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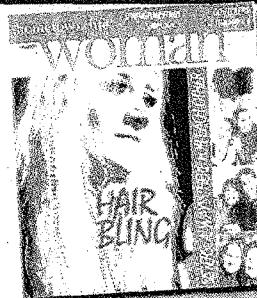
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## IN BRIEF

### School forum

Residents of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools can hear lawmakers talk about the crisis in education funding at a legislative forum at 7 p.m. today at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland.

Participating will include Sens. Glenn Anderson, Patrick Colbeck and Hoon-Yung Hopgood and state Reps. Richard LeBlanc, Dian Slavens, Bob Constan and Kurt Heise, who will talk about Michigan government and the proposed cuts to K-12 education. The audience also will be able to submit questions in writing.

The forum is sponsored by the Wayne-Westland school board in partnership with all of the district's bargaining units. The Dyer Center is at the district's administrative offices, 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, in Westland.

### Surplus food

The City of Westland will distribute surplus federal food at several locations this month.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, south of Palmer.

Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second Monday of the month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The phone number is (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 also must pick up their food items at the complex.

For the month of April, apple juice, mixed vegetables, peaches, sliced carrots, tomato soup, UHT milk, frozen whole chickens and possible additional items will be distributed.

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

### Egg Scramble

The Westland Jaycees will sponsor the 14th annual Easter Egg Scramble Saturday, April 16, at Jaycee Park at the corner of Hunter and Wildwood in Westland.

The Easter Egg Scramble, which will kick off at 1 p.m., is a free event for children age 11 and under in the Westland community. In addition to the scramble, there will be pictures with the Easter Bunny and other activities for kids to choose from while they are waiting for their turn on the field.

The Westland Jaycees are a local organization dedicated to training young leaders through community service. For more information, call (734) 626-0067 or visit [www.westlandjaycees.org](http://www.westlandjaycees.org).

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland residents can provide input on the planning for the federal Community Development Block Grant program without having to make a visit to City Hall.

"We're doing a survey on how to spend the money," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis. "We're required to hold a public hearing and we're having an online survey."

The survey is part of Westland's five-

year consolidated planning process for the CDBG program. The planning process includes a number of components, including study sessions, public hearings and, for the first time, a citizens survey.

The purpose of the planning process, Inglis said, is to determine the city's housing and community development needs and how best to use the city's resources to address those needs. The city currently receives federal CDBG, HOME partnership program and Housing Voucher funds.

"These funds provide decent and safe housing, rehabilitation grants and

loans, infrastructure repairs, public services for seniors and youth, and much-needed jobs," said Inglis, adding that public input is a vital part of the planning process for the city's fair housing programs, affordable housing needs, homeless and special housing needs, and other non-housing related community development needs.

The survey will be online and can be accessed through a link in the city's monthly e-newsletter or on the website through the Community Development Department pull down tab.

Surveys can be completed through-

out the month of April.

"There are seven questions on priority needs — high, medium or low," said Inglis. "It's another way to get public input."

The second CDBG public hearing before the City Council is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 18.

For more information, or to request the survey in an alternative format, contact Deb Richardson, Community Development secretary, at (734) 595-0288, Ext. 2630.

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## '... Different way to get from A to B'



Debbie Dayton of Westland talks about her experiences and the changes her life went through after she became blind at the age 44 due to diabetic retinopathy in Keith Famie's "Can You See How I See?" which airs on WTVS Channel 56 on Sunday, April 10.

## Westland woman featured in Famie's 'Can You See' documentary

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Debbie Dayton isn't amazed at what Patrick can do for her in different situations. She was in a store in Florida and asked him to take her to a shopping cart. He did.

"He's a true blessing," said Dayton.

Patrick is Dayton's guide dog, her four-legged "people person" who has helped her regain her independence. She and Patrick are featured in a 110-minute film about blind individuals

that airs on WTVS Channel 56 in a two-part series at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10 and April 17.

Produced by Emmy Award-winning director/producer Keith Famie, the documentary, *Can You See How I See?*, follows the stories and journeys of several blind individuals as they refuse to let blindness hold them back from achieving their dreams. Dayton, a Westland resident, is the only person featured in the film who uses a guide dog, "everyone else uses a cane," she said.

### HER EXPERIENCES

In the film, Dayton shares her experiences and the changes her life went through after she became blind at the age 44 due to diabetic retinopathy. She also talks about the impact having a leader dog has had on her life.

"I hated to have to hold onto someone's arm, I hated to be dependent on others," said Dayton. "That was the big reason I went to Leaders Dogs. With a leader dog, my life changed totally."

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## Farmers Market ready for new season, location

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With snow and/or freezing rain and 60-degree temperatures projected in the same week, it's starting to seem like spring in Michigan.

In less than a month, Westland's Farmers Market will return for a new season

that will run Tuesdays, May 3 through Oct. 25. Shoppers visiting the weekly market will notice two changes — the market will now be located in the Westland City Hall parking lot and will open an hour earlier at 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

During its first year, the market was located on Wayne Road in the east parking lot at Westland Shopping Center.

"It will be great to have it at City Hall, there are 35,000 cars that pass along Ford Road," said Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "It's a good transition. Eventually, we'll have the market in Central City Park."

The earlier starting time for the market is aimed at people who might want to stop by on their way to work, said Kosowski.

"We're going to have weekly entertainment at the market. We're really looking forward to having it here," he said. "It was great having it at the shopping center."

The market will be set up in the parking lot between Westland City Hall and the Westland Police

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## Mayor delivers budget to council

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last year as part of preparing a two-year budget, Westland made spending cuts through a number of changes, including some layoffs, early retirements, attrition and a millage increase, in part generated by the number of police and firefighters who started collecting their pensions.

Unlike a lot of other communities, this year Westland Mayor William Wild has presented the council with a balanced budget proposal that includes no layoffs or millage increases while accommodating at least a temporary \$1.4 million loss in state shared revenue.

"I get the sense talking to other communities that we're farther ahead than some others," said Wild. "In my discussions with council, they seemed to receive it (the proposed budget) favorably. I don't think it was really a surprise — we've been working on this for several years."

The process of looking longer term at city budgets began when the city had a five-year financial projection done by auditors Plante and Moran which showed increasing deficits each year. The two-year budget — both years were presented but only the 2010-11 budget actually was adopted — made changes to

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**AROUND WESTLAND****District hours**

State Sen. Glenn Anderson will hold district coffee hours on Monday, April 11, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary. 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 the Senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

**Pavilion rentals**

Summer is fast approaching and many people are planning for their summer events.

Picnics at one of Westland Parks and Recreation's park pavilions are great for a family reunion, child's birthday, graduation party or church picnic.

Tattan Park, home of the Play Planet Playstation and the H2O Zone, provides an ideal place for events with lots of children. Jaycee Park and Corrado Park have play equipment for children, as well as large grassy areas for a game of Frisbee or soccer.

Every pavilion will accommodate groups of 50 comfortably. Reservations for the summer of 2011 have already begun and weekend dates are going fast. For more information contact the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

**School enrollment**

Gaudior Academy, a prekindergarten-eighth-grade public charter school authorized by Eastern Michigan University, is accepting applications for all grades for the fall 2011 school year. The open enrollment period is now through Saturday, April 16, for the school which is at 27100 Avondale, Inkster.

For more information, call (313) 792-9444.

**Sell\*A\*Bration**

A vendor and shopping expo to benefit the Salvation Army's Girl Guards and Rangers has been scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

It will be second annual Sell\*A\*Bration and feature more than 30 independent business consultants and business owners from all over southeast Michigan representing a vast array of goods and services.

The vendor and shopping expo will be held at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy, Westland. Admission is \$1.50 per adult and includes coffee and hot tea.

This is a fundraiser that will help support the Girl Guards and Rangers, scouting type groups, in their plans to attend Jamboree 2011 in July. The Jamboree will be held at the Salvation Army Northwood Camp in Finlayson, Minn.

For more information, call Sandy Kollinger at (734) 722-3660.

**Baby shower**

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and Warm Hearts are again hosting their

annual Community Baby Shower for women who are pregnant or the mother of an infant under 1 year old.

The shower will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Corps Community Center at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served, and all moms will receive prizes and gifts. No children will be allowed at the event.

To reserve a seat, moms can call (734) 722-3660, Ext. 107.

**Fibro workshop**

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group is hosting a workshop, "What Really Works for Fibromyalgia," 1-5 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

Two nationally renowned medical experts, Dr. James Dowd and Dr. Howard Schubiner will be the guest speakers.

The workshop will provide individuals with fibromyalgia an opportunity for an in-depth discussion with two leaders in the field. Expect to leave the workshop with specific tools that you can use immediately. Dr. Dowd is an expert in nutrition, vitamin supplements and exercise. He will speak on the importance of these issues in the treatment of fibromyalgia. Dr. Schubiner is an expert in the mind body connection and he will provide an understanding of how this issue is important for healing in fibromyalgia. He will also lead the audience in mind body exercises that have been shown to reduce pain in fibromyalgia.

The books written by Dr. Dowd and Dr. Schubiner will be on sale at special discount prices.

The workshop cost \$40 and pre-registration starts at 12:15 p.m. For more information, visit the group's website at [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com).

**Healing Hearts**

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at [bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com](mailto:bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com) or visit the website at [www.hope4healinghearts.com](http://www.hope4healinghearts.com).

**Singles skate**

Looking for a great way to meet new friends and enjoy a fun atmosphere? Look no further, come and enjoy a great night out at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood. Singles Skate Night is every Tuesday 9-10 p.m.

Rates for residents are \$4 and nonresidents are \$4.50.

Skate rental is \$3. This event is for ages 18 and older. For more information, visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com).

# Fees change on impounds, vacant homes, streetlights

Some fee changes included in the proposed 2011-12 budget are:

- Owners of impounded vehicles will be charged a \$50 city fee, if the vehicle is redeemed or sold at auction. The impound lot would receive a \$15 fee, if a vehicle is abandoned. It's projected this fee would generate close to \$100,000 annually which would be earmarked to be used for purchasing new patrol cars.
- Another proposal is to require owners, including banks and other lenders to

register vacant homes at a cost of \$150. Using what Mayor William Wild describes as a conservative estimate of 700 vacant homes, that would generate \$100,000 annually.

"Part of this process is that they have to tell us who will maintain the home. We want to get out of that business. With a little more data, we could manage it," said Wild. "We put the charges on the tax bill but it causes a cash flow problem. This will make it a lot more manageable and give us data that we need."

Anyone who has a street light should expect to a higher annual charge on their winter tax bill. The city is budgeting \$1.4 million for street lighting costs.

"DTE Energy has raised rates substantially in recent years and what is charged for street lights no longer covers the costs," said Finance Director Steven Smith. "The amount you pay now depends on where you live. Some people pay \$5, some people pay \$60. It depends on the number of street lights in the district."

There are 100 street lighting districts and the charge varies."

The rates have not been increased at all in 20 years, Smith said, but have been subsidized using \$200,000 in Metro Act funds, money for right of way maintenance, and \$20,000 from the city general fund.

"And it still wasn't enough," said Smith. "The auditors have mentioned this. Ideally you would treat it like the water rates. We would do it by ordinance."

-By LeAnne Rogers

## BUDGET

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address a projected \$3.5 million for the current fiscal year and a \$12 million shortfall in 2011-12.

Due to the current uncertainty, specifically regarding the governor's proposal to make communities earn what

had been called statutory state shared revenues, Wild said he really can't offer a second-year budget at this time.

"I didn't want to do a two-year budget where we were balancing the budget with layoffs, that's no good for morale for one thing," said Wild. "At this point, we could not balance a second-year budget without proposed layoffs."

The city is hopeful of meet-

ing the governor's requirements to receive the \$1.4 million, but it's not known what that plan will look like after going through the state Legislature. Whatever fund are received from the former statutory state shared revenue would go into fund balance, Wild said.

Other goals in the budget were maintaining a projected \$1.3 million fund balance and

not using any proceeds from an upcoming refinancing of Taylor Towers.

"We're holding our own, cuts have been made. If there is an uptick in property values, that will help," said Wild.

The council is scheduled to hold a study session to begin budget discussions on Saturday, April 16.

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## DAYTON

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I had all of my independence back."

Bill Dayton also joins his wife, the president of the Westland Lions Club, and Patrick in the film, as well as Army Capt. Ivan Castro, who was blinded by a mortar round in Iraq in 2006. He is the only blind Special Forces officer to serve in active duty with the U.S. Army. He continues to serve his country as a part of Fort Bragg's 7th Special Forces Group, mentoring soldiers with life-changing injuries and completing athletic feats many sighted individuals may never try.

*Can You See How I See?* also documents the experiences of Jordyn Castor of Rockford, a 16-year-old student born blind, through her first day of high school, competing in the National Braille Challenge in Los Angeles and skiing at Boyne Mountain, as well as George Wurtzel of Lansing, a 56-year-old blind carpenter, who displays craftsmanship that rivals pieces created by sighted woodworkers.

The documentary was four years in the making and got its start at a community dinner, where Fannie listened to a retired African-American attorney, who was blind, talk about his life.

"I couldn't stop thinking about what it must be like to be blind," said Fannie. "I decided then that I needed to make this film."

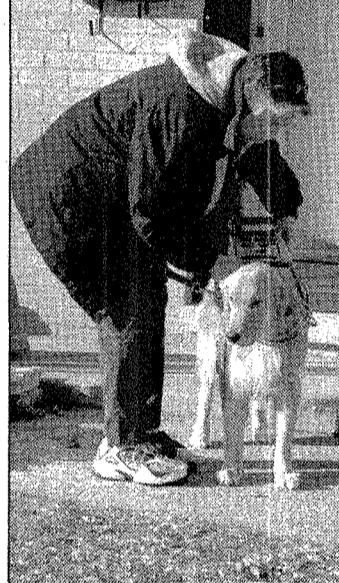
With a minimal amount of funding, Fannie did the filming herself. He worked with editor Nick Hrycik from Digital Image Studios, and edited the footage down to several "inspirational and compelling stories."

Released by Visionalist Entertainment Productions, Fannie said the documentary is a film every young person should see.

"We live in a world of fast moving daily life: MTV and reality shows on every imaginable subject," he said. "These are real people who deserve to be heard, seen and understood."

**LIKE A 'SON'**

Patrick is Dayton's second guide dog. After losing her first dog, Joshua, she returned to Leader Dogs to get a sec-



Patrick waits patiently as Debbie Dayton attaches his harness in a scene from "Can You See What I See?"

dog Josh as if he was her son." "She really opened our eyes to how a leader dog affects a human's life," he said. "The bond between dog guide and their master goes deeper than one can possibly imagine. The conversation got very emotional as Debbie told us about losing Josh. She had lost her companion, her mobility and her independence when Josh died."

When Dayton realized how much Joshua actually did for her, she went back to Leader Dogs for the Blind to get a new dog and came home with Patrick.

"Patrick picked up right where Joshua left off," said Dayton. "Leader Dogs changes lives, in a zillion different ways."

"He's a true blessing and I hope that comes across in this documentary," said Dayton. "The film began when we were a brand new team. It shows how we can get to our goal like sighted people. It's a wonderful documentary. I'm glad I showed up in the final cut."

For more information about *Can You See How I See?*, visit [www.canyouseehowisee.com](http://www.canyouseehowisee.com).

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## MARKET

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**Department**

"The market, which was held in the parking lot of the Westland Shopping Center last year, was a huge success," said Mayor William Wild.

"We are pleased to bring back the market for a second season and are very excited about the new location."

Market goods accepted at the Westland Farmers Market

include vendor-grown fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs and spices, bedding plants, hanging and potted plants and cut flowers, dried flowers and plants, farmstead products such as cheese, meats, fish, poultry, eggs, baked goods, honey, maple syrup, and preserves, if packaged in accordance with rules established by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Products that are not listed must receive clearance from the market coordinator before sale. Products purchased for

resale at the market are generally not allowed and must have prior approval.

• Market stalls are on an asphalt parking lot and are approximately the space of one parking space.

• There is no electricity or running water on site and vendors should supply their own tents, tables, chairs, umbrellas or other equipment. All permits and licenses required by the City of Westland, Wayne County and the State of Michigan are the sole responsibility of the vendors.

• Vendors can register for the entire season for only \$300 or register for a single day for only \$20. Discounts may be given for additional space with the purchase of a space at regular price.

• People interested in par-

ticipating in the Westland Farmers Market must complete an application, which can be downloaded at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com), and return it with the appropriate vendor fee to the City of Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

• The parks and recreation department will review and approve all vendor applications before a vendor can participate in the market. Space at the market and the items a vendor offers will be factors in determining approval. Fees for unaccepted applications will be returned.

For additional information on applications, guidelines, or fees and permits, contact Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.

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Picnics at one of Westland Parks and Recreation's park pav

# AAUW finds answer to pricey prom wear with sale

BY SUE BUCK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most girls dream about attending the prom with an equally dreamy date. But, not all girls can afford to pay the high price of a prom dress in this economy.

The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women has solved that dilemma by offering gently used prom dresses and party dresses for just a donation.

The Prom and Party Dress Sale is offered for the first time from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Memorial Elementary School, 30001 Marquette, east of Merriman, in Garden City.

The sale is open to all girls no matter where they live.

Shirley Zaetta, a retired Garden City Public Schools teacher, is the program co-chair who has organized this first-time event for the.

"We have put out fliers," Zaetta said. "We also have accessories, purses and jewelry."

She's pleased with all the donors who were anxious to share the dresses with girls who need them. If a girl can't afford a donation, she can "just take" a dress, Zaetta said.

The sale will be held in the library of Memorial Elementary where Jan Blumberg, a former AAUW president, works as the principal.

Collection of the "gently used and gorgeous" dresses started in January. More than 250 dresses, sized 0 through size 22 will be offered. There also will be rooms available to try on the dresses.

Some dresses have never



Shirley Zaetta, a retired Garden City Public Schools teacher, shows off some of the dresses donated to the Prom and Party Dress Sale organized by the Plymouth Canton branch of the American Association of University Women.

been worn and still have the original tags attached. There are variety of current styles, sizes and lengths. Some are form-fitting and some are straight.

"We will have racks set up," said Zaetta, a Plymouth Township resident. "We have tried to think of everything."

Dresses are on hangers and in plastic bags. Ribbons will delineate dress sizes, red for small, blue for medium and white for the larger sizes.

"I hope the girls come," she said. "There are lots of choices."

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## Last appointments complete new water board

The newly reconstituted Board of Water Commissioners for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is ready to go to work, following the last two appointments by Detroit Mayor Dave Bing.

Bradley Kenoyer of Ford Motor Co. and Linda Forte of Comerica Bank join fellow Detroit representatives Mary Blackmon and Jim Thrower. The new suburban representatives are Fred Barnes, representing Macomb County; James Fausone, the Westland city attorney who represents Wayne County, and J. Bryan Williams, Oakland County.

"I am pleased with the make-up of this new DWSD board," said Bing. "All of the commissioners bring the expertise and commitment we need to deliver the highest level of customer service."

Fausone, a resident of Canton Township, he is a partner in Fausone Bohn LLP, where he practices business law, municipal law, veterans disability law and environmental law. He was also president of K&D Industrial Services, an environmental remediation, industrial service and waste transportation company, and served as a partner at the Dykema Gossett law firm.

He holds dual bachelor's degrees in environmental engineering and oceanography from the University of Michigan and earned his law degree from Gonzaga University. He was elected a Schoolcraft College trustee and is the director of the University of Michigan College of Engineering – Civil and Environmental Engineering board, among other affiliations.

Blackmon was first elected president of the BOWC in January 2003. She is a retiree of Ameritech and a current member of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Board of Education, where she has served since 1982.

She also served for 10 years as a member of the Detroit Board of Education. She has

served on several committees for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), where she is a vice president. A graduate of Leadership Detroit, Blackmon remains active in a number of civic and community organizations.

Forte, a senior vice president at Comerica Inc., brings more than 30 years of business, finance and commercial banking expertise to the board. A member of Comerica's senior leadership team, she is responsible for defining and driving business strategies.

Forte earned her bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and received her master's of business administration degree in finance and accounting from the University of Michigan. She serves as a director of the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Detroit and serves on many other agency and organization boards as well.

Kenoyer brings a decade of cross-functional experience in delivering customer-driven results to technical, lost and service quality issues for Ford Motor. An honoree of the Ford/Massachusetts Institute of Technology/University of Detroit Mercy program for engineering excellence, Kenoyer holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and earned a master's degree in product development from the University of Detroit Mercy. He has served on the Board of Directors of Preservation Wayne and has volunteered at the Ruth Ellis Center.

Thrower is president and CEO of Jamjomar Inc. and the owner of seven McDonald's restaurants in Detroit and the surrounding metropolitan area. Following a career in professional football playing as a defensive back for the Detroit Lions and the Philadelphia Eagles, Thrower served as loan executive and executive assistant to the board chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People (NAACP), regional manager of public issues and planning at Michigan Consolidated Gas, and director of community affairs at Stroh's Brewery.

He holds a bachelor's degree in English and physical education from East Texas State University. Thrower is affiliated with several corporate and community groups, such as the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities.

Barnes is a registered professional engineer from Sterling Heights. He owns and operates Fred W. Barnes Associates Inc., a consulting engineering firm. Before starting his own company, he was a senior project engineer with Atwell-Hicks Inc., where he managed engineering projects and supervised engineers, planners and designers.

Barnes also worked for the Macomb County Public Works Department for more than 20 years, involved in the design, operation, and maintenance of more than 700 county drains, as well as the review of residential and commercial developments. He holds a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Williams is an attorney with the Dickinson Wright law firm. Williams of Bloomfield Hills practices in the areas of corporate and municipal law. He has served as counsel to the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner in municipal bond financings, and has counseled Oakland County in connection with privatization of its medical care facility. Williams has a wealth of experience in providing counsel to both privately- and publicly-held companies.

He earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Notre Dame and received his juris doctor degree from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the Birmingham Planning Board, and a past member of the Board of Directors of the Economic Club of Detroit. He is also a past vice chairman of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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### Help for Japan

Hope-20, Inc. ([www.Hope-20.org](http://www.Hope-20.org)) has partnered with the American Red Cross to raise urgently needed funds for people affected by the Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami.

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Relief, Hope-20 will donate \$8 towards the American Red Cross Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund. The program runs through May 30, and every gift to the disaster relief efforts will directly help those throughout the Pacific that have been affected by this devastating natural disaster.

"Hope-20 is so pleased to be able to offer the average person a means of contributing to the global fundraising efforts for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief," said Peter Hall, chief executive officer for Hope-20. "With this fundraising campaign and partnership with the American Red Cross, we bring together two worthy causes, the protection of our environment and the urgent support for the many lives that have been dramatically and forever affected by the Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami. We ask that everyone reading this message considering sharing it with friends, business associates."

### Shoe donations

Soles4Souls Inc. has com-

mited to collect and distribute 11 million shoes in 2011 to people living in extreme poverty and recovering from natural disasters through its "11 IN 11" campaign. The shoe charity gives away one pair of shoes to a person in need every 7 seconds. Since 2005, Soles4Souls has distributed more than 12 million pairs of shoes because of the generosity and commitment of people and organizations like Laurel Park Place.

Soles4Souls believes partners like Laurel Park Place will challenge others to become a force of change by helping the charity reach its aggressive but necessary "11 IN 11" goal which reflects the every-growing needs of the global community. The shoe charity recognizes its success is the result of individuals and industry partners such as Laurel Park Place who clean out closets and warehouses so that 300 million children around the world can have their first pair of shoes.

Soles4Souls and Laurel Park Place will be collecting your gently worn footwear and/or donations through Friday, April 22, to make a tangible difference through the gift of shoes. Every donation will support the charity's initiative to distribute 11 million pairs of shoes in 2011.

"With the earthquakes in countries like Japan, Haiti and Chile, on top of the enormous needs elsewhere, we can use the estimated 1.5 billion shoes taking up space in the closets of ordinary people to change the world one pair at a time," said Wayne

Elsey, founder and CEO of Soles4Souls. "We need partners like Laurel Park Place to get behind our '11 IN 11' campaign and get a little crazy this year. Donating shoes is one of the most simple yet profound gifts you can make, because it will greatly improve someone's life in the most difficult of times."

Customers are urged to bring gently worn shoes and drop off at any of the Soles4Souls bins located at the Easter Set near the Food Court, in Parisian Court, at the Concierge desk and at the Nine West store location. Laurel Park Place is a Newburgh and Six Mile in Livonia.

### Management training

Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development is offering Project Management Training from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in Room 165 of the BioMedical Tech Building.

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## Oakwood wins first 'Best' honor for its hospitals

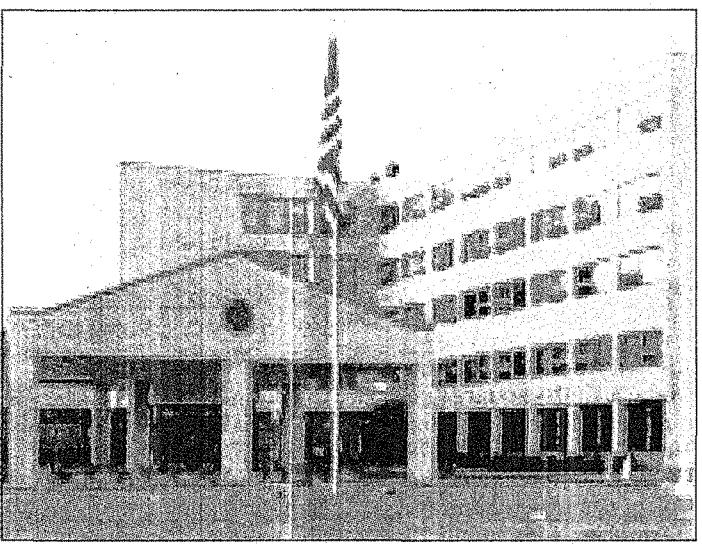
The Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center in Dearborn is among the top five hospitals in southeast Michigan and the highest-ranking hospital in western Wayne County, according to the *U.S. News and World Report*.

The publication recently released its first-ever Best Hospitals metro area rankings, and it showed that the OHMC was the fourth best hospital in the Detroit metro area, behind Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak; the Detroit Medical Center's Harper Hospital and the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

All four of the acute care hospitals operated by Oakwood Healthcare Systems were among the top 20. Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne was ranked at 12th; Oakwood Southshore Medical Center in Trenton was ranked at 14th and the Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor was ranked 16th.

"It's an honor to be recognized for the quality services we provide," said Brian Connolly, president and chief executive officer of Oakwood Healthcare. "I'm proud of all of our employees who take the extra steps to ensure our patients are well-cared for and have a positive overall experience. It's a team effort and this is a validation of that hard work."

Eric Widner, president of the western region of Oakwood Healthcare and chief administrator at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, agreed.



Oakwood Annapolis Hospital

"Our dedication and commitment to excellence in patient care would not be possible without the collaboration between physicians, nurses and the support staff," he said.

The magazine created Best Hospitals more than 20 years ago to identify hospitals exceptionally skilled in handling the most difficult cases, such as brain tumors typically considered inoperable and delicate pancreatic procedures, according to Avery Comarow, health rankings editor for *U.S. News and World Report*.

"The new metro area rankings are relevant to a much wider range of healthcare consumers," she said, adding that they are aimed primarily at consumers whose care may not demand the special expertise found only at a nationally

ranked "All of these hospitals provide first-rate care for the majority of patients, even those with serious conditions or who need demanding procedures," said Comarow. "The new Best Hospitals metro rankings can tell you which hospitals are worth considering for most medical problems, if you live in or near a major metro area."

The new rankings recognize 622 hospitals in or near major cities with a record of high performance in key medical specialties, including 132 of the 152 hospitals already identified as the best in the nation. There are nearly 5,000 hospitals nationwide. To be ranked in its metro area, a hospital had to score in the top 25 percent among its peers in at least one of 16 medical specialties.

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## Just ask: It can be life changing

BY CLARITY PATTON NEWHOUSE  
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**M**y goal is to be helpful, so I'm excited to share today's concept. When implemented, it can absolutely change a person's life - work life or home life. It's so simple and yet it's ignored at an astonishingly high rate.

Ask for what you want. Just ask!

OK, I'm sure you already know how powerful this is. But it's worth mentioning because sometimes we



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forget; often salespeople become unpaid consultants just by forgetting to ask for the sale.

In business or in our personal lives, what keeps us from asking? Perhaps we forget, or perhaps it's fear. Whatever stops us, we need to get over it, if we want to get ahead. Should we be strategic about how we ask? Of course. Think strategically and then ask.

Sometimes the results come so easy it's funny. We all know the downside of asking, hearing the terrifying "no." But if we're afraid of that little two-letter word, then the joke's on us.

So ask for what you want. If you don't, it's like holding a lottery ticket without checking to see if it's a winner. Try it. You'll be amazed at what can happen if you just ask.

Have a Sunny Day!

P.S. "If you don't ask, you don't get." Mahatma Gandhi

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# Career Tech students help give area family hope

Students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland are using the skills they have learned to make a difference in their community.

Students in the Construction Technology, Culinary Arts and Digital Media programs are all offering their special skills and gaining real world experience while they help the Life Remodeled Project.

Life Remodeled is an effort to build a home in seven days for a deserving family in Westland. The entire effort will be filmed as a reality television show. It is similar to the show *Extreme Makeover*.

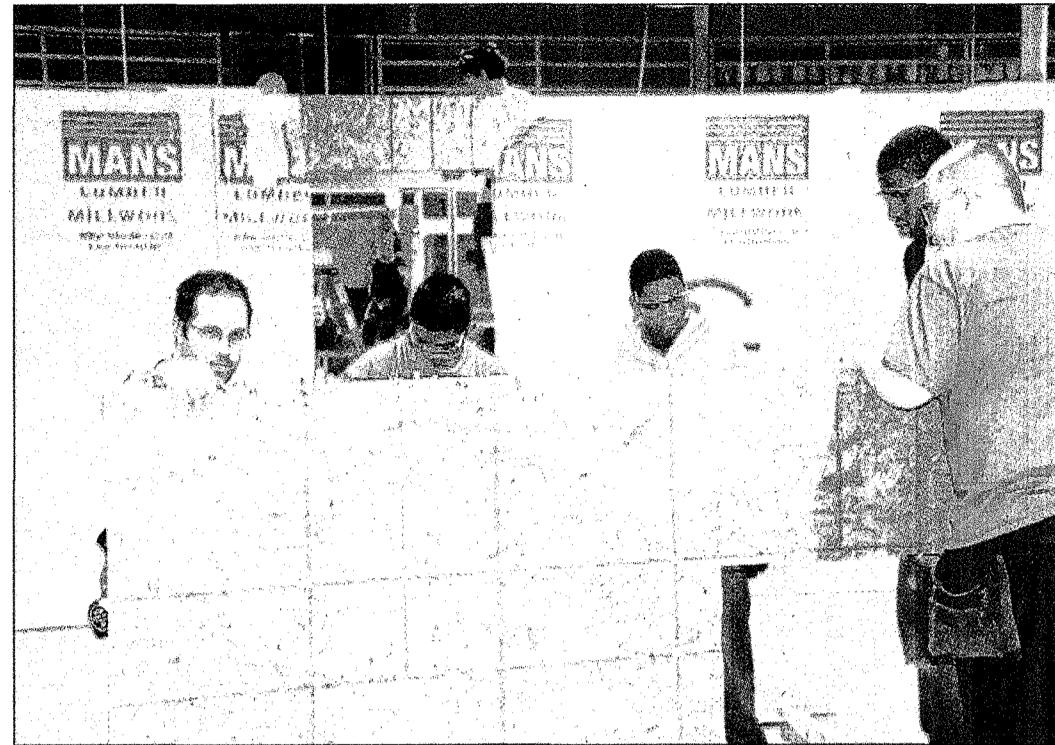
The construction tech students built the walls of the home in their classroom. They will be transported to the site and erected on the first day of the seven day build on April 25. The home will be a 1,200-square-foot single family home located on Oscoda Court in Westland.

"The Life Remodeled Project is a total community effort, it is about supporting our community," said Steve Kay, principal of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. "This is one of the many things the center does to create work-life experiences for our students. The process it is allowing students to get real world experience while utilizing the skills they are learning in the classroom."

In the past year alone, the Construction Tech students have participated in Habitat for Humanity by building all of the walls for their Women's build and worked with the cities of Wayne and Westland in their Neighborhood Stabilization Project. They have remodeled two homes and built two more.

The Digital Media students will work with the production crew performing camera work, audio, editing and lighting. They will get hands on knowledge in the production of the actual reality TV show.

"The project not only beautifies our community it provides assistance to families in need," Kay said. "The project is teaching students to be good citizens contributing their talents to society for the benefit of others. The William D. Ford Career Technical Center is proud to support this outstanding



Construction Tech instructor Mark Valchine works with students on the walls for the Life Remodeled home.

project."

"I think it is great what this group is doing to help this family and to improve this neighborhood. I am proud to be a part of this project," said Charles Bond, a senior at Wayne Memorial High School.

"It feels very humbling to help someone less fortunate than us right here in our community," added Benjamin Aponte, a senior and a Construction Tech student. "I'm very honored to help rebuild this neighborhood. I am thankful for the ability to use the skills that I have learned and apply them to such a noble cause."

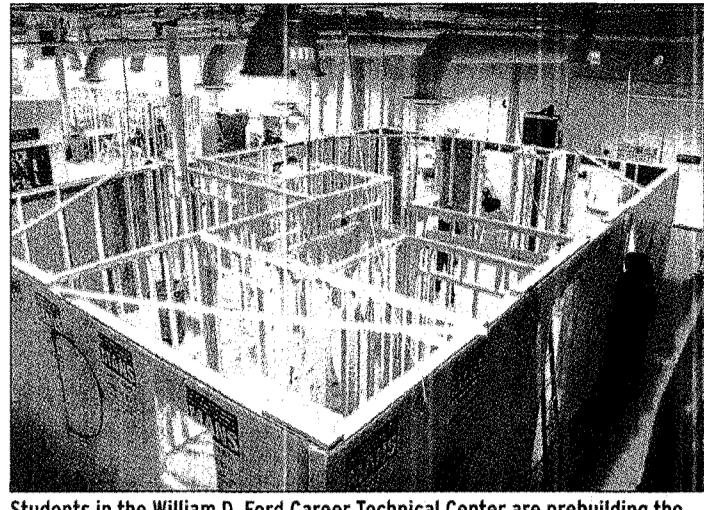
According to Wayne Memorial senior and JROTC Battalion Commander Kelsie Honeycutt, the Life Remodeled has given high school students the opportunity to demonstrate the skills they have learned in Construction Tech while helping the community.

"To be a part of this project, not only by helping build the house with William D. Ford's Construction class, but also by being on site and securing area with Wayne Memorial's JROTC program, is an extraordinary opportunity for me," she said. "I am so excited to see how this house comes together and also to see how life changing it will be for not only the family that is chosen but also the participants who dedicate their time to a family in need."

JROTC students from Wayne Memorial High School will be on site every day as part of the safety

team.

Construction Tech teachers Mark Valchine and Mike Koelzer try, whenever possi-



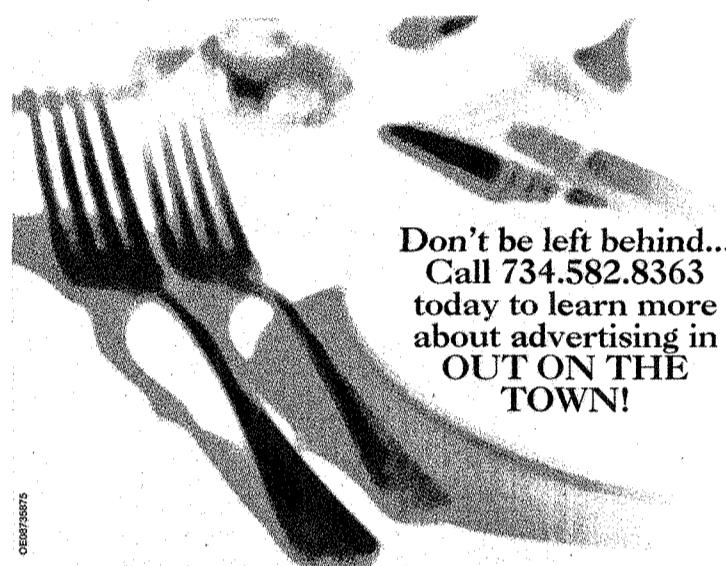
Students in the William D. Ford Career Technical Center are prebuilding the walls in advance of the Life Remodeled build project later this month.

ble, to involve their students in real life projects so that their learning is as relevant as possible.

"We also appreciate the opportunity to show them that even at this young age, they have valuable skills that can be donated in order to make a difference in their community," they said. "We hope that this principle of

service learning helps make them better citizens. In this time of tightening school dollars, it is incredible to be able to frame an entire house in our classroom with absolutely no cost to the school district."

For more information on the Life Remodeled project, visit its website at [www.life-remodeled.com](http://www.life-remodeled.com).



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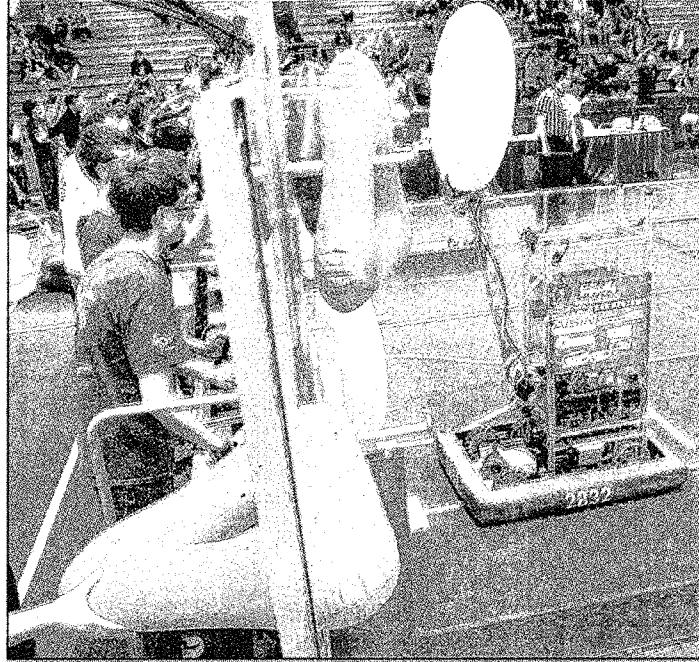
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# Engineering success



The Livonia team robot will hang another tube on the wall.

## Robotics competition gives students real-life experience

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The popular songs *I Love Rock N' Roll, Everybody Dance Now* and others blare over loudspeakers. Parents and fans cheer from the stands when points are scored. Even cheerleaders and mascots implore their teams onto victory.

Someone who walked into Churchill High School Friday afternoon might have wondered what rival was there to pack the parking lot with cars. That guest would have been surprised to learn that the tournament had nothing to do with basketball or volleyball, and in fact, had little to do with physical brawn or how fast the participants could run.

Teams from high schools all over the state gathered to pit and stake their smarts and wits in their mechanized robots in the FIRST Robotics two-day competition.

FIRST Robotics (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) educates students about the professional world of engineering, science and math in the varsity sport-like competition.

Students built robots with help and encouragement from engineer mentors and coaches, then programmed and guided their robots to carry inflatable rings and plant them on pegs to score points.

The 40 teams came from as far away as Marquette and Escanaba and as close as Farmington, Westland, and, of course, Livonia to participate in the robotics competition. The Livonia team, called the Warriors, placed 12th.

The teams received a standard "kit of parts" in January for a six-week design-and-build process to create robots.

Alliances of three teams each earned points by hanging square, round and triangular shaped inner tubes (which represent the pieces of the FIRST logo) on posts along one end of 27-by-54-foot field. Alliances were awarded extra points if the tubes were placed in the proper order to create the FIRST logo.

For some of the more skilled teams, their robots also deployed Mini-Bots (mini-robots) to race up the vertical poles at the end of the round to earn bonus points.

"It takes their classroom work and applies it to a real-life science, math and engineering program," said Gail Alpert of FIRST in Michigan. "They work with real-world engineers. It opens up whole new careers for them in mechanical and electrical engineering, marketing and writing. It's a microcosm of life."

### LEARNING ABOUT DEADLINES

Brian Aitken, a mentor for the Livonia Warriors, is a Ford engineer who works on fuel systems on his day job.

"The students learn time constraints and financial constraints of modern-day problems in engineering," Aitken said. Students have to follow a 72-page rule book. The robots can only be 28 inches by 38 inches by 5 feet tall.

Students learn how to use sensors, rotary encoders and potentiometers to move the robot and carry and deliver

the tubes, Aitken said. "I'm an engineer, and I didn't learn any of this until college," Aitken said. "That's the cool thing about it."

Aitken also quoted FIRST robotics founder Dean Kamen. "This is the only sport where anyone can go pro," Aitken said.

Churchill's gym is abuzz with robotics.

Teams either carry or roll out their machines on carts. The halls are crowded in between rounds with teams arriving or leaving the gym, transporting their machines in the pit, yelling "Robot!" so bystanders get out of the way of their machines.

Safety glasses must be worn in the pit while the students work on their machines. Even bystanders (and reporters) are handed these glasses to wear and reminded to leave them on.

Isolina Carlini, an English teacher at Holmes Middle School, is the team leader of the Livonia Warriors. Their three-team alliance scores 28 points and draws a cheer from the home crowd.

"I love this program because it positions the students for success," Carlini said. "It gives them a real-life experience."

Carlini liked that the competition called for the teams to form alliances with each other, which doesn't mean that the best teams always win. The "little guy" can team up with the "middle guy" to be successful, she said. The team works to resolve problems together and the alliance forms strategies to score points, she said.

"It always provides something for someone," Carlini said. "You never really know who will be the winner. You do your work to the best of your ability. That's a great thing."

### WARRIORS WORKING

Livonia team member Joel Mancewicz, a Livonia Churchill senior, plans to study mechanical engineering at Michigan Technological University.

"It gives you the whole engineering process to solve the problems and you go through all the elements of finding a solution," Mancewicz said.

Mancewicz said the team worked on the arm design to improve its efficiency, moving from a lamp system to two arms, then to a singular arm with a "wrist."

"The second one worked a little bit better," Mancewicz said. "Now we have a singular arm. It doesn't work like the lamp system. It doesn't reach as high, but it is more efficient."

Brandon Manenti, a senior at Franklin, also plans to study mechanical engineering at Michigan Tech.

"It's a lot more hands-on," Manenti said. "This is more of putting it together and executing what you learned in the classroom."

Mancewicz said Churchill hosting the event has ramped up interest in the competition at the school. "People have been popping in here all day to see what's going on," Mancewicz said. "They don't exactly know what it is."

Gary Komora, a Churchill junior, said he's always enjoyed working with motors on lawn

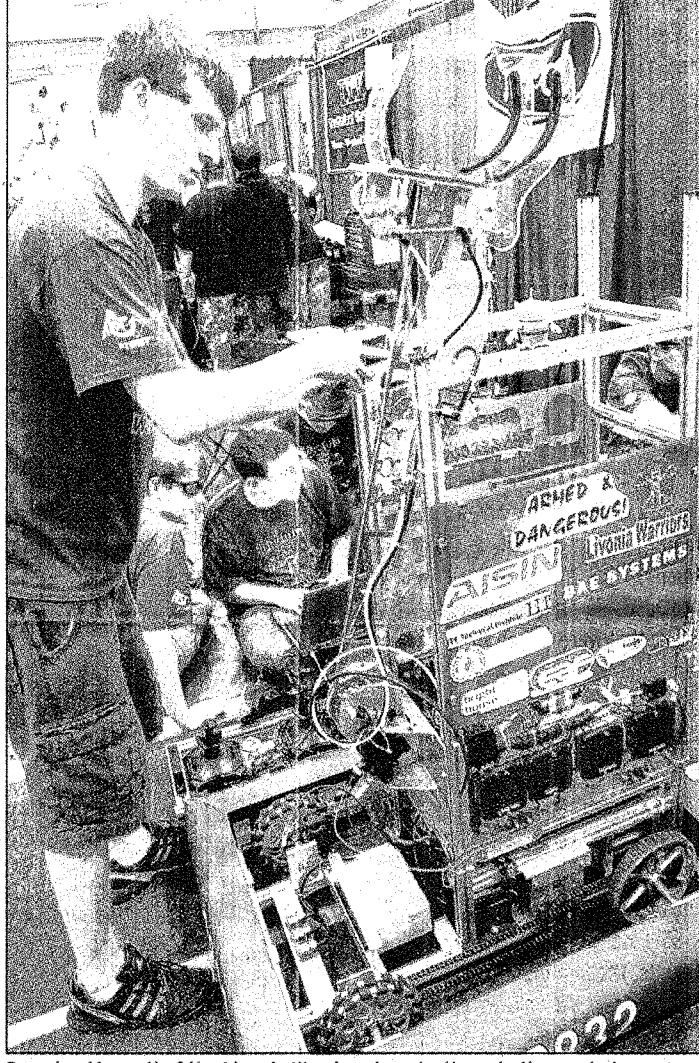


Jason Spurlock and mentor Karl Heinrich work on the Wayne-Westland robot.

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Wayne-Westland's Matt Castaldini programs their team's robot.



Brandon Manenti of the Livonia Warriors tweaks the robotic arm between rounds Friday at the Livonia Churchill FIRST robotics district competition.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tapestry display

**Time/date:** 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, April 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday through May 27

**Location:** William Costick Activity Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The Farmington Hills Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America is displaying the guild's national tapestry, "America the Beautiful" at the Costick Center through May 27. This tapestry, depicting the U.S., its flora, fauna and geographic features, is in five panels, each 24 inches by 48 inches. In conjunction with the tapestry display, Farmington Hills Chapter will also display a selection of its members' work.

**Contact:** For more information, call (248) 473-1800.

### Easter program

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, and Friday and Saturday, April 22-23

**Location:** Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Warren Road Light and Life Church and the Garden of Eden Church are teaming up to present an Easter experience. "Journey to the Cross" is an engaging hands-on experience that will make Easter come alive for the audience. Instead of the audience sitting in an auditorium and watching the drama of Easter be played out before their eyes, "Journey to the Cross" will give them an opportunity to "walk through" the reenactment of the life of Jesus Christ as they journey from one powerful scene to another. "Journey to the Cross" allows the audience to be in the same room with Jesus as He heals a leper and raises a 6-year-old boy from the dead. The audience will be able to touch the crown that was pressed into Jesus' forehead and hold the spikes that were driven through His hands.

**Contact:** The program is free to the public. For more information, call (734) 458-7301 or (734) 968-8222.

### Karate Tournament

**Time/date:** Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 15

**Location:** Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland

**Details:** The Shotokan Karate Federation of Michigan is hosting a 2011 Michigan Karate Tournament at the Bailey Center. Spectator/parent fees (paid at the door) are: \$5 Adults 15 years and older, \$3 senior citizens age 65 and older, \$3 for children age 5-14 and children free age 4 and under. Visit [www.karatem1.com](http://www.karatem1.com) for up to date tournament information.

**Contact:** For more information, call Sensei Tony Valvona at (734) 658-5683.

### Rouge Rescue

**Time/date:** Saturday, June 4

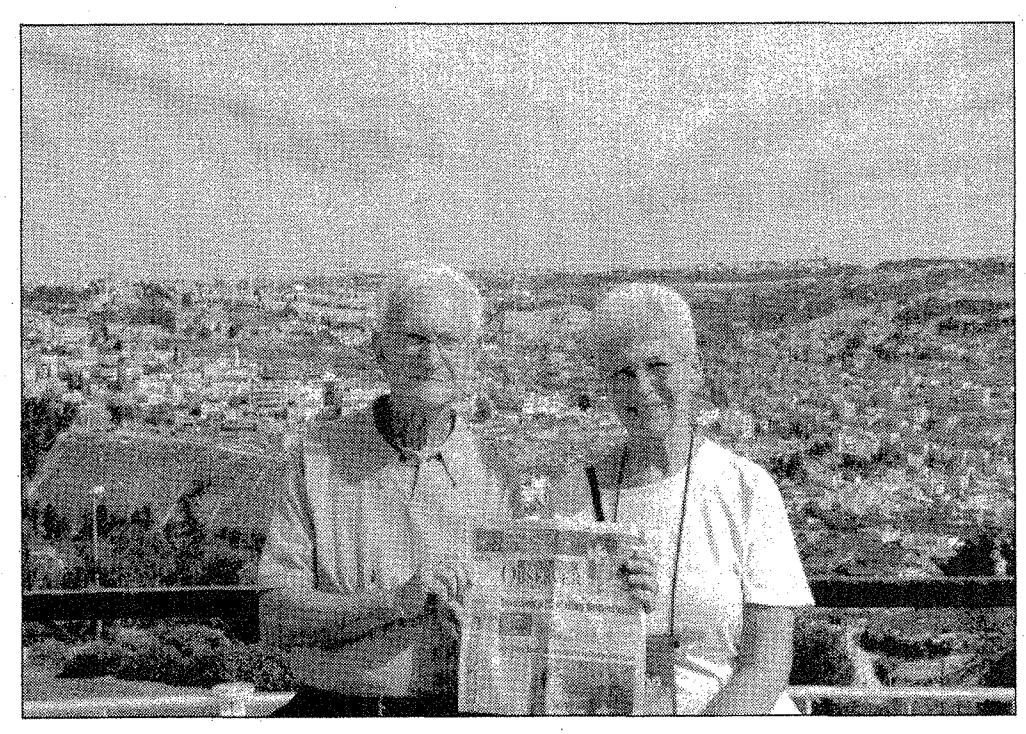
**Details:** Friends of the Rouge are looking for volunteers to participate in the 25th Anniversary Rouge Rescue 2011. This annual river cleanup event has been so successful at removing trash that many of the sites now work on river restoration projects. There are volunteer opportunities for all ages with activities varying by site that may include trash cleanup, invasive plant removal, planting projects, woody debris management (moving wood in streams), nature walks, nesting box construction and more.

**Contact:** Call Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9621 or go online to [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) for more information.

### Volunteers needed

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice is seeking caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate one-two hours of their time per week. Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice orga-



## Wish You Were Here

Leonard and Judy Poger of Westland display their hometown Observer newspaper during a stop at an overlook in Jerusalem, Israel. In the background is the walled Old City, which dates back 3,000 years, and the modern city. During the trip, the Pogers visited many ancient sites, dating back to the Roman Empire, including the Western Wall. They also viewed the Israeli borders with Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at [smaison@hometownlife.com](mailto:smaison@hometownlife.com) or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

nization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones.

Volunteers receive training and ongoing coaching, and social opportunities are available as well. The next new volunteer is fast-approaching, and will take place at the office in Canton.

**Contact:** Call Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, at [jgalat@cchnet.net](mailto:jgalat@cchnet.net) or 888-983-9050 to apply for an interview.

### American Legion

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.

**Contact:** Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.com).

### Fish fry

**Time/date:** 5-8 p.m. every Friday

**Location:** Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

**Details:** Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.

**Contact:** For details and reservations, call (248) 476-8383.

### Fish Dial-A-Ride

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers.

Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

**Contact:** For more information, call

(888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

### Earth Angels

**Details:** Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/ performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9-16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9-11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9-12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

**Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel1986@comcast.net)

**Contact:** (734) 793-1870

### VOLUNTEERS

6 p.m. Sunday. Annual membership is \$50 per year or \$1 for a daily pass.

Aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

**Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

### Higher Rock Cafe

**Time/date:** 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

**Location:** Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

**Contact:** [www.tsahigherrockcafe4t.com](http://www.tsahigherrockcafe4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660

**Contact:** (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

### Drivers Needed

**Details:** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group.

The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend.

Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings.

**Contact:** (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208

### VNA Hospice

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

provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

**Contact:** (248) 967-8361, [www.vna.org](http://www.vna.org)

### Seasons Hospice

**Details:** Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

**Contact:** (800) 370-8592

### Literacy Council

**Details:** The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County

to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and match you with an adult student in your area.

**Contact:** (734) 416-4906

**Details:** Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

**Contact:** (734) 462-1768, [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com)

### Metro Fibromyalgia

**Time/date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month

**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City

**Details:** The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com)

### Menopause & More

**Time/date:** 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month

**Location:** Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

**Contact:** (734) 655-1100

### Counterpoint

**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

**Contact:** (734) 563-5005

## FOR YOUR HEALTH

### Safe Place

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

### Adult Day Services

**Time/date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 570 S Main St., Plymouth

**Detail:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

**Contact:** Laurie Krause at [laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com) and (734) 956-2600

**Contact:** (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748

### LifeCare

**Time/date:** 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

**Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

**Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at [info.lifecarecc@gmail.com](mailto:info.lifecarecc@gmail.com) or (734) 956-2109

**Contact:** Laurie Krause at [laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com) and (734) 956-2600

## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.2, Chapter XVI of the Charter of the City of Westland, a petition has been filed with this Body to absolutely abandon, vacate, and terminate an easement for public utilities, twelve (12) feet in width, located in the City of Westland, Wayne County, State of Michigan, described as:

A 12 foot wide easement for water main being a part of the NW 1/2 of Section 9, Town 2 South, Range 9 East, City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the N 1/4 corner of said Section 9; thence N 89° 53' 28" W 890.71 feet to a point recorded as N 89° 57' 15" W 888.60 feet;

thence due South 963.99 feet (recorded as 964.51 feet) to the NW corner of Lot 1 of "Tonquin-Geronimo Subdivision

# OPINION

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## OUR VIEWS

# Freedom of speech

## School board president shouldn't decide who can be heard

Livonia school board President Lynda Scheel did not set a good example for the district's more than 16,000 students in censoring resident Loyd Romick's comments at March 21 school board meeting.

Scheel had the microphone turned down so Romick's comments could not be heard by people watching the meeting at home.

In doing so, she conveyed the wrong message to students about freedom of speech in this country. Scheel said she had the microphone turned down because Romick had refused earlier in the meeting to remove his video camera from the front row of the audience until he was ordered to do so by Livonia police.

Scheel may not have agreed with Romick's behavior, but that didn't give her the right to censor his comments.

Scheel did not deny Romick his right to speak at a public meeting — he was heard by those who were physically present at the meeting. And, the school board is not legally obligated to broadcast its meetings.

However, since public money is used to broadcast the meetings, the meetings should be broadcast in their entirety. Elected officials should not pick and choose whose comments they will allow to be aired based on whether they like the behavior of the people making them or what the people have to say.

Romick is a frequent critic of the board. He makes some good points.

But for criticism to be constructive, it needs to be presented in a way that does not alienate those being criticized.

Romick should be more respectful and cordial when speaking to the board. He should address board members by their titles, not informally by their first names, and not intentionally mispronounce Superintendent Randy Liepa's last name.

His actions should seek to resolve differences, not drive the wedge deeper.

As for the placement of the video camera, the board has a right to establish reasonable rules to ensure its meetings are orderly. However, the rules must be recorded in writing and be consistently enforced. That means parents of students receiving awards at board meetings should also be prohibited from sitting in the front row if they have video cameras.

We hope the police aren't needed at any more Livonia school board meetings to keep the peace — they have more important things to do.

We expect the adults in the community to set a better example for students of ensuring freedom of speech and working together to effect positive change — important lessons in the subjects of civics and civility.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, in Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

### The issue: Response to letter writers

Julie: You are right on the money. If funding is not restored, your school district will be one of the first to see the state step in. New board candidates are touting that they have solutions. Some of them have talked about restructuring the administrative offices to save money. This might help a little. Those people are integral in running a school district. But in the end, no matter who leads your district - or any other one for that matter - they will have to make cuts to services. Those cuts will have to be privatizing busses and custodial services, if not completely cutting those out. I would expect that to come up with \$1150 per student, it would include significant cuts to electives like music and art as well as athletics. I have read the campaign propaganda of some of the candidates (endorsed by the MEA), and it appears that they have no answers. In fact, it appears they have no idea how or where the money will come from. So, with that in mind, write your State Reps and Senators. Make certain that you vote for candidates that will not sell you down the river to preserve Cadillac benefits for the district's employees and cut the very services that you all rely on for your children and grandchildren.

**opine4utoo**

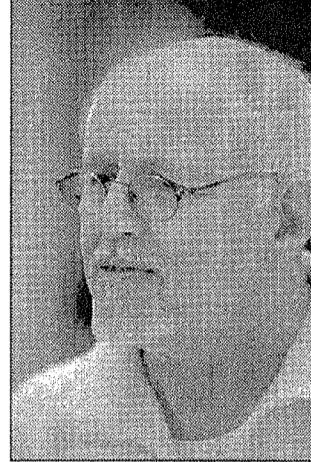
Patty Klarr! Shame on you, for doing your homework! Don't you know you are supposed to be stupid! If you do not do talking points, you are going to have to get a time out!

**KoolAid2**

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### The NHL playoffs are about to start. Who's your pick to win the Stanley Cup?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



**"The Red Wings. They always are great and have great players."**

**Silvestra Negrisor**  
Westland



**"Red Wings, of course. I'd be a nut to say anything else."**

**Michael Bishop**  
Southgate



**"Red Wings, my daughter works for them."**

**Mary Morabito**  
Garden City



**"Red Wings, of course. They're always good and they're second in the Western Conference."**

**Brandon Morgan**  
Livonia

## LETTERS

### Wider view of W-W meetings

Due to a school board election on May 3, 2011, last year I began to attend monthly meetings. I find the in-house atmosphere regrettably does not carry over on cable.

Watching each board member and the superintendent gave me a much wider view of how our district is managed. Next meeting is April 11 at 7 p.m. Plenty of seats are available.

The school board members are elected representatives of the people. The superintendent is hired by the board. The superintendent is employed by the district. This is simple enough for me to follow. Confusing is seems for others to include certain board members.

It is interesting to learn committees made up of school board members are hand-selected in groups of three to make decisions for the board of seven to vote on. No discussion, no questions, no civil debate! There is something wrong with this procedure. Just because it has evolved to doing business this way doesn't make it right.

I am disappointed that a board member repeatedly verbally attacks the comments of another board member, at times, with a prepared script. Does this person have their own ideas to improve the current district to present? Openly attacking another is unprofessional and should be controlled by the board president. Could the day job be interfering with their position on the school board?

This being a "business" meeting leads me to ask why the board president is allowed to speak an excessive amount of time, at consecutive meetings, on his mistake regarding his proposed re-election. A huge mistake may have been made but ultimately this board member was the responsible party. Own it and move on, please.

The Observer school board candidate interviews have been informative. A former school board member and former city elected official is a candidate. Possible pertinent information seems to have been left out. This person was

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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on the Westland City Council during the recall of 2000. If memory serves me correctly, he was a recall target and opted to step down with another council member while the remaining two were recalled.

I so regret AT&T cable customers are unable to watch the meetings. Maybe calling city hall may influence the administration to act.

**Nancy Fronreich**

Westland

### Concerned about school cuts

I am writing to you as a parent of children in the Wayne-Westland school district. I have been watching the news for the last few weeks, and now I feel compelled to contact you with concerns I see looming as lawmakers struggle with the budget and economic worries.

I have some worries of my own regarding the cuts that have been proposed by legislators and the governor and must tell you that the cuts to education in this state are scaring the hell out of me. While I am concerned about

the district my children attend, these proposed cuts will devastate districts (including mine) and lead to substandard education for tens of thousands of children. How can they call for increased standards and benchmarks and test scores while cutting the legs out from under the institutions that you task with performing them? Our superintendent is frantic over the impact that your decisions will make on our district that has tightened its belt and has been a good steward of the money that has been spent on quality educational programs, even while contending with per pupil cuts over the last few years.

The next rounds of cuts will put a stake in the heart of dozens of underfunded districts and drive them bankrupt. Is this part of a larger plan to displace local control of districts? To put in emergency financial managers and take control from the local people? To convert them to for-profit schools that are not responsible to the local populace? Are our legislators implementing someone's master plan? I don't like those ideas one bit.

Public education should not be a partisan platform for advancing political ideals or class divisions. This is what I see happening right now and it is just not right. I think they should take a deep breath and slow down and think. I am amazed that the citizens of the community are not outraged over the politicians plans to gut their school systems right under their noses.

I want the politicians to remember that the children affected by these cuts are the ones they are counting on to build the new Michigan economy. The high skill workforce they are counting on to fill these jobs will be the ones they kicked in the teeth with unwise choices made at this critical juncture.

They should fund the school systems equitably and fairly, then demand accountability.

**Jim Schirmer**

Canton

## Bring transparency to title insurance costs

BY BERNARD J. YOUNGBLOOD

GUEST COLUMNIST

When it comes to buying auto insurance, health insurance or life insurance, most of us will aggressively shop for the best and most competitive prices.

But when it comes to purchasing a title insurance policy on the most significant expenditure we ever make — our home — we never give the cost a second thought until it's too late.

That's because title insurance is a hidden cost of buying or refinancing a house, one generally presented to us in a slew of paperwork by our real estate broker or loan officer at closing. If we object, we're typically told we are squashing the deal because our interest rate lock is expiring or, when the real market is robust, the seller will entertain other offers.

On the purchase of a \$200,000 home, the cost of a title insurance loan policy for a homebuyer can range from \$597 to more than \$1,000. A

buyer can cut that rate down to about \$375 if he or she gets a simultaneous loan rate in conjunction with the owner policy the seller is required to obtain.

But if the seller's and buyer's respective real estate agents work for competing brokers, these brokers often have exclusive relationships with different title insurance carriers. These relationships often negate any potential savings, a problem compounded by the lack of true competition in our region for title insurance.

Late last year, the Federal Trade Commission cited Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the Portland, Ore., area as two places where title where a monopoly exists in title insurance.

The lack of competition drives up the price tri-county residents are forced to pay when they purchase or refinance a house, and contributes to our ranking as one of the country's most distressed real estate markets.

Think back to your last home purchase or refinancing. Wouldn't it have been nice to save a couple of hundred dollars on title insurance that you could have instead spent on other home improvements or put in your bank account?

Since most consumers don't know where or how to shop for title insurance, my office has introduced a new feature on our website at [www.waynecountylandrecords.com](http://www.waynecountylandrecords.com).

The site features a title insurance rate calculator, which prompts consumers to enter either their purchasing and financing cost or their selling price. They will then immediately receive pricing information from the title insurance companies that are licensed in Michigan. The information includes website links and phone numbers for the various providers.

This is a great tool for both homebuyers and home sellers. It empowers consumers to make informed decisions and it brings transparency to a purchase that consumers generally have no awareness of or control over.

More importantly, it will help spur competition in a local industry that has been deemed monopolistic. And competition will breed many positives for our local real estate market.

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# Project Healthy Living makes stop in Westland

People can get a check up on their health when Project Healthy Living makes a visit to Westland Shopping Center next week.

The shopping center is one of 24 sites in five Michigan counties to host the health screenings, coordinated by United Health Organization. Residents can stop by between noon and 6 p.m. Monday, April 11, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, April 13-14.

"We continue to be impressed by the demand for health screening services in southeast Michigan," said Ifetayo B. Johnson, executive director of UHO and Project Healthy Living.

Project Healthy Living is a non-profit whose purpose is to improve the health and quality of life in southeast Michigan through the detection of asymptomatic diseases and health education. Each year more than 10,000 screening and counseling ser-

vices are administered through the project.

Many of the basic screenings for fitness, obesity, hypertension, vision and hearing remain free of charge. For a nominal cost, new blood screenings for vitamin D deficiency, A1C glucose levels, cardiovascular health, and liver function also will be offered. A four-hour fast is recommended before testing.

Participants can pre-register to be

screened at their preferred location using Fast Track, UHO's online registration system at [www.projecthealthyliving.net](http://www.projecthealthyliving.net). Persons must be at least 18 years of age to participate, or be accompanied by a guardian.

All Project Healthy Living events are free and open to the public.

Strategic partners in the production of the 2011 Project Healthy Living season include Rosedale Park Baptist Church, Quest Diagnostics

Laboratory, the Michigan Cover the Uninsured Network, Wayne County Health Choice, the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA, U.S. Soccer Association and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

For more information about how to support UHO, Project Healthy Living, call the hotline at (313) 531-9108 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., or visit the Project Healthy Living website.

## Probationers check in for random alcohol testing

Only one of 648 probationers tested for St. Patrick's Day alcohol use by Westland's 18th District Court tested positive.

In an effort to protect the public and ensure compliance with probation orders, the court conducted random alcohol testing between 6:30-11:30 p.m. on March 17 and 7-9 a.m. March 18. Those selected for the alcohol testing had been placed on probation for an alcohol-related offense and have a strict no alcohol consumption requirement.

The court reports that from among 680 probationers scheduled for testing, 648 appeared and only one was found to have alcohol in their system. That person was taken into custody, released after posting a high bond and was scheduled for a probation violation hearing.

"The 18th District Court has been conducting random testing for the past 10 years and has found this program to be a good deterrent against drinking and driving and also a good way to rehabilitate those individuals who have alcohol addictions," said 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

The alcohol testing was initiated in response to the fact that St. Patrick's Day is known to be one of the busiest bar nights of the year.

"St. Patrick's Day is known for alcohol abuse. We hope this program served as an incentive for our probationers to stay away from alcohol that day," said 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell.

### Trivia for Tata's

Stop by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 10, for Trivia to benefit the Breast Cancer 3 Day. Registration is a noon. The cost is \$15 per person, if paid by April 8, or \$20 at the door. All ages welcome.

There will be trivia playing for cash prizes. Bring your own team or come on in and join a team. There will be bonus questions for more prizes, raffles and 20 percent of all food and drink sold will be donated to the cause with flier.

For more information send an e-mail to Dawn at [downt@doubledexpress.net](mailto:downt@doubledexpress.net).

### Open house

Garden City Co-Op Preschool is holding an open house 6-7 p.m. Monday, April 11, at the preschool, housed in the Garden City Presbyterian Church at 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford.

Parents can bring their children to meet the teacher and see what will be offered for the 2011-2012 school year.

### Raiion Taiko Drummers

Japanese drumming will be showcased when the Raiion Taiko Drummers perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 30, in Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium.

Taiko is a drumming style of Japanese origin, characterized by its large drums and thunderous energy.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$5.50 or for \$6 the night of the performance. The show runs until 8:30 p.m., and proceeds will benefit a group of Garden City High School students who will visit Japan for two weeks this summer as well as

### the Japanese National Honor Society.

### Mom 2 Mom Sale

Do you have a whole bunch of clothes your kids have outgrown or maybe never got to wear? Are there toys laying around the house that haven't been touched in years? More books than shelves or baby stuff, but your babies are all grown up?

Consider selling your new and gently used items at our Mom 2 Mom Sale at Garden City Middle School 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9. Or come shopping to get great deals on baby and kids clothes as well as toys, games, videos/DVDs, books, strollers, cribs, bouncers and more.

There will be 100 tables, a large item area, bake sale and concessions. Tables are \$20 for a 6-foot table, including rack space. For table availability/agreement or more information, e-mail Mary at [marysawyer70@yahoo.com](mailto:marysawyer70@yahoo.com).

Admission is only \$1. All proceeds go to the Garden City Middle School PTSA. Garden City Middle school is at 1851 Radcliff, south of Ford.

### Lenten Fish Fries

St. Raphael Parish is holding Lenten Fish Fries every Friday during Lent. Hours are 4:30-7 p.m. or until dinners are sold out and 3-7 p.m. or until dinners are sold out on Good Friday.

The menu includes the church's own recipe for hand battered Icelandic Haddock. Available are fish, shrimp or fish and shrimp combo dinners for \$8.50, a fish sandwich plate for \$7, a kid's two-slice pizza meal for \$4, a kid's one-slice pizza meal for \$3.

Dinners include choice of mashed potato or french fries, coleslaw, roll

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and butter and choice of coffee, hot tea or milk. Dinners are available for carry-out, but do not include a beverage.

St. Raphael is on Merriman, just north of Ford Road.

• St. Saint Damian Parish in Westland is holding Lenten fish fry on Fridays now through April 15.

Church members will be serving fish dinners 5-7 p.m. Fridays, April 8 and 15. There will be no fish fry Good Friday, April 22.

A one-piece fish dinner is \$4.50, two pieces for \$6 and three pieces for \$7. Baked fish or shrimp (five pieces) dinners cost \$7, with a pierogi (five pieces) dinner costing \$6. Dinners included fried, tartar sauce, coleslaw, roll and drink. Side orders include macaroni and cheese, \$2.50, and fries, \$2; desserts also are available.

St. Damian Parish is at 3005 Joy Road, east of Merriman.

### Garden City Rotary

The Garden City Rotary Club is on the hunt for new members.

The local club was chartered in 1940 as part of the worldwide Rotary International organization and is guided by the Rotary motto "Service Above Self." Charitable involvement covers the spectrum from local activities, such as college scholarships, literacy training, coats for needy elementary children, to projects including school construction and orphanage support in Latin America, as well as pure water, polio vaccination, and other international humanitarian efforts.

Rotary offers a wonderful opportunity for people to provide service for others on many different levels and to the extent they feel comfortable doing so. At the same time, it offers the

availability for weekly contact and socialization with other, like-minded, nice people.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road just east of Venoy in Garden City. Individuals interested in more information about the club can call Steve Kelly at (734) 748-1345.

### Garden City Kiwanis

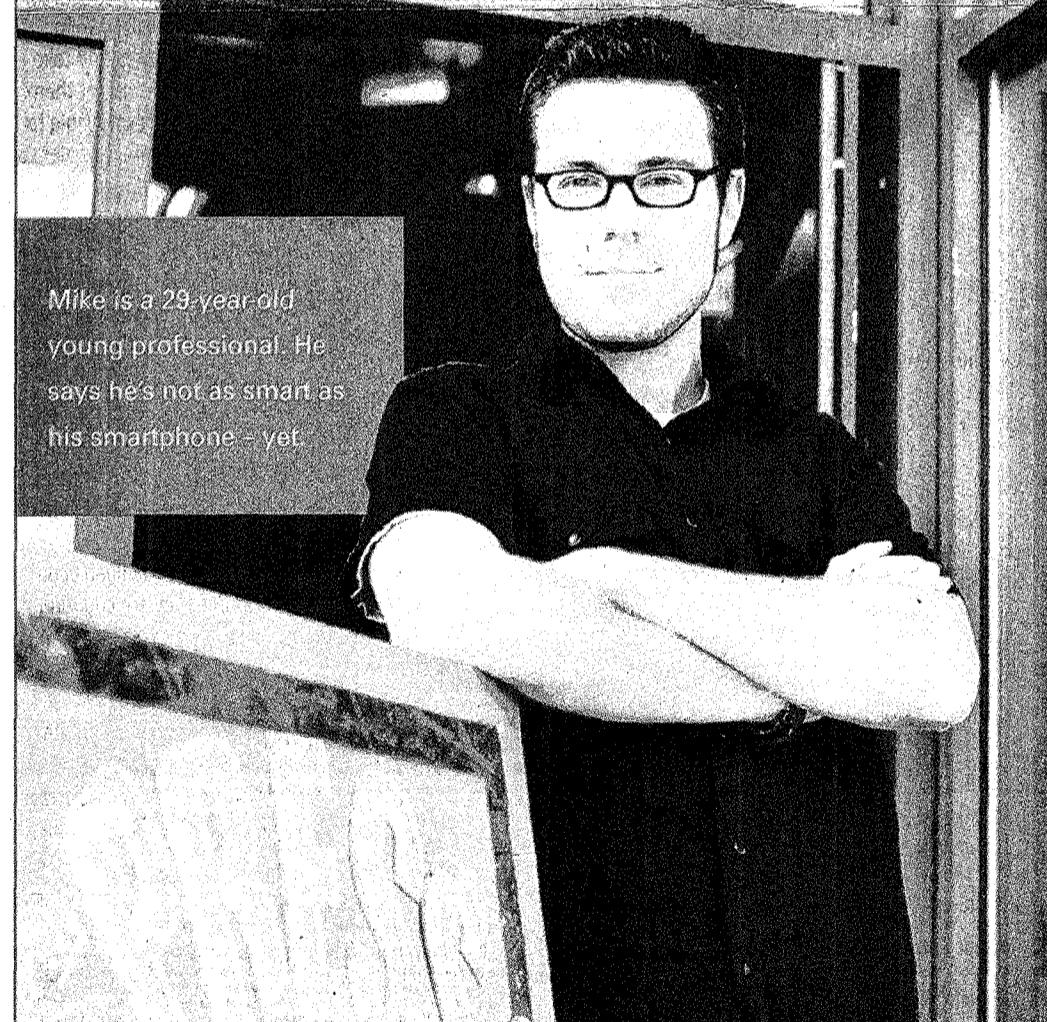
The Garden City Kiwanis Club is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of our community — especially children — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

### Free testing

As a service to the community, the staff of Garden City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing free of charge, on a bi-weekly basis to senior citizens at the Maplewood Community Center, located on Maplewood just west of Merriman. Testing will be available at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (734) 458-4330.



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# Phone scam targets seniors

Better Business Bureau of Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula is warning consumers to be on the lookout for a resurgence of the "grandparent scam," which is again targeting victims in Michigan.

According to the Michigan Attorney General's Office, in one instance, Michigan grandparents were taken for \$33,000. They wire transferred \$3,000 to someone they thought was their grandson after he called and claimed he was caught fishing without a license in Canada and needed to pay a \$3,000 fine. They were taken for an additional \$30,000 after the supposed grandson called again to say that alcohol and drugs were found when his boat was searched, and he needed \$30,000 to post bond to get out of a Canadian jail.

"Once you send money to Canada, there's no hope of getting it back," said Patrick Bennett, BBB Director of Community Relations. "A good rule of thumb is to never wire money out of the country unless you initiated contact with that relative or friend and you know for a fact they are where they say they are."

Another variation of this scam involves two scammers — the first scammer calls and poses as a grandchild under arrest. The second scammer, posing as some type of law

enforcement officer, then gets on the phone with the grandparent and explains what fines need to be paid.

Alternatively, the scammer may pretend to be a family friend or neighbor. A common theme of the scam across the nation is the caller's request for the grandparent to wire money through Western Union or MoneyGram or to provide bank account routing numbers. Wire transfers of money are nearly impossible to trace and typically cannot be recovered from the telephone con artists.

BBB offers the following tips to protect against this scam:

- Don't fill in the blanks for the caller. In other words, the scammer may ask leading questions like "Hello grandma; do you know who this is?" Do not provide the name they are seeking.

- Ask a lot of questions that have answers only your family should know like "What's your daughter's name?" or "How old were you when ...?"

- You'll learn quickly enough if it's a con artist," said Bennett.

- Do whatever is necessary to confirm your relative's whereabouts. Get off the phone and call your grandchild's home, school or work to verify what you've been told.

- Don't wire money. If a caller asks for your bank account

number or urges you to wire money for any reason, it's likely a scam. Cons prefer wire transfers because they are fast, and funds can be picked up easily and just about anywhere.

If you are a victim of this scam file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by calling (877) 382-4357, the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at (877) 765-8388 or contact your BBB at (248) 223-9400 for more information.

The Better Business Bureau, which serves eastern Michigan, is a non-profit organization with the purpose of assisting in the protection of consumers and businesses from fraud and unethical business practices in the local marketplace.

In addition to its recognized dispute resolution services, BBB maintains reliability reports on the customer service history of more than 80,000 local businesses and provides consumer education materials on numerous topics.

BBB provides its services free to the public and its service territory stretches across eastern Michigan from Jackson/Ann Arbor through metropolitan Detroit, Lansing, Flint and Alpena, and covers the entire Upper Peninsula of the state. For more information, visit [www.easternmichiganbbb.org](http://www.easternmichiganbbb.org).

## County Parks ready for Marshmallow Drop

For 26 years, youngsters and their families have converged on the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland every Good Friday, and this year will be no different.

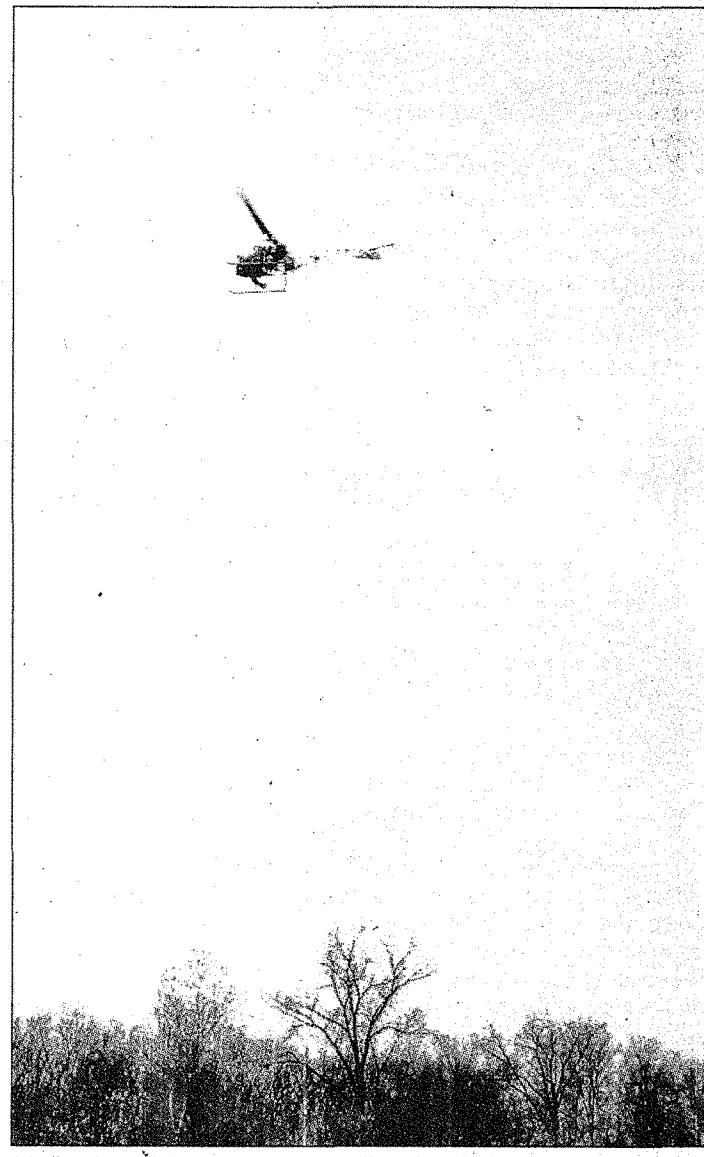
Hundreds of children will be there to scamper for marshmallows to fall from the sky as part of the Wayne County Parks 27th annual Marshmallow Drop.

It's a proven fact, at least in Wayne County, that when marshmallows begin falling from the sky, it's time for fun. The 2011 drop takes place at 11 a.m. Good Friday, April 22. More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped for children to collect. Children will be divided into groups based on age, to make sure everyone has an opportunity to participate fully.

Since Marshmallow Drop falls on Earth Day, there will be booths from various environmental organizations with information on making the earth a better place.

The Wayne County Parks Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by Trenton Parks and Recreation, ITC Holdings, WNIC-FM (100.3) and WJBK-TV (Channel 2).

Nankin Mills is on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.



A helicopter will drop 20,000 marshmallows from high above Nankin Mills during Wayne County Parks annual Marshmallow Drop on Friday, April 22.

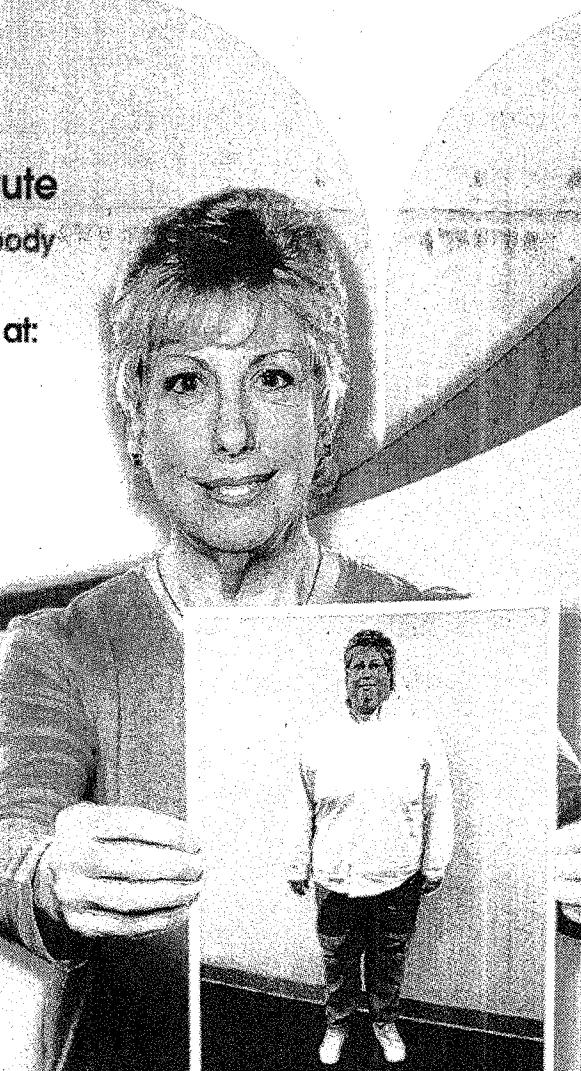
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# Patriots lead way at own relay meet

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It was only fitting that the day belonged to host Livonia Franklin in the annual Patriot Relays track and field meet.

The Franklin boys edged Livonia Stevenson for the team title, 109-106, while the Patriot girls scored 113 points to hold off Salem (93) and Stevenson (92) for the championship.

Pia Klein figured in three first-place finishes for the Patriots.

And the German exchange student made quite a splash in her track and field debut with a mark of 16 feet, 9 inches to help win the long jump relay and break Megan Wilson's school record of 16-8.25 (set in 2007).

Klein also cleared 4-10 in the high jump relay and was a member of the Patriots' first-place shuttle hurdle quartet.

Franklin's other firsts came in the distance medley and 800-meter relays.

Stevenson's lone relay first came in the sprint medley, but the Spartans' boasted three individual field event bests — Bridget Koessler, high jump (5-0); Kayla Branton, discus (101-6); and Alex Kitz, pole vault (10-0).

On the boys side, Franklin captured the shot put, discus, 800 and throwers 400 relays to edge Stevenson by three points.

"This was a really close one between Stevenson and

us," Franklin boys coach Pat Koelzer said. "They (Stevenson) actually had more success in the sprint and distance events and will be very tough to beat later this season. We were able to stay close on the track and take more field event points. Our throwers once again led the way for us."

Senior Jay Woolfork figured in three first places for Franklin including a throw of 133-11 in the discus and a heave of 49-11 in the shot put.

Teammate Adam Clay paced the shot put field with a toss of 50-1.

"This is a great start for our team as we still try to find the events our newer athletes will be most successful in," Koelzer said.

Stevenson, meanwhile, took the 1,600-meter team run, led by Joe Urso's 4:37.9 time, along with the shuttle hurdle, 3,200, sprint medley, distance medley and 1,600 relay events.

Both Matt Williams and Adam Chludzinski each figured in three first-place finishes for the Spartans.

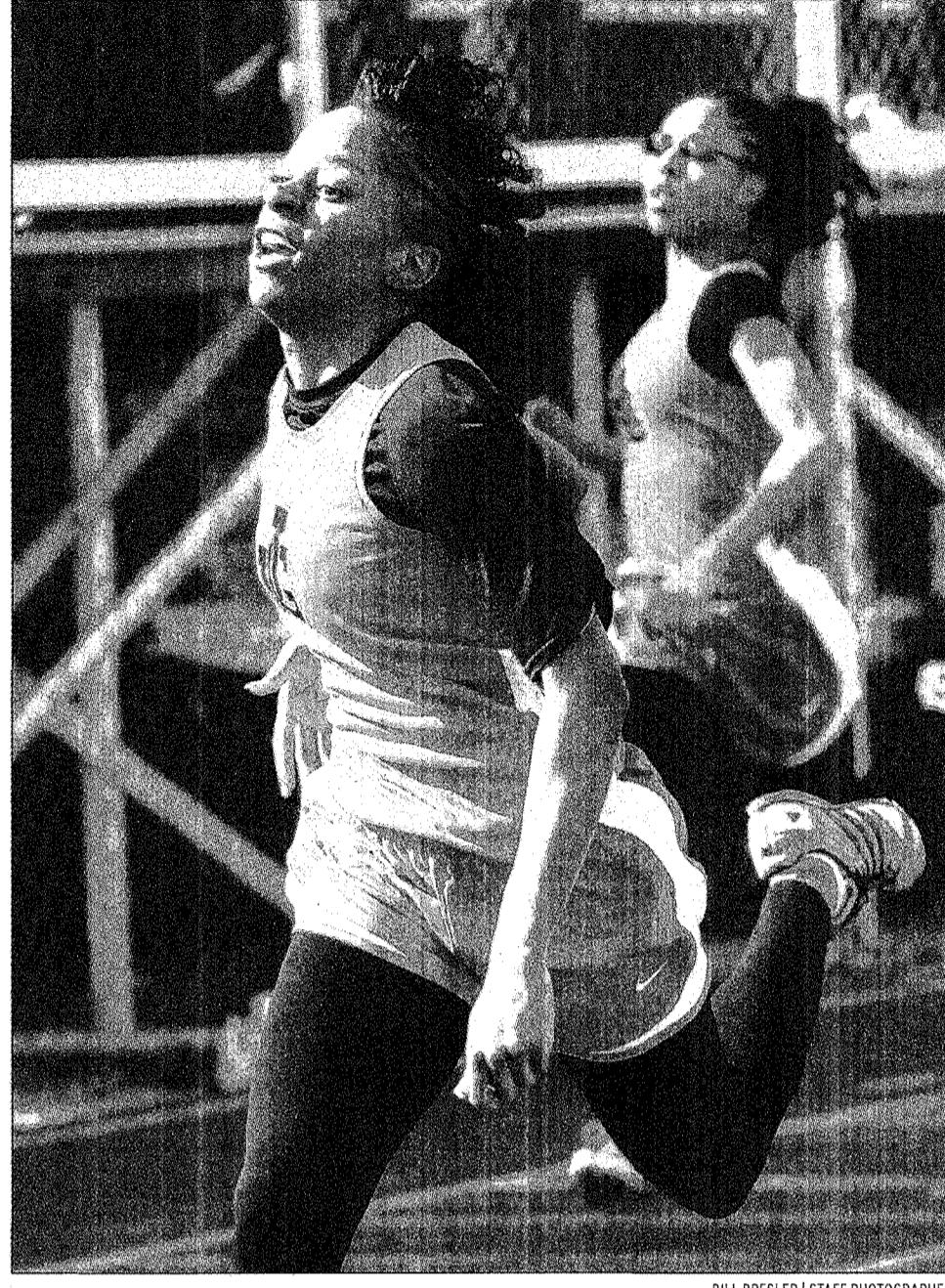
The Spartans' Jon Aneed led all discus competitors with a throw of 136-1.

Redford Union's Tre Goynes cleared 6-2 to top all individuals in the high jump, while Redford Thurston's Eric Wilson was the No. 1 long jumper at 21-5.5.

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## Leaning for the tape

Westland John Glenn's E'ajisha Guster crosses the finish line first in the 100-meter dash in 12.7 seconds. The Rockets won the KLAA South Division dual meet Tuesday at Livonia Churchill, 79-58. See prep track and field results on page B2.

# Hat trick: Ladywood goes 3-0 at Carlson tournament

Sophomores Domenique Sarnecky and Catherine Garber shared co-tournament MVP honors Saturday as Livonia Ladywood swept all three games to capture the Gibraltar Carlson girls soccer tourney.

Ladywood, which improved

to 4-1 overall, defeated Monroe (6-0), Grosse Ile (2-0) and the host Marauders (3-0) en route to the title.

"Our defensive backline of Garber, Marissa Ozog, Becky Babon and Carlee Faber were very good all day," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker

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said. "Only giving up seven total shots in three games is remarkable. We have put a focus on team defending and it showed today."

Goalkeeper Maddie Reed,

who had to make just a total of three saves in three games, recorded her second, third and fourth shutouts of the season.

Meanwhile, Sarnecky tallied four goals on the day.

"Domenique, Paige Brennan, Kelly Capoccia, and Liz Danger did a great job on

the offensive side of things," Shingledecker said. "It can be difficult to produce big goal numbers in shortened game like this, but those four consistently got it done all day."

Goal scorers against Monroe

Please see **SOCER, B2**

# Crusaders take series vs. Saints

It was miserable weekend baseball weather, but that couldn't stop Madonna University from sweeping a four-game set from Siena Heights University.

At cold, windy and wet Ilitch Ballpark on Sunday, MU improved to 20-9 overall and 9-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference by sweeping the Saints, 10-1 and 10-0 (seven innings).

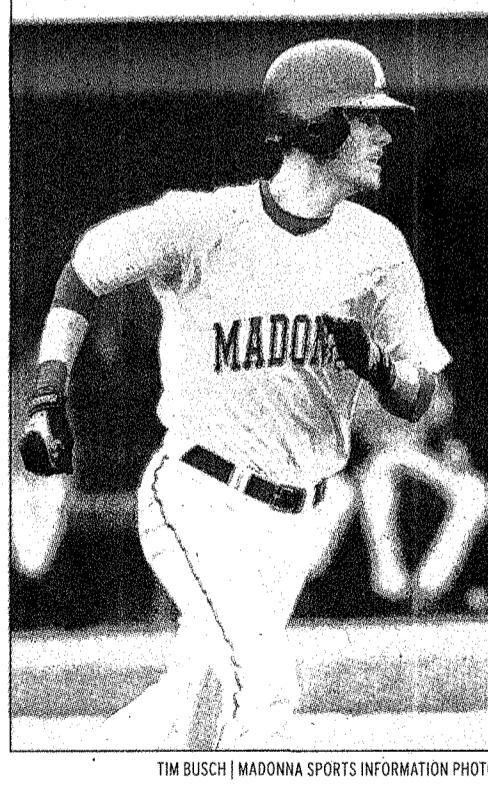
In the opener, Livonia's Jeremy Gooding (Dearborn Divine Child) improved to 5-0 by going six strong innings. He struck out eight, walked four and allowed just three hits.

Offensively, Jeff Bultinck went 3-for-5, while Dan Harder added two hits and two RBI.

Canton's Tarik Khasawneh also added an RBI double.

In the second game, lefty Tom Hansen improved to 4-2 with a four-hitter over six

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Madonna University second baseman Jeff Bultinck was named NAIA National Player of the Week.

# National honor for MU's Bultinck

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced Tuesday that Madonna University senior second baseman Jeff Bultinck has been selected as the NAIA Baseball National Player of the Week (ending April 28).

Bultinck, who was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week on Monday, is the first Crusader to earn a national honor since Jeff Sonnenberg was named National Pitcher of the Week on April 28, 2008.

The Sterling Heights native led the Crusaders to a 6-0 week with all six wins coming in WHAC play as MU swept Davenport University in a midweek double-header before taking all four games in a weekend series against Siena Heights University.

Bultinck, a graduate of Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, hit .625 with six extra base hits among his 15 hits for the week.

After going 3-for-7 with a double and a run scored against Davenport, Bultinck posted a 12-for-17 ledger against Siena Heights, including a pair of homers and a perfect 4-for-4 game in the series finale.

During the week, Bultinck's average was 300 points higher than his average coming into the six games while his 1.042 slugging percentage was 464 points higher than his average coming into the week.

Bultinck posted a .636 average with runners on-base (7-for-11) while hitting .500 (3-for-6) with runners in scoring position, driving in eight during the week.

### MU golfers 2nd

NAIA runner-up Brett Quilliquit's second-round 76 carried the Madonna University men's golf team took second place in the Purple and White Invitational held at Foxfire G.C. in Lockbourne, Ohio.

Malone University (Ohio) was first with a two-day total of 299-315-614, while MU shot 314-318-632.

MU scorers included Vince Carango, sixth (77-78-155); Quilliquit, seventh (80-76-156); Nick Sears, 10th (80-78-158); Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin), 29th (77-91-168); and Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill), 33rd (84-86-170).

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**GIRLS TRACK RESULTS****GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 79**  
**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 59**

April 5 at Churchill

**Shot put:** 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 33 feet, 5 inches; 2. Chantelle Wright (WJG), 32-0, 3. Megan Ling (LC), 29-3.75.

**Discus:** 1. Alex Mikoneky (WJG), 92-7; 2. Emily Norscia (LC), 89-7; 3. Ling (LC), 85-6.

**High jump:** 1. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 5-1-2; 2. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-1; 3. Jazelle Stitt (WJG), 4-5.

**Long jump:** 1. Massey (WJG), 16-2.5; 2. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 15-10.5; 3. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 15-5.5.

**Pole vault:** Lindsey Kreutzman (LC), 8-0; 2. Audra Flores (WJG), 7-3; 3. Jenn Drum (WJG), 7-0.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Dayna Esper (LC), 17.9; 2. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 18.0; 3. Ebere Ogbuaku (WJG), 18.6.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Molly Jarvis (LC), 50-8.2; 2. Smith (WJG), 106-0; 3. Sydney Anderson (LC), 53.5.

**100 dash:** 1. E'ajisha Guster (WJG), 12-7.2; 2. Scott (WJG), 12.9; 3. Denii Crossman (LC), 12.9.

**200:** 1. Scott (WJG), 27.7; 2. Guster (WJG), 28.4; 3. Crossman (LC), 28.0.

**400:** 1. Stephany Brown (WJG), 1:03.2; 2. Massey (WJG), 106-0; 3. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:06.9.

**800:** 1. Bethany Pilat (LC), 231.9; 2. Brown (WJG), 235.0; 3. Michelle Azar (LC), 247.8.

**1,600:** 1. Pilat (LC), 529-6; 2. Abby Wright (WJG), 608-0; 3. Megan McFarlane (LC), 619.2.

**3,200:** 1. Scott (WJG), 13:10.0; 2. McFarlane (LC), 13:21.0; 3. Casey Butler (WJG), 14:26.0.

**400 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Kayla Branton, Reanna Allen, Kaira Barnes, Scott); 52.3; 2. Churchill, 1:06.0; 3. Dayna Esper (LC), 17.9; 4. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 18.0; 5. Ebere Ogbuaku (WJG), 18.6.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Molly Jarvis (LC), 50-8.2; 2. Smith (WJG), 106-0; 3. Sydney Anderson (LC), 53.5.

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**Dual meets record:** John Glenn, 1-0 overall; 1-0 KLA South Division; Churchill, 0-1 overall; 0-1 KLA Central.

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 98****WAYNE MEMORIAL 39**

April 5 at Wayne

**Shot put:** 1. Ashley Gruden (LF), 30 feet, 1.5 inches; 2. Bailey Hart (WM), 26-5.3; Grace Modes (LF), 26-1.

**Discus:** 1. Gruden (LF), 75-10.5; 2. Hart (WM), 64-9.3; 3. Modes (LF), 61-11.5.

**High jump:** 1. Pia Klein (LF), 4-0; 2. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 4-8; 3. Holland Boertje (WM), 4-6.

**Pole vault:** 1. Meghan Lark (LF), 9-0; 2. Naomi Rodgers (LF), 6-6; 3. Sheila McKinley (LF), 6-0.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. O'Brien (LF), 16.5; 2. Jen Mueller (LF), 17.1; 3. Tania Lewis (WM), 19.1.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Klein (LF), 51.3; 2. Boertje (WM), 57.4; 3. Madie Osborn (LF), 1:00.2.

**100 dash:** 1. Klein (LF), 13.4; 2. Honia Williams (WM), 13.8; 3. Carmen Steen (WM), 14.1.

**200:** 1. Williams (WM), 28.5; 2. Meah Long (WM), 28.7; 3. Madison Agnew (LF), 29.5.

**400:** 1. Danielle Robbins (WM), 1:06.7; 2. Amanda Boertje (LF), 1:18.3; 3. Sarah Bo (LF), 1:12.0.

**800:** 1. Christa Mott (LF), 1:30.2; 2. Tiffany Lamble (LF), 2:56.0; 3. C.C. Shoemaker (LF), 2:57.0.

**1,600:** 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 5:25.4; 2. Anna Snider (LF), 6:16.0; 3. Kelly Walby (LF), 6:18.0.

**GIRLS TRACK RESULTS**

**3,200:** 1. Madeline Herman (LF), 12:50-4.2; Catherine Studzinski (LF), 13:30.0; 3. Jane Modes (LF), 14:14.0.

**400 relay:** 1. Wayne (Long, Williams, Steen, Destini Woodall), 54-4; 2. Franklin (Agnew, O'Brien, Mueller, Klein), 156-6; 3. 1,600 relay: 1. Wayne (Robbins, Boertje, Williams, Anitra Stitt), 452-0; 2. 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Megan Wickens, Lambie, Mott, Kaitlyn Kozy, 11:43).

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

**SALEM 76****LIVONIA STEVENSON 61**

April 5 at Stevenson

**Stephenson individual 1st:** Jade Burkett, shot put (29 feet, 5 inches); Kayla Branton, discus (101-5); Alex Kitz, pole vault (10-0); Andrea Gentile, 300-meter hurdles (52.4); Brianna Jed, 100 dash (10.6); Stephanie Batshon, 200 (29.5); Jade Burkett, discuss (89-9); Mary Kovsky, high jump (4-3); Gentile, 100 hurdles (18.0); Karlie Gallagher, 400 (56.0); 3rds: Sarah Muzzin, discuss (89-9); Jorden Verleye, long jump (14-10); Amy Freed, no time available.

**Stephenson relay 1sts:** Lauren Seguin, Brandi Jed, Kovsky and Brianna Jed, 400 (55.4); Brandi Jed, Batshon, Nicole Lindberg, Brianna Jed, 800 (157.0); Verleye, Batshon, Emily Mulcahy, Freed, 1,600 (43.1).

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

**FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 101****LIVONIA LADYWOOD 27**

April 5 at Ladywood

**High jump:** Abby Lovell (FH), 5 feet; Leah Lovell (FH), 5 feet; Amy Lewandowski (LL), 13-2.5; discuss: Teresa Wojnarowski (LL), 102-6; shot put: Amy Lewandowski (LL), 32-5; 100-meter relay: Mercy (Heather Smith, Lindsey Tartaglia, Teagan Dillon, Mary Haapala); 100 hurdles: Lauren Reinhold (FH), 19.0; 100 dash: Lauren Roberts (FH), 13.6; 1,600 run: Heather Smith (FH), 5:53.3; 3,200-meter relay: Mercy (Ronnie McGee, Sarah Schneider, Kara Telford, Kristen Carter), 159.1; 400 run: Wojnarowski (LL), 400 relay: Mercy (McGee, Schneider, Liz Kendall, Emerald Stanley), 50.3; 300 hurdles: Michal Ernst (FH), 58.5; 800 relay: Smith (FH), 2:45.3; 200 dash: Roberta (FH), 29.7; 3,200 run: Celeste White (FH), 13:24.2; 1,600 relay: Mercy (Francesca Sovis, Sarah Benson, Kristen Pizana, Karina Nordstrom), 4:44.1.

**Dual meet records:** Mercy, 1-0 overall, 1-0 Catholic League Central Division; Ladywood, 0-1 overall, 0-1 Central.

**LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 72****DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS 45**

April 5 at Ann Arbor

**Shot put:** 1. Ann Arbor, 29 feet, 6 inches; discuss: 1. Alyssa Shirkey (LW), 88-0; high jump: 1. Amanda Terranova (LW), 4-5; long jump: 1. Ann Arbor, 13-10; pole vault: 1. Marcella Flury (LW), 6-0; 2. Alissa Flury (LW), 6-0; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Franklin (Pia Klein, Leah Hart, Lauren Roberts (FH), 19.0; 100 dash: Lauren Roberts (FH), 13.6; 1,600 run: Heather Smith (FH), 5:53.3; 3,200-meter relay: Mercy (Ronnie McGee, Sarah Schneider, Kara Telford, Kristen Carter), 159.1; 400 run: Wojnarowski (LL), 400 relay: Mercy (McGee, Schneider, Liz Kendall, Emerald Stanley), 50.3; 300 hurdles: Michal Ernst (FH), 58.5; 800 relay: Smith (FH), 2:45.3; 200 dash: Roberta (FH), 29.7; 3,200 run: Celeste White (FH), 13:24.2; 1,600 relay: Mercy (Francesca Sovis, Sarah Benson, Kristen Pizana, Karina Nordstrom), 4:44.1.

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

**Maynard (LW), 6:27.0; 3,200:** 1. Maynard (LW), 14:03.5; 400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Buffy Miller, Leah Refenes, Schwartz), 10:00; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Erin Hardin, A. Flury, Schwartz, Terranova), 2:03.2; 1,600 relay: not held; 3,200 relay: not held.

**Dual meet records:** Lutheran Westland, 1-0 overall; Ann Arbor, 0-1 overall.

**PATRIOT RELAYS****TRACK & FIELD MEET**

April 2 at Franklin H.S.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Franklin, 133 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 106; 3. Redford Union, 86; 4. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 50; 5. Redford Thurston, 37; 6. Wayne Memorial, 30; 7. Garden City, 25.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Franklin, 109 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 106; 3. Redford Union, 86; 4. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 50; 5. Redford Thurston, 37; 6. Wayne Memorial, 30; 7. Garden City, 25.

**FINAL RELAY RESULTS**

**Shot put:** 1. Franklin (Ashley Gruden, 30 feet, 11 inches); 2. Salem (Nicole Price, 30-7); 3. Grace Modes, 26-3; 4. Garden City, 28-5; 5. Stevenson, 28-2; 6. Salem, 28-7.5; Thurston, 28-2; 7. RU, 28-4.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Franklin (Ashley Gruden, 10-0); 2. Salem (Nicole Price, 10-0); 3. Stevenson, 10-0; 4. Garden City, 10-0; 5. Garden City, 10-0; 6. Salem, 10-0.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Franklin (Ashley Gruden, 14-0); 2. Salem (Nicole Price, 14-0); 3. Stevenson, 14-0; 4. Garden City, 14-0; 5. Garden City, 14-0; 6. Salem, 14-0.

**100 dash:** 1. Franklin (Ashley Gruden, 10-0); 2. Salem (Nicole Price, 10-0); 3. Stevenson, 10-0; 4. Garden City, 10-0; 5. Garden City, 10-0; 6. Salem, 10-0.

**400 relay:** 1. Franklin (Ashley Gruden, 40-0); 2. Salem (Nicole Price, 40-0); 3. Stevenson, 40-0; 4. Garden City, 40-0; 5. Garden City, 40-0; 6. Salem, 40-0.

**1,600-meter team:** 1. Salem (Kavulich, 1:06.9); 2. Franklin (Ashley Gruden, 1:06.9); 3. Stevenson, 1:06.9; 4. Garden City, 1:06.9.

**3,200-meter team:** 1. Franklin (Kavulich, 1:08.2); 2. Salem (Ashley Gruden, 1:08.2); 3. Stevenson, 1:08.2; 4. Garden City, 1:08.2.

**Pole vault:** 1. Salem (Kathy Kratty, 8-0); 2. Franklin (Ashley Gruden, 8-0); 3. Stevenson, 8-0; 4. Garden City, 8-0.

**Long jump:** 1. Franklin (Pia Klein, 16-9); 2. Salem (Ashley Gruden, 16-9); 3. Stevenson, 16-9; 4. Garden City, 16-9.

**High jump:** 1. Franklin (Pia Klein, 5-8); 2. Salem (Ashley Gruden, 5-8); 3. Stevenson, 5-8; 4. Garden City, 5-8.

**Shuttle hurdle:** 1. Franklin (Pia Klein, 16-9); 2. Salem (Ashley Gruden, 16-9); 3. Stevenson, 16-9; 4. Garden City, 16-9.

**Distance medley:** 1. Franklin (Megan Wickens, Madeline Herman, Christina Mott, Megan McPherson, Meghan Lark); 2. Salem (Audrey Flury, Marci Kovsky, Andrea Gentile, Dani Garon), 2:04.8; 3. Stevenson, 2:04.8; 4. Garden City, 2:04.8.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Franklin (Madison Agnew, O'Brien, Mueller, N. Modes), 4:54.2; 2. Thurston, 4:54.2; 3. Stevenson, 4:54.2; 4. Garden City, 4:54.2.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Franklin (Madison Agnew, O'Brien, Mueller, N. Modes), 4:54.2; 2. Thurston, 4:54.2; 3. Stevenson, 4:54.2; 4. Garden City, 4:54.2.

## Vomastek leads way as Spartans blank Lake Orion

It's still early in the season, but Livonia Stevenson got a signature baseball victory Tuesday at home with a 4-0 nine-inning triumph over Lake Orion.

Senior Evan Piechota starred on the mound and at the plate as the Spartans improved to 3-0 overall.

Piechota worked the first six innings to pick up the win. He allowed only two hits, walked one and struck out eight before giving way to sophomore reliever Jake Semak, who gave up just one hit and one walk while fanning three over the final three innings.

The two combined on a four-hitter.

Piechota also doubled and walked twice, while knocking in a pair of runs. Mark Wagner added a solo homer in the victory.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 13, FLAT ROCK 3:** Marc Rosin went 3-for-3 with three RBI Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland (1-0) downed the Rams (0-2) in a six-inning mercy.

Ten different Warrior players recorded a hit with Taurrek Fikes going 2-for-3 with a double and two runs.

Winning pitcher Jake Andrzejewski went all six innings, allowing three earned runs on nine hits. He struck out six and hit a batter.

Kyle Simpson doubled twice and Joss Kittle also had two hits for Flat Rock.

"Obviously we are happy with the win against a team we haven't had much success against as a program and we are happy with being able to get outside and play a game and for everyone to see some action was great," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "With that said, we need to get better everyday and make

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the little things count."

**GARDEN CITY 11, CHURCHILL 0:** Winning pitcher Tyler Steele helped his own cause by driving in three runs Monday as host Cougars (3-2) took five innings to mercy Livonia Churchill (3-3).

Steele went all five innings on the mound, allowing just two hits and one walk.

Kent Barikmo went 2-for-3, including a 2-run triple, for GC. He knocked in three runs and scored three himself.

Losing pitcher Troy Bogenschutz allowed four earned runs on seven hits and a walk in three innings.

**FRANKLIN 16-12, THURSTON 1-2:** In a pair of mercy-rule games, host Livonia Franklin (3-1) rolled to a pair of victories over Redford Thurston (0-3).

The Patriots took the opener in three innings, 16-1, as Joel Trudell went 2-for-3 with two RBI. He also scored three runs.

Dan Muller added a triple, walked twice, scored three times and knocked in three runs.

Brent Marzion was the winning pitcher, fanning three, walking one and allowing three hits in three innings.

The Patriots also took the nightcap, 12-2 in five innings, as Josh Gorman got the victory. He allowed four hits, walked two and struck out eight in going all five.

Justin Forrestal and Muller each went 2-for-3 and knocked in three runs apiece. Trudell also contributed two hits, while Jake Turchan and Brandon Hawkins each collected an RBI.

**CHURCHILL 11-13, RU 1-0:** In a pair of games that went seven innings, visiting Livonia Churchill (3-1) swept Redford Union (0-4).

Churchill racked up 16 hits to win the opener, 11-1, as Stephen Foster went 3-for-4 with two RBI.

Joe Williams also collected three

hits, while Brent Ochodnicki went 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored.

Winning pitcher Jon Targus, a senior right-hander, allowed just one hit in five innings. He struck out seven and walked four.

Losing pitcher Jon Matties gave up six earned runs on eight hits and two walks in four innings.

Ochodnicki, a junior left-hander, earned the mound win in the nightcap as Churchill rolled 13-0.

Ochodnicki went six innings, allowing just two hits and three walks while fanning eight.

Mike Rybinski went 3-for-5 with three RBI and two runs scored to pace Churchill's 12-hit attack. Drew Loudon also went 2-for-4 with four RBI and three runs scored as RU starter Justin Bratuler took the loss.

**STEVENSON 10-11, GARDEN CITY 4-6:**

Livonia Stevenson (2-0) launched its 2011 season Saturday with a bang as the Spartans swept the visiting Cougars (2-2).

Mike Vomastek went 2-for-5 with four RBI, while Troy Bodtke added a pair of hits in the opener as the Spartans won, 10-4.

Brandon Jurczyszyn, Mark Wagner and J.J. Pettersson also knocked in runs for Stevenson.

Kirk Barikmo paced the Cougars with two hits, while Kody Richardson clubbed a 3-run homer.

Stevenson junior Chris McDonald was the winning pitcher in relief, allowing three runs on three hits and two walks.

In the second game, Evan Piechota clubbed a solo homer and Tyler Lynch went 2-for-4 with three RBI for Stevenson in an 11-6 win.

Vomastek also doubled twice and knocked in two runs.

The Spartans used three pitchers with reliever Jake Semak getting the win. The sophomore went three innings while not allowing run and scattering three hits.

Innings. He struck out three and walked only two.

Bultinck went 4-for-4, including his third homer, and three RBI. Mike Gansser added two hits, including his first homer and two RBI, while Alex Charles added two hits and three RBI. Harder also had three hits.

The loss drops Siena Heights to 4-19 overall and 0-7 in the WHAC.

**MADONNA 5-6, SIENA HEIGHTS 3-4:**

Madonna University (18-9, 7-1) used a 3-run rally in the ninth

inning to force extra innings before scoring a pair of runs in the top of the 11th inning to pull out a 6-4 win and complete the sweep over Siena Heights (4-17, 0-5).

MU won the day's opener 5-3 at Iltitch Ballpark.

Junior Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) went all seven innings in the opener to improve to 3-2. He struck out six, walked one and scattered six hits.

Infelders Victor Barron and Jeff Bultinck each went 2-for-3.

Barron had two RBI, while Bultinck, Matt Kay (Canton) and Dan Harder added one each.

In the nightcap, MU trailed 4-1 heading into the ninth inning before Bultinck delivered a 2-run double to cut the deficit to one.

Drew Adamiec sacrificed Bultinck over to third and Steve Pelletier

over to 2nd and Travis Schuba, who pitched three scoreless innings, got the victory to improve to 2-0.

Bultinck went 3-for-5 with three RBI, while Pelletier also finished with three RBI.

Livonia's Billy Hardin III (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) also had two hits.

Michael Lollo went 3-for-4 for the Saints, while reliever Jacob Kret (1-2) took the loss in relief.

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## BASEBALL

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**

Thursday, April 7

Churchill at Dearborn, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Lincoln Park, 4 p.m.

Novi-Detroit CC at Stevenson, 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 8**

Wayne at Taylor Trumans (2), 4 p.m.

**Saturday, April 9**

(all double-headers)

Franklin at Edsel Ford, 11 a.m.

Woodhaven at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m.

Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 11 a.m.

**GIRLS SOFTBALL**

Thursday, April 7

Churchill at Dearborn, 4 p.m.

Oak Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 8**

Wayne at Taylor Trumans (2), 4 p.m.

**Saturday, April 9**

(all double-headers unless noted)

Redford Union at Stevenson, 11 a.m.

Annapolis at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m.

Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 11 a.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**

Thursday, April 7

Ladywood at Boardman (Ohio), TBA.

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Thursday, April 7

Ladywood at Mercy, 4 p.m.

**Friday, April 8**

Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m.

**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**

Saturday, April 9

Shrine Inv. at Ladywood, noon.

Carleton Airport Invitation, TBA.

**GIRLS TENNIS**

Thursday, April 7

Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Northville at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Ladywood vs. B.H. Cranbrook

at Schoolcraft College, 4:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, April 8**

John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.

Belleview at Wayne, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, April 9**

Livonia Inv. at Stevenson, 9 a.m.

**BOYS GOLF**

Thursday, April 7

Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road

at Warren Valley G.C., 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 9**

MIAC Tune-up Meet, TBA.

**GIRLS LACROSSE**

Saturday, April 9

Ladywood at Plymouth, noon.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**

(all double-headers)

Thursday, April 7

Bethel (Ind.) at Madonna, 1 p.m.

**Saturday, April 9**

Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.

**SUNDAY, April 10**

Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

(all double-headers)

Saturday, April 9

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

**Sunday, April 10**

Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.

**TBA** - time to be announced.

(Farmington Harrison) brought home the game-tying run with a sacrifice fly.

In the 11th, Pelletier delivered a clutch 2-run double and Travis Schuba, who pitched three scoreless innings, got the victory to improve to 2-0.

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## Charger pitching duo stymies RU

Pitchers Natalie Hiser and Abby Jewell were razor sharp Saturday as Livonia Churchill swept a non-league double-header against host Redford Union, 6-0 and 10-0.

Hiser, a senior left-hander, threw a one-hitter in the opener. She allowed just one hit, walked one and struck out 15 as Churchill opens its season at 2-0.

In the second game, Churchill's Abby Jewell threw a no-hitter with the game ending after five innings because of the 10-run mercy.

Jewell struck out five and walked only one.

Casey Bias led Churchill's attack going 2-for-3 with a triple and three RBI, while Hiser added two hits, including a double.

Katie Sherpa paced the Churchill offense going 3-for-4 with a double, RBI and run scored. Nikki Salloum added two hits and two RBI, while Mackenzie Everson and Rachel Jason each added two hits.

# All-Observer hoop stars elevate to greatness

## FIRST TEAM

**Dietrich Lever II, Sr., G, Canton:** There was pretty much nothing that the 5-10, 150-pound Lever couldn't do throughout his career with the Chiefs.

The first-team All-KLAA point guard tallied 22 points per game, along with averaging 5.6 assists, 4.2 rebounds and 3.2 steals as the Chiefs finished 16-6 overall and 9-1 in the KLAA South Division (to share the title with Plymouth).

Lever ended his Canton career as the all-time leader in points, assists and steals and he will take his talent to Division 3 Ferris State University in 2011-12.

"Dietrich was the best, most consistent player in our area this year," Canton coach Jimmy Reddy said. "He created a lot for us at both ends of the floor."

"He did a great job of starting our defense by pressuring the ball. His ability to break people down, get into the lane to score and get other players shots is second to none."

**Jalen Reynolds, Sr., F, Stevenson:** The 6-9 senior center averaged 18.7 points, 15.5 rebounds and 4.2 blocks per game for the KLAA Central Division and Class A district champs.

Bound for Xavier University on a scholarship, Reynolds made an immediate impact for the 19-4 Spartans after transferring and sitting out his junior season.

"Jalen was a game changer every Tuesday and Friday night," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said of the all-state and all-KLAA pick. "His versatility on offense made him stand out most while his ability to run the floor, rebound and block shots is what made him a special player."

"As good a basketball player as Jalen was this season, I will remember him most for the way he carried himself off the court. He has a very bright future at Xavier and I wish him the best of luck."

**Urbane Bingham, Sr., C, N. Farmington:** The 6-foot-7 senior center averaged a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds while playing in the OAA Red Division. Bingham, who will sign with NCAA Division I Houston Baptist University, also had two assists, two steals and two blocks per game.

"He was considered one of the two best big kids in the OAA Division I (with Southfield's Patrick Onwenu)," coach Tom Negoshian said. "To his credit, he was capable of taking over games in the fourth quarter and at times being unstoppable."

"The most impressive thing is how much he's changed in the short year and a half we had him (after his transfer from Country Day). He accepted everything; he became a harder worker and bought into our system. More than all the stats, he became a really good leader

## 2010-11 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BASKETBALL FIRST-TEAM

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Aveon Simmons, Jr., G, Westland Glenn  
Brennen Beyer, Sr., F, Plymouth  
Eric Jipping, Jr., C, Ply. Christian  
Anthony Rutledge, Sr., F, Farmington  
Chris Dierker, Soph., F, Salem  
Damien Quarles, Jr., G, Liv. Clarenceville

## FOURTH TEAM

Pat Salo, Sr., F, Plymouth  
J'Sean Jones, Jr., G, Red. Thurston  
Caleb Hogans, Soph., G, N. Farmington  
Carlos Eubanks, Sr., G, Farm. Harrison  
Tino Thomas, Sr., F, Liv. Franklin  
Dorell Foster, Jr., F, N. Farmington

## COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Soukup, Plymouth

## HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Terrell Sewell, Ben Spritzer, Kyle Adams; Plymouth: Jake Morris, Stephen John, Marcus Odem; Salem: Ethan Walsh, Josh Perrin; Plymouth Christian: Mick Noel; Farmington: Chris Hare, Tyler Johnson, Jason Wilson; Harrison: Jalen Upshaw, Matt Cassar, D'Marco Reddi, Evan Patton; Redford Union: Delsaa Turner; Garden City: Marlon Rodriguez; North Farmington: Zach Washington, Sterling Sharp; Churchill: Stephen Foster, Dean Bokuniewicz, Melvin Hill, Josh Oillard; Franklin: Blake Lukas, Jake Erme; Stevenson: Charlie Swingle, Austin Bumpus; John Glenn: Marquise Graves, Chris Jones, Christian Covile, Marcus Meeks; Wayne Memorial: Michael Cooper, Thomas White; Clarenceville: Sam Brown, Deondre Hogan, Adrian Myers; Lutheran Westland: Marc Rosin, Kent Krzyzak, Micah Reum; Huron Valley Lutheran: Shawn Schaffer, Ryan Schaffer.

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**Mike Nadratowski, Sr., G, Plymouth:** Whenever the

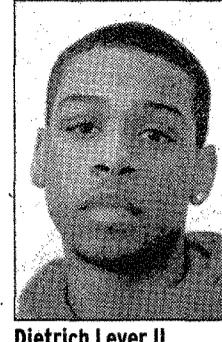
Wildcats needed a hero late in a ballgame, the 6-0, 170-pounder usually delivered. His through-the-lane buzzer beater enabled Plymouth to beat campus rival Canton, for example.

Nadratowski, a first-team All-KLAA selection and team MVP, averaged 16 points and five rebounds and drained 38 percent of his shots from beyond the three-point arc. The Wildcats won their first division title in large part because of Nadratowski's contributions.

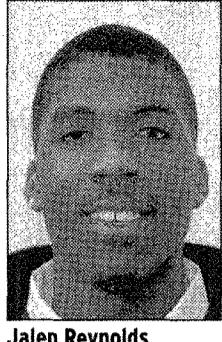
"Mike took and made a lot of our big shots this year," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said. "He is a fierce competitor. He was never afraid of the spotlight. His leadership both on and off the floor was a big reason for our success this season."

Despite his outstanding basketball ability, Nadratowski will play college baseball at Grand Valley State University.

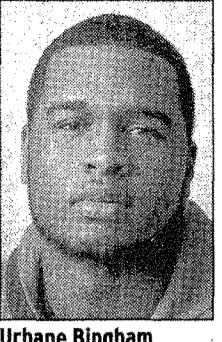
**Jonathan Campbell, Jr., G, Stevenson:** The 6-foot junior guard was one of the state's top three-point marksmen who averaged 14.3 points and 4.5



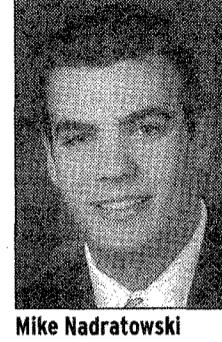
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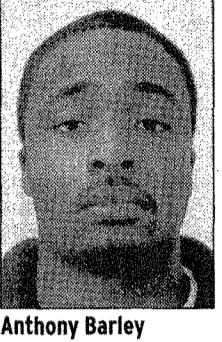
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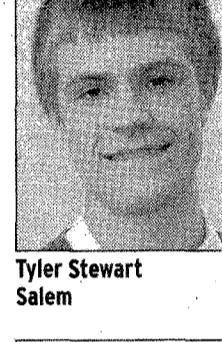
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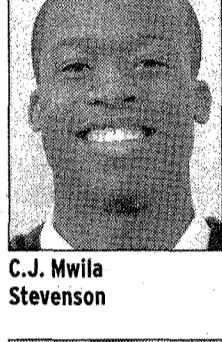
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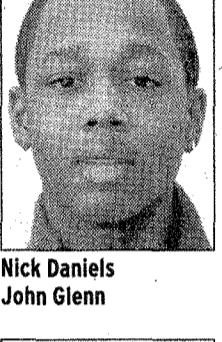
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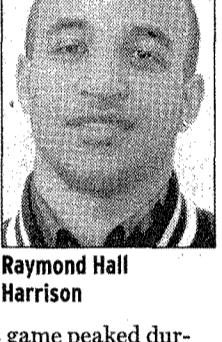
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assists per game.

His finest hour came in a 20-point performance in the regional semifinal against Class A state runner-up Detroit Southeastern.

"Jonathan is very passionate about basketball and it shows in the way he plays the game," Allie said of the all-KLAA pick. "His hard work paid off this season as his basketball IQ and defense were much improved. Without question the best shooter I have ever coached. The sky is the limit for Jonathan if he continues to work hard both in the classroom and on the court."

**Anthony Barley, Sr., G, Thurston:** Barley enjoyed a stellar senior season for the Eagles, leading them in scoring (14.0), rebounding (4.83), assists (3.0) and steals (2.3). The sharp-shooter nailed 41 three-point shots and shot 39 percent from beyond

the arc. His game peaked during the Class A district tournament when he averaged over 20 points per contest while leading Thurston to the final game.

"Anthony is a great young man who led us on the court and off," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "He's an outstanding defender who always covered our opponents' top guard. He got better every game and really excelled in the district tournament. I am really going to miss him next year."

## SECOND TEAM

**Tyler Stewart, Jr., F, Salem:** The 6-3, 175-pound Stewart was a force for Salem coach Bob Brodie's team, which finished 14-8 overall.

Stewart was a first-team All-KLAA choice and was named Salem's MVP for his fine all-around performance.

Featuring a lights-out jumper,

he tallied 13.3 points per game and also averaged 5.5 rebounds and 2.6 assists per contest.

Salem's offense often relied on Stewart to perk it up and he delivered by hitting nearly 38 percent of three-point attempts.

But Stewart also is a key contributor on defense.

"Tyler is a versatile athlete who plays guard or swing forward and often guards the opponents' best player," Brodie said.

**C.J. Mwila, Sr., G, Stevenson:** The 5-11 senior point-guard was the Spartans' second-leading scorer averaging 16.5 points, to go along with 6.2 assists and 3.4 steals per game en route to all-KLAA honors.

"CJ is an excellent leader and did a great job of running our team this year," Allie said. "He's the type of kid that makes everyone around him better. His ability to handle pressure and limit turnovers was key to our success. The way he carries himself, along with his work ethic, will make him successful in all aspects of life. I expect great things out of him both on-and-off the court at the next level."

**Nick Daniels, Soph., G, John Glenn:** The second-year starter led the Rockets in scoring averaging 12 points per game as he earned all-KLAA honors.

"Nick is an outstanding guard," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "He shoots it well, passes it very well and has become a better defender. And he's just 15 years old and continues to improve in all areas on and off the court."

**Paul Baumgart, Jr., C, Canton:** There were times when Lever was the lone scoring threat for the Chiefs, due to an early season injury sustained by the 6-7 junior power forward.

But after Baumgart returned, Canton became a team to be reckoned with.

"Paul did a lot for us at both ends of the floor this year," Reddy said. "He has really become an outstanding help defender and his outside shooting became a strength."

"Paul is a very skilled player and I am looking forward to watching him play next year."

Baumgart, an all-conference selection, scored 13.1 points per game and contributed an average of 7.0 rebounds and 2.2 blocks.

**Brandon Kennedy, Sr., G, Garden City:** Kennedy capped an outstanding high school career by averaging 13 points a game while engineering the Cougars' offense from the point-guard position. In addition to serving as a scoring threat, both from the perimeter and with driving to the rim, Kennedy had a knack for finding open teammates as his five-assists-per-game average proves.

"Brandon was an outstanding leader for us, both on the court

and off," said Garden City head coach Greg Williamson. "He's an outstanding young man. He's not only a very good player, but he's a great student and he's involved in a lot of other positive things in our school and in the community. He missed a good part of last season with an eye injury, but he really bounced back this year and played very well. He'll be missed."

**Ray Hall, Sr., G, Farm. Harrison:**

The senior guard averaged 13 points, four rebounds and three steals while playing against the premier teams in the OAA and Detroit opponents. Hall made 36 of 149 three-point shots and 58 of 85 free throws. He is a three-sport athlete who also plays football and track.

"Ray improved as a ball handler and in his ability to attack the basket," coach Pete Mantyla said. "Ray loved playing against great competition and is still pursuing options to play college basketball."

"It's rare when you get a kid who's so involved in his high school. Ray never missed anything despite playing three sports. He's done a lot for Harrison. He was a real fun kid to coach, and everyone at Harrison wishes him the best in his future as a student-athlete."

## COACH OF THE YEAR

**Mike Soukup, Plymouth:** The second-year head coach at Plymouth continued to put his stamp on the basketball team, co-champions of the KLAA South Division with a 9-1 record and an overall mark of 14-7.

Soukup redirected any praise coming his way for the school's first division title in boys basketball, however.

"This year's team was a great group of young men," Soukup said. "They bought into the style that we were trying to play and worked so hard every day in practice so that they were ready on Tuesday and Friday nights."

"This team is a great example for the younger guys in our program to look up to and follow not only as players but as people."

Soukup's team-first philosophy is something he took with him when he left Redford Union in 2009, where he was varsity assistant to Brett Steele for four seasons.

He also saluted his coaching staff, Tom Bender, Paul Kennedy, Kevin Palmer, Carl Sumpter and Jon Schneider, as well as school district administrators and parents for their ongoing support.

Soukup, 34, who played high school basketball at Redford Thurston, lives in Livonia with wife Amy.

Guide Tournament and remain undefeated so far this season. My hope for 2011 would be to finish a couple of spots higher with the seniors I have now, but more important is to make a positive influence on these young people and make their years at John Glenn memorable in a good way."

## WAYNE MEMORIAL

**Head coach:** John Kano, second season.

**League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).

**Last year's finish:** 2-10 overall, 1-4 (KLAA South); 12th (conference).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Xiyang Wang, Alicia Evans, Jessica Gush.

**Leading returnees:** Morgan Greig, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Megan McGregor, Sr. (No. 2 singles); Melinda Powers, Sr. (No. 4 singles); Destiny Bullock, Jr. (No. 1 doubles); Jennifer Tyson, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Li Reid, Jr. (No. 2 doubles).

**Promising newcomers:** Sarah Surge, Soph.; Breanna Pate, Fr.; Kaise Macaiver, Fr.; Angela Baker, Soph.

**Kano's 2011 outlook:** "This season continues our rebuilding process, developing players and honing skills are the key to this season. We have a good schedule and we should enjoy success this season."

## LIVONIA LADYWOOD

**Head coach:** Linda Brennan, first season.

**League affiliation:** Catholic League (Central Division).

**Last year's finish:** third (Central Division); fourth (Division 3 regional).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Kaitlyn Diesenroth (second-team All-Area doubles); Kimmy Ervin.

**Leading returnees:** Stephanie Petruska, Sr. (No. 1 singles; 12-3); Erica Ley, Jr. (No. 2 singles); Megan Glowacki, Sr. (No. 3 singles); second-team All-Area doubles; 15-3); Maura Mott, Sr. (doubles); Mia Kudron, Jr. (doubles).

**Promising newcomers:** MaryBeth Ruona, Jr. (doubles; transfer from Farmington); Courtney Doenitz, Jr. (doubles).

**Brennan's 2011 outlook:** "With a promising new team and playing under a new division at the regional, our squad has a great chance of making it to states this year. Under our captains - seniors Stephanie Petruska and Megan Glowacki - the team will have strong leadership. We're very excited about returning Stephanie Petruska to shine at No. 1 singles. She is a four-year varsity player and a USTA tournament player during the offseason. We're also looking forward to our promising new doubles team, (MaryBeth Ruona and Courtney Doenitz, along with a strong returning doubles team (Maura Mott and (Mia) Kudron."

## LIVONIA CHURCHILL

**Head coach:** Denise Grant, 17th season.

**League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division).

**Last year's**

**CHURCHES MIX EGG HUNTS  
WITH CRAFTS, GAMES**

How long does it take 600 kids to find 10,000 Easter eggs? "The actual hunt takes about five minutes," says Judy Brown, the children's pastor in charge of Church of the Nazarene's annual egg hunt. "What we do is we have a lot next to us that is our property. It's roped off by age and color-coordinated. Everyone waits for the big whistle."

The popular event, which draws youngsters from Farmington Hills and Livonia to the church at 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile in Northville, is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23. This year youngsters must be pre-registered by April 20 and no walk-ins will be accepted. Registration will close sooner if the head count reaches 600.

"We've been growing each year and last year we maxed out. I hate to limit it. We are struggling with that, but we're limited. Last year we had a little over 600 children and 1,300 in total with the adults. And that is really the max that our sanctuary can hold."

Although the egg hunt is held outdoors, other activities, including a lunch, games, Easter Bunny photos and a brief entertainment show, keep children, age 1-11 busy indoors.

"The show is only about 20 minutes, but it's an important piece," said Brown, explaining that it includes a religious component. The King's Yomeen will talk about their faith while executing yo-yo tricks. Their act also incorporates drama and song.

"They're really engaging. They're a favorite."

Brown said 400 youngsters have signed up for the event, leaving room for 200 more.

Register at [www.dfcnazarene.org](http://www.dfcnazarene.org). For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

"It's a nice deal and we try to make everyone feel welcome," Brown said.

Other church egg hunts include:

- Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman in Livonia. Youngsters through age 11 can hunt for Easter eggs, hear an Easter story, and make a craft from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 23. Youngsters should bring a basket or bag to collect and take home eggs. (734) 522-3570
- St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Registration deadline for "Kids Easter Fun Day" is Sunday, April 10. The event runs 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 16 and will include crafts, stories, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and more for children, 3-13. Call the church office at (734) 422-1470 to register.

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**JOAN BOLES**

Age 104 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Loving mother of Eugene (Carol) Koch and Judy (Terry) Wilson. Proud grandma of Diane, Matthew, April, Wendy, Julie and Jan and great grandma of many. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. (E. of Levan) Thursday 5:30-9pm. Funeral will be Friday at the funeral home gathering 10am service 11:30am. In lieu of flowers memorials are to be made to the MI Humane Society. Please visit online guestbook [fredwoodfuneralhome.com](http://fredwoodfuneralhome.com)

**ELIZABETH ANN (FRISBIE) DISBROW**

72, of Interlochen, MI and formerly of Birmingham, passed away suddenly Friday, March 25, 2011 at her home on Green Lake. Liz was born in Battle Creek, MI on December 28, 1938 to the late Walter and Regina (Martin) Frisbie. She graduated from Battle Creek Central High School, class of 1956. She attended Miami of Ohio University where she studied History and was a member of the Alpha Omega Pi Sorority. In 1959, Liz married Donald Rex Disbrow, Jr., also of Battle Creek, her husband of 52 years. Liz was the love of Don's life and together they raised their four children in Birmingham. There was nothing Liz enjoyed more than taking care of her family and friends, always ready with a smile and a hug, and her reassuring warmth. Outside of the home, Liz worked for the David Stalker Auction Gallery of Birmingham, for over ten years. She and Don resettled to their home on Green Lake in Interlochen upon their retirement in 1995. Though retired, Liz enjoyed helping her new neighbors and community. During the 16 years she lived in Interlochen, she was an active member of the Green Lake Township Planning Commission as well as a volunteer for the Father Fred Foundation, the annual Cherry Festival, and the Traverse City Chamber of Commerce. Liz is survived by her husband Don, her four children, Jeff, Tim (Kim), Andy (Beth Ann), and Beth (Adam); twelve grandchildren, Matt (Tricia), Brian Rex, Jenny, Shannon, Madeline, Ben, Brian Reese, Sam, Hannah, Drew, Jessie, and Kaitlyn; her great granddaughter, Peyton; her brother, Walt (Carol), and sister, Alice (Bill); her sister-in-law, Deanna; and many other loving family members and friends. A memorial mass was held on April 1st at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grawn, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Liz's memory to the Father Fred Foundation in Traverse City. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

**PHYLLIS ELAINE GRAHAM**

Age 82 of Novi, went into the presence of the Lord at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday (April 5, 2011) in their residence. She was born August 15th, 1928, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Everett and Marian Scherich, and was born again in Jesus in 1954. She married Clayton Graham on December 29, 1956, in Jackson, Michigan. She leaves behind her loving husband, Clayton, and three loving children Michael C. (Cindie) Graham of Gilford, New Hampshire, Mrs. Peggy A. (Rick) Koloian of Plymouth, Michigan, and Patricia A. (Kyle) Riehle of South Lyon, Michigan. She is now reunited with her daughter, Kathryn Susan. She was dearly loved by Katie, Holly, C.J., Jessica, Catherine, Rebecca, Alyssa, and Joshua, her grandchildren; and Jaden and Graham, her great grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Malpass of California and Barbara Aune of Illinois. Phyllis was a wonderful mother and grandmother, who made every activity of her grandchildren a priority. She was often seen on bleachers and church pews encouraging her family. Phyllis was an active member in God's kingdom work, including Fox Run Bible Study, backyard Bible clubs, Bible Study Fellowship, and a community Bible Study. She devoted much time to serving the elderly by providing transportation and other needs, and also served in the after-school Care program. She was also a member of the Daughter of the American Revolution and currently fellowshipped at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. After graduating Manistee High, she attended Central Michigan University. Visitation will be held from 3:00 pm. to 9:00 pm. on Friday, April 8 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Lyon. Officiating will be Pastors David Brown of Fellowship Church and John Shinn of Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to either Fellowship Church or Calvary Baptist.

**JOSEPH FRANK KRACHT**

Age 65, went to be with the Lord on April 5th at his home in Brighton surrounded by his Family and Friends. Born to Elden Gregory and Catherine Kracht on April 30th, 1945. Survived by his loving and caring wife of 45 years, Pam. Loving children Gregory (Denise), David (Lisa) and Jen (Mark) Kroll. Treasured Papa to Jacob, Trevor and Ryan Kracht and Alex and Alyssa Kroll. Dearest brother to Mary (Gary) Mierzwa, Bill (Marge) Kracht, Janie (Jay) Pewtress, John Kracht, Juanita (Earl) Siterlet, Irene Turner. Greatest brother-in-law to Cindy Horton and Jeff (Wilma) Funtukis. Uncle Joe to many nieces and nephews. Dearest friend to Gary and Shari Korff. Memorial service to be held at Cornerstone Evangelical Church 9455 Hilton Rd. Brighton, on Friday April 8th at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 310 North Main Street #100 Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

**DAVID ALEN MARKLAND, JR.**

Born June 25, 1976 died March 13, 2011. Survived by uncle Kevin, aunts Patty, and Terri, and cousins Sean, Crystal, Tara, Ronnie, and Eric, and sister Danielle. Preceded in death by mother Debbie Markland, father David Markland Sr., sister Michelle Markland, aunt Sandi Kneeshaw, uncle Keith Casey, and grandparents John and Frankie Casey. Memorial service on April 12, 2011 at Calvary Missionary Church 29850 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, Mi 48152 from 1pm-9pm; service at 7:30pm

**ERNEST MANZEL**

Age 95, of Plymouth, passed away on April 1, 2011. Loving husband of the late Viola. Beloved father of David (Patricia), Dale (Gwynn) and Darrell Manzel. Proud grandfather of Kenneth (Lori) Manzel, Kevin (Courtney) Manzel, Matthew (Tammy) Manzel and Jason (Mary) Manzel. Great grandfather of Colin, Avery and Lauren Manzel. Funeral service Thursday 11:00am from St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman Ave, Plymouth with family receiving friends beginning at 10:30am. Visitation Wednesday from 1-9pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Share memories at: [schrader-howell.com](http://schrader-howell.com)

**JOHN PETRTYL**

Age 88 of Livonia, Mi, March 31, 2011. Preceded in death by his beloved wives Julia and Eileen. Loving father of Robert, David, Richard (Verla), Kenneth (Mary) and Joyce. Stepfather of Thomas and Cheryl. Brother of Edward and Helen. Grandfather of eight, Step-grandfather of one, Great-grandfather of three and Step-great-grandfather of two. Visitation Friday 2:40pm and 6-9pm. Funeral service Saturday 10am at the John N. Santei & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to Alzheimer's Association. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)

**EDNA S. ZEHRA**

Age 87, of Farmington, MI. Passed away March 29, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

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be with  
you in this  
time of  
sorrow.*

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# ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, April 7, 2011

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## Fundraiser starts countdown to jazz festival

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Johnny Trudell will take the stage this weekend at the Michigan Jazz Festival's spring fundraiser, giving listeners a taste of what's in store for them at the big mid-summer event.

"It's our festival. We created it 17 years ago," said Trudell, festival president. "We've used numerous people in the past for this fundraiser. The board decided it was time to give the old trumpet player a chance."

The Johnny Trudell Quintet with Chuck Shermataro, Ray Tini, Bill Cairo, and Gene Parker, along with Trudell on trumpet, will perform from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, April 10 in the DiPonio Room at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or in advance by calling Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

Proceeds help fund the annual Michigan Jazz Festival planned for July 17 at Schoolcraft. The festival, set both outdoors and inside the college, is free and features jazz bands from throughout Michigan performing on several stages.

"We're the only jazz festival I know of around here that does fundraisers," said Ellis, festival producer and a Livonia resident. "None of us gets paid and that makes us different."

### DONATING

Festival organizers raise approximately \$30,000 annually, through spring and fall fundraisers, a Father's Day brunch concert, sponsorships and donations.

Last year, when major sponsors pulled their support because of the poor economy, the festival's future looked bleak.

"It was the first year we asked for donations all the time. We just started putting canisters out saying put your change in here," Ellis said. The festival has given away an assortment of items — everything from cup holders to CD openers, pot scrapers and refrigerator magnets — to audience members who donate to the canisters.



Johnny Trudell, president of the Michigan Jazz Festival, will perform at a fundraiser Sunday, April 10, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The fundraiser will support the annual festival.

Ellis also added a donation plea to correspondence and flyers. She's delighted with the response.

"It's just amazing that by changing the wording on the bottom of the flyers, it has brought in money," she said. "We (recently) got two \$500 checks. I about fainted."

The donations will help to keep the festival parking and admission free.

### FAVORITES, NEWCOMERS

Jazz fans will see 26 bands this year, including several that are new to the festival. Two high school groups and several college bands also will perform on the Future of Jazz Stage, which was a new

addition last year. It's back on the schedule because "everyone loved it so much," Ellis said.

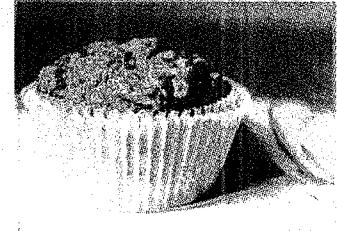
Festival performers run the gamut from Big Bands to Dixieland groups to trios and quartets with a common ability to improvise their sounds.

"I think people don't understand that when solos are done with a big band there is nothing on their sheet music. They play it off the top of their head and by their heart. That is what makes jazz what it is," Ellis said.

For more information visit the Michigan Jazz Festival online at [www.michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com](http://www.michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com)

## Joys of SOY

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## Singer explores traditional music

**Singer-songwriter-multi-instrumentalist Tim Eriksen** will give listeners a taste of his new CD, *Soul of the January Hills*, Saturday, April 16 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

Nick Schillace will open for Eriksen at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for members.

Eriksen is co-founder and front-man of the "folk noise" band Cordelia's Dad, which recorded eight albums, including 1998's *Spine* and earned a strong following in the US and overseas. He's also known as a leader in the American "shape note" or "Sacred Harp" tradition. Traditional "shape note" style was encoded in the 1844 Sacred Harp songbook. The unconventional style uses geometric symbols in place of musical notation, and was designed to help untrained choir singers perform hymns.

He coached actors and extras in two "shape note" songs used in the Oscar-nominated soundtrack of the 2003 film, *Cold Mountain*, in which he also overdubbed actor Brendan Gleeson's singing voice. Eriksen subsequently traveled the country with Ralph Stanley, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Jerry Douglas and other traditional musicians as part of the 2004 Great High Mountain Tour.

Eriksen is an accomplished instrumentalist on guitar, banjo, and fiddle, which he played on two previous solo albums, *Tim Eriksen* and

*Every Sound Below*. Both were recorded live in the studio with no sidemen, overdubs, or edits, but his new *Soul of the January Hills* CD takes this solo approach one brave step farther. Inspired by his location, the 2008 Jaroslaw Festival in southeastern Poland, Eriksen took a digital recorder into a tower on a wall surrounding Jaroslaw's Benedictine Abbey, sang 14 traditional American songs in one take with no accompaniment at all, and walked out about an hour later with the *January Hills* recordings.

With these 14 songs for voice alone, Eriksen says, "I'm throwing down the gauntlet. Not really. I'm not looking for a battle, but it would be nice if this record was taken as a friendly challenge to get people into hardcore singing, especially the old ballads and hymns and stuff."

Over the last decade, Tim has worked with his various bands, served as a visiting professor at Dartmouth College and the University of Minnesota, conducted ethnomusicological research in the U.S. and abroad, recorded and toured as a solo artist, and immersed himself in the Sacred Harp communities. Eriksen is currently working toward a PhD in ethnomusicology at Wesleyan University when he's not on the road.

For more information or for tickets call the theater at (734) 464-6302 or visit [www.trinityhouse.org](http://www.trinityhouse.org)

## Quartet performs traditional Irish music

Former Redford resident Sean Gavin and his fellow members of Bua, will perform traditional Irish music Friday, April 8, at the Gaelic League in Detroit.

Gavin, who plays flute and uilleann pipes in the band, is the son of fiddler and music teacher Mick Gavin of Redford.

Now living in Chicago, Ill., Gavin plays and teaches traditional Irish music. He is a member of the group NicGaviskey, and often performs with his family. He also tours internationally with the music and dance show, Celtic Legends.

He and musicians Brian O hAirt on vocals and concertina, Brian Miller on guitar and bouzouki and Devin Shepherd on fiddle, make up Bua, a group that draws from more than a century's worth of Irish traditional music and song cultivated in the Midwest and Ireland.

Bua has performed at many



Bua performs Friday, April 8 in Detroit. The group includes former Redford resident, Sean Gavin.

Graham, Paddy Keenan, among others.

Admission to Bua's concert is \$15 at the door. The Gaelic League is located at 2068 Michigan Ave.

Fish diners are available from 5-8 p.m. and cost \$7 at the Gaelic League every Friday during Lent. Bua's concert starts at 8 p.m.

For more information call (313) 964-8700 or (313) 537-3489.

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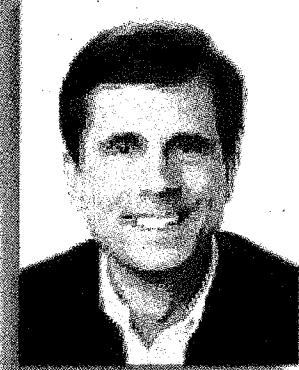
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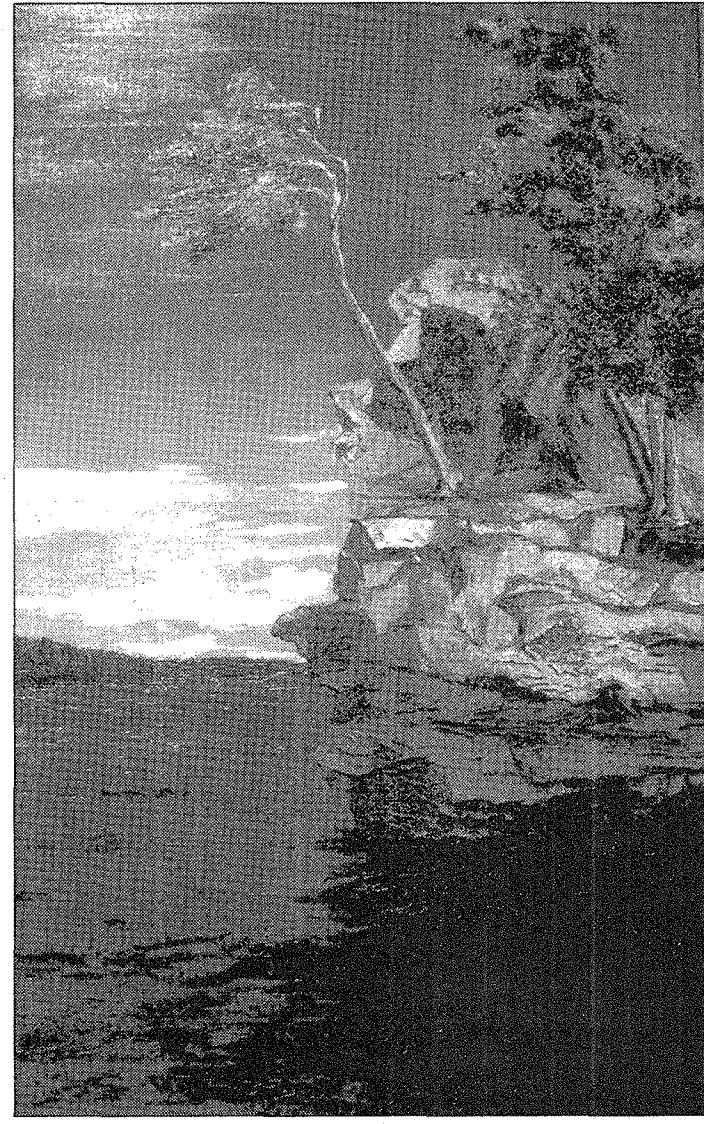
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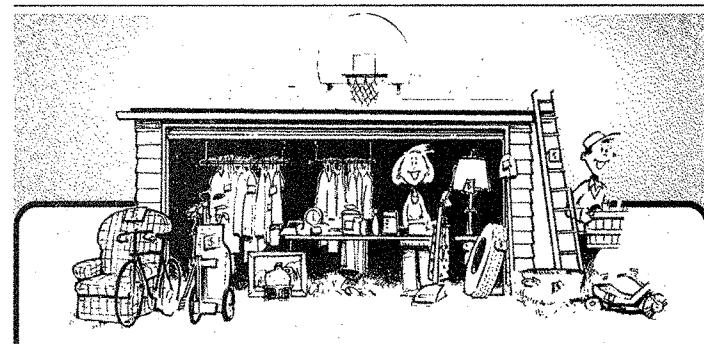
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**ART****City Gallery****Time/Date:** Through April 8; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**Monday-Friday****Location:** In the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills**Details:** Work by Stephen Deeb, head of the art department at North Farmington High School**Coming up:** Farmington Art Foundation holds its Spring Exhibit and Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, April 15 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**Saturday, April 16** at the Costick Center. Opening reception, 6 p.m., followed by awards at 6:30 p.m., April 14**Contact:** (248) 473-1856**Plymouth Arts Council****Time/Date:** 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, April 8**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth**Details:** "It's Arts - Pure & Simple" gala reception featuring its new exhibit, "Pure Art of Michigan," cocktails, foods, music, door prizes, raffle and auction; admission is a donation of any amount**Contact:** (734) 416-4278**"A Sentinel of Lake Superior," by Carol Caruso, is part of Plymouth Arts Council's "Pure Art of Michigan" exhibit.****Eugenia Zukerman will perform April 11 at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills.****Jorge Federico Osorio performs at the next Chamber Music Society of Detroit concert April 16.****COMEDY****Go Comedy!****Time/Date:** Various show times**Wednesdays thru Sundays****Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; [www.gocomedy.net](http://www.gocomedy.net)**JD's House of Comedy****Time/Date:** Various show times**Wednesday-Saturday evenings****Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m.**Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m.****Friday-Saturday:** Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia****Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays,**open Mic:** 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends;**8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays;** 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.**Fridays, Saturdays****Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia**Details:** Chas Elsner, April 6-9; Floyd J. Phillips, April 13-16; Mark Poolos, April 20-23; Claude Stewart, April 27-30; Mike Green, May 4-7; Rob Little, May 11-14**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle****Time/Date:** Steve McGrew, April 7-9;**Michael Somerville, April 14-16; T.J.****Miller, April 21-23; Don Friesen, April 28-30; Kathleen Madigan, May 5-7;****John Pinette, May 12-14****Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com)**CONCERTS****The Ark****Time/Date:** David Bromberg &**Angel Band, April 7; Steppin' in it,****April 8; Mr. B's Piano Celebration,****April 9-10:** Brendan James & Matt White & Lauren Pritchard, April 11; Adrian Legg, April 12; Catie Curtis & Amy Speace, April 13; Breathe Owl Breathe & The Photographers, April 14; The Johnny Clegg Band, April 15; Anais Mitchell, April 16; Shape Note Singing, April 17; Peter Yarrow, April 18**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org)**Baseline Folk Society****Time/Date:** Third Saturday of the month**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth**Details:** Eight "open-mic" performances plus a featured group. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Open mic performers may sing two songs. If more than eight performers sign up, a lottery will be held for the eight spots. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts**Contact:** (248) 719-3464 or [mjmullen@yahoo.com](mailto:mjmullen@yahoo.com)**Jazz @ The Elks****Time/Date:** 7:10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth**Details:** Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted.**Complimentary hors d'oeuvres.****Naima Shambourger will sing, Sven Anderson will play keyboard, Marion Hayden will be on bass and George Davidson on drums at the next concert on April 26****Contact:** Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348 or Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338**Family****Bakers Keyboard Lounge****Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program**Trinity House Theatre****Time/Date:** Putnam Smith, April 8, Melissa Greener, April 9; The Choir, April 14; Brooks Williams with Mike Vial, April 15; Tim Eriksen with Nick Schillace, April 16; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, April 29; Craig Cardiff, April 30**Location:** 38840 W. 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8 Good times

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13 Poker card

14 Tina Turner's ex

15 Marinate

16 Guest accom-

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18 Percolate

20 Movie popcorn

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21 Warhol or

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23 First US state

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28 Hologram maker

30 Bleachers cry

32 Know-nothing

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33 New car option

34 Period

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39 Ernesto

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41 — -relief

43 Daffodil starters

45 Hong —

47 Royal pronoun

49 Unser rival

50 Vinyl records

52 Gripes

54 Checked for

weapons

57 Twangy

60 Sighs of relief

61 Rhea cousin

62 Coeur d'—

63 Small fry

64 Heartache

65 Prefix for bone

DOWN

1 Cen. fractions

2 Horse's morsel

3 Investment

returns

4 Like the Cyclops (hyph.)

5 Serving of bacon

6 Kind of system

7 Adroit

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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D	V	N	O	E	E	Y	O	R	E	U
V	P	O	C	E	I	Z	N	R	E	U
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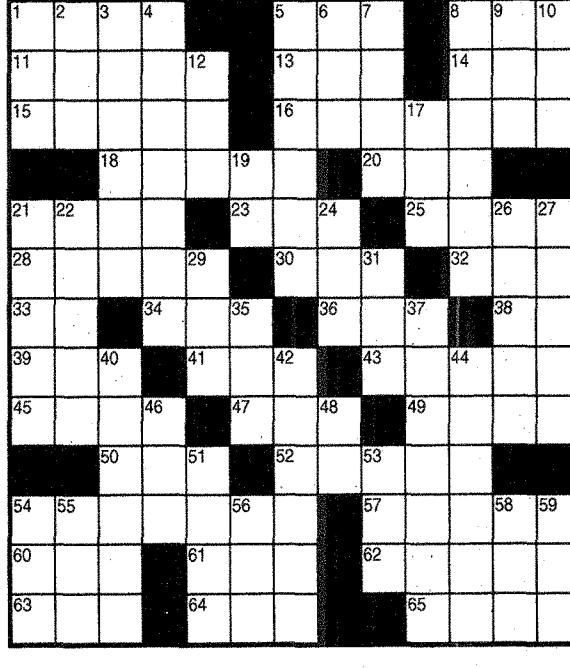
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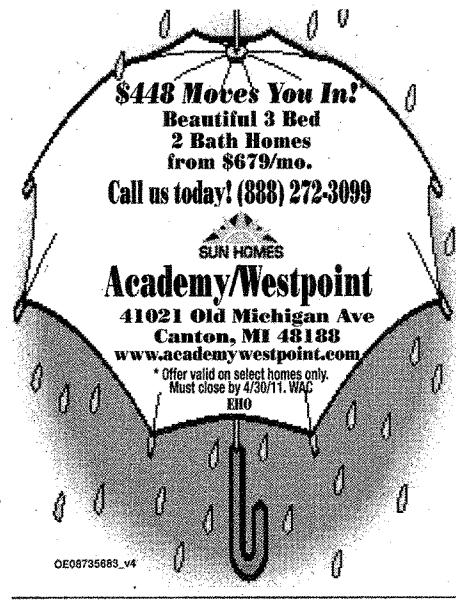
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