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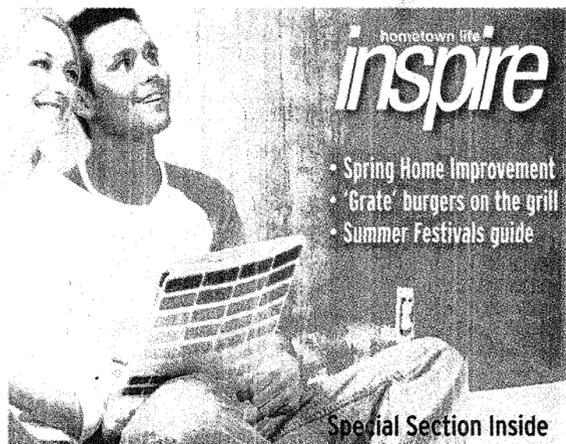
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AROUND TOWN

Fund-raiser

If balloon animals and face painting sound like fun to you, stop by the Karma Coffee Shop, 3015 S. Wayne Road, from noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17. The activities are a fund-raiser for the Women of Westland Relay for Life team. All donations go to the American Cancer Society. Bring the kids and have a great time while donating to a great cause.

Foreclosure

The Westland Library is hosting a Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program, a free Wayne County program providing a network of certified counselors who will help people avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure. Homeowners can schedule a private 30-minute one-on-one meeting with a counselor from the Wayne County Fight Foreclosure Program.

Appointments are available 5-8 p.m. Monday, April 19. Space is limited. Call (734) 326-6123 for an appointment or stop by the library on Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

Chili cookoff

The Westland Democratic Club will hold its fifth annual Chili Cookoff Tuesday, April 27, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, Westland. Cooks can enter their chili for a fee of \$5.

Cooks need to be at the center at 5:30 p.m., tasters at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 to taste and vote. Extra votes can be purchased at 10 for \$5 or 30 for \$10. Beverages and desserts are included. There also will be a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds will go to the Westland Democratic Club. For information, call Nan at (734) 641-8895.

Now open

Grab your clubs and head to the Westland Municipal Golf Course, which is now open for the season. The nine-hole course, located at 500 S. Merriman, is a family friendly course and is a great course for your next golf outing.

Daily rates for Westland residents are \$12 for nine holes or \$20 for eighteen. For non-residents, the cost is \$16 for nine holes and \$26 for eighteen. Seniors, age 62 and over, can golf at a discounted rate.

The course also has a clubhouse to unwind in or enjoy daily lunch and dinner specials at the Bogie Grille or play a game or two of Keno.

For more information, call (734) 721-6660.

New AFSCME pact will limit new layoffs

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's expected that up to 25 members of Westland's largest employee bargaining unit will leave under an early retirement option during the next two fiscal years.

Whether enough people will leave to avoid the 15 layoffs from American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, included in

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the proposed 2010-11 budget, isn't clear yet.

"There will probably be 13-15 people leaving this year by July 1 (when the fiscal year begins) and 10 the following year," said Larry Roman, AFSCME Local 1602 president. "I haven't been given a number — only

what I read in the newspaper. We've asked that same question."

As people retire from the top of the seniority list, Mayor William Wild said the reduction through layoff from the bottom of the list will be reduced.

"We assume that the layoffs will be reduced, if there are retirements but that remains to be seen," said Roman, who will be among those retiring soon.

After working more than a year without a contract, AFSCME members recently ratified a four-year agreement and a letter of understanding that give employees an opportunity to purchase up to five years of credited service to achieve 25 years for retirement. That early retirement program also has been approved by other city unions.

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9-1-1: Fire teams use homes for training

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It looked like a natural disaster had selectively struck a couple of homes in the Norwayne section of Westland Tuesday.

The homes were sliding off their foundation and collapsing, but the damage was manmade to simulate the affects of a tornado. Members of the Urban Search and Rescue teams from Western Wayne County, Oakland County and Macomb County joined forces to hone their skills.

The training began when Westland Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tenniswood called 9-1-1 to report a tornado had damaged the homes. Westland firefighters responded, assessed the situation, then called in the USAR teams, which typically consist of two firefighters from each local fire department.

"We've never pulled everyone all together at the same location for a drill. It's kind of ground-breaking," said Tenniswood. "The USAR teams respond to disasters, natural or man-made. We do rescues from trenches that collapse. That's what the team is all about."

Along with working with the USAR teams, Tenniswood worked with Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis and Building Director Roger Shifflett to get homes that could be used in training. A total of five homes located on Newaygo at Dorsey and Daytona and Grand Traverse had been abandoned or foreclosed. The city had



Jason Reeves and Derek LaPerriere, Members of the Urban Search and Rescue teams, carry a victim from a home during a training exercise Tuesday.

acquired the homes which were slated for demolition.

"This program is getting rid of homes that the city owns, we can do what we want with them," said Tenniswood. "Roger (Shifflett) schedules the demolitions. He dictated

and coordinated the demolition schedules. I'm very appreciative. We wouldn't have been able to pull this off in other communities."

The previous day, team leaders from the USAR teams prepared the houses with donated furniture and rescue

dummies, complete with injury information. Some of the houses will have structurally sound tunnels built so a live victim can crawl under the wreckage. Second-floor structures were cut

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W-W seeks renewal of nonhomestead tax

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not since early days of Proposal A have voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools seen a tax request on the ballot. But come May 4, they will be asked to renew an 18-mill non-homestead tax levy.

The tax, approved for 15 years in 1996, is levied on commercial, industrial and some personal property and

generates \$19.5 million in revenue for the district. School officials, however, are concerned voters will mistake the request as a new tax on their homes.

"What we're finding is a lot of people don't remember Proposal A, a lot of our parents were in high school when it passed," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "They don't realize that this is not a tax increase, it's not a new tax and it's not a tax on their residences."

The millage is set to expire on June 30, 2011. The request is to continue the tax levy for an additional 15 years. Its approval will cost homeowners nothing. The tax is levied on owners of business and commercial and some personal properties like apartment and rental units and some vacant property and represents a substantial portion of the district's general operating fund budget.

If voters were to turn down the request, the district would lose an estimated \$1,500 per student in funding that cannot be replaced. According to an informational question-and-answer piece on the Wayne-Westland Web site — www.wwcsd.net — the district "would be forced to make very drastic reductions in programs or services to offset the loss."

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Network pilots autism, ADD/ADHD programs

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Neil Carrick talks about a new pilot program offering programs for children with autism, Asperger's syndrome or attention deficit disorder, he finds one aspect hard to get across to parents.

"I have to keep saying 'It's free to you,'" said Carrick. "That's hard for people to understand when they've spent \$20,000 on treatment."

Each child who qualifies will receive upwards of \$2,500-\$5,000 in services for free through the Michigan Indigo Children and Families Network, founded by Carrick.

"I raised the money to pay for this through fund-raisers. The provider is going out of their way to do this for next to nothing," said

Carrick. "That's why we're able to provide the services for free. The parents don't believe me."

Eligible families can apply for the programs which will incorporate neurofeedback, a form of biofeedback for the brain that has been used in a variety of ways for more than 30 years, but still considered an alternative therapy. There will also be play attention and applied behavior analyses using a form of integrated play, socialization programs and other activities.

Two programs are dedicated to children affected by autism and Asperger's syndrome in two different age groups, 3-12 years old and 13-19 years old. The other pilot program will be directed at children affected by ADD/ADHD. Details of eligibility and the applications process are available online at www.wix.com/indigochildren/pilot.

"We expect a couple of hundred applications. Autism isn't covered by insurance," said Carrick, a Westland resident who founded the Indigo Network in December. "Three hundred people joined our Facebook on the first day."

The treatment will be provided by Donald Madger of The Brain Training Center.

"These are the first of these kinds of programs for children in Michigan. Using these 'integrated' services for children is our first step to help families with direct services for their children affected by autism, Asperger's and ADD/ADHD," said Carrick. Neurofeedback sessions alone typically cost \$100 or more per session, Carrick said, with 20-30

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AFSCME
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If 25 AFSCME workers, whose members include Department of Public Services staff, city clerical employees and parks and recreation staff, take the retirement option the city could save as much as \$2 million annually. This would be in addition to 10 AFSCME workers who were laid off in February.

With 93 members currently, Local 1602 members agreed to pay freezes for 2009 and 2010, with a 1 percent raise to take effect in 2011 and a 1.5 percent raise in 2012.

Other changes include a switch to less expensive PPO-1 health insurance for current employees with new hires receiving PPO-2 health coverage. Longevity pay and uniform allowances will be eliminated.

New hires will participate in a defined contribution plan for which the city will pay 10 percent of the employee's base pay and the employee will contribute 5 percent of his/her salary toward retirement. New hires will have no retiree health care benefits.

The city recently reached contract extensions with three police and firefighter unions that included similar concessions, including a two-year pay freeze, elimination of longevity pay, benefit changes for new hires, expanded pay scales and the elimination of two command positions in

Supervisors agree to 2-year pay freeze

Westland supervisory personnel have reached a tentative agreement with the city, including a pay freeze for the next two years.

Like other city employee groups, UAW Local 174, which represents 14 supervisory staff, has agreed to pay freezes for the next two years with 2 percent raises negotiated for 2012 and 2013. Other concessions reached with supervisors include the elimination of longevity pay and a uniform allowance.

In addition, a change in health insurance for current employees and new hires was fully negotiated, putting all new hires, regardless of union, on the same cost-effective health care plan. As with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees members, new hires will be

placed into a defined contribution pension program and they will not receive any retiree health insurance.

"I would like to express my gratitude to these employees who recognize the financial situation facing the city of Westland is not a 'manufactured problem' to quote one of the union's bargaining committee members," Mayor William Wild said. "These employees work alongside the city's executive staff and they realize our financial challenges will not subside anytime soon."

The agreement also calls for the early out retirement opportunity that may result in the retirements of as many as five supervisors. The contract will likely be presented to the council at its May 3 meeting, following ratification by union members.

the fire department.

As many as 25 police and fire employees may take advantage of this program with an expected cost savings in excess of \$2 million. Among those leaving are police Chief James Ridener and Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tenniswood.

"The city and the unions

realize we are dealing with declining property values and a corresponding decline in tax and other revenues," said Wild. "The economic pressures being faced by Westland residents and businesses are being experienced at City Hall."

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so they fall on the first-floor areas similar to an actual collapse.

Westland Department of Public Services workers used their equipment to push on the structures and make the homes unstable.

USAR team members began assessing the damage and locating trapped victims. Firefighters set to work building supports to keep walls in the houses from collapsing further outward which would also take the floors. Canines were used to help locate the victims. Rescue teams were assigned to stabilize work areas, search the building, locate victims, treat their injuries and safely remove them from the buildings.

As they would in a real



Handlers help lift a search dog from the window of one of the homes.

disaster, the Salvation Army sent out their emergency vehicle, providing food and beverages to the emergency workers.

Midwest Medflight from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor did a fly-over and landed at a nearby school as part of the training.

Getting the training program organized was a big

project for Tenniswood, who retires on Friday. Along with the benefits of the training itself, Tenniswood noted the city was able to provide homes that were already slated for demolition. Contractors will complete the demolition and cleanup following the training.

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"I can't manage a loss of \$19.5 million," said Baracy. "We're already trying to cut that out of the budget over two years. I can't even hypothetically say what we would do. We're closing five school buildings and that only saves \$5 million."

In addition to school closings, school officials are seeking concessions from employees to help get the district through the next two years without major

cuts. State school funding was cut \$165 per student this budget year, and district officials believe the state will cut at least another \$196 next year as well as boost the retirement payment by 2 percent to almost 20 percent of payroll.

The district is barred from publicly campaigning for the tax renewal, so Baracy has been meeting with PTA groups to provide information about the request.

"We'd like to see the community support this initiative because it doesn't affect the primary residence of hom-

owners," he said. "It will not increase their tax bill, but if it doesn't pass, it will be more devastating to our schools than the last few years."

Voters also will fill one four-year term on the school board in the May 4 election. Incumbent John Goci of Westland is seeking his first four-year term on the board. Goci was elected to fill the remaining year of term held by former school board member Frederick Weaver. He's being challenged by Karen Wilkie of Wayne.

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WESTLAND ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION

These vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction. The auction will be on Tuesday, April 20th at 11:00 am and will be held at 6375 Hix, Westland, MI, 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	VIN
1994	Plymouth	Acclaim	2B4GP44G9WR501411
1997	Chevrolet	Blazer	1GNDT13W6V2210202
1999	Ford	Escort	3FAKP1138XR196790
1992	Pontiac	Grand Prix	1G2WH54T5NF231277
1995	Ford	Escort	1FASP15JXSW372253
1989	Ford	Bronco	1FMFU15H0KLA31390
1989	Honda	Accord	1HGCA5641KA081557
1995	Nissan	Maxima	JN1CA21D0ST029395
1990	Ford	F150	1FTEF15NXXLA21438

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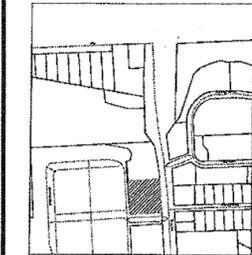
CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1433D, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval, Proposed Independent Retail Pharmacy, 8351 N. Wayne Road, Parcel #014-99-0020-702, West Side of Wayne Road, South of Joy Road, Mohamed Dabaja (Frank Dabaja)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2010.

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



Ken Sharp, Chairman Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
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Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves
79: Appr.: minutes of regular meeting held 3/15/10.
-Appr. req. D. Borneman to conduct blanket burn at Nankin Mills Park any day btwn. 4/7/10 and 5/15/10.
-Appr. req. D. Borneman to conduct blanket burn at 33104 Warren Rd. any day btwn. 4/7/10 and 5/15/10.
-Appr. req. of Westland Bowl to hold Outdoor Flea Market on 5/29 & 30, 6/26 & 27, & 7/24 & 25, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
-Appr. req. from VFW #9885 to conduct iBuddy Poppy Sale from 5/6/10-5/8/10 at ford & Hix, Ford & Newburgh and Newburgh & Warren.
-Appr. req. from P.D. Graham to hold iNeighborhood Walk on 6/7/10 at 12:30 p.m.
-Appr. req. from S.A.R.A.H. to conduct a Walk for Domestic Violence on 6/12/10 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
-Appr. first pmt. To Bidigare Contractors for Sanitary Sewer Rehab project; amt. \$87,814.17.
-Adopted Budget Amendment 2010-02; General Fund.
-Adopted Ord. 248-A-67, rezone GAR to CB-4, PID 035-99-0007-001, s. side of Stacy, e. of Wayne Rd.
-Adopted Land Div. Res., part of PID 035-99-0007-001 s. side of Stacy Ave., e. of Wayne Rd., n. of Ford Rd.
80: Appr. minutes of special meeting held 3/25/10.
81: Conf. appt of A. Martin to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 3 yr. term to exp. 4/5/13.
82: Appr. checklist: \$1,282,331.06 & Prepaid: \$4,388,243.37.
Mtg. adj. at 7:35 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

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sessions or more needed. As a result, he said very few families have the financial ability to obtain these types of services for their children.

"Almost none of these services are available to parents without them directly paying out of pocket," said Carrick. "The pilot programs will use integrated activities, tools and services for each child that participates."

Michigan Indigo Children and Families Network has

scheduled information meetings about the three pilot programs for autism, Asperger's, and ADD/ADHD.

Meetings are scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Unity of Farmington Hills, 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

Parents should respond for the event so they can receive

initial forms and information. Parents should bring with them copies of the medical, health and academic records.

Contact Michigan Indigo Children & Families Network at www.wix.com/indigochildren/pilot, by e-mail at michindigo@gmail.com, or by contacting Neil Carrick at (734) 469-0234.

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

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On April 20, 2010, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1998	Dodge	Caravan/SW	White	2B4GP44G9WR501411
1994	Mercury	Tracer/4 Dr	Red	3MARM10J2RR645417
1990	Ford	Taurus/4 Dr	White	1FACP52U4L219552
1982	Cadillac	Deville/2 Dr Coupe	Gray	1G6AD4789C9160814
1983	Olds	Delta 88/2 Dr	Silver	1G3AY37Y0DM957480
1992	Ford	Explorer/4 Dr	Red	1FMDU34X6NUD19185
1994	Ford	Ranger/Pkup	Green	1FTCR10A0RUA36102
1989	Dodge	Ram/Pkup	Red	JB7FL29E5KP054559
1994	Mercury	Gr Marquis/4 Dr	Green	2MELM75W3RX680643
1996	Chevy	Camaro/2 Dr	Green	2G1FP22K4T2120041
1994	Buick	Skylark/4 Dr	Black	1G4NM55MSRC264707
1993	Ford	Explorer/4 Dr	Blue	1FMDU34X0PUC58287
1996	Jaguar	XJ6/4 Dr	Black	SAJHX1748TC771131
2006	Buick	Lucerne/4 Dr	Tan	1G4HD57266U131569

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after May 15, 2010 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1992	Ford	Escort/2 Dr	Red	1FAPP11J5N164782

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CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-67

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-4 district classification where GAR district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 SECTION 9, T2S., R9E., CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEGINNING S.89°40'00" E., 412.94 FEET AND S.00°20'00"W., 25.00 FEET FROM THE MOST WESTERLY SOUTHWEST CORNER OF STACY LITTLE FARMS; THENCE S.00°20'00" W., 454.39 FEET; THENCE S.88°26'08" E., 289.65 FEET; THENCE N.00°13'00"E., 184.32 FEET; THENCE N. 89°40'00"W., 110.00 FEET; THENCE N.00°13'00"E., 275.00 FEET; THENCE N.89°40'00"W., 179.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

Adopted: April 5, 2010
Effective: April 15, 2010

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Chelsie Jackson (on right), shown performing in Sharon Garber's "Shades of Glass" at the 2010 WMU Winter Gala Dance Concert, is collecting gently-used and new ballet wear to donate to a dance school in northern Iraq.

Dance student collects items for Iraqi institute

A Westland woman is on a mission to collect gently-used and new ballet wear to be donated to a dance school in northern Iraq.

Chelsie Jackson, a Western Michigan University senior majoring in dance, is gathering the donations for the new Institute of Dance in the city of Suleimaniya in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq. Her project is designed to support the unification of heritages and religions in the Kurdish region through ballet.

The Institute of Dance in Suleimaniya is currently operating solely on donations.

The daughter of Phillip Jackson and Tracy Randolph, Jackson has donation boxes

for gently-used or new ballet-wear in seven Kalamazoo area dance schools until May 7. All of the donations will be hand-delivered to the school through American Voices, a non-profit organization through the U.S. Embassy that gives developing countries and countries at war opportunities to further themselves through the arts.

So far Jackson has collected dance attire valued at \$3,577 and \$235 in monetary donations, which go toward shipping the items, ballet barres, a piano and resident teachers for the Institute of Dance in Suleimaniya.

In addition to collecting attire and funds, Chelsie is

working with WMU associate professor of dance Sharon Garber to form a beginning ballet curriculum for the institute.

Jackson's inspiration for collecting donations for the Institute of Dance in Suleimaniya came from a ballet history research paper that she did on Middle Eastern ballerinas. This project is her Senior Capstone Project which is required for her to earn a bachelor of arts in dance.

People wanting to donate to the Institute of Dance in Suleimaniya through Jackson's project can contact the WMU Department of Dance at (269) 387-5830.



Red Wings Alumni Gerry Abel waits for Westland Wild Wing Chris Szpara to take a shot during the charity hockey game at Mike Modano Arena.

Wings win, Wings lose: Park is biggest winner in hockey game

The Wild Wings may have come up a little short on the final score against the Red Wings Alumni but no one was unhappy with the outcome of the recent benefit hockey.

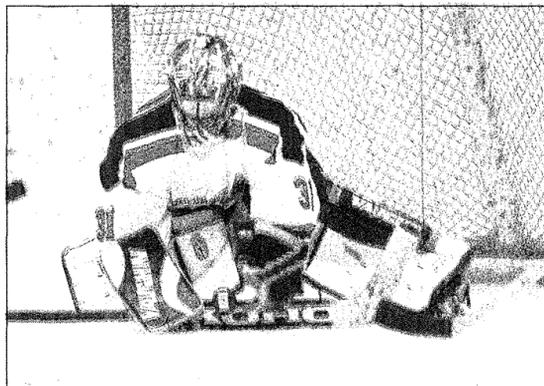
The event raised just over \$20,000 to benefit the remediation of Central City Park. The remediation plan includes a soccer complex, concession stand, picnic shelters, a walking path, outdoor restrooms and much more.

No matter which "wings" you were rooting for, red or wild, fun was had by all. Although the Westland Wild fell short, with a final score of 10 to 7, the main goal of fund-raising was reached, said Mayor William Wild.

"Central City Park is very important to this community and the support we received went above and beyond our expectations," Wild said. "I would like to thank the 800-plus residents, dignitaries, vendors and city employees who attended this very special event."

The event was held at Mike Modano Arena. In addition to ticket sales and raffles, sponsorships were also offered as part of the fund-raising efforts.

"I would also like to send a special thank you to the sponsors, the Red Wing Alumni and the members of my team, the Westland Wild Wings, for their support of our All American City and for helping make this event possible," Wild said.



Jeff Reed makes a save for the Wild Wings during the benefit game.



Jacquese Marcum sang the National Anthem to kick off the benefit hockey game between the Westland Wild Wings and the Red Wing Alumni.

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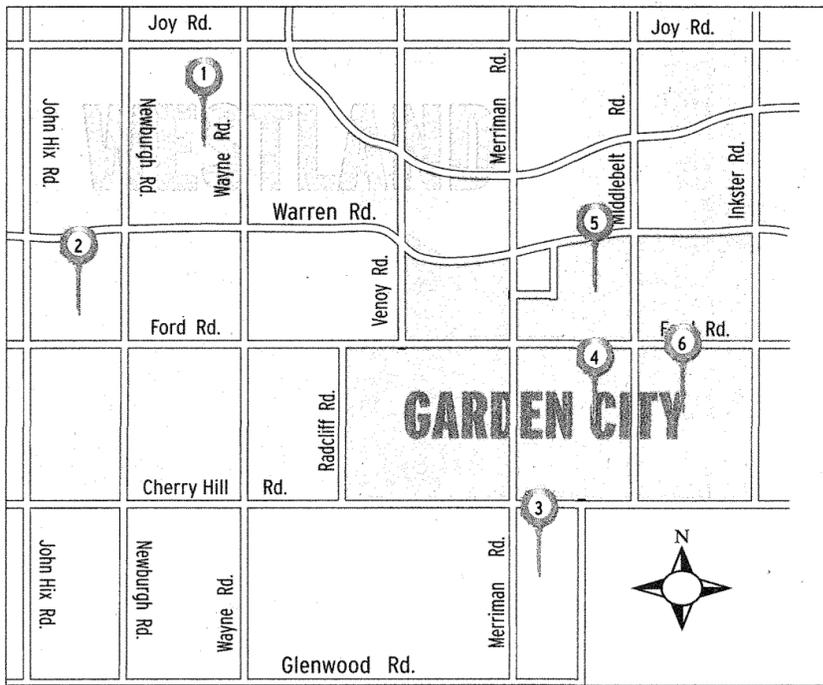
Bomb threat
 On April 5, police were called to Hegira Westland Counseling, 8623 N. Wayne Road, just before 4:30 p.m. after a bomb threat was reported. The building had been evacuated by the time officers arrived. A male caller was reported to have said a bomb would go off at 5 p.m. Metro Airport Police responded with a bomb dog and checked the building with negative results.

Larceny
 Police were called to Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford, April 5 after \$1,200 was reportedly stolen from an open safe. The manager discovered the theft after seeing a man walking away from the back office. Two children, whose family owns the business, reported seeing the man behind the counter but didn't find it suspicious, thinking he was the new custodian.

The manager told police she had seen the man sitting at a table earlier. When she asked if she could help him, the manager said the man told her he was waiting for his family to bowl.

Larceny from a vehicle
 A resident in the 200 block of Carson told police April 6 that someone smashed the sun-roof glass on her 2009 Chevy Tahoe and stole the built-in navigation system, valued at \$3,500.

Break-in
 A GPS unit and assorted tools, including air nailers,



a plunger router kit, a jig saw and drills valued at \$1,700, were reported stolen from a garage in the 31000 block of Parkwood on April 8. The owner told police that when he went out in the morning, he found someone had entered the garage through an unlocked side door. A bag containing a multi tool that didn't belong to the resident was found on the garage floor.

Larceny from a vehicle
 A resident of the Warris Farms Apartments, 36775 McKinney, told police that someone stole a GPS unit, prescription sunglasses, a leather

tote bag and a quartz ring, valued at \$610, from her unlocked vehicle.

Vandalism
 On April 10, police were called to Cooper Elementary School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, after someone climbed on top of the school and spray painted the word "Venom" on the building.

Fraud
 On April 5, a resident in the 500 block of South Henry Ruff told police that he received his credit union statement and noticed numerous transactions that he hadn't authorized. The charges totaling \$1,227

were made at different Metro Detroit locations from March 2-22.

Larceny from a vehicle
 A resident in the 8300 block of Denne told police that someone had stolen his wallet valued at \$50 from his unlocked vehicle.

Vehicle stolen
 A resident of the Hines Park Apartments, 31690 Cowan, told police April 12 that someone had stolen his 2002 Dodge Intrepid valued at \$4,500. He told police that the car, which had no wheel covers, was his third vehicle to have been stolen.

Police: 3 men found with narcotics paraphernalia

Narcotics paraphernalia
 A 19-year-old man who lived in the 30700 block of Krauter said that he was forced to take shelter from the rain in a friend's 1999 Ford Taurus after his mother evicted him, police said. He was arrested for being disorderly and for possessing narcotics paraphernalia at about 9 a.m. April 8, police said.

GARDEN CITY
 Police found what looked like a small beer can inside the car that had a misleading label which read "Heineken," police said. The can unscrewed to reveal some marijuana flakes, police said.

Police arrested a man for possessing narcotic paraphernalia and for having a failure to appear warrant out of 18th District Court in Westland, police said.

Police were called to the Kroger parking lot on Middlebelt Road, north of Ford, at about 11:30 a.m. April 8. A man had been asking for money and was reported as disorderly, police said. Police found two syringes and a broken crack pipe in his front pants pocket, police said.

When police stopped an 18-year-old New Baltimore man for speeding in his 1999 Ford Taurus in the area of Merriman and Marquette about midnight April 10, they found that he was driving with a restricted license because of a drug crime, police said.

A canine search revealed narcotics paraphernalia in his car, police said. He had adapted a water bottle with aluminum foil and duct tape, police said.

Theft
 A 20-year-old Garden City man who lives in the 29000 block of Marquette came to the police station March 25 to

report that his mother took his shotgun and handgun without his permission and refuses to return them, police said.

The shotgun is valued at \$400 and the handgun is worth \$1,300. He told police he doesn't understand why she wants the guns.

Stolen car
 A resident in the 29500 block of Florence said that someone stole his 2005 Honda overnight April 12. The vehicle was parked unlocked. The garage door opener and a key to the house are inside the car. He said that he isn't behind on car payments.

Attempted car theft
 A resident in the 6600 block of Arcola told police that someone tried to steal his 2008 Saturn Vue at about 2 a.m. April 11.

The vehicle was parked unlocked. The steering column and ignition were damaged. A neighbor reported hearing a noise and seeing an unknown man enter her neighbor's backyard and then jump over the fence into her property. The suspect was described as a white man who wore all black clothes and who carried a large duffel bag and wore gloves, police said.

Vandalism
 A resident in the 410 block of North Leona reported that someone used a piece of wood from nearby landscaping to shatter his front window at 9:30 p.m. April 8.

Suspended license
 Police arrested a 22-year-old Brownstown man in the area of Cherry Hill at Cherry Hill and Middlebelt about 7:30 p.m. April 10. They found he had a suspended license, police said.

By Sue Buck

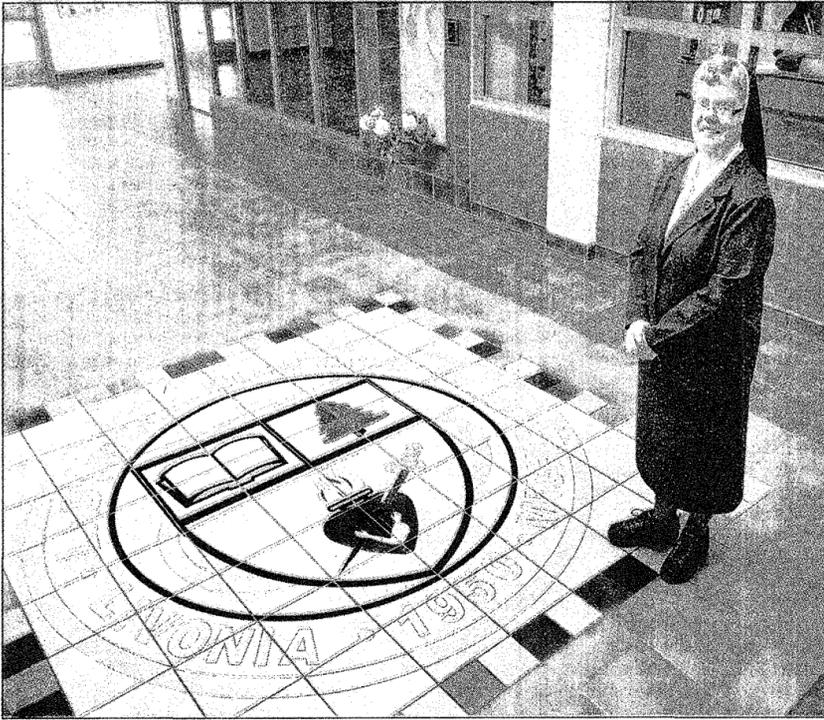
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING
 A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:
Case #974C, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Premier Pre-School Day Care Center, 2345 S Venoy Road, Parcel #073-04-0597-000, East Side of Venoy Road, South of Dorsey, Linnon James (Aziz Dabish)
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, 2010.
 Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.
 Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
 Westland Planning Commission
 Publish: April 15, 2010

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Sister Mary Ann Smith is principal of Ladywood High School.

Ladywood celebrates 60th anniversary

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

A plaque on the wall calls Ladywood, "Best High School in Livonia for 2010," a designation given by readers of community booster Bill Joyner's weekly e-mail bulletin "Friday Musings."

The recognition comes as the school celebrates its 60th anniversary marking a time to reflect about accomplishments and look toward the future.

The school is nestled in a serene setting on wooded property, which prompted the Felician Sisters to dedicate it to Our Lady of the Woods.

Frank Turk, Ladywood administrative associate, recounts a conversation he had with a college admissions officer considering two girls for one spot. The caller asked what sets Ladywood students apart. Illustrating the strong work ethic, he said, if someone needed a piano moved, other girls might take the bench, but the Ladywood girl would go for the piano leg to help carry the heaviest load.

100 PERCENT ATTEND COLLEGE

"We're proud of the accomplishments of so many of our graduates," explained Sister Mary Ann Smith, principal and school president. "We now have 100 percent of our seniors going to college."

Ladywood started with 45 students in ninth and 10th grades in 1950. The following year there were 117 students and the directors knew they would need to expand the building, which became a regular occurrence over the years.

Currently there are 88 freshman, 112 sophomores, 90 juniors and 96 seniors. There is also a scholarship fund to help lower-income students pay tuition.

Ninety-four percent of students are Catholic and they live as far as Pinckney, Howell, Detroit, White Lake and Belleville.

The school was at its largest enrollment in 1964 when there were more than 500 students.

"We're facing the fruits of the economic conditions of Michigan," according to Sister Mary Serra Szalaszewicz, assistant principal. "Parents have lost their jobs and a number of students had to move out of state for parents to find jobs."

Also, current population trends show there are more boys than girls at the freshman age level, Turk noted.

"Through the years we've always tried to stay one step ahead of what is happening and that's why we do the great job that we do to prepare the students for college," explained Sister Mary Ann, who is a 1966 Ladywood graduate and former Ladywood teacher. "If you



Ladywood High School celebrates 60 years.

raise that goal high enough, the girls will reach it." Every girl is part of an advisory group that focuses on personal development.

TEACHING OF MORALS, VALUES

"There's a strong teaching of morals and values," Sister Mary Ann said. "We're teaching intellectually, psychologically, spiritually and athletically — developing the whole person. It's a rigorous curriculum. But, there's a family-like atmosphere. The classes aren't so large that they don't get to know each other. That draws many kids who would get lost in a large population."

Also, each day begins and ends with prayer and Mass is available daily.

Students are also invited to take courses online through the Michigan Virtual University as enrichment for Ladywood courses and for college credit.

In addition to academics, the all-girl college preparatory school also exposes students to art programs as well as musical and theatrical performances and outside science and math fairs, Sister Serra said.

Ladywood students are also encouraged to do community service work, according to Sister Bernadette Marie Jimkoski, Ladywood business manager.

"We have taught them that service is a part of who we are," Sister Mary Ann said. "So, a vast majority go well beyond the minimum."

Ladywood supports a lengthy list of organizations throughout the region and country from the Salvation Army to hospitals and centers helping abused children. A recent drive for Haiti collected \$3,500 — donated from each class treasury.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Ladywood is recognized as an "Outstanding American High School," which can be directly attributed to the devotion and core values of the Felician Sisters, according to an online description of the school. Ladywood was also recently recognized as a

Michigan Evergreen School for extensive recycling and environmentally friendly efforts.

In addition to these accomplishments, current students and alumna point to different aspects of the school when describing what made their Ladywood experience good.

Shea McParlane, a Ladywood senior, said the school taught her to be responsible and hard-working.

"I can speak for myself, come up with ideas and I'm ready for whatever life will bring me," according to the 18-year-old Livonia woman, who wants a career in medicine.

Veronica Fradette, a 18-year-old Livonia resident and senior, said the school prepared her for college.

"It's also broadened my experiences," Fradette said. "When I came to Ladywood, I was in my shell."

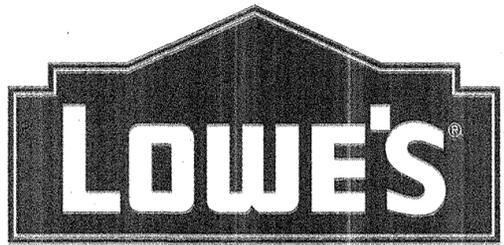
Andrea Anastos, a 15-year-old Farmington resident and Ladywood freshman, said the school was a "good fit for me. I like the athletics and all my sisters (three) went here, too. There's a good group of girls and the staff is really nice."

Gabrielle Houska, a 14-year-old Plymouth resident and Ladywood freshman, said when she visited the school last year she liked the girls she met and enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere. "I wanted a good education that would prepare me well for college. And I really liked the classes they were offering."

Mary Jo Durivage, a 1967 Ladywood graduate, grew up in Livonia and lives in Dearborn. She was one of 11 children, nine of whom were girls.

"You don't have the distractions of the boys, and it gives you a chance to excel," Durivage said. "All the teachers knew you and could help you with school work."

She currently works as a librarian at the Department of Medical Affairs in Detroit. "It did give me a solid education, and I felt good about myself and the nuns helped that," she added. "It's wonderful, and I'm very proud that I went there."

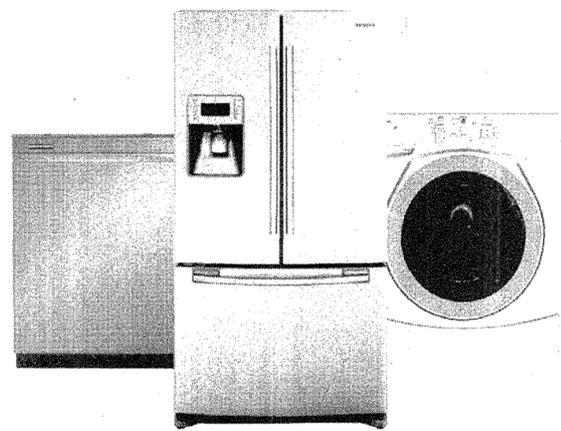


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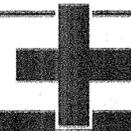


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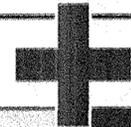
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AROUND TOWN

Garage sale

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will hold a garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy. There will be a \$2 bag sale at 3 p.m., and all large items also will sell for \$2 at that time.

For more information, call Mae Bray at (734) 722-8209.

Sherlock Holmes

Detective Sherlock Holmes and his stalwart partner Watson engage in a battle of wits and brawn with a nemesis whose plot is a threat to all of England in *Sherlock Holmes*, the Friday night movie at the William P. Faust Public Library. The library is hosting a movie each Friday in April.

No registration is required. This is an after hours program. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the film starting at 7 p.m. The movie is rated PG-13.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway.

Surplus food

Monthly federal surplus food distribution for Westland residents has been scheduled.

• All residents north of

Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 22 at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy between Michigan Ave. and Palmer.

• Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The church can be reached (734) 729-1737.

• Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution.

• Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

For the month of April, the distribution will include apricots, beef stew, mixed vegetables, powder milk, tomato soup, frozen beef and possible additional items.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366. This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior

Services. All food allocations, distributions sites and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

Bug hunters wanted

Volunteers are still needed for Friends of the Rouge's annual Spring Bug Hunt on Saturday, April 24. Interested volunteers must pre-register by Monday, April 12. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams of four to eight people that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river. The number and type of bugs found is used to assess each site and data are submitted to the MDNRE and Rouge communities.

The Spring Bug Hunt is part of a long-term monitoring program that was created in 1998 to train local residents to collect information about the health of Rouge streams. It is coordinated by Friends of the Rouge and supported by the Alliance of Rouge Communities. For more infor-

mation or to sign up, visit www.therouge.org.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, April 12, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

LeBlanc also invites residents to join him and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt for refreshments and an informal fireside chat 6-8 p.m. Monday April 12, at the library.

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

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will hold local coffee hours in Westland and Redford on Monday, April 12. Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway,

Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Flowering vines

The Westland Garden Club will host a lecture by advanced master gardener Cheryl English on "Flowering Vines to Love (and Avoid)" at 7 p.m. Monday, April 12, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

English will offer tips on how to add vertical dimension to a garden with flowering vines. Learn the basics about plant selection and care as well as help on identifying and avoiding proven and potential "thugs."

Reserve a seat by calling the library at (734) 326-6123.

Baby Shower

The Wayne-Westland Corps of the Salvation Army is holding a Community Baby Shower and Workshop for expectant or new moms 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday,

April 30, at the Salvation Army Center, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

There will be food, prizes and gifts for all as well as a learning experience for moms and moms-to-be. To reserve a seat, call (734) 722-3660.

Author visit

Come meet Ryan Potter, author of the young adult novel, *Exit Strategy*, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, in Meeting Room B of the William P. Faust Public Library.

Potter is a graduate of John Glenn High School, and many of the locations used in the story were inspired from sites in Wayne and Westland. He will discuss his new novel, taking questions, and sign copies of the book afterward.

Sign up for the event at the library's reference desk. Copies of the book will be made available behind the reference desk prior to the event. Both teens and adults welcome. For more information on Ryan Potter, go online to www.exitstrategy17.com.

The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Rummage sale

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill in Garden City, is holding its annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, and Friday, April 30.

For more information, call (734)427-3660.

High goal
The Garden City Moose Lodge is planning its eighth annual Cancer Auction Saturday, April 24, at the lodge at 29137 Ford, Garden City.

The Garden City Moose Lodge hopes to raise \$10,000 for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in honor of all members, past and present, who have battled or are currently fighting this devastating disease.

For more information, call Kim Dowidait auction coordinator, at (734)564-5777.

Sweet time

The Friends of the Straight Farmhouse are hosting Cloud Nine Desserts with Bev at 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, north of Ford,

Garden City.

Bev England will demonstrate how meringues are the perfect base for a wide variety of delectable desserts. There will be plenty of taste testing. England learned cake decorating at the Snyder School of Cake Decorating. She has taken classes with the chefs at The Grand Hotel, Williamsburg, Va., The New Orleans Cooking School, Belgium and France.

Tickets cost \$7 and are available at the farmhouse. For more information, call (734) 838-0650 or go online to www.sfonline.org.

Open house

The Garden City Co-op Preschool is holding an open house 6-7 p.m. Monday, April 19. Bring your children and meet the teacher, visit the classroom and register for the 2010-2011 school year.

The preschool is located in the Garden City Presbyterian Church at 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford.

Saturday Night Light

This month's installment of Garden City Presbyterian

Church's Saturday Night Light on Saturday, April 17, will feature the Jake Body Band.

The group isn't just a band, it's a ministry that tells the story of how God saved their lives over and over. Their music is a crossover from country to Christian to pop and even gospel.

Saturday Night Light will be at 7 p.m. at the church, 1841 Middlebelt south of Ford. Admission is free. For more information, call 7 421-7620 or go online to www.gardencitypresbyterian.org.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION WAYNE-WESTLAND AND LIVONIA SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY 4, 2010

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AND THE CITIES OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS, INKSTER, ROMULUS, WAYNE AND WESTLAND, County of Wayne: NOTICE is hereby given that School Board Elections will be held in parts of the Township of Canton, and parts of the Cities of Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne and Westland for Wayne-Westland Community School District residents and parts of the City of Westland for Livonia Public School District residents on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates of the following offices will be voted upon: One (1) Wayne-Westland School District School Board Trustee for a four (4) Year term ending June 30, 2014 for those residents in parts of Canton Township and parts of the Cities of Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the City of Wayne; and One (1) Livonia Public Schools School Board Trustee for a four (4) year term ending June 30, 2014 for those residents in parts of the City of Westland. Also, on the Wayne-Westland School Board Ballot there will be a millage question to read as follows: Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, situated within the Wayne - Westland Community Schools, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, be increased as provided in the Michigan Constitution, in the amount of 18 mills on each dollar of taxable value, for a period of fifteen (15) years, from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2026, inclusive, with 18 mills of the above being a renewal of millage which would otherwise expire on June 30, 2011? This millage would provide estimated revenues to the Wayne - Westland Community Schools of Nineteen million five hundred thousand (\$19,500,000) Dollars during the 2011 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes. YES or NO

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 29, 2010 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY			
Wayne County, Michigan			
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010
Wayne - Westland	June, 1995	18 mills	2010 (non homestead only)
Community Schools	February, 2003	1 mills	2003

Raymond Wojtowicz /s/, Treasurer

Dated: March 30, 2010

The places of voting for the School Board Elections to be held on May 4, 2010, will be as follows:

Wayne-Westland School Precincts	Locations
Westland	
1	Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
2	Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
3	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4 & 8	Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh
5 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
9	Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey
10	Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
11	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
13	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
17	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
24	Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan
26	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing - 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
Canton Township	
2C	Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon Road
15C	Walker-Winter School, 39932 Michigan Avenue
28C	Canton DPW Bldg., 4847 S. Sheldon Road
City of Inkster	
4001	Hicks School, 100 Helen Ave.
2001 & 2002	Inkster Rec. Cntr., 2025 Middlebelt
6001	Central Activities Rm. Twin Towers, 2000 Inkster Rd.
City of Romulus	
6 - R	Rudgate Clubhouse, 7040 Shawnee Drive
City of Wayne	
1 & 2 WA	Senior Activity Center, 3500 Sims Ave.
4 & 5 WA	Taft-Galloway School, 4035 S. Gloria
6 & 7 WA	Hoover School, 5400 Fourth St.
8 - WA	Roosevelt-McGrath School, 36075 Currier
Livonia Public School Precincts	
Westland	
12 & 25	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
21	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
30	Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.
27 & 36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

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

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AAUW meeting focuses on RESULTS

RESULTS, a nonprofit, grass-roots citizens' lobby working to create the political will to end hunger and the worst aspects of poverty, will be the topic of the Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women's monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

The public is invited to learn more about RESULTS, its achievements and its goals at

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, west of Gill.

Guest speaker is Yvonne Wyborny, who will talk about the "power to end poverty" campaign RESULTS has been focusing on for the past 25 years. Wyborny has volunteered with a local RESULTS group for years trying to raise awareness of ways to improve the conditions of the world's

poorest people. Her presentation will emphasize education and micro financing, which is providing poor women loans to start small businesses. These goals align with the AAUW mission of promoting equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.

For more information, call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079 or visit www.aauwmi.org.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the May 4, 2010 Wayne-Westland and Livonia Schools School Board Elections on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

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

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS WAYNE-WESTLAND AND LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION MAY 4, 2010

Absent voter ballots are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan for those persons that are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot.

There will be ADA compliant equipment for use at every polling place.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2010.

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Guard against fear, greed in investment decisions

I recently met with a client who last year decided he no longer could deal with the ups and downs of the stock market. He decided to bail out and invest in CDs. His view was that the economy was not going to get better in the near future so he wanted out until things got better. His CDs have recently matured and his question is what now?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

There are a lot of people in a similar situation. Therefore, I thought I would highlight some of the issues that I discussed with my client.

First of all, I told him he shouldn't be kicking himself like he is. One of the worst things that an investor can do is to focus on shoulda, woulda, coulda. It is important to learn from the past, but don't dwell on it. In addition, when investors focus on the past they tend to make mistakes moving forward.

Investors who miss out on an opportunity in the past will tend to get overly aggressive to make up for a missed opportunity. This is a mistake. Whether a good market or bad, investors should stay in their comfort level at all times. I told my client to focus on what his goals for his money are and the timeframe he has to achieve them.

I also explained that it is a mistake to use the general economy as a gauge for the stock market. Many factors influence the gyrations of the stock market. The general state of the U.S. economy is just one of them. After all, many of the companies that are listed on our stock exchange are American companies in name only. Many receive substantial revenue outside of the United States. Therefore, they are not as dependant upon the U.S. economy as they once were. Furthermore, it is important to recognize that in the short-term it is very difficult to predict the direction of the stock market. That is why I always tell investors that it is a fool's game to predict how the stock market is going to perform over one quarter or even a year. The stock market is a long-term investment and unless your goals are long term, you shouldn't be in the stock market.

After a discussion with the client, he realized that his goals were long term and, thus, a portion of his money should be invested in the stock market.

The next question is do you take the money that should be in the stock market and jump immediately back in or do you spread the money out over time? Obviously, this is one of the most difficult questions to answer. The market has had

an incredible run and it would not be unusual for the market to have a sell-off. At the same time, with an improving economy the market could continue to grow

My recommendation to this client was to dollar-cost average back into the market. If he jumped back in and the market had a sell off he may panic again, leading him to once again sell low and buy

high. That is the exact opposite of what a successful investor should do.

I wish I could predict the direction of the market. I can't and neither can anyone else. But what I do know is that fear and greed are the two emotions that investors always need to guard against.

Before jumping back into the market, make sure your goals and objectives are what dictate

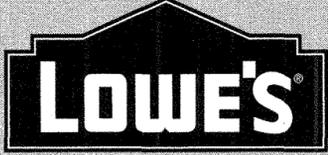
your investment choices in the market, not the idea of making short-term gains.

Whenever the market is doing well there is a sense of excitement and people want to be part of it. This is something that investors have to avoid. The stock market is not a game and it is not something to take lightly.

Don't underestimate the risk of investing in the stock market

but don't fear it. Rather, the key is to learn to work with it. Recognize the adage, it's not timing the stock market, it's time in the stock market that will lead to success. Good luck!

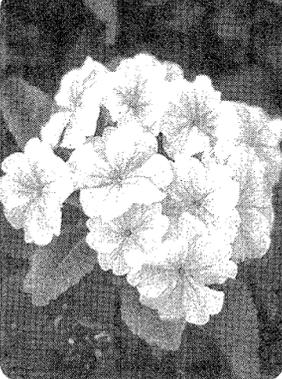
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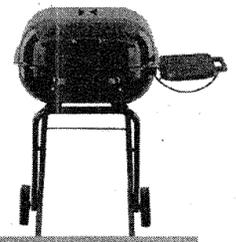
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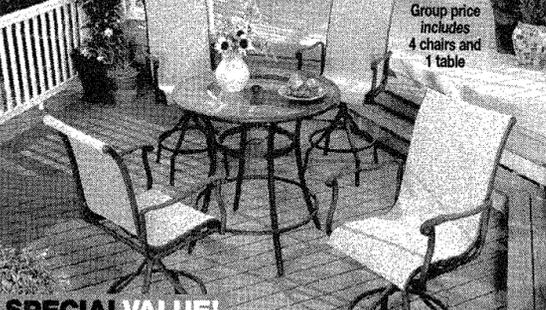
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OUR VIEWS

Let Earth Day inspire changes in your behavior

Thursday, April 22, will mark the 40th year that people in Westland, in Michigan, in the United States and around the world observe Earth Day. What started as a grassroots activity has evolved into a global event, the significance of which is even more important today than the day it was conceived.

We must credit the late Gaylord Nelson, a Democratic senator from Wisconsin, as the principal founder of Earth Day. According to Nelson, the idea evolved over a period of seven years, starting in 1962, when he successfully pitched the idea of a national conservation tour to then-President John F. Kennedy.

The president did a five-day, 11-state conservation tour in September 1963. "For many reasons the tour did not succeed in putting the issue onto the national political agenda. However, it was the germ of the idea that ultimately flowered into Earth Day," Nelson wrote in his article, *How the First Earth Day Came About*.

Nelson borrowed a tactic from anti-Vietnam protestors of organizing a huge grassroots protest over what was happening to the environment. In September 1969, he announced that there would be a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment in the spring of 1970 and invited everyone to participate. The response, he recalled, "was electric."

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On Sunday, Nov. 30, 1969, *The New York Times* reported that "rising concern about the environmental crisis is sweeping the nation's campuses with an intensity that may be on its way to eclipsing student discontent over the war in Vietnam." According to Nelson, the first Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level. The remarkable thing about that Earth Day was "it organized itself."

Forty years later, the environment is very much in the forefront as the global community tries to reach a legally binding agreement on how to reduce greenhouse gasses and slow climate change. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, if global warming emissions continue to rise unabated, we will see growing costs related to climate change — damages to our coasts, health, energy and water resources and agriculture.

These scientists maintain that making the choice to dramatically lower our emissions at least 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2050 will help avoid some of the worst consequences of climate change.

We know climate change is happening, whether it's an early spring, a late fall or a mild winter. What has yet to be agreed to by the scientific community is why. Is it manmade or a fact of nature?

But the point is change is happening and we all need to pitch in to help slow the progression. In the 1960s, we celebrated Neil Armstrong leaving his footprint on the moon. Now we must worry about the footprint we are leaving on earth. Earth Day shouldn't be one day a year, it needs to be every day.

If you aren't doing anything to eliminate your carbon footprint, let Earth Day 2010 be your inspiration. Westland has its Mission: Green, a community-wide effort to reduce the city's carbon footprint. It's a good starting point for change, collectively and individually.

If you're doing something, look and see if there's even more you can do. Every little bit helps, and if scientists are right, we can't put off until tomorrow what we need to do today.

COMMUNITY VOICE

If there was one thing you could change about high school, what would it be?

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



"It would probably be the cafeteria food. It's pretty gross."

Jessica Delaforce
Westland



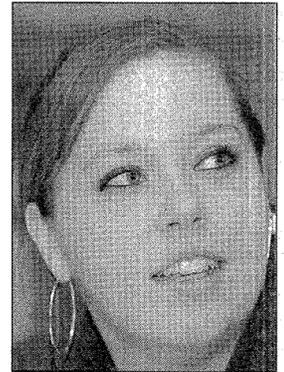
"The only really bad thing is the crowded hallways. You need a chain saw to get through them."

Brionna Delaforce
Westland



"I recently moved here from California, the environment is totally different - school, the weather."

Ariel Afultiti
Westland



"I'd have them change the hallways. You can never get through the people standing around. It's hard to get by them."

Brianne Riffle
Westland

LETTERS

Proud to be a Rocket

Having been part of the John Glenn football program for many, many years, I want to say how proud I am of this program. I played for Glenn, both my sons played for Glenn also. All three of us had the honor of playing for Chuck Gordon. What an honor.

I also don't want to leave out the OTHER coach, Lloyd Carr. I played for him also.

But what I want to write about is how proud I am of what coach Tim Hardin has done since he became head coach. As all the coaches have done and stressed, the classroom is top priority at this school, and now Tim has a program where the seniors go out for community service. They go to the elementary schools and they read to the kids.

I am so proud to be part of the John Glenn football team, although I am only on the boosters and take pictures of the game on the sidelines — and occasionally go onto the field to get shots. It just goes to show that football is NOT just a bunch of guys going out and knocking heads. They are led by a great bunch of coaches, almost all of them are Rockets. Once a Rocket always a Rocket! I have always dreamed of coaching for Glenn. I admire all of them that were former players and are now coaching a great program.

I have been around for many years and proud of my time. Most of the time I feel like I belong out there. The players and coaches are great. When they win, we all win. When they don't, we all don't.

But I just want to say what the football program is doing by reading to the elementary students only shows what a class act our team truly is. What a wonderful thing they are doing, and the kids love it, not just the little kids, but the players, too.

I am truly honored to be part of this program, proud to be a Rocket for life. I hope that this continues because it is fantastic. To Tim Hardin, the John Glenn football players, the boosters: what a wonderful thing we are doing. Go, Rockets. Keep up the great work. It's not to much longer before you take the field again and display the true sportsmanship that John Glenn has always had on and off the field.

Bud Somerville
John Glenn Football Booster member
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Incorrect grammar?

Throughout a current article online, the word "realtors" is printed with a capital R,

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which is grammatically incorrect for that context. Realtor is a profession like any other, not a proper noun. Why is it being capitalized?

People have enough trouble learning proper English and grammar as it is, and a newspaper shouldn't be contributing to the confusion. If realtors have somehow arranged to have their profession capitalized in newspapers, I would like to know how that was possible.

Ellen Dowd
Westland

Editor's note: Realtor is a registered trademark of the National Association of Realtors. The Observer follows the Associated Press Stylebook in its use.

The war on cancer

There is a new movie out called *Letters to God*. It is about a boy dying of cancer and his letters to God.

I have read movie "critics" are panning the movie, saying it is too "preachy."

Maybe the boy's death would have been more cinematically interesting to the "critic," if the doomed child had addressed the letters to Richard Nixon rather than God. President Richard Nixon signed the National Cancer Act on Dec. 23, 1971.

If the boy had written the letters to Nixon about his campaign against cancer then the director could have juxtaposed his pain and suffering under the disease to those with the father who could have obsessed about the fact that he could not explain to the boy that President Nixon was dead, let alone trying to explain to himself why his son was going to die before him. And if that weren't enough, then the

director could have had a falling out between father and son as the son insisted that it IS unprecedented that President Obama declared war on cancer even though President Nixon (still dead) had done so nearly 40 years ago.

The National Cancer Institute receives \$4.1 billion dollars — the defense budget is normally in excess of \$1 trillion — that's .41 percent — less than .5 percent is spent on the cancer "war."

Letters to God may be addressed "To God," your local, or federal government will NOT deliver them.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Keep church/state separate

Recently some of us became quite aware of two names we probably didn't really know, Bart Stupak and Randy Neugebauer. One voted against the health/insurance reform and the other threatened to do so. Both purportedly acted in "the best interest" of unborn children, and perhaps in their own "best political/financial interests."

If it is true that the new bill will result in 32 million people having access to health care, then, some fourth-grade level math might be of interest. If we can assume that 1/4 of these people are women of childbearing capability (roughly eight million) and they avail themselves of this capability, then that could result in roughly eight million unborn children on the way. The difference, if all is true, the mothers of these unborn will have access to doctors along with prenatal care. The mothers will have access to maternity wards in place of emergency rooms or whatever. The children, after birth will have access to neonatal care, and later access to pediatric care. Again, if all is true, these newborn children will have access to their parent's insurance until age 26.

I don't speak for anyone else, but, I slept a lot better last night knowing that these young lives were not dependent upon the loving care of Stupak and Neugebauer. This morning, I have to wonder if Stupak and Neugebauer, are a price we pay when we attempt to have our religious values implemented/supported by legislation. It appears to me that our forefathers knew what they were doing when they insisted that we keep our church and our government separate.

Ronald Wilkes
South Lyon

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a sample of what our online readers are saying:

• **Funding for education**

I agree that the state should fund our schools properly, and create mechanisms that insure payments even during slow economic times. Education is certainly a top priority. The reason such guaranteed funding does not get overwhelming support are the arguments on

how money is spent by locals, including salaries and benefits.

I do not dispute the challenges of being a teacher/administrator, but the low compensation argument does not hold water. Teacher interests always quote beginning pay and detractors always quote maximum pay. The answer in today's market is that the compensation is very good.

The item out of whack the most is benefit costs. Twenty years ago they

were 25 percent of the total compensation, 10 years ago 50 percent, now they equal an entry level salary. A \$65K salary (mid level) means \$50K in benefits. So an "average" employee cost \$115K per year (with many costing much more).

Most people think these costs are at or exceed acceptable levels, thus the delays on funding decisions.

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Be prepared when bad weather strikes

BY LARRY RUEHLEN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Richard Pullman doesn't understand why anyone would ignore a severe weather warning.

"It only takes a person getting caught in the wrong place at the wrong time once during a significant storm to see how serious it can be," said Pullman, warning coordinator meteorologist for the National Weather Service in White Lake. "If you hear a siren, it means something is going on and you need to get more information."

Pullman's job gets a bit more hectic this week which is Michigan's Severe Weather Awareness Week.

The science of predicting the weather is more accurate than ever thanks to high-tech radar that is capable of tracking storms neighborhood by neighborhood, but some people don't take warnings seriously.

"People respond to tornado warnings," said Pullman. "But some don't treat severe thunderstorm warnings the same way."

And that complacency can prove deadly.

According to the National Weather Service, thunderstorms are responsible for at least 125 deaths since 1970 in Michigan, while tornadoes have killed only 23 over the same time period.

"It only takes a 60 mph wind to knock over a tree, and Michigan has lots of trees," he said.

Michigan experienced the lightest severe weather season of the modern era last year with 161 severe weather events. To put that into perspective, in June 2008 alone, there were 415 distinct severe weather events in Michigan.

All told, despite the lull in severe weather activity, significant flooding resulted in nearly \$77 million in damages and severe thunderstorms were responsible for one death and approximately \$150 million in damages.

SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

Preparing for a tornado/thunderstorm:

- Plan ahead. Be sure everyone in your household knows where to go and what to do in case of a tornado warning.
- Know the safest location for shelter in your home, workplace and school. Load bearing walls near the center of the basement or lowest level generally provide the greatest protection.
- Know the location of designated shelter areas in local public facilities, such as schools, shopping centers and other public buildings.
- Have emergency supplies on hand, including a battery-operated radio, flashlight and a supply of fresh batteries, first-aid kit, water and cell phone.
- Make an inventory of household furnishings and other possessions. Supplement it with photographs of each room. Keep in a safe place.
- What to do when a thunderstorm approaches your area:
 - Seek safe shelter when you first hear thunder; see dark threatening clouds developing overhead or lightning. Count the seconds between the time you see lightning and hear the thunder. You should already be in a safe location if that time is less than 30 seconds. Stay inside until 30 minutes after you last hear thunder. Lightning can strike more than 10 miles away from any rainfall!
 - When you hear thunder, run to the nearest large building or a fully enclosed vehicle (soft-topped convertibles are not safe). You are not safe anywhere outside.
 - If you are boating or swimming, get to land and shelter immediately.
 - Telephone lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity. Unplug appliances not necessary for

receiving weather information. Use plug-in telephones only in an emergency.

What to do when a tornado warning is issued for your area:

- Quickly move to shelter in the basement or lowest floor of a permanent structure.
 - In homes and small buildings go to the basement and get under something sturdy. If no basement is available, go to an interior part of the home on the lowest level. A good rule of thumb is to put as many walls between you and the tornado as possible.
 - In schools, hospitals and public places move to designated shelter areas. Interior hallways on the lowest floors are generally best.
 - Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Broken glass and wind blown projectiles cause more injuries and deaths than collapsed buildings. Protect your head with a pillow, blanket or mattress.
 - Mobile homes and vehicles offer virtually no shelter. Leave them and go to the nearest shelter. Highway overpasses do not offer shelter.
 - If there is no shelter nearby, the best alternative is to find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles, but not in a place subject to flooding. Shield your head with your arms.
 - If you are boating or swimming, get to land and shelter immediately.
- After a tornado/thunderstorm:
- Inspect your property and motor vehicles for damage. Write down the date and list damages for insurance purposes. Check for electrical problems and gas leaks and report them to the utility company at once.

Source: National Weather Service

WARNING SYSTEM

The NWS issues alerts on everything from frost-

freeze advisories to dangerous marine conditions, but Redford residents should

primarily focus on alerts tornado and thunderstorm warnings this time of year. There isn't a national or state standard on when warning sirens are sounded as it is left up to local municipalities. In Redford, sirens sound only for severe weather warnings.

This is a breakdown of each alert:

Tornado Watch: Tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Know what counties are in the watch area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or your local radio/television outlets.

Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Tells you when and where severe thunderstorms are likely to occur. Watch the sky and stay tuned to know when warnings are issued.

CONSTANT CONTACT

Pullman said tuning in to local radio or TV stations is the easiest way to keep apprised of potential danger from approaching storms, but another important step should be taken.

"Every family should have a weather radio," he said. "They are just as important as a fire alarm."

For \$30 to \$50, a special programmable NOAA Weather Radio is available at most electronics stores that will sound off if danger is imminent, waking up people who may not hear an approaching storm before it is too late.

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Westland resident Linda Trygg (center) will perform as Aunt Eller in the Spotlight Players production of Rodgers Hammerstein's Oklahoma!.

Players present 'Oklahoma!'

A love story set in a western territory, the musical *Oklahoma!* is being presented by the Spotlight Players at the Village Theater in Canton April 23 to May 2.

Oklahoma! is an American classic, telling the love story of both Curly and Laurey as well as the love of the country that was the Oklahoma territory around 1900. It is full of memorable, familiar songs, well drawn characters and featuring a 'Dream Ballet.'

"I have long held a passion for this show having directed and choreographed it several times - to see it produced on the fabulous Village Theater stage with the amazing talent it contains will prove to be a grand close to another grand Spotlight Players season," said Barbara Bloom, director and choreographer.

The production features a cast of local actors including Roy Sexton as Curly; Lauren London as Laurey; Linda Trygg as Aunt Eller; Jesse Brandel as Will Parker; Cathy Skutch as Ado Annie; Robert Doyle as Ali Hakim; Drex Morton as Ike Skidmore and Mike Cuba as Andrew Carnes.

Oklahoma! is based on Lynn Riggs' 1931 play, *Green Grow the Lilacs*. It is the first musical written by now-legendary duo Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The original

Broadway production opened in 1943 and ran for 2,212 performances winning awards. A special Pulitzer Prize was awarded to Rodgers and Hammerstein II for "Oklahoma!" in 1944.

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, April 23 and April 30; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, April 24 and May 1; and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 25 and May 2.

For tickets, call the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or 734-394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/village-theater. Tickets are also available in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to show-time. Tickets are \$18 for adult and \$16 for seniors and students under 19.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. The Village Theater has free parking, is handicapped accessible and has a concession stand.

Spotlight Players is the resident adult theater group for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and has been part of the community for 64 years.

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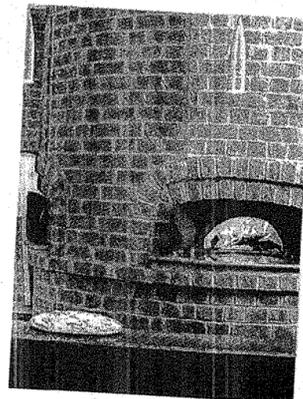
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OBSERVER STAFF PHOTOS

Garden City runner Ashley Lynn (left) is tagged out by Churchill's Katina St. Pierre (11) while trying to advance to third during the sixth inning.

Solid opener

Garden City shakes off rust, stops Churchill, 4-2

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Garden City coach Barry Patterson didn't quite know what to expect in Tuesday's girls softball season opener at Livonia Churchill.

"We practiced three days over the break, so I was hoping to get ready," Patterson said. "We hadn't had a scrimmage. We had one that got canceled and couldn't pick up another one. We didn't have any games before break and a lot of teams played, so I was really apprehensive of what we'd look like coming out."

The Cougars looked just fine, earning a 4-2 victory over the Chargers as sophomore pitcher

Kelsey Susalla scattered six hits, struck out six and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

"Fortunately today we didn't have to make a lot of plays," Patterson said. "Most of the plays were pretty routine, but we also muffed a couple. There's room for improvement, but I was pleased with what I've seen with such a young group."

Churchill, off to a 2-0 season start, jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first on a double by Nikki Salloum and an RBI single from Natalie Hiser.

The Cougars answered with a two-out rally in the top of the third thanks to consecutive singles by Sam Zalewski,

Susalla and Ashley Lynn.

Lynn singled home Zalewski, while Susalla scored on a wild pitch by Churchill sophomore starter Abby Jewell.

Garden City scored two more times in the fifth to take a 4-1 lead on another two-out rally.

Zalewski, the ninth hitter, singled. Susalla reached base on an infield error and Lynn walked to load the bases.

Hillarrie Werda then came through with a 2-run single.

"As long as I've been playing this game and been around it, it's always the way the ball bounces," Churchill coach Lou Kuratko said. "We got a bad-hop base hit there and then

Please see **SOFTBALL, B4**



Churchill center fielder Taylor Kerr makes the running catch during Tuesday's non-league encounter with Garden City.

K-riffic Spartan hurler fans 18 in win

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

To say Jeff Sorenson was dominating on the mound Monday would be a gross understatement.

The 6-foot, 200-pound senior left-hander struck

out career-high 18 batters as Livonia Stevenson

opened its 2010 baseball season with a come-from-behind 3-2 win over visiting Livonia Churchill.

Freshman Mike Vomastek's first varsity hit, a 2-out bloop single to right field, scored Matt Shain with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh for Stevenson. (Shain's double ignited the rally.)

Sorenson, meanwhile, kept Churchill off the board through the first five innings before allowing a pair of runs in the top of the sixth.

Rob Matigian had an RBI single (scoring Stephen Foster) and Joe Williams followed with an RBI double for the Chargers.

The Spartans, however, got two back in the bottom half of the inning on an RBI double by Brendon Hayes along with an RBI from Troy Bodke.

Sorenson then retired the Chargers in the top of the seventh.

"Jeff had very good command of all his pitches tonight," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "He threw 19 first pitch strikes to the 26 batters he faced and mixed all he pitches very well. Besides throwing hard throughout the game, he had great command of his curveball and change-up. He stayed focused after giving up

Please see **BASEBALL, B4**

SIDELINES

WHAC hails Flavin

Madonna University senior Zach Flavin was honored as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week in baseball.

Flavin hit .381 with three homers, a double and 12 RBI as the Crusaders went 6-1 overall and 6-0 in the WHAC.

The Novi grad leads the Crusaders with 35 RBI and is tied for the team lead in homers with six.

The award was the first of Flavin's career and the third for an MU player this season.

MU, 26-6 overall and ranked No. 18 in the latest NAIA Coaches Poll, returns to WHAC play 1 p.m. Friday in Ann Arbor against Concordia University.

Irwin reaps honor

For the second straight time and the 11th in her career, Madonna University junior pitcher Jess Irwin (Monroe) has been named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week in softball.

Irwin helped the Crusaders to a 4-0 week by going 2-0 herself with a 1.00 earned run average in 14 innings of work.

She tossed the eighth no-hitter of her career against Aquinas on Saturday, striking out 16 while allowing just two Saints to reach base via walks.

Against Cornerstone on April 9, Irwin fanned 14 while allowing just two hits and two earned runs.

Irwin is 12-2 with a 2.13 ERA in 98 innings of work this season. She has struck out 147 hitters and the opponents are hitting just .158 off of her.

Moccia wins 100th

Western Michigan University junior Amanda Moccia (Livonia Stevenson) teamed up with partner April Kerr for a doubles triumph and earn her 100th career victory in the Broncos' 5-2 women's tennis victory Saturday over host University of Toledo.

Moccia is 15-13 this season in doubles and 13-18 in singles.

It was the fourth straight win for the 12-9 Broncos, who are 4-1 in the Mid-American Conference.

Dark Angels lose

The Detroit Dark Angels, a new franchise in the Women's Football Alliance, got off to a rough start Saturday falling to the West Michigan Mayhem, 52-0, at Westland John Glenn High School.

Telly Robinson rushed for 45 yards and had four catches for 80 yards with a touchdown to lead the Mayhem's offensive attack.

Quarterback Nicole Beier was 11-of-30 for 136 yards and two TDs, while Lisa Ludtke and Samantha Anthony each returned interceptions for TDs.

The Dark Angels are off until Saturday, April 24, at the Toledo Reign.

Crusaders' Irwin gets 8th No-No

Junior Jess Irwin threw the eighth no-hitter of her career Saturday to highlight Madonna University's sweep

of host **PREP SOFTBALL** Aquinas College in a double-header played at Grand Rapids Northview High School.

With the two wins, the No. 21 Crusaders improved to 21-6 overall and 5-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Irwin struck out 16 and allowed just two runners to reach base — both via the walk — to improve to 12-2 on the year as MU captured the opener, 3-0.

After allowing a two-out walk in the first, the Monroe

native set down 18 of the next 19 hitters she faced.

Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) and Kelly Lesko each collected two hits in the win. Ashley Shay (Garden City/Dearborn Divine Child) and Lesko each contributed an RBI.

In the nightcap, sophomore pitcher Hallie Minch (Garden City) tossed a two-hit, complete game shut-out in a 6-0 win over the Saints.

Minch (9-4) struck out five and allowed just one walk.

Shay knocked in two runs, while Brittney Scero (Canton), Sidor and Minch added one RBI apiece.

Aquinas falls to 16-11 overall an 4-2 in the WHAC.

Gymnast Schick proves razor-sharp

BY BRAD EMMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



REPLAY PHOTOS

Illinois State University gymnast and Livonia native Erica Schick, shown here dismounting from the balance beam, was 13th in the all-around at the NCAA South Regional last weekend in Columbia, Mo.

Illinois State University's Erica Schick realizes what a fine line there is every time she competes as a gymnast.

The junior from Livonia Stevenson High closed out her 2010 season Saturday at the NCAA South Central Regional hosted by the University of Missouri with a respectable 13th place finish in the all-around.

It was her third straight regional appearance in the all-around and she posted her best score ever with a 38.700. She finished in a four-way tie for 12th on the balance beam (9.775).



Erica Schick

Among her other marks were a 9.750 on the uneven bars, a 9.625 on floor exercise and a 9.55 on vault.

"I'm sad because the season went so fast, but I'm also excited for the successful season it was," said Schick, who was third in the all-around at the Midwest Independent Conference meet, including a second place on floor. "If I did my normal floor and vault (routine) it would have been better, but it's something to work on for next year. My floor and vault are my two strong events, but on the bars and beam I had solid routines."

Schick placed ninth at the regional in the all-around as a freshman and 18th as a sophomore.

She cited progress in her most recent regional outing.

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All-Area girls bowlers create buzz on lanes

FIRST-TEAM
Alysson Kassab, Sr., Westland Glenn: The four-year varsity starter and team captain paced the Rockets to MHSAA Division 1 team quarterfinals and a third-place finish at the regional.

Kassab, the Rockets' MVP, was also a state singles qualifier for the second straight year finishing 20th in the qualifying block with a six-game total of 1,086.

She was regional runner-up and individual champion of the KLAAs Kensington Conference and Plymouth-Salem-Canton Tournament.

Kassab went 23-6 in match games and earned All-KLAA and second-team All-State honors in Division 1.

"Alysson set all new school records with a 192 average, 266 high game and 466 series," Glenn coach Jim Bowles said. "She also helped us break a number of team records including high Baker game (220), Baker series (409), and average."

Samantha Maxwell, Soph., Farm-Harrison: Maxwell is a two-time state qualifier who led her team to a Division 1 qualifying berth and a second-place finish in the OAA. As the anchor bowler, Maxwell had a season average of 182.14, and she was fifth in her regional with a 199.8 average. She had a high game of 236 and was All-OAA first team with a 190 average. Maxwell was voted team MVP by her teammates.

"She's one of the most competitive young ladies I've had the chance to coach," coach Dennis Hermani said. "She had a fantastic season for us. She anchored us as a junior; it was a role she asked to have. When we bowled Clarkston, she



Alysson Kassab
John Glenn



Samantha Maxwell
Farm.-Harrison



Stephani O'Harris
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Natalie Brown
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 Bridget Moricz, Soph., Liv. Clarenceville

SECOND TEAM
 Mackenzie Carlson, Jr., Plymouth
 Amber Cummins, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville
 Tera Warn, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy
 Erin Fitzpatrick, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy
 Allison Bosink, Sr., Farm.-Harrison
 Chelsea Priess, Sr., Wayne Memorial

THIRD TEAM
 Brittany Jones, Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy
 Jessica Stampler, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
 Ashley Kretschmer, Jr., Salem
 Ashley Cade, Jr., Canton
 Kerry LaValley, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
 Katy Rand, Sr., N. Farmington

COACH OF THE YEAR
 Dennis Hermani, Farm.-Harrison

HONORABLE MENTION
 Salem: Kristin Peltz; John Glenn: Khiry Sparks; Mercy: Jasmine Wehr; Canton: Charlotte Zimmer; N. Farmington: Emily Mesner, Carolyn Wooden; Farmington-Harrison: Wendy Miller, Melissa King.

bowled their best girl who was a state qualifier and beat her both times heads-up.

"Samantha puts in an exorbitant amount of time on her own outside of practice, working on her game. I expect her to be our first three-time state qualifier. We've never had a kid do that, but she has that kind of talent."

Stephani O'Harris, Jr., Wayne: The junior placed fourth at the Division 1 regional with a 1,079 six-game set and placed 41st overall in the state singles qualifying block.

During the regular season, O'Harris averaged 170.43 in 28 games with a high of 234. She was third in individual match points in the KLAAs Central with 19.

"Stephani always started for us in the few tournaments we had," Wayne coach Traci Skye said. "She was very good team player, always supportive of teammates, both in match and tournament play. She got better as year went along and always had a good attitude. She's an all-around great player. We're glad to have her on team and glad to have her back next year with her talent and experience."

Natalie Brown, Sr., Westland Glenn: The senior and two-year varsity starter was a Division 1 state qualifier finishing 37th in the qualifying block after a fifth place at the regional.

Brown took a sixth in singles with a high game of 258 at the Wayne County Invitational and added a seventh at the Ladywood Holiday Tournament. She also placed 12th in the Clarenceville Open

Doubles event.

Brown averaged 166 overall and had a high two-game series of 441. She also helped Glenn to team records with a 220 Baker game and a 409 two-game Baker set.

"Natalie had a breakout senior season," Bowles said. "She was second on the team in average, game and series. Natalie let her bowling do the talking, finishing in the top ten in individual score in over half the tournaments this season."

Karla Ziemba, Sr., Farm.-Harrison: Ziemba won the Oakland County championship by shooting a 656 series for a 218.6 average. She carried a season average of 180.15. She had a high game of 268 and a high series of 471 for a 235.5 average. A four-year varsity regular, Ziemba was instrumental in Farmington-Harrison qualifying for the state team tournament.

"She really learned how to battle adversity well this year," coach Hermani said. "She followed up what was probably her worst day versus Lake Orion by a couple days later winning the Oakland County championship. That tells you a lot about her resiliency and toughness." Karla averaged 134 against

Lake Orion and averaged 219 two days later to win the county tournament. She can bounce back; she's tough. She just goes back to her old self."

Bridget Moricz, Soph., Liv. Clarenceville: The sophomore was runner-up in the Division 3 singles regional with an six-game set 1,153 as the Trojans also qualified with a third place in the team regional.

Moricz placed 21st in the state singles qualifying block with a 1,076 total including a high game of 214. She averaged 184.4 during the season.

In the Clarenceville Open Doubles Tournament, Moricz posted a high series with a 715 on games of 243-215-257 en route to a runner-up finish with teammate Amber Cummins.

Against Salem, Moricz posted a season-best high series of 496 on games of 262 and 234.

"Being a sophomore, and with potential she's displayed over the past two years, I would not surprise me that she'd be a state singles champ over the next two years," Clarenceville coach Phil Horowitz said. "She practices a lot and takes the game seriously. She tries to make corrections when you're helping her out and that's a reason why she is excellent."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dennis Hermani, Farmington-Harrison: Under the direction of Hermani, the girls team qualified for the first time for the state team tournament, and it was the runner-up in the Oakland Activities Association and the Oakland County tournament. Farmington-Harrison beat OAA champion Royal Oak, 21-9, but two close losses early in the season prevented it from winning back-to-back titles.

"It's always nice to be recognized as an individual," Hermani said, but he added it's all the people behind the scene who support the team and bowlers who deserve the real credit.

"I would not be in this position without our assistant coach, Mike Clarahana, and the folks at Country Lanes and the pro shop there with Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen who work with me and our kids, increasing their skill set.

"The majority of the credit goes to the kids and assistant coach and ladies at the pro shop. I pretty much get to sign the score sheet at the end of the day. I get to enjoy the finished product."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 15
 Summit Academy at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Oak. Christian, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 16
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
 Allen Park at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Redford Union at Fordson, 4 p.m.
 Thurston at Belleville, 4 p.m.
 Garden City at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 17
 (all double-headers)
 Thurston at Clarenceville, 10 a.m.
 Luth. Westland at Annapolis, 11 a.m.
 Redford Union at Churchill, 11 a.m.

Lathrup at Stevenson, 11 a.m.
 Garden City at Wayne, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 15
 Ladywood at Divine Child (2), 4 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 16
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
 S.H. Parkway at Huron Valley, 4 p.m.
 Redford Union at Fordson, 4 p.m.
 Thurston at Belleville, 4 p.m.
 Garden City at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 17
 (all double-headers unless noted)
 Farm. Hills Mercy Invitational, 8 a.m.
 Thurston at Clarenceville (1), 10 a.m.

Luth. Westland at Annapolis, 11 a.m.
 Redford Union at Churchill, 11 a.m.
 John Glenn at W.L. Northern, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 15
 Thurston at Monroe, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 16
 Franklin at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Belleville, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Hazel Park at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 17
 Ladywood at Warren Regina, 1:45 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Thursday, April 15
 Thurston at Belleville, 3:30 p.m.

Redford Union at Fordson, 4 p.m.
 Annapolis at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 16
 Mansfield (Ohio) Meehock Relays, 11 a.m.

Saturday, April 17
 Birm. Groves Invitational, 9 a.m.
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 Dearborn Elks Relays, 10 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, April 15
 Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Ladywood at Mercy, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 16
 Churchill at Harrison, 4 p.m.
 Taylor Kennedy at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Thurston at Crestwood, 4 p.m.
 Garden City at Annapolis, 4 p.m.
 Robichaud at Redford Union, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 17
 Monroe Olson Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
 Stevenson Quad, 9 a.m.

BOYS GOLF
Thursday, April 15
 Huron Valley vs. Oakland Christian at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 16
 John Glenn vs. Carleton Airport at Carleton Glenn, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
 (all double-headers)
Friday, April 16
 Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 17
 Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 (all double-headers)
Friday, April 16
 Madonna vs. Rochester College at Oakland University, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 17
 Siena Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 18
 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 1 p.m.

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Salem puts boot to Churchill

Freshman Gina Goble scored a pair of second-half goals Tuesday to give host

GIRLS SOCCER

Salem a 3-0 girls soccer win over Livonia Churchill.

Kaitlyn Klusek also scored for the Rocks, who improved to 3-0 overall.

The loss drops Churchill to 0-2 overall.

"They're a good team with fast girls who stroke the ball with authority," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said of Salem. "We played with them, but we had a couple of breakdowns and they capitalized on it."

"Fatigue became a factor. They wore us down. Their fit-

ness proved to be better than us."

Kaylie Secord started in goal for the Chargers before giving way to Kelly Twigg in the final 20 minutes.

Jamie Hunley got the shut-out in goal for Salem.

Junior defender Megan McDonald, playing in her first game after sitting out with an injury, stood out for the Chargers along with junior

midfielder Kelsey Rothermel.

LADYWOOD 1, DIVINE CHILD 1: In the Catholic League Central Division opener for both teams, Livonia Ladywood (1-1, 0-0-1) and host Dearborn Divine Child (1-0-2, 0-0-1) battled to a draw.

Ladywood led 1-0 at intermission on Kelly Capoccia's goal from Paige Brennan in the 33rd minute.

The Falcons' Becca Smith tied it in the 46th minute.

Goalkeepers Maddie Reed (Ladywood) and Jessica Shymanski (Divine Child) each made five saves.

"We looked a bit sluggish due to the long (Easter) break," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Divine Child was well organized and well coached. We just need to continue to work hard in practice and I'm confident our team will be a factor at the end of the season."

LUTH. N'WEST 3, LUTH. WESTLAND 1: On Tuesday, goals by Mary-Catherine Goodard, Cayla Van Gordon and Haylee Luedtke carried host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win over Lutheran High Westland (0-1, 0-1).

Sarah Frusti scored the Warriors' lone goal off an assist from Miranda Kasprovic.



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Patriots' Day

Franklin track & field teams sweep Relays titles

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was Patriot Games, and then some on Saturday for the host Livonia Franklin boys and girls track teams.

The only thing missing was Harrison Ford and Tom Brady.

The Franklin girls captured eight of 15 relay events to earn the team title with 121 points. Livonia Stevenson was runner-up in the six-school field with 96. See complete relay results.

"With the meet being over spring break, we were happy that teams still wanted to come and compete," Franklin girls coach Dave Bjorklund said. "Most teams were in the same boat with members out of town, but I

think the meet was a great experience for all the teams and athletes."

Jen Mueller figured in three firsts for Franklin, while Megan McPherson, Kathryn Chinavare, Emily Quint and Amanda Borio were on two winning relay teams apiece.

"As a team we competed well, and our distance runners and field events really came through for us," Bjorklund said. "We have a lot of new kids, and the meet was a great chance to see what some of them can do."

The Franklin boys were even more impressive, taking 12 of 15 relay events, including all five field events, en route to a team-high 137 points. Redford Union was runner-up with 100.

"I'm very pleased with the team's effort," Franklin boys coach Pat Koelzer said. "We had less teams and we were all short a few athletes because of spring break. I asked the boys to give their best no matter who they faced and they did. It was nice to get some of our less experienced runners involved, and I think we found some depth in our sprinting and jumping areas."

Junior Jay Woolfork was on the winning shot put, discus, high jump and 4 x 100-meter relay teams for Franklin.

"I'm especially proud of Jay, who not only did his usual throwing events, but also excelled in the high jump and 400 relay," Koelzer said.

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

PATRIOT TRACK & FIELD RELAYS April 10 at Livonia Franklin

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 121 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 96; 3. Garden City, 74; 4. Redford Union, 66; 5. Redford Thurston, 35; 6. Wayne Memorial, 27.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Franklin (Savannah Haig, 33 feet, 5 inches); Nicole Price, 29-6; Ashley Gruden, 27-7; 90-6 (total); 2. Thurston, 87-0; 3. Stevenson, 83-1; 4. Garden City, 75-0; 5. Wayne, 71-7; 6. RU, 60-9. **Top throw:** Chelsea Carradine (Thurston), 36-3.

Discus: 1. Stevenson (Kayla Branton, 86-4; Becky Holubka, 84-1; Rachel Batshon, 74-2); 245-5; 2. Franklin, 235-11; 3. Garden City, 218-10; 4. RU, 156-5; 5. Thurston, 68-10. **Top throw:** Haig (Franklin), 104-0.

High jump: 1. Franklin (Emily Quint, 4-10, top jump); Kelly O'Brien, 4-6; Kathryn Chinavare, 4-3; 13-7; 2. Garden City, 12-3; 3. RU, 8-6; 4. Wayne, 8-3; 5. Stevenson, no height.

Long jump: 1. Franklin (Jen Mueller, 14-2.5, top jump); Amanda Borio, 14-0.5; Naomi Rodgers, 11-9; 40-0; 2. Garden City, 38-8.5; 3. RU, 36-10; 4. Stevenson, 36-4.5.

Pole vault: 1. Franklin (Meghan Lark, 8-6, top jump); Borio, 6-0; Mallory Duncan, 5-6; 2. Garden City, 18-0; 3. RU, 7-6; 4. Stevenson, 5-0.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Franklin (Quint, Rodgers, O'Brien, Mueller), 1:14.9; 2. Stevenson, 1:18.2; 3. RU, 1:21.9; 4. Garden City, 1:23.9.

400 meters: 1. Thurston (Carradine, Brianna Nixon, Mezi Martin, Dominique Smith), 51-2; 2. RU, 54-0; 3. Stevenson, 55-4; 4. Wayne, 56-3; 5. Franklin, 56-6; 6. Garden City, 58-7.

800: 1. Thurston (Nixon, Martin, Aerial Paris, Smith), 1:51.5; 2. Franklin, 1:55.6; 3. Stevenson, 1:57.3; 4. Wayne, 2:03.8; 5. RU, 2:07.9; 6. Garden City, 2:09.9.

1,600: 1. Stevenson (Jordan Verleye, Stephanie Batshon, Brenna Gabrielson, Karlie Gallagher), 4:36.3; 2. Franklin, 4:42.0; 3. Garden City, 4:46.4; 4. RU, 4:54.4.

3,200: 1. Franklin (Megan Wickens, Leslie Gomez, Mallory Church, Megan McPherson),

10:38.3; 2. Stevenson, 11:09.1; 3. Garden City, 12:50.3; 4. Wayne, 14:12.6.

Sprint medley: 1. Franklin (Chinavare, Quint, Mueller, Mallory Church), 2:05.4; 2. Garden City, 2:07.7; 3. Stevenson, 2:09.7; 4. Wayne, 2:17.7; 5. Thurston, 2:18.6; 6. RU, 2:21.6.

Distance medley: 1. Franklin (Wickens, Boriero, Gomez, McPherson), 14:00.5; 2. Stevenson, 15:15.4; 3. RU, 15:28.5.

400-1: Stevenson (Holubka, Batshon, Chelsea Billings, Jade Burkett), 1:04.7; 2. Garden City, 1:08.4; 3. RU, 1:12.0; 4. Franklin, 1:12.3.

Co-ed 400: 1. Wayne (Meah Long, Alex Balli, Carmen Steen, Dante Senters), 50.8; 2. RU, 51.4; 3. Franklin, 52.1; 4. Garden City, 54.2; 5. Thurston, 54.8.

Team 1,600: 1. Stevenson (Katie Glynn, 6:00.7, top time); 3. Kaylee Dolinski, 6:04.3; 8. Brooke Hitchcock, 6:28.5; 2. Franklin; 3. RU, 4. Garden City, 5. Thurston.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 78.3

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 58.6

April 13 at John Glenn
Shot put: Taylor Byron (LC), 34 feet, 3.5 inches; **discus:** Byron (LC), 99-7; **high jump:** Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-0; **long jump:** Aubrie Scott (WJG), 15-5; **pole vault:** Lindsey Kretzmann (LC), 8-0; **100-meter hurdles:** Lache Walton (WJG), 18:01; **300 hurdles:** Eberer Ogbuaku (WJG), 54:67; **100 dash:** Scott (WJG), 12:7; **200:** Scott (WJG), 27:33; **400:** Sara Kroll (LC), 1:01.21; **800:** Bethany Pilat (LC), 2:31.8; **1,600:** Kroll (LC), 5:35.9; **3,200:** Kerrigan Riley (LC), 11:44.76; **400 relay:** Churchill (Elizabeth Lerner, Leah Heinzelman, Demi Crossman, Ashley Cochran), 53:33; **800 relay:** John Glenn (Kiera Allen, Kayla Jones, Stephany Brown, Alisha Guster), 1:51.76; **1,600 relay:** Churchill (Lindsay Dusbabin, Tiffany Raisanen, McDonnell, Kroll), 4:27.4; **3,200 relay:** Churchill (Jenna Szuba, Raisanen, Alexis Hickson, Kroll), 10:22.66.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA South.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 110 WAYNE MEMORIAL 25
April 13 at Franklin
Shot put: Savannah Haig (LF), 31 feet, 5 inches; **discus:** Haig (LF), 105-5; **high jump:** Liz Holloway (LF), 4-8; **long jump:** Jen Mueller (LF), 13:10.5; **pole vault:** Meghan Lark (LF), 8-6; **100-meter hurdles:** Mueller (LF), 17:4; **300 hurdles:** Semeca Scott (LF), 52.4; **100 dash:** Rochelle Woods (WM), 13:0; **200:** Woods (WM), 28:0; **400:** Woods (WM), 1:03.5; **800:** Megan McPherson (LF), 2:30.1; **1,600:** McPherson (LF), 5:25.1; **3,200:** Cathryn Studzinski (LF), 13:30.9; **400 relay:** Wayne (Meah Long, Carmen Steen, Akliah Wade, Carli Jones), 54.9; **800 relay:** Franklin (Natalie Modes, Shannon Niznik, Mueller, Kathryn Chinavare), 1:55.4; **1,600 relay:** Franklin (Leslie Gomez, Mallory Church, Nicole Masters, Megan McPherson), 4:40.5; **3,200 relay:** Franklin (Kaitlyn Kozyn, Christa Mott, Victoria Church, Dominique Jordan), 11:43.0.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA South.

SALEM 74
LIVONIA STEVENSON 63
April 13 at P-CEP
Shot put: Hendrian (Salem), 28 feet, 3 inches; **discus:** Kayla Branton (LS), 96-2; **high jump:** Monika Rudis (LS), 4-10; **long jump:** (tie) Jordan Verleye (LS) and Klusek (Salem), 14-3.5 each; **pole vault:** Paruta (Salem), 7-6; **100-meter hurdles:** Becky Adamcheck (LS), 17.5; **300 hurdles:** Marci Kovsky (LS), 52.7; **100 dash:** Deja Wright (Salem), 13.1; **200:** Wright (Salem), 27.7; **400:** Adamcheck (LS), 59.9; **800:** Victoria Tripp (Salem), 1:55.4; **1,600:** Jordyn Moore (Salem), 5:47.2; **3,200:** Tripp (Salem), 12:23.7; **400 relay:** Salem, 53.9; **800 relay:** Stevenson (Erin Erickson, Verleye, Stephanie Batshon, Adamcheck), 1:53.6; **1,600 relay:** Stevenson (Verleye, Batshon, Brenna Gabrielson, Adamcheck), 4:21.7; **3,200 relay:** Salem, 10:38.2.

Dual meet records: Salem, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA Central; Stevenson, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA Central.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

PATRIOT TRACK & FIELD RELAYS April 10 at Livonia Franklin

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 137 points; 2. Redford Union, 100; 3. Garden City, 70; 4. Wayne Memorial, 49; 5. Redford Thurston, 31.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Franklin (Sean McAuliffe, 49 feet, 2 inches); Jay Woolfork, 48-10; Nate Coleman, 46-7; 144-7 (total); 2. Thurston, 117-4; 3. Wayne, 105-8; 4. Garden City, 103-10; 5. RU, 96-2.

Discus: 1. Franklin (Coleman, 147-3; Adam Clay, 107-3; Woolfork, 102-9); 357-3; 2. Garden City, 309-2; 3. Wayne, 262-6; 4. RU, 226-5; 5. Thurston, 155-2.

High jump: 1. Franklin (Antoine Banks, Woolfork, Mike Sharp, 5-6 each); 16-6; 2. RU, 10-0; 3. Wayne, 5-3.

Long jump: 1. Franklin (Banks, 18-7.5; Ryan Tarhanich, 17-8.5; Hunter Sterling, 17-0); 53-4.2; RU, 46-5; 3. Garden City, 44-8; 4. Wayne, 31-11.

Pole vault: 1. Franklin (Mike Kaplan, 11-0; Tom Brokaw, 8-0; Danny Martinez, 7-6); 26-6; 2. Garden City, 23-0; 3. RU, 17-0.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Franklin (Zach Miller, Brokaw, Brian Johnson, Brian Riedy), 1:33.7; 2. RU, 1:25.2.

400 meters: 1. Franklin (Banks, Woolfork, Jake Pinard, Richard Duncan), 46:0; 2. RU, 47:6; 3. Garden City, 48-2; 4. Thurston, 49:0.

800: 1. Franklin (Mike Beasley, Sharp, Ryan Hurl, Duncan), 1:39.6; 2. RU, 1:38.7; 3. Garden City, 1:39.6; 4. Wayne, 1:51.0.

1,600: 1. Franklin (Hurl, Tarhanich, Dave Koponen, Beasley), 3:38.3; 2. RU, 3:41.7; 3.

Garden City, 3:55.9; 4. Thurston, 4:01.2; 5. Wayne, 4:15.1.

3,200: 1. Franklin (Austin Jones, Andrew Crechiolo, Koponen, Gherardini), 8:51.2; 2. RU, 9:01.3; 3. Thurston, 10:01.3; 4. Wayne, 10:10.5.

Sprint medley: 1. Franklin (Sharp, Hurl, Joe McRobb, Tarhanich), 1:42.5; 2. Thurston, 1:47-6; 3. RU, 1:55.4; 4. Wayne, 1:52.9; 5. Garden City, 1:58.9.

Distance medley: 1. Franklin (Bobby Wilson, Crechiolo, Gherardini, Jones), 1:55.9; 2. RU, 12:57.8; 3. Garden City, 13:03.0; 4. Wayne, 13:20.0.

Throwers 400: 1. Garden City (Ron Lindsay, Shane Mitchell, Colin Boyd, Nate Kalinowski), 54.4; 2. Wayne, 54.6; 3. Franklin, 57.6; 4. RU, 57.6; 5. Thurston, 57.6.

Co-ed 400: 1. Wayne (Meah Long, Alex Balli, Carmen Steen, Dante Senters), 50.8; 2. RU, 51.4; 3. Franklin, 52.1; 4. Garden City, 54.2; 5. Thurston, 54.8.

Team 1,600: 1. RU (3. Vandentonn, 5:19.8; 6. Mulligan, 5:32.0; 7. Campel, 5:32.5; 18. Scola, 6:45.4); 2. Franklin; 3. Garden City; 4. Thurston.

Individual winner: Wilson (Franklin), 5:01.5.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 86
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 50
April 13 at John Glenn
Shot put: Bryan Bartig (LC), 48 feet, 10 inches; **discus:** Bartig (LC), 138-7; **high jump:** Anthony Blair (WJG), 6-5; **long jump:** Joseph Marlow (LC), 19-9.5; **pole vault:** Michael Greer (LC), 11-6; **110-meter hurdles:** Marshall Fry (LC), 16.64; **300 hurdles:** Ian Guerin (LC), 43.64; **100 dash:** Jeremy Langford (WJG), 11:01; **200:** Langford (WJG), 23.2; **400:** Nelson Kenne (WJG), 53.64;

800: Tom Windle (LC), 2:10.21; **1,600:** Quinn Osgood (LC), 4:55.66; **3,200:** Windle (LC), 11:23.88; **400 relay:** John Glenn (Rico Cole, Luciano Kenle, Stefan Anthony, Langford), 43.69; **800 relay:** John Glenn (Cole, Kenle, Anthony, Langford), 1:33.04; **1,600 relay:** John Glenn (Kenle, Dean Foster, Kelly Maxwell, Kenne), 3:38.03; **3,200 relay:** Churchill (Osgood, Windle, Ryan Keeling, Mark Freyberg), 8:49.4.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA South.

SALEM 70
LIVONIA STEVENSON 67
April 13 at P-CEP
Shot put: Dana Baltazar (Salem), 50 feet, 4 inches; **discus:** Jon Anceel (LS), 134-2; **high jump:** Zack Gaskell (Salem), 6-2; **long jump:** Will Burek (LS), 19-4.5; **pole vault:** John Krutty (Salem), 12-0; **110-meter hurdles:** Scott O'Connor (Salem), 16.29; **300 hurdles:** O'Connor (Salem), 40.98; **100 dash:** John Pauley (LS), 11.56; **200:** Anderson (Salem), 23.46; **400:** Gaskell (Salem), 50.84; **800:** Martin (Salem), 1:59.87; **1,600:** John Lynch (LS), 4:51.41; **3,200:** Joe Urso (LS), 10:35.24; **400 relay:** Stevenson (Pauley, Adam Duncan, Jon Gudeman, Alex Law), 44.89; **800 relay:** Stevenson (Law, Pat Smith, Stephen Pollard, Matt Williams), 1:33.66; **1,600 relay:** Salem, 3:27.3; **3,200 relay:** Stevenson (Urso, Travis Gosselin, Scott Brewer, Adam Chludzinski), 8:34.08.

Dual meet records: Salem, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLA Central.

Blazers' cage coach Cannon steps down

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pat Cannon's two-year stint as varsity girls basketball at Livonia Ladywood has come to an end.

The 55-year-old Cannon, citing work commitments with Motor Trend and Automobile magazines, stepped down as the Blazers coach prior the Easter break.

"The business climate is tough and being a head coach takes a lot of work," Cannon said Monday after returning from a vacation in Europe. "Right now I need to take care of my business at work. I need to see where I'm going, take time off (from coaching) and see what happens."

Cannon finished with a 23-22

record in two seasons with the Blazers. He got the Ladywood job after spending one season at Livonia Stevenson where he finished 4-17 in 2007-08.

Prior to becoming a varsity coach, Cannon served as an assistant at Ladywood for 10 years under Andrea Gorski, who won 10 district crowns in 11 years. (Gorski is now the head women's basketball coach at Concordia University.)

"We had some challenges, but we got better this year going to the Catholic League and (Class A) district finals," Cannon said. "I'm not displeased at all the last two years. Would we have liked to have been better? Absolutely."

Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek said he is taking applications for the job.

"I told him (Cannon) to make

a decision that's best for you," Malek said. "I'm going to open it up to everybody. That's how I found Andrea (Gorski)."

Whoever gets the varsity position could be inheriting a promising future.

The Blazers' JV team, coached by Anthony Coratti, Amber and Linda Willoughby, finished 20-0 overall.

"They did a spectacular job with that group," Cannon said.

Cannon becomes the second area varsity girls basketball coach to step down following the season joining Livonia Franklin's Dave McCall, who resigned after going 60-15 in three seasons (including the 2009 Class A state finals) with the Patriots.

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6 PLYMOUTH 3

April 13 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Paige Fallu (LC) defeated Sarah Mitchell, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 2:** Nicole Kruse (LC) def. Priya Joshi, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2; **No. 3:** Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Ani Cooper, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 4:** Mara Karagozian (LC) def. Kirithi Duraiswamy, 7-5, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Val Rose-Kristi Walker (LC) def. Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Quincy Banini-Nikki Fata (LC) def. Kayla Griffey-Britta Swanson, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Caitlin Griffith-Jayde Schultz (LC) def. Andrea Haidar-Brittany Rose, 6-5 (default); **No. 4:** Lulia Fratila-Annie Mackenzie (P) def. Kristi Fata-Maria Paul, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 5:** Jahny Patel-Mariah Tesar (P) def. Lauren Patla-Becky Snyder.

Churchill's dual match record: 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLA South Division.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 5 MILFORD 3

March 31 at Howell

No. 1 singles: Shannon Dwight (LS) defeated Katie Golick, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 2:** Laura Gumpfer (LS) def. Stef Thorne, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 3:** Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Amelia Parenteau, 7-5, 7-6 (8-6 tiebreaker); **No. 4:** Melissa Martinez (LS) def. Brenna Dougherty, 6-1, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Cassie Halt-Besty Kolb (M) def. Michelle DeBeaudry-Emily Plumley, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 2:** Simona Enea-Lexie Ranski (LS) def. Erin Dougherty-Sara Gostek, 7-6 (8-6), 4-6, 12-10 (super breaker); **No. 3:** Lauren Arsenault-Calla Miller (LS) def. Lauren Gordon-Kelsey Johnson,

6-7 (3-7), 6-3, 10-4; **No. 4:** Abbey Senczyszyn-Autum Giles (M) def. Kathryn Malkowski-Paige Anderle, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 5:** Amber Gennaro-Ashleigh Key (M) def. Taylor Tinham-Kelsey Futrell, 6-7 (4-7), 6-3, 10-8.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 3-0 overall; Milford, 1-1 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 7 HOWELL 2

March 31 at Howell

No. 1 singles: Shannon Dwight (LS) defeated Taylor Oglesby, 6-2, 6-7, 10-4 (super breaker); **No. 2:** Laura Gumpfer (LS) def. Kamryn Kurtz, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Marie Pless, 6-3, 6-7, 10-1; **No. 4:** Melissa Martinez (LS) def. Carolyn Price, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: 1. Anna Keough-Catherine Bachelder (H) def. Michelle DeBeaudry-Emily Plumley, 6-2, 7-6; **No. 2:** Simona Enea-Lexie Ranski (LS) def. Rachel Gravelle-Megan Atkins, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 3:** Lauren Arsenault-Calla Miller (LS) def. Rachel Hemond-Kourtney Hoepfner, 3-6, 6-2, 10-4; **No. 4:** Kristyn Canary-Nicole Phillips (H) def. Kathryn Malkowski-Paige Anderle, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 5:** Allison Kay-Naomi Martinescui (LS) def. Bridget Augustyn-Erin Flannery, 6-2, 6-3.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 2-0 overall; Howell, 0-1 overall.

COLLEGE GOLF RESULTS

COLLEGIATE GOLF RESULTS

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY (OHIO) PURPLE & WHITE INVITATIONAL

April 9-10 at Foxfire G.C.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Malone (Ohio), 302-302-604; 2. Madonna University, 306-312-618; 3. Thomas More (Ky.), 321-324-645; 4. Ohio Northern, 317-331-648; 5. Heidelberg (Ohio), 322-329-651; 6. Shawnee State (Ohio), 316-340-656; 6. Capital (Ohio), 328-338-666; 8. Walsh (Ohio), 337-335-672; 9. Cincinnati State (Ohio), 340-338-678; 10. Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio), 342-341-683; 11. Columbus State (Ohio), 347-339-686; 12. Grove City (Ohio), 343-344-

687; 13. Capital (B), 342-347-689; 14. Grove City (B), 344-358-702; 15. Wilmington (Ohio), 369-377-741; 16. Lorain County CC (Ohio), 385-385-770.

Individual medalist: Tyler Light (Malone), 70-79-149 (won playoff).

Madonna scorers: 3. (tie) Kyle Lawrey, 74-79-153; Jimmy Uelman, 72-81-153; 8. (tie) Brett Oultiquit, 78-78-156; 19. (tie) Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill), 87-74-161; 23. (tie) Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin), 81-81-162; 60. Steve South (Franklin), 82-95-177.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS (IND.) COUGAR SPRING INVITATIONAL

April 9-10 Noble Hawk Golf Links & Cobblestone Golf Course
WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bethel (Ind.), 333-317-650; 2. Marian (Ind.), 339-326-665; 3. St. Francis (Ind.), 348-330-678; 4. Madonna University, 374-345-719.

Individual medalist: Jessica Layman (Bethel), 81-79-160.

Madonna scorers: 15. Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), 88-89-177; 16. Sara Simmittch, 94-84-178; 20. (tie) Michelle Hall, 96-88-184; Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson

Freshman keys Chargers' win

Freshman Nikki Salloum came through with a clutch 2-run single in the top of the seventh to give Livonia Churchill a 3-2 girls softball victory Monday at Livonia Stevenson.

Churchill winning pitcher Natalie Hiser allowed just three hits and only one walk in seven innings to pick up the KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover victory.

Hiser and Missy Sidor combined for four of Churchill's seven hits off Stevenson pitcher Jacqueline Johnson, who suffered the loss.

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Stevenson, which took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning, was led by Shelby Wilson's hit and run.

Churchill, which defeated Novi, 9-4, in its season opener on March 30, improved to 2-0 overall. It was the Spartans' season opener.

FRANKLIN 4, S. LYON EAST 2: Chelsea Williams and Mariah Barcus each went 3-for-4 Monday as Livonia Franklin (3-0) earned the Kensington Conference crossover win over host South Lyon East (0-1).

The Patriots broke a 2-all deadlock in the seventh inning as Audrey Geraghty got things started with a walk. She moved on second on Nicole Emery's bunt.

Williams then scored pinch runner Keely Wilson with her second triples of the game and scored herself on a Barcus RBI single (her second RBI of the game).

Amanda Nixon added two hits for the Patriots.

Winning pitcher Tiffany Lambie, a sophomore, improved to 2-0 by scattering eight hits. She fanned eight and did not allow a walk.

Olivia Nelson, the East starter, gave up 10 hits, walked one and fanned three in seven innings.

after we get through the first month of the season, along with tryouts, and these first few games. And the way the schedule goes we play almost every day. The kids take over the program and we watch mostly. We'll give them all the chances to see how they do."

Meanwhile, the Cougars are far from their state Class A championship form of 2008, but the future appears to be promising.

"We're very young — nine sophomores, four juniors and only one senior," Patterson said. "We have a lot to learn. Four or five are veteran players who were on varsity a year ago. All the other ones up probably have a whole lot to learn. It's going to a long first half of the season for us. But maybe at the end we'll be competitive with the top teams."

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Warriors can't capitalize, fall 3-1

Lutheran High Westland left too many ducks on the pond in Tuesday's 3-1 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference baseball setback to visiting Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett in a battle of highly regarded Division 4 teams.

"We definitely let one slip away today," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team is 1-1 overall and 0-1 in the MIAC's Blue Division. "We stranded eight runners in the first three innings. If we score even just a couple runs more in those first few innings, it definitely changes the complexion of the game."

Losing pitcher Austin Baglow worked six innings, allowing five hits and a walk while fanning four. Reliever Gage Flanery allowed a double and walk in the seventh as the Knights rallied for two runs to break a 1-all deadlock.

Nick Andrezejewski went

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2-for-3 with a double. Kent Krzyske added an RBI single and a walk.

"We played O.K. defensively, so I wasn't disappointed there," Wade said. "We just need to get our bats going and we'll be O.K. That will be our focus the rest of this week for sure."

HURON VALLEY 7, PCA 0: Junior Andy Barber pitched a two-hit shutout Tuesday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-0, 1-0) downed Plymouth Christian Academy (0-2, 0-1) in a MIAC Red Division matchup.

Barber struck out five and did not allow a walk in going the distance.

Shawn Schaffer went 2-for-2 with a walk and RBI for the victorious Hawks. Alex Harris also had two hits and reached base on a walk.

Josh Johnson had two hits for PCA, while starter David Baum took the loss.

EDSEL FORD 3, RU 1: Ryan Gilbert's 2-run homer in the first inning proved to be the difference Tuesday as host Dearborn

Edsel Ford (6-1) stopped Redford Union (0-2) in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference crossover.

Senior right-hander Jacob Blatche went all seven innings for the Panthers, allowing six hits and only two walks.

Blatche also went 2-for-4 at the plate. RU, which stranded 12 runners, tallied its lone run in the fifth when Anthony Stader singled home Steven Gazley.

"Jacob pitched real well, his command was good and he kept them off balance," RU coach Dennis Rogowski said.

CHURCHILL 11, GARDEN CITY 8: Christian Leathley had a pair of doubles and knocked in three runs Tuesday as host Livonia Churchill (2-1) outslugged the Cougars (1-3) in a non-league encounter.

Churchill out-hit Garden City, 12-8, as Stephen Foster went 2-for-2 with three runs and Drew Loudon went 2-for-3. Leathley also scored twice.

Losing pitcher Nate McHugh, who went the first 2.1 innings, collected two hits along with teammate Zach Vera-Burgos.

Trey Jardine was the winning pitcher in relief. In two innings he allowed two runs on four hits and four walks.

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misplayed a ball, and in tight games that always makes the difference.

"That's probably the best hitting team we'll play all year. They hit the ball really well. We're lucky we got them early in the year before they get warmed up."

Churchill threatened to get back in the game in the sixth with consecutive singles by Taylor Kerr, Salloum and Missy Sidor to load the bases.

But the Chargers could only squeeze out one run as Hiser made the second out on an RBI sacrifice fly before Susalla recorded a strikeout to end the inning.

In the bottom of the seventh, Churchill got a 2-out single from Rachel Jason, but Susalla fanned the next batter to secure the victory.

"She (Susalla) did a great job," Patterson said. "That's been really big for us over the years. They got to hit to get on. Six, seven walks will kill you all the time. Quite honestly that was the difference in the game. They (Churchill) walked a few and had a couple of passed balls. Then we delivered on a couple of hits. Without any help it makes it real tough. That's kind of our philosophy to make them get three hits to get a run."

Jewell gave up seven hits, walked two and struck out four in taking the loss. She is currently one of three pitchers auditioning in the Chargers' rotation which also includes Hiser and Sidor.

"Like last year — they're all in the mix and we got to get them work early in the season to see who gets people out," Kuratko said. "We're real happy with that. We've worked hard. I told the coaches our work is over

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"Overall I was excited and happy," Schick said. "I performed the way my coach wanted. It was a lot of work this year, but it was worth it at the end. It was my best (all-around) score. It shows improvement the last two years. I've upgraded my skills and have gotten better over the years."

Illinois State coach Bob Conkling was also encouraged by Schick's performance.

"Erica did well in all four events," he said. "The floor exercise and vault weren't her best events of the night, but there were no major mistakes. When she got to bars and balance beam in the final rotations, she just hit both events extremely well."

Conkling is glad he offered a scholarship to Schick, who competed as a youth for the Sports Club of Novi where she was a Level 9 national floor champion in 2004 and

two-time Level 10 regional qualifier.

"It's been light years, we had five scholarships at the time and she was the last we gave out," Conkling said. "She came in better than we ever thought and she's improved every single year."

"Close to the end it was us and North Carolina (State) going for the same two girls. I'm glad we took Erica because it worked out well for us."

"This year she did a fantastic job. She's been all-around for us in every single meet but one. She struggled a bit on beam, but she took one meet off and got back on track."

Conkling appreciates everything Schick, who has become the Redbirds' leaders, has brought to the program. "She's outgoing and we haven't been disappointed," the ISU coach said. "She's not your typical gymnast. She's 5-8. She was a tough cookie when we first got her, but she's definitely a team player now. I can't say enough good things about her. She gets

good grades. She's a nursing student in a very difficult program and she gets good grades. I'd take 10 of her."

Schick takes her studies as seriously as she does her gymnastics.

"It's one of the hardest programs at school," she said. "It's a lot of work, but it's really rewarding because everything you're learning you can put to use at the clinical site."

Schick has adapted quickly to her surroundings and hasn't regretted her decision to become a Redbird.

"When I came to visit it was a big school with a small community atmosphere," Schick said. "We had good team chemistry and there was room to grow with the team."

"Bloomington is a growing city. Lots of cornfields around, but it has all the things you need in a city and it's a family atmosphere."

Although the season is over, Schick is already setting her sights on next season. Illinois State finished runner-up in this year's Midwest Independent Conference meet as a team.

She hopes to be razor-sharp for her final season of eligibility.

"It's still five days per week," she said. "We lift weights and we go three days in the gym a week. It's never ending, but we all get along as a team and have fun."

"Every year we've gotten better and better. My senior year I want to make it our best year and make regionals as a team."

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the two unearned runs in the sixth and came back and shut Churchill down in the seventh."

Churchill starter Troy Bogenschutz went the first 5.1 innings, allowing one earned run on four hits and two walks. He struck out three before giving way to Matigian, who worked the final 1.1 innings and was charged with the loss.

Matigian and Williams each finished with two hits for the Chargers, who fall to 1-1 overall and 0-1 in the KLAAs South Division.

But the story was Sorenson, who proved to be sharp throughout the game.

"He (Sorenson) was as good as I've seen," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "He was mixing his pitches well and he

did a good job.

"He kept us off balance and we did not get many good swings."

FRANKLIN 20, S. LYON EAST 14: Livonia Franklin (3-0, 1-0) overcame a 9-0 first-inning deficit Monday to earn the Kensington Conference crossover win at South Lyon East (3-1, 0-1).

After scoring twice in the second inning and six more runs in the third to close the deficit to 9-8, the Patriots put it away with eight in the top of the fifth.

Joe Trudell paced a 16-hit Franklin attack going 2-for-6 with four RBI. Adam Michael went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Brent Marzion went 2-for-2 with three walks and an RBI.

Anthony Crechiolo, Justin Dean and Dan Muller added two hits apiece.

Nick Hopson, who worked 4.2 innings in relief, got the victory. He allowed three runs on five hits and two walks while fanning three.

Lead-off batter Nolan Nunez went 4-for-4, including a pair of doubles and four runs scored for the Cougars.

NORTHVILLE 7, JOHN GLENN 1: Brett MacDonald and Dan Mills each clubbed 2-run homers Monday as the host Mustangs (1-0, 1-0) downed Westland John Glenn (0-4, 0-1) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Winning pitcher Colin Gerish allowed one earned run on four hits and a walk in five innings. The Northville starter fanned eight.

Andrew Benyo went 2-for-3 and scored a run for the Rockets in the fourth inning after losing pitcher Rob Schurig drew a walk with the bases loaded.

Schurig allowed all seven runs on six hits and three walks in five innings. He fanned two before giving way to reliever Colin Lapinski, who pitched two scoreless innings and struck out two.

NOVI 7, WAYNE 4: Mike Grandowicz homered and Daniel Ross had a double and two RBI, but it wasn't enough Monday as Wayne Memorial (0-1, 0-1) fell to the host Wildcats (1-0, 1-0) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Kevin Zak's bases-clearing double in the bottom of the sixth broke a 4-4 deadlock and propelled Novi to the victory.

Bombs away: MU wins 4-game set

Saturday was moving day for the Madonna University baseball team as the Crusaders cleared the fences 10 times.

Sunday, meanwhile, the pitchers stole the limelight as the Crusaders swept a four-game weekend series against host Davenport University at East Kentwood High School.

MU, ranked 18th nationally in last week's NAIA Coaches Poll, improves to 26-6 overall and 6-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Ted Toune and Zach Flavin each clubbed their sixth homers of the year as MU captured Sunday's opener, 6-4.

Flavin went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Spencer Sarel and Toune each knocked in a run.

MU starter Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) threw 3.2 scoreless innings, but was lifted in the fourth inning after throwing 79 pitches.

Kyle Bolton (4-0) came on for the victory, allowing two earned runs on five hits over the final 3.1 innings.

The two combined for seven strikeouts.

In the nightcap, Tom Hansen (2-1) scattered seven hits over six scoreless innings as the Crusaders downed Davenport, 3-0.

Reliever Sam Haldane got the save with a scoreless seventh inning.

Matt Kay (Canton) had two of MU's six hits, while Toune, Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) and Tarik Khasawneh (Canton) each drove in a run.

On Saturday, the bats were cooking as MU took both ends of the twinbill against the Panthers, 7-2 and 17-5 (six-inning mercy rule).

Flavin went a combined 4-for-7 on the day with a pair of home runs in the opener and six RBI.

Sarel collected a total of six

hits in the twinbill, including a homer while driving in four.

Billy Hardin III (Livonia/Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) also homered twice, while Jeff Bultinck, Dan Harder, Shawn Little (Canton) and Kay added one round-tripper apiece.

Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) went five innings in the opener, striking out three while allowing three hits to improve to 5-0 on the year.

Kyle Bolton came in to close the last two innings and did not allow a base runner.

Eastern Michigan University transfer John Ballarin (Westland/CC) threw a complete game in the nightcap to improve to 3-1 on the year. He scattered nine hits and one walk while fanning eight in six innings.

Davenport falls to 12-18 overall and 3-5 in the WHAC.

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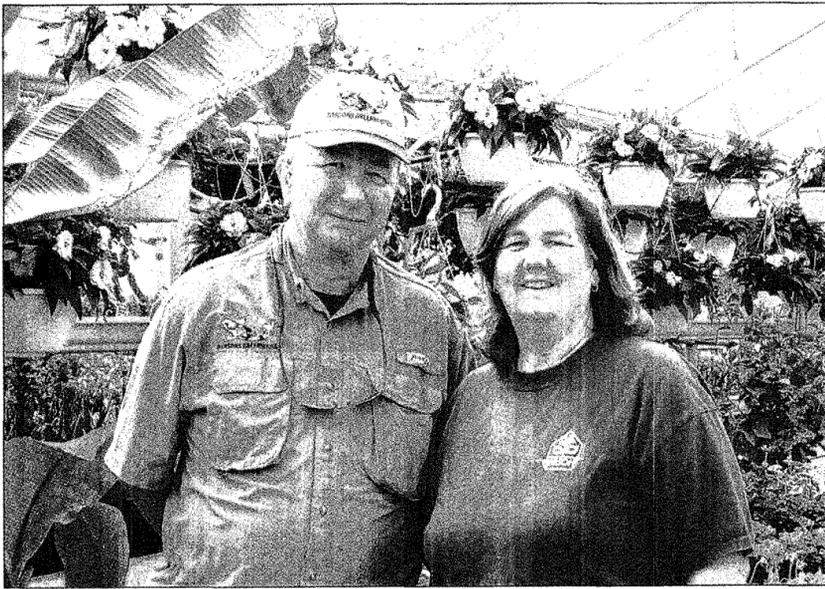
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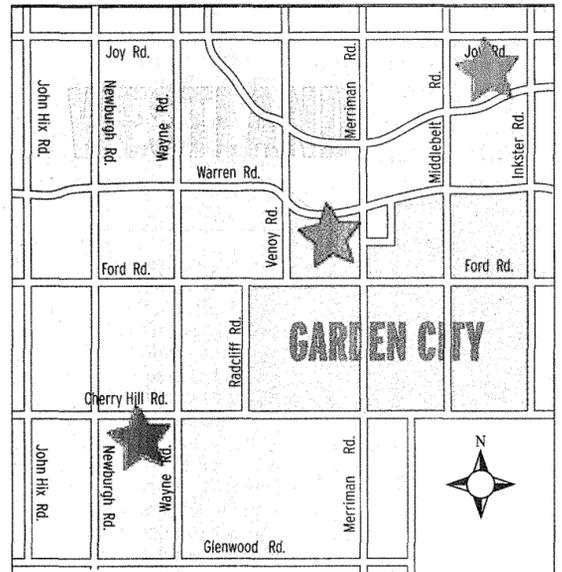
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BUSINESS MILESTONES



Membership meeting

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 20

Location: Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Members of the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union are invited to attend the 56th annual membership meeting which will take place in the board room of the credit union.

Contact: (734) 721-5700, www.wfcbu.org

Book-A-Thon

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Saturday, May 8

Location: Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: Ten Michigan authors who are self-published or traditional published have partnered for a book exhibit to meet people and showcase their work. Their books will be available for sale and autograph. The authors are Corinne E. Frontiero, Sandra N. Cunningham, Cornell R. Amerson, Johnnie Sue Bridges, Cherry Scott Jones, Carla M. Thompson, Christina Reyes, Dione Johnson, C.L. Rossman and Velonda Thompson.

Contact: Sandra Cunningham at (734) 478-7942

Awards program

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, April 22

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

Details: The Westland Chamber of Commerce will recognize the 2010 Westland First Citizen and Business Person of the Year as well as recognize its long time members at its annual Spring Awards Celebration. The cost of this event is \$20 per person which includes appetizers and open bar. Sponsors for the event include The

Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, Comcast Business Services and TDS Metrocom.

Contact: For more information or to reserves tickets, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222 or go online to www.westlandchamber.com.

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Time/Date: During the month of April

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to midnight Thursday-Saturday and

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday

Location: Papa Elias Pizza Buffet, 29210 Ford, just east of Middlebelt, Garden City

Details: Stop by Papa Elias for the all-you-can-eat pizza buffet, then have fun in Arcadia, the family fun center. Papa Elias serves pizza, chicken, pasta, salad, ribs, fries, wings and much more. It also delivers and can cater your next party.

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Free Gourmet Bar

Time/Date: today, April 15

Location: Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: It's Get to Know Your Customer Day at Mary Denning's. Drop by the bakery and get a free gourmet bar. Also circle April 24 on your calendar. It's Eeyore's Birthday. Get one free muffin when you wish Eeyore a Happy Birthday.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Going green

Just in time for Earth Day, Green Beings is bringing curb-side recycling for apartment complexes in the Metro Detroit Metro.

People who live in an apartment buildings or complexes are not afforded the luxury of having household recyclables picked up from their front door. The eco-friendly conservationists living in an apartment have been inconvenienced by the act of binding and transporting recyclable items to a recycling drop-off site miles away. That is until now. Green Beings takes the inconvenience and recyclables away for them.

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Extended hours

Today's the day and if you haven't done anything with your income tax returns, you're in luck. Liberty Tax Service Off office in Garden City is staying open until midnight today, April 15, offering free advice and a few additional perks.

Liberty Tax encourages unemployed and financially challenged taxpayers who owe this year and are worried about their ability to pay to examine enhanced options offered by the IRS. The IRS has expanded the offer-in-compromise program that allows a settlement of the taxpayer's tax liability for less than the full amount owed based on the individual's current financial situation, income and future earning potential.

"The IRS has pledged to work with struggling taxpayers who make the effort to try and pay their taxes," said Ron Pettiford, of Liberty Tax Service. It's always advisable to pay what you can, and file on time or request an extension. An extension of time to file a tax return still does not constitute an extension of time to

pay any tax liability. Penalties and interest accrue from April 15, if the tax liability has not been paid."

The IRS will grant an automatic six-month filing extension to taxpayers who file a timely extension request. Taxpayers don't need to provide a reason for their request. Individual taxpayers need to file Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, by April 15 to be granted a filing extension until Oct. 15.

Taxpayers can request permission to make monthly installment payments by filing an installment agreement form with their tax return or those who aren't currently on an IRS installment plan, complete Form 9465, Installment Agreement Request, and attach it to the return. To limit penalty and interest charges, the taxpayer should pay as much of the tax due as possible when sending in their return.

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Livonia Civic Chorus sings Motown and more at April, May concerts

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Get ready for a little rock and roll with soul at Livonia Civic Chorus' upcoming concerts.

"We've got (Bob Seger's) *Old Time Rock & Roll*, Bill Haley — *Shake, Rattle and Roll* — there's *I Heard it through the Grapevine*, *Ain't No Mountain High Enough* and the ladies are doing an Aretha Franklin medley," said Gary Prevo of Livonia, a member since October 2009. "It's fun and everyone is familiar with the songs."

Fans of the 55-member chorus will hear a preview of its May 8-9 show, "Smitten with the Mitten," this weekend when it guest performs at the annual Industry Sings, a free concert at Thurston High School in Redford. The May concert includes songs that were written or performed by Michigan natives, as well as tunes about the state. The chorus will sing a few selections at this weekend's show, which also will include the DTE Singers, Ford Motor Company Chorus, Gentleman Songsters and American Liberty Pop Singers. All of the groups will come together in the second half of Industry Sings on Sunday to perform five songs as one group.

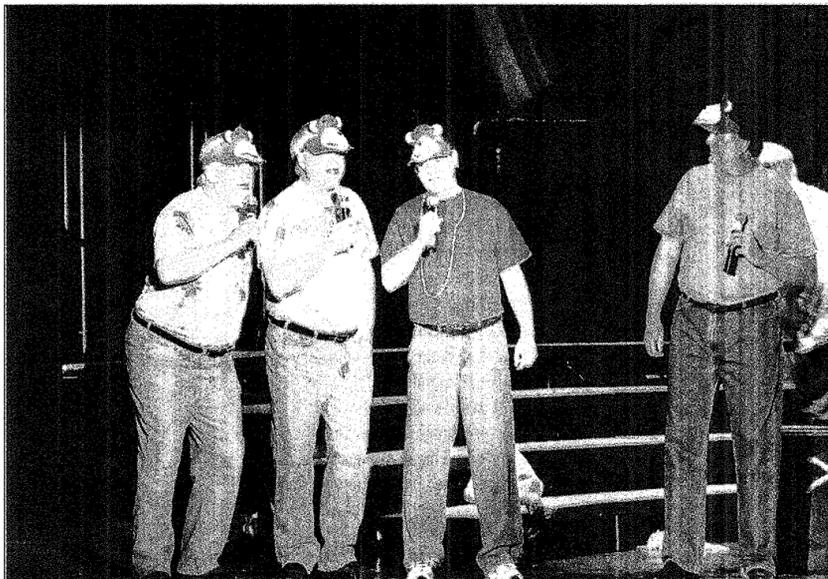
Donna Gleason, a Farmington Hills resident and director of the Livonia Civic Chorus, will lead the mass choir in singing *God Bless America* at Industry Sings.

"For Industry Sings we're doing three songs from our show (in May) and we do five numbers as a mass choir," Gleason said. "This is our first time at Industry Sings. It's kind of exciting and we're looking forward to it."

She said the five-choir show is good publicity for the Livonia Civic Chorus, which stages two major performances during its September-May season.

"We're always trying to make people aware that we exist and having an audience like that will help us."

Combining choreography,



Jim Hovey, (left) Mark Gleason, Kurt Meyer, and Mark Greenleaf belt out a Phil Collins song, 'Trashin' the Camp,' at the Livonia Civic Chorus' spring concert last year.

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Industry Sings: Free concert featuring DTE Singers, Ford Motor Company Chorus, Gentleman Songsters, and special guests, the Livonia Civic Chorus and American Liberty Pop Singers, 4 p.m., Sunday, April 18 at Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft, Redford; (734) 968-9358

Smitten with the Mitten: The Livonia Civic Chorus' annual spring show, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 8 and 3 p.m., Sunday, May 9, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$35 for a family of two adults and two or more children, \$12 for adults, and \$6 per child/K-12 student; (734) 542-1937

Become a member: Livonia Civic Chorus, sponsored in part by Livonia Parks and Recreation, meets 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays, September-May, at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark, Livonia

Web site: www.livoniachorus.org

video and upbeat, popular music into its shows makes the group memorable, as well. Gleason, former music director at Redford Baptist Church, works as an accompanist at Western High School in Walled Lake, where video often is used as a backdrop for music performances.

Although she won't prepare a video for the Industry Sings performance, Gleason will match images to music for a portion of Smitten by the Mitten next month.

MICHIGAN, MOTOWN

"We try to be unique. We just started in the last couple of years using video. In this upcoming (May) show there will be quite a bit of video to go along with the singing. The opening number is a fairly obscure piece written by a member of the staff at Interlochen. As we're singing the song we'll show scenes of Michigan," Gleason said. "Our goal is to be entertaining. We want to be a good chorus and I bring in clinicians to help improve

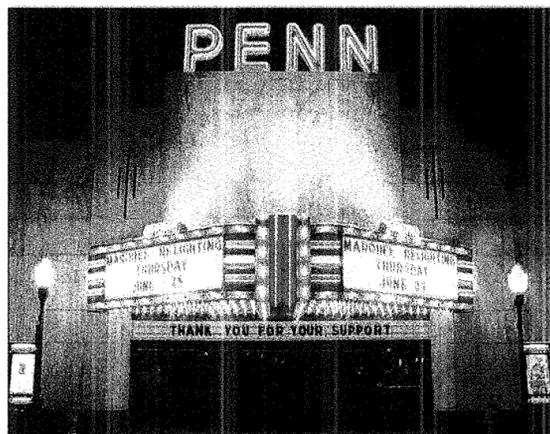
the choir, but we try to do programs the audience will enjoy."

The first half of the Smitten show will focus on the state and its products. The second half is all about Motown. Gleason has added choreography to the mix and requires singers to memorize the material, removing the folders, papers and music stands that might form a barrier between them and the audience.

Her biggest challenge is making sure chorus members watch and follow her lead while singing the familiar Motown tunes.

"In one of the Motown songs, you can keep repeating a section. I never do it the same way twice and it guarantees they watch me."

Several thousand baseball fans may get a chance to watch Gleason and her group perform this summer, too. Prevo, contacted the Detroit Tigers, hoping the group might sing the National Anthem at Comerica Park. He sent in a tape recording and is in the process of firming up a date in early August.



Proceeds from the Friends of the Penn's spring dinner and auction last year paid for a new marquee at the theater. Proceeds this year will buy new doors.

Hit the Hawaiian 'beach' and help the Penn

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Carrie and Warren Phillips go to the movies three days a week, but rarely see any of the films.

Carrie is too busy scooping popcorn and Warren is too preoccupied with running the projector to pay much notice to the big screen.

But the Plymouth couple wouldn't have it any other way. "We love it," says Carrie, who knows most regular customers by name and can recite their popcorn, soda and candy order before they do. "We feel lucky to be a part of this."

"And I have a confession to make. I've always loved film and doesn't come along often," Warren added. "These multiplexes are automated. But our system here, it's still a dual projector and you have to operate it. You have to be alert and switch it over."

The Phillips are among 153 volunteers who help the Friends of the Penn, a seven-member board led by Ellen Elliott, keep the 68-year-old Penn open and showing films. The Friends organized in 2005, two years after the theatre was shuttered. The group reopened it a year later when a local businessman recruited supporters to form Penn Theatre Realty, LLC. The company bought the building and leased it to the Friends for \$1 a year.

FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

"We're not just a movie theater," said Elliott, a Plymouth resident who saw films at the Penn while growing up. "You're greeted like we've known you forever. A lot of the elderly people we know by name. That's something you don't get in other places, personalized service. It's a safe environment. Parents can drop off their kids and can walk to get dinner."

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra has made the theater its home for concerts. Its upcoming show, "Hurray for Hollywood" show is set for 8 p.m., Friday, April 16 at the Penn.

"We've had weddings, private film showings for birthdays," Elliott said.

Ticket sales — at \$3 per person — for Thursday night classic movies and weekend first-run films, pay for operational expenses at the

FIFTH ANNUAL PENNEDEMONIUM DINNER AUCTION

What: The fund-raiser benefits the Friends of the Penn

When: 6-11 p.m., Friday, April 30

Where: Meeting House Grand Ballroom, 499 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

Details: Hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner, open bar, desserts, raffle, music, dancing, live and silent auction

Tickets: \$75 each; deadline for reservations is Friday, April 16

Contact: For reservations, e-mail to tickets@friendsoft-henn, stop by the Penn Box Office at 760 Penniman Ave. during movies hours, or call (734) 453-0870.

volunteer-staffed theater. Annual spring dinner-auction proceeds fund major renovations.

"We've replaced the boiler, the roof. Our biggest renovation was the new marquee we did last year," Elliott noted. "This year we plan to replace the front doors — they are really old — and update or restore the murals on the side of the building."

Friends of the Penn encourages supporters to "shake off that winter chill" at this year's fund-raiser, Blue Hawaii Beach Party, slated for April 30 at The Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

"We've had lots of different fun themes. Last year it was a movie mobster theme. We had a Saturday Night Fever theme one year," Elliott said. "It's a fun time."

Beach party visitors are encouraged to wear cocktail or luau attire, such as Hawaiian shirts, sarongs and sandals for the evening of dinner, hors d'oeuvres and dancing. The auction will include jewelry, a big screen television, golf packages, restaurant gift certificates and other items donated by local businesses.

"These fund-raisers are so important," said Carrie, who is on the auction committee with her husband. "It's a nice event," and Friends of the Penn's only fund-raising event each year.

"And it's a little closer than going to Hawaii," Warren added.

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The cast of 'Fame' includes Holly Knick (left), Gary Clayton, Abigail Hill, John Ellett, Jen Schinker and Caleb Kruzell.

Canton community theater performs spring musical

Canton's newest community theater troupe, Dynamic Stage Productions, will turn back the clock to the 1980s with its production of *Fame The Musical*, April 22-25 at Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron in Ypsilanti.

Set in a New York performing arts school, *Fame The Musical* follows the students through the highs and lows, the romances and sheer hard work as they search for the success that will make them 'live for ever.'

The cast includes Canton residents Jen Schinker, Briana Bradley, Keshia Oliver, Christine Coreless, Nick Rapson, Mollee Chowen, Redi Shorter, in addition to featured dancers, Kasidy Shepler, Jordyn Shepler, and Stefanie Shepler, all from Livonia.

"I started the group as Canton Premiere Players in 2007. It was a small theatre program run out of a dance studio. When the dance studio closed, we became Dynamic Stage Productions in 2009," said Jami Krause, executive director.

"This has been our first full season. We did *Dear Edwina* as a children's musical in August followed by *The 25th Annual Putnam County*

Spelling Bee in November and *Cheaper by the Dozen* in February. *Fame* is our full scale musical for the 2009-2010 season."

The troupe will present *Bare: A Pop Opera* this summer, along with *Pinkalicious*, a musical aimed at young audiences.

"We are technically based out of Canton. We rehearse at the Cherry Hill United Church in the Cherry Hill Village but we do typically do most of our shows at the historic Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti down in Depot Town. One of the things that we aim to provide with DSP is a welcoming, comfortable environment for all those involved, while at the same time maintaining a professional atmosphere."

Fame is directed by Kyle M Farr with musical direction by Kylee Phillips and choreography by Craig Nichols. *Fame* is assisted directed by Jake Zinke.

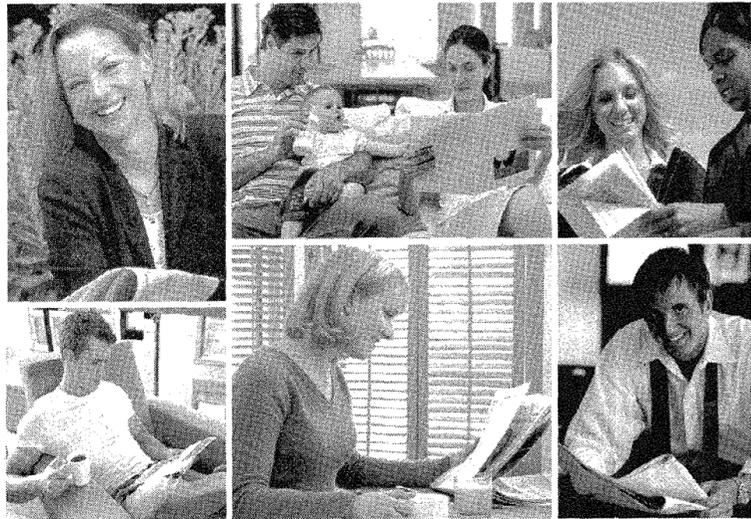
Tickets are \$15 and are available online at www.dynamicstageproductions.com or at the door. Performances start at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, with a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday.

-By Sharon Dargay

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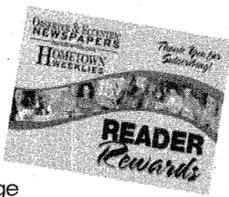


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Contact: (248) 473-1870

Lotus Arts Gallery

Time/Date: Through April

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

Details: Colored Pencil Society of Detroit exhibit; 6-8 p.m., April 10, meet the artists; light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served

Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through April 24

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Mudville USA," an installation by Eric Mesko

Coming up: Doll making class taught by Charlie Patricolo, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 24-25. The two-day class costs \$100, along with a \$10 kit fee. Registration is available now

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Time/Date: Craig Shoemaker, April

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Time/Date: Brian Vander Ark, April

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Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjmmullen@yahoo.com

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Time/Dates: Deadstring Brothers CD

release, April 16; The Mega 80's, April

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Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Orchestra Hall

Time/Date: 8 p.m., April 19

Location: At Max M. Fisher Music Center,

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Time/Date: Trinity House Theatre

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Giving: Women-only prom raises money for families in need

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Betsy Crapps wore her 1988 pink prom dress to Mass Sunday. She turned a few heads, but many parishioners at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton know the formal wear signals the approach of Mom Prom, an annual "ladies night out" and charity fund-raiser that is expected to draw at least 150 women — most in their tackiest bridesmaid and prom gowns — to the church gymnasium Friday, April 23.

"I always wear a prom dress while selling tickets," said Crapps, who staffed a ticket booth between Masses at the church last weekend. "More and more parishioners are going to the prom. It's so much fun. Fr. Pat (Casey) thinks it's the funniest thing ever. But then, he's a guy."

No guys are allowed to attend the upcoming night of dancing, games and female camaraderie that will raise funds for two parish families struggling with the cost of caring for their disabled children.

"The husbands stay home with the kids," she said. "This is just for us to have fun. Although Fr. Matthew (C. George) says he's going to sneak in one day."

GIVING BACK

The church's MOMS group has raised money for St. Vincent de Paul, First Step, breast cancer research and the Wayne County Family Shelter since it began sponsoring the event in 2006. Crapps, a Canton resident who works part time in religious education at St. Thomas a' Becket, founded Mom Prom.

She donned the puffy sleeve gown — first worn at the Pittsford Mendon High School 1988 prom in upstate New York — for an Academy Awards party a few years ago. That evolved into a friends night out in their gowns.

"I said, why not have a mom prom. Twelve of us dressed up and went to dinner at Bucca di Beppo and then went dancing. Everyone met at my house so we could take prom photos."

It was so much fun, Crapps sought the use of St. Thomas a' Becket's gym for an even bigger prom that would also raise funds for good causes.

NATIONAL MOVEMENT

"My biggest goal is to have other moms groups across the country do their own mom prom," Crapps said. "I'd love for women to come and see what we do and then start their own."



Women dance the night away at Mom Prom, a charity fund-raiser and 'ladies night out.'



Betsy Crapps (right) and her sister, Katie Long pose for a prom photo with a John Wayne cardboard cutout at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, in Canton.

She advised a group in Seattle, Wash., this year and has assisted mom prom organizers in Illinois and Indiana. The Canton Mom Prom Web site, www.themomprom.org also offers tips on staging a Mom Prom.

DJ Diana Korte of Silver Sounds keeps the music going at the Canton prom, a BYOB affair that offers a potluck selection of desserts, as well as games and a raffle. Every partici-

pant may choose a "prom date" from among three cardboard cutouts — John Wayne, Burt Reynolds and James Dean — to pose for photos.

TACKIEST DRESS

The last woman standing in a dice roll game of chance accepts the prom queen crown and a bouquet of flowers. This year she'll also get a pair of earrings from Showcase of Elegance, in Canton.

The "best accessory" award honors the most creatively-decorated wine or beer cooler.

"The biggest prize of the night is for the tackiest dress," Crapps noted. Last year's winner wore an old prom dress, "zipped up as much as possible — pretty much just to her waist" with a T-shirt underneath. "It was a 1980s peach pink with frillies, with the whole back exposed."

Crapps wears her prom dress with tennis shoes every year, but said tacky attire isn't required. Some participants dress up and some dress down.

"Not everyone wants to dress up. Some women wear jeans. Don't stress about dressing up. Come and have a good time. It all goes to a good cause."

The Mom Prom is open to all women, both parishioners and nonmembers, moms and nonmoms. It runs from 8-11 p.m., April 23, at the church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Tickets are \$20 and available in advance at the church or at the door. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. (734) 981-1333



FRED WHEELER

Three couples each celebrated 65 years of marriage at St. Aidan's annual Jubilarian Mass, Sunday, April 11. They are Rose and Walter Skynar (left, standing), the Rev. Kevin Thomas, Bill and Kathy Dillon and Francis and Deloris LeBlanc (seated).

Parishioners mark anniversaries at Jubilarian Mass

Thirty-two couples renewed their wedding vows in celebration of their anniversaries April 11 at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

The Rev. Kevin Thomas, St. Aidan's pastor, gave them a special blessing and led them in renewing their vows during the 11:30 a.m. Sunday service. The "Jubilarian Mass" annually marks the anniversary milestones of St. Aidan's parishioners.

Jack and Mary Burkhardt celebrated the longest marriage — 70 years — among participants.

Three couples, Francis and Deloris LeBlanc, Bill and Kathy Dillon, and Walter and Rose Skynar, each logged 65 years of marriage.

Tom and Theresa Zakrzewski, and Ed and Yvonne Grudzien have been married for 60 years. Stan and Sylvia Garner, and Gerald and Dorothy Winter cel-

ebrated 55 years.

Marking Golden anniversaries this year were Bob and Joella Belanger, Donald and Sheila Broderick, and Jack and Christine Boitos.

Other participants included:

- 45 years: Bob and Glenda Carinci, and Paul and Fran Mallie
- 40 years: Conrad and Patria Czach, David and Rose Day, Bill and Veronica Braidech, and Ed and Sue Kusnir
- 35 years: Richard and Karen Wilmering, Paul and Sarah Jagenow, and Steven and Barbara McArthur
- 30 years: Jerry and Livia Franchina, Michael and Christine Lysaght, and Dennis and Joan Pawlak
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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APRIL 15-21

Birmingham Temple

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, April 17

Location: 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Vivace Music Series features pianist Ralph Votapek performing works by Copland, Schubert, Ravel and Albeniz. Afterglow and refreshments follow the concert; tickets are \$20 for members and seniors, \$23 non-members. Student and group rates available

Contact: Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-0338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m., April 17

Location: 5075 West Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Shabbat Club for kids provides a morning of parasha play, games, interactive learning and Shabbat fun

Contact: RSVP to Amy Newman at reischool@cbahm.org or (248) 851-8820

The Corners

Time/Date: 5 p.m., Saturday, April 17

Location: 2075 Walnut Lake Road, just west of Inkster, in West Bloomfield

Details: Enjoy a "Moment of Shabbat" with your 2- through 6-year-olds and celebrate Shabbat with songs, stories, arts and crafts and a special Havdalah service, sponsored by Temple Shir Shalom; no charge

Contact: (248) 406-4255

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Saturday, April 17

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington Road and Newburgh, Livonia

Details: "Spring Fling" dance designed for adults with developmental disabilities, special needs, and their caretakers includes music, fun, and friendship. Snacks and beverages will be served

Contact: RSVP no later than April 9 to Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

Holy Trinity Lutheran

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, April 16 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 17

Location: Church fellowship hall, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Rummage sale with \$2 bag sale on Saturday

Leon's

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., April 17

Location: 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's) in Garden City

Details: Bethany Suburban West monthly breakfast meeting; all

separated, divorced and singles may attend

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, April 18 and 7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, April 19-21

Location: Merriman Road just south of Ford Road, Garden City

Details: "Festival of Hope" with Jim Wilson, guest speaker associated with Billy Graham Ministries

Contact: (734) 421-0472

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m., April 18, 25

Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Ballroom dancing lessons, followed by a practice session, with music. A dance party will be held 7-9:30 p.m., April 25. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$6 for each lesson and \$6 for the dance. Attend the class and dance for \$10. Pay at the door in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the March classes will go to the Cancer Relay for Life; April's proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund

Contact: (734) 751-1957 or (734) 422-0494

St. Aidan

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, April 15

Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: David J. Conrad, M.A., Theology is the presenter at a program called "The Church: Its Essential Qualities and Purpose"

Contact: RSVP by noon the day of the event to (734) 425-5950

St. Theodore Catholic Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, April 18

Location: 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast also includes ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice. It's sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, age 2-10

Contact: (734) 425-4421

APRIL 22-28

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, April 23 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 24

Location: 28000 New Market, just north of 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: The Woman's League of the church sponsors a rummage and bake sale. In addition to clothing and homemade baked goods, the sale will feature small appliances, furniture, books, bedding, linens, toys, jewelry and much more. \$3 and \$5 bag sale on Saturday

Contact: Lucille Ehlers at (248) 553 2889

April 29-May 5

Antioch Lutheran Church

Time/Date: Rummage sale 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, April 30, and 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 1

Location: 33360 West 13 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The church also is collecting items for the sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 26-28

Contact: Judy Glass at (248) 476-9074

Congregation B'nai Moshe

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., May 2

Location: 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield

Details: "Torah, Technology and the Future of Israel," will explore the relationship of Torah values to the applications of modern technology. There will be a panel presentation with Steven Bekhor, on "Israel's Nuclear Horizon," Ellen P. Rosenberg, on "Water Resources and Conservation in Israel," and Steven H. Schwartz with "Torah Values and the Environment. The B'nai Moshe Choir will perform and there will be a question and answer period followed by a social hour with refreshments. Admission is free

Contact: RSVP to (248) 788-0600

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: Check-in at 6:15 p.m., game begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 1

Location: In the family center, behind the school, 17116 Olympia, Redford

Details: Adult Trivia Night, with proceeds benefitting youth programs and youth outreach. Register in groups of eight - \$80 per table or \$10 per person. Answer numerous questions - as a group at each table - on a variety of categories. Cash prizes for top three tables, cash bar, and lots of items to be raffled off.

Contact: Register by calling (313) 534-9000 or visit <http://ourladyofloretto.org> for more information.

St. Aidan

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m., Thursday, April 29

Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Norm Dickson and Dr. Mary Healy will be the guest speakers at the Endow groups at the church. The session, a reflection on Women of Peace and Love, is aimed at women and girls, age 16 and over. A light dinner will be included. A free will offering will be accepted

Contact: RSVP to the parish office by April 25 at (734) 425-5950

May 13-19

Birmingham Temple

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 16

Location: 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills

Details: DSO Concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert, along with Karl Pituch, principal horn player of the DSO, Hai-Xin Wu, DSO's assistant concertmaster, and Zuihua Tang, pianist, perform in the final Vivace Music Series concert of the season. An afterglow follows the concert when the audience will have the opportunity to mingle, sample delicious refreshments, and meet the artists. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors and students

Contact: To order tickets call Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

St. Damian Catholic School

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m., Mass, 5:30-8 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, May 15

Location: 29891 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Westland

Details: Fiftieth anniversary celebration; dinner menu includes salad, bread, beverage, and desserts. The evening includes dinner music. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Family tickets are avail-

able for \$20

Contact: (734) 427-1680

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Breakfast

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia

Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children

Contact: (734) 261-1455

Career workshops

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Time/Date: First and third Mondays

Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.

Contact: (734) 422-6038

Classes/study

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study;

\$15 registration fee includes inter-

denominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5

Contact: (248) 348-7600

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun

Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Details: Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Tutors available for day or evening.

Contact: (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for

students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy

Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey

Contact: (313) 274-3820

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

Details: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome

Contact: (734) 261-1455

Seeds of Mercy Mission Home

Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday

Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Bible study

Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

Ward Presbyterian

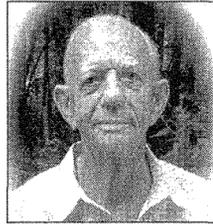
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

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LAMAR (Len) BEDGOOD

Born in Tenniel, GA on Feb. 7, 1931. Departed on April 9, 2010 and resided in Westland, MI. Age 79. Beloved husband of the late Joan I. Most wonderful dad of Brian P. (Alice) and the late Sean. Proud "Pops" of Brian Harnos. Dear brother of Vivian, Randall, Robert and the late Billy. Loving brother-in-law of Jack Stinson (Lou) and Barbara (Al) Myers. Special friend of June Porta and her loving family. Also leaves many cherished nieces and nephews. He will be sorely missed by his friends from his Church and Art Clubs. A "special thanks" to the Garden City Hospital doctors and nurses that took such good care of him.



BEULAH "BEA" CECILE ROSS-PULK-DONATTI

Age 84, longtime resident of Wayne, passed away on April 11, 2010 at home in Wayne, surrounded by family and friends. Bea was born June 14, 1925, in St. Jacques in northern Michigan, the daughter of Henry and Cecile (Groleau) Ross, and was raised in Gladstone, Michigan. She married Alexander D. Pulk and he preceded her in death on November 26, 1977. Bea remarried Daniel R. Donatti and he also preceded her in death on September 1, 1988. In addition, her brothers, William Ross, Robert Ross, infant brother Willard and sister Jane Quinn, preceded her in death. Bea was a longtime parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne. In addition, she enjoyed dancing, BINGO, crochet/knitting, gardening, and bird watching. Bea was also an avid walker. Survivors include her long time dearest friend James Donnelly of Dearborn; her eight children, Alexander (Sandra) Pulk of Canton, Gwenn (Thomas) Misukaitis of Wayne, Errol (Ann) Pulk of Westland, Richard Pulk (Pamela) of Brownstown, Christie (Ahmet) Zeren of Dearborn, Gene (Julie) Pulk of Port Orchard, WA, Harold (Carole) Pulk of Livonia, and Helen (Patrick) Porter of Howell; siblings Louise Anderson of Grass Lake, Audrey Reese of Rockford, IL, Elaine (Kenneth) DeMars of Rockton, IL, Emily (Milton) Wengert of Rockford, IL, Harold (Jean) Ross of Bark River, James (Stephanie) Ross of Dexter, and Madelyn (Ron) Trekas of Gladstone; also her stepchildren Kathryn "Kay" Monahan of Alta Loma, CA and Joseph "Tim" (Marcia) Donatti of Howell; 16 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. The family of Bea Donatti will receive family and friends on Thursday, April 15, 2010 for a memorial service at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, with Fr. David officiating. Viewing of pictures will be at 10:00am, Rosary at 11:00am followed by Memorial Mass at 11:00am. A Celebration of Life Luncheon will follow. A private burial will be held at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Flowers and donations will be accepted at: 34540 Sims St., Wayne, MI 48184. The family would also like to thank, the caring staff at Angela Hospice.

AMY DeBONO (Leonard)
Age 49, of Belleville, passed away March 13, 2010. Funeral services were held March 19, 2010 at St. Theodore Church in Westland, MI. Cremation has taken place.

KENNETH LEONARD
Age 48, passed away March 25, 2010 in Fort Meyers, Florida. Griffin Funeral Home, Wayne Rd., Livonia, MI. Memorial service April 18th, visitation 1-9pm, service 7pm. Cremation has taken place.

MARY ANNE KOZLOWSKI
Age 80. Passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on March 30, 2010. She was born on March 3, 1930 in Bellefonte Pennsylvania, graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and later from Michigan State University. She was a dedicated teacher in the Detroit Public Schools. She is survived by her children Mary Ann Kozlowski (Kip), Richard Kozlowski, Kim Pantaleo (Bruce), William Kozlowski (Ann), Alan Kozlowski, and grandchildren Kristen, Matthew, Sara and William. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association National Headquarters, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 800, Washington D.C. 20004 or www.lungusa.org

JOYCE J. ROTH
Passed away on April 10, 2010 at the age of 68. Former nurse and administrative assistant at the University of Michigan Hospital - Department of Dermatology. Beloved mother of Steve (Michelle) Roth and Erica (Eric) Hughes. Grandmother of Drew, Brenden, Brette and Grant. Private services were held.

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Health expo offers cooking demonstration

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Judy Swancutt is "pushing" fruits and vegetables.

A dietitian for St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in Livonia, Swancutt will join Kevin Green, Embassy Suites executive chef, in a presentation about children and healthy eating, 1:50-2:20 p.m., and 2:40-3:10 p.m., Saturday, April 24, during "Healthy Families Expo," presented by St. Mary Mercy at Embassy Suites, in Livonia.

The expo offers an afternoon of demonstrations, fun activities and information to help families live a healthier lifestyle. Sessions are free, but registration is required.

Swancutt and Green will collaborate on the "Easy, Healthy, Fun and Kid-Friendly Foods" presentation.

"I've talked to the chef and he's going to put together a menu," said Swancutt, who will serve as a "support person," at the presentation. "Whatever angle he takes, let's push fruits and vegetables and get rid of pop."

"We do a lot of diabetes education here. When I first learned about diabetes 15 to 20 years ago, 'type 2' was someone over age 40. Now we are seeing 12-year-olds with type 2."

Individuals with type 1 diabetes are unable to produce insulin. Those with type 2 are "insulin resistant." They need more insulin than the body is willing to produce, Swancutt said. She described type 2 diabetes as the result of lifestyle choices.

"It's a genetic disease but you don't have to get at 12," she



Embassy Suites chef Kevin Green will give a cooking demonstration at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's health expo, April 24.



Judy Swancutt, dietitian at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, will offer tips on kid-friendly foods at a health expo, April 24.

said, adding that a 40-year-old with type 2 diabetes may not begin to experience complications from the disease until they are 60. A 12-year-old already showing signs of diabetes may see those complications emerge at age 32.

"Thirty two isn't old. That is what scares me the most," Swancutt said. "We need to

push those vegetables."

She suggests introducing vegetables to children when they are young "and keep presenting it." Don't force it, but find different ways to present healthful foods. Encourage exercise and emphasize whole fruits, rather than juice or packaged fruit bars.

Other health expo events include:

- Children's health and fitness with Peter Nielsen, a motivational health expert
 - Learning how to take your heart rate
 - Bone and muscle injury prevention
 - Keeping kids drug-free
 - Skin health and sun safety
 - What shoes are the best fit for you.
 - Prescription drug "take back" program will allow participants to safely dispose of expired for unused prescription drugs.
- Register for the cooking demonstration and other speaker sessions online at www.stmarymercy.org.

Good for the waistline, good for the wallet

Now, more than ever, people are looking for tasty ways to trim their waists, and their budgets. Staying within both a caloric and financial budget is as easy as updating your menu with a new centerpiece — pork.

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Maximize your budget and put pork to the test tonight. Plan to prepare the Mustard-Herb Crusted Pork Loin roast for dinner and use the leftovers for a sandwich the next day.

The Mustard-Herb Crusted Pork Loin Roast has only 150 calories and 4 grams of fat. This pork loin roast is trimmed of external fat and it could help you do the same. It also has an amazing 20 grams of protein and nutrients including phosphorus, zinc and potassium, which are all key to keeping the body fit and healthy.

MUSTARD-HERB CRUSTED PORK LOIN ROAST

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 60 minutes
Serves 4 with leftovers for sandwiches

- 1 cup panko
 - 1 1/2 pounds pork top loin roast, trimmed of external fat
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1 egg yolk beaten
 - 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped
- Heat oven to 350°F. Place panko on large dinner plate; set aside. Pat surface of pork dry with paper towels; sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- Combine egg yolk, mustard and thyme in pie plate. Roll pork roast in mustard mixture, spreading mixture evenly on surface. Then roll mustard-coated roast in panko, patting panko on roast to evenly cover.

Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast, uncovered, in heated oven for 1 hour or until an instant-read thermometer inserted near center reads 155°F.

Loosely cover pork with foil. Let rest for five minutes. Transfer pork roast to carving board; Cut half of the pork roast into 1/2-inch-thick slices to serve. Cool remaining piece of roast at room temperature for up to one hour. Loosely cover and refrigerate for sandwiches.

Serving Suggestions:
Cook once and eat twice — serve half of this savory pork roast with steamed mixed baby vegetables and a wild rice pilaf for the first meal, and use the leftover roast for sandwiches as a second meal.

Nutrition: Calories: 150; Protein: 20g; Fat: 4g; Sodium: 170mg; Cholesterol: 80mg; Saturated Fat: 1g; Carbohydrates: 5g; Fiber: 0g

— Courtesy of Family Features

Wine tasting benefits heart disease, stroke research

Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital will host a spring wine tasting on April 23, with proceeds going to the American Heart Association's Start! Heart Walk.

The Spring Wine Tasting will include complimentary tastings of wines from the U.S., France, Italy, Australia and Chile. Wines will be provided by Winebuys.com, along with free sommelier service. The tasting will run from 6:30-9 p.m., in the Ravitz Foundation Main Atrium in Henry Ford West Bloomfield

Hospital, 6777 West Maple, West Bloomfield.

Since 2003, Henry Ford Health System has raised \$1.7 million dollars for research, advocacy and education programs sponsored by the American Heart Association. Funding medical research related to cardiovascular disease and stroke is the organization's first priority.

Tickets for Spring Wine Tasting are \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. To purchase tickets and for more information, go to <http://www.winebuys.com>.



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• Dog Biscuits and Treats	• Invisible Fences	• Pet Trainers
• Mobile Pet Groomers	• Pet Stores	• Pet Cemetery

LOCAL VETERINARIAN WITH LOW PRICES!

\$8 Rabies \$12 DHLPP \$16 Heartworm Test

ALL VACCINATIONS AT LOW, LOW PRICES!

PET MED (internet) Prices on Heartguard and Frontline

PRIZES GIVEN FOR:

- Best Dog/Owner Look-a-Like
- Best Dressed Dog
- Cutest Dog
- Ugliest Dog
- Best Trick

K-9 DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Including K-9 units from both the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Local Law Enforcement.

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE IS SPONSORED BY:

• K-9 Academy	• Orchard Lake Pet Spa	• VIP Pet Insurance
• Doggie Latchkey	• Puppy Mill Awareness	• Canine College
• Rally to the Rescue	• Mich. Lyme Disease Assoc.	• Bark Busters
• Invisible Fence	• Michigan Pug Rescue	• Mod 4 Photo
• Celebrity Pets in Laurel Park Mall	• Mel's Groom Room	• Paw Print Inn
	• Animal Emergency Clinic	

www.itsadogslife.webs.com

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For more information on these or any other events visit www.schoolcraft.edu/webcalendar

Career Fair for high school students
April 20
Professionals in a wide variety of fields will be on hand to discuss career options with high school students and their parents during this free open house from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. For more information visit www.schoolcraft.edu or call 734-462-4683.

Scholl & Byisma perform free concert
April 21
Christopher Scholl, tenor, and Kevin Byisma, piano, will perform in the final concert of the college's 2009-10 Noon Concert Series. The concert is free and will be held in the VisTaTech Center at noon. More information is available at www.schoolcraft.edu/music.

Earth Day events
April 19-22
A number of events are scheduled throughout the week in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. This is the college's 10th year of participation. This year's theme is "Our Great Lakes." Activities are free and open to the public. A schedule of activities can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu.

James Tocco, pianist, in concert
April 23
A world renowned performer, Tocco will perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www.schoxoffice.com. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

Free Spring Jazz Concert
April 26
The college's Jazz Band, Synthesizer Ensemble, and Jazz Improvisation Combo will perform a variety of upbeat selections celebrating the season in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. More information is available at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Explore your creative side throughout the Spring and Summer. Whether you are interested in the visual arts, the performing arts, or the culinary arts; or you want to develop your professional skills or improve your health, the resources of the college's Continuing Education and Professional Development are sure to have what you need. There are new classes starting in May and all throughout the summer months. Visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd or call 734-462-4448 for more information.