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Events OK'd

Westland City Council recently approved requests for upcoming community events.

• The Westland Firefighters Public Awareness Committee will hold its annual Children's Fire Safety Carnival Wednesday, April 25, through Sunday, May 6, on the former Quo Vadis theater site at 7420 N. Wayne Road just north of Warren Road.

• Members of the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post in Westland will take to streets Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12, for the annual Buddy Poppy sales. Proceeds benefit local disabled and needy veterans and their families. The VFW members will be out from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Wayne Road and Ford, Wayne Road and Cherry Hill and Merriam and Cherry Hill.

• Approval was granted for Marquette and Carlson to be closed 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19, for the annual North Brothers Ford/Westland 5K Run/Walk.

• The Westland Chamber of Commerce received permission to hold its second annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16. The first year the event was only for one day.

Shuh-minity

Allen "Buddy" Shuh has moved on in *The Biggest Loser* after shedding 23 pounds during Episode 9 of the reality-based weight loss show.

Faced with a challenge to lose 16 pounds or 5 percent of his body weight while home for an 18-day visit, Shuh, a pastor at Journey Community Church in Westland, blew past his goal by losing 23 pounds, making him the first player to lose 100 pounds. It also helped him reach three milestones — to lose 100 pounds, get immunity from elimination and break into the 200-pound weight range.

Shuh, who weighed 403 pounds when the show started, now is 294 pounds.

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Wayne, Westland look at sharing fire chief

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Discussions are under way to have Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy serve as top administrator for both the Westland and Wayne fire departments as a cost-saving measure.

No action has been taken officially by either

community, but the plan under consideration would reportedly have Reddy retire as Westland fire chief, then be hired as a contractor to head both fire departments. The plan calls for Wayne Fire Chief Mel Moore to also retire.

Since nothing has been finalized and various issues are still being stud-

ied, Westland Mayor William Wild said there was little he could say about the proposal at this point. Things should be clearer when the 2012-13 fiscal year budget is presented to council April 1, Wild said.

"Mayor Wild and I are continuing to discuss a lot of services and programs. The fire depart-

ment is one we are talking about a lot. Neither of us has formally taken this to our councils," Wayne City Manager Robert English said. "I sat down with my chief to let him know these conversations were taking place. There is a good chance of a recommendation in the budget process. I didn't think it was fair to him to find

out then, so I gave him a heads-up."

No recommendation on the proposal has been received yet from English, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said.

"Business as usual will not work anymore. We need cooperation and consolidation," Haidous

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Jason Wrone (left) and Dominic Jacobs listen to a reading of Pete the Popcorn.



Kernel of truth

Book uses popcorn to spread anti-bullying message

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

When the generally upbeat Pete the Popcorn has a down day, his friend and Popcorn Prep classmate Patty the Pale Popcorn is supportive and helps he feel better.

That's the anti-bullying message co-authors Joseph Kelley and Nick Rokicki want to spread with their children's book *Pete the Popcorn*, which went on sale Leap Day, Feb. 29.

"My little nephew was being bullied last year — he's 12 now. I thought how can we teach younger kids — by the time they are 11-12 it's almost too late," said Kelley, a Westland wedding photographer. "I didn't want a cutesy little boy or girl (for the book)."

It was Rokicki, a Toledo flight attendant, who came up with the idea of using a kernel of popcorn as their hero.

"We were selling popcorn on a flight one day, they had all different types of popcorn," said



Nick Rokicki (left) and Joseph Kelley, who is from Westland, are co-authors of the children's book Pete the Popcorn.

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Ex-W-W teacher faces charges of sexually inappropriate behavior

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

A former Wayne-Westland school teacher was expected to be arraigned Saturday, March 3, on child sexually abusive charges and use of a computer to commit a crime stemming from a complaint of inappropriate behavior with a 16-year-old boy.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy on Friday charged Brandon Lee Tomblin, 26, of Canton with one count of child sexually abusive activity and two counts of using a computer to commit a crime, 20-year felonies, and two counts of distributing sexually explicit material to children, punishable by two years or more but less than four years.

According to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Maria Miller, on Wednesday, Feb. 29, a mother reported alleged inappropriate behavior by Tomblin toward her 16-year-old son. Canton Police investigated and submitted the case to the prosecutor Friday.

Tomblin was to be arraigned on the charges in 34th District Court in Romulus.

According to Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy, he had par-

tial teaching assignments at Wayne Memorial High School, where he was the vocal music instructor, Franklin Middle School and St. Michael's Lutheran School, all in Wayne, and Hicks Elementary School in Inkster.

In a letter sent home to parents Friday, Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy said the district is working in full cooperation with police in the investigation. "He has submitted his resignation to the district and will therefore not be working in any district building from this point forward," Baracy said. "I am asking parents, students and staff to avoid speculation and rumors until the investigation has been conducted."

Baracy also urged parents to talk to their children about the importance of reporting any inappropriate behavior to a responsible adult.

"We are taking all necessary steps to make certain that all of our students are safe," Baracy said. "Our administrative staffs along with our local police departments are committed to following through on any allegations of wrongdoing."

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Wayne High Champions looks to community for help

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Four years ago, Richard Helleppie put up the seed money for a new endeavor. In many ways, it was like what he does as a venture capitalist. He helped get

it started and helped it grow. Now he's looking for "investors" to help make the Champions of Wayne sustainable.

The only difference between the businesses he has worked with over the years and Champions is the product. Helleppie through the Helpie Family Charity Foundation is helping Wayne Memorial High School students find success academically \$200 at a time.

"I put in the fuel and a little structure, I try to lend my expertise in growing things," said Helleppie, a 1974 Wayne Memorial graduate and Distinguished Alumni honoree. "Now we need to get more donors, more mentors. This needs to

become a community program. We're not limited by the group of students, we're limited by mentors. We're at capacity."

The brainchild of school psychologist Bill Gray, the idea was to motivate struggling students. The program started during the

second semester of the 2008-09 school year. Initially, it didn't offer a financial incentive, mentoring or an academic contract. Two students reached their goals out of 130.

Added incentive

In the fall of 2009, Helleppie got involved and agreed to provide \$9,000 per semester to provide \$200 for every student who reached their academic goal. The students are paired with adult mentors who help them set their goals and work with them to help them succeed.

What started out with 80 stu-
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Red Kettle generosity feeds Wayne-Westland neighbors

By Julie Brown
Observer/Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army surpassed its Christmas fundraising goal by a bit, and, thanks to generous folks, is now able to feed more people. The feeding program has resumed at the corps building on

the west side of Venoy south of Palmer in Westland.

"We've had good response so far," said Capt. Derek Rose, who is corps commander with his wife, Capt. Joanna Rose. "That's doing very well."

Dinner is served free of charge to adults 5-5:30 p.m. Monday

through Friday, with children enrolled in the after-school program eating 5:30-6 p.m. weekdays.

About 10 adults a day use the free dinner program, which had been eliminated in the fall due to lack of federal FEMA funds, Rose said. Residents and business people were very

generous at Christmas, and food is again being served to adults.

"It's open to everyone, we get a lot of people from the community," he said.

Three churches and a mother-daughter team each take a day Monday-Thursday, with Friday as left-over day. Grace Moravi-

an Church, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Jeraldine Roggenbuch and daughter Jodi Hudson handle Monday-Thursday shifts. Clara Spencer and Deborah George volunteer on Fridays.

The Salvation Army was also able to improve janitorial service at the

corps building on Venoy, and enhance other offerings. The summer day camp program will be expanded one week this year to nine weeks.

"It's a great program," Rose said. "We're looking to make it bigger."

For information about the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, call (734) 722-3660.

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Rokicki, who describes *Pete the Popcorn* as a corny story about popping up. That's growing up for kids.

"Kids need to learn at a young age that we all grow up into different people — different personalities, shapes, sizes, colors — and there is no reason to single anybody out for bullying because they are different," said Kelley.

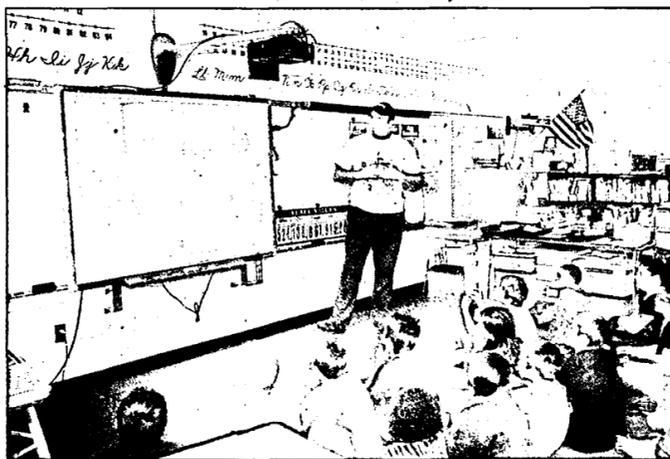
Joined by Rokicki, Kelley made a return visit to his old school, West-

land's Edison Elementary School, to read their book to Stacey Gelven's third-grade class.

"I thought the book was good. I liked it, I liked that they did popcorn," said Gelven. "We have popcorn day at school. We sell a lot."

As Kelley reads the book to the class, the pages of the book are projected so that students can follow along. Kelley and Rokicki ask the youngsters questions about the story, then call on students to share nice things about their classmates.

The books is aimed at youngsters 4-8 years old who are encouraged to be



supportive of friends and family and improve their

vocabulary skills through the alliteration featured

in the book. To bring home their

Students at Edison Elementary School listen to co-author Joseph Kelley read *Pete the Popcorn* while pages of the book are projected.

point about accepting and supporting everyone, Kelley asks the students to name their favorite types of popcorn.

The first-time authors have appearances planned at gourmet popcorn shops, festivals and elementary schools across the country. Locally, Kelley and Rokicki will be at Westland's William P. Faust Library 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11.

The book is available through Amazon. Visit *Pete* on Facebook or www.PeteThePopcorn.com.

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said, citing the successful merger of emergency dispatching services by

Wayne and Garden City. "We have no other choice. Revenue is not increasing."

Any change is how the fire departments are administered will be based on majority votes

by the councils in each city, Haidous said.

"We hope to find what is good for the communities. It can be a painful decision for the individuals (affected)," he said.

The chief-sharing idea has been discussed quite a bit by Westland firefighters, said Mitch Tokarski, presidents of Westland Firefighters Local 1279.

"It's a situation occurring just because of the economic downturn —

cities are merging services around us," Tokarski said. "If something can merge, it can be a benefit to both communities in the end."

With the state's Economic Vitality Incentive Program, Tokarski said cities have to look at sharing and merging services to qualify for their full state shared revenue funding.

The three things that have to be considered regarding merger or

sharing, Tokarski said, are: will the same or better service be provided; will money be saved; and obligations to current employees.

"If they can line those up and they can make it work, then things will be fine. This is the early steps. We don't have a letter of understanding," Tokarski said. "Chief Reddy is a good chief. We have a good history with him."

If Reddy were to serve as chief for both departments, the goal is to have that change made by the start of the fiscal year July 1.

"We are definitely discussing the concept of sharing administrative services. Long range, the goal would be to create a fire authority," English said.

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Ficano apologizes, promises to do better

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

In his 10th State of Wayne County speech Wednesday, County Executive Robert Ficano didn't address recent calls for his resignation but did apologize for the scandals that have plagued his administration and promised to do better moving forward.

That was exactly the right response, said Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt (D-Livonia), who was among the elected and appointed officials attending the speech Wednesday night.

While Ficano is making changes in his administration to address the scandals of recent months, Gebhardt said that the commission is also working to tighten controls through an ethics ordinance. That ordinance will be the subject of a public hearing when the commission meets at 10 a.m. Thursday, March



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
County Executive Bob Ficano gave his annual State of the County address Wednesday.

22 in Livonia City Hall.

"He needed to address the problems of Wayne County over the last four months," said Gebhardt. "He used his time wisely and talked about the current problems and how to solve it."

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, a Democrat from Canton, agreed. "I felt good that we finally have a balanced budget and we finally have a small surplus. It's been a long time coming. I was hap-

"Some people in whom I placed great trust did not serve me well this past year. More importantly, they didn't serve the people of Wayne County well. And I agree with those who have said, 'He should have done better.'"

ROBERT FICANO
Wayne County executive

py that he apologized and that's a start," he said.

Ficano didn't name names or get specific in his comments which blamed the scandals - from the \$200,000 severance for former staffer Turkia Mullen to recent criminal charges against the county's top information technology officer Tahir Kazmi - on former administration officials.

"Some people in whom I placed great trust did not serve me well this past year. More importantly, they didn't serve the people of Wayne County well," said Ficano. "And I agree with

those who have said, 'He should have done better.'"

In front of a friendly invited crowd that included Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, Ficano received cheers, hearty applause and a standing ovation at the start and finish of his speech.

It was important to move forward from past issues, said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, who was at the speech. Ficano had cited efforts to get Ford Motors investment at the Michigan Assembly plant in Wayne.

"I agree that Wayne County job and economic growth is most impor-

tant," he said. "I hope we all work together for that and turn things around. I see a lot of positives today."

Seated with Haidous, Westland Mayor William Wild agreed that he was glad to hear an apology from Ficano. "I was glad to hear that he will fully cooperate with the investigation," said Wild. "I'm happy that he is ready to focus on business."

As in past speeches, Ficano highlighted accomplishments and the continued need for economic development but also a rededication to:

- Making sure basic services like roads are taken care of.
- Making sure health systems are meeting the needs of the community.
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- Making sure the workforce is educated.

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House OKs bill requiring officials to physically attend meetings

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A bill sponsored by a local legislator to require members public officials and school board members to physically be present to participate in open meetings has been approved by the state House of Representatives.

Introduced by state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, the bill would prohibit officials from participating in public meetings via electronic means, such as Skype and telecon-

ferencing.

"This is being utilized far more than anyone knows; several dozens, if not hundreds of municipalities, boards of education, commissions and boards are doing this," said LeBlanc. "We need this (law) for transparency and to speak with those who are making decisions on behalf of others."

The bill, which clarifies the Open Meetings Act, was approved by house members last week on a 94-11 vote. All of the opposing

votes came from Democrats, including Robert Constan; D-Dearborn Heights, Rudy Hobbs, D-Lathrup Village, and Ellen Cogen Lipton, D-Huntington Woods.

LeBlanc began looking into the issue after receiving complaints about a Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education member using Skype to participate, including voting, in two board meetings while out of the country for an extended period.

The University of Michigan Board of

Regents recently held an emergency public meeting conducted entirely via teleconferencing without a single member being physically present, he added.

The Attorney General's office reported receiving regular complaints from citizens questioning whether such a practice is legal, said LeBlanc, who worked with AG staff to develop his bill.

Speaking in sup-

port of the bill on the House floor, state Rep. Paul Opsommer, R-DeWitt, said that he was "appalled, shocked and actually angry" that some elected officials in Michigan "don't have the courage" to place their votes in person.

When the bill was opened up for co-sponsors, 48 Democrats and Republicans added their name to the list.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consid-

eration. LeBlanc said that he had already sent a letter to the Senate committee chairman asking that the bill be scheduled for a hearing.

"I believe the bill will be supported in the Senate, eventually passed and will end up on the governor's desk. I hope he will sign it," said LeBlanc.

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Wayne High, Champions change students

Achieving an academic goal is the idea behind Champion, but for some students, it becomes a life altering experience.

JuLisa Atkins, who spoke at the recent Champion program, was ready to fit to become a better student academically and "overcome obstacle that today's society would believe I could "change reached out its hand to her and she decided it was time to get going.

"When I first heard about the Champion program, I was already on

board, of course, because of the money," she said. "I set my goal for getting a 3.0, but when I really thought about it I was a bit worried. I was a 1.5 GPA student. Could I really achieve this goal?"

According to Atkins, she had allowed low self-esteem take her over. Her parents had separated and other situations had happened. As a result, when she entered the ninth-grade, "I ran the streets, drinking alcohol, using drugs and doing other things I shouldn't

have been doing. Basically trying to fit in and do what my peers were doing."

"Education was not a concern of mine, and as long as I was passing all my classes with D's, I was good," she said. "Then change reached it's hand out to me, and it was time for me to go with it."

Thanks to the Champion program, the Wayne Memorial High School senior now has a 3.3 grade point average.

"Wayne Memorial is the best high school I could

ever imagine being at. From the secretaries in the office, the adults in the counseling center, to the faculty as a whole, they are caring, supportive and most of all, they push the students to be great," she said. "And of course, behind this is an amazing boss, my principal, Mrs. (Valerie) Orr."

Khallid Wooten told the group that the program "helped me realize that good things can come from bad situations."

Caught in a bad family situation, Wooten

moved to Wayne during 10th grade to live with his aunt. As a result, he has learned a few things.

"I have also learned that this change happened so I could be the person God wanted me to be," Wooten said. "The Champions program helped me realize that there are people Bree Brouwer, my champion, Mrs. Orr, my principal and my auntie to love me when I didn't think anyone did. I helped me appreciate the people who are in my corner."

They also have taught him to be the kind of man who is "honest, humble, hard working, caring, forgiving and successful."

"These people are helping me live the dream that success is the only option," he added.

The two teens were among students who talked about the experiences and the changes the four-year-old program has brought to their lives.

"Because of these people, I will always have Wayne pride," said Wooten.

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dents has grown into more than 500 students this semester and the creation of a Champions of Wayne charitable corporation that is looking to the community to help meet the needs of the students.

"Bill Gray had an idea, my career has been to take small things and take them to a higher level," said Helppie, a managing partner of the Bloomfield Hills-based Vineyard Capital Group. "I loved the idea of getting the kids mentors, recognizing them and putting their names on the trophy. I wanted to underwrite the \$200."

Champions of Wayne is now a 501(c)3 charity, with Sean Galvin as its executive director. In its beginning stages as a charity, the program is looking for the community to embrace it. Up until now, the high school staff has served as the mentors. But the number of students wanting to be in the program has now

outstripped the supply of mentors. Last semester, 360 students were involved in Champions, 106 reached their goal. "The teachers here are very busy as mentors, they've taken on 10-12 students each," said Galvin. "We'd like to lighten their load."

Galvin added that the mentors are "very dedicated." They make their own schedule and once a week have a one-on-one with the students.

Wayne High alumni, retirees, anyone in the community interested in helping and willing to undergo a "rigorous" background check are candidates to Champion mentors.

Looking for donors

The two men also are looking for donors to provide more funding for the Champions. For Helppie, the \$100,000 put into the program is money well spent.

"I think we can make significant changes in young people," He said. "Kids learn by setting goals and getting support, but it's up to them. We need to get them



FILE PHOTO

Richard Helppie, a Wayne Memorial High School Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, has used the Helppie Family Charitable Foundation to fund the Champion Program to help students improve academically.

to graduate from high school and work up to their full potential."

Helppie has a formula for success: talent X effort + luck = a chance for success.

"That's how the world works," he said. "You have a goal and apply yourself. If you don't make it, you try again."

The donations don't need to be large. The

donations can be a few dollars or a \$200 donation to support a student for one semester. Helppie is providing a \$2 match for every \$1 donated.

"I think that's the type of thing that people can feel they're a part of," said Helppie. "I'd like to see a Champion for each class, like the Class of 1968," he said. "That person would go out and

raise money and find mentors. I'd like to see champions who step up for their class."

Using the money

Students who receive the \$200 prize get to use the money as they see fit. Many tell their stories at the awards ceremony that has gone from being in the high school media center and cafeteria to a

banquet hall. One student planned to buy groceries for his family. One girl was going to buy a new dress. She hadn't had one since the third grade, Helppie said.

"For some, it may be the first time they've ever seen their name on a check," he added. "One boy was going to drop out of school. He got into Champions and now he's on the honor roll. He's gone from having no place to go to having confidence in himself. They're good kids, they just need a chance."

The program has a website, www.championsofwayne.org, that's under construction and a Facebook page with information about the program. However, people interested in helping, can contact Galvin by e-mail at galvins@wwc-sd.net or by calling (734) 419-2294.

"It's still early, but I know it can do great things," said Helppie. "It's going to take a lot of people doing a lot of little things."

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Four babies 'leap' into life

Leap Day was celebrated in a big way at St. Mary Mercy Hospital with the birth of four babies.

The Four bundles of joy were born on Feb. 29 at the hospital's Miracle of Life Birthing Center. Occurring every four years, this special day means there's a one in 1,461 chance of being born during a leap year.

The first Leap Day baby was born at 7:16 a.m.

Parents Brianna Down-Randles, 26, and Justin Randles, 30, of Garden City, welcomed their third child, Lillian Elizabeth, who weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 20.5 inches in length.

Lillian was followed by Elizabeth Faith who arrived at 7:51 a.m. weighing 8 lbs. Measuring 19 inches in length, she was born to first-time parents are Bobbie Wright, 31, and Jon Wright, 37, of Westland.

At 12:48 p.m., Yenny Hanjaya, 32, and Raymond Hanjaya, 34,

of Canton, welcomed their third child, Ellaina Gianna, who weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 19 inches in length.

The fourth Leap Day baby arrived at 7:07 p.m. Abigail Jacqueline weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz., and measured 19 inches in length. The first-time parents are Melissa Aldrich, 32, and Jim Aldrich, 31, of Farmington Hills. Jim is the associate medical director of Medical Staff Services at St. Mary Mercy.

The birthing center is one of many specialty areas offered at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. It's located at Levan and Five Mile in Livonia. For more information about St. Mary Mercy, visit the website at www.stmarymercy.org.



Brianna Down-Randles, 26, and Justin Randles, 30, of Garden City, welcomed their third child, Lillian Elizabeth, a Leap Day baby.



First-time parents are Melissa Aldrich, 32, and Jim Aldrich, 31, of Farmington Hills show off daughter Abigail Jacqueline born at 7:07 p.m. Feb. 29.



Westland resident Bobbie Wright shows off daughter Elizabeth Faith who arrived at 7:51 a.m. Feb. 29. She and husband Jon are first-time parents.



Yenny Hanjaya, 32, and Raymond Hanjaya, 34, of Canton, show off their Leap Day baby, Ellaina Gianna, their third child.

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Westland woman first to fill her 'passport'

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

When Westland began the Passport to a Healthy City initiative, Pat Hoover liked the concept and got started with her own passport.

"I'm interested in improving my health, I thought it was a good idea that the mayor's office sponsored it," said Hoover, who recently became the first person to complete her passport. "I try to keep healthy but everyone can stand to lose some weight."

Thanks to filling her passport with 16 stamps, Hoover, a resident since 1975, received rewards, including a complimentary laser tag pass from Gamerz USA and a \$5 off coupon for Max & Erma's. For being the first to complete her passport, Hoover also received a gift certificate to Marvaso's Italian

Grille.

"I was shocked to have the first completed passport, I couldn't believe it. I got my picture taken with the mayor (William Wild). I was very pleased," said Hoover, who retired from AT&T five years ago. "I don't know what I will do with the laser tag pass. I'll probably give it to my nephew."

Hoover received stamps from a variety of participants, including the Westland Friendship Center, the Westland Vitamin Shoppe, Leo's Coney Island, the Westland library and others. At the Friendship Center, Hoover earned stamps for exercising. Other stamps were for ordering from the healthy menu at Leo's and checking out exercise videos or health books at the library.

"I hope enough people participate and the city gets recognition for



Westland resident Pat Hoover (right) received prizes and a photo with Mayor William Wild after being the first to completely fill her passport with stamps as part of the Passport to a Healthy City program.

the program. I think it's a great for businesses," said Hoover. "I'm more apt to go to a place where I would get a stamp.

They keep adding places. Health is our most important asset."

The Passport to a Healthy City campaign

is a partnership between the City of Westland and St. Mary Mercy Hospital. It promotes healthy, active lifestyles for all

of Westland's residents through the development of fun, convenient programs created as a result of strong public/private partnerships between the city, local businesses and its residents.

Interested participants can obtain a passport at any city building and are encouraged to get started on having fun while getting healthy by attending a campaign approved or sponsored event or participating in an eligible activity, which is listed online at www.cityofwestland.com/healthycity.

Upon program or activity completion, get the passport stamped and register on the website to earn prizes, coupons and discounts from vendors and retailers. There's no limit on how many passports residents can complete.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Chocolate Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the eighth annual C.L.A.S.S. Chocolate Fantasy Ball which will be held Saturday, March 10, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland.

Enjoy a night of fun, dancing and LOTS of chocolate, all while gathering for a great cause. The C.L.A.S.S. Award will be presented to an individual followed by the unveiling of the Chocolate Extravaganza for all guests to enjoy. The event supports the Barbara Douglas Scholarship Program and celebrates the potential of all women as valued members and leaders of the community.

Tickets are \$25 each (will call is available). Contact Meghan by e-mail at mgiersdorf@mpgenterprises.com or call (248) 255-8241.

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The congressman has two offices in Livonia and Milford the district to serve constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 and the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

Workshop helps businesses achieve financial fitness

All business owners and key staff members are invited to attend a workshop on achieving Fiscal Fitness and how to use their financial statements to make good business decisions.

The seminar will be held 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. This program is presented in partnership with the Michigan Small Business and Technology Develop-

ment Center, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Small Business Administration and Fifth Third Bank.

Those attending will learn how to identify opportunities and challenges with their balance sheet and income statement; discuss the proven ways to increase their company's cash flow; apply break-even analysis to improve decision making, and understand and plan the working capital to support growth

and strengthen the partnership with their banker.

Registration is required online at misbtcd.org/training, search under Topic Fiscal Fitness, or call (734) 462-4438.

The cost is \$25 and includes workbook and refreshments. Thanks to support of Fifth Third Bank, Westland is able to reduce the normal program price of \$50. Fifth Third customers can call (734) 487-0902 to register at no cost.

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MDOT considers full closure of I-96; wants public input

FREEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

I-96 freeway will be reconstructed between Newburgh and Telegraph roads late next year and in 2014.

Residents can comment on the I-96 reconstruction project scheduled to start in late 2013. They can view the construction alternatives at www.96fix.com. They can also fill out and email a survey at that Website. The public comment period ends March 8.



Traffic on I-96 on a Tuesday evening appears clear, but that will change late next year when construction begins between Newburgh Road and Telegraph Road.

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By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

completed to 36 bridges, with five of those bridges totally replaced.

The Michigan Department of Transportation wants to hear from the public before deciding on the best strategy to tackle the \$150 million I-96 reconstruction project that could begin in late 2013.

MDOT is considering closing the freeway completely for the seven miles of freeway between Telegraph and Newburgh roads; leaving either eastbound or the westbound traffic open during the construction; or both directions open, according to plans revealed to the public Thursday night at an open house at Livonia City Hall.

Residents, business owners impacted by the construction and commuters can view the construction alternatives at www.96fix.com. They can also fill out and email a survey at that website. The public comment period ends Thursday, March 8.

The project calls for the road reconstruction of the freeway, bridge rehabilitation, geometric upgrades, drainage, lighting, signage and landscaping. Repairs will be

Total reconstruction

Rob Morosi, spokesman for MDOT's metro Detroit region, said even though I-96 was recently resurfaced in 2011, that repair only lasts seven to 10 years. The pavement is starting to split apart, Morosi said.

"We've really exhausted all the opportunities to do quick fixes," Morosi said. "The construction will consist of ripping out everything that was put in, in the 1970s, down to the sub-base, remove the existing drainage, put in new storm sewers and new pavement."

"We anticipate the project will be bigger than the Lodge Freeway in Detroit and last year's Southfield project in Detroit."

"The road has given us 40 years of service, moving well over 100,000 vehicles a day. We wanted to bring this project to the public for their input."

Full closure considered

The first alternative calls for closing the

freeway down entirely. MDOT expects construction will last 250 calendar days at a cost of \$500,000 to maintain and redirect traffic.

MDOT exhibited a "pros/cons" chart. The advantages to a complete shutdown are the shortest construction duration among the alternatives, no median crossovers, no shoulder upgrades or temporary pavement, no work adjacent to traffic, and concurrent bridge construction. The disadvantage is motorists need to find alternative routes whether they drive east to Detroit or west to the I-275 or M-14 freeways or the western Wayne County suburbs.

Others options highlighted, and their length of construction and traffic maintenance costs include:

- Eastbound closed for construction, with a one lane closure on the westbound side, followed by a westbound closure with one lane closure on eastbound side, 450 calendar days, \$2.3 million.
- Eastbound closed, maintain three westbound lanes with crossover, 450 days, \$3.2 million.
- Westbound closed, maintain three eastbound lanes with crossover, 450

days, \$3.5 million.

• Two westbound and two eastbound lanes open with a crossover, 550 days, \$5.7 million.

• Three westbound and two eastbound lanes open with a crossover, 600 days, \$9 million.

• Two westbound and three eastbound lanes open with a crossover, 600 days, \$9.1 million.

Other alternatives are highlighted on the 96fix.com website that consider morning and afternoon traffic shifts and crossovers with moveable barriers, and splitting the construction into sepa-

rate projects.

Residents can visit the website, study these proposals and complete a survey to let MDOT know what they prefer, Morosi said.

"We want the feedback," Morosi said.

A second public hearing will be scheduled in the fall 2012 at which the traffic recommendations will be discussed. Construction plans will be presented early next year.

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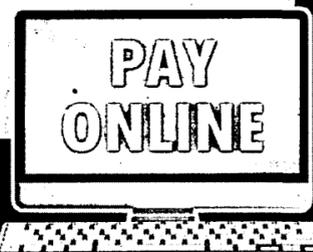


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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Fine Arts meeting

The Garden City Fine Arts Association will have Larry Sekulich, a former Garden City High School art teacher, at its meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood. Sekulich will give a demonstration and talk on preparing the paper and turning a watercolor sketch into a finished painting, with a focus on the human figure. The meeting is free and open to any interested persons. Call Susan Trotter at 73 261-1804 for more information.

Shamrock Shuffle

If it's March, it's time to do the shuffle, the Shamrock Shuffle, at St. Raphael Parish. The church is holding its annual card party at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, in the Activities Building on Merriman, north of Ford Road. The donation is \$8. Cards will be provided and there also will be a raffle, door prizes, Blarney bags, 50/50 drawing, door prizes and coffee and dessert. Maurice salads, hot dogs, sloppy joes and sub sandwiches will be available for purchase. For more information, call 74 844-1801, (734) 427-1533 or (734) 425-8981.

Charity bowl

The Garden City Lions Club is holding a bowling benefit 6-11 p.m. Saturday May 19, at Town & Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The cost is \$15 per person and includes three games of 9 pin no tap, pizza, pop, raffles and shoe rental. For more information please contact Cindy at (313) 407-0239, Larry at (734) 660-0920, Terry at (734) 686-8786 or Vicky at (734) 502-7951. Call now to reserve your team of four or come by yourself and they will team you up. Either way it's a night of fun entertainment.

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High standards

Their father often brought home inexpensive models for the children to build. No globs of glue were allowed and the decals had to be perfectly straight or John took matters into his own hands, offering lessons on diligence and perseverance that lasted a lifetime. After retiring from Ford, John toiled to build Michelle a house, rather than spend more time bowling or renewing his long-abandoned golf game. "He tore down a wall five times because it wasn't perfect," Michelle said, remembering her dad as stickler. Whether it was building a model car or a house, he didn't tolerate sloppiness, she

Family members aren't

exactly sure when the place will close, but its days are numbered.

Hobby shop closing after 40 years

By Larry Ruehlen
Observer Staff Writer

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West Point Hobby Owner Jean Landuit, daughter Martine Landuit and employee Jim Janicki, are saying so long to the store after 40 years. Founder John Landuit (Jean's husband) passed away 5 years ago. "This place was his savior," said Jean. "He just loved it."

That was more than 40 years ago, when trains and plastic models didn't have to compete with video games, Facebook and iTunes. The shop was a second home to avid builders and collectors, both young and old. Doughnuts were served Sunday mornings and the regulars rarely missed the weekly gathering. The store was never really a big money-maker, but that was OK with John. It moved around a few times, but has been at 25531 W. Seven Mile in Redford for many years. Most family members worked in the shop at one time or another. It was all business, not just a place to hang around and make an easy buck.

"It taught us work ethic," daughter Michelle Landuit-Mazor said. "It was up to me to open the shop every morning. I was making \$15 a day back then. It was big money."

Daughter Martine Landuit worked at the store, too. "When I came back from the military, I didn't have a job," Martine said.

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BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday	March 6, 2012	9:00 a.m.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Tuesday & Wednesday

Monday	March 12, 2012	9:00am -5:00pm
Tuesday	March 13, 2012	1:00pm- 9:00pm
Wednesday	March 14, 2012	1:00pm- 9:00pm
Thursday	March 15, 2012	9:00am -5:00pm
Friday	March 16, 2012	9:00am -5:00pm

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Monday, March 12, 2012.

Tentative ratios for the 2012 tax year are:

CLASS	PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RATIO	PROJECTED EQUALIZATION FACTOR
Commercial	52.97%	0.9439
Industrial	53.31%	0.9379
Residential	58.64%	0.8527
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Taxes are paid on TAXABLE VALUE, which is the lesser of the calculated Assessed and Capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index), which is 2.7% for 2012.

The 2012 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection March 7, 2012 and March 8, 2012 in the assessment office from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Zonta hosts First Step fashion event

The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area presents its 18th annual "Steppin' Out in Style" Fashion Event to benefit First Step Project Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

From 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18, Parisian at Laurel Park in Livonia, will welcome guests to an evening of discounted shopping - 20 percent on sale and regular priced items - as well as samplings from several area restaurants, entertainment and dozens of raffle items, including a \$500 top prize.

Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25 at the door. Corporate sponsorships are also available. Call (248) 496-9841 for further information or go online to www.zontafarmingtonnovi.org.

Zonta is a worldwide organization of professional women working to enhance the status of women. Locally, the Farmington/Novi club supports First Step in its efforts to eliminate domestic violence in the 35 communities in western and downriver Wayne County that it serves.

The members of the Zonta Club also donate their time and talents to making mastectomy pillows in an effort to provide comfort for those recovering from breast cancer surgery.

For more information about Zonta and the Farmington/Novi Club, visit the website or attend its monthly meetings at the Embassy Suites, Livonia, at 6 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month.

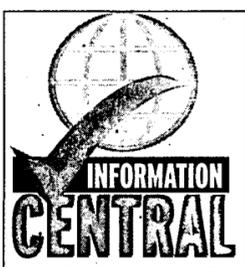
Leap year: Staying on earth's schedule

2012 is a leap year, which means it consists of 366 calendar days instead of the normal 365. A leap year occurs nearly every four years, and the added day is always February 29. Every year that is divisible by four, with some exceptions, is a leap year.

Why do we have leap years? It's so that we keep our calendar year in sync with the Earth's rotations around the sun. The earth does not take exactly 365 days to rotate completely around the sun. In fact, it takes our planet approximately 365.25 days to do so. If leap years did not exist, then the calendar we go by would eventually not be synchronized with earth's seasons.

Tow thousand years ago, Julius Caesar suggested leap years to the Roman Empire. It was planned that leap years should occur every four years, which resulted in too many leap years. In 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian calendar, which we still follow to this day, every four years became every year divisible by four but not divisible by 100. If the year is evenly divisible by 100 and also 400 (like 1600, 2000, and 2400), then it is still a leap year.

Not every part of the world follows the Gregorian calendar. To learn more, try the book *Calendars of the World: A Look at Calendars and the Ways We Celebrate*, available at the Public Library of Westland. Also try the website www.timeanddate.com. For even more information, please visit the Public Library of Westland or call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123. You can also search



the online catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Food for Fines:

The Westland Public Library is teaming up with Gleaners Community Food Bank during Women's History Month to save you some money on your fines and help feed a whole lot of families and people in need. Just bring any non-perishable, unexpired (June 2012 sell by date) food item to the library during the month of March and receive \$2 off existing fines (up to \$20 total per account). In 2010, we held this event and received almost 2,000 food items and forgave almost \$3,000 in fines. Let's see if we can top that this year! For a list of high-need items, call the library at (734) 326-6123 or stop by any one of our service desks.

Zumba Dance Party:

7:30 p.m. March 6 Join Lisa English for a Zumba@ Dance Party. The Zumba@ pro-

gram fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and low tread shoes. All fitness levels welcome. No dance experience necessary. Teens and adults welcome. Space is limited. Sign up for no more than two sessions at a time. Call the library or check our website at westlandlibrary.org for more dates.

Teen Tech Week Movie:

6:30 p.m. March 7, ages 12-18 We'll be showing the sci-fi/action movie *TRON: Legacy*, which is about a young man traveling through a digital world, looking for his father. Rated PG. No sign up is required. Refreshments served.

Open Mic:

7 p.m. March 8 Open Mic is here again. Poets, songwriters, bands, dancers and more are welcome. We have a friendly group who enjoy entertainers of all kinds and all levels. Tonight's OM is emceed by singer-songwriter Dave Bou-tette. Refreshments served.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class:

9:30 a.m. March 9 Get help practicing your English skills in a class room setting with a conversation emphasis

taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes run from through May 18 (no class on March 16, April 20 and 27). Students with children are welcome.

Yoga for Beginners:

10 a.m. March 9, adults and teens

Join Lois Gannon of evolve studio (Ypsilanti) for beginning yoga class. Lois will bring mats for all participants unless you have one like to use. Class size is limited so we ask that participants sign up no more than four classes at this time. Sign up at the Reference Desk.

Friday Night Movies:

7 p.m. March 9 Join us as we continue to celebrate Academy Award Nominees and Winners now through May. Tonight's movie is *J. Edgar*. "As the face of law enforcement in America for almost 50 years, J. Edgar Hoover was feared and admired, reviled and revered. But behind closed doors, he held secrets that would have destroyed his image, his career and his life." (imdb.com) This movie is rated R. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Trivia and prizes. Door opens at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m.

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-

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Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library:

7 p.m. every Wednesday. Everyone welcome, including crocheters.

Chess Group:

7-8:45 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 to find out more. The library offers One-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

The library will be closed Friday, March 16, for staff in-service.

Information Central was compiled by Liz Waun, young adult librarian. 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.

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Upcoming Events

FISH FRY

Time/Date: 4:30-7 p.m. every Friday in March
Location: First United Methodist Church, 3 town square, Wayne
Details: First United Methodist Church is serving fish dinners with baked or fried fish, baked potato or french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. Kids' meals are also available - nuggets or one piece of fish, french fries, vegetable, slaw and a roll. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$2 for the kid's meal. Homemade pies are also available for \$1 a slice.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 721-4801

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed to celebrate Mass together, followed by refreshments and social opportunities in a safe and friendly setting. Check-in begins at 2 p.m.

Contact: For more information, call Pat at (734) 895-6246.

WELLNESS EXPO

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Thursday March 8
Location: Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness, 30942 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Guardian Martial Arts and Fitness, will host a Spring Wellness Expo to help you to renew fitness goals begun at the first of the year and get the warm

weather season off to a healthy start. This time of year is an excellent time for adding healthy additions to your nutrition and supplement use. Spring is a great time to improve your overall health and has been the favored season for fasts, cleanses and tonics. Among the featured guests will be chiropractic care from Canton Center Chiropractic, healers representing Reikki, Massage, supplements and energy drinks including Protandim, Visalus and X-S, healthy home products from Melaleuca. There will even be healthy food for your pets from Morgan's Healthy Choice. The Spring Wellness Expo is free of charge.

Contact: The studio can be reached at (734) 266-0565 and online at www.guardianmartialarts.com for more information.

TALK WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15
Location: Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Westland
Details: Talk Early and Talk Often is a nationally

recognized parent workshop aimed at helping parents talk with their child about abstinence and sexuality. The free workshop helps parents recognize and use opportunities to open the door for conversation, listen and respond with greater confidence and skill and to feel comfortable seeking outside sources of information. The evening includes dinner and child care for potty trained kids ages 4 and up will be provided.

Contact: Call Brianna Gorka at (734) 287-2076, Ext. 6, or by e-mail at gorkab@oakwood.org

GARDEN TALK

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24
Location: Wild Birds Unlimited, 41816 Ford Road, Canton
Details: Brenda Dziedzic will be giving a talk, "Attract Butterflies to Your Garden" with a book signing of "Learn About Butterflies in the Garden" to follow.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 983-9130.



Spring Bling

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is holding a "Spring Bling" event 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne. Experience shopping, sampling and pampering from dozens of local merchants. Admission is free and light refreshments will be provided. Stan Shelton from J & S Portrait Photography will be on site offering 5-inch-by-7-inch portraits you can take with you that night for just \$5. JR3's Beer Store will be offering samples of Michigan craft beers. Victoria's Tea Salon and Chartreuse Organic Tea will be offering samples of a variety of herbal and other teas. For more information or to become a vendor, call (734) 721-0100.

Flea Market

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19
Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland
Details: Do you have things you're looking to clear out of your house? Do you have craft items you would like to sell? Do you have antiques you don't want anymore? Do you have a business such as Tupperware, Party Lite or Creative Memories that you would like to promote? This is a great opportunity to cleanup, clear out, and promote your small business. It's an outdoor event, rain or shine. Cost is \$20, non-refundable, to secure you a parking space. Food concessions will be available.

Contact: Call Sharon Garcia to sign up at cackles55@gmail.com or (734) 637-2662.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month
Location: Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan

Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

Details: Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns.

Contact: Call (734) 58-4330 for more information.

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 10
Location: Hillside Elementary School, 36801 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
Details: \$2 early admission, \$1 general admission. About 100 tables of gently used baby, maternity and children's clothing, toys, equipment and furniture. A great opportunity to get items you need and save money off of retail prices. Proceeds of the sale will benefit Hillside Element-

ary and its students. Now accepting resale table registrations.

Contact: E-mail hillsidemom2mom@gmail.com

TAILWAGGERS

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Saturday, March 31
Location: UAW Local 182, 35603 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Space is still available for participants that would like to put their chili to the test in Tailwaggers popular Chili, Hoops and Hounds event. Space is still available. Registration is \$30 and includes a Chili, Hoops and Hounds apron. Three prizes will be awarded to those who have the Best-Tasting Chili, Best Table Decoration and a People's Choice Award. Pre-registration is required by March 15. The public is welcome to this family friendly event. An All-You-Can-Eat wrist band is \$15 or taste samples for only \$1.

Contact: Sign up today by e-mail at tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com.

Education

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Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland
Details: Willow Creek Co-operative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.
Contact: (734) 326-0078

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland
Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.
Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.
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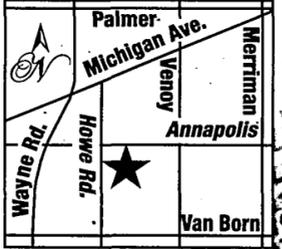
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Returning vets get opportunities at Schoolcraft

By Julie Brown
Observer Staff Writer

Lawrence Smith, 48, is a Detroit police officer. He enrolled at Schoolcraft College for his associate's degree, and is continuing coursework with plans for a bachelor's degree in public safety from Eastern Michigan University.

Smith is among those receiving Post 9/11 Bill benefits through the federal government via Schoolcraft.

"She's wonderful," he said of Pam Paxton-Keehner of Plymouth Township, Veterans Services coordinator at Schoolcraft. "It's been wonderful for me. She even answers her e-mails. I have no complaints about Schoolcraft College. The things you can get from here are unbelievable."

"She's laying the path walk for you," Smith added of Paxton-Keehner, at Schoolcraft since 2003. "You've just got to walk



Lawrence Smith of Canton, a Detroit police officer, appreciates the help he's received from Pam Paxton-Keehner, Veterans Services coordinator at Schoolcraft College.

down it."

He'd like a promotion to sergeant in the Detroit Police Department, and said a bachelor's degree will help after retirement.

"I just want to graduate and see what's going on." Smith, who's married and dad to three ages 31, 19 and 11, is considering Schoolcraft's culinary arts training.

"The program's one of the best in the state," he said.

Work and study

He's been able to work full time as a policeman and study part time with enough credit hours to earn housing assistance. Smith was encouraged by his wife, who's also former military, and started at Schoolcraft in 2009 with the first Post 9/11 Bill enrollees.

He appreciates not having to pay at the time of registration, with Paxton-Keehner and a colleague of hers dealing with the paperwork. Smith earned a Schoolcraft associate's degree with honors.

He was in the Army, most recently as a sergeant first class, from 1983 to 2005. He served in Germany, Japan and Egypt.

"I think it was a challenge," he said of going back to school. "It was actually a smooth transition." It helped when he earned As in his first two classes.

The military gives those

leaving information on education, he said, and both the VA and Paxton-Keehner had the information. "Not having to pay those financials makes it a smooth transition," he said.

Paxton-Keehner was able to work around his schedule, and Smith keeps his police work and study time separate. "I sit up front with the older people" in class, he said.

He agreed life experience made his schooling different from a late teens enrollee. Smith applies what he's learning to the course syllabus, and knows what's expected. His faculty experiences have been nearly all positive.

The couple's youngest son has been motivated to get better grades by dad. "It's almost like a challenge," Smith said. "He gets mad when he gets a B." Their son's now on the honor roll.

"His mother's very hap-

py. I just smile," Smith said.

Enrollment to climb

Paxton-Keehner started in Schoolcraft admissions and then moved to counseling as an academic adviser. She now works with the veterans, some 225-250 a semester, including dependents, out of enrollment of around 13,000 on the Livonia and Garden City campuses.

"Maybe they're older guys from Vietnam," she said. Schoolcraft only recently began to ask about veteran status so numbers are approximate.

There's a Montgomery GI Bill for educational benefits, which is older but has continued with modifications. Students really need to do the math, she said, to see which plan is best for them.

The Post 9/11 Bill gives a stipend for books and supplies, a housing allow-

ance and money for tuition and fees.

Paxton-Keehner has a colleague who works part time and does data entry for students through the VA. Paxton-Keehner does academic advising and handles other issues.

Schoolcraft's unique among community colleges, she said, in having dedicated staff for veterans.

Those leaving the military have an orientation, she said, and the VA has a good website. Some veterans face readjustment issues to civilian life as they return to school.

Several children of service personnel are using educational benefits at Schoolcraft, including children of parents who've completed school earlier. Spouses are also eligible in some cases.

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Invest based on personal goals, not the market

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: About three years ago, I liquidated my investments and went to cash. Since that time I have done nothing other than keep my money in money market accounts. I never thought that the market would come back. I made a mistake. I want to get back into the market, but I'm concerned that since it has done so well that maybe I should wait. I am 64 and working and plan to work for another six years. When I retire, Social Security will cover most of my living expenses, but I will need some additional income. — approximately \$1,000. At one time my portfolio was worth \$800,000-\$900,000. Today it is



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

a little over \$400,000. Should I just jump back into the market or do you think I should wait for a correction. I used to be an aggressive

investor and kept 100 percent of my money in stocks, but now I consider myself more on the conservative side.

A: I wish I could tell you when a correction would occur. Unfortunately, I can't and, realistically, no one else can either. Markets are fickle and, particularly over

the short run, they are very volatile. That being said, I've always been a believer that you don't invest based upon where the market is; you invest based upon your individual goals and objectives.

Can't predict

We may not be able to predict where the market is going, but we do have better certainty when it comes to goals and objectives. That is why the main focus should be on what you're trying to achieve, not on what the market is currently doing.

Since your goals are longer term, it makes sense to get back into the market. However, as opposed

to jumping in all at once, considering that you are now a more conservative investor, it would probably make sense to dollar-cost-average your investments.

Dollar-cost-averaging is a strategy that says that you should invest your money on a regular schedule. Every month like clockwork, no matter where the market is, you invest an equal portion into the market. Following this strategy provides some protection if the market takes a temporary downturn.

Allocation

The key factor is to have the right allocation in

your portfolio. As opposed to investing 100 percent in stocks, consider a 60/40 allocation. That means 60 percent invested in a variety of stock mutual funds and 40 percent in a number of bond funds. This type of allocation will do a better job of protecting your portfolio.

Don't let recent negative articles about bonds scare you. It is important to realize you are investing for the long term. And bonds definitely will protect a portfolio over the long run.

Investors should not base their investment decisions on where the market is. Of course there will be a correction — the

question is when? Will it come in two weeks, two months or two years? That's the great unknown.

Unfortunately, investors who wait for the perfect opportunity to invest end up sitting on the sidelines and doing nothing. I believe you should invest based upon your goals and objectives and if you do that, over the long run, everything will work out. Good luck!

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SPORTS

Vikings spoil Glenn tourney plans

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

If there's definition for March Madness, then Friday's Class A district final at Romulus between defending state champion Inkster and Westland John Glenn tops the list.

In a game that featured more twists and turns than a Cedar Point rollercoaster, it was Inkster that survives to play another day after pulling out a 59-56 overtime win over the Rockets, who finish their season at 20-3 overall.

It was the second straight year Inkster knocked the Rockets out of the state tournament.

"We played hard," Glenn coach Eric Kovatch said. "We made some mistakes. Inkster's a very good team. They deserved to win. I didn't think we played well enough to win tonight against a team like Inkster. We made some silly turnovers, we didn't make some free throws and we missed some layups.

"Overall, we're real emotional right now. We're all pretty upset and disappointed."

The Vikings (16-5) received a game-high 19 points from senior guard Jamie Madden, while another senior guard, Ariyanna McLeod, added 14.

Glenn got 15 points apiece from senior forward Erica Covile and junior guard ShaKeya Graves.

And it was Graves that split a pair of free throws with 30.7 seconds remaining in regulation to send the game into OT at 47-all.

Inkster took control during the four-minute extra session going on a 6-0 run capped by McLeod's



John Glenn's Kierra Jordan (bottom) fights for the loose ball against Inkster's Jamie Madden in Friday's Class A district final at Romulus.

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No. 1 Bears rout SC men

There's a reason why Mott Community College has been the No. 1-ranked men's basketball team for the last 13 weeks in NJCAA Division II.

The Bears jumped out to a 61-32 halftime lead and never looked back Wednesday night to rout visiting Schoolcraft College, 103-65, and clinch the MCCA Eastern Conference title outright.

Mott, now 28-1 overall and 17-1 in the conference, got a game-high 23 points from John Taylor. Jacob Perry and Ralph Eason each added 15, while Darryl Marshall chipped in with 14, including 4-of-4 from 3-point range.

The Bears hit a blistering 10-of-13 shots from beyond the arc and took advantage of 24 Schoolcraft turnovers.

Forward Karl Moore paced the Ocelots (18-11, 10-8) with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Wayne Memorial's Daniel Hill added 12 points, seven rebounds and three assists, while LenDerrick Witcher had 11 points and seven boards for Schoolcraft, which lost in a Jan. 28 meeting at home against the Bears, 83-77.

Fourth-seed Schoolcraft will host a first-round NJCAA Division II District 9 quarterfinal game beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday against fifth-seed Macomb CC (18-11).

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Blazers get past Spartans for title

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

The team with no giants registered a giant-sized victory Friday night.

Playing with a roster void of anyone taller than 5-foot-10, Livonia Ladywood used a fourth-quarter surge to roll to a 57-43 triumph over Livonia Stevenson in a Class A district final game played on the Blazers' court.

Ladywood (14-9) advanced to Tuesday's regional semifinal against Detroit Pershing at Warren Cusino High School. Stevenson's sterling season ended with an 16-7 mark.

Ladywood led just 41-38 after

Stevenson's Rachel Wilkinson buried a 12-foot jumper with 6:30 to play. But the Blazers went on a 14-1 run over the ensuing six minutes to put the wraps on their second consecutive district title.

Senior forward Kiley Gorski paced Ladywood with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Junior guard Andie Anastos sparked at both ends of the court for the Blazers, scoring 13 points while putting the clamps on Stevenson star sophomore Charlesann Roy from late in the first quarter to the end of the contest.

The Spartans led 18-12 after one quarter thanks largely to Roy, who scored 12 points on six-of-eight shooting.

But during a stoppage of play late in the period, Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti decided to let the tenacious Anastos check Roy in an effort to slow her down.

It worked. Roy was held without a field-goal attempt the entire second quarter and scored just five second-half points.

"Andrea is as competitive of an athlete as I've ever been around," Coratti said. "She takes it to heart if someone is having success against us. She just loves to compete. She played in a state hockey tournament on Tuesday and Thursday

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ED WRIGHT

Livonia Ladywood junior guard Andrea Anastos drives around Livonia Stevenson's Jordan York during the third quarter of the Blazers' district final victory.



Lady Ocelots get past Mott

Courtney Dyer-Grove's 17 points spurred the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team to a 64-55 MCCA Eastern Conference win Wednesday night at Mott Community College.

Ashley Beemon and Dominique Jones added 13 and 11, respectively, for the Lady Ocelots, who improved to 24-5 overall and 15-3 in the conference.

Both teams struggled to score during the first half as Schoolcraft led 24-20.

Mott (9-18, 8-10) enjoyed a 37-35 lead with 12:25 remaining in the second half before Schoolcraft went on a 22-8 run to take 57-45 advantage with three minutes to go.

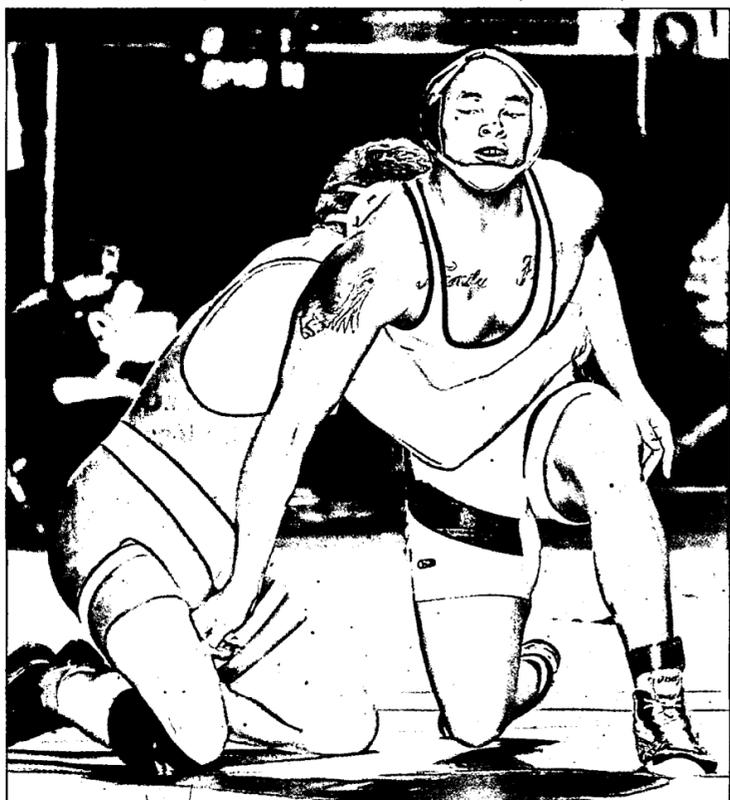
The Bears never got closer than six the rest of the way.

Brittany Harris came off the bench to score a game-high 23 for Mott, while Kaylee Rahmann added a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Schoolcraft shot 40.7 from the field (24-of-59), including 5-of-15 from 3-point range. The Lady Ocelots made 11-of-18 free throws and overcame 20 turnovers.

Conference runner-up Schoolcraft will be seeded second for the upcoming NJCAA Division II District 9 playoffs, which starts at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at home against seventh-seed Alpena CC (12-6).

Palace guard



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Wayne Memorial senior Dimitrus Renfro (right) looks for the escape during his first-round 215-pound match Thursday against Auburn Hills's Zack VanOverbeke's in the MHSAA Division 1 finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Renfro prevailed, 6-3. For recap on the three-day state tourney, see Thursday's Observer or visit www.hometownlife.com

PREP BOWLING

Wayne, C'ville boys fall in quarterfinals

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's bid for an MHSAA Team Division 1 boys bowling title was ended Friday by a familiar foe during the match play quarterfinals at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek.

The regional champion Zebras, who reached the Final Four a year ago, fell to KLA Central Division member Canton, 1,284-1,232.

The match play games were decided by total pinfall of one regular game and two Baker games (alternating shots).

Canton took the regular game, 978-900, after Wayne captured both Baker games, 159-139 and 173-167.

Wayne qualified for the elimination round by placing sixth in the morning qualifying block with a total of 3,232.

Pinfall qualifying totals were based on an eight-game Baker block and two regular games.

The Zebras posted a high Baker of 216 and posted 907-870 in the regular game block.

Trojans nipped

Livonia Clarenceville reached the quarterfinals Friday in the MHSAA Team Division 3 boys tournament at Airport Lanes in Jackson before falling to Corunna by a single pin, 1,208-1,207.

Corunna had the edge in the regular game, 886-834, while Clarenceville won both Baker sets, 183-167 and 190-165.

The Trojans finished seventh in the qualifying block with a total of 3,158 including a high Baker of 189 and a two-game regular set of 936-884.

On the girls side, Clarenceville finished last in the 18-team qualifying block with a pin fall total of 2,412 including a Baker high of 167 and a two-game regular set of 692-687.

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GLENN

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basket with 1:28 left to make it 55-49. But Glenn refused to fold, getting a clutch three-pointer by Graves, two free throws by Covile and two more by Kiera Jordan (eight points) all within a span of 21 seconds to go up 56-55 with only 0:53 remaining. The Rockets' Abbey Wright then came up with a critical steal at mid-court on Inkster's next possession.

The Glenn coaching staff immediately called a timeout, but subsequently threw the ball away twice in succession during the final 36 seconds resulting in game-winning layup by Kelsey Mitchell followed by another layup from R'Manni Gerrard with 15.8 to go.

The Rockets made a total of 23 turnovers, but none was bigger than the play coming out of the timeout.

"We just made a mistake," Kovatch said. "It was just a kid making a bad basketball play followed by another bad basketball play. But, it was a pressure situation... that's high school basketball. The girls aren't pros, but they put a lot of heart-and-soul into this game. But they're kids playing and sometimes they make mistakes. It's something they learn from and that's why high school athletics are so important. So they learn when they make mistakes and they recover from those mistakes. It is what it is."

Inkster also beat Glenn in an earlier meeting this season, 56-53.

"The girls just know how to win," Inkster coach Ollie Mitchell said. "They just know how to get it done — some how, some way. If it's not a steal, it's a good possession, and a good look at the basket."



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John Glenn's Joslyn Massey (21) goes up for the shot over Inkster defender Kelsey Mitchell during Friday's Class A district final at Romulus.

The Vikings outscored Glenn 12-9 in OT despite going 0-of-7 from the foul line after hitting 12 of their first 15. (Glenn made 18-of-25 in the night.)

"They knew all it took was one possession and one key defensive stop," Mitchell said. "They just know how to dig deep — resilience. That's the buzz word of the night. They were able to withstand

anything they put out. They just stick together and win the game."

It was 16-all after one quarter and Glenn led 29-27 at halftime and 40-36 after three quarters.

There were 15 ties in the game and neither team had more than a five-point lead during regulation.

But Glenn lost senior center Joslyn Massey to five fouls with 1:44 to go

in OT.

It proved to be a key set-back.

"We played six girls tonight," Kovatch said. "We lost Joslyn and we were down to five. We pretty much played with six for the second half of the season. You can't replace her. There's not too many girls in the state of Michigan that can do what she does athletically. So, of course that hurt. I hated to see her go out her senior year that way fouling out of her last game."

Massey, a Purdue signee, finished with eight points, while Mitchell, a Michigan signee, had just six.

"I give credit to our big girls," Ollie Mitchell said. "They rebounded their hearts out. Joslyn Massey is just a beast around the boards. We did a good job of trying to locate her, block her out."

"Erica Covile — she's a D1 player — we did a good job of limiting her. We couldn't stop her, but we had to limit her. The key to winning was maintaining our defensive positioning in the backcourt. We wanted to give a lot of havoc to the guards and keep the ball out of Graves' hands a little bit. It was an all-out team effort."

Meanwhile, three of Glenn's top six players graduate on arguably the best girls basketball team in school history.

"Us, as coaches, love these players and how hard they work," the first-year coach said. "We're extremely proud and obviously would have liked a different result, but they have nothing to be ashamed of. They won 20 games this year, the division, conference and the association title. Going to hate to see those seniors go. It was a great group, never a bit of trouble. Just good kids."

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BLAZERS

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this week and in the district basketball tournament on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If she was tired, she didn't show it."

Anastos's biggest two buckets — a slick reverse layup and a hard-to-the-basket post-up move — came within 50 seconds of one another mid-way through the fourth quarter.

"It seemed like (Stevenson) may have been getting a little tired toward the end of the game, so we just kept running," said Anastos. "We have a few set plays on offense, but mostly we just play. If we have an open shot, we take it."

The Blazers were lethal from beyond the arc, hitting 9 of 17 triple tries.

Stevenson coach Jennifer Knoph had nothing but praise for her hustling squad.

"They played so hard; I'm so proud of them," said Knoph, whose team was sidelined by Ladywood in last year's district final. "We wanted to slow down their fast break, and I thought we did that. They're great at driving and dishing, but I thought we did an awesome job shutting that down most of the game."

"Unfortunately, a couple of our most dangerous offensive weapons didn't have the kind of game they normally do. But I told the girls after the game to walk out of the locker room with their chins up because they played their hearts out."

The Blazers seized their first lead of the game — 25-23 — 40 seconds before halftime when junior guard Sara Even swished a long three.

Even struck again seconds into the second half when her three-point dagger from the left wing extended Ladywood's lead to 28-23. Just over a minute later, junior guard Shelby Walsh hit a trey and the momentum shift was complete.

Led by four straight points by Jorden York, Stevenson clawed back to within 39-36 at the end of the third. But it eventually succumbed to Ladywood's dead-eye shooting down the stretch.

"I thought everybody, across the board, played with great effort tonight," Coratti said. "To a person, everybody contributed and helped us weather the storm."

Among the three seniors Knopf coached for the last time Friday night was her senior guard/daughter Molly, who finished with eight points, six rebounds and four steals.

"I thoroughly enjoyed coaching all three of our seniors: Molly, Jorden and Sarah," Knopf said. "Having an opportunity to coach Molly was special to me. She made it easy for me because she was able to separate having me as a coach and as a mom. I am going to miss coaching her a ton."

Briana Combs had a nice offensive night for the Blazers, registering 11 points — nine coming on three triples.

Ladywood made 7-of-11 free throws, while Stevenson was 9-of-15.

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ED WRIGHT

Ladywood's Shelby Walsh pushes the ball up the floor against Redford Union during Wednesday's Class A district semifinal.

Wilkinson leads Spartans by Eagles

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

While her team was switching out of a zone on the defensive end of the court Wednesday night, Livonia Stevenson sophomore guard Rachel Wilkinson was stepping into a zone at the offensive end.

A red-hot shooting zone. Beginning early in the second quarter, Wilkinson buried six consecutive mid-range jumpers to help spark the Spartans to a 53-40 victory over Redford Thurston in a Class A semifinal played at Livonia Ladywood High School.

The victory propelled Stevenson into Friday's final against the host Blazers, who toppled Redford Union, 71-14, in the night's second semifinal.

"Rachel's teammates joke that she never misses," said Stevenson head coach Jennifer Knopf, whose team improved to 16-6. "She's a great shooter and she's playing with a lot of confidence right now."

Wilkinson led a balanced Spartan attack with 14 points. Sophomore post player Charlesann Roy added 11, junior forward Mara Murray contributed 10 points and 11 rebounds and Jordan York scored nine.

Speaking of stepping into a shooting zone, Thurston sophomore guard Brijanae Durrrough entered one the second she stepped off the bus.

Durrrough torched the nets for 12 first-quarter points — nine on a trio of treys — to lead her team to a 14-8 edge, until the wheels fell off the Eagles' momentum train in the second quarter.

Durrrough finished with 30 points and eight rebounds.

"Bri was excellent tonight," Thurston head coach Marvin Essix



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Stevenson's Mara Murray (30) looks for a passing lane over Thurston defender Taylor Hunt (32) during Wednesday's Class A district semifinal at Livonia Ladywood.

said. "Her energy was terrific. She wanted the ball and she was taking good shots. If we could have gotten one more player scoring, it may have been a different result."

The Spartans took control of the game when they outscored Thurston 18-3 in the second quarter. Knopf credited the turnaround to a defensive adjustment.

"We were planning on starting out in a man (defense), but we saw that Thurston was starting a smaller lineup than we expected, so we didn't know what to do with our bigs," Knopf said. "Starting in a zone got us back on our heels a little bit."

"When we switched to a man in the second quarter, we picked up our defensive intensity and it transferred over to our offense. Did it ever."

After both teams went scoreless over the first 2:37 of the second quarter, Stevenson reeled off a 16-0 spurt, turning a six-point deficit into a 24-14 lead.

Murray was the unsung catalyst of the run, ripping down several key rebounds.

"Mara does a great job of boxing out and she works so hard on the boards," Knopf said. "What Mara did tonight was typical of her and we appreciate her for that."

Following a promising first quarter, the Eagles made just 1-of-13 second-quarter shots while turning the ball over 10 times.

"After we got up by six, we turned the ball over on seven of our next eight possessions, and (Stevenson) ended up scoring off most of them," Essix said.

Stevenson owned a 26-17 lead at the break and put the game away by scoring the first 12 points of the third quarter.

Thurston trailed 45-22 heading into the fourth, but never quit, storming back to within 51-40 at one point.

"We're most effective when we're hustling and scrapping like we were at the end," Essix said.

Thurston finished with a 12-9 mark.

"We rode a roller-coaster the whole season," Essix said. "We had good stretches and bad stretches, but we weren't quite consistent enough."

Stevenson made 5-of-12 free throws. Thurston was 8-of-9 from the stripe.

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Ladywood makes quick work of RU

By Ed Wright
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A David over Goliath-type upset was not in the cards for Redford Union's girls basketball team Wednesday night.

Livonia Ladywood made sure of it.

The Blazers stepped on the gas pedal early, racing to a 27-5 first-quarter lead before coasting in with a 71-14 triumph in a Class A district semifinal.

The second half was played with a running clock after Ladywood stretched its lead to 49-7 at the break.

The Blazers took a 13-9 record into Friday's district final against Livonia Stevenson, which upended Redford Thurston, 53-40, in Wednesday's early game.

RU's season ended with a 2-19 mark.

Led by junior forward Kiley Gorski's 14 points, 12 Blazers scored against the overmatched Panthers.

Senior guard Briana Combs pumped in 12 points; junior guards Shelby Walsh and Sarah Wojnarowski both netted eight points; and junior guard Courtney Mercier added six.

RU was paced by senior guard Kim D'Arcangelo and sophomore guard Ashley Sandelin, both of whom scored four points.

"The nice thing about tonight's game was that everybody played and everyone contributed," Ladywood head coach Anthony Coratti said. "We played some people who hadn't played all year — girls up from the junior varsity — and they came in and brought us great energy. It was very uplifting to see."

The first quarter proved to be a continuation of pregame layup drills for Gorski, who deposited five short, uncontested shots.

Combs was lights out from the perimeter in the

opening quarter, swishing a pair of corner triples in addition to making 3-of-4 free throws.

The Blazers connected on 21-of-32 first-half field-goal attempts.

Although it matched up well size-wise with Ladywood, the Panthers couldn't match the Blazers' quickness. RU turned the ball over 25 times.

The game marked the end of RU head coach Scott Bennett's three-year tenure at the school. He resigned last month, a short time before discovering that the cancer he had battled into remission a few years ago had returned.

With 20.6 seconds left, Bennett called his final timeout as the Panthers' head coach. The team huddled close and he put his arms around the two closest players as he delivered his last message.

"I said, 'You know what guys, I've been coaching 20-some years and you're still my favorite group,'" Bennett shared. "I told them I loved them, then I told them to get out there and get this thing over with."

Bennett emphasized that his 2-19 team made up for what it lacked in skill and physical size with a gym-full of other priceless attributes.

"We didn't win a lot, but the girls always did what I asked them to do," Bennett said. "I appreciate them for that. Even tonight, they could have folded their tents, but they didn't."

"The thing that I'll remember most about this team is that they're all high-character kids and they're good students. We got absolutely drilled tonight, but they kept their chins up. I'm immensely proud of this team."

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Lutheran Westland wins Class D crown

Terranella, Fikes lead way

By Brad Emons
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The Lutheran Westland girls basketball team is still dancing.

And thanks to a clutch fourth-quarter rally, the Warriors are headed to the Class D girls basketball regionals.

Senior center Amanda Terranella, who scored a game-high 17 points, and junior forward Aldreanna Fikes, who added 15 points and 13 rebounds, carried the Warriors to their first district championship in three years with a 41-38 triumph Friday night over Plymouth Christian Academy in the finals at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Lutheran Westland, which improved to 14-8 overall, advances to the regional semifinals beginning 5 p.m. Tuesday at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes to face Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (12-9).

Lutheran Westland trailed 18-12 at halftime and 23-19 after three quarters before rallying in the fourth with a 22-15 run.

"We played them last year and we were in the same position, only this time we executed toward the end," Lutheran Westland second-year coach Sandi Wade said.

The Warriors also got nine points from Erica Killian, while Terranella added nine rebounds.

"They (PCA) came out in a man-to-man (defense) and we got some back-door shots and executed our plays," Wade said. "Terranella had four put-backs and we were able to hit our free throws down the stretch."

Erin Gerulis and Jennifer Malcolm led PCA (14-6) with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

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Crusaders take first 2 in Florida

Heat was the word of the day Friday for the Madonna University baseball team, which opened its week-long trip to Florida with come-from-behind 4-3 and 6-4 victories over Bethel (Ind.) College in a double-header played in Auburndale, Fla.

Playing in mid-80s temperatures, the Crusaders' pitchers were throwing gas as they struck out 19 batters while allowing just two walks and one extra-base hit.

The pair of wins lifted MU's record to 6-5. Bethel slipped to 3-7.

"I'm pleased with the way we pitched today," noted MU head coach Greg Haeger. "But we need to tighten up our defense and be more disciplined at the plate. We made too many easy outs today."

Billy Hardin III was the hero of the game-one win when he ripped a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the eighth to score Steve Pelletier and make a winner out of junior reliever Randall Stempel.

Junior designated hitter Jake Richardson was the plate star for the winners, knocking in three runs in his first appearance for MU.

Stempel and starting pitcher Matt Cook combined for 14 strikeouts. Cook scattered six hits in 7.1 innings.

In the nightcap, Plymouth High graduate Brad Lineberry decked his second home run of the season to help the Crusaders overcome a late 2-1 deficit.

Aaron Saarela improved his record to 1-2 by throwing 6.1 innings of six-hit ball. Sophomore righty Travis Schuba recorded the final two outs for MU.

Rockets pierce rival Wayne Memorial

Westland John Glenn cruised into the Class A district girls basketball final at Romulus with a convincing 69-39 semifinal victory Wednesday night over rival Wayne Memorial.

The Rockets faced defending state champion Inkster (15-5) in Friday's district final. (See related story.)

Temple signee Erica Coville, who missed the Inkster game with a knee injury, scored a team-high 17

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points to pace a balanced Glenn scoring attack in the win over Wayne.

The Rockets, who jumped out to a commanding 44-13 half-time lead, also got 16 points from junior guard ShaKeya Graves.

Junior forward Kierra Jordan and senior center Joslyn Massey, a Purdue signee, chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

Wayne (6-15) got a

game-high 20 points from sophomore guard Ashley Bland.

The Zebras made only 9-of-23 free throws on the night, while Glenn was 10-of-14.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 43, HVL 28: In a Class D district opener Wednesday, visiting Lutheran High Westland (13-8) got 10 points from senior center Amanda Terranella to turn back host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-16) for the third time this season. Hannah Conley, Alissa Flury and Chandler Davenport each

added six points for the victorious Warriors, who led 17-7 after one quarter and 25-11 at halftime. Lutheran Westland then put it away with a 14-2 third-period run.

Flury also grabbed a team-high seven rebounds, while Conley dished out five assists.

Dayna Schroeder scored eight points for the Hawks, who hit only 4-of-14 free throws.

The Warriors made 19-of-55 shots from the floor (34.5 percent) and 4-of-8 foul shots. "We did the right things early in the game and were in control all game," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said. "It was a good team win."

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CYO hoop champs

The Livonia St. Genevieve Jaguars, a seventh- and eighth-grade boys basketball team, recently earned their third straight Catholic Youth Organization divisional title with a 9-1 mark. Team members include: Maurice Darling, Eric Gillis, Kenan Johnson, Jason Jose, Ian Knoph, Mitch Kubiak, Alex Mikonczyk, Matt McNeff, Griffen Tabacco, Brendan Tabone, Frankie Wells and Christian Zapata. Greg Knoph is the head coach assisted by John Tillery and Sean Tabone.

Spartans' rally falls short; Clarenceville trips Summit

Josh Campbell nearly brought Livonia Stevenson all the way back.

The junior guard scored 19 of his game-high 21 points during the final quarter to lead a furious rally, but the Spartans fell short, 51-49, in non-league boys basketball game played Thursday at Dearborn Fordson.

Stevenson trailed by as many as 11 in the final quarter, but the Spartans pulled to within two late in the game and got a jump ball possession arrow going their way with four seconds left.

Out of timeouts, the Spartans pushed the ball up the floor to junior forward Jim Mims (11 points), who missed long from the corner on a three-point attempt to win it as time expired.

"Josh put us in position and it was great effort on our part," Stevenson first-year coach Brandon Sinawi said.

Free throws proved to be the difference as Fordson made 20-of-27 on the night (74 percent), including 14-of-16 in the final period.

Meanwhile, Stevenson made only 9-of-20 (45 percent).

"They (Fordson) made free throws, give them credit," Sinawi said.

BRIGHTON 62, FRANKLIN 44: In rescheduled KLA A consolation bracket game Thursday, Tre Jones scored a game-high 19 points and Shane Hessler added 16 as the host Bulldogs (6-14)

captured their third straight against Livonia Franklin (6-14).

Senior center Jake Barham and Alex Armstrong tallied 10 points apiece for the Patriots, who trailed 27-22 at halftime and 43-27 after three quarters.

Barham also grabbed eight rebounds, while Olushakin Cole dished out four assists. Franklin shot only 34 percent from the floor (15-of-43) and committed 30 turnovers.

CVILLE 61, SUMMIT 46: The one-two punch of seniors Sam Brown and Damien Quarles combined for 41 points Friday as Livonia Clarenceville (7-13) closed out the regular season with a victory at Romulus Summit Academy North (4-16).

Brown scored a game-high 22, including 13 in the second half, while Quarles chipped in with 19 with 14 of those coming in the first half to give the Trojans a 29-24 halftime lead.

Darrin Whitehead led Summit with 12 points. Clarenceville hit 13-of-23 free throws, while Summit connected on 9-of-11.

MOONEY 49, LUTH. WESTLAND 45: After a 90-minute bus ride Thursday, Lutheran High Westland (11-9) fell behind 12-2 after one quarter and host Marine City Cardinal Mooney (10-9) held on for the non-league win.

David Sharpe paced the victorious Cardinals with 10 points.

Mitch Boehm and Nick Flanery tallied 14 and 10, respectively, for the Warriors, who rallied with a 21-13 run during the final quarter thanks to a full-court press.

"We missed a lot of layups in the first quarter," said Lutheran Westland coach Doug Haller, whose trailed by as many as 12 in the fourth period. "Our energy was good. If we had made few more plays, we would have had a chance."

The Warriors connected on only 11-of-21 free throws (52.3 percent), while Mooney hit just 10-of-23 (43.4 percent).

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Charger icers impress vs. Canton, 5-0

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

BOYS HOCKEY

Otto cut in on Craig and roofed his shot.

It's pretty hard to beat near-perfection, as Canton's varsity boys hockey team found out Wednesday night.

Livonia Churchill skated circles around the Chiefs at Eddie Edgar Arena, ending Canton's excellent season with a 5-0 victory in a Division 1 pre-regional final.

The Chargers outshot Canton by a 38-10 margin and were sparked by a two-goal, two-assist performance by senior co-captain Jake Otto. They advanced to play Novi 1 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena in the regional final.

According to Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak, his team "came out a little starry-eyed tonight, a little jittery. We didn't get the opportunities we wanted.

"We got it turned around in the second period, we started playing better hockey. But in the third we just couldn't get out of that hole."

Otto had plenty to do with that predicament.

"It was just a good week of practice, my legs felt good," said Otto, about his five-star night. "It was a great team effort, you got to give a lot of credit to (goalie) Alex (Estes) for making the big saves when they counted."

Early chance

Estes didn't have much work, with seven of Canton's shots coming in the first period.

But he had a key stop in the first minute while a delayed penalty was being called against the senior netminder for tripping a Chiefs forward.

"Probably something that's overlooked," Churchill head coach Pete Mazzoni said, "is while the delay call was on, they had a chance and Estes made a huge save.

"And I think that kind of gave him confidence, we were able to kill it (the Churchill penalty) and obviously getting two power play goals in the first period gave us confidence and maybe put them on their heels a little bit."

Otto scored both of his goals during the opening stanza, which ended 3-0.

On the first one, a power-play marker with 10:24 left in the first, junior winger Brad Milks rushed down the right wing and sent a crisp cross-crease pass to Otto for the tap-in.

Churchill (20-6) padded the lead on the power play with 5:21 to play in the period.

Otto took a couple whacks at the puck after Canton senior goalie Spencer Craig (33 saves) couldn't pounce on a rebound and senior forward Devin Smythe finally chipped it home.

Perhaps the crusher for Canton (14-10-1), outshot 11-7 in the first, was Otto's second goal and 17th of the season about 90 seconds later.

Making a long, outlet pass from his own zone was junior forward Thomas Carey that Otto fielded in stride through the neutral zone.

After a dippy-doo move around a Canton defenseman at the Chiefs' blue line,

Game plan works

"That's what we worked on in practice was hitting the center (with outlet passes) because we knew Canton likes to take the winger out of the play," Otto said. "So we like to hit the center and get out and it worked tonight, it was a good game plan by coach."

In the final two periods, the Chargers parlayed strong checking and puck possession into a wide edge in territorial play. Churchill outshot Canton by margins of 10-1 and 17-2.

"We didn't want to give up anything by not protecting the puck and not being smart with it," Mazzoni said. "We tried to keep them to the outside offensively and knock on wood, it worked tonight."

The Chargers wrapped up the scoring with two late goals, scored by Carey and junior forward Riley Brown.

Stopping the Chiefs from getting back into the game was a string of minor penalties, some that probably could have been avoided such as boarding, slashing and high sticking.

"We deserved some of the penalties we got," said Majszak, whose team was called for eight penalties to Churchill's four. "But it was frustration because it was happening the same to us."

"When you're getting hacked and whacked, and they're not getting called and you're doing it and you're getting called you get frustrated and you keep doing it."

Praise for goalie

Majszak said Craig — who sat dejectedly on the Canton bench for several minutes after the game — had "nothing to hang his head about."

The goalie, called one of the state's best by Mazzoni, made a number of sparkling saves to keep the Chiefs relatively close.

But Canton's offense never got untracked.

"There's a lot of guys that ended their high school career but hockey's not over for them," Majszak noted. "They left it all out there, they had a very successful year again."

"... It would have been nice to keep going, but maybe you lost to an eventual state champion."

If Otto and his teammates duplicate their effort against the Chiefs, there's not telling how far Churchill's postseason run might go.

"I think we're rolling right now, I'll play anyone," Otto said. "We got a lot of confidence, our goalie's playing great, I'm just ready to keep it rolling."

Mazzoni, meanwhile, had high praise for Otto.

"Jake is the heart and soul of our team," Mazzoni noted. "He's been with us for four years, and he epitomizes what you're looking for."

"He works his tail off, he puts his team first and he's willing to do the things that don't always show up on the scoreboard."

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Blue Devils end Patriots' season

Captain Wes Cimmarusti notched a hat trick and chipped in with two assists Thursday night as Grosse Pointe South rolled to an 8-0 MHSAA Division 2 pre-regional win over host Livonia Franklin at Edgar Arena.

South, which improved to 19-5-1 overall, advanced to Saturday's regional final at Wyandotte's Yack Arena to face off against Trenton.

The fourth-ranked Blue Devils led 2-0 after one period and 5-0 after two before putting it away on the eight-goal mercy rule with 49.6 seconds remaining in the when Andrew Big-ham scored.

Nolan Monforton added two goals for South, while Max Corden and

Andrew Addy each contributed one.

Cam Gibson finished with three assists, while Jake Corden added two.

South goaltender C.J. Schebil made 13 saves to notch the shutout.

Franklin (7-17-1) used two goaltenders — senior Matt Slinder, who started, and freshman Matt Monendo. The two combined for 40 saves.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MHSAA BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS CLASS A

at LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Monday, March 5: (A) Garden City vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Livonia Franklin vs. (D) Redford Thurston, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7: Livonia Churchill vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Redford Union vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 9: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Monday, March 12 at Detroit Cass Tech vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit district champion.)

at WAYNE MEMORIAL
Monday, March 5: (A) Inkster vs. (B) Taylor Truman, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Westland John Glenn vs. (B) Belleville, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7: Wayne Memorial vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m. Romulus vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 9: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 12 at Gibraltar Carlson vs. Milan district champion.)

CLASS B
FERNDALE (Host):
Monday, March 5: (A) Detroit Communication & Media Arts at (B) Highland Park, 6 p.m.; (C) Hamtramck at (D) Detroit Old Redford, 6 p.m.; (E) Ferndale University at (F) Livonia Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7: C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 4:30 p.m.; Ferndale vs. A-B winner, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 9: Championship final, 5 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 12 at Livonia Clarenceville vs. Carleton Airport district champion.)

CLASS D

at WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Monday, March 5: (A) Plymouth Christian Academy vs. (B) Detroit Universal Academy, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7: Detroit Westside Christian Academy vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Lutheran High Westland, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 9: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 6 p.m. Monday, March 12 at Bloomfield Hills Roeper vs. Sterling Heights Parkway Chris-

CLASS D

tian district champion.)
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Tuesday, March 6
(NJCAA District 9 Playoffs)
Macomb at S'craft, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Tuesday, March 6
(NJCAA District H Playoffs)
Alpena at S'craft, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
MHSAA DIVISION 1 FINALS
(at EMU's Jones Natatorium)
Friday, March 9
Preliminary heats, noon.
Saturday, March 11
Final heats, noon.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
MHSAA FINALS
(at Gr. Rapids Kenowa Hills)
Friday, March 8
Team Competition, 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 9
Division 2 individual, noon.
Division 1 individual, 3:30 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, March 4
Plymouth at Sarnia, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7
Plymouth at Erie, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 9
Ply. at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 11
Owen Sound vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.

U-M Health System, Trinity Health of Michigan sign affiliation agreement

The University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) and Trinity Health-Michigan have signed a new master affiliation agreement that paves the way for close cooperation between the two health systems.

The announcement on March 1 forms a basis for future efforts to coordinate hospital care, cancer care, children's care, research, doctor training and more, according to health system officials.

Officials from both organizations said the agreement "benefits patients around the state and signals an intention to work together on specific opportunities that may be developed by teams of physicians and leaders from both systems."

The goal, say health system officials, "is to use the complementary strengths and geographic location of UMHS and Trinity-Michigan services to help patients get the care they need in the most appropriate place."

They will also seek to improve the safety net for the uninsured.

The effort will begin with southeastern Michigan, where both health systems are based, and grow to the rest of the state.

Local presence

Trinity Health's southeastern Michigan-wide presence encompasses the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System with hospitals in Livonia, Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Howell, Pontiac, Port Huron



Spivey

and Saline. Trinity's other Michigan hospitals include Grayling and Cadillac in northern Michigan, and Mercy Health in Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

UMHS has three hospitals in Ann Arbor and a network of primary care and specialty outpatient centers in three counties.

"Saint Joseph Mercy Health System has always collaborated with the University of Michigan Health System, but this agreement puts guiding principles around priorities of collaboration. We will be working together in clinical care, research, medical education and support services," said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

In a joint statement hospital officials stated that the agreement will initially will explore areas that include:

- inpatient hospital capacity
- complex care for seriously ill patients
- children's care
- cancer care
- physician training and hiring
- clinical research



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• information technology and other support services

The affiliation also positions UMHS and Trinity-Michigan to take advantage of new federal and state programs, such as accountable care organizations or ACOs, that incentivize health systems to provide better and more coordinated care for entire populations of patients while also containing the growth of costs.

Health care changing

"The Michigan and national health care landscape is changing and many health systems, hospitals and physician groups are aligning in a variety of ways," explained Spivey. "This new affiliation recognizes the potential for us to work together in ways that leverage our existing strengths to benefit the patients and communities we serve."

"It is important for us to create broad-based provider networks to best serve our local communities, most appropriately

using our resources and giving patients access to care they need at the location most convenient for them," added Spivey.

Ora Hirsch Prescovitz, M.D., the executive vice president for medical affairs at U-M and Ceo of UMHS, said the new affiliation "sets the stage for great things to come," in addition to making UMHS Trinity's "preferred academic partner" in the state.

New opportunity

"We are excited about the opportunity to work more closely together to better meet the needs of patients and the communities we serve," said Garry C. Faja, president and CEO of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and regional market executive, Trinity Health-East Michigan.

Both health systems will now contribute members to a leadership group that will approve all proposed cooperative agreements, and to teams that will work on specific proposals.

Trinity Health is one of the state's largest employers, with 14 hospitals and numerous ambulatory sites, nine nursing homes, 19 senior housing facilities, eight home health care agencies and four hospices serving 35 counties.

The U-M Medical School is one of the nation's biomedical research powerhouses, with total research funding of more than \$490 million.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

March

DIABETES SUPPORT

An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club will meet from 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, beginning March 8, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion will facilitate. There is no charge to attend. Discussion topics will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies. Call Vining at (734) 454-0859.

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•Get Up and Move, an invigorating exercise program, aims to help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or get you started for the first time. It meets at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and Thursday, March 8, 15, 22, and 29. Fee is \$30 per month; for more information call (734) 458-3242.

•Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind through yoga, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday, March 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29. Wednesday-Thursday classes are held at the Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Tuesday classes meet at the hospital in Garden City.

•Eating Disorders Support Group meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the hospital. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

•Diabetes Self-Management series meets at 9 a.m., Tuesday, March 6, 20, 27 and 6 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 22, 29. Learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management,

monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Call (734) 458-4330 to register.

•The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan will present an evening of sleep-related topics, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Register by calling the (734) 458-3330.

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Ongoing

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- Pharmacist, Lisa Cayo, R. Ph.
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Fish fries

Catholic churches serve fellowship along with seafood

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

At nearly 4:30 p.m. on a recent Friday, controlled chaos was well underway in the kitchen at St. Genevieve Catholic Church's fellowship hall, in Livonia.

Tim Jeter was bread-ing cod, as he had done every Lent for the past 16 years.

Nearby, at the stove, Jeff Crawford was up to his elbows in oven mitts, while Karl "the singing fish fryer" Stoll belted out an operatic, "Maria, Maria," as he and Bill Bonanno tended to sizzling cod.

Ray Johnson, a Bluetooth device tucked behind his ear and an apron covering his St. Genevieve T-shirt, was a blur as he moved from serving line to soup crockpots, dessert window to dining room, orchestrating last-minute tasks before the doors opened on his first fish fry of the 2012 Lenten season.

It's a moment he'd been planning since December last year.

"We start about New Year's Eve working on this," he said. "I've got 15 people in the kitchen. We all know what we need to be doing. Everyone's got a purpose."

Johnson, a nurse anesthesiologist, has coordinated



Marilyn Simoni pours the wine at St. Kenneth.

St. Genevieve's Lenten fish fries for the past six years. The Friday night dinners raise money for Catholic Youth Organization and the athletic opportunities it gives teens, like the ones volunteering in the fish fry serving line.

But when the doors opened for the early bird, senior citizen special, the gathering seemed less about fundraising and more about fellowship and good food.

"We serve between 300 and 500 meals a week in two and a half hours. And the people come to stay. They make it an event," said Karen Bonanno, volunteer coordinator. "They bring their family and friends."

Catholic tradition

The scene plays out in Catholic fellowship halls and school cafeterias

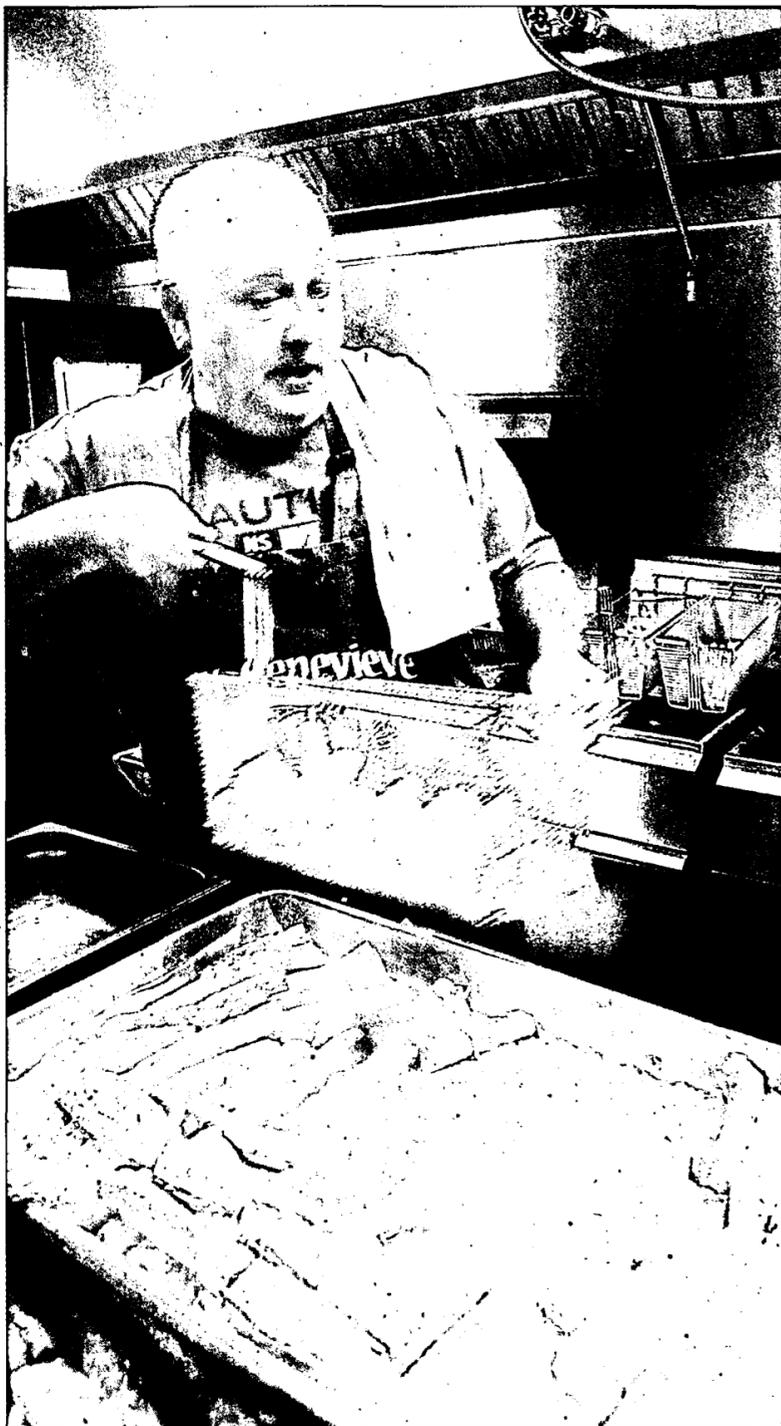
throughout Metro Detroit every Lent. Although fish fries aren't specifically a Catholic endeavor, they are a tradition in many Catholic churches. And although they all bolster parish unity and friendship, each is as unique as the churches they represent.

Johnson says it's the clam chowder ("it rocks") that sets St. Genevieve's fish fry apart from others. It also offers a sundae bar and weekly salmon or shrimp specials.

Joe Kujawski keeps the event fresh at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington by offering it only twice during Lent.

"The novelty would wear off and I don't think we'd get as many people in here," Kujawski said, explaining why he limits fish fries to the first Fri-

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Karl Stoll is ready to fry another batch of breaded fish at St. Genevieve's fish fry, in Livonia.

John Tabone and Ray Johnson have a lot of experience working fish fries at St. Genevieve in Livonia.



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At St. Genevieve, Jim Biddinger seasons salmon with Old Bay seasoning and grills it until done.

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You don't have to be Catholic — or even a Christian — to enjoy a good fish fry.

But you can dine at a different Catholic church every Friday through Lent and not encounter the same menu twice. Fish fries continue as a Lenten staple at many local churches where parishioners fry, bake and grill for hundreds of visitors packed into the fellowship hall or school cafeteria. The fare ranges from seafood to pizza and pierogi, served all-you-can-eat or a la carte.

In addition to St. Kenneth, St. Genevieve and Our Lady of Sorrows, several other area Catholic churches offer Friday fish fries. Here are the basics with a few menu items highlighted:

- Our Lady of Good Counsel, 547650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth; (734) 453-0326: 5:30-7 p.m. through March 30. Baked or fried fish, shrimp or combo with sides; \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors. Children's menu for 12 and under is \$5.
- Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, Redford; (313) 534-9000: 4-7 p.m. through Good Friday, April 6. All dinners come with sides; one piece of fried fish, \$6.25; two pieces, \$7.50; baked orange roughly, \$9.25; salmon, \$9; clam strips, \$6.75.
- SS. Simon and Jude Parish,



Joë Kujawski shows off his fish fry T-shirt at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington.

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32500 Palmer, Westland; (734) 722-1343: 4:30-7 p.m. through March 30. Baked or fried fish or fried shrimp, with sides, \$7. Children's fish dinner, for 12 and under, \$5.

(734) 425-5950: Adults, \$9, children 10 and under \$5. Choice of baked cod, grilled salmon or both, along with sides.

pieces, \$7, and three pieces, \$8. Baked fish or shrimp dinners are \$7; pierogi dinner, \$6.

two pieces and \$7.75 for three pieces. Shrimp and combo fish and shrimp dinners are \$8.

• St. Edith, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia; (734) 464-1222: 4:30-7 p.m. through March 30 and 3:30-7 p.m. on Good Friday, April 6; \$9 dinners offer choice of baked fish, fried fish, salmon, crab cakes, pierogi, and shrimp. All come with sides. Children, 12 and under, pay \$6 for fried fish dinner.

• St. Raphael, 31530 Beechwood, off Merriman, two blocks south of Ford Road, Garden City; (734) 427-1533: 4:30-7 p.m. or until sold out, through March 30, and 3-7 p.m. or until sold out, Good Friday, April 6. Fish, shrimp and combo plates are \$8.50, along with sides.

• St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia; (734) 261-1455: 4:30-7 p.m. through March 30; adults, \$8, Kids, 3-11, seniors and carry-out, \$7. Kids under 3 eat free. Choice of baked or fried fish along with sides.

• St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago Road, at Inxter Road, Redford; (313) 937-1500: 4-7 p.m. or until sold out, through Good Friday, April 6. Baked or fried fish available with sides, \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 seniors 60 and older, \$4.25 children under 12.

— By Sharon Dargay

SERVE

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day of Lent and March 30, the last Friday before Holy Week.

"We'll feed 700 from 5-7 p.m. It's about community. It's to bring the parish together in a different atmosphere. A lot of these people don't even know each other. Now they get to see each other in a different setting."

Started by accident

Kujawski and his wife, Sue, have coordinated the event for five years. Wearing bright yellow and pink T-shirts they were easy to identify in the noisy throng of diners that filled the school cafeteria and hallway on the first Friday of Lent.

"The way this fry started was I represented a seafood company and we had mismarked boxes ... they were going to destroy the product. I said, I know what to do with them."

He and Brian Campbell, who coordinates the kitchen, have improved on the product since then. They fine-tuned their baked fish recipes and moved the fryers outdoors, eliminating grease splatter and smells in the school.

"We know what moves and what everyone likes," Campbell said.

Wine and candles

At St. Kenneth's in Plymouth Township, the extensive menu — coordinated by a real chef — reasonable prices — \$5 for adults — and a setting



How many Our Lady Of Sorrows guys does it take to fry a piece of fish? Brian Shoup, Jeff Garvin, Jimmy Moreau and Greg Fedurek make the fish and french fries sizzle.



Jim Petruska has another tray of hot fish ready for St. Kenneth fish fry customers.



Deanna Kluka and her sister Brianna Kluka and family are parishioners at another church, but came to St. Kenneth's fish fry anyway.

that includes glowing candles, draws visitors from as far away as Macomb County. Diners queue up in the hallway well before the 5:30 p.m. start.

"The food is exceptional, the service is quick and the price is right," said parishioner Al Meredith, sipping a White Zinfandel. He dined with family at the first fish fry of the season, but said he might volunteer on another evening.

"We not only have regular fish and chips, but we have tilapia, salmon, a multi-fish tray, green beans, baked potato, French Fries," he noted.

Rosie Marsh, church business manager, relies on approximately 50-55 volunteers to serve and cook and another 20 to prep food for the weekly event.

"We serve 550-600 in an hour and 45 minutes, on real dishes we're proud to say," Marsh said.

As the doors opened and the line of patrons snaked its way to the serving area, chef Steve Schifano took a quick break from the kitchen, where he had spent the past four and a half hours, tasting and tweaking and preparing the evening's fare.

"We have so much fun doing this," said Schifano, executive chef for University of Michigan Hospital and a St. Kenneth parishioner. "Everyone is a volunteer. We have a fabulous team."

What sets St. Kenneth's fish fry apart from others? "You could come here seven weeks and get something different each time."

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White Rose Ball debutantes are Jessica Standish (left standing) of Allen Park, Sabine Hutter of Plymouth and Rosalind Duma of Howell. Sitting are Rachel Cyranski (left) of New Baltimore and Rachel Given of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Scholarship winners and debutantes were recognized at the annual Hungarian White Rose Ball, held last month at the Dearborn Inn Marriott.

The ball, presented by The Hungarian Art Club for the past 54 years, introduces young women of Hungarian descent into society and awards a college scholarship to a student of Hungarian descent who is studying the fine arts.

Debutantes were: Rachel Cyranski of New Baltimore, Rachel Given from Fort Wayne, Ind., Jessica Standish of Allen Park, Sabine Hutter of Plymouth, and Rosalind Duma from Howell. The scholarship winners were Frank Asztalos of Detroit, a student

Darlene Szatmari, honorary chairperson and co-owner of the Hungarian Rhapsody

Restaurant in Southgate gave each scholarship recipient an additional \$500.

The honorary chairperson is selected for their contributions to promoting Hungarian culture. Szatmari has been part of the William Penn Association Family for years. She donated and devoted her time and worked alongside her husband, who managed the William Penn Hungarian Club for 17 years. Szatmari co-founded the William Penn Hungarian Dancers in 1977 and then, along with her daughter, went on to run the group for 25 years. In 1993, she and her husband and their daughter opened The Hungarian Rhapsody. Throughout the last 18 years, they have made countless donations to not only the Hungarian community, but to churches, schools, and other organizations.

Milestones

Tsernoglou-Ross

Penelope Ann Tsernoglou and Steve Ross announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Demetrius and Elaine Tsernoglou of Lansing, is a graduate of Southfield High School, the University of Michigan, and Michigan State University Law School. She is an Ingham County Commissioner and owner of Practical Political Consulting of East Lansing.

Her fiancé, son of George and Pam Ross of Livonia, is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. The former White House intern is owner of SMR Strategies of East Lansing.

A July 2012 wedding is planned at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.



Rogg-Ramas

Rachael Rogg and Kevin Ramas were married Feb. 4, 2012 at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. The Rev. Rodney Quainton officiated.

The bride, daughter of Brian and Erin Rogg of Novi, attended Novi High School and Michigan State University. She is employed as a senior account manager at Auto-bytel, an automotive marketing firm.

The groom, son of Tim Ramas of Commerce and Linda Ramas of Farmington Hills, attended Michigan State University and received a juris doctorate degree from Wayne State University. He is employed as an attorney at Michael Morse PC.

A reception was held at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, Nev.

They reside in South Lyon.

Marietti-Knizacky

Laura Marie Marietti and Robert Knizacky were married July 9, 2011 at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. The Rev. Michael Loyson officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dianne and James Marietti of Livonia, and the groom is the son of Trudy Graham of Custer and Benedict Knizacky of Ludington.

The bride's siblings — René Marietti, Maria Michela, and Anthony Marietti — and the groom's siblings — Daniel Barnett, Thomas Barnett, and Erica Knizacky — all served as attendants.

Additional members of the wedding party included Theresa Skora, a cousin, and friends Megan Williams, Cassie Lalla, Scott Martin, Luke Shereda, and Kyle Collins.

Aiden Marietti and Leanna Barnett, the nephew and niece of the couple, were the ring bearer and flower girl.

Frank Zak, the bride's grandfather, Lucy Ann Knizacky, the groom's grandmother, Fabian Knizacky and Theresa

Shoop, the groom's godparents, and William Marietti and Mary S. Zak, the bride's godparents, took a role in the readings and offertory at the Mass.

The newlyweds stopped at Historic Greenmead in Livonia to pose for photos and at Han-D-Dip Dairy Barn for a refreshing treat.

A reception was held in Livonia. The couple also held a second reception in Ludington, after returning from their honeymoon trip to Hawaii, including the NaPali Coast.

Both the bride and groom had perfect attendance during their elementary and high school years.

Laura is a 2005 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Saginaw Valley State University in 2010.

Benjamin is a 2005 graduate of Mason County Eastern High School in Custer. He earned a bachelor of business administration in management degree from Saginaw Valley State University in 2009.

Deneau-Osantoski

Elizabeth Amber Deneau of Northville and Nicholas Thomas Osantoski of Westland announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Christopher and Brenda Deneau of Northville, is a 2006 graduate of Northville High School and a 2011 graduate of Wayne State University. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and is employed by Independent Bank.

Her fiancé, son of Randy and Melinda Osantoski of Bad Axe, graduated in 2007 from Bad Axe High School and in 2011 from

Schoolcraft College with a degree in culinary arts. He is employed as a sous chef for AVI food systems at Wayne State University.

A June 2012 wedding is planned in Bad Axe.



Beard-Baker

Kristen Elizabeth Beard and Brett Patrick Baker announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mark and Mary Ann Small of LaSalle, Ill., earned a BBA degree in Western Michigan Uni-

versity.

Her fiancé, son of Gordon and Debbie Baker of Plymouth, earned a B.B.A. degree in accounting from Western Michigan University.

A September 2012 wedding is planned at Walt Disney World Wedding Pavilion.

REUNIONS

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS CLASS OF 1982

For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linares at godofouzo@yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DETROIT MACKENZIE CLASS OF 1962

Planning 1962 reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

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Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman

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CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on May 19. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at joleson@sbcglobal.net or call her at (586) 268-1663 or e-mail to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at bustchr@aol.com.

GARDEN & NATURE

Library series

The Redford Township District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile, will offer a free series of gardening classes, 6:45 p.m. Monday, March 5-26. Topics are timing and tips for pruning trees and shrubs, March

5; composting done easily and inexpensively, March 12; trellises, arches and vertical plantings, March 19; and spring gardening — do it the right way, March 26. Advanced Master Gardener LeRoy Wolff is the instructor. Register at adult reference desk, or call (313) 531-5960, Ext. 103.

Livonia Club

Marsha Heads, Livonia Garden Club member, and Alicia Gorburt will present "Gourds in the Garden," 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. For more information, visit www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardenclub/

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Activity helps us keep stamina and strength, but eventually aging makes its appearance.

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Ask for Eric</p>	<p>Help Wanted-General</p> <p>MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN Knowledge of automotive manufacturing equipment and facilities is necessary. Ability to work in a plant environment, collecting maintenance data by surveying equipment is a requirement. Ideal candidate should have in-plant maintenance or machine-tool building experience. Permanent full-time position offering a complete benefits package with an expanding 71-year-old co.</p> <p>Email/FAX/mail resume: stclaira@stclair.com 248.553.3102</p> <p>ST. CLAIR, INC. 37440 Hills Tech Drive Farmington Hills, MI 48331 Attn: Mfg. Safety Services E.D.E.</p>	<p>Help Wanted-General</p> <p>The Engineering Society of Detroit Engineering & Technology JOB FAIR March 12, 2012 2p.m. - 7p.m. Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi</p> <p>Hundreds of Opportunities; Major Michigan Companies; Proven Results</p> <p>Yes, engineering and technical jobs do exist in Michigan. 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Musicale group presents March Musical Madness

The Farmington Musicale will present a musical program at 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, at the Farmington Hills Community Library entitled: "March Musical Madness" which consists of a revue of the development of Musical Theater in America. Performers include the Nova Wind Quintet: Violinist Josh Kalichman, pianists Beverley Notestine and Elaine Vermiglio; baritone Dennis Brown;

sopranos Patricia Semerjian and Connie Randall; mezzo sopranos Susie Hensoldt and her daughter Anne Marie Hensoldt. Pat McElroy will narrate. With audience participation, this program is sure to be entertaining as well as educational. Audience members will enjoy a rollicking, whirlwind musical trip that spans America's Colonial days through to the present.



Nova Wind Quintet — front row, from left: Norma Keil Shaw, clarinet; Ann Konopinski, flute; back row: Megan Barrus, French horn; Walter Dean, bassoon; Jaimie Buckley, oboe. The quintet will be featured in the March 7 March Musical Madness event.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the e-mail.

March

BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 31
Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster Road, Redford
Details: Bethany Together Dance. Admission is \$12. Wear "proper" attire
Contact: Loretta from Bethany East at (586) 264-0284

BIBLE READING CAMPAIGN

Time/Date: 11 a.m., beginning March 4
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, in Livonia
Details: The Story is a unique way to read the narrative portions of the Bible in chronological order in 31 weeks. Consisting of 31 chapters of carefully-selected scriptures sequenced in chronological order, The Story presents the word of God in an engaging format, reading like a novel.
Contact: (734) 427-8743

BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 7 p.m., first and third Tuesday, beginning March 6 and running through June
Location: St. Michael the Archangel School cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road in Livonia
Details: Catholic author and apologist Gary Michuta, will begin a new study, the Gospel of St. Luke. The class is basic enough to suit those who have not studied the Bible before, while still offering deeper opportunities that will challenge the Bible study veteran. The free class is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation or denomination
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

BIBLE TALK

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, March 4, 11, 18 and 25
Location: Plymouth VFW Hall, 1426 Mill, Plymouth
Details: These one-hour meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. No collections will be taken. Matthew Jensen and Jason McNally are the ministers leading the sessions
Contact: (515) 851-2939

BOWL-O-RAMA

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. check-in, with bowling from 1-4 p.m. March 17
Location: Oak Lanes, 1230 Middlebelt, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: Fundraiser for Mt. Hope Congregational Church's youth group
Contact: (248) 471-5282

mission this summer to Pittsburgh, Pa. The trip costs \$223 per participant, in addition to transportation costs. The fundraiser will include three games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop, along with a raffle ticket entry. Cost is \$20 for bowlers, 11 and older; \$15 for children under 10. Bumper bowling will be available. 50/50 raffle tickets also will be available. Register by March 10
Contact: Kathy at (734) 261-4202 or Mt. Hope at (734) 425-7280

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 24

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton
Details: Free clothing and shoes given to anyone in need
Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 4
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, near Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: The Royalheirs, a southern gospel quartet, will sing during the evening worship service. A free-will offering will be taken
Contact: (248) 474-3444; or e-mail to clarencevilleumc@att.net

DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 7 p.m., March 21
Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills
Details: "Can-Do Detroit: Shaping an Innovative Future from a Creative Past," is a series of interviews and discussions highlighting individuals involved in Detroit's current resurgence. The second program in the series includes Rachel Lachover, associate director of CommunityNEXT, Justin Jacobs, founder of Come Play Detroit, Amit Weitzer, a member of the Detroit Area Communal Leadership Initiative, filmmaker Oren Goldenberg, and Rachel Prinstein, a member of the Detroit Young Professional Board. Admission is \$12
Contact: Eileen Polk at (248) 865-0627, or Jan Durecki at (248) 865-0628

DREAM ENCOUNTER

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. March 4
Location: Open Arms Church, 33015 W. Seven Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Dr. Barbie Breathitt wraps up her "Dream Encounter of the Supernatural Kind" workshop with a healing service
Contact: (248) 471-5282



Rachel Lachover of CommunityNEXT will be among the panelists at Temple Beth El's "Can Do Detroit" series, March 21.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 7, 14 and 21
Location: St. Michael's Catholic Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Grieving with Great Hope, a four-week grief support series for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include The Rev. Bill Tindall as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. Register by calling the church of visiting Good Mourning Ministry's Web site. Began Feb. 29
Contact: (734) 261-1455; www.goodmourningministry.net

ICON PRESENTATION

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 West Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: The Rev. Joseph Marquis and Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church of Livonia present "We Become What We Contemplate: The Transforming Power of Holy Icons within the Eastern Catholic Tradition." Admission is free
Contact: (734) 522-3166

LENTEN WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays through March 21
Location: Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Free treats after Lenten services. Series theme is "See His Cross!"
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

Details: David Conrad, who has a master's degree in theology, will lead the sessions. Weekly topics are "Jesus: Great Guru or God-Man?" March 7; "The Church: Hypocritical or Holy?" March 14; "Baptism: Appeasing the Grandparents or Entrance into Divine Living?" March 21; and "Resurrection: Lunacy or Liberation?" March 28. Refreshments will be served. Call to RSVP and come to sessions that interest you
Contact: (734) 425-5950

LENTEN WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays, through March 28
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Free treats after Lenten services. Series theme is "See His Cross!"
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

LENTEN WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, through Lent
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road in Farmington Hills
Details: Soup supper starts at 6 p.m., followed by the worship service
Contact: (248) 553-3380

LGBT PRESENTATIONS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 16 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 17
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia and

Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Rev. Amy DeLong, a United Methodist pastor from Wisconsin, will speak Friday at Newburg United Methodist about issues that separate the LGBT population from church. The evening in Livonia will include poetry by the Rev. Jeff Nelson and music by Katie Geddes. On Saturday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, she will lead a workshop for Methodist churches trying to be more inclusive of LGBT individuals. Call (313) 965-5422, ext. 121 to register for the workshop
Contact: Newburg United Methodist Church at (734) 422-0149, Nardin Park United Methodist at (248) 476-8860

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 4
Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic School, 27201 W. Chicago, Redford

Details: Preschool - 8th grade enrollment available
Contact: (313) 937-1655 or visit www.strobertbellarmine.com, click on the school link

VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sunday, March 18

Location: St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 18405 W. Nine Mile, Southfield

Details: The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will conduct the third service in its 2012 series of five Sunday Lenten Vespers services. The Very Rev. Roman Star, pastor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, president of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit, and spiritual advisor to the COCC, will preside at the service, assisted by other members of the Clergy Brotherhood. The Very Rev. George Shaloub, rector of the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, Livonia will be the homilist. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit, conducted by Vickie Kopistiansky, artistic director, will sing during the service. Refreshments will be served afterward. All proceeds will be used for Orthodox Christian charities and COCC programs
Contact: Subdeacon Robert A. Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or rmit02@ameritech.net

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites

widowed individuals to celebrate Mass together. Refreshments and social opportunities in a safe and friendly setting follow the Mass
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

April

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. April 16, 23, 30, May 7 and 9
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: Deacon Bob Irvin, the Rev. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization, will present "Grieving with Great Hope." Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the church
Contact: (734) 453-0326; olgparish.net

RETREAT

Time/Date: April 20-21
Location: Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia
Details: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church presents a women's retreat. Guest speaker is Suann Dibble. Cost is \$85 per person
Contact: Barb Karowich at (734) 480-1644 or visit www.christoursavior.org

ONGOING

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
Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September, is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hangups and habits of the past.
Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

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BISHOP, MATILDA C.

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Ann Arbor on February 25, 2012, at 12:30 AM. She was born on September 29, 1911 in Hazelton, PA, this youngest of 12 children of Mary and Sylvester Jason. Preceding her were her parents, her husband, Frank H. Bishop, and her son, Christopher J. Bishop. She is survived by her daughters B. Susan Bishop, Lydia K. Lotz, Ellen R. Bishop, and Katherine A. Smathers, and her step-son Daniel F. Bishop; her granddaughters Brooke Lotz, Jennifer Molina, Aimee Smathers, and Lynne Jay; and grandsons Eric Lotz, Andrew Molina, Alex Smathers, C.J. Bishop, and Daniel F. Bishop, Jr., and seven great grandchildren. Early in her teens, Matilda and her siblings moved to Cleveland, OH. In her early 20's she worked as a model and merchandise manager for Halle Bros. and Milgrim's. After her marriage, she moved to Birmingham, MI. where she found much joy in raising her 5 children. She gave us all good solid values, curiosity, humor, and her wonderful problem-solving ability. When her children were grown, she went back to work as the Manager of the Maternity Department at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, MI. She was business savvy and a saleswoman par excellence. She loved music, traveling, was an avid photographer, and enjoyed the wonders of nature. She traveled frequently to Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Florida to visit her children and her niece, Carol Fox. And she had wonderful stories to tell about the century in which she lived. We will all miss her love, her strength, her wonderful smile and that twinkle in her beautiful blue eyes. Her family appreciates the compassionate and skilled care given her by Dr. N. Cary Engleberg, and the decades long spiritual support provided by Bishop Bernard J. Harrington. The family will receive friends at Nie Funeral Home, 3767 W. Liberty Street, Ann Arbor, MI on February 29, 2012, from 2 PM to 4 PM and from 6 PM to 8 PM. A funeral mass will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2150 Frieze Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 on March 1, 2012, with visitation from 10 AM to 11 AM. The Mass will begin at 11 AM. A private burial will take place at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI.



CRIGER, MARJE

Age 90, widow of Marvin Criger, passed away on February 25, 2012 at Carriage Club, Charlotte, North Carolina. She was born on October 19, 1921 in Laurium, Michigan, daughter of the late Ralph and Della Panattoni. The youngest of four sisters, she graduated from Calumet High School, Calumet, Michigan, and Suomi Business College, Hancock, Michigan. She moved with her family to Plymouth, Michigan where she worked as an Executive Secretary for Wayne County and later met her husband. They were active members of the community and Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She was an avid bridge player and her many activities included leading her children's scout troops, golfing, and gardening. Upon their retirement to New Smyrna Beach, Florida, she was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, as well as the Ladies Golf Club, various bridge clubs, the A.A.U.W., and the Garden Club in their Fairgreen Country Club community. They relocated to Charlotte, NC several years ago to live closer to their children. Marie was predeceased by her parents, her sisters, and most recently her husband. She is survived by her children, Nadine Criger Hershey of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Dane Criger of Charlotte, NC, as well as her nieces and nephews. A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Gabriel Catholic Church on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 11:00 AM, 3016 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211. Interment will be in the St. Gabriel Catholic Church Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Special thanks to the nurses, aids, and companions at Carriage Club Health Care Center who cared for and comforted her. Heritage Funeral Home / Wedding Chapel is assisting the family.

DICKSON, ADAM THOMAS

Age 35 of Westland passed away Saturday, February 25, 2012 at UofM Hospital, Ann Arbor following a courageous battle with cancer. Adam was born on May 27, 1976 in Dearborn to Robert and Suzanne (nee Nelson) Dickson. He was a graduate of John Glen High School, class of 1994. Adam was a Supervisor at Service All/Capital Cleaning in Livonia. Adam is survived by his devoted pet, Charlie; mother, Suzanne; brother Pete; sister-in-law Angie; uncle to Andrew and JoHannah. Cherished grandson of Grandma Martha Dickson; nephew of Aunt Sally and Uncle Rick Botzler; Aunt Cindy and Uncle John Rocchi; Aunt Mary and Uncle Gary Parker plus many loving cousins and friends. Funeral Service will be held at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Ave., Dearborn at 11:00 am on Friday, March 2nd. Visitation for family and friends will be on Thursday, March 1st from 1-4 pm and 6-8 pm. Burial will follow at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit. Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. www.howepeterson.com



FAIRFIELD, Edward A.

Age 61, of Fenton, formerly of Westland, died February 2, 2012. Beloved husband of Pam. Father of Olivia Saylor, Michele (Michael) Bieling, Rob Higgs and Britney Fairfield. Dear Papa of Donald, Jake, Kayla, Taylor, Malysia, Anthony and Brooke. Brother of Sharon (Joe) Randazzo. Special cousin of Angelo DeSanto. Ed also leaves many extended family members and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert & Tressie Fairfield. He will be greatly missed. Donations may be made to Ed's family. A memorial Mass will be held on March 10th, 10am at SS. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Rd., Westland (between Merriman & Venoy Rd.). A luncheon will follow the Mass.

FALCONER, WALTER B.

Age 85, passed away on January 27 with his daughters by his side. Walter was born in Almont, MI on 3/10/26 to Walter and Antonia Falconer. He attended Northville High School and was a member of the football team, golf team, and archery team, where he earned many medals. In 1944, he graduated early so he could join the US Army as a paratrooper. After his duty, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology at Western Michigan University. Walter married Betty Lewis in 1952 and they had three children; Michael, Susan, and Teri. Being a fine craftsman, he owned and operated his own remodeling business. Walter's second wife of 31 years was Rosemary Symanski. He built his home in Irish Hills, with the help of his son and step-sons. Walt loved hunting, golf, airplanes, flying, music, and dancing. He also loved to laugh and was known for his practical jokes. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, daughters Susan (Ron) Tipton and Teri (Jim) Harrelson, step-children Susan Digue, Steven Symanski, Tim (Kim) Symanski, Ron Symanski, Stan (Dottie) Symanski, along with 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael and Rick Symanski, Bruce Digue, and Jessica Digue. A service was held at Santeiu & Son.

GABEL, CLARENCE M.

of Brighton, formerly Farmington Hills, died Feb. 29, 2012 at home in the care of his family. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

GIROLAMI, VICTOR

Age 84, of Novi, died February 24, 2012. Beloved husband of Gale for 63 wonderful years; devoted father of Gigi (Bob) Steel, Jayne (Gary) Hines, Linda (Anthony) Petty, Tom and Michael (Lisa); dear brother of Quin (Doris) Barrett and the late Roland (Nina); cherished grandfather of Kirra Steel, Michael Steel, Joel Langemaat, Andrea (Patrick) Nichols, Matthew, Anthony Petty II, Quynn Petty and Emma Gale. Funeral service Saturday, March 3rd, 2:30 pm, at the Heeneysundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation 12 Noon until the 2:30 service time. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Kenneth Catholic Community CSA Church Organ Fund or Fox Run Scholarship Fund, Novi. heeneysundquist.com



GRAY, JOHN BERNARD

96, who resided in Salem, Oregon, died on February 20, 2012 of congestive heart failure at Farmington Square Senior Care Facility, after a long illness. John Gray was born on June 7, 1915 in Rochester, Minnesota. John moved with his family at a young age to Saskatchewan, Canada to farm land that had been homesteaded by his Grandfather, Timothy Gray. After high school in Canada he returned to Rochester, where he met Bette Stuart. John graduated from the University of Minnesota with an Accounting degree, and during summer vacations he worked at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, as did his aunts, Kate and Elizabeth Fitzgerald. John and Bette Stuart were married on December 28, 1938. They lived in several Midwest cities until 1952, when John accepted the Treasurer position at the Detroit Insurance Agency. John had a long and successful career in the commercial insurance business, eventually orchestrating a merger between the Detroit Insurance Agency and Alexander & Alexander, a large international insurance agency, where he served on the Board of Directors until he retired in 1975. John and Bette raised their family primarily in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. They retired to Naples, FL in the late 1980's. Survivors include his six children - Stuart Gray of Birmingham, MI/ Tim and Ed Gray of Gresham, OR/ Sheila Gray of Portland, OR/ Marcee Condon of Homer, AK/ and Sarah Blanton of Salem, OR/ 11 grandchildren/ 9 great-grandchildren/ two brothers - Larry (Geri) of Stewartville, MN and Chuck (Mag) Gray of Rochester, MN. He was preceded in death by his wife - Bette and two brothers - Don Gray of Scottsdale, AZ and Ralph Gray of Seattle, WA. Local arrangements are with Griffin-Gray F. H. in Stewartville, MN: www.griffin-gray.com Any donations in his honor: www.audubon.org and scroll to the bottom of the Home Page, find the section called "Support Us" and click on the link "Memorial Gift."

HOLLOWAY, MARGARET

Age 69, March 2, 2012 of Westland. Beloved wife of Larry. Loving mother of Dino Charara, Mona Alsamarrie, Lisa Holloway, Trina (Tom) Lafferty and Larry (Trisha) Holloway Jr. Grandmother of 13; Great Grandmother of 1; and sister of David (Darlene) Budop. Funeral service Monday at 10am at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Road, Garden City. Visitation Sunday from 2-9pm. Please sign Margaret's online guestbook at: www.rgharris.com



KAY (GUYTON) ALICE M.

82, died Monday, Feb. 20, at her daughter's home in Townsend, MA, surrounded by her loving family. Her first husband, Gene Thompson; died in 1955. Her second husband of 39 years, Charles H. Kay, died in 1996. She leaves two sons, Paul S. Kay, and his wife, Aimee, of San Diego, CA and Ward R. Kay, and his wife, Kathleen, of Vienna, VA; two daughters, Kathy K. Duckett, and her husband, Lee, of Townsend and Mary B. Parker of Grand Rapids, MI; one sister, Lorena R. Sheed of Santa Clarita, CA; and four grandchildren, Lee L. Duckett IV, Charles T. Duckett, and Alicia and Tess Kay. She was predeceased by a sister, Marilyn B. Blackmon. Mrs. Kay was a Junior High School English teacher in Michigan for 20 years, and later was a book store manager for 20 years. She was a member of Wellspring Church in Farmington Hills until moving to Townsend. Alice was a 1947 graduate of William Chrisman High School, in Independence, MO, and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Missouri. She was a well-known storyteller and was a member of the Storyteller Guild. She loved to read, knit, needlepoint, entertain and travel. She was born in Kansas City, MO, on August 11, 1929, a daughter of the late Roy A. and Mary D. (Carr) Guyton, and lived in Michigan for 50 before moving to the Gables in Fitchburg three years ago, and then to her daughter's home in Townsend a short time ago. Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 24, at 11:00 AM, at Wellspring Church, 36350 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wellspring Church, 36350 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335-4801 or to either of her two daughter-in-laws who are walking the Susan G Koman 3 Day walk in her memory - www.the3day.org/goto/KathleenRakestrawKay; http://www.the3day.org/site/TR?px=5702445&pg=personal&fr_id=1767&et=9i02GXR7SDPIEtWjwKEmw&s_tafid=478219.

LANG JR., HARRY O.

Age 90, of Northville, formerly of Farmington Hills and Traverse City, passed away 02/29/2012. Service to be held at later date. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

LEAR, VELMA IRENE

82, of Prudenville passed away Sunday, February 26, 2012 at King Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre with her loving family by her side. Velma was born in Detroit on September 28, 1929 to the late Ammon and Irene (Mosher) Crawford. Velma was a home maker for most of her life and worked as a secretary for several businesses. She was married in Plymouth on August 31, 1957 to Glenn Allen Lear, and Glenn survives. The couple moved to the Prudenville area from Westland over 12 years ago. Velma was a member of Houghton Lake Wesleyan Church. Mrs. Lear is survived by her loving husband of over 54 years, Glenn Allen Lear of Prudenville; one daughter, Roxanne (Donald) Larson of Prudenville; two sons, Kevin (Pam) Lear of South Lyon, and Dale Lear of Chelsea; five grandchildren, Benjamin, Molly, Justin, Mitchell, and Katie; two sisters, Vineta Snyder of Arizona, and Vera Anderson of Arkansas; two brothers, David (Caroline) Crawford of Lowell, and William (Mary) Crawford of Houghton Lake; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mrs. Velma Irene Lear will be conducted 11:00AM Saturday March 3, 2012 from the Houghton Lake Wesleyan Church with Rev. Bryan Thompson officiating. Interment will be in Roscommon Twp. Cemetery, Houghton Lake. Visitation will be held on Friday March 2, 2012 at Christler Funeral Home, Prudenville Chapel from 4:00 to 8:00PM. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in Velma's memory are asked to consider the Houghton Lake Wesleyan Church Ministries. Christler Funeral Home, Prudenville, Chapel is serving the family. Condolences can be sent online at www.christler-holdship.com



MOSKAL, HELEN

Age 93 February 29, 2012. Wife of the late Norbert. Dear Mother of the late Tom (Sandra), Norb (Peggy) and Jim (Cheryl). Grandmother of Christina, Lawrence, Michelle, Ashley, Stanley, Julie and Kristen. Great grandmother of 5. Sister of Mary, Jenny, Rosy and the late Ann, George Walter, Stanley & Ted. Also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews. Services were held at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



STOLBERG, ANN BRIGID

Age 57, of Farmington Hills, died February 24, 2012. Ann was born April 4, 1954 in Detroit. She is survived by her loving sister, Barbara J. Stolberg and brother, Donald Howard Stolberg; aunts, Julia Brigid Howard and Ann O'Hare; uncle, Kenneth Robertson; and numerous loving cousins and friends. Sadly, she was preceded in death by her adoring mother, Mary Howard Stolberg in 2005, and her sister, Mary Margaret in 2009. Miss Stolberg proudly served on the Farmington Hills Historical Commission, being the impetus for many creative and innovative projects. For 22 years, Ann served on the faculty of William Tyndale College teaching music and also proudly training hundreds of young violinists along with her late sister, Mary Margaret through their business, Oakland Suzuki Violin. In 1996, they played, along with their students, in the East Room of the White House. Ann was an original member of the Detroit Symphony Youth Orchestra, and also played Viola for the Scandinavian Symphony Orchestra. Ann's interests were many and varied. For several years, she worked alongside her mother at the family's interior design firm, Village Designs, and became a Certified Picture Framer through Larson Juhl in Chicago, IL. Ann was also a voracious reader of history and religion. She graduated from Farmington High School where she won numerous awards in debate and music, and also attended Wayne State University. Hers was a virtuous and well-spent life. It is suggested that those who wish to honor her memory may do so by making charitable contributions in her name to the Farmington Hills Historical Commission. Visitation Monday, Feb. 27th, 2-9 pm, with a 7 pm rosary at the Heeneysundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 10:00 am (in state 9:30 am) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Interment Holy Sepulchre, Southfield. heeneysundquist.com

TZAREFF, ELIZABETH A. "BETTY"

Age 92, formerly a longtime resident of Westland, passed away February 28, 2012. She was born July 14, 1919 in Banning, PA to Joseph and Rosalia (nee Szanyi) Barath. Betty was united in marriage to Fred Tzareff on August 8, 1942; they spent 61 loving years together until his death in 2004. She was employed as a bookkeeper and secretary with Armstrong Buick, which was located in Livonia. Betty was a member of St. Bernardine of Siena in Westland. She enjoyed bowling, golfing, and playing cards. An avid reader, Betty loved listening to music, and grew beautiful roses in many different shades. She is survived by her loving children, Donald (Susan) Tzareff, Rosemary (Charles) Adashek, Janet (Frank) Newman, and Suzanne Tzareff; her grandsons, Jeffrey, Joseph, and Michael Adashek; her sister-in-law, Vera Barath; and her brother-in-law, Paul Tzareff, Jr. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two brothers, and two sisters. Visitation will be held Monday, March 5, 2012, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. with a rosary at 6 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A funeral mass will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2012 10 a.m., with visitation beginning 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville, MI. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association or American Heart Association.



WAGNER, DORIS

Passed away peacefully on March 2, 2012. Beloved wife of Ernie for 56 years; loving mother of Robert (Meschelle), Mark, Glenn (Lisa), and Judy (Mike). Doting grandmother to Davis, Clay, Mallory, Spencer, Melinda, Mark, Matthew, Melanie, Amber, and Riley. Born in Union City, New Jersey on August 15th 1931, and a resident of Livonia for 44 years. Memorial service will be held at St. Aidan's church, Livonia MI, at 9:30 am on March 06, 2012.



BUTTON, EVELYN

Died peacefully at her home on Saturday, February 25, 2012. She retired in 1979 from the Jacobson store in Dearborn as the personnel manager. She began a second career as a well noted astrologer, having had her annual astrological predictions published by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Preceded in death by her husband John E. Button, and her daughter Catherine Rehfield-Howton. She is survived by her son, James E. Button, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Saturday, March 4th at 10 a.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Father Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207.

CATALLO, LEO

Passed away February 25th, 2012, at the age of 96. He was a long-time Livonia resident. Leo got his first hole-in-one at the age of 90 on one of Livonia's city courses. Leo is survived by his loving wife, Margaret; children Albert Lee Catallo (Julie), Thomas Dale Catallo (Pauline), Cathy Christine Catallo (Mark McAlpine); grandchildren Darren Catallo (Casey), Heather Catallo, Kevin Catallo (Alexandra), Katie Catallo-Bauman (Markus Bauman); five great-grandchildren. Viewing at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday, March 4th from 4-6pm. In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to Leader Dogs for the Blind or Detroit Public Television. Please share a memory at: www.rgharris.com

CHAVEY, MARGARET

February 26, 2012. Age 88. Wife of the late Henry. Mother of the late Rick (Ewa), Susan, Tom (Jenean). Grandmother of Tom and Aaron Carr. Memorial Service March 24, 2012 at 1pm at St. Mary Basilica on Merriman Road in Livonia. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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