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Wayne Pride Night

The staff at Wayne Memorial High School is inviting families in the high school's attendance area to stop by from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 14, for Wayne Pride Night.

Wayne Pride Night allows families to see what's great about Wayne Memorial while the staff and students at Wayne give back to their community.

"It's a chance to start making a connection with the building and staff," said Wayne Memorial Principal Valerie Orr.

"This is a safe night of fun for families. And it's free."

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- Free spaghetti dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. to the first 500 people. Check in at the Glenwood entrance.

- Card making, cooking, caterpillar pencils, making a Mother's Day gift, karaoke, Wii dance, football throwing accuracy contest, 3-on-3 basketball, euchre tournament, chair massage, soccer extravaganza and more 6-8 p.m.

The JROTC Drill team also will perform at 6:15, 7 and 7:45 p.m. The Percussion Ensemble will perform at 6:10, 7:15 and 8 p.m. and the Vocal Dimensions will perform at 6:45 and 7:45 p.m.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact Julie Klabunde at (734) 419-2200 or by e-mail at klabunde@wwcsd.net.

Mother knows best

Time is running out for local women and girls to send us (in 50 words or less) the best advice you received from your mom. Include a photo of your mom or better yet you and your mom.

E-mail your best submission and photo (jpg format only) to msmason@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include your first and last name, your hometown and identify your mother (first and last name, please). Include a daytime phone number or cell phone where you can be reached during business hours.

The photos and advice will appear in the Thursday, May 5, Salute to Women edition of Hometown Life Woman. Deadline to submit advice and photo is 5 p.m. Friday, April 15.

Battle for K-12 education

Lawmakers expect cuts, but how much remains the question

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the short term, school funding will be cut but the reductions to Wayne-Westland Schools are extreme — long term, Michigan needs to look at how education is funded.

That was generally the consensus of comments at a forum on proposed funding cuts that drew a packed crowd of residents and school employees to Wayne-Westland's Dyer Center to hear from a roster of state legislators.

A prime focus for many were proposals to eliminate the district's equity funding — \$475 per pupil that Wayne-Westland has received to restore an operating millage that wasn't renewed just prior to the approval of Proposal A.

Under the governor's proposal, the district would be looking at a \$6 million loss in equity funding as part of a total \$14.5 million reduction. Another issue was the governor's proposal to shift money earmarked for K-12 funding to higher education.

State Reps. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, joined state Sens. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, and Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, on a panel fielding questions submitted by audience members.

"You're standing in the district most



State Sen. Patrick Colbeck (right) of Canton gives an answer that didn't set well with residents. Listening are State Rep. Richard LeBlanc (from left) and State Sen. Glenn Anderson, both of Westland and Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood of Taylor.

affected by Proposal A nearly 20 years ago and it will have the same detrimental affect under the governor's proposal," said Anderson. "The governor wants to move hundreds of millions of dollars to higher education from K-12. That's not acceptable."

ISSUE IS HOW MUCH

Among the elected officials, there seemed to be a consensus that there would be funding cuts to education like other services — the issue was how much.

"The cuts as currently proposed goes

too far. I'm not happy with money going to community colleges (from K-12)," said Heise, whose district includes the city of Wayne. "There will be cuts no matter what — we have a declining

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Churches join forces for Easter drama

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Easter programs are traditions with many churches, but this year two Westland congregations are joining forces to present what they're calling a hands-on living drama to commemorate the holiday.

Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church and Garden of Eden Church are presenting *Journey to the Cross* in which the audience moves to different stations during the program rather than sitting in an auditorium.

"We do stuff every year, but this is the first time for this type of program," said the Rev. David Powless of Warren Road Light and Life. "We would do a Christmas or Easter drama. We've put them together. It's the first time we've moved from room to room."

Presented Friday and Saturday, April 15-16 and 22-23, *Journey to the Cross* has groups of 12-15 guests being guided to each of the stations located in various rooms of the church.



Appearing in the Easter drama are Jessica Sprunger, Jennifer Stone and Kara Powless.

The program begins with a Nativity scene complete with wise men, angels and shepherds.

"The wise men will have long capes that will be carried — there is pageantry," said Powless.

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Westland joins in court consolidation study

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland's 18th District will be participating in a feasibility study with neighboring courts, including Garden City, Dearborn Heights and Wayne.

"I think it will be an excellent opportunity to address the potential of consolidating courts," said 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli. "All of the communities could benefit. We're not putting anything off the table, we will explore it all."

Every two years, the state court administrator studies the caseload in each court

and calculates the resulting work for judges. In Westland, Cicirelli noted that the most recent caseload study showed the need for nearly three judges while Garden City's caseload warranted about a half-time judge.

One scenario might be to move 21st District Court Judge Richard Hammer from Garden City — court is held in the City Council chambers — to a spot at the Westland court to join Cicirelli and Judge Mark McConnell. Along with the judges, Westland also uses a part-time magistrate.

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Legion post provides blue, gold star flags for families of military

Blue Star Flags for families of active service military personnel are being offered at no charge by American Legion Post 251.

The banners, which can be displayed in windows and doorways, are available at no charge along with Gold Star Flags which denotes a family member killed in action, said Post Commander Bill Acton.

"The American Legion gives the flags to the families," said Acton, whose post accepts

members from Westland, Wayne, Canton and Belleville.

Speaking at the Westland council meeting, Acton said the post, which doesn't have its own building and meets at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post on Wayne Road at Avondale, is looking for members. The meetings are 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

Acton asked that 300 American Legion members paying dues to a holding post in Lansing transfer their mem-

berships to Post 251.

"That brings the dues into the community where they do some good," said Acton.

The American Legion will hold its annual poppy sale at Ford and Wayne Road, Wayne and Warren roads and Wayne Road and Cherry Hill 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, May 19-22.

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Lawmakers invite governor to town hall meeting

Several state lawmakers have extended an invitation to Gov. Rick Snyder to attend a town hall meeting they will be holding Thursday, April 14, in Redford.

With the debate and confusion over the governor's budget increasing, a group, which includes State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, are holding a informational town hall 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday,

April 14, at the Don S. Hubert VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster Road, Redford.

Anderson, whose 6th District includes Westland, Livonia, Garden City and Redford, and his colleagues will discuss how components of the Governor's proposal affect local communities and schools and offer a forum for citizens to voice their concerns and ask questions.

Residents of Redford, Westland, Livonia and Garden City are encouraged to attend.

"I understand that my role as a legislator in our representative democracy is to serve the interests of those that I represent," he said. "It is vital that I meet with the members of my community, including business leaders, teachers, parents, and employees to learn how they feel about these

important issues."

Local officials have been invited to attend, so that they can offer their perspective, along with the opinions of those interested private citizens. Gov. Snyder has also been formally invited to attend the town hall meeting so that he can hear concerns from the people regarding the budget, Anderson said.

The agenda will include a

non-partisan presentation of the Governor's budget proposal and local officials' assessments of its potential impact on local governments, public education, and the daily lives of the residents of Michigan. There also will be an opportunity for residents to express their concerns and priorities before a panel of local state legislators.

"These proposals represent an extreme change for our

state and I feel it is incumbent upon all of us, legislators and citizens alike, to fully review them to ensure that will help to create jobs, make government more efficient, and stabilize our state's economy, without damaging our public education system, bankrupting our local governments, and jeopardizing Michigan's future," said Anderson. "That's what this town hall is about."

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tax base."

A compromise measure, Proposal A was designed to cap property taxes for seniors citizens who were being forced out of their longtime homes and provide some funding equity among school districts, Heise said. One of the assumptions of Proposal A was that property values would always increase, he said, drawing laughs from the crowd.

"The sales tax was supposed to help lift the boat, but it didn't. We need to relook at how we fund education in the future," he said.

Anderson and LeBlanc talked of their recent meeting with Lt. Gov. Brian Calley about Wayne-Westland funding along with a recent visit by state Rep. Chuck Moss, R-Birmingham, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee.

With the state having a deficit, Anderson questioned the wisdom of the governor's proposal for massive corporate tax cuts.

HEALTH CARE CO-PAYS

A former charter school board member, Colbeck drew some heat from the crowd after noting that Northville Schools could avoid the proposed layoff of 40 teachers, if all teachers in the district paid 20 percent of the health insurance costs.

"That's roughly what is paid in the private sector. You're looking at the revenue side. Typically, you're not looking at the expense side," said Colbeck, adding school districts or at least school services should be consolidated.

As the discussion about the need to fund schools continued, Colbeck commented that more spending doesn't equate to better education for students, again drawing some angry responses. Or as Colbeck put it — he kicked the

hornet's nest.

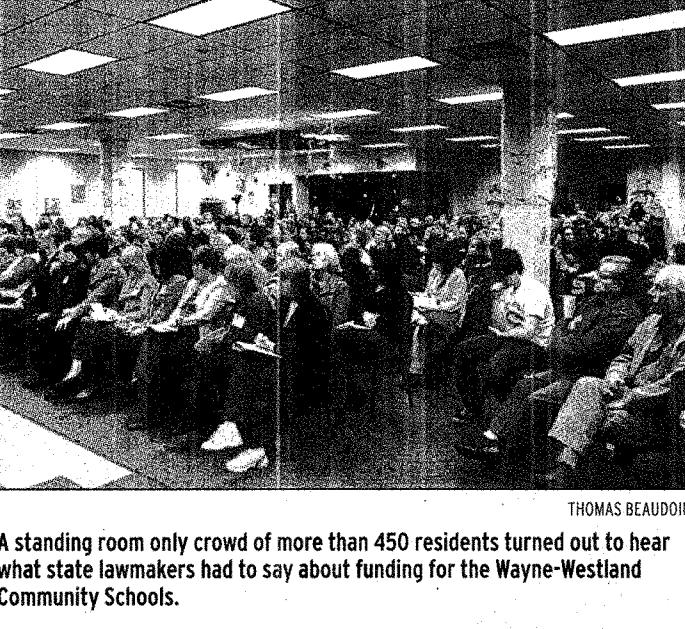
"Michigan is in the top 10 for education funding but in the bottom 10 when it comes to performance," said Colbeck. "To equate funding to academic excellence is a red herring."

"Dollars alone don't educate children but there is no education without funding," said Anderson.

School officials encouraged those attending to complete postcards supporting the equity funding for the district, which would be delivered to Lansing.

One parent, who asked not to be named, said she didn't totally agree with Colbeck but did think the district could find ways to save money.

"I'm not in a union so I don't fully understand why they don't have to pay for part of their health care. We pay a



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

A standing room only crowd of more than 450 residents turned out to hear what state lawmakers had to say about funding for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

significant amount for health care," she said. "Hopefully, the cuts won't be as drastic as proposed. There are other places they should look for cuts."

Another parent, Melendie Hines, was pleased to see the legislators at the forum to take questions.

"I thought it was awesome to

have the legislators come down to hear our concerns, especially after the consolidations last year," said Hines, whose son attends Hicks Elementary School. "I support public education. I think overall, this was informative."

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Adoption advocates favor moving kids from foster care

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Her words were heartfelt — and heartbreaking. Judge Mark Slavens of the Wayne County Circuit Court heard a young woman in his courtroom who'd been in foster care from birth to age 19. "She said she never spent a Thanksgiving with anyone who loved her, she never spent a Christmas with anyone who loved her," recalled Slavens, a Canton resident.

The young woman's mother was on crack and the father in prison. The teen graduated from a mega high school, Slavens said, with no one there to applaud.

"It really does help them a lot," he said of a permanent home, noting most young adults now leave home for good at age 26. It's unrealistic to expect them to be independent at 18 or 19, said Slavens, on the bench since April 2007 in the circuit court's juvenile division, handling delinquency and the abused/neglected division.

In 2009, more than 2,700 children were adopted through Michigan's Adoption Services Program and private adoption agencies, according to the state Department of Human Services. Adoption advocates would like to see the process of moving children from foster care into permanent homes made easier.

EASIER MOVE

"Absolutely," said Heidi Raubenolt, program manager for

the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange, a program of the non-profit Judson Center. Raubenolt, a Westland resident, formerly worked in Judson's Redford office and is now based in Ann Arbor.

"We're always interested in finding homes for kids," she said. "There are a lot of kids that are waiting."

Raubenolt has worked in child welfare the last five years, the last year and a half for advocacy group MARE.

"We work to find adoptive families for kids who are in the foster care system," she said. That includes promotional events for families to meet children eligible for adoption.

"There's always a need for families for kids, absolutely," she said. That's especially true for older children including teens, larger sibling groups and children with special needs. According to current state DHS figures, there are 902 children in Wayne County in foster care eligible for adoption, some 3,265 statewide.

Slavens, a father of two and former Plymouth-Canton schools Board of Education president, would like to see adoption streamlined.

"I do think it's difficult for one person to handle that many cases," Slavens said of the current system involving the Michigan Children's Institute superintendent. Slavens is concerned about being sure to "ensure that the designee was qualified to do that. I think he definitely needs some help."



LOVING HOMES

Many children in the foster care system have experienced trauma, whether physical or emotional, Raubenolt said. "It just really depends on the child and their personal experiences," she said. Not all special needs children have physical handicaps.

Agreeing with MARE leaders and Slavens on the need for loving, adoptive homes are Michigan DHS Director Maura Corrigan and state Supreme Court Justice Mary Beth Kelly.

Corrigan and Kelly March 23 urged state legislators to approve bills in the House and Senate to streamline the process for children in foster care to be adopted.

The passage of bills could expedite placement in qualified, permanent homes for more than 1,100 children, they testified.



Corrigan and Kelly noted the Michigan Children's Institute superintendent is the only person authorized to approve adoptions for children in foster care.

Changes in the law would authorize a designee to provide written consent to adoption, guardianship, emancipation or marriage of MCI wards.

The review will be systematic and careful when determining who will be named a designee, Corrigan told the Senate Families, Seniors and Human Services Committee.

"The best place for a child is in a stable, permanent home," Corrigan said in a statement.

"Joining a family should not be delayed because only one person in the entire state can authorize a child's adoption or guardianship."

ADOPTION THE GOAL

According to figures from the DHS website, of children adopted in Michigan in 2009, 46 percent were placed with a relative, 48 percent with a foster parent. A total of 82 percent of children who had siblings in foster care were adopted with at least one sibling, and 52 percent of such children with all siblings.

The state has some 5,309 kids in foster care whose parents' rights have been terminated, with adoption the goal for most.

MARE's Raubenolt declined to comment on the legislation specifics but agreed there's a great need for permanent homes for children in foster care. MARE operates the Michigan Heart Gallery in which professional photographers each year take photos of children up for adoption.

"It's an exhibit that actually travels throughout the state," she said. "It's a great way to highlight the kids and their true spirit." It's MARE's biggest event of the year.

You can learn more at www.mare.org online, which also has photos of children up for adoption. The Judson program is funded by the Michigan DHS.

Slavens said half of the homeless population comes from the foster care system. "It's really important that we get people to adopt," he said. "You always want as much as possible to find an adoptive family."

Slavens worked with Justice Kelly. He noted children often have a family member who could adopt them and provide a lov-

ing home, but the court system doesn't always recognize that. "We've got to get away from that concept. The uncle could be a banker, the aunt could be a teacher or a journalist."

He pushes DHS caseworkers in his courtroom to find the family members. "They still want the best thing for their children," Slavens said of parents who've had their rights terminated. Neighbors, teachers and coaches can sometimes adopt.

"There's a lot bigger scope out there. We've got to include that," the judge said.

Slavens had a boy, 11, in his courtroom that no one was willing to adopt. Slavens pushed the caseworker to comply with the court order and seek out alternatives, and she did so with some reluctance.

"The kid's got a big smile on his face," after having looked rejected earlier. Some 12 people had subsequently agreed to adopt him, Slavens said, and came to court to indicate their willingness.

"They just need good adoptive parents," added Slavens, who doesn't really look at the racial aspect in adoption cases.

Nationwide, more than 114,000 kids are available for adoption from U.S. foster care each year. There are 463,000 kids in U.S. foster care with an average wait for adoption of over two years. More than 29,000 reach age 18 without finding a permanent family.

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Author to speak about 'Burning Rivers' for Earth Day

In honor of Earth Day, author Dr. John Hartig will speak on his new book on burning rivers at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3277 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Hartig will also be at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19.

Both seminars are open to the public.

Titled *Burning Rivers: Revival of Four Urban-Industrial Rivers that Caught on Fire*, the book explores how four rivers in the Great Lakes Basin caught on fire because of oil pollution, including the Rouge River in Detroit. Hartig will discuss how indiscriminate use and abuse of these

aquatic ecosystems led to them becoming polluted, culminating with river fires. Also presented will be evidence of how today each is experiencing dramatic environmental improvement, as well as how it is being achieved.

The book was written for a lay audience. It presents insights on the environmental history, translates the science,

provides practical lessons learned in river stewardship, and serves as an inspiration for people to be good stewards of rivers.

Some of the partners in the river restoration effort — including the Alliance of Rouge Communities, Friends of the Rouge and the Rouge River Advisory Council — will

have representatives on hand to answer questions on how local communities and organizations are working together to improve the Rouge River Watershed.

Hartig is trained as a limnologist with 30 years of practical experience in environmental science and natural resource management. He currently

serves as refuge manager for the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

Earth Day is held on April 22 each year to inspire awareness and stewardship for the earth's natural environment. For more information, call the Livonia library at (734) 466-2491 or the Westland library at (734) 326-6123.

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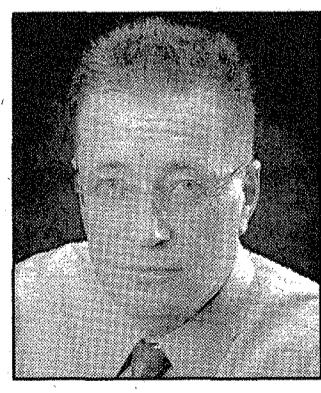
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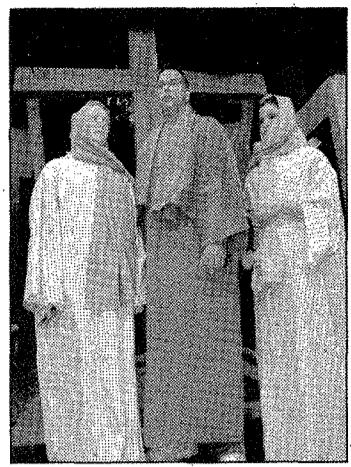
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Other scenes will show Jesus healing a leper and raising a boy from the dead. The celebration of Christ entering Jerusalem to crowds crying Hosanna and waving palms will be portrayed. The program will provide hands-on opportunities, such as touching a crown of thorns pressed into Jesus' forehead and spikes, such as those driven through his hands.

"There will be a Roman soldier talking about the horror he put Jesus through. He was on guard to keep the body from being stolen by the disciples and saw the stone removed and witnessed the Resurrection," Powless said.

The production was written by Powless who notes there isn't a lot of dialogue with much the program using music.



Kelsi Fay, David Powless and Hannah Powless rehearse a scene from "Journey to the Cross," an Easter drama that will be presented at Warren Road Light and Life Church.

About 70 of his 150 congregation members are involved with the program, Powless said, along with the 18-month old Garden of Eden ministries which has rented space at Warren Road Light and Life for about six months.

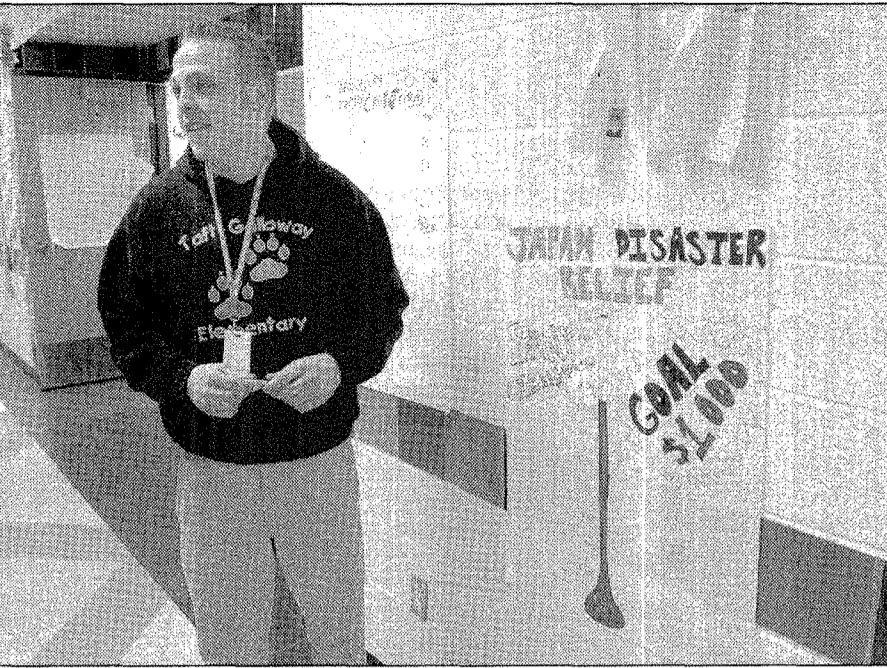
"They're an almost all-black congregation and we're an almost all-white congregation," said Powless. "We started working on this in January. We have four different Jesuses due to the different scenes. We've practiced once a week and the building is torn apart."

Active with Inspire Theater, which also rents space at the church, Kelsi Fay, 13, will play a leper in the program.

"I'll also be a possessed person. It's going to be really fun I think," said Fay, a student at Frost Middle School in Livonia. "I played a crippled person before. I just like the whole performance process."

With performances beginning at 7 p.m., *Journey to the Cross* is open to the public at no charge. The church is located at 33445 Warren Road between Wayne Road and Venoy. For more information, call (734) 458-7301 or visit www.warrenrdchurch.com.

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Taft-Galloway fourth-grade teacher Patrick Scott checks the donation thermometer to see how well the penny challenge is going.

Taft Students put pennies to work helping Japan

STUDY

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"We can look at sharing services like combining our probation departments," said Cicirelli.

Now that Westland has agreed to participate in the study, the next step will be applying for a grant and determining the cost to each community, she said.

As proposed to the Garden City Council, grants through the Michigan Municipal League Foundation and the Michigan Shared Public

Services initiative would fund 50 percent of the study. The remaining 50 percent would be paid by the participating communities but the formula hasn't been determined.

"I absolutely think we should participate in the study, there absolutely could be a cost savings," said Westland Mayor William Wild.

With communities across the state looking for ways to consolidate services — something made a priority by the governor — Cicirelli said would be beneficial to the community for the courts to be proactive.

"As a former mayor, I know

losing state shared revenues certainly hurts the city in keeping adequate police, fire and DPS," said Cicirelli. "It makes a lot of sense to consolidate services that duplicate efforts."

Westland's district court has \$3.5 million budget and in 2011-12 expects to generate \$202,000 in excess of expenditures which will be returned to the city's general fund.

In Garden City, the court has an \$824,000 budget for 2010-11 and in the past three years has received general fund subsidies of about \$115,000.

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BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Patrick Scott wasn't sure what to expect, but with a week to go, students at Taft-Galloway Elementary School have collected more than \$660 to help the people of Japan.

"I had no expectations, but when they started bringing in the money, I decided we needed to set a goal," said Scott, a fourth-grade teacher at the Wayne school. "I know we always do well with penny collections."

Scott's students started the Pennies for Japan collection March 21. It goes until Friday, April 15. The goal is to raise

\$1,000 to give to the American Red Cross. Scott is confident students will easily bring in the remaining \$310 by the end of this week.

The collection drive was "spur of the moment" thing and when Scott brought the idea to students, they were happy to do it. His students collect the money once a week. They sort the coins and currency by denominations and then add up it to see how much each classroom collected.

For the students, the collection drive not only is an exercise in giving, it also has some math lessons — counting, addition and doing graphs.

"We pick up the money in containers in the classrooms during the day and count the money in class," said Luke Maldonado, adding that the class he has been charting "has around \$70."

"We learn counting and addition," added Emilee Baker.

The students take their final tallies and put them on graphs that hang in the hallway outside their classroom, to keep track of the individual classroom tallies. And with good reason. The classroom that collects the most money will receive a pizza party.

Currently, the top classroom is that of teacher Audrey Bennett. As of last week, her students had brought in \$310.

"One of the parents put the word out at work and brought in a lot of coins," said Scott.

In Scott's classroom, Gage Ewanciw stands out for his \$40 donation. His father gave him \$20 and he kicked in \$20 of his own money.

"All the change was mine," said Gage. "I had the money to buy a drum set, but decided to give it to Japan. It wasn't hard to do."

This isn't the first time the school has taken up the challenge to raise funds. Its most



Emilee Baker works on grafting the donations of teacher Jackie Giannamore's students.

recent effort was to buy a park bench in memory of the victims of last year's explosion at W.C. Franks Furniture.

"That's something I've noticed about the Taft family, they're very thoughtful, very generous and willing to help," added Scott.

The penny challenge is open to residents of the Taft-Galloway community. Residents can stop by the school to make a donation.

With reaching the \$1,000 goal in sight, Scott now is looking for some place to cash in the change without having to pay a fee. Because of the amount of coins, the plan is not to roll them.

"I'm really proud about our students' attitude of giving in this particularly difficult time, especially with some of whom are giving may be needing themselves," said Taft-Galloway Principal Stephanie Accord. "I'm also proud of Pat. He took this on with his own initiative."

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Austin Roebuck dresses up the graph for donations from Kelly Weber's classroom.

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Senior of Year nominations sought

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging is seeking nominations for Senior Citizen of the Year. Two of Michigan's older adults will be honored at the State Capitol Building on June 15, during the fourth annual Older Michiganders Day event.

Sponsored by the Michigan Office and Commission on Services to the Aging, awards will be presented to two individuals age 60 or older. One award is for leadership in the community. The other award recognizes service to others. Selections will be determined by service or leadership contributed during the past year.

"These awards are presented every year to recognize the special, voluntary contributions of two older adults," said Olga Dazzo, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health and acting director of the Office of Services to the Aging. "They

highlight the valuable contributions made by dedicated citizens to the civic and social life in our state."

Nominees must be age 60 or older on or before May 2, 2011. All nominations must be submitted by an organization, and the nomination form must be signed by a presiding officer of that organization. Nominees can be employed at the time of the nomination, but applicants will be judged on service or leadership in unpaid, volunteer positions.

Nominations must be postmarked by Monday, May 2, 2011, and mailed to 2011 Senior Citizen of the Year Award Program, Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, P.O. Box 30676, Lansing, MI 48909-8176.

To obtain the required nomination form, or for more information, go online to www.michigan.gov/miseniors or call (517) 373-8230.

Romanowski VFW

The Men's Auxiliary of the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896, at 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland is holding a Lenten Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 15, and 3-7 p.m. Good Friday, April 22.

Full dinners cost \$7. Dinner selections include baked or fried fish, fries, baked potato, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, rolls and butter and a child's fish or chicken sticks. Carry-outs also are available.

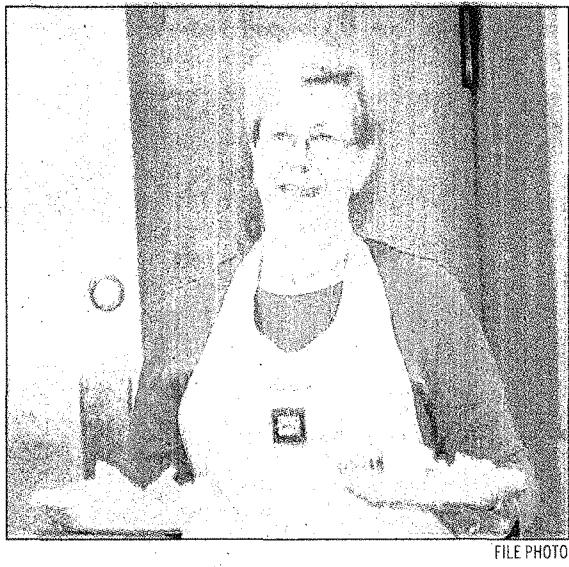
St. Damian

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. Friday, April 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 fries, tartar sauce, coleslaw, roll and drink.

LENTEN FISH FRIES



Kathy Coleman serves up dinner during the Lenten fish fry held Friday evenings at the Romanowski VFW Post in Westland.

carry-out, but do not include a beverage.

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

St. Dunstan

The Ushers Club at St. Dunstan Church is holding their 20th annual Lenten Fish Fry. Dinners will be served 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 16, and Good Friday, April 22, in the Community Room.

Choose from one-, two- or three-piece hand battered fillets or baked fish, shrimp or combo dinners, baked potato or french fries, salad or cole slaw, roll and coffee tea or milk. Prices are \$5.25 for a one-piece dinner, \$6.75 for a two-piece dinner and \$7.75 for a three-piece dinner. Shrimp and combo dinners are \$8 each.

Also available at \$1.25 each are a slice of pizza, macaroni and cheese, french fries and baked potato. A salad costs 50 cents. There's also a selection of desserts and beverages available in the dining room for a nominal price.

St. Dunstan is at 1515 Belton, west of Middlebelt.

Side orders include macaroni and cheese, \$2.50, and fries, \$2; desserts also are available.

St. Damian Parish is at 30055 Joy Road, east of Merriman.

St. Raphael

St. Raphael Parish is holding Lenten Fish Fries 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, April 16, or until dinners are sold out and 3-7 p.m. or until dinners are sold out on Good Friday, April 22.

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.

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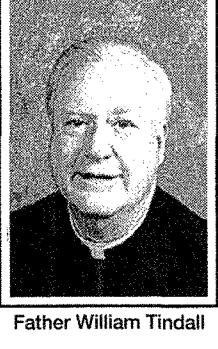
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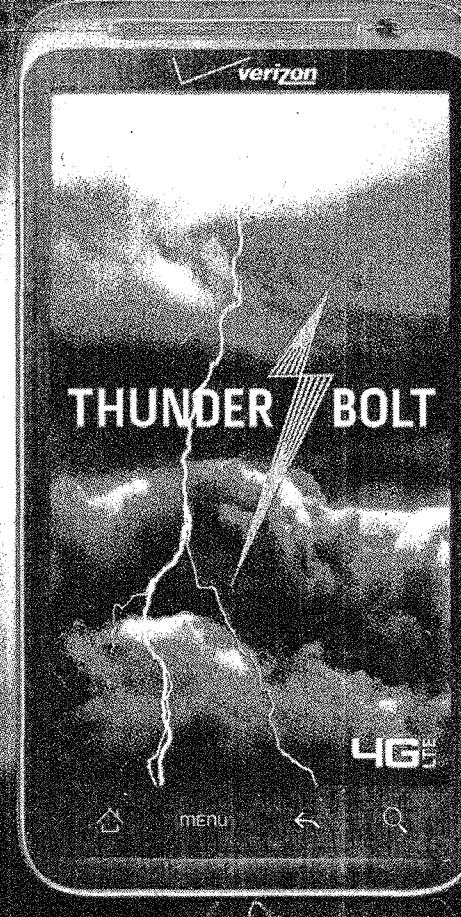
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RULE THE AIR

Mom, daughter set sights on royal wedding

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's quite a British royal family affair — this April 29 wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton — so naturally Canton resident Christine Wofford and her 22-year-old daughter, Olivia, hope to attend.

Regardless, they're departing Easter Sunday for a one-week stay at The Grosvenor in London, and they plan to enjoy the hoopla even if they don't get a wedding seat at Westminster Abbey.

"We're going to party, party, party — shop, eat and drink," Christine Wofford said, smiling Thursday as she and her daughter sat in their Canton living room and talked of their trip. Two large, yellow, plastic letters — "W" for William and "K" for Kate — sat propped on the couch, adorned by small U.S. flags.

Christine Wofford has been a longtime fan of the royal family and movies made about the British aristocracy, and her daughter shares her interests.

A return letter Christine Wofford received from St. James's Palace didn't bring any promises the pair would get into the wedding, and Olivia Wofford hasn't yet gotten a response to a letter she sent to the younger Prince Harry.

But, don't count this Wofford family out. They've managed up-close encounters with a pope, a princess, a duchess and Hollywood royalty George Clooney.

FIRST COMMUNION

When she was 7 years old,



Olivia Wofford and her mother, Christine, have had a few adventures together, including Olivia's first communion with Pope John Paul II.

Olivia Wofford received her first communion from Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome after her mother, a devout Catholic, arranged it through Detroit-area priests.

"When Olivia was born, I thought that was going to be my goal," Christine Wofford said.

Olivia Wofford recalled being "a little overwhelmed by the crowd" as her mother snapped pictures of her with the pope. "I was kind of young

to know what was really going on."

They returned for Pope John Paul II's funeral — Olivia Wofford was attending Divine Child High School when he died — and they also attended Mass with Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 at Yankee Stadium in New York.

When Olivia Wofford was in fourth grade, she gave an arrangement of flowers to Princess Caroline of Monaco, who had come to Detroit for a performance by the Monaco

ballet.

"I called their PR (public relations) guy to say Olivia would like to present flowers to her, and they let her do it," Christine Wofford said.

OFF TO LONDON

During the summer before Olivia Wofford started eighth grade, she and her mother traveled to London, Canterbury and Paris when the daughter's school choir from Our Lady of Good Counsel performed abroad.

"While we were in Canterbury," Christine Wofford said, "we saw the



It's not every day that Christine Wofford receives mail from Buckingham Palace.

Queen Mother go by in a procession."

Christine Wofford met Sarah Ferguson, a duchess formerly married to Prince Andrew, when she spoke in the late 1990s at a women's expo in Novi.

Just recently, mother and daughter went to Grand Rapids to see an art exhibit honoring the late Princess Diana. It included her wedding dress, other clothing and toys she had as a child.

Along the lines of movie royalty, a few years ago Christine Wofford and her husband, Gary, became extras on a Detroit-area movie set when actor George Clooney was here filming *Up In The Air*.

But now, Prince William's wedding to Kate Middleton is the focus for Christine Wofford, a Wayne County accounting employee, and her daughter, who has a marketing assistant job after she graduated last May from Grand Valley State University with a degree in marketing and inter-

national business.

Although Christine Wofford's return letter from St. James' Palace was noncommittal about entry to the royal wedding, "I was thrilled to get that," she said.

She also sent an e-mail to Westminster Abbey but hasn't yet gotten a reply.

Olivia Wofford, meanwhile, said she would be thrilled to get a reply to her letter to Prince Harry.

"It would be nice to meet him," she said. "Meeting anybody in the royal family would be an honor."

At worst, mother and daughter plan to visit The London Eye, a huge Ferris wheel and tourist attraction in London, and revel in the royal wedding celebration that seems certain to sweep London. But, even Olivia Wofford has learned not to dismiss her mother's efforts to attend the wedding.

"It wouldn't surprise me if we get in," she said.

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The most recognized causes of the Civil War are the economic and social differences between the North and the South, states versus federal rights, the fight between slave and non-slave state proponents, growth of the abolition movement and the election of Abraham Lincoln.

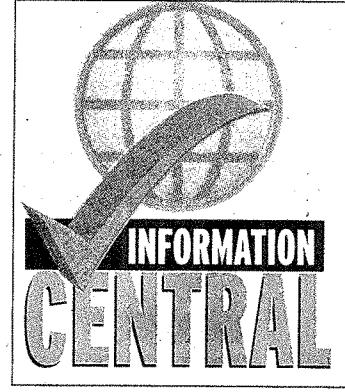
The Civil War Trust: Saving America's Civil War Battlefields is an organization that is in the forefront of the 150th anniversary activities. All proceeds will go toward the preservation of the historic battlefields.

Some websites you might want to visit for more information about the Civil War and 150th anniversary activities include www.civilwar.org and www.nps.gov. Other informative websites are www.historyplace.com/civilwar, www.civilwar.com and www.civilwar.si.edu.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has plenty of resources dealing with the Civil War. For general information about the Civil War, the following titles are excellent sources: Bruce Catton's "The Civil War," Burke Davis's "The Civil War, Strange and Fascinating Facts," Kenneth C. Davis' "Don't Know Much About the Civil War," William C. Davis's "Illustrated History of the Civil War," Shelby Foote's "The Civil War, A Narrative" and the Time-Life series on the Civil War.

The highly acclaimed Ken Burns documentary, "The Civil War" can be found in the DVD collection. For an accurate fictional portrayal of the war, "Glory" is an excellent example.

A recent bookmark of Civil War fiction books is available at the bookmark display near the Reference Desk. Some noteworthy titles include two Pulitzer Prize-winners - "Killer Angels" by Michael Shaara and



"Andersonville" by MacKinlay Kantor. The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday or visit us anytime on the web at www.westlandlibrary.org

Highlighted Activities

Green Jobs Training Information Session: 1 p.m. April 11

Learn about free training opportunities to prepare you for a green job in your future. Marie Guerra, Regional Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEPT) representative, will explain how you can take advantage of this free training opportunity. Funding for this training is provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). No reservations are necessary. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or visit the library and speak to a librarian. Training is available only for Wayne County residents.

Afternoon Movie Classics: "Cabaret," 3:30 p.m. April 12, Age 12 and up

Join us as we explore the classic songs and stories of American musicals from the American Film Institute's top 100 movies of the last 100 years. Today's selection is "Cabaret," starring Liza Minnelli, Michael York and Helmut Griem.

Friday Night Dinner and a Movie: "The Fighter," 7 p.m. April 15, Adults

Love movies? Join us on Friday nights throughout the winter and spring to catch some of the Oscar contenders for 2011. Tonight's movie is "The Fighter" starring Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale and Melissa Leo. Dinner catered by Golden Chopsticks of Westland. Dinner tickets

are \$10. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for dinner, movie starts at 7 p.m. Note: This movie is Rated R. Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Career Management Series: Interviewing Skills Seminar: 1 p.m. April 16

Join Preston Banks of Resume Solutions, LLC to learn about interview strategies to boost your confidence and take part in mock interviews to help you polish your skills. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Red Cross Blood Drive: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 18

We will be hosting a blood drive. Make an appointment by stopping by or calling the library at (734) 326-6123, calling 1-800-GIVELIVE, or just drop in. Donors with appointments will be given priority.

Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: 7 p.m. every Wednesday.

Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

Chess Group: 7:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at (734) 326-6123 to find out more.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Susan Hanson. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

Garage Sale

S. Simon and Jude Parish will hold a garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 29, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in Westland. There will be a \$2 bag sale at 3 p.m. All large items will sell for \$2 during the bag sale.

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

3 day benefits

Stop by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 10, for Trivia to benefit We Love Tatas and 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@doubleexpress.net.

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AROUND WESTLAND

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.

Tatian 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.

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.

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.

The event is for survivors/warriors and for others affected by breast cancer and a way to meet and greet others who are walking and participating or volunteering their precious time to meet their goals.

For more information, call (734) 721-6475.

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.

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Police arrest man for drug possession

Drug possession

Garden City Police arrested an Oak Park man believed to be selling marijuana.

When they arrested him following a traffic stop at 2:15 a.m. April 5 at North Inkster Road and Marquette, they reportedly found 46 grams of marijuana

COP CALLS

packaged in baggies. The baggies were in his pants pocket and in his car, police said.

Police also arrested his passenger, who reportedly had outstanding warrants out of

Dearborn, and turned him over to Dearborn Police.

Theft

Garden City man about midnight April 6 after they reportedly found him snooping around the inside of a 1994

Crown Victoria with no license plate and a 1991 Oldsmobile that was parked in a lot near Akron Tire, 27520 Cherry Hill.

The man said that he was looking for cigarettes.

Fraud

A resident who lives in the

28000 block of Rush said he was defrauded when he tried to sell movie memorabilia and a clock during the past month.

When he received money orders for both items at \$950 each and signed the checks over to Detroit Auto for a vehicle he was buying, he learned that the

checks were counterfeit. The purchaser lives in Fort Myers, Fla.

Then, when he tried to sell a dirt bike kept by his relatives in Colorado for \$3,950, he was notified by the bank that the seller's checking account was closed.

By Sue Buck

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.

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 Rauon 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.

Get flocked

Garden City High School's Project Graduation 2011 wants to make folks feel special by having their "cheerful flamingos" pay a visit have come to pay. They will typically stay only a few days, but they have been known to take flight early and land on a lawn of your choice for a small fee of \$15,

which is less than what that special someone paid to flock you.

It's a chance to return the Flamingo Flocking Favor.

Optional Flocking Insurance is available to protect you from any future flockings. The policy amount is \$15 and good for the 2010-11 school year.

A word to the wise:

Sometimes the flamingos have nothing to do and get bored, so, without notice they will take off for some random flocking. Again, the flamingos will only stay a few days, but when they act like that it's unclear how much fun they are having or how long they will stay.

You can insure a timely departure with a donation to Project Graduation. All Flocking Funds go to Support Garden City High School Project Graduation. Give PG's Flocking Specialists a call at (734) 612-5274 or (734) 904-3643 or send an e-mail to gardencityprojectgrad@yahoo.com.

Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of 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 hospital

talized 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.

Museum fund-raising

The Friends of the Museum are continuing their fund-raising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlour for social and business occasions.

The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items. Call (734) 838-0650 for more information or visit www.sfonline.org.

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.

Office hours

Need to talk with Garden City Mayor Randy Walker?

You'll find him Tuesdays at Garden City Hall. Walker will hold office hours 4:30-6 p.m. Residents can schedule an appointment by calling Administrative Assistant Margo Ciecienski at (734) 793-1660.

Donations sought

Have a used video, book or DVD you looking to pass on? Well, consider donating it to the Garden City Library which is looking for donations of books, videos and DVDs in good condition. For more information, call the library at (734) 793-1830.

Shop online

Help Garden City Schools support its staff and students whenever you shop at Amazon.com.

Simply follow the link at the bottom of the district's web site — www.gardencityschools.com. A portion of any resulting purchases will be returned to Garden City Public Schools. Products do not cost any more by using the link, and residents don't have to do anything more than click on the link to start shopping.

Recycle for cash

Drop off used ink jet cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras and similar items at City Hall. Garden City Charities, a group formed by city staff, sends the items off to be recycled by Cartridges for Kids and gets cash in return. Money raised by Garden City Charities benefits local organizations.

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Online farm market opens pickup site in Garden City

An Ann Arbor-based local online farmers market with a twice a month, year-round, indoor pickup is opening a second location in Garden City.

Lunasa which has been flourishing on the west side of Ann Arbor throughout the winter months, is expanding to the western Wayne County suburbs by offering pickups the first and third Mondays of the month at Douglas Foods/ Maxwell's Art and Treasures warehouse located at 32416 Industrial, north of Ford in Garden City.

With an increase in demand for local, natural foods, Lunasa has sought out and now offers an array of products. Folks can buy local foods and support local producers. They can learn about the farms, the farmers and practices online, and then meet them in person on market pickup days.

Lunasa owners Dawn Thompson and Jane Pacheco visit each farm, kitchen and facility to ensure good practices. People become members and place their orders online. The visit the market to pick up their goods. One-time guests are welcome. The next market day in Garden City is Monday, April 18.

The Douglas Foods/



Residents pick up their Lunasa orders they placed online at Douglas Foods/Maxwell's Arts and Treasures in Garden City.

Maxwell's Art and Treasures warehouse has been owned and operated by the husband/wife team of Doug and Laura George for more than 30 years, supplying automotive factories with ready-to-eat meals.

"Seeing the value Lunasa brings to the community, we quickly embraced the concept," said Doug George.

To learn more visit Lunasa's website at www.lunasa.us, or read a review about the business at michiganmama.tumblr.com.



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Scrutinize statements for mistakes, unknown fees

It's the end of the first quarter, and it's been an incredible one. In the last three months, we have seen revolutions and insurrections throughout the Arab world, an earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis in Japan and now the U.S. involved in the conflict in Libya.



Money Matters

The conflicts throughout the Middle East have caused energy prices and prices at the pump to soar while, simultaneously, the U.S. stock market posted nice gains. If you try to figure it out, it just doesn't make a lot of sense. I know people that will spend hours theorizing why the market did this or did that. If you talk to 10 experts they'll give you 20 different opinions. The reality is, it is nearly impossible to figure out why the market does one thing or another over a short period of time. We don't need to waste our time trying. It is more important to focus on some of the more mundane tasks that could add real value to the overall financial picture.

One of those tasks is to review your first quarter statement to ensure it is accurate.

For those who made IRA contributions over the last three months, make sure your contributions have been properly accounted. For those who contribute to a salary deferral program such as a 403(b) or a 401(k) make sure that you have received credit for the contributions.

When I get a financial statement, whether from a mutual fund company or from a bank, assume it is accurate. Typically it is, however, mistakes are made.

We are the last line of defense to make sure that our accounts are accurate. In this electronic age, we tend to think computers are infallible and never make a mistake. That's not the case. Mistakes are made and they happen more often than you think. Therefore, review your statement for accuracy.

You don't have to be an accountant to review a statement. One sure sign that your money may be in the wrong place is if the statement is difficult to read. If they are too difficult to understand, I think it's by design, so you are intentionally confused. I prefer to deal with companies that want to keep it simple and straightforward.

When reviewing your statement, the first thing to do is make sure the ending balance

of your last statement is the beginning balance of your most recent statement. In addition, make sure that you account for all new contributions. In addition, pay attention to any withdrawals. Pay particular attention to any fees you may have paid. Don't assume that just because they're charging you a fee it must be correct. If you're not sure about a fee, ask. If the fee is too high, consider moving your account elsewhere.

If you discover a mistake, immediately contact the issuer of the statement. If the problem is not immediately resolved, make sure you put your complaint in writing and keep records regarding who you speak with at the company.

Trying to figure out what causes the stock market to move one way or another is great conversation. However, in the long run it's just talk and speculation. On the other hand, taking the time to review your statement is something that potentially keeps more money in your pocket and, after all, isn't that the goal?

Good luck!

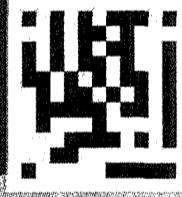
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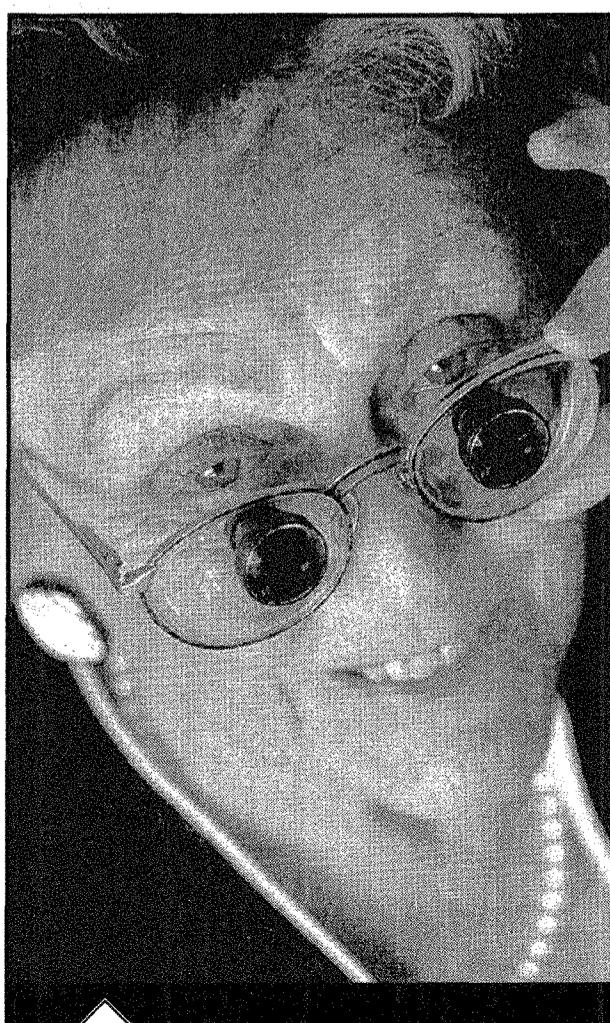
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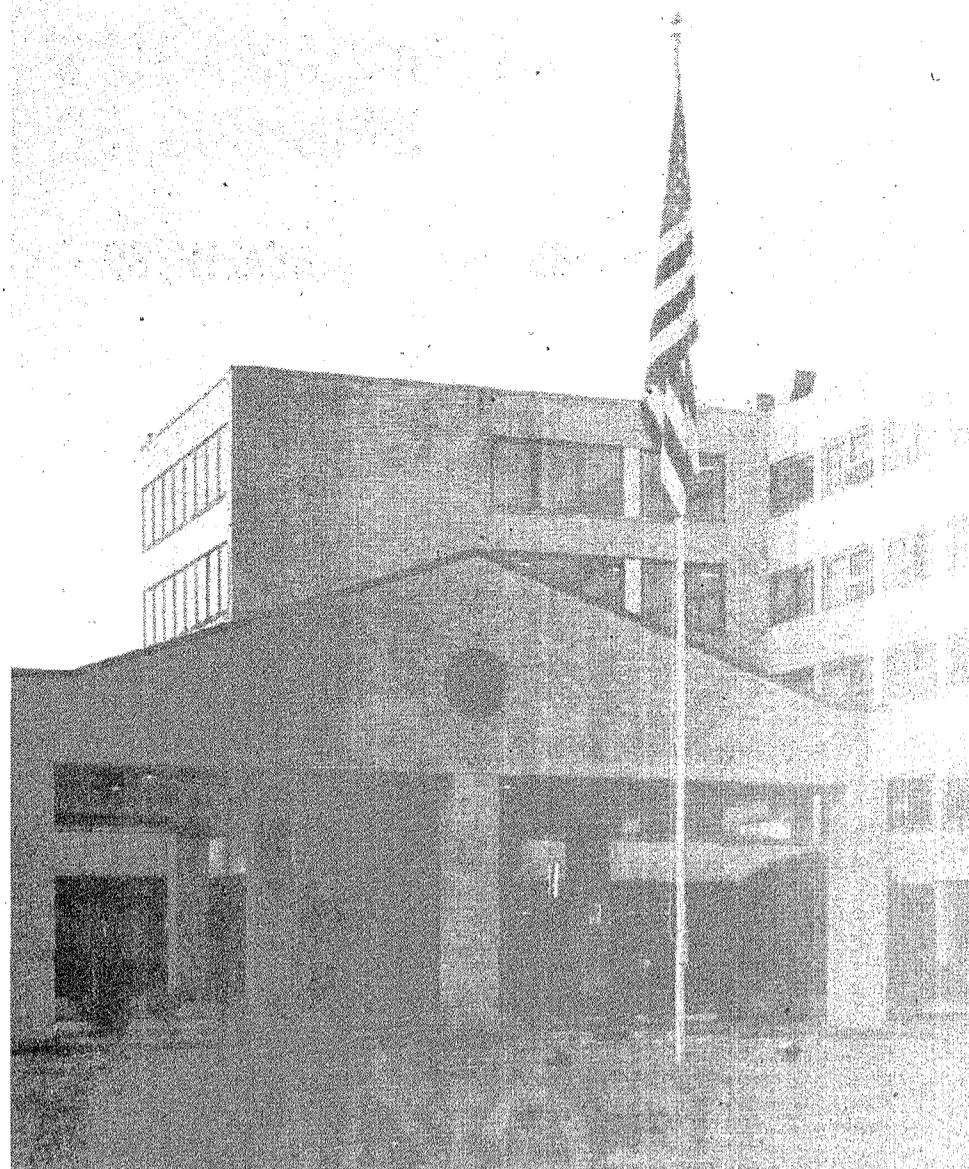
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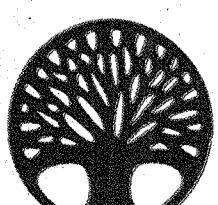
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Stevenson can't get key hit in 9-inning setback

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was an old-fashioned pitching duel Thursday as Novi-Detroit Catholic Central emerging victorious over host Livonia Stevenson, 2-0, in nine innings.

The Shamrocks managed just two hits, but scratched together a pair of runs in the top of the ninth inning to improve to 5-0 overall.

With one out, Joe Panfil and Bobby Dulzo both drew walks.

Matt Stefan, running for Panfil, advanced to third on a ball in the dirt

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and scored when the throw from home hit him in the foot and squirted into the outfield.

David Dulzo then delivered an infield single, his second hit of the day, to score Bobby Dulzo with CC's second run.

Stevenson (3-1) stranded two runners in the bottom of the ninth.

"We just couldn't get what I call 'The Hit,'" Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "We hit one shot to their center fielder, but it got slowed up by the

wind and he made a great defensive play."

"We got five hits, but nobody forced the action when we had one or two runners on. We just couldn't get that hit."

Chris McDonald pitched seven strong innings for the Spartans, allowing just one hit. He walked three and struck out six.

The Shamrocks used three different pitchers with Tonner Waterstreet going the first three innings before giving way to Bob Green, who went the next three.

Domie Eute worked the next two to pick up the victory and Green re-

entered in the bottom of the ninth to earn the save.

Troy Bodtke went 2-for-4 to lead Stevenson's offense. Mark Wagner, J.J. Pettersson and Josh DeYonker had the other hits.

"It was a 2-hour and 20-minute, nine-inning game," Berryman said. "It was a good high school game."

Stevenson played a double-header Saturday at home against Brownstown Woodhaven before traveling Monday to face Livonia Churchill. (Game time is 4 p.m.).

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SIDELINES**Bee All-American**

To nobody's surprise, Schoolcraft College sophomore center Kimberly Bee (Detroit Communication & Media Arts) earned first-team NJCAA Division II All-American honors in women's basketball.

She is the eighth overall and the fourth consecutive Schoolcraft player to earn All-American status.

The 6-foot-1 Bee helped lead the Lady Ocelots to a 53-6 overall record in her two seasons.

This season, Bee led the MCCA and Eastern Conference champs with 15.9 rebounds (third nationally) and 4.4 blocks per game (second nationally), while averaging 14.7 points per game.

She owns four career and three single-season records at Schoolcraft.

Crusaders split

The Madonna University baseball team settled for a split in Thursday's double-header with visiting Bethel College (Ind.).

The Crusaders, 21-10 overall, blanked the Pilots in the opener, 5-0, as pitchers Aaron Saarela and Chris Skalski combined on a two-hitter.

Skalski (1-0) got the win, striking out three and walking none. Saarela worked the first three innings, allowing just one hit.

NAIA National Player of the Week Jeff Bultinck had an RBI triple, while Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison), Victor Barron, Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) and Tarik Khasawneh (Canton) also knocked in runs.

Bethel (15-13) took the nightcap, 5-4, jumping on MU starter Logan Ryan for five earned runs on three hits and five walks in the first two innings.

Relievers Erik Wright (Canton), who worked the next three innings, along with Andy Omilian (Plymouth/Novi-Detroit Catholic Central), held Bethel scoreless the rest of the way.

Matt Kay (Canton) belted a two-run homer for the Crusaders, his sixth of the year, to close the deficit to 5-4 in the fifth.

Catcher Drew Adamiec added two hits for the Crusaders, who managed just one runner over the final two innings.

WHAC honors Hall

Madonna University sophomore Michelle Hall (Flushing) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Women's Golfer of the Week (ending April 3).

It's the second straight week a Crusader has earned the award. Junior Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson) earned the honor the previous week.

Hall led the Crusaders to a sixth place finish at the Give 18 Fore Cancer Classic last weekend while placing seventh individually. She carded an 83 in the opening round before lowering her score by a stroke to move up three places in the final standings.

The Crusaders return to the course Monday and Tuesday at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford for the Detroit Titans Invitational.

Wayne suffers 3-0 loss to Garden City

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Much like Tiger Woods at the Masters, the Garden City girls soccer team's short game was spot on Friday afternoon.

Powered by a pair of first-half chip shot goals over Wayne Memorial goalkeeper Nicole Johnson, the Cougars remained unbeaten with an impressive 3-0 victory over the Zebras.

Garden City, which was rained out Wednesday, is 2-0-2.

Wayne falls to 1-3 overall.

"Their keeper was playing really high, so I told the girls

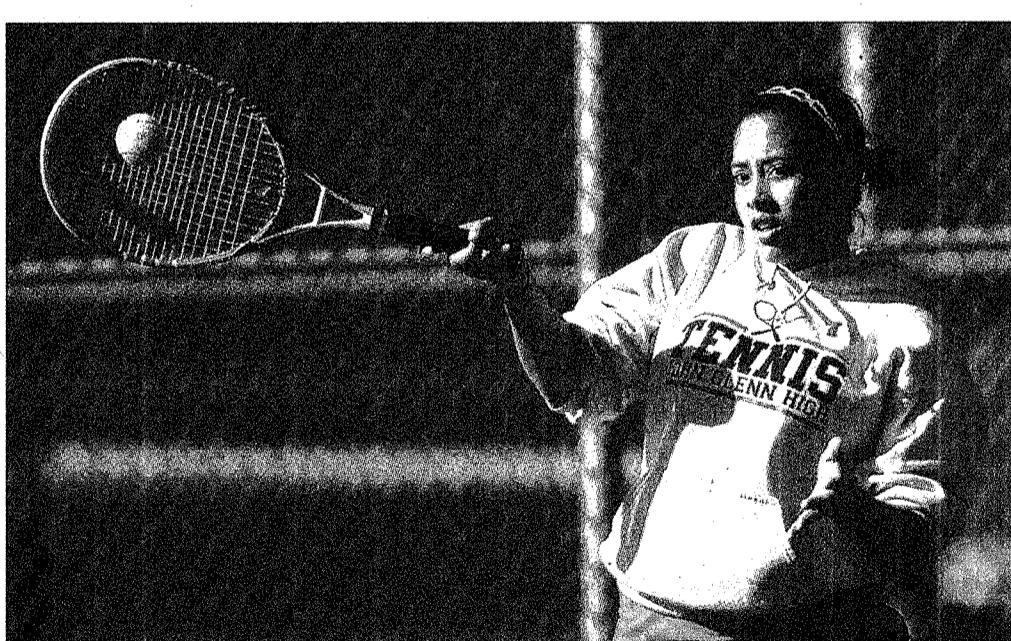
to try to shoot over her and that's how we scored our first two goals," Garden City head coach Jason Dean said. "In the first half, we possessed the ball about 80 percent of the time, which was good to see. We had a lot of combinations and overlapping."

Garden City keeper Kasey Buno notched her third shutout in four games.

Wayne coach Jeff Parrish liked how his team started.

"I thought we played really

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Making contact

Westland John Glenn No. 1 singles player Sabrina Lawrence takes the high forehand during a recent match against South Lyon East. For a roundup of area girls tennis matches, see page B3.

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FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

Jason Zhang, 200 free, Salem: The versatile sophomore came into his own this season for the Rocks.

Zhang, winner of Salem's Most Improved Swimmer Award, placed 10th at the Kensington Conference meet in the 200 with a personal best of 1:50.53.

He also qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the 100 backstroke and 200 IM and garnered his first all-state award for his contribution to the seventh-place 400-free relay team.

"I am looking forward to Jason's next two years of many all-state caliber swims," Salem coach Chuck Olson said.

Max Mills, 200 IM, Salem: The senior captain finished 10th at the D1 state meet in the 200 IM (1:58.54, his best) and was all-state in the 500 free with a sixth-place time of 4:44.27 (yet another personal best).

Mills also was a member of the all-state 200- and 400-free relay teams.

He placed second at the Kensington Conference meet in the 500 with a mark of 4:51.40.

"Max probably improved as much as any Salem swimmer in his four years that I have seen in my 42 years at Salem," Olson said.

Matt Collingwood, 50 free, Salem: The senior captain, one of Salem's Most Valuable Swimmers for 2011, had an outstanding season in his prep finale.

Collingwood was Kensington Conference champion in the 50 free and 100 free with times of 22.05 and 48.32 seconds, respectively.

He won all-state honors in the 50 free with a fifth-place time of 21.75 — the best time among Observerland swimmers — and also the 400-free relay team (3:14.24, seventh place).

At the MISCA meet, Collingwood earned third place honors in the 50 free after finishing in 22.15 seconds.

"Matt had much success in his four years at Salem," Olson said.

Nick Grivick, diving, Salem: After qualifying for the D1 state meet, the junior had a solid showing — finishing 11th with 340.85 points.

The team's Most Improved Diver and a 2012 captain, Grivick placed fifth at the conference meet with 344 points and was a consistent force for the Rocks all season.

Grivick's best score during the season was 378.85 points.

"Nick was prepared to step up his performance at every level of competition," Olson said. "And he will be back for an even better senior season."

Kellen Schoff, 100 fly, Stevenson: Schoff finished an accomplished

2011 ALL-OBSERVER TEAM BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

200-yard freestyle: 1. Jason Zhang, sophomore, Salem; 2. Nick Leshok, freshman, North Farmington.

50-yard individual medley: 1. Max Mills, senior, Salem; 2. Jay Jin, junior, Canton.

50-yard freestyle: 1. Matt Collingwood, senior, Salem; 2. Calvin Kopitz, junior, North Farmington.

One-meter diving: 1. Nick Grivick, junior, Salem; 2. Alan Robinson, junior, Livonia Churchill.

100-yard butterfly: 1. Kellen Schoff, senior, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Ethan Christensen, senior, Plymouth.

100-yard freestyle: 1. Cameron Wasko, senior, North Farmington; 2. Dylan Crompton, junior, Redford Thurston.

500-yard freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka, senior, Salem; 2. Steven Neill, sophomore, Farmington-Harrison.

100-yard backstroke: 1. Victor Zhang, junior, Canton; 2. John Ferrara, sophomore, Livonia Stevenson.

100-yard breaststroke: 1. Jake McNamara, junior, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Grant McNamara, freshman, Livonia Stevenson.

RELAY EVENTS

200-yard medley: 1. Livonia Stevenson (soph., John Ferrara, jr.; Jake McNamara, sr.; Kellen Schoff, jr.; Brandon Bielicki); 2. North Farmington (sr., Cameron Wasko, fr., Nick Leshok, jr., Ian Landau, jr., Calvin Kopitz).

200-yard freestyle: 1. Salem (sr., Matt Collingwood, fr., Eric Li, sr., Max Mills, sr., Adam Seroka); 2. Livonia Stevenson (jr., Jake McNamara, sr., Adam Ferrara, jr., Brandon Bielicki, sr., Kellen Schoff).

400-yard freestyle: 1. Salem (sr., Matt Collingwood, soph., Jason Zhang, sr., Max Mills, sr., Adam Seroka); 2. Livonia Stevenson (jr., Brandon Bielicki, soph., John Ferrara, sr., Adam Ferrara, sr., Kellen Schoff).

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Mike Harfoot, North Farmington

career by earning runner-up finishes in the Division 1 state finals in both the 100 butterfly (51.34) and 100 backstroke (51.65).

"Unquestionably and almost impossible to replace on next year's squad," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said of the senior. "He would swim anything asked of him during the dual meet season. He's a remarkable talent and will perform well on the Division 1 scene at Eastern Michigan University for the next four years. A leader by example and led our team to yet another



Jason Zhang
Salem



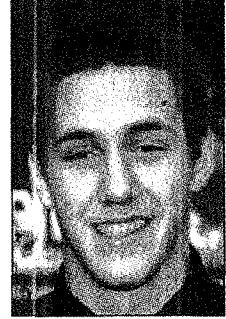
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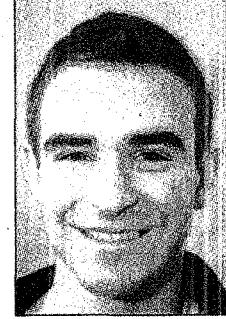
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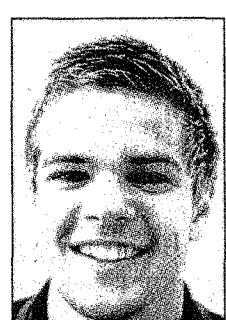
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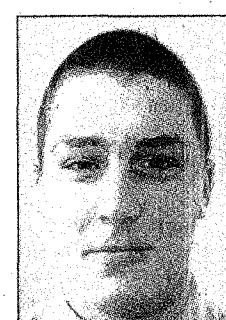
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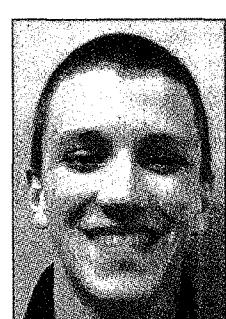
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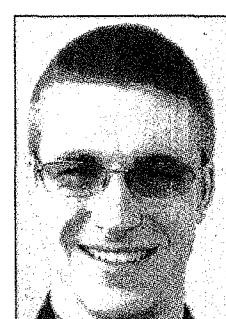
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Adam Ferrara
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Ian Landau
N. Farmington



Mike Harfoot
N. Farmington coach

year's squad," Shoemaker said. "He was our top breaststroker and also swims the individual medley or sprint freestyle when he is needed. He is a member of the All-American consideration medley relay team as he swam the breaststroke leg."

McNamara was also conference runner-up (1:01.82) and KLAA Central runner-up. He also placed eighth in the 200 IM at the Kensington meet (2:04.01).

"His work in this year's off-season will prove most valuable as he returns as one of the state's top breaststrokers," Shoemaker said. "Jake's excellent character and positive approach to things is exactly what this program strives to develop in its swimmers. I am confident that Jake will be a great captain and lead his team through another successful season."

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

200 medley: Stevenson (John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Kellen Schoff, Brandon Bielicki); This quartet wound up third in the Division 1 state finals (1:36.86) after going an area best and school record time of 1:36.48 in the prelims.

"Although we were not always able to put all four guys on this relay, we knew that once we were able to, we would go fast," Shoemaker said. "This particular relay time is among the five fastest medleys ever to come out of Stevenson. Our relay time was able to make the All-American consideration time standard and is among the top 100 fastest times out of every high school in the nation. This relay came together perfectly and all four boys swam lifetime bests."

200 freestyle: Salem (Matt Collingwood, Eric Li, Max Mills, Adam Seroka); The quartet nearly garnered all-state honors, finishing 13th at the D1 state meet with a season's best mark of 1:28.79.

"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to get to that level," Le said. "He is a very exciting swimmer to watch."

Zhang also is a team leader, and will serve as captain his senior season.

Jake McNamara, 100 breast, Stevenson: The junior placed 12th in the 100 breaststroke at the Division 1 state finals.

His time of 1:01.10 also led the entire area.

"Jake's a very hard worker and will be one of three captains on next

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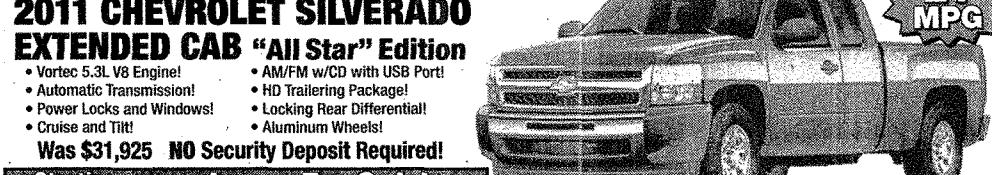
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Besides the 200 free relay, Li was a state qualifier in the 100 fly, 200 IM and 100 backstroke.

At the Kensington Conference meet, Li finished fourth in the 100 back (56.12) and sixth in the 200 IM (2:00.33).

"Eric is the type of swimmer that competes and trains with an attitude necessary for continued improvement to succeed," Olson said.

400 freestyle, Salem (Matt Collingwood, Jason Zhang, Max Mills, Adam Seroka): Thanks to a seventh-place finish at the D1 meet, with a time of 3:14.24, this talented quartet won all-state honors.

Even better was their time at the state prelims, where they clocked in at 3:13.50.

Meanwhile, the unit shaved seconds off their best time as the season progressed, another indication of their determination.

The quartet won the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference meets, with respective times of 3:18.09 and 3:16.97.

SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

Nick Leshok, 200 free, N. Farmington: Leshok is a freshman with a bright future, according to coach Harfoot. In his first state meet, Leshok placed 13th in the IM and breaststroke, and he swam a 48.21 split in the 400 freestyle relay. Despite being very ill, Leshok won the IM and breaststroke at the OAA White Division meet, and he also helped the Raiders win the medley relay.

"He's a tremendously talented swimmer," coach Harfoot said. "We've only scratched the surface of his talent and ability. Nick is an unbelievable practice swimmer. He trains 100 percent every day. He loves to practice and improve. The sky is the limit for him the next three years."

Jay Jin, 200 IM, Canton: The junior has been a D1 state qualifier all three years of his high school career, and this year he swam in three events in the finals.

Jin finished 23rd in the prelims with a time of 2:02.27; his personal best time was 2:00.42.

He was part of two relay teams that finished 14th at the state meet.

At the MISCA meet in February at Eastern Michigan University, Jin placed 10th in the backstroke with a time of 55.96 seconds.

Jin, who has a 4.5 grade-point-average, is one of the hardest workers on the team and has been named one of next season's captains.

"It is impressive that he has the ability to swim at such a high level and be able to keep his school work at the same high level," Le said.

Calvin Kopitz, 50 free, N. Farmington: The junior sprinter was a Division 2 state qualifier in the 50 freestyle and swam his best time of 22.58 in the prelims. In the OAA White meet, Kopitz was second in the 50 and third in the 100 freestyle. He also anchored the winning 200 freestyle relay. He helped the Raiders score all three relays at the state meet.

"Calvin really came on at the end of last year and start of this year," coach Harfoot said. "He picked up where he left off and kept getting better throughout the season."

"We set goals for him next year to score in two individual events (at the state meet). That's a reflection of how good a swimmer he is and how much he can still improve. He went from a good sprinter to an elite sprinter this year."

Alan Robinson, diving, Churchill: The junior captured the KLAA South Division title with a meet record 342.05 points (11 dives).

Robinson also scored a personal best 198.40 (for six dives) against Wayne Memorial. He added a 13th at the Kensington Conference and 26th at a highly competitive Division 1 regional.

"Alan had a tremendous season of meeting his personal goals," Churchill diving coach Rob Moore

said. "He also made some achievements he did not expect. This was Alan's junior year, but only his second season as a diver, which makes his achievements that much more impressive. His personal goal was to improve on his best scores for both six-dive and 11-dive competitions. He also had a goal of qualifying for the regional meet. For his senior season he will be looking toward qualifying for state meet."

Ethan Christensen, 100 fly, Plymouth: The senior parlayed hard work into a great deal of success, Plymouth coach Doug Schade said.

Among Christensen's achievements was setting school records in the 100 fly, 200 medley relay and 200 free relay.

He also qualified for the D1 state meet, placing 15th in the fly with a time of 54.56 (his season's best was 54.36).

Earlier during the season, Christensen took third place at the MISCA meet (55.82), first at the KLAA South meet (56.17) and fourth at the conference meet (55.20).

"Ethan is determined, coachable, and a great leader," Schade said. "He's the kind of kid every coach wants to have. He made himself into a great swimmer."

Dylan Crompton, 100 free, Thurston: A relative new-comer to the sport, Crompton has proven to be a fast learner, qualifying for the state meet in the 50 and 100 freestyle events in his first full year of competition. Crompton, a junior, is within a half second of breaking a pair of 40-plus-year-old school records in the 50 and 100 free.

"Dylan had a great year in just his second year — and first full year — of competing," said Thurston head coach Tom Giumento. "He progressed throughout the season and was very coachable. Whenever the coaches would suggest something to him, he would take it all in and try to apply it in the pool. He was just a great kid to coach."

Steven Neill, 500 free, Farmington-Harrison: The sophomore is all-state in this event, having placed eighth in the Division I final. Neill swam his best time in the prelims (4:44.03) and broke Alex Campbell's 27-year-old Farmington High School record of 4:46. He was the OAA White runner-up in the 500 and was third in the 200 freestyle.

"Steven is the backbone of my program," coach Ross Bandy said. "He's an outstanding trainer, both he and Grant Borregard. I can't say enough about the young man. He does everything that's asked of him."

"His work ethic is outstanding, probably at the top of any individual I've ever had at Farmington High School. He's an individual who makes me take pride in what I do as a coach."

John Ferrara, 100 back, Stevenson: Only a sophomore, Ferrara placed third in the Division I state finals with a time of 52.46.

He also added a 13th at the state meet in the 200 IM (2:00.34).

"John is an excellent talent and has only completed one half of his high school career," Shoemaker said. "He just made state cut last year and was unable to score. This year he was able to score in all four events he swam at the state meet."

Ferrara was also runner-up in 100 backstroke at both the conference and KLAA Central Division meets. He placed fourth in the 200 IM at the conference.

"He led off the All-American consideration medley relay and scored in the 200 IM just two events later," Shoemaker said of the state meet.

"He was also a member of our 400 yard freestyle relay team, which also scored at the state meet. I am looking forward to the many more accomplishments John will receive swimming for Stevenson."

Grant McNamara, 100 breast, Stevenson: The ninth-grader earned points at the Division I state meet with a 16th in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.81) after going a personal best 1:01.58 in the prelims.

"Grant was a welcome surprise for our team this year," Shoemaker

said. "He also made some achievements he did not expect. This was Alan's junior year, but only his second season as a diver, which makes his achievements that much more impressive. His personal goal was to improve on his best scores for both six-dive and 11-dive competitions. He also had a goal of qualifying for the regional meet. For his senior season he will be looking toward qualifying for state meet."

McNamara also placed fourth in the conference and KLAA Central Division meets in the 100 breaststroke.

"As the season rolled on, Grant continued to work hard and his times began to drop," Shoemaker said. "Not only did he accomplish a state cut time, but he was able to score as a freshman. He was one of only a handful of freshmen in the state to accomplish this great achievement."

McNamara also placed tied for fifth in the 500 freestyle (5:04.57) in the conference meet and was fourth in the KLAA Central Division (5:06.68).

"Grant also became increasingly good in the 500 yard freestyle," Shoemaker said. "In this event he just missed his state cut. I'm confident the next three years people will see Grant as one of the state's most accomplished swimmers."

SECOND-TEAM RELAYS

200 medley, N. Farmington (Cameron Wasko, Nick Leshok, Ian Landau, Calvin Kopitz): The Raiders finished eighth in the Division 2 state meet, swimming their best time of 1:38.98 (second in the area) in the prelims.

"The medley was the strength of our relays all year," coach Harfoot said. "Cam and Nick were the constants on that relay. Cam being the best backstroker and Nick the best backstroker."

"Calvin had a great year as a sprint freestyler and made that an easy choice. Iain won that (butcher) spot and did a great job, having his best split by more than half a second. All four of them had their best splits on the first day at state."

200 freestyle, Stevenson (Jake McNamara, Adam Ferrara, Brandon Bielicki, Kellen Schoff): This quartet went a season-best 1:29.16 to capture the Kensington Conference championship.

"Our program this year was not known for having numerous sprinters, which is what it takes to be successful in this event," Shoemaker said. "But these boys were able to combine together and swim a remarkable race at this year's conference meet and won the event. Unfortunately, we had to take Kellen off this relay and place him on the other two relays. This weakened the relay and we ended up 17th at the state meet just one place out of scoring this year."

400 freestyle, Stevenson (Brandon Bielicki, John Ferrara, Adam Ferrara, Kellen Schoff): This foursome placed 11th in the Division 1 state finals with a time of 3:15.75.

"Being the last event of the swim meet it is always nice to have this one swim fast," Shoemaker said. "Throughout the year we were unable to have all four boys swim this relay at once. At the state meet we were able to and we dropped time and scored. The effort of these boys, along with the entire state team, contributed to our continued success at the state level."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Harfoot, N. Farmington: After being named the OAA White Division Coach of the Year last month, Harfoot adds the Observer Honor to his list of 2011 accolades. He guided the Raiders to the OAA White dual-meet championship, and North Farmington followed that by winning the division meet, too. The Raiders were 14th in the Division 2 state meet with 52.5 points.

"It was a fun season, a tremendous year for the kids," Harfoot said. "They worked together from day one. They set a common goal to be league champs at the first practice and kept working hard toward that all year."

"It was a real special season for me to coach this group of kids. The amount of talent we had in the pool made it even more enjoyable, when you have kids who want to work hard and maximize their talent."

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BOYS BEST SWIM TIMES

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200-YARD FREESTYLE

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

50-YARD FREESTYLE

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200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

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GIRLS TRACK & FIELD CAPSULE OUTLOOK**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**

Head coach: Pat Daugherty, fourth season.
League affiliation: KLAQ Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: first (Public Schools of Livonia, KLAQ South, Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional).

Titles won last year: Public Schools of Livonia, KLAQ South, Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Sara Kroll (first-team All-Area), Tiffany Raisanen (first-team All-Area); Taylor Byron (second-team All-Area), Megan Kelly (third-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Sinclair McDonnell,

Jr., high jump-400 (second-team All-Area high jump); Leah Heinezman, Jr., sprints (third-team All-Area, long jump); Kerigan Riley, Soph., distance (first-team All-Area, 3,200 relay); second-team All-Area, 1,600); Bethany Pilat, Jr., distance (second-team All-Area, 3,200 relay); Mahogany Miller, Sr., throws; Dayna Esper, Sr., hurdles; Lindsey Dusablon, Jr., sprints; Mackenzie Van Amber, Jr., sprints; Lindsey Kruezman, Jr., pole vault; Paige Farmstrom, Jr., hurdles; Jessica Fedrigi, Jr., hurdles; Megan Ling, Jr., throws; Ashley Cochran, Soph., high jump-sprints; Demi Crossman, Soph., sprints; Michelle Azar, Soph., middle distance; Ajaia Jackson, Soph., sprints; Molly Jarvis, Soph., hurdles-sprints; Emily Horvath, Soph., throws; Vivien Okechukwu, Soph., distance; Hanna Shemek, Soph., throws; Julia Szuba, Soph., long jump-sprints.

Promising newcomers: Sydney Anderson, Soph., middle distance-hurdles; Sarah Jakubowski, Soph., hurdles; Jamie Rowland, Soph., sprints-high jump; Megan McFarlane, Fr., distance; Lyndsey Terberg, Fr., sprints-high jump; Lauren Van Amber, Fr., sprints-high jump; Elyssa Hofman, Fr., sprints-middle distance.

Daugherty's 2011 season outlook: "Had a very successful 2010 season and now we need to forget about last year and focus on this season. We lost a relatively small senior class size wise but a large portion of our scoring. We cannot replace the likes of Sara Kroll, Megan Kelly, Taylor Byron and Tiffany Raisanen, but we can move on and develop the next set of competitive Churchill athletes. We'll have to wait and see who will step up and lead this team. The coaches are excited about the team that does return and the newcomers joining the team. The plan remains the same - work hard, work smart, and most importantly, work as a team. Our team goals have always come first and that will continue this year. We have a lot of returning athletes who can do multiple events at a high level. We work hard, real hard thus far and are eagerly awaiting the competitive season."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Dave Bjorklund, 11th season.
League affiliation: KLAQ Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: second (KLAQ South and Division 1 regional); fourth (conference).

Titles won last year: Patriot Relays.

Notable losses to graduation: Savannah Haig (second-team All-Area), Semmeca Scott (second-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Megan McPherson, Sr., distance (first-team All-Area, 3,200); Meghan Lark, Sr., pole vault (third-team All-Area, pole vault); Jen Mueller, 100 hurdles-sprints-long jump; Leslie Gomez, Sr., distance; Megan Wickens, Sr., distance; Kelly O'Brien, Soph., hurdles-high jump; Natalie Modes, Soph., long jump-sprint; Mallory Church, Sr., middle distance; Kathryn Chinavare, Jr., distance.

Jr. sprint; Nicole Price, Sr., throws; Madeline Herman, Jr., distance; Amanda Borio, Sr., long jump-middle distance.

Promising newcomers: Pia Klein, Sr., jumps-hurdles-sprints; Madison Agnew, Soph., sprints; Cierra Davis, Fr., sprints; Michelle Hillson, Soph., sprints; Olivia Carter, Fr., sprints-middle distance; Tiffany Lamble, Jr., distance; Jane Modes, Soph., distance; Natalie Desautel, Soph., distance; Anna Snider, Soph., distance.

Bjorklund's 2011 season outlook: "We lost two big point scorers to graduation in Haig and Scott. Both were locks to score in the top three or four at a big meet, and could easily score 10-20 points in a dual meet. We still have a lot of talent, but we also have many new faces. The addition of Klein (German exchange student) is huge as she has already high jumped 5-1 and can do just about any event on the track as well as long jump. Larked her last season personal of 9-6 at the Huron Relays and we are expecting big things out of her in the vault. O'Brien is much improved in the hurdles and high jump, and Mueller is also looking good in the 100 hurdles, sprints, and long jump. Our sprinters are young and we are trying to find the right combination of kids for relays."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Kelly Graham, eighth season.
League affiliation: KLAQ Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: fourth (KLAQ Central); fifth (Division 1 regional); sixth (conference).

Notable losses to graduation: Becky Adamcheck (first-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Stephanie Batshon, Sr. sprints; Jordan Verleye, Sr., sprints-long jump; Breanna Gabrielson, Soph., distance; Jade Burkett, Sr., throws; Andrea Gentile, Sr., hurdles-sprints-long jump; Marci Kovsky, Jr., hurdles-sprints-jumps; Kayla Branton, Jr., throws; Alex Kitz, Jr., pole vault; Chelsea Billingsley, Soph., throws; Bridget Koester, Soph., high jump; Kara Gallagher, Soph., distance; Nicole Collins, Soph., distance; Brooke Hitchcock, Soph., distance; Kelly Hall, Soph., distance; Jenny Wutka, Soph., hurdles; Allison Guideman, Jr., distance.

Promising newcomers: Kendall Ash, Fr., sprints; Emily Brewer, Soph., sprints; Brianna Jeld, Soph., sprints; Brandi Jeld, Soph., sprints; Nicole Lindberg, Sr., sprints; Sara Muzzin, Jr., throws; Lauren Sequin, Soph., sprints; Alison Timberlake, Fr., sprints; Emily Mulcahy, Fr., sprints; Livi Wright, Fr., sprints.

Graham's 2011 season outlook: "I am very excited to see how the season progresses this season. We have a lot of returning veterans who scored points for us last year and a lot of new girls who will also be point scorers this season. If we stay healthy we will be competitive within our division this year."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: James Fitzgerald, second season.

League affiliation: KLAQ Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: third (KLAQ South); fifth (conference); sixth (Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Cassie Sanders, Laiche Walton, Alyssa Long.

Leading returnees: Aubrie Scott, Sr. (first-team All-Area, long jump); Stephen Brown, Jr., middle distance; Elysha Custer, Sr., sprints; Tyra Watts, Soph., sprints; Kayla Jones, Soph., long jump-sprints; Rhea Allen, Soph., sprints; Andrea Gordon-McClain, Sr., throws; Chantelle Wright, Jr., throws; Ebere Obguaku, Jr., hurdles; Abby Wright, Jr., distance.

Promising newcomers: Brett Quicke, Jr., middle distance-throws; Amy Lewandowski, Soph., distance.

Promising newcomers: Kaira Barnes, Fr., sprints; Kirsten Smith, Soph., distance; Kendra Graham, Jr., sprints; C.J. Hickerson, Jr., middle distance-hurdles; Joslyn Meeks, Jr., jumps-400-hurdles; Brelyn Meeks, Fr., sprints.

Fitzgerald's 2011 season outlook: "We have a good group of girls back from last season along with some new comers that should contribute right away. We are still working on adding depth and improving in some of our weaker events. It's just going to be a matter of getting everyone healthy and performing well at the same time. If we do that, we will be very competitive and have a lot of fun."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Tiffany James, first season.
League affiliation: KLAQ Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's finish: sixth (KLAQ South); 10th (conference); 12th (Division 1 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Rochelle Woods, Jessica Boone.

Leading returnees: Carmen Steen, Sr. sprints (captain); Meah Long, Sr., sprints-long jump (captain); Breanna Gilbert, Sr., throws; Anitria Stitt, Sr., sprints; Destiny Poore, Sr., sprints; Holland Boertje, Jr., hurdles-high jump; Kendall Carter, Jr., distance; Sydney Ball, Soph., distance-high jump-pole vault; Bailey Hart, Soph., throws; Gema Lopez, Soph., distance-pole vault; Shewon Scott, Soph., sprints; Carl Jones, Soph., sprints-long jump.

Promising newcomers: Destini Woodall, Sr., sprints; Tania Lewis, Jr., hurdles; Brenae Vitale, Soph., distance; Emma O'Connell, Soph., distance; Jaimeela Meadows, Soph., middle distance; Michelle Janes, Fr., throws; Danielle Robins, Fr., sprints; Homa Williams, Fr., sprints.

James' 2011 season outlook: "I am very excited about this season. I have two veterans returning - Steen and Long - that were apart of the 400 relay that took second at regionals just missing the qualifying time to go to states" by 1.5 seconds. Holland Boertje missed the school record last year by 2.8 seconds in the 300 hurdles. Bailey Hart stood out amongst all the other field events last year, and has been training harder this year. I am really excited to see how quickly the freshmen - Robins and Williams - play a role in this upcoming season. I look for them to have an immediate impact in the sprints. The girls are very excited in getting the season started, and the coaching staff is even more excited to help them reach their goals."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Alice Ahearn, third season.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's finish: third (Division 2 regional) and Catholic A-B division.

Notable losses to graduation: Megan Yanik (first-team All-Area); Shannon Scarlett (first-team All-Area); Meredith Houck.

Leading returnees: Megan Vitale, Sr. (captain); middle distance (first-team All-Area, 1,600 relay); second-team All-Area, 800); Teresa Wojnarowski, Sr. (captain) discus-middle distance (first-team All-Area, 1,600 relay); Emma McClory, Sr., distance; Siobhan Aldridge, Sr., distance; Lauren Micallef, Sr., distance; Mercedes Black, Sr., distance; Meagan Mulcahy, Jr., 400-high jump; Kelly Campbell, Jr., sprints; Alex Dar, Jr., distance; Sarah Wickman, Jr., throws-distance; Sarah Koch, Soph., throws; Katherine Taylor, Soph., high jump-middle distance; Megan Talty, Soph., distance.

Promising newcomers: Brett Quicke, Jr., middle distance-throws; Amy Lewandowski, Soph., distance.

Soph., throws-hurdles; Megan Roux, Soph., high jump-sprints; Kimberly Solak, Soph., long jump-middle distance; Sarah Wojnarowski, Soph., long jump-discounts; Abigail Barrera, Fr., hurdles; Sinead Cox, Fr., distance; Stefania Dudek, Fr., long jump-pole vault; Pilar Furlong, Fr., sprints; Katarina Gaffka, Fr., distance; Celia Hauer, Fr., hurdles-distance; Mykela Hawkins, Fr., sprints; Alison Holland, Fr., sprints; Krystyna Kitlinski, Fr., throws; Mary Simon, Fr., distance; Callan Tigani, Fr., sprints-middle distance-throws."

Ahearn's 2011 season outlook: "We finished fourth in the state last year thanks to Megan Yanik's first places in the hurdles event our 4 x 400 relay second-place finish. (Megan) Vitale ran indoor during the off-season and she will dominate the 800 event his year. (Teresa) Wojnarowski will be a strong factor wherever we put her. These two are half of our second-place 1,600 relay team. McClory should do well in our distance events. Pilar (Furlong) is probably our most promising freshman, a strong, fast runner who we're looking to develop in the 400."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Brady Gustafson, seventh season.

League affiliation: Independent.

Last year's finish: third (Metro Conference); fourth (Division 3 regional).

Notable losses to graduation: Kamai Sanders.

Leading returnees: Evangela Daniels, Sr., hurdles; Emily Jasmer, Jr., throws; Melanie Kieling, Soph., distance.

Promising newcomers: Micah Willingham, Fr., hurdles-sprints; Kamaria Sanders, Fr., sprints; Mary Daniels, Fr., sprints; Ayanna Buckley, Fr., sprints.

Gustafson's 2011 season outlook: "The Lady Trojans are very talented this year, but very young. Evangela Daniels is our only senior, and our only returning state qualifier (100 and 300 hurdles). Emily Jasmer and Melanie Kieling both placed at the regional meet last year and look to compete for a championship in their respective events. The remainder of the team is young and inexperienced, but have a lot of raw talent. The season looks optimistic as our young girls continue to improve."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Mike Unger, first season.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Last year's finish: first (Division 4 regional and conference).

Titles won last year: Division 4 regional and MIAC champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Emilie Freeman (second-team All-Area), Nicole Zehel (third-team All-Area), Rachel Stork, Brittany Maynard, Becky Rockrohr.

Leading returnees: Alyssa Shirkey, Sr., throws; Jacqui Schwartz, Sr., hurdles-relays; Amanda Terraneau, Jr., hurdles-high jump-relays; Jess Rice, Jr., 800-relays; Erin Lyle, Jr., distance; Alissa Flury, Soph., hurdles-pole vault-relays; Marcella Flury, Soph., pole vault; Erin Hardin, Soph., long jump-400-relays; Janine Erickson, Soph., throws.

Promising newcomers: Natalia Freeman, Fr., high jump-400-relays; Leah Refenes, Fr., throws-long jump.

Unger's 2011 season outlook: "The team is rather small in numbers this year, but we still hope to challenge for the MIAC championship. We'll just have to see where we can put our kids so that we can maximize their talents."

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(Megan) Wickens."

Joining the most accomplished distance runner in Franklin history is German exchange student Pia Klein, who has already broken the school record in the long (16 feet, 9 inches). Klein will also help in the hurdles and relay events.

Glenn, led by first-team All-Area long jumper Aubrie Scott and a quality cast of sprinters, could be the wildcard this season.

"We were very young last season, but now we need the sophomores and juniors to step up for us this year," Glenn coach James Fitzgerald said. "Our veterans have come back strong and we will look to them to lead us throughout the season."

Wayne Memorial, another member of the KLAQ South, hopes to move up the standings as Tiffany James takes over for Kevin Miller as head coach.

Sprinters Carmen Steen and Meah Long will pace the Zebras.

"I have a lot of girls that can run multiple events, which will be a plus as the season goes along," said James, a former Wayne standout.

Livonia Stevenson, a member of the KLAQ Central Division, must replace 300 hurdler Becky Adamcheck, who placed fourth in last year's state meet with a time of 45.87.

The division, conference, and regional will be tougher this year as many of the area teams are much improved," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said.

Livonia Ladywood placed fourth in last year's Division 2 state meet with 28 points

- primarily because of the efforts of hurdler Megan Yanik, who was a state champion in the 100 highs (14.75) and 300 lows (43.85).

Yanik, however, has graduated and taken her talents to Notre Dame.

But the Blazers do return two members of their state runner-up 4 x 3,200 relay team (4:00.98) in seniors Megan Vitale and Teresa Wojnarowski.

"I don't know if we'll do well in the Catholic League regular season because we have a small team, but we can cover all 15 events, which is something I'm excited about," Ladywood coach Alice Ahearn said. "And I think we'll see a lot of individual improvement, as well as sending at least a few to the state finals."

Lutheran High Westland is also coming off a stellar season as well after capturing the Division 4 regional and Michigan Independent Athletic Conference titles in 2010.

Mike Unger, who has served as the Warriors' boys coach for the past 24 years, will be doing double duty this spring as he must replace state placers Nicole Zehel, who took fourth in the 1,600 (5:16.69), and Emilie Freeman, who placed sixth in the high jump (4-11).

Also doing double duty again this season with the boys and girls teams is Livonia Clarenceville coach Brady Gustafson.

The Trojans finished third last year in the Metro Conference but now compete as an independent. Clarenceville, fourth in last year's Division 3 regional, returns hurdler Evangelia Daniels, thrower Emily Jasmer and distance runner Melanie Kieling.

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New festival brings authors, books, readers together

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Michael Williams will help dozens of self-published and self-promoted authors find an audience for their works next weekend in Livonia.

The Author Collective, an organization the native Detroiter founded two years ago, will exhibit and help authors sell books in every genre during the inaugural Michigan Spring Book Festival at Laurel Park Place.

"As a collaborative, we go into places where a single author may not have access because of the financial feasibility," Williams said. "A lot of authors struggle with these kinds of things."

A promotional table at a major book expo might cost thousands of dollars, putting the venue out of a self-published author's reach. Annual membership in the collective is \$375 and offers national exposure. The organization exhibits members' books at nationwide events and at its own book fairs in Southfield and Livonia, as well as Cleveland, Ohio, Nashville, Tenn., and in other states.

At its Michigan Spring Book Festival, Friday-Sunday, April 15-17, hundreds of books, including self-published works, will be for sale. Published and self-published authors will be on hand, celebrities will take turns reading out loud to youngsters and special guests will make appearances.

EXPLORING WEATHER

Paul Gross of Farmington Hills, WDIV's weatherman, a forensic meteorologist and author of *Extreme Michigan Weather: The Wild World of the Great Lakes State*, will sign copies of his book at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16.

Published by University of Michigan Press, the book went into its second printing two weeks after hitting store shelves last year.

"I am most proud of the fact that this is Michigan's book, and all

MICHIGAN SPRING BOOK FESTIVAL

What: Sponsored by the Author Collective, the event includes book displays and sales, authors, and special activities

When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 15-16, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 17

Where: Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Special guests: Paul Gross, WDIV meteorologist and author of "Extreme Michigan Weather," 1 p.m. April 16; Farmington Hills-based Oberon Shakespeare Study Group discussion and cake, 2:30 p.m. April 16; South Lyon residents, the Morelli family – including Ron and Mike of "Biggest Losers" fame – will sign their book about fitness at noon, April 17; Darsell DuBose, author of a music instruction program, will offer music lessons throughout the weekend; LaVaille Lavette, motivational speaker, will speak at noon, April 16

Celebrity readers: Two dozen community leaders and celebrities, including Observer & Eccentric editor, Karen Smith, and publisher, Susan Rosiek, will read out loud to guests throughout the weekend.

Contact: (313) 446-2262

jobs associated with the book are Michigan jobs," Gross wrote in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "I specifically sought out a local publisher and insisted that they have the book printed in Michigan, which they did. No, I didn't rescue Michigan's economy all by myself, but I hopefully set an example to others that they need to think local when making purchasing or manufacturing choices."

He said the book, which includes extensive historical data on local weather, has become a popular gift choice that sold out of book stores in December last year.

"It really is the perfect gift because, as much as everybody talks about the weather, this book finally gives people the chance to understand it ... as well as check out the record-setting weather on any day of the year."

SHAKESPEARE AUTHORSHIP

The Oberon Shakespeare Study Group, which meets monthly at the Farmington Hills Public Library, will share slices of an "UN-birthday Cake" with the public and will hold a panel discussion on whether the Bard, born on April 23, is the true author of *Hamlet*, *Romeo and Juliet*

and other celebrated works attributed to Shakespeare.

The group explores the authorship question, reads Shakespeare's works and attends performances, such as the Stratford Festival in London, Ontario.

"I loved Shakespeare before but once I got interested in its authorship, I've learned so much. It has been enriching and rewarding," said Linda Thiel, a member of the group from Howell.

She said the Michigan Spring Book Festival will help the group spread the word about *Anonymous*, a historical thriller directed by Roland Emmerich, that credits Edward de Vere, the Earl of Oxford, as the true author of Shakespeare's works. The film is set for release this fall.

Williams hopes the festival will inspire children to read at least two books a week. His organization will give away 1,000 books next weekend.

"We identify 50 schools in each area that we have a festival and give 20 book certificates to each school. We ask administrators to identify students who would benefit from a new book," he said. "They bring the certificate to the mall. There are no questions asked, no money involved.



We just want them to get a book."

He said Detroit Edison also donated hundreds of booklets on electricity and electrical safety for distribution

to the public.

For more about the festival and Author Collective, visit michiganspringbookfestival.info.



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Listen up: Canton woman hopes to win radio job

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Caitlin Burt, 23, of Canton walked into an open casting call on a lark two weeks ago and emerged as a contender in radio station WRIF's annual Rock Girl contest.

"I had just gotten out a movie — *Limitless* — about this guy acting all his opportunities," said Burt, who noticed the auditions at Emagine Theatre in Novi. "I said, oh, there's an opportunity. I was a walk-in. It was an interview with two people and they had me do a short reading."

Burt, who has been searching for a job and auditioning for acting roles since her graduation from Western Michigan University last year, nailed the audition and was called back — along with 29 other women — for a photo shoot.

The station posted pictures, brief bios and a short video clip of each Rock Girl hopeful on the Web and asked the public to choose their favorites.

The contestant pool will narrow to 16 women on Monday, April 11 when voter results are revealed.

Until then, Burt, who graduated with a bache-



Caitlyn Burt of Canton is in the running to become WRIF's next Rock Girl. She's up against 29 competitors.

a few independent productions and worked as a production assistant for *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*, which filmed in Detroit.

"Besides acting, being a spokesperson would be a dream job," said Burt, adding that the WRIF position would enable her to put her college major to good use.

She drew on her experience in marketing class when she began stumping for votes and reached out to the *Observer*.

Contestants in the past have done everything from painting messages on their cars to using social media. Last year a Rock Girl contender even painted rocks along an expressway.

A spokesperson for WRIF declined to comment on the contest and referred inquiries to the station's Web site.

Voting on the "Sexy 16" semi-finalists will run from April 18-May 1 and on the "Exotic 8" remaining contestants from May 2-18. Judges will determine the 2011 Rock Girl from among four finalists on May 20.

To vote for Burt or other contestants in the Rock Girl contest, visit www.wrif.com.

lor's degree in communications, is campaigning for the job, which comes with an annualized \$40,000 salary and a full \$11,995 scholarship to Specs Howard School of Media Arts in Southfield.

"I've put it all over on Facebook. I made flyers," she said. "I've been telling friends and their friends."

Burt holds down part-time jobs, at Zap Zone, a laser tag venue, Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth and Genitti's Hole in the Wall in Northville, where she performs dinner theatre. She also acted in student films while at Western, picked up extra work in

School plans summer camp

All Saints Catholic School in Canton is offering early childhood enrichment summer camps for students entering 4-year-old preschool and kindergarten this fall in the Plymouth-Canton area.

The camps, which take place July 18 through Aug. 5, will enhance early literacy, math, and science skills while including fun elements of summertime, such as nature, music, and outdoor games. Each camp runs for

one week, from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday. The cost is \$100 per week.

For registration forms and additional information, visit the school's website at www.all saints cs.com or e-mail to msswiderek@yahoo.com.

BUNNY BRUNCH

Westland Civitan Club and Westland Parks and Recreation sponsor a brunch of pancakes, breakfast sausage, juice, coffee, tea and milk, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16, at Harris

Registration fees are \$15 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for kids, 4-12, and \$4 for children 3 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult and all attendees are required to register for the breakfast. Participants must present their tickets at the door on the day of the breakfast to be admitted.

The Annual Easter Eggstravaganza at the Heritage Park Playscape and Splash Pad, located on the east side of the Summit on the Park, will take place right after the breakfast from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., weather permitting. Children, 11 and under, will hunt for eggs in two age groups. The \$2 fee can be paid on site.

For more information visit Cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

Sponsored by the Westland Jaycees in association with Westland Parks and Recreation, the Egg Scramble is designed for children, 14 and under and runs 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Jaycee Park, located at Wildwood and Hunter. For more information call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620 or the Westland Jaycee Hotline at (734) 226-0400.

EASTER DELIGHT NIGHT

Kids, 3-12, can make Easter eggs and an Easter basket from 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, in Westland. All supplies are included. The fee is \$10 per child. Parents may bring cameras to take photos of their children with the Easter Bunny. Pre-register by April 15. (734) 722-7620

MARSHMALLOW DROP

Kids collect marshmallows — 20,000 will drop from a helicopter — and turn them

in for a prize from the Easter Bunny, at 11 a.m. Good Friday, April 22, at Nankin Mills, located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Wayne County's 27th annual Marshmallow Drop falls on Earth Day. Booths from various environmental organizations will be stationed at the park during the event. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

BUNNYVILLE

The Detroit Zoo's 20th annual Bunnyville runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the zoo, located on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) west of Woodward, in Royal Oak.

Bunnyville visitors may bring a canned or other nonperishable food item to be donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank. Each guest with a food donation will receive a reduced admission price of \$5, parking not included.

Bunnyville activities will occur throughout the Zoo, featuring the Jelly Bean Jamboree — a fun twist on the traditional egg hunt — Funny Bunny Games, springtime crafts, whisker painting and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Live performances by musical duo Two of a Kind will take place in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. The Off Broadway Productions musical "Bunny Follies" runs at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Animal enrichment activities and zookeeper talks will be offered throughout the day with the great apes at 9 a.m., tigers at 10 a.m., snow monkeys at 11 a.m., vultures at noon, wolverines at 1 p.m. and polar bears at 2 p.m.

Zoo admission is \$12 for adults, 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens, 62 and older and \$8 for children, 2-14. (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org

Celebrate season with egg hunts

Hop to it and make a date with the Easter bunny or search for eggs and marshmallows at these local events:



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It's time to hunt Easter eggs.

Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 South Wayne Road, at Avondale, Westland.

Parents can bring cameras to take photos of their children, posing in their Easter bonnets and hats with the Easter Bunny.

Cost for the breakfast is \$5 for ages 13 and up and \$3 for 12-1.

For more information, call Donna Jensen at (734) 729-8075.

All children must have adult supervision.

EASTER EGG SCRABBLE

Sponsored by the Westland Jaycees in association with Westland Parks and Recreation, the Egg Scramble is designed for children, 14 and under and runs 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Jaycee Park, located at Wildwood and Hunter. For more information call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620 or the Westland Jaycee Hotline at (734) 226-0400.

EASTER DELIGHT NIGHT

Kids, 3-12, can make Easter eggs and an Easter basket from 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, in Westland. All supplies are included. The fee is \$10 per child. Parents may bring cameras to take photos of their children with the Easter Bunny. Pre-register by April 15. (734) 722-7620

MARSHMALLOW DROP

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APRIL 10-13

Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, April 10

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes; French toast; ham; sausage; scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

Clothing bank

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m., April 9 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., April 23

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

Exhibit

Time/Date: Church office hours are 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; Sunday services are 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; exhibit on display through April 22

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "Letters Home," by Susan Cinhomme and Sally Thielen, is an art installation piece that draws attention to homelessness through an assemblage of signs that were previously held by individuals on the street, a cardboard home, shopping cart, returnable cans and more

Contact: (734) 453-0190

Lenten program

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 13

Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: David J. Conrad wraps up the series of special programs with "The Restoration of Lazarus." A light reception is held after each session

Contact: Don Esler, St. Aidan Education Commission, at (248) 477-3362

Lenten program

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. dinner with program following, April 13

Location: First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne

Details: Performance by Celebration Singers from New Beginnings UMC. The church provides the meat for the dinner and participants bring a dish to pass, along with their own table service

Contact: (734) 721-4801

Vespers

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10

Location: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 20500 Anglin, Detroit

Details: The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) presents the last service in its 2011 series of five Sunday Lenten Vespers. The Very Rev. Roman Star, pastor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at the service.

Contact: Robert A. Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or rmitc02@ameritech.net

APRIL 14-20

Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 15

Location: Sacred Heart Major Seminary Auditorium, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit

Details: Sacred Heart Seminarian Choir and Sacred Heart Seminary Concert Chorale will perform; a free will offering will be taken

Contact: www.shms.edu

Learning

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, April 14

Location: Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, at 25301 Halsted, Farmington

Details: Free programs include "Present Moment Meditation" with Kathy Henning; "Being Spiritual," with Ernie Otter; and "Japanese Americans of WW II, A Documentary, Toyo's Camera," with the Paul Bailey. Refreshments served at 7 p.m. A \$5 donation is suggested:

Contact: www.uufarmington.org

Palm Sunday

Time/Date: 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 17

Location: Newburg United

Methodist Church

36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: The church presents the cantata "We Were There" by Pepper Choplin, based on several monologues by those who were on the scene at the cross of Calvary

Contact: (734) 422-0149

Taizé prayer

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 17

Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Taizé prayer is a quiet, simple way of prayer designed for people of all Christian traditions. The meditative candlelit service includes simple chants sung repeatedly, rich silence, and prayers of praise and intercession. Includes orchestra, slide show and the combined parish choirs of St. Edith and St. Isaac Jogues of St. Clair Shores. Choirs will perform Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

Contact: (734) 464-1222

APRIL 21-27

Good Friday

Time/Date: 7 p.m., April 22

Location: Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton

Details: Six area churches – Calvary Baptist Church, Charisma Life, Crosswinds, Ekklesia, Solid Rock, and Trinity Presbyterian – will join together with drama, music, testimonies and scripture for services

Contact: (734) 455-0022; www.cbcjoy.org

Holy Week

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 21 and 7 p.m., April 11

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Holy Thursday and Good Friday services

Contact: (734) 422-0149

Learning

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, April 21

Location: Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, at 25301 Halsted, Farmington

Details: Free programs include "Living One Shade Greener" with Lori Sullivan; "Hearing Loss & Hearing Aids 101" with Joni Tedesco;

Contact: (734) 422-0149

Holy Week

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5

Location: Presale regular sale is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7

Details: Presale admission is \$2 per adult, Saturday everything is half price

Contact: (734) 422-0149

MAY 13-26

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5 is presale; regular sale is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Presale admission is \$2 per adult, Saturday everything is half price

Contact: (734) 422-0149

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 20 and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21

Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: Tax-deductible donations may be dropped off at the back door of the church from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech

and 5-7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, May 16-18. Bag sale Saturday, May 21

Contact: (248) 626-7906 or e-mail to judyglass@mi.rr.com

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

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

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

Contact: pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8

Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://CantonCF.org) or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Food Bank

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 4171 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://CantonCF.org) or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

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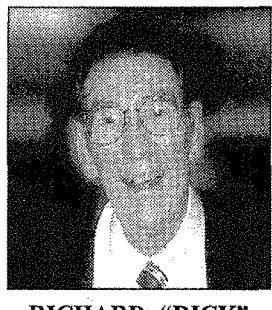
Walks raise funds for parties, camping for local folks



the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, will run along the I-275 bike path to Grand River Ave., and back to the church. The event is designed to raise awareness and funds for Royal Family Kids Camp which provides a camping experience for children involved in the foster care system in Wayne County.

Sign-in for the Royal Walk-N-Fund Run will be from 7:30-8:30 a.m. the day of the event. Advance registration is at www.dfcnazarene.org, by calling Shelly King at (248) 348-7600 or by

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**RICHARD "DICK" BARTHOLOMEW**

Age 83, of Westland, formerly of Dearborn, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 18. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rita; their children Carol (Bob) Pyka, Jill (David Schumacher) Doughty, Chris (Paul) Lisowski, Mary (Eric) Lagerstrom; 11 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and many nieces, nephews and special friends. Dick was preceded in death by his brother Bob Bartholomew and son in law, Stephen Doughty. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II and returned home to attend Michigan State College with the GI bill. It was there that he met his beloved Rita and they began their life together in married housing. After graduating he began his long career with education, received two master's degrees, and retired in 1992 from the Wayne Westland school system. He felt strongly about volunteering and sharing his time, talent, and treasure with Cherry Hill United Presbyterian Church in many capacities since 1955 and the Dearborn Kiwanis. Dick was a devoted husband, father, grandpa, and friend and his presence among us will be greatly missed. With respect to his wishes, cremation has taken place. There will be a Memorial Service at Cherry Hill United Presbyterian Church in Dearborn on Friday, April 15 at 11 am with visitation beginning at 10 am. Memorial contributions may be made to Cherry Hill United Presbyterian Church c/o Helping Hands, Hospice, or a charity of your choice.

ELIZABETH ANN (FRISBIE) DISBROW

72, of Interlochen, MI and formerly of Birmingham, passed away Saturday, 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.

**DONALD CARL RAMIN**

Of Farwell was called to his Savior's side and eternal home on Sunday, April 3, 2011 after a courageous battle with pneumonia and renal failure. He was born in Romeo on December 23, 1927. Don served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1944-1948 and was on five different ships during WWII. Don was a Livonia Firefighter for 30 years, retiring in 1981 as Senior Captain. Don was a woodworker and golfer. Don married Linda Helena Carnahan on December 16, 1950 and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 16, 2010 with a party given by their children. Don and Linda were blessed with six children. Don was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Duel, his step-father Alfred Duel, and his grandson Ryan Paul Amerman. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Linda, his sons Michael John (Kathryn) and Dennis Charles his daughters Patricia Lynn Maddix (James), Cynthia Jo Gerstenlauer (Michael), Linda Susan Belanger (Louis), and Kathryn Irene Ziliz (Rick). Left to cherish the memories of their grandfather are 16 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Family was very important to Don and he loved spending time with them. Don was a member of the Clare Church of the Nazarene and will receive visitors at the church on Thursday April 7, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. Funeral Services will take place on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at the church with Pastor Jim Young, Senior Pastor officiating. Don will be laid to rest in the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Memorial contributions may be made to the Great Lakes Burn Camp PO Box 6189, Jackson MI 49204. Don's family would like to thank Great Lakes Renal Dialysis Center in Mt. Pleasant for the care and compassion given to him over the last several years. Those wishing to leave an on-line condolence at: www.stephenson-wymans.com

See a bike with bling at Novi Swap meet

Jodi Johnson likes to ride in style. The Charlotte woman added 10,000 Swarovski crystals, a custom pink paint job on the fenders, gas tank and license plate holder to her 2004 Harley motorcycle.

She'll bring her blinged-out bike to The Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet, Sunday, April 17, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, formerly known as Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

The Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet, for the past 36 years has offered "everything for rider or

Cyclists attending will see new 2011 bikes as well as used bikes – street, dirt, metric, touring, cruising, trikes, choppers, custom bikes, and trailers.

"With nearly one out of every four bikers in the U.S.

living in Michigan and its four border states, the nine swap meets we sponsor give bikers the chance to be around other bikers and to support the economic interests that are vital to keeping the industry strong," stated Chad Dutmers, event organizer. "We love to showcase Michigan-made bike builders and suppliers as much as possible. Our bread and butter is the Michigan biker."

The swap meet will feature the largest collection of motorcycle vendors under one roof in the Midwest. Cyclists attending will see new 2011 bikes as well as used bikes – street, dirt, metric, touring, cruising, trikes, choppers, custom bikes, and trailers.

"Shopping the internet is great," Dutmers said, "but for those of us that need to touch, see, and feel the merchandise, not to mention get a great deal, the swap meet is the place to get what you need to get your ride in gear. It may be old school, but it's still a lot more fun than ordering your gear online."

The Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for ages 6-12. Free parking for motorcycles. Car parking is \$5.

Tickets also are available online at www.motorcycleswap.com. (800) 968-4242 or visit www.motorcycleswap.com.

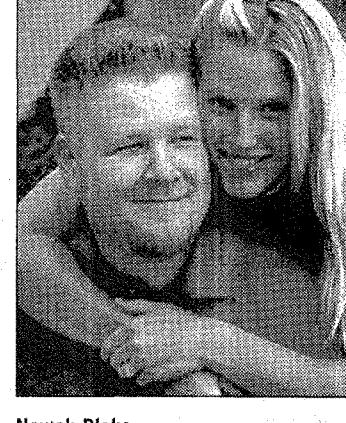
MILESTONES**SEPTEMBER WEDDING PLANNED**

Sherry Ann Nowak and Gary Adam Blake announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Allen and Barbara Nowak of Livonia, attended Churchill High School and is employed by Kindercare.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Judy Blake of Farmington Hills, also attended Clarenceville High School and is employed by Sheraton Hotels.

A September wedding.



Nowak-Blake
is planned at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

**MARRIED IN 2010**

Jessica Lynn Leadford and Steven Joseph Yanosik were married May 15, 2010, at The Chapel at St. John's, in Plymouth. The Rev. Matthew George officiated.

A reception at The Inn at St. John's followed the ceremony.

The bride, daughter of Gary and Sue Leadford of Canton, received a bachelor's degree in nutritional sciences in 2006 from Michigan State University and graduated from The Ohio State University College of Medicine June 3, 2010. She currently is in her first year of residency at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

The groom, son of Al and Candy Yanosik of Caledonia, received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at Michigan State University in 2006 and recently received his professional engineering certification. He works for American Electric Power in Columbus.

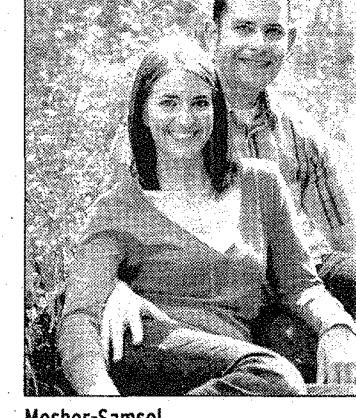
Tara Mathena was the maid of honor. Allison Schoo, Jessica Orhanen, Jennifer Becker, Amanda Zedrick, Julie Parse and Christine Yanosik served as bridesmaids. Ellie

Bliss and Katherine Wallbank, cousins of the bride, were the flower girls.

Richard Humphries was the best man. Adam Puricelli, Rueben Nair, Nicholas Leadford, Cole Hodgin, Brian Sevensma and Kevin McCullough served as grooms-men.

The couple took a honey-moon trip to St. Lucia.

They plan to relocate to Denver, Colo., where Jessica will complete a three-year anesthesia residency program at the University Of Colorado, Denver. Steve will work as an engineer at Black and Veatch in Denver.

**MAY WEDDING PLANNED**

Teresa Marie Mosher and Derek Paul Samsel announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Nancy and Jack Mosher of Sault Village, Ill., graduated in 2001 from Marian High School, Chicago Heights, Ill., and in 2005 from the University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill. She earned an M.B.A. in 2010 from Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., and is employed by Caterpillar, Mossville, Ill.

Her fiancé, son of Lynn and Stan Samsel of Livonia, graduated in 2000 from Stevenson High School in Livonia and in 2004 from the University of Michigan. He earned a

master's science degree in mechanical engineering in 2005 from University of Michigan and also is employed by Caterpillar in Mossville, Ill.

A May wedding is planned in Cantigny Park, Wheaton, Ill.

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Publication Dates:

Thursday, May 5th...in the Hometown Weekly Newspapers

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Please specify in which group of newspapers you would like your "In Remembrance" to appear:

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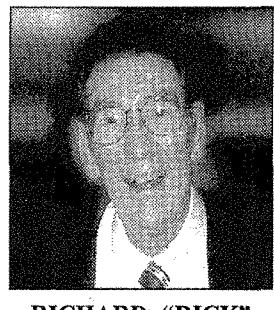
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**JOHN JAMES CUMMING**

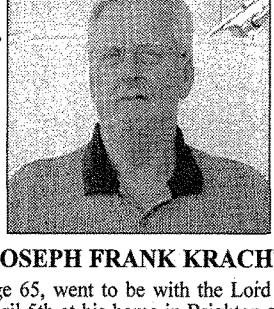
Age 90, went to be with our Lord on March 31, 2011. John was preceded in death by his beloved wife Laura. He is survived by his children Louise (James) LeCourt, Donna Cumming, John (Dianne) Cumming, Grandchildren Steven, Lecia, Amy, Emily, Jamie, James and Melinda and 12 great-grandchildren. John was born on June 14, 1920 to Louisa (Hepburn) and Bruce Cumming in Detroit. He was the older of two sons. John graduated from MacKenzie High School. Following high school he worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Northern Michigan and later served three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended Plumbing Union Local 98 Trade School and later became a licensed Master Plumber. He married Laura on June 28, 1941, they celebrated their 69th anniversary in 2010. They moved to Plymouth in 1951 where in 1958 he opened John J. Cumming Plumbing & Heating Co. which is still family owned and operated. He was a life time member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 and Masonic Plymouth Rock Lodge and the Plymouth Lions Club. They moved to Hemlock Lake in Reading, MI in 1987. He enjoyed fishing, walking, reading and GOLF. He was an active member of the Reading United Methodist Church until returning to Plymouth to be near his children in 2005. Words cannot express how much he will be missed by his family and friends. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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: www.gfrlc.com.

EDNA S. ZEHRA

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

**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 Gary (Marge) Mierza, 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 Kneeshaw, uncle Keith Casey, and grandparents John and Franklin Casey. Memorial service on April 12, 2011 at Calvary Missionary Church 29850 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48132 from 1pm-9pm; service at 7:30pm.

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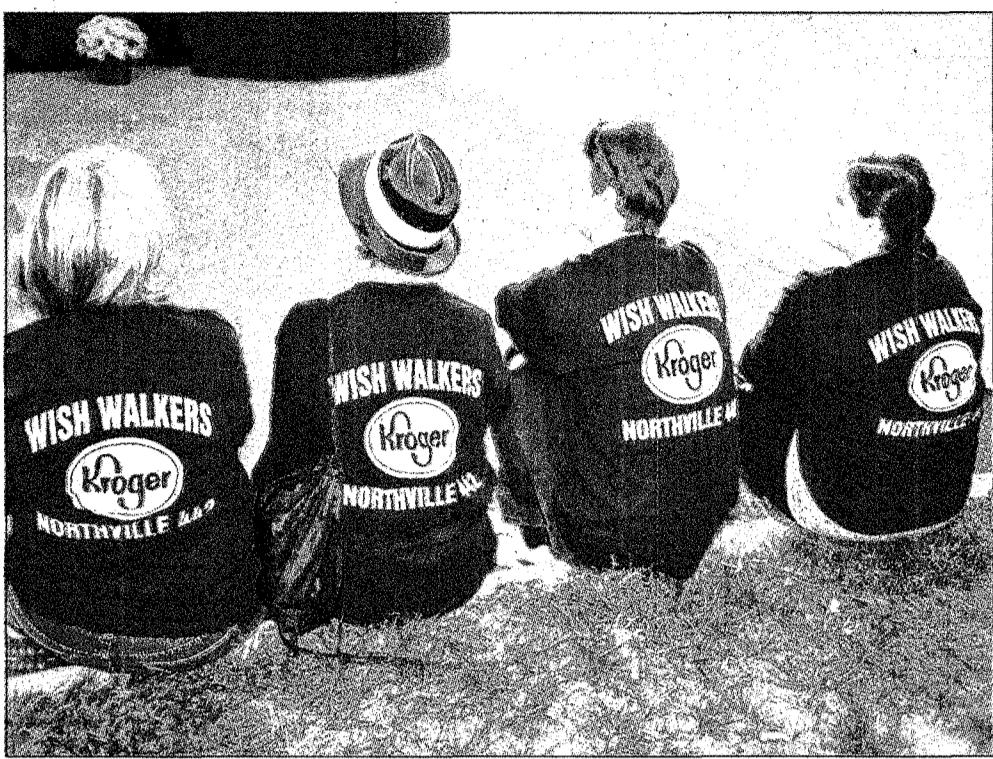
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Making Strides

The tally is in. More than 665 Kroger employees, family members and friends from throughout Michigan, including this team from Northville, helped raise more than \$300,000 for American Cancer Society initiatives last year. Kroger raised funds with pink ribbon sales, customer contributions in coin boxes, and an annual Pink Tag event that gives customers a chance to help by purchasing participating items. Kroger managers and associates participated in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks throughout Michigan. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks are scheduled for Oct. 15 on Belle Isle, and in Macomb County, as well as Oct. 1 in Oakland County. For more information, call (800) 227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Event raises funds for mental health programs

Kadima of Southfield, in partnership with the University of Michigan Depression Center will hold its annual "Healthy Body Healthy Mind" fundraiser luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 28 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

Clark Flatt, president of the Jason Foundation, Inc., will be the keynote speaker. Flatt's son, Jason, an average, active 16-year-old, took his life in 1997 and became a statistic of the "silent epidemic" of youth suicide. The Jason Foundation is dedicated to the prevention of youth suicide through education and awareness programs designed to equip young people, educators and parents with tools and resources necessary to help identify and assist at-risk

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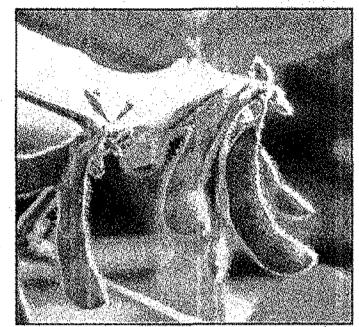
All proceeds benefit Kadima's Child and Adolescent Program and the Miya Jo Must Home, named in memory of Miya Jo Must, a young adult victim of the "silent epidemic."

Kadima's Child and Adolescent program provides parent support group, individual and family counseling, case advocacy, crisis intervention, a children's treatment group and education to children — as young as 4 — and teens.

Tickets are \$50 and available online at www.kadimacenter.org or by calling Pam Schonberg at (248) 559-8235, Ext. 118.

Kadima is a nonprofit, nonsectarian mental health agency in its 27th year. Temple Beth El is at 7400 Telegraph Road at 14 Mile.

Study finds soy helps radiation kill lung cancer



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Can soybeans thwart cancer? A recent Wayne State University study found that soy makes radiation more effective in killing lung cancer cells.

A component in soybeans increases radiation's ability to kill lung cancer cells, according to a Wayne State University study published in the April 2011 issue of the *Journal of Thoracic Oncology*.

"To improve radiotherapy for lung cancer, we are studying the potential of natural non-toxic components of soybeans, called soy isoflavones, to augment the effect of radiation against the tumor cells and at the same time protect normal lung cells against radiation injury," stated Gilda Hillman, associate professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Wayne State University's School of Medicine and the Karmanos Cancer Institute, who led the team of researchers.

"These natural soy isoflavones can sensitize cancer cells to the effects of radiotherapy by inhibiting the survival mechanisms that cancer cells activate to protect themselves," Hillman said. "At the same time, soy isoflavones can also act as antioxidants, which protect normal tissues against unintended damage from the

radiotherapy."

Hillman and her team demonstrated that soy isoflavones increase the effectiveness of radiation in battling cancer cells by blocking DNA repair mechanisms, which cancer cells "turn on" to survive radiation damage. Human lung cancer cells that were treated with soy isoflavones before radiation showed more DNA damage and less repair activity than cells that received only radiation.

Researchers used a formulation consisting of the three main isoflavones found in soybeans, including genistein, daidzein and glycitein.

Previous research showed that pure genistein demonstrated antitumor activity in human cell lines. Hillman's study showed that the soy mixture had an even greater antitumor effect than pure genistein. The soy mixture also is consistent with the soy isoflavone pills used in clinical studies, which have proven to be safe.

The study was supported by the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Men's Health: Knowing Some Warning Signs Can Save Lives (And Relationships)

Evidence that links heart disease and erectile dysfunction (ED) has been mounting during the past several years. In one study, 65% of men who experienced a heart attack had erectile dysfunction (ED) and no history of heart disease. Additionally, it has been documented that some men experience their first heart attack about 3 years after their first signs of ED! Because the penile arteries are much smaller than arteries of the heart, evidence of cardiovascular disease can manifest first as Erectile Dysfunction symptoms, long before other symptoms occur.

The recognition of ED as a warning sign of silent vascular disease has led to the concept that with a man with ED and no cardiac symptoms is a cardiac patient until proven otherwise.

Erectile Dysfunction (ED) is a common problem that affects millions of men. It is a barometer of overall Men's health that can be an indicator of more serious life-threatening conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and prostate cancer. It can also contribute to self-esteem issues, anxiety, depressive mood, and tension within a relationship.

If you are experiencing Erectile Dysfunction, you should seek treatment by a urologist who would be able to determine the cause and work with you and your significant other to identify the best solution.

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"We want them to still hold on to that normality," said Brossia-Hughes. "The patio gives them a sense of freedom but in a secured environment. Residents enjoy flowers and wildlife because birdfeeders are out there. They're free to explore."

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"We have different levels geared to the disease process," said Brossia-Hughes. "One specialized program is real beneficial — walking. The Strolling Group comes out and explores the rest of the facility. The goal is to integrate everybody as much as possible. We don't want to isolate them. They come for entertainers, special parties and all kinds of fun, neat stuff. It's a very positive experience."

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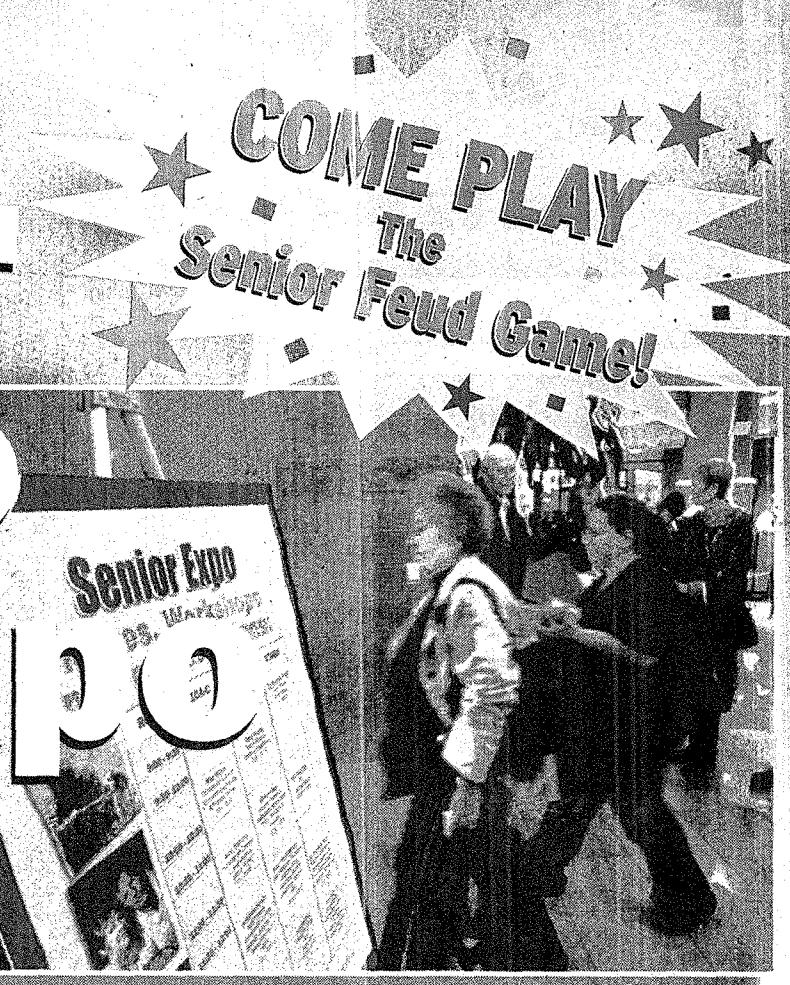
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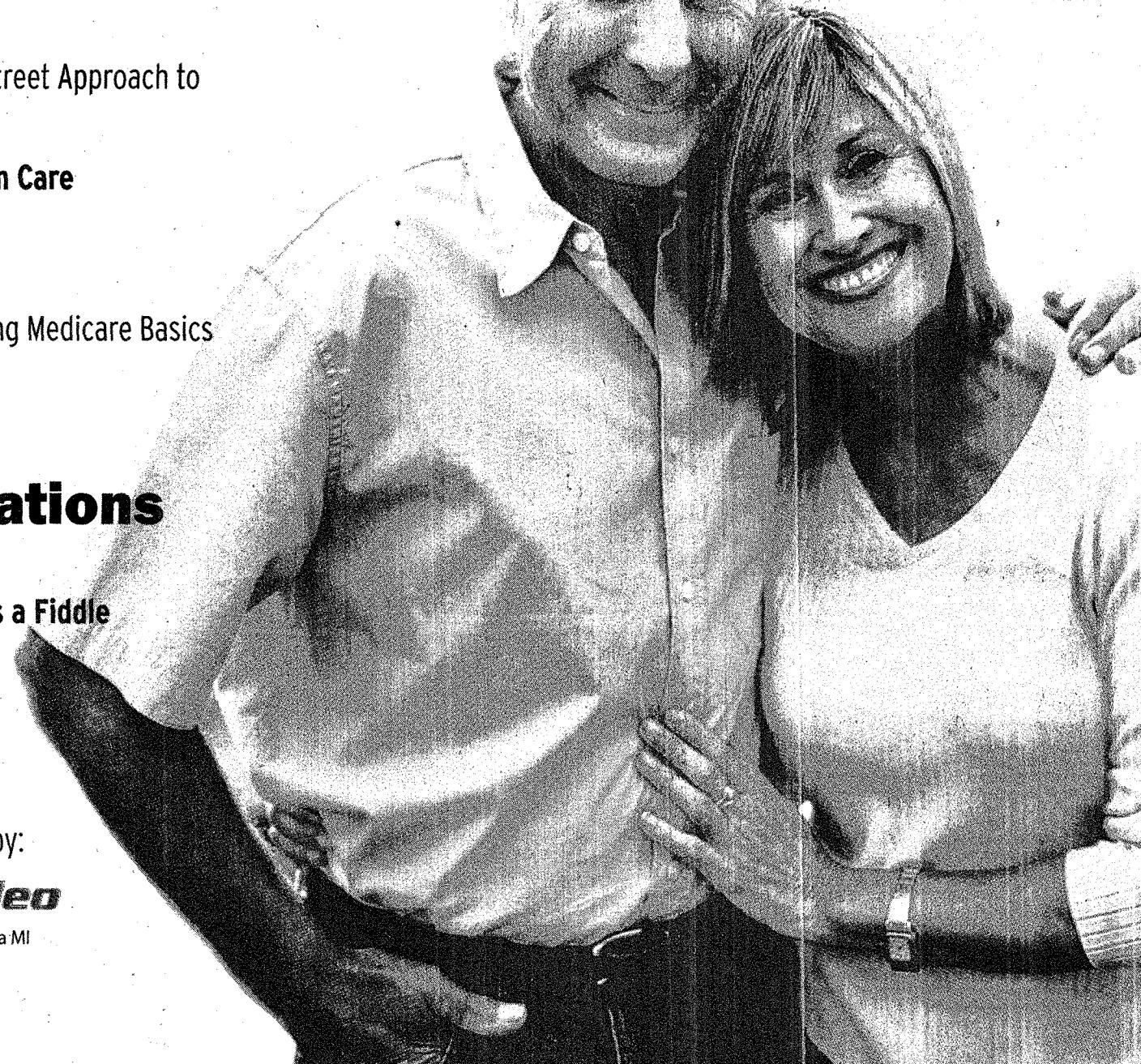
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