 a.m. Thursday, June 18, at Starbucks Coffee Company at 36545 Warren Road at the corner of Central City Parkway. Just come on in, buy a cup of coffee, get some networking done, and meet fellow Chamber members. No need to reserve a seat. For more information, call (734) 326-7222.

Blizzard update
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