

Schoolcraft College

## Happy 50th, Schoolcraft

In the 50 years since voters from the school districts of Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Garden City, Clarenceville and later Northville established Schoolcraft College, the school continues to grow, change and invigorate the greater western Wayne and west Oakland landscape.



Inside today's edition is a special supplement produced by the "Observer & Eccentric Newspapers," in collaboration with the college. The section highlights the programs, people and philosophy that remain at the heart of this community jewel.

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Schoolcraft has had only four presidents — Dr. Eric Brander, Dr. C. Nelson Grote, Dr. Richard McDowell and currently Dr. Conway Jeffress.

Each has had the vision and tenacity to lead the college through a particular period of growth and transformation.

A history and timeline of the college's early days can be found at <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/archives/timeline.asp>. It's an interesting, local snapshot of how the college has changed and prospered in the last 50 years.

Today's section, however, seeks to give readers a flavor of the energy and enthusiasm that surrounds the college, its leaders, staff and students today. It looks at the special programs that the college has been known for and/or has fostered throughout the last half-century.

Be sure to read about the Schoolcraft College Difference Makers (in print and online) — those individuals who have made a significant impact in their community professionally or personally over the last 50 years.

Schoolcraft has transformed the lives (and hearts) of many over the last 50 years. We are confident it will continue to do so for the next 50 years and beyond. The future is bright for Schoolcraft College.

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## State of the City

### Still getting job done with less

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

While there were protest signs outside, the mood was much more upbeat inside the Westland Friendship Center as a packed audience listened to Mayor William Wild's 2012 State of the City address Tuesday.

It was Wild's fifth address as mayor and looked back at accomplishments as well as touching on current plans, including the merger of the Westland and Wayne fire departments, construction of a new city hall and the proposed closing of the Bailey Recreation Center.

Receiving a glowing introduction by Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett, Wild



With large images of himself projected behind him, Westland Mayor William Wild gave his 2012 State of the City address Tuesday at the Friendship Center.

began by highlighting the city's efforts to weather tough economic times that has reduced the city's annual budget by \$6 million. "In 2007, the city had

over 400 employees. Today, we are less than 280. And we are still getting the job done," Wild said, adding that included the elimination of seven director and

two deputy director positions. "They (employees) have been asked to do more with less and they have."

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### Now on sale

Tickets are on sale for Wayne Memorial High School's annual spring musical, *Legally Blonde*.

The box office at the Stockmeyer Auditorium is open 3-6 p.m. today and tomorrow (April 27). They're priced at \$10 per person — adults, students and senior citizens — for reserved seating. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The musical will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 3-4, and noon and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in the auditorium located on the east end of the Wayne Memorial campus at Glenwood and Fourth Street in Wayne.

*Legally Blonde* is the story of Elle Woods, a sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend. Along the way, she discovers how her knowledge of the law can help others, and successfully defends an exercise queen in a murder trial.

### Poppy sale

Members of the Sgt. S. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 will be selling poppies 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 10-12, at Wayne and Warren roads.

What began as a benefit for the Franco-American Children's League to help children in the devastated areas of France and Belgium following World War I, the "Buddy Poppy" is now the official memorial flower of the VFW. The poppies are assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals, and the money raised benefits veterans and their families.

## Group protests plans for rec merger, Bailey closing

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

"Westland's Gone Wild," "Honk to Save the Bailey Center" and "From Parks and Rec to Parks and Wrecked."

Those were among the messages on homemade signs held by about 25 people outside the Westland Friendship Center where Mayor William Wild was giving his State of the City address.

"It's the people who are upset about (plans for a new relocated) City Hall and the (proposed) Bailey Center closing," said resident Mark Rodriguez, who was among the protesters. "Probably everyone is upset about both of them."

Maureen Davidson stopped by to give her contact information to Rodriguez. She had come to hear the mayor's speech and spotted the protesters.

"I'm upset about City Hall moving. So now we'd have another vacant building," said Davidson. "I've lived in



Mark Rodriguez (far left) was among the protesters in front of the Westland Friendship Center before Mayor William Wild's State of the City address Tuesday.

the city 38 years and seen it progressively go downhill. I'm so upset about what is happening in the city. My grandkids go to school here."

The protesters want to stop the efforts to build a new City Hall behind the William P. Faust Public Library and close the Bailey Recreation Center, said Rodriguez. The protesters included residents of Newberry Estates Subdivision

which backs up to the city property where a new city hall is proposed.

"We need a new city hall in the same area (on Ford), It's the hub of the city," said Rodriguez.

The plan to close the Bailey Center is tied to a proposed merger of the Westland and Wayne Parks and Recreation departments under a shared director. A similar consolidation of the cities' two fire departments

under a single chief has been approved.

"This would not be a consolidation. Not to have a recreation center in a city our size and no gyms is absolutely ridiculous," said Rodriguez. "You can't say we will have more ballfields. We play against Wayne teams. They use their fields. We'll see how happy they are about us using their fields."

Council President James Godbout recently commented that he had received many more calls about the library's upcoming reduced hours, staffing and programs than he had received regarding the Bailey Center.

"I don't see any library signs, people just didn't have his phone number," said Rodriguez.

The council has scheduled a study session for 6 p.m. Monday that will include discussion of the proposed agreement to merge the two parks and recreation departments.

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## Vote clears way to move barn to historic village

By LeAnne Rogers  
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A barn should soon be added to the buildings at Westland's Historic Village Park.

The council recently voted to accept a \$24,437 bid from D&B House Movers to move the McKee barn from its current site on Cowan east of Wayne Road to the park on Wayne Road south of Marquette.

The bid includes options for construction of the foundation, including the

poured footings 42 inches below grade, installation of eight-inch blocks to the new elevation and installation of a four-inch concrete floor for a surface of 37 feet by 27 feet.

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gephardt, D-Livonia, is credited with getting funding for the project through the county parks millage.

"We are a historic park, so we can qualify for parks millage," Westland Historical Commission member Jo Johnson said. "I never thought we

would be able to find a barn from a Nankin family. We're pleased to have it. We have a lot of farm equipment to put into it."

The barn will become the focal point of the Historic Village. To be placed in the middle of the village, the barn will showcase the rest of the buildings and historical houses on the site.

The addition of the barn will allow more activities for visitors, including square dances, flea mar-

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## Board gives Baracy 'excellent evaluation'

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy has earned good grades for his leadership and improving student achievement.



Baracy

That's the opinion of the school board which gave him an "excellent evaluation."

"Consistent, competent and strong leadership is the back bone to success-

ful organizations," said school board President Carol Middel in announcing the results of the annual review conducted last month. "Our superintendent has shown his devotion to the job and understanding of what is best for the students of this district. He is deeply committed and exhibits his dedication to the district on a daily basis."

Noting that Baracy is the longest serving superintendent in the history of the school district, Middel added that the board "has grown to appreciate his knowledge of school affairs and witnessed his

leadership skills." "We are lucky to have him as superintendent," she added.

The school board evaluated him in three areas — two high priority goals of working toward improving student achievement and toward maintaining the board's policy of 5-10 percent fund equity and his relational performance, with ratings ranging from exceeds expectations, meets expectations and does not meet expectations. He received an overall score of 2.77 with ratings of 2.75 for

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the high priority goals and a 2.78 on his relations with the board, community and media, staff and professional leadership and relationships.

Middel congratulated Baracy on his "successful evaluation," telling him that the board looks forward "to working with you to move this district forward, despite the significant challenges in our future."

"We will continue to work together for the ben-

efit of our district and most important of all, for our students," she added.

"Congratulations on an excellent review," added board Treasurer Shawna Walker. "As always, you do the best you can to serve this school district."

Baracy acknowledged the evaluation with a simple "thank you."

He has been the district's top administrator for 15 years. He plans to retire at the end of his current contract which expires June 30, 2015. Under his leadership, the district gained voter approval of a \$108 million bond to repair and

renovate schools and a sinking fund tax, which was renewed in February to provide funds to continue improving school facilities.

He also was instrumental in getting enhanced school aid — the Wayne-Westland language — in the education budget, and has worked with state lawmakers to retain it for several years. The money was provided in lieu of millage disallowed when Proposal A took effect in the 1990s.

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**ADDRESS**

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Wild recently presented a two-year balanced budget to council, although only one year of the budget is adopted annually.

"The charter calls for a single-year balanced budget, but as we continue to run the city more like a business, we will strive to make better business decisions and will continue to raise the bar," Wild said. "We will continue to implement multi-year budgets as we move the city forward."

Wild contrasted the projected \$2.5 million surplus in the budget and no proposed millage increases with the \$23 million and \$37 million deficits the auditors had projected in the city's five-year financial forecast.

Along with reducing staffing and receiving financial concessions from employees, Wild noted the proposed budget includes two innovative shared services agreements with the city of Wayne. One agreement already approved begins the merger of the cities' fire departments, while the second agreement would merge the parks and recreation departments.

"This will be an incredible improvement for our residents. It basically doubles our city's parks and recreation portfolio and will not cost our residents any additional money," Wild said, adding closure of the Bailey Center would save Westland approximately \$900,000 annually.

The fire department merger with Fire Chief Michael Reddy heading both departments will

save more than \$250,000 annually and provide future savings by eliminating duplications and lower costs for new hires, Wild said.

Regarding the other big issue facing Westland, the need for a new city hall, Wild noted the well-documented poor conditions in the building largely stemming from water problems in the basement.

"We can no longer put this problem off and we won't," Wild said, adding the Westland Tax Increment Finance Authority Board has proposed funding a new city hall located within the TIFA District behind the William P. Faust Public Library.

"If we build the much-needed new city hall on city-owned property behind the library, we can pay for it without asking residents to approve a millage," Wild said. "If, as some have suggested, it be built on its current site, the city would not have the ability to fund the project without asking for a millage."

Residents living adjacent to the proposed city hall site have some legitimate concerns about an adverse affect on their property values and quality of life, Wild said, which can and will be addressed through the development of a site plan.

Wild announced a new civilian program at the Westland Police Department. Civilians will be hired and trained to do certain duties now handled by officers, which will allow four additional officers to be on patrol and not working inside.

"The safety of our residents continues to be our number one priority and that will not change,"

Wild said.

Following a successful inaugural event last fall, Blues, Brews and Barbecue will expand to two days Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16. Wild announced that Westland native and country music star Josh Gracin will perform a two-hour concert Sept. 15.

"This will be Josh's first performance in Westland since his *American Idol* days and it's going to be a blast," Wild said.

The State of the City address, open to the public, was attended by many city staff, including a large number of police and firefighters, members of city boards and commissions, community volunteers and elected and appointed officials.

Wild received applause and a couple of standing ovations, including at the end of his speech.

"I thought it was interesting. I'm curious about what they will come up with when they take down city hall and the Bailey Center," Yvonne Vasill said. "I'm impressed that they are doing it with no millage. To be honest, city hall and the Bailey Center are both pretty outdated."

Henry Johnson, who chairs the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, received a shout out from Wild during the speech.

"I was really pleased that a significant part of the speech focused on (accomplishments) in Norwayne and recognizing the importance of the community," Johnson said. "There are a whole lot of people who deserve recognition, not just me."

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kets, ice cream socials, live auctions, historical re-enactments, pumpkin sales, flower sales, various demonstrations and numerous other activities.

"This barn will be a terrific addition to the Westland Historic Village Park," Mayor William Wild said. "Thank you to

the family of Elmer McKee, who will donate the barn."

The exact date for the building move isn't known yet. Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said a meeting was set for Tuesday to work out the scheduling.

The McKee family farm has been a fixture in Nankin Township since 1874. Originally, the farm consisted of 65 acres with an apple orchard being a pri-

mary crop.

In 1932, all of the buildings on the McKee farm were torn down. The first structure to be built was a barn, and the family lived in it until the brick house was completed.

Born on the family farm, Elmer McKee farmed the land until 1958, when he took a job with the Wayne County Forestry Division. Over the years, McKee sold off most of the acreage for development, including the nearby Lutheran High School Westland.

However, until his death in July 2011 at 96, McKee continued to live in the five-bedroom brick family home on Cowan. He and his late wife Sarah had no children. A relative offered to donate the barn to the Historic Village Park — the city just had to move the building.

Just east of the farm on Cowan Road is the Perinville one-room schoolhouse, which was built in 1856. McKee attended first through eighth grades there in the 1920s.

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following:

- 12-003 Special Land Use. 32293 Ford Road is proposing a used car dealership. The property is zoned C-3, General Business. Used car dealerships are a special land use in the C-3 zoning district.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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# 'Hidden treasure'

Nature lovers find pleasure along Rouge trail

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland retiree Jim Paling paused to reflect after finishing his one-hour walk along Canton's tree-shrouded Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail on a brisk, blustery Monday morning.

"It's a hidden treasure," Paling, a former Woodhaven High School physical education teacher, said. "It's like an oasis in the middle of a bustling place with a million cars."

Paling represents a gradually growing number of nature lovers who are fond of the 3.5-mile trail, connected since last summer by a series of wooden, pedestrian bridges from Canton Center, near Heritage Park, to the I-275 Metro Trail, just north of Michigan Avenue.

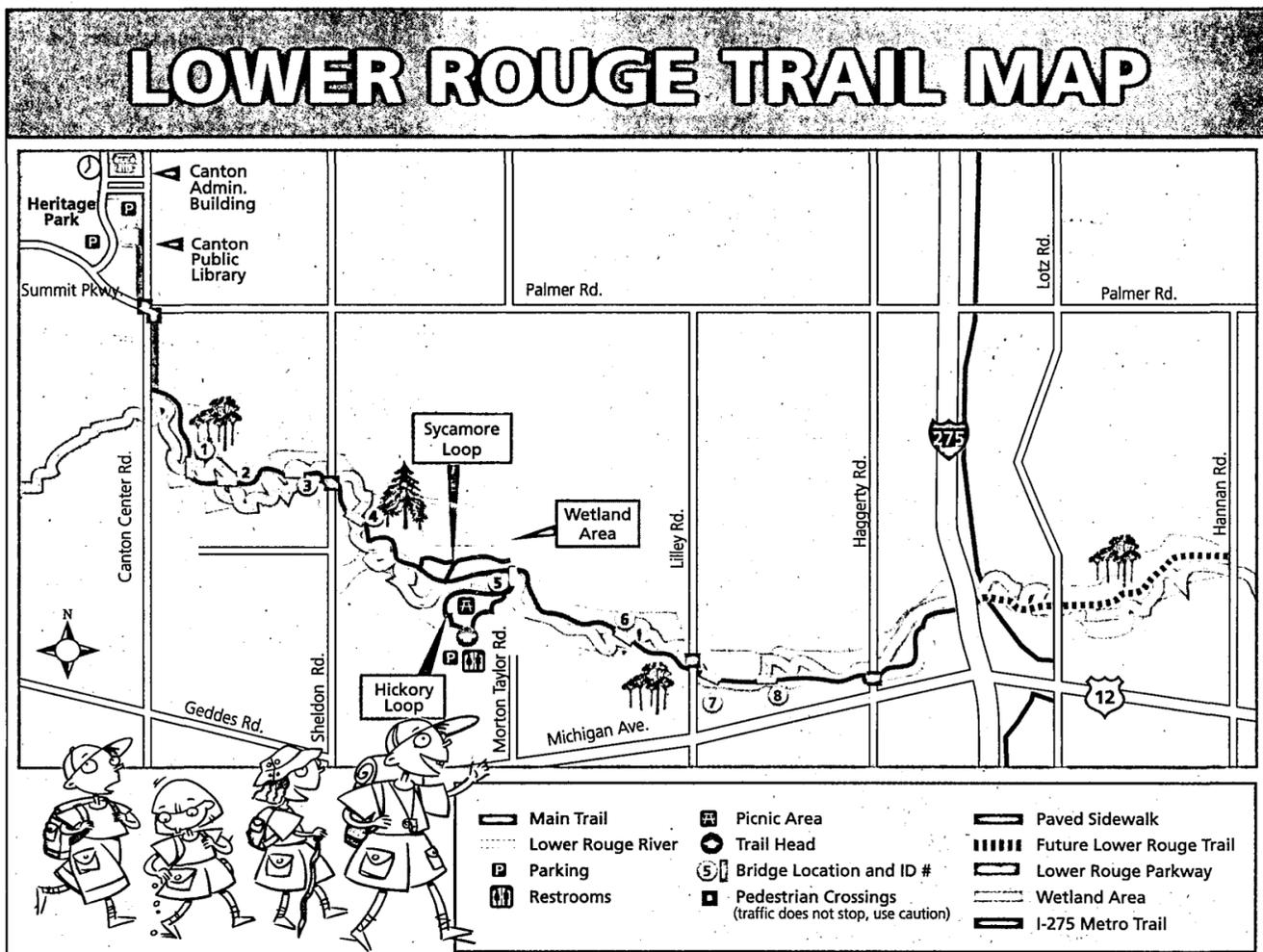
"I think it's definitely getting more use," Brad Sharp, Canton's park and facility maintenance manager, said, "but it's still a good-kept secret."

It's impossible to gauge the number of users who access the 10-foot-wide main trail — covered by compacted, crushed stone — or a series of smaller offshoots carved out by the Michigan Mountain Bike Association.

### Exploration station

Yet, on any given day, people like Paling, often accompanied by wife Karen, a former Wayne Memorial High dance and physical education teacher, can be found exploring the winding trail that beckons as a reprieve from the bustling, traffic-clogged world outside.

Paling parked his vehicle at a trail head parking lot where Morton Tay-



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Jim Paling, of Westland, frequently walks the Rouge trail, often with his wife Karen. Users call the 3.5-mile trail, connected since last summer by a series of wooden, pedestrian bridges from Canton Center, near Heritage Park, to the I-275 Metro Trail, just north of Michigan Avenue, a "hidden treasure."

lor dead-ends north of Michigan Avenue, and he trekked Monday to the Haggerty Road area and back. Other users access the path at other points.

"We used to run our dog (Sammy, a German shepherd) out here three or four times a week before

we had to put him down last summer," Paling said.

The couple has continued to visit the trail, and they intend to return with a new dog they haven't yet gotten. They've explored the trail as far west as Sheldon and east to the I-275 Metro Trail, a paved

pathway used by bicyclists, roller-skaters, joggers and leisurely walkers alike.

After Paling had finished his walk along the Lower Rouge trail, a younger couple could be seen headed toward the path with their dog, a black Labrador retriever.

"It's a fantastic trail," Paling said. "It's away from all the noise, down in a river basin. Even when it's hot in the summer, there's shade along the trail. They've done a real nice job with the bridges."

### Pristine nature

Sharp credited the Canton Public Works Department, led by Manager Bob Belair, with spearheading plans for the trail more than a decade ago. Local officials tapped into grant dollars and help from sources such as the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Wayne County's National Wet Weath-

er Demonstration Project and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Trail users have learned to bring their mosquito repellent certain times of the day, yet it's a small price to pay for a slice of pristine nature not far from bustling thoroughfares like Ford Road, known as one of Michigan's most traffic-clogged places.

Sharp, Belair and others have tried to spread the word about the trail



A Red Admiral butterfly sits on a flower next to the hiking trail.

to people who appreciate nature — and perhaps who need a little break from hurried lifestyles.

Canton occasionally sponsors special events such as Sound Garden, bringing in musicians and artists who spread out along the trail to play saxophone or acoustic guitar, or to paint a Rouge river scene. One such gathering last October drew an estimated 300 visitors.

There's plenty of room along the trail to find solitude even during special events. Most days, though, the number of trail users is substantially smaller.

Either way, it's a place that keeps people like Jim Paling coming back. He smiled Monday as he took in his surroundings, which offered not a hint of Canton's 90,000-plus residents. "It's like being in a different world," he said.

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## Wisconsin woman ticketed for shoplifting

### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

#### Retail Fraud

Police were called to CVS Pharmacy at 27435 Ford April 24 after an employee reported seeing a woman concealing merchandise and then leaving the store. The employee said the woman was taking merchandise from the shelf, turning her back to him and walking away without returning the items to the shelf. The woman had left southbound on Inkster Road and was stopped nearby. After complaining of medical issues, the Oshkosh, Wis., woman was cited for retail fraud and released.

Officers recovered two deodorant, four tubes of toothpaste, a two-pack of nine-volt batteries, nail polish and eight bottles of body wash, valued at \$96.

#### Vandalism

A window was reported smashed on a city-owned 1997 GMC Sierra pickup truck while it was parked at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, April 23. The damage was estimated at \$250.

#### No license

A Westland man, stopped for speeding, was arrested April 23 for driving without having a license. The officer found the man's temporary license had expired

and there was no record that he had ever obtained a license.

#### Suspended license

On April 22, a Garden City man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and cited for having an expired license plate and no proof of insurance.

• Also on April 22, a Taylor man was arrested for driving with a suspended license after being stopped for a tinted windows violation. At the man's request, the vehicle was turned over to the registered owner.

#### Vandalism

A resident in the 31000

block of Elmwood told police April 22 that someone had smashed the tail light on his 2004 Chevrolet Impala.

He said that, in recent weeks, someone had also spray-painted his privacy fence.

• A tail light was also reported smashed on a GMC Sonoma parked in the 31000 block of Cambridge April 22.

#### Larceny

On April 21, a resident in the 29000 block of Bock told police that someone had stolen his dog which had been left chained in the yard overnight. Valued at \$500, the dog was described as a red nose tricolor pit bull.

#### Missing phone

A Garden City woman told police April 22 that she had eaten at Albert's on the Alley, 5662 Middlebelt, April 22. About 10 minutes after leaving, the woman said she realized she had left her iPhone at the restaurant.

The woman said she tried calling the phone but it had been shut off although it had been on. She returned to the restaurant and couldn't locate the phone, valued at \$400.

#### Drugs stolen

A Westland man told police April 17 that five bottles of prescription medications, including Lorcet, Adderall and

Motrin 800, were stolen from the glovebox of his car while it was parked unlocked overnight in the 28000 block of Krauter.

#### Vandalism

A window was reported smashed on a 2004 Volvo parked in the 31000 block of Elmwood April 22.

#### Suspended license

A Detroit woman was arrested for driving with 12 license suspensions and ticketed for running a red light April 21. The officer found the woman had never been licensed to drive but had continued to drive resulting in the suspensions.

By LeAnne Rogers

## Two men take \$2,500 ring from jeweler

### WESTLAND COP CALLS

#### Larceny

A gold and diamond ring valued at \$2,500 was reported stolen by a couple of males pretending to be customers at Westland Jewelry and Exchange, 28962 Warren Road, April 22. The store owner told police he is usually closed on Sunday but decided to open. Two males, estimated at 16-19 years old, asked to see a promise ring valued at \$300. The pair asked to see

a couple of other rings, the owner said, which increased the value from the initial ring. When he handed the ring to one of the suspects, the owner said the men ran from the store without paying. The suspects ran south across Warren Road into Garden City.

Westland and Garden City officers unsuccessfully searched for the pair.

#### Break-in

A weed wacker, two bicycles, a ladder and miscellaneous pieces of a furnace were reported

stolen from a duplex in the 2100 block of Emerson April 23.

The property manager told police that the units are being renovated by the owner, a Canton man. Someone kicked the rear door of one unit open and then gained access to a second unit.

The stolen items were valued at \$690.

#### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of an apartment in the 200 block of Waterbury Court told police April 23 that he

woke up to find someone had stolen the tires and rims from his 2011 Chevrolet Equinox.

#### Larceny

On April 21, a resident in the 2200 block of Delton Court told police that someone had removed the lock from her backyard shed to steal three bicycles, two electric Razor scooters, a weed wacker, a lawn mower and two gas cans. The stolen items were valued at \$677.

The resident told police she had last known the shed to be locked up and

intact on April 19.

#### Retail fraud

A Westland woman was cited for shoplifting \$136 worth of cosmetics from CVS Pharmacy, 6501 N. Wayne Road, April 21.

Police were called after an employee spotted a woman placing items in her bag which was hanging from a baby stroller. The employee said the woman attempted to pay for one item using a debit card but the transaction wasn't approved.

Police located the woman, along with her two young children and a

second woman, walking eastbound on Hunter. The officer said the woman immediately admitted taking the cosmetics and told him the other woman wasn't involved.

While recovering the cosmetics, the officer reported finding several pieces of clothing and hair products. Those items, valued at \$231, were found to have been taken from the Westland Meijer store.

Due to having two small children with her, the woman was cited and released.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 8 04/16/12

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves  
76: Appr.: minutes of regular meeting held 4/2/12.  
- Appr. req. from Wayne Memorial flower sale @ 2103 S. Wayne Rd. 5/11-13.  
- Appr. VFW #6896 to sell poppies from 5/10-12.  
- Appr. req. from Art Van to erect 2 tents 5/8-23 & 8/2-16.  
- Appr. WW Veterans Parade Council to hold Memorial Day Parade on 5/27.  
- Bid for lawn fertilization & weed control to Owens Landscaping; amt. \$5,500.  
- Bid for McKee Barn Relocation to D & B Movers; amt. \$24,437.  
- Purchase of E-350 Van for PD Prisoner Work Program; amt. \$30,657.  
- Agrmnt. btwn. Library & AFSCME Council 25.  
- 3 yr. agrmnt. w/Davey Golf Course for Westland Golf Course Maintenance; amts. \$133,900 1<sup>st</sup> yr, \$135,900 2<sup>nd</sup> yr, & \$137,00 3<sup>rd</sup> yr.  
- Contract w/OHM for professional design services; amt. \$15,480.  
- IGA w/Wayne Co. for funding for improvements at Westland Historic Village Park.  
- Intro. Budget Amend. 2012-09; Library Fund; amt. \$109,956.  
- Waive procedure to intro. & adopt Budget Amend. 2012-09 in same meeting; Library fund; amt. \$109,956.  
- Adopt Budget Amend. 2012-09; Library Fund; amt. \$109,956.  
- Intro Ord. 248-A-72, rezone R-5 to CB-1, PID #034-99-0001-703, 6500 N. Wayne Rd.  
- Adopted prep. resolution proclaiming April as "Parkinson's Awareness Month."  
77: Close Public Hearing on CDBG XXXVIII.  
78: Rev. Site Plan for prop. addition to Avita Carper, 36111 Ford Rd. w/contingencies.  
79: Spec. Land Use for prop. Body Art Studio, 8347 N. Wayne Rd.  
80: Spec. Land Use for prop. Body Art Studio, 5848 N. Wayne Rd.  
81: Spec. Land Use for prop. Dairy Queen Restaurant, 36520 Ford Rd.  
82: Spec. Land Use for prop. Residential Wind Turbine, 2468 S. Christine.  
83: Rev. Site Plan for prop. Exterior Remodel, Red Holman Buick GMD, 35300 Ford Rd. w/contingencies.  
87: IGA w/Wayne for sharing/consolidation of Fire Chief Services.  
90: Appr. Max & Erma's Fun in the Sun Event to be held every other Saturday in their parking lot w/contingencies.  
91: Appr. to place Library Millage question on 8/12 ballot.  
92: Appt'd S. Boye and R. Yurk as members to the DACC for TIFA.  
93: Appr. checklist: \$408,885.24 & Prepaid: \$1,321,949.27.  
Mtg. adj. at 10:00 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

JAMES GODBOUT  
Council President  
Publish: April 26, 2012

EILEEN DEHART  
City Clerk, CMC

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# Move over, e-readers, people still love to purchase books

People still like to buy and read old-fashioned hardcover and paperback books.

That was the assessment of Janet Berman of Farmington Hills, co-chair of Bookstock, Metro Detroit's largest used book and media sale going on through Sunday at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

Despite the growing popularity of e-book readers and online bookstores, Bookstock attendance this year may be up over last year, Berman said.

Attendance is impossible to gauge, she said, but "it seems as if our numbers are up. It's been doing very well. I'm very happy."

"Obviously, people are readers who still like books to hold in their hands," she said.

Bookstock has more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records available for sale. All proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

Put on by more than 700 volunteers, the weeklong sale has raised more than \$655,000 for literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit over the past nine years.

Berman said even old media like VCR tapes, priced at four for \$1, are selling well.

"I think people just enjoy something like this," she said. "It seems like a lot of the bookstores have gone by the wayside. It's kind of



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Bookstock will draw a crowd to Laurel Park.

fun to be able to come to a book sale. This is the mother of all book sales."

Bookstock continues today with its second of two special deals including a chance to win a baseball autographed by Tigers Hall of Famer Al Kaline.

Patrons can buy three books and get the fourth free from 3-9 p.m. today. When they spend \$25 or more at Bookstock's Bookbusters, their name will be entered into a raffle for the Al Kaline autographed baseball.

Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6

p.m. Sunday. Books will be sold for half price on Sunday, the last day of the sale.

Bookstock is sponsored by the Oakland Literacy Council, Detroit Jewish News, Hour Detroit Magazine, Schostak Brothers and Co., the Jewish Community Relations Council, and a consortium of Jewish communal nonprofit organizations. For more information about Bookstock, call the Bookstock hotline at (248) 645-7840, Ext. 365, or visit [www.bookstock.info](http://www.bookstock.info).

Laurel Park Place is on Six Mile east of I-275.

By Karen Smith



Meg Murphy and Barbara Murphy, both of Livonia, take a look at books they may purchase.



Jane McMahon, of Detroit, Charlie Schembri, of Livonia, and Robert Camilleri, of Farmington Hills, browsing and chatting at Bookstock.

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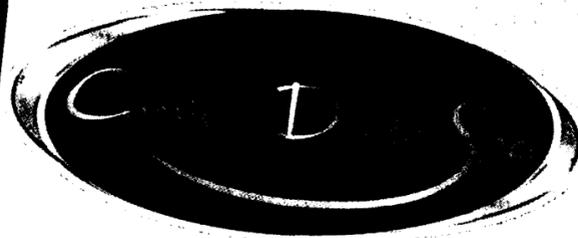
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# Angela Hospice recognizes the work of its volunteers

Father Teodor Petru-tiu and the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road hosted a dinner on Monday, April 16, for a crowd of 170 people. The occasion: Angela Hospice's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Each year during National Volunteer Week the Livonia-based hospice celebrates its volunteer base of 400 dedicated individuals, who together contribute an amazing 35,000 hours a year to help Angela Hospice patients and families.

"It is a joy and privilege to work with this group," said Angela Hospice Volunteer Manager Syndie Best. "They are some of the most caring, dedicated, hard-working people I have ever met. They so generously give of their time and skills to care for our patients and families, as well as supporting our staff here in the office."

At the dinner, volunteers received a heartfelt "thank you" from the hospice staff. Those volunteers reaching milestones of five years or 500 service hours were also given special pins to commemorate their gift of service.

The Westland residents honored included Jim Best for five years of service, Joanie Harshman for 2,000 service hours, Elizabeth Heimbecker for 15 years, Kathy McLeod for 1,000 service hours, and Jane Neu for 5,500 hours.



Westland resident Jane Neu was recognized by Volunteer Manager Syndie Best, also of Westland, and Angela Hospice President/CEO Sister Mary Giovanni for logging an impressive 5,500 service hours as an Angela Hospice volunteer.

Garden City residents honored included Delores Ajlouny for 1,000 service hours and Geraldine Neracher for 1,500 service hours.

"Our volunteers do what they do because they want to make a difference, to make life a little better for someone who is suffering, someone who needs help," said Best. "One of the things I find most intriguing is that volunteers regularly come and thank me for giving them the opportunity to do this work. A couple

weeks ago I had a volunteer stop by my office after working her shift in the Care Center and she said, 'Syndie, thank you. Every time I leave my heart feels like it's swollen because it is so full after being here.'"

Volunteers help in a multitude of ways at Angela Hospice - baking, gardening, delivering supplies, performing in the choir, serving meals, offering haircuts, giving massages, sorting mailings, helping with fundraisers and events, assisting fam-



Garden City resident Delores Ajlouny was honored for her 1,000 service hours.



Geraldine Neracher of Garden City was honored for her 1,500 service hours.

ily caregivers, providing companionship for patients, making funeral visits, crafting quilts and afghans, filing and copying, sitting with patients, helping with grief support groups, answering phones. In short: doing whatever it takes to help make sure patients and families are well cared for.

"Truly, our volunteers are angels," said Best. For more information about Angela Hospice, or to apply as a volunteer, visit [www.AskForAngela.com](http://www.AskForAngela.com) or call (734) 464-7810.

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Dine to donate

The Sports Venue Bar and Grill will donate 10 percent of all sales to the Garden City High School baseball team 11 a.m. Saturday, April 28, to 2 a.m. Sunday, April 29.

No coupon is necessary and the fund-raiser is good for those who dine in and carry out.

Sports Venue is at 6327 Middlebelt at Maplewood.

### Craft Show

Plan on attending a Craft and Vendor Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, just east of Venoy.

Admission is \$2. The first 250 guests will receive a free reusable tote. Among those participating are well-known vendors such as Scentsy, Stella & Dot, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware and Avon, as well as unique crafters such as bjc blankets, Braggin' Rights Bath & Spa, Cinnamon Nuts & More and DAK Designs.

For a complete listing of events and for more information, go online to [www.littleshoppeevents.com](http://www.littleshoppeevents.com).

### Charity auction

The Garden City Loyal Order of the Moose and Women of the Moose are inviting the community to join them for their 10th annual Cancer Auction 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Moose Lodge, 29137 Ford, Garden City.

The event is honor of members who have lost their battle with cancer and those who continue to fight. Proceeds will benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Admission is \$1. For more information,

contact Kim Dowidait at (734) 564-5777.

### 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.

### East reunion

The Garden City East High School Classes of 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973 are holding a combined reunion Saturday, Sept. 22, and organizers are looking for former classmates. That's the easiest part. The hardest part is finding those old classmates.

Information can be found or posted on the Facebook reunion page, Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012. It also can be emailed to the Reunion Committee - Cindy Eads Frens at [irish420@hotmail.com](mailto:irish420@hotmail.com), Debi Cassidy Haller at [debi.haller@gmail.com](mailto:debi.haller@gmail.com), Doris Fugaban Williams at [doris1226@wowway.com](mailto:doris1226@wowway.com), Lee A. Gilligan at [lee.gilligan@att.net](mailto:lee.gilligan@att.net), Sue Cook at [stasselmyer@charter.net](mailto:stasselmyer@charter.net), Suzie Wright Rogiero at [suzierogiero@yahoo.com](mailto:suzierogiero@yahoo.com), Jackie Kalifut at [jackieideson@gmail.com](mailto:jackieideson@gmail.com) and Jeff Fordell at [jeffreyfordell@comcast.net](mailto:jeffreyfordell@comcast.net).

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# Kmart celebrates 50th with food and festivities

**W**ith fanfare suitable for a golden event, employees, shoppers and local officials gathered at the Garden City Kmart store Saturday to celebrate the store's 50th anniversary.

Opened in 1962, the Kmart was the first discount retail store opened by S.S. Kresge. For years, people have been coming to the Garden City Kmart store to shop, but on Saturday, they came to help celebrate the store's anniversary.

In addition to a ribbon cutting ceremony using the same scissors that cut the ribbon for the grand opening in 1962, guests were able to look over memorabilia, including photographs and the iconic blue light Kmart used for its in-store specials.

Darryl Bowden of Greenwood, Indiana, brought his old "Blue Light Special" light that flashed, announcing the location of the sale. Bowden not only collects Kmart memorabilia and he also works for Kmart.

There also was an anniversary cake, a hot dog sale benefitting the March of Dimes, a car show and Greyhounds Pet Adoption event. 2Clowns.com provided face painting and balloon art for kids who also got to investigate Garden City Police SWAT truck and meet police K-9 Deuce.

And for those who would rather watch people eat, the first qualifying round of the 2012 Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest was held outside the Kmart store.

The hot dog eating contest, which dates back to 1916 when Nathan Handwerker opened the legendary restaurant at the corner of Surf and Stillwell Avenues in Coney Island, N.Y., includes 13 qualifying rounds to determine the top male and female eaters who will compete in Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest held on the Fourth of July.

Major League Eating, the governing body of all stomach-centric sport, sanctions Nathan's eating circuit which kicked off in Garden City.

The goal was to see how many hot dogs and buns could be eaten in 10 minutes. Pat "Deep Dish" Bertoletti won a seat by consuming 37 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes. Meredith "Deep Fried Diva" Boxberger of Barrie, Ontario, Canada, was the top female eater with 17 hot dogs and buns.

Bertoletti, a professional eater from Chicago, is ranked second in the world by the International Federation of Competitive Eating. He's looking to unseat Joey Chestnut of San Jose, California, who holds the world record for eating 68 Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs and Buns in 10 minutes. Bertoletti finished second to him in last year's competition.

Boxberger is a relative newcomer to competitive eating, having started with an August 2011 pizza contest in which she consumed 21 slices, the equivalent of 5 1/4 medium pizzas, in 12 minutes. She'll need to step up her eating if she hopes to unseat the 2011 Nathan's winner, Sonya Thomas of Alexandria, Virginia, who consumed 40 Hot Dogs and Buns in 10 minutes.



PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Contestants get ready to see how many hot dogs and buns they can eat in 10 minutes to qualify for the 2012 Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest. The eating competition was held as part of the Kmart 50th anniversary celebration.



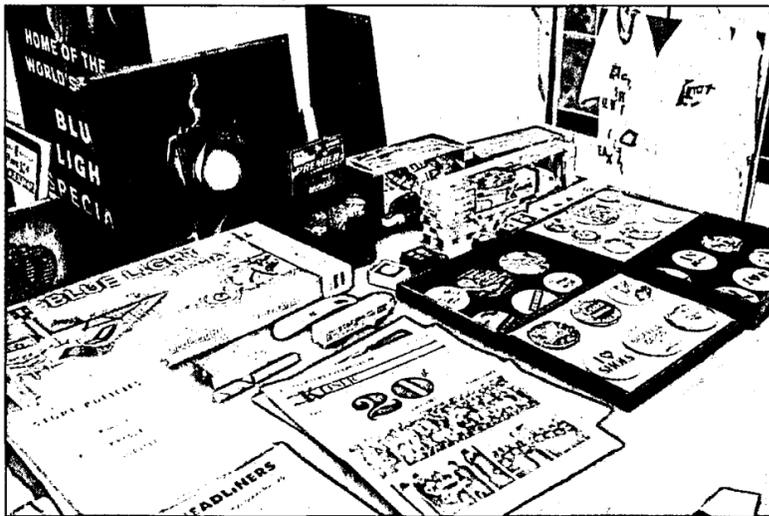
Professional eater Patrick Bertoletti, 26, of Chicago, finished 37 hot dogs and buns to win the trip to Coney Island, N.Y.



Darryl Bowden, who came in from Greenwood Indiana, shows off the old Kmart "Blue Light Special." Bowden owns a selection of Kmart memorabilia and works for Kmart.



Three-year-old Zoey Gunnarson of Wayne is happy to get a balloon animal to go with her doll.



Newsletters, buttons, rule books and Kmart emblazoned toys are a part of Kmart memorabilia that was on display at the Garden City store Saturday.



Ten-year Kmart associate Greg Harris of Detroit enjoys a piece of the anniversary cake.



Kmart employee Lavon Hall of Farmington Hills keeps the cups filled with popcorn for the celebration.

# Put your best foot forward this spring

Leonardo da Vinci, the first to create accurate anatomical drawings of the human foot, called it "a masterpiece of engineering and a work of art." It's equal parts foundation, shock absorber and propulsion engine. Each foot contains 26 bones, 33 joints, 107 ligaments, 19 muscles and tendons, plus a network of blood vessels, nerves, skin and soft tissue.

One is probably larger than the other. If you're a woman, you'll have four times as many foot problems as a man. And with spring in full swing, now's the time to take stock of your feet, according to Dr. Zachary Lemon, an internal medicine physician at Garden City Hospital.

"Our feet take a beating, so it's vital to pay attention to them every day," said Lemon. "Most

of our problems come from ill-fitting shoes and spending too much time on our feet."

Left unchecked, seemingly minor ills can lead to bigger health issues, he said.

To maintain foot fitness, Lemon recommends starting with socks that breathe. Cotton may be a better choice because it wicks away moisture and doesn't trap heat while thick, wool socks may not be suitable for most people.

Got some new argyles? Dr. Lemon recommends washing, then wearing, to eliminate common additives or excess dyes that may irritate your skin.

Today, self-serve shoe stores are everywhere, so always stand and measure both feet, Lemon said. Make sure there's about a half inch

between your big toe and the end of the shoe. The heel shouldn't slide up and down when you walk, and the upper portion should be a soft, bendable material to match the shape of your foot. Avoid narrow, tight-fitting shoes and high heels. Look for soles that won't slip; you may want to scuff up the bottoms of dress or leather-soled shoes for better traction. Always choose thick soles for walking on hard surfaces.

For a perfect shoe, Dr. Lemon suggests one that will distribute all your weight equally.

"Buy a shoe that has good cushion under the heel so when you step down it absorbs your weight and the impact, otherwise, shock waves travel from the heel and ankle up to the knee and hip," he said. Over time, these repeated blows

might cause upper joint pain.

Ideally, a shoe should be flexible enough to support the arch and still allow enough movement for you to bend your toes.

Today, you can buy athletic shoes that promise to make you fit. Dr. Lemon thinks they may have value.

"If you wear them during a workout, it's the equivalent of walking on tip toe," he said. "There's no heel support, so you tense up your calf muscles while you walk."

Are you a senior citizen or a baby-boomer? Your feet are wider and longer, and the natural padding under your heel and forefoot has thinned. Your arches have gotten flatter, which stiffens your feet and ankles. Consider new footwear every six months or so to accommodate these changes.

When shoes don't fit, you may be in hot water. Corns and calluses result when bony parts of the feet rub against wing tips or work boots. Special pads and some over-the-counter medicines may help relieve your symptoms. If you have diabetes or circulation problems, see your doctor.

Bunions tend to run in families. Pads or shoes cut wide at the toes and instep (middle part of the foot) may help. If pain persists, check with a podiatrist. You may need surgery.

Regular nail care is also important. Trim the white, dead material, but don't get too aggressive. "The pink area has blood vessels and it's sensitive to pain," said Lemon.

To avoid ingrown toenails, cut straight across so the corner of the nail is visible above the skin.

Foot odor usually comes from excessive moisture and heat. Absorbent powders may eliminate the smell. Let your feet get some fresh air during the day; kick off your shoes for a few moments or try thinner socks.

Some manufacturers even offer breathable footwear. But if your feet suddenly become red or you experience pain, talk to a healthcare professional immediately.

And when your "dogs" are dead tired at the end of the day, give 'em a treat: shed your shoes and socks, and prop up those "puppies" on a stool. Better yet, convince someone to give you a foot massage.

Garden City Hospital is at 6245 Inkster Road, north of Ford, in Garden City. To find a physician, call 877-717-WELL, or visit [www.gchosp.org](http://www.gchosp.org) online.

## Schoolcraft salon team earns gold in culinary competition

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Salon Team came away with a gold medal in the recent Central Regional Conference level competition, but missed securing a spot at the National ACF Student Competition by .06 of a point.

Ten teams, winners of their state level competitions, competed in the regional event.

The college hosted several of the professional and student competitions for the annual Central Regional Conference of the American Culinary Federation. Seminars and other activities associated with the 11-

state regional conference were held simultaneously throughout the conference at the MotorCity Casino Hotel in Detroit.

Schoolcraft's Salon team included Brandon Zarb of Milford, Michelle Collett of Romulus, Katie Kilanski of Belleville, Tyler Bergquist of Canton and Carla Spicuzzi of West Bloomfield. They were coached by Executive Chef Shawn Loring, department chair, and faculty members Executive Chef Chris Misiak, Master Chef Kevin Gawronski, Executive Chef Brian Polcyn, Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel, Executive Chef Marcus Haight, Master

Pastry Chef Joseph Decker and Master Chef Dan Hugelier.

In addition to the Student Team Competition and Schoolcraft's role as a host facility for many of the food preparation competitions, Chef Misiak acted as lead judge for the Knowledge Bowl competition, which tests the culinary knowledge of professionals and students. It was held at the Motor City Casino Hotel.

Chef Decker, a certified master pastry chef, provided an hour-long, standing-room only dessert demonstration at the hotel during the final day of the conference.



### In the footlights

Nick Szczebra and Toni Hammond are appearing in Inspire Theatre's production of Neil Simon's "Rumors" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday April 27 and 28, and 3 p.m. Sunday April 29. The theatre is located inside the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, in Westland. Tickets are \$13 each. Reservations can be made by calling the ticket line at (734) 751-7057.

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## New H.Y.P.E. center offers physical fitness, education

Sunday, April 29, will be a big day for H.Y.P.E. (Helping Youth Progress and Excel) Athletics Community. That's when the non-profit organization, will open the doors for the first time ever to its brand new 104,000-square-foot Wayne County - H.Y.P.E. Recreation Center.

The center, located at 23302 W. Warren Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Telegraph, in Dearborn Heights, will be open noon-5 p.m. to the public.

Then on Friday, May 4, H.Y.P.E. will host the official ribbon cutting ceremony along with a formal dinner at 6 p.m., also at the new Recreation Center.

"These events couldn't come soon enough, we've worked non-stop for this day and we're excited about what the center will offer from amenities to member benefits," said Ali Sayed, Founder and CEO of H.Y.P.E. Athletics Community. "Tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers and join us Sunday or if you can't make it then, the dinner is also open to all."

On Sunday, H.Y.P.E. will demonstrate various programs that will be available at the recreation



The new H.Y.P.E. Recreation Center consists of five indoor basketball/volleyball courts, separate men's and women's weight training rooms, an indoor track, separate locker rooms, a computer lab, library, classrooms and a health café.

center. The staff will be on hand to answer questions, provide tours, sign up members and register participants for spring/summer programs. Family, youth, individual and senior memberships will be available for purchase. Local organizations have partnered to exhibit at Community Day to provide educational information and giveaways.

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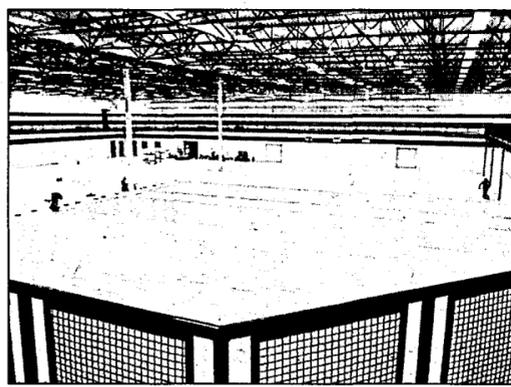
track, separate locker rooms, a computer lab, library, classrooms and a health café.

Member benefits include group fitness classes, tutoring, mentoring, life skills, career development, health education, substance abuse prevention and much more. The Recreation Center will act as a safe haven for education and physical fitness.

The May 4 ribbon cutting and dinner will feature emcee Syma Chowdhry of CW50 and CBS morning news anchor

and former NFL All-Pro Detroit Lion Herman Moore. Tickets for the dinner are \$50 and are available online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or by calling the H.Y.P.E. office at (313) 357-5458.

The mission of H.Y.P.E. Athletics Community is to create and strengthen infrastructures that support the positive development of Wayne County youth through athletic participation and competition, educational tutoring and literacy development, and social awareness including mentor-



The basketball courts are sanded and sealed in preparation for the opening of the H.Y.P.E. Recreation Center.

ing, counseling, life skills training and substance abuse education and prevention.

H.Y.P.E. Athletics Community was established in 2001 to provide Wayne County area children a positive and constructive outlet through organized sports - free from drugs and violence. Its collaborative partners include the State of Michigan, Wayne County, The Derrick Coleman Foundation, Young Men in Transition, and many school districts and recreation departments throughout the county.

H.Y.P.E. Athletics Community has two components to the organization; athletics and social ser-

VICES. The first component, athletic services, includes training camps, leagues and tournaments in all sports such as basketball, football, baseball, soccer, volleyball, tennis and athletic development.

Our second component focuses on free in-school and after-school social services to the youth and their families, including tutoring, mentoring, counseling, substance abuse prevention, education and young professional entrepreneurial and leadership training.

For more information, visit [www.hypeathletics.org](http://www.hypeathletics.org) or call H.Y.P.E. Athletics Community at 866-988-HYPE(4973) or 313-357-5458.

### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Volunteers needed

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with office tasks or serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston.

Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate one-two hours of their time per week.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Volunteers receive training and on-going coaching, and social opportunities are available as well.

The next new volunteer orientation is fast approaching, and will take place at Compassionate Care's office. Contact Justine Galat, Volunteer Coordinator, to apply for a brief interview at [jgalat@cch.net](mailto:jgalat@cch.net) or

(888)-983-9050.

#### Certification

CARF International announced that Wayne Health & Rehab has been accredited for a period of three years for its short term and long term rehabilitation program.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards.

An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation from CARF has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the per-

sons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

Wayne Health & Rehab is part of AMG (Advantage Management Group) with facilities in Southgate, Detroit, Battle Creek and Wayne. Wayne Health and Rehab has been providing short-term and long-term care to surrounding communities since 2006.

#### Open house

This May marks the 20th anniversary of ALS Awareness Month. Binson's Home Health Care Centers along with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) will host an open house to better educate and service the ALS population. The event is free and open to the public.

It will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Binson's,

13450 Farmington Road (on the southeast corner of Farmington Road and I-96).

Stop in for refreshments, meet vendors and the MDA health service coordinator as well as the ALS/MDA Clinic team and physicians. Enter to

win four tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Minnesota Twins game on May 16. (No purchase is necessary.)

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a progressive neurodegenera-

tive disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord.

For more information on the open house, call Lori Whalen, executive director of customer service for Binson's Home Health Care Centers, at (586) 755-2300, ext. 3383.

#### SUNNY NOTE

## Efficiency vs. effectiveness

By Clarity Patton  
Newhouse  
Guest Columnist

Temperatures are starting to warm up here in Michigan and today's topic turns up the heat on productivity by sparking a little debate about the difference between being efficient and being effective.

Don't mistake efficiency for effectiveness.

Being efficient is a complete waste of time unless the task being performed is relevant to the overall objective. Efficient completion of irrel-

evant tasks is totally ineffective! Just like driving the most efficient route to a destination is a total waste of time if the wrong address was typed into the GPS navigation. (Been there, done that.)

Today's note is just a friendly reminder, when we plan our own work or delegate to others, first evaluate which tasks are the most relevant. Ask yourself, will efficiently performing this task help accomplish my objective or is there a different use of time that would actually be more effective?

Here's to effective planning - and having a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "Do not squander time for that is the stuff life is made of."

Benjamin Franklin

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# 'You are never too old to learn'

Livonia couple, ages 78 and 82, to receive Wayne State degrees in May

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Harold and Dorothy Dunne view life as an educational journey and a lengthy course in self-improvement.

And they are real-life proof that pursuing dreams and passions never takes a back seat to time.

On May 7, Dorothy, 78, and Harold, 82, will take another step on that road of lifelong learning when they receive bachelor of arts degrees from Wayne State University.

Dorothy will receive her bachelor of arts degree in theater with a minor in Spanish, while her husband Harold, 82, will receive his bachelor of arts in Spanish.

Harold's degree is his third. He earned a bachelor of arts in sociology from WSU in 1979 and a juris doctor from the Wayne State University School of Law in 1983. Dorothy will be getting her first baccalaureate degree.

The couple married 61 years ago and moved to their Livonia home near Seven Mile and Wayne roads in 1981. They met and married in California, moved to Redford, moved back to California, then returned to Michigan, moving to Farmington for a short period and then Livonia.

### 'A little polishing'

Dorothy credits a trip to Greece in 2000 where she performed with a theater group in drawing her to theater and acting. She went with a group from the University of Detroit Mercy Theater Department to perform in *Medea*. Dorothy was a member of a Greek chorus.

Dorothy decided to attend school in 2000 to learn more about the acting craft and theater.

"It was kind of a joke on my part," Dorothy said. "I act-



Dorothy and Harold Dunne will graduate from Wayne State University in May.

ed in community theater. My husband said, 'You are darned good at what you do, but you need a little polishing.'"

"I thought it was a joke, so I said, 'I'll just go to Wayne State.' I didn't think they'd accept me, but they did."

Dorothy attended part time because she was working for her husband, helping him with his law practice.

Harold returned to school after a trip to Cuba in 2002 for a conference with attorneys on international law. Harold was interested in the social problems of countries. One of the speakers at the conference was Fidel Castro, Harold said.

Harold wants to return to Cuba on another Department of State-approved trip. "We enjoyed it, so I thought I'd better learn Spanish and go back to school," Harold said. The couple has also traveled to Mexico.

While Dorothy attended school, she managed to pick up jobs in a few commercials for Health Alliance Plan and

DMC, getting work "anytime they needed a mature woman," Dorothy said with a smile.

She also worked as an extra in *Up in the Air* with George Clooney, *The Island* and *Machine Gun Preacher*.

### Sharpening skills

Both believe their continued studies and education keep their minds sharp and slow aging.

"The older you get, the more active you have to be," Harold said. "It keeps my mind active and keeps my writing active."

"We really don't associate with people our own age. We would rather mingle with people in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. I've enjoyed the time at Wayne State with the students. They are appreciative of seeing an older person in their classes."

"Professors like to see us, too. And if you look around the classrooms, we aren't the only ones."

Dorothy credits Wayne State's theater program. "It increased my knowledge and

made me a better actor today," Dorothy said. "It gave me the knowledge of what goes on behind the stage, knowledge of costuming and building a stage."

Wayne State's program was more in-depth than what she learned in community theater. "I'm knowledgeable enough now, and that had to do with the classes," Dorothy said.

### 'We ... exchange ideas'

When asked what they would say to someone who says they are too old to go to college, Harold replies: "Nonsense."

Dorothy added, "You are never too old to learn. If we weren't doing this, I don't know what we would do. We get up, get dressed, go to school and we are able to exchange ideas."

Dorothy wondered how she would be accepted at her age in the theater program by younger students. "I find that with these students, except for a very small number, that I have something to give them and they have a younger view

that they can give me."

As people age, many tend to "settle into a deadening routine," Harold said. "They end up not communicating."

One of the benefits for the couple returning to school is their interaction over their schoolwork. "With me taking Spanish, we would talk to each other and she would correct me," Harold said. Dorothy grew up bilingual in Colorado and California. "I would tell her how she is doing in her acting."

And not that their marriage had previous issues, but the studies have brought them closer, the Dunnes said. "It's been a big benefit to our marriage and our relationship," Harold said.

"We're constantly moving," Dorothy said. "On the weekends, if we are stuck in the house, it's because we're doing homework."

And their children are following the same path. Son Robert, 59, is a registered nurse in California, pursuing photography. Daughter Carrie, 56, an administrative assistant at a hospital in Utah, recently received a degree in management, while Daniel, 47, is a construction worker, and is studying to receive a four-year degree in construction management.

What's next for the Dunnes?

Dorothy wants to pursue acting. Dorothy has a DVD produced by an agency in California and has two agents in Detroit helping her locate work.

She expects to review scripts and practice monologues. She is also taking a Flamenco dance class.

Harold wants a return trip for the two of them to Cuba.

"We're both looking forward to an active life," Harold said.

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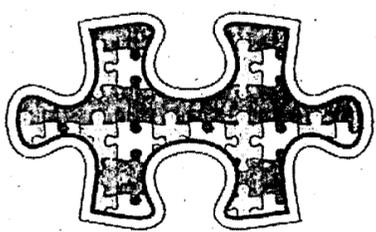


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## OUR VIEWS



## Good acts Autism laws opens door to more help for children, parents

Last week, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley signed in to law a package of bills that gives autistic children in Michigan greater access to needed health care. It was a hard fought victory for parents who will have help in accessing treatment for their children.

It also proves that it pays to have friends in high places. Calley, a parent of an autistic child, helped forge a compromise to get the legislation passed. The law requires health care companies to cover treatment for autism spectrum disorders, but it has limitations. It does not force insurance plans designated "self-funded" to provide autism coverage. Those plans are covered by the federal government, so a second law offers an incentive program to encourage employers with self-funded health insurance plans to add autism coverage for their employees.

Michigan now becomes the 30th state to require the coverage.

Lorri Unumb, Autism Speaks vice-president for state government relations, called passage of the bills "a tribute to the perseverance and dedication of families all across Michigan who fought for years to see this day become a reality. Because Michigan chose to act, its families will soon be able to access therapies that have been medically proven to make a difference in the lives of children affected by autism."

Once considered a rare condition, autism rates have increased exponentially around the world since the early 1990s. Between 2001 and 2006, the number of children in Michigan public schools diagnosed with autism-related disorders increased by more than 100 percent, according to the Autism Society of Michigan.

The importance of these new laws reflects the success of early treatment of the disorder. Research also shows that autistic children who are treated early can significantly improve and ultimately reduce Medicare costs.

It's not lost on us that the signing of the new laws, which take effect Oct. 1, comes during National Autism Awareness Month, a time set aside to educate people about the developmental disorder that now affects at least one in 88 children in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Autism is a bio-neurological developmental disability that generally appears before the age three. It impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills and cognitive function. Individuals with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities.

Autism is treatable, not a hopeless condition. Children with autism do progress — early intervention is key. We need only look to the Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City to see the great things being done to help these children.

Burger Center is a county program that draws students from as close as Westland and Garden City to Detroit and beyond. For more than three decades, the staff has worked with students, providing instruction and interaction in a caring environment. The program is recognized nationally and has become the model for similar programs around the world.

Raising a child with autism has its ups and downs, but with the signing of these two laws, parents will get some much needed help. We are glad to see Michigan require insurance coverage for autism. It's a win-win situation. There currently is no cure for autism, but with these laws, the door has opened to providing early intervention and help for children and their families.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Do you know what the first day of summer is called?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.

Answer: The summer solstice when we have the longest day. This year, the summer solstice will be 7:09 p.m. June 20.



"Ah, no, but I think it's on my birthday on the 23rd."

Candice Stratton  
Ypsilanti



"No, I don't know."

Woody Kalak  
Detroit



"I have no clue."

Ed Ollis  
Belleville



"The first day of summer. That works for me."

James Taylor  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Senators disappoint

What a disappointment that our two Michigan senators have decided that America should just ignore the Bill of Rights by voting yes on a vote to table the Blunt amendment.

Without this amendment, the Obama HHS mandate tramples all over the religious liberty granted to Americans in the Bill of Rights. We live in a country which has always protected our right to worship as we see fit. I am not Catholic, but I can see that Obama's HHS mandate requires them to provide services to which they oppose on moral grounds. This is not right!

But it is more than just morality involved. More importantly, the Bill of Rights is being put aside in this matter. It is abundantly clear that this is what happened. They should be ashamed of their votes to table this amendment.

I don't know why people are not up in arms about this blatant misuse of power in Washington. The Bill of Rights is a fundamental part of our U.S. Constitution and should not be negated in any way!

Beverly J. Bettega  
Westland

### Transparency first

The need to address high auto insurance rates has been consistent throughout my 11-plus years in the state legislature. Unfortunately, the debate and public discourse around this issue has been skewed by big insurance companies with their own financial interests in mind.

Michigan's insurance industry has engaged in efforts to drastically change Michigan's No-Fault insurance law to the benefit of their profit margins. Meanwhile, bipartisan, bi-cameral legislation that could make a difference in the rates we pay and add transparency to the rate setting process has been ignored.

For true insurance reform, we must evaluate the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA). The MCCA is a private organization that provides funding for the extended care of Michigan drivers who are catastrophically injured in an auto accident by reimbursing no-fault auto insurers for all benefits that exceed \$500,000.

The MCCA has raised its annual rates from \$5.60 to \$175 per insured vehicle since 2000, an increase of 3,025 percent, without proving these increases are necessary. Their decisions are made in secret meetings. The finances

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and obligations of the MCCA are not public, are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act and their board meetings are not subject to the Open Meetings Act: All the voting members of the board represent some of the largest corporate insurance companies.

For several sessions of the legislature, I have introduced legislation to add accountability and transparency to the MCCA rate determination process. The bills would:

- Add one member representing the public to the MCCA Board.
- Make the commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation (OFIR) a voting member of the MCCA Board.
- Make the MCCA Board subject to the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.
- Require that an independent Certified Public Accountant appointed by the Commissioner conduct an annual audit of MCCA and report to OFIR and the House and Senate Insurance Committees.
- Permit the insurance commissioner to disapprove any MCCA premium amount the commissioner believes is excessive.

Gov. Snyder and Republican legislative leaders say they are for insurance reform, but it's clear their reforms favor the insurance industry. While they and the insurance companies claim that their proposed reforms will lower our insurance rates, there has yet to be any evidence that these changes would do anything but eliminate vital protections for auto accident victims.

In addition, their changes would ultimately cost Michigan taxpayers when the cost for the catastrophically injured is shifted to Medicaid, which we all pay for. One

would expect that a governor and his party that espouses transparency would embrace this change, but apparently not when it involves their friends.

Meanwhile, Michigan residents are forced to watch as their insurance rates continue to increase without oversight, placing a greater burden on already cash strapped middle-class families. I strongly urge everyone to contact their legislators and demand real oversight and transparency for the MCCA.

Sen. Glenn S. Anderson  
Michigan State Senate  
6th District

### Don't neglect car

April is National Car Care Month and chances are if you own a car, it needs some work. Results of community car care events held throughout the country in 2011 show that many consumers are neglecting their cars, with more than eight out of 10 vehicles failing at least one component of the vehicle inspection process. National Car Care Month is the perfect time to focus on your vehicle's maintenance needs.

To help motorists "be car care aware," the nonprofit Car Care Council has introduced a new online service schedule, free to all motorists throughout the country. The personalized schedule and e-mail reminder service, powered by DriverSide.com, can be customized by motorists at the council's newly introduced website, www.carcare.org.

Whether you do it yourself or take your car to a professional service technician, following a preventative maintenance schedule will help keep your vehicle safe, dependable and on the road longer. And our new system will give you the reminders that you need to stay on top of this maintenance.

To help consumers become more comfortable with the auto service and repair process, the Car Care Council also recently introduced a new video entitled "Auto Service and Repair: What to Expect" that provides a wealth of information on such topics as finding the right auto repair facility, what to expect at the shop and what questions to ask. The video also covers the real truth about consumer rights and the manufacturer's warranty.

For more helpful information, check out the council's free digital Car Care Guide.

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# From its beginning, Schoolcraft has stood out

By Tim Richard  
Guest Columnist

It's amazing that Schoolcraft College ever built a campus and opened its doors at all 50 years ago.

Most community colleges had a definite geographic base. Some, like Highland Park, Dearborn and Benton Harbor, were spawned by a K-12 school district. Others, like Oakland and Kalamazoo Valley, were county-wide inventions.

Schoolcraft was unusual — a cooperative venture of five school districts forming a team. There were six at first — Livonia, Plymouth, Clarenceville, Garden City, Redford Union and South Redford. The publisher of the *Redford Township News* killed the "scheme," as he called it, gunning down RU's and SR's participation. The other four districts formed the college under an amended law signed in 1960 by Gov. G. Mennen Williams, a Democrat. A fifth district, Northville, saw a good thing and joined. It was the first multi-district community college in the state.

Instead of the bland name assigned by the state — Northwest Wayne County Community College — the founders elected to name the district after one of the state's unsung pioneers: Henry Rowe Schoolcraft (1793-1864), state geologist and ethnologist of Native American tribes, who gained the admiration of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who in turn used Schoolcraft's writings as the basis for *The Song of Hiawatha*.

In their second try at the ballot, the organizing committee had open support from Gov. John B. Swainson in a letter to the public. Voters said yes Oct. 24, 1961.

There were long arguments about where to build the campus. Only Livonia and Plymouth had the needed 150-acre tracts available. Livonia Mayor Harvey Moelke iced it for the city by offering to put in water and sewers. He also persuaded the owners of the farmland at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads to deal

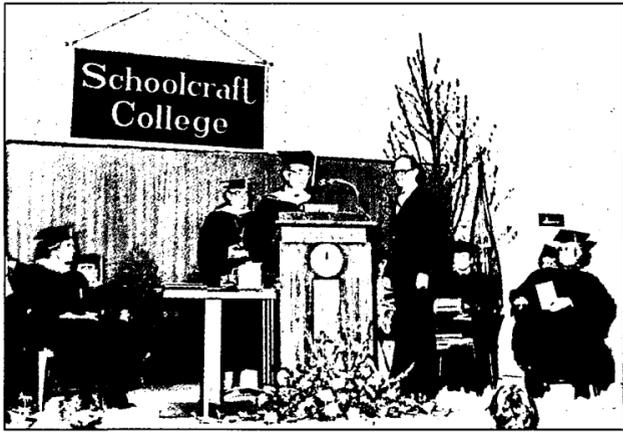


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Former O&E editor and reporter Tim Richard (right) was awarded an honorary degree from Schoolcraft in 1980. Trustee Harry Greenleaf (member of the board of trustees from 1977 to 1995) is at the podium. Schoolcraft's second president, Dr. C. Nelson Grote, is standing behind Greenleaf.

gently with the college. "Colleges are made, not born," quipped Sam Hudson, a historian, one of the organizers, a trustee and the author of *Reaching Out: A History of Schoolcraft College* (1984).

But what should a two-year college be like? Early students often admitted to being "draft dodgers" from the Vietnam war. New to the beat, this reporter asked first President Eric Bradner if it would grow into a four-year university. He straightened me out. That was never in the scheme of things.

Transfer programs for students who wished to go on to a four-year university, that was for certain. Terminal programs for those not going on. This included those seeking technical skills for industrial jobs, as well as nursing, health assistant programs and especially culinary arts for top jobs in the hospitality industry. In short, any company that needed skilled teachers to teach employees job skills could look to Schoolcraft for help.

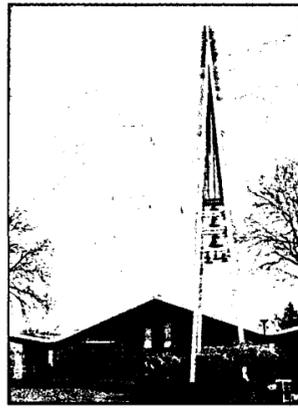
Schoolcraft always has been a bargain in tuition. An early champion was the late R.T. (Tommy) Thompson, this paper's executive editor at the time. He

covered the beat lustily. Tommy had put in a year at Ohio State, but had to drop out when he was maneuvered out of a dishwashing job at a sorority. I think Tommy was pitching for all the kids of limited means.

One other service came to mind: the arts. Wayne Dunlap, hired away from the University of Michigan to set up the arts program, noted a wide, empty valley between Ann Arbor and Detroit. Dunlap and his successor, Richard Saunders, saw the need for a 2,000-seat auditorium catering to (especially) chamber music.

I was with them. "We're getting only part of the value of a college — classroom instruction — and short-changing ourselves in the arts," I said editorially, in a comment that Sam Hudson included in his book. But the majority of voters rule: Yes to a culinary arts addition, no to the fine arts. So it was.

There were other views on what should be taught. Trustee Mark McQuesten, the first ex-student elected to the board, blistered the thought of a Garden City center and vo-tech courses. McQuesten saw a sophisticated liberal arts program attract-



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The Bell Tower is a landmark on the Livonia campus. It is 90 feet tall. The Carillon Bells were purchased by Floyd Kehrl for \$6,500. The five small bells are from schools in the five local K-12 districts which comprise the College District — Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton, Garden City and Clarenceville. The small bells do not ring.

ing scholars of many ethnic and national groups, not the career programs that President Nelson Grote was serving. The board, the business community and the public, however, were all for job preparation.

The faculty union caused a few fusses. They disliked the hiring of part-time instructors to teach specialized programs, preferring full-timers who earned benefits and paid union dues. The faculty wanted a non-voting "advisory" seat on the board — a lobbyist and a terrible conflict of interest at bargaining time. Despite my political differences, I made many friends on the faculty.

Dr. Grote, the second president, had more than his share of headaches with the faculty, but was well-enough regarded outside the community to be under consideration for state superintendent of public instruction. He was finally hired by a Washington community college, which was impressed with his handling of a multi-campus system.

Despite all the local battles over the college's existence, bond issues, purpose and unionization, one thing has been constant over more than 50 years: the support of the governors.

I've already mentioned Williams and Swainson from the early 1960s. A big thanks goes to William G. Milliken, whose 14 years at the governor's desk were preceded by a term at his hometown community college in Traverse City and by his advocacy of expanding community colleges in the early 1960s as a rebellious moderate Republican in the Legislature.

Democrat Jim Blanchard and Republican John Engler had soft spots in their fiscal hearts for community colleges, as did Democrat Jennifer Granholm. Current Gov. Rick (the Tough Nerd) Snyder says he earned three degrees in six years (BGS, MBA, JD) from the University of Michigan, but he'll also tell you that as a high school student he piled up 25 or so advance credits with dual enrollments at his Battle Creek Community College. He's trying to be good to the likes of Schoolcraft.

Charles A. Murray, author of the new shocker *Losing Ground*, opines that "too many people are going to college," meaning four-year universities, and many would be better off learning career skills.

Myself, I had 20 or so years of (paid) fun covering the college, took a night Spanish course prior to our journey to Iberia and South America, learned about Mozart in the outdoor chamber concerts and enjoyed watching my Norwegian elkhound track a fox who had a den in a rock pile behind the gym. I wonder if foxes still inhabit the area.

There was always a lot to love at Schoolcraft College.

Tim Richard was awarded an honorary degree at Schoolcraft in 1980 and in 1998 was elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame. He is retired in the northern hamlet of Bear Lake, where his most strenuous activity is fishing for maskinogé (the northern pike).

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## AROUND WESTLAND

**Nature walk**

Join the Holliday Nature Preserve Association at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Hix Park entrance - Hix north of Warren Road - for a spring wildflower, frog and snake walk.

The pace is leisurely and the atmosphere informal. Walks last 60-90 minutes and are held regardless of the weather, so dress for the conditions.

For more information, visit the association's website at [hnpa.org](http://hnpa.org).

**Carnival**

Westland Firefighters' annual carnival is going on now at 7420 Wayne Road, across from Westland Shopping Center.

The carnival features games, rides, food and fun. It's open now through Sunday, May 6. Hours of operation are 4-11 p.m. on weekdays, noon to midnight on Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Proceeds benefit fire awareness in the community.

**Flower sale**

The Wayne Memorial High School Instrumental Music Boosters will be holding their annual flower sale Mothers Day weekend Friday through Sunday, May 11-13, at Wayne Lawn and Garden, 2103 S. Wayne Road.

The sale will be 3-8 p.m. Friday, May 11; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 12, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 13.

**Flea Market**

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is holding a flea market 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the church on Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland.

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 clean up, 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.

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

**Spaghetti dinners**

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 27. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center is holding game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. It also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

**Used book sale**

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland will hold a used book sale Friday-Sunday, May 4-6, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway north of Ford Road.

The hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-3 p.m. Sunday.

Books will be priced at \$2 for coffee table books, \$1 for hardcover non-fiction books, DVDs and CDs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records and 10 cents

for small paperback romance books and magazines. Sunday will be a \$4 Big Bag Sale.

There will be a preview sale for Friends Members 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 3. People can become a Friend at the preview sale.

Bring your own bags when you shop at the book sale, or buy one of the Friends' cool green bags for \$2.

Due to budget cuts of the library it is more important than ever that you support the book sale. Funding for all library programs is provided by the Friends of the Westland Library.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

**Garage sale**

The VFW Post 3323 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting an indoor garage sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The table rental is \$20 per table and set up begins at 8 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to request an application, contact Jane Wright at (734) 347-9091.

**Farmers market**

Vendor applications are currently being accepted for the 2012 Westland Farmers Market at the Bailey Recreation Center and Westland City Hall or online at [www.cityofwestland.com/westland-farmers-market](http://www.cityofwestland.com/westland-farmers-market).

The Westland Farmers Market is for farmers, growers and producers to sell their own products directly to the public. The market will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday May 29 to Oct. 23 in the parking lot of Westland City Hall at 36601 Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

# MEDC appoints Watkins to attract Chinese business

Tom Watkins, a Northville resident, has been appointed to the International Board of Advisors for Business Development by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

The focus on the board is on establishing formal business development strategies to increase exports to China and on attracting Foreign Direct Investment from China to Michigan.

"China can and must be part of the ingredients necessary to reinvent and revitalize Michigan's economy," said Watkins, CEO of TDW & Associates, a global consulting firm. "I am honored to work with the state to build two-way economic, educational and cultural bridges with China in ways that benefits us all. Our role will be to help grow jobs and investment in the great State of Michigan."

Gov. Rick Snyder, who took office a year ago, included China in his first trade mission to Asia.

"As we continue to build a bilateral trade bridge with China, Tom will help us shape that strategy," said MEDC Senior Vice President Doug Smith.

China is home to one-fifth of all humanity, the fast growing large economy and a rising middle-class. Michigan offers much of what China needs and wants.

Watkins has a life-long interest in China sparked by a great fourth grade teacher. He has traveled, written about and worked in China for a quarter of a century. He was named the first non-Chinese, honorary board member



Tom Watkins' role in his new position will be to attract Chinese businesses to Michigan. (His shirt spells 'Michigan' in Chinese.)

for the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit (CAGD) and was recently given the 2012 Leadership Trailblazer Award from Chinese Consul General Yang Guoqiang and CAGD president Lisa Gray, also of Northville, during the organization's 20th anniversary celebration.

"We gave Tom this award for his unwavering passion, vision and leadership in building economic, cultural and educational bridges to China," said Gray.

Watkins is on the advisory boards for the Detroit Chinese Business Association and University of Michigan's Confucius Institute.

He has an eclectic background serving in a number of leadership roles in both the private and public sectors. Watkins is a former Michigan state superintendent of schools and president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, Fla.

He is an international

educational consultant to Greentown Schools in Hongzhou, China and an honorary professor at Mianyang Normal University in Siuchen Province China.

L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, credits Watkins with the idea of bringing Chinese language and culture into all Oakland County Schools.

"Tom's knowledge and understanding of China culture and China's educational system is remarkable and his input simply invaluable to building effective bridges between our countries," said Michael Liu, of CompuPacific.

C. Peter Theut, president and CEO of China Bridge, has looked to Watkins for guidance. "Tom's global vision and relentless commitment to all things China has qualified him as the leading advocate for the diverse opportunities that China offers Michigan," Theut said.

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# NFL Draft awaits Martin

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Four years ago, Keshawn Martin was somewhat of an obscure high school quarterback who drew only token interest from Division 1 football recruiters until midway through his senior year.

Four years later, the Westland John Glenn High grad will more than likely be hearing his name called in this weekend's upcoming NFL Draft.

Martin, however, plans to stay under the radar, which is his nature.

He'll be taking a "low key"



Martin

approach as he awaits his next destination after a highly productive career at Michigan State.

Once the Draft commences, the 5-foot-11, 189-pound wide receiver and punt returner will be huddled along side his mother, Tracy, girlfriend Chelsea Clark and newborn son Keshawn Jr. at their Inkster home.

Quiet and reserved, Martin almost becomes reticent when talking about his draft stock, which appears to be climbing as the big weekend approaches with

the first round going off Thursday night in New York City.

"I've been hearing the same thing as you," Martin said. "At first, before the (NFL) Combine, I heard later rounds, sixth or seventh rounds. After the Combine, I'm hearing anywhere from third to fifth. I'm expecting to go in between that."

Martin, who worked out recently for the hometown Lions, made a strong showing at the Combine and also excelled during his pro day workout March 14 at Michigan State.

But Martin has no clue which team may show more than a casual interest in his explosive offen-

sive talents.

## 'Same vibe'

"They all give me the same vibe," he said. "I don't know if there's a team looking at me more than others. A lot of teams are telling me the same thing, so I'm not really sure what to expect from any particular team."

During his senior year at MSU, Martin caught 66 passes for 777 yards and scored four touchdowns as the Spartans won the Legends Division of the Big Ten followed a New Year's Day Outback Bowl game victory against

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## Steelheaders meet May 1

Lake St. Clair charter captain Don Miller will be the featured speaker at the Metro-West Steelheaders monthly meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1, at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center, located at the corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Miller is a well-known muskie fisherman who conducts seminars and is an author.

Meetings are free and open to the public. No reservations needed. For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790 or e-mail [www.metroweststeelheaders.org](http://www.metroweststeelheaders.org).

## Stevenson pom tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Stevenson girls pom squad, open to all grades 8-11, will be from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 30-May 1 (clinic to learn routines with kickline) and 4:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at the high school.

Please wear a plain white T-shirt, black pants and shorts, tennis shoes and bring water. In order to try out, you must have a valid physical exam dated on or after April 15, 2011.

For more information, e-mail Jennifer Kostoff at [kostoffjlk@yahoo.com](mailto:kostoffjlk@yahoo.com).

## WYAA holds grid sign up

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford).

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for Junior Freshman (7-8), Freshman (8-10), Junior Varsity (11-12) and Varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as football).

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

# Pats take advantage for victory

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Monday's KLAA baseball matchup between Livonia Franklin and host Salem turned into a 14-6 blowout on a play that had nothing to do with the swirling winds.

Salem rallied to tie the game 4-4 in the bottom of the fifth on a two-run double by Austin Silletti and subsequent run-scoring single by Justin Sydlowski.

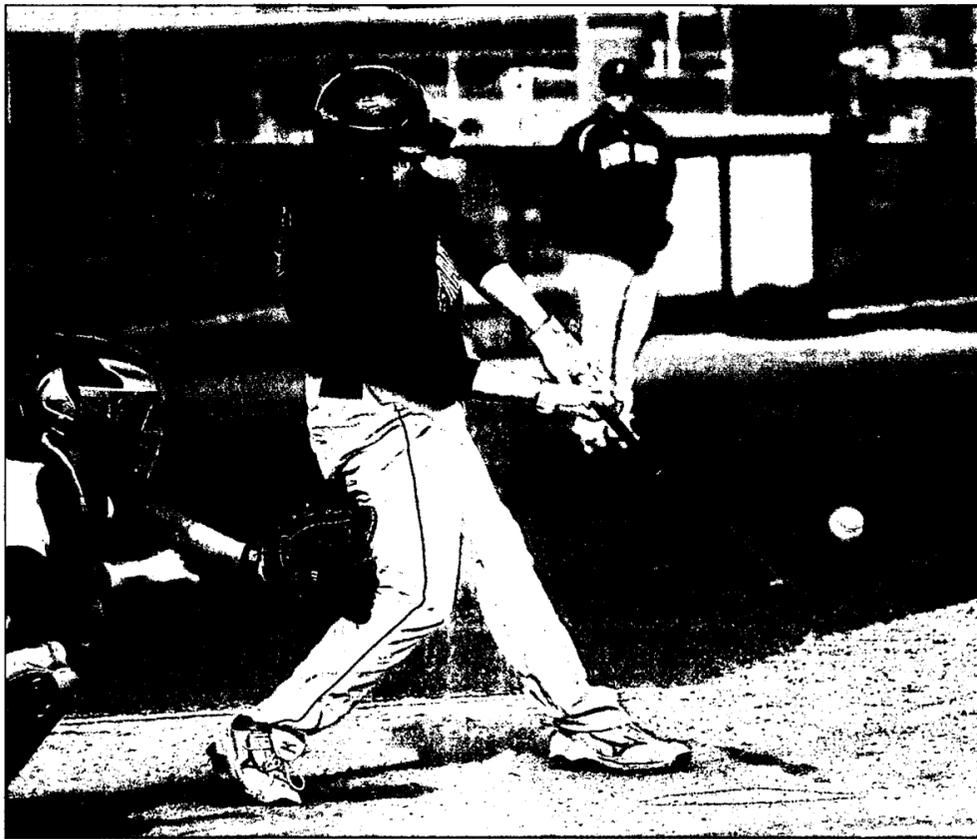
But the Patriots took advantage of a catcher's interference call in the top of the sixth. With the bases loaded and Franklin back in front 5-4, Kevin Nisun's comebacker to relief pitcher Corey Jose looked like an inning-ending 1-2-3 double play.

But the interference call negated the out and allowed another Franklin run to score. Before Jose could finally retire the side, it was 13-4 and all over but the shouting.

"We took advantage of an opportunity that was given to us," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "I feel bad for their catcher, because that play would have ended the inning. Instead, we ended up sending eight or nine more guys to the plate."

Fournier added that the Patriots (6-3, 1-1) finally caught a break, a nice change from recent games when not everything went Franklin's way.

Picking up the victory was Franklin starting pitcher Joe Barczuk, who went the first five



Franklin's Joel Trudell makes contact with the ball in Monday's 14-6 Kensington Conference crossover win over host Salem.

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innings and started the sixth-inning rally with a walk.

Salem's top performers were outfielder Sydlowski (3-for-4, RBI), Jack Driscoll (2-for-4, two runs) and first baseman Silletti — who doubled twice, scored a run and knocked in two.

Outfielder Demetrius Dunlap doubled home two runs in the bottom of the sixth for the Rocks' final runs of the afternoon.

Finishing up the final two innings for the Pats was junior Josh Gorman, whose big day at the plate proved to be a real pain

in Salem's side.

Gorman went 4-for-5, scored two runs and drove in five as he paced Franklin's 10-hit attack against Salem starter Zack Bird, Jose and Andrew Miller.

"He's a junior who's working his tail off," said Fournier about Gorman, who played third base the first five innings. "He's a kid that has a lot of upside."

Gorman smoked a two-run homer to right-center in the third to give Franklin a 2-1 lead. He later had three run-scoring singles, all of the hard-hit variety.

The whipping winds may or may not have made a difference on the home run, a liner that cleared the fence in right-center.

"I think for both teams it (wind) was a factor," Fournier said. "The ball gets up it's going to carry. On Josh's home run, he hit the ball hard, but on another day it might just be to the wall, and they had a couple that got over our center fielder's head."

The loss dropped Salem's overall record to 3-7.

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Members of the Madonna University men's golf team that captured the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title Tuesday include (from left) head coach Steve Mato, Nick Sears, Nick Corbiel, Vince Carango, Eric Taurence, Dave Goad and Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn).



DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY

# Madonna, Carango rule links

The Madonna University men's golf team didn't let gusty winds get in their way as they captured their second Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title in three years Tuesday at Stonewater Country Club in Caledonia.

The Crusaders were led by individual medalist Vince Carango as they also earned a bid to the NAIA National Championship, May 22-25, at Creekside Country Club in Salem, Ore.

"I'm proud of the way the guys came out the last two days and battled the elements to win the championship," said MU coach Steve Mato, who also earned

WHAC Coach of the Year honors for the second time in his career. "We were not happy with the way the fall (season) ended and wanted to come out and play our game at this event and did that. Now we have a little time to work on some things before heading to the national tournament."

MU shot a 320 in the final round for a three-day total of 941 and held off a hard charging Aquinas College side that fired a tournament best 306 during the final round for a 956 total to place second.

Rounding out the eight-team field was Indiana Tech (958), host

Davenport (963), Siena Heights (974), Cornerstone (979), Northwestern Ohio (985) and Concordia (1,127).

Carango, a senior from Lawton, broke out of his tie for the lead and captured the event's individual medalist honors with a 229 total (78-72-79) for a three-shot win over Cody Britton of Aquinas.

Junior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) tied for fifth with a 236 (76-81-79), while senior Nick Sears (76-82-83) and sophomore Eric Taurence (83-77-81) were in a three-way tie for 11th after posting matching totals of 241.

# Chargers net LPS tourney crown again

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Churchill repeated as the Livonia Public Schools Invitational girls tennis champion Saturday by the narrowest of margins.

The Chargers captured three of four singles titles and added two doubles crowns to outpoint host Stevenson, 22-21.

Franklin was a distant third in the quad meet with eight points, while Dearborn Edsel Ford filled out the field with three.

In the round-robin format, Churchill's individual singles flight champions included Quincy Banini (No. 2), Rylie Fallu (No. 3) and Mara Karageozian (No. 4) — all posting 3-0 records.

Adding doubles titles for the Chargers were Allison Hill and Kim McClain (No. 4) along with Lexi Fata and Maggie Trinko (No. 5).

Churchill also got runner-up finishes from its first three doubles teams — Kristi Fata and Rujuta Patil (No. 1); Sneha Patil and Becky

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## Shaw hosts grid camp

Tennessee Titans linebacker and special teams standout Tim Shaw will stage his third annual "Dream It, Do It" youth football camps (grades 4-12) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Livonia Clarenceville, his high school alma mater.

To register, visit [timshawfootball.cloudaccess.net](http://timshawfootball.cloudaccess.net).

## Colt baseball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association Colt baseball (ages 15-16) will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Play begins in June with WYAA opening day on May 12.

For more information, call Keith DeMolay at (734) 722-1251; or call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 107 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 37 April 24 at Churchill Shot put: 1. Megan Ling (LC), 32 feet, 1.25 inches; 2. Allison Murray (LC), 31-7; 3. Ashley Gruden (LF), 31-6.5. Discus: 1. Emily Norscia (LC), 114-3; 2. Ling (LC), 93-3; 3. Hannah Pummili (LC), 84-1. High jump: 1. Sendair McDonnell (LC), 5-2; 2. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 5-0; 3. Ashley Cochran (LC), 4-10. Long jump: 1. Cochran (LC), 14-9.75; 2. Natalie Modes (LF), 14-8.25; 3. McDonnell (LC), 14-5.5. Pole vault: 1. Mallory Dorton (LF), 8-6; 2. Shelia McKinley (LF), 8-0; 3. Amanda Fox (LC), 7-6. 100-meter hurdles: 1. O'Brien (LF), 16-2; 2. Molly Jarvis (LC), 16-3; 3. Lexi Anagnostopoulos (LF), 18.2. 300 hurdles: 1. Jarvis (LC), 48-9; 2. O'Brien (LF), 54-1; 3. Jessica Fedrigo (LC), 55-7. 100 dash: 1. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 12-9; 2. Bryah White (LF), 12-9; 3. Madison Agnew (LF), 12-9. 200: 1. Demi Crossman (LC), 27-4; 2. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 27-9; 3. Hofmann (LC), 28-2. 400: 1. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:03.1; 2. Bethany Pilat (LC), 1:04.0; 3. Courtney Strong (LC), 1:05.0. 800: 1. Kerigan Riley (LC), 2:30.1; 2. Julia Szuba (LC), 2:32.7; 3. Pilat (LC), 2:36.7. 1,600: 1. Pilat (LC), 5:38.1; 2. Michelle Azar (LC), 5:44.9; 3. Katelyn Kovach (LF), 6:15.2.

3,200: 1. Vivien Okechukwu (LC), 12:38.1; 2. Megan McFarlane (LC), 12:45.0; 3. Tiffany Lambie (LF), 13:10.0. 400 relay: 1. Churchill (Crossman, Cochran, Jarvis, Hofmann), 50-9; 2. Franklin (White, Jessica Thomas, Modes, Agnew), 51-6 (ties school record); 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Heinzelman, Anderson, Jarvis, Hofmann), 1:48.7; 2. Franklin, 1:52.6; 1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Szuba, Strong, Azar, McDonnell), 4:27.1; 2. Franklin, 5:01.1; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Riley, Azar, Pilat), 10:06.4; 2. Franklin, 13:55.8. Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAASouth Division; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAASouth. WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 71 CANTON 66 April 24 at Canton Shot put: 1. Warren (C), 32 feet, 1 inch; 2. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 30-7; 3. Alexis Mikonzyk (WJG), 28-3.5; discus: 1. Wright (WJG), 109-1; 2. Mikonzyk (WJG), 97-7; high jump: 1. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 5-0; long jump: 1. Kayla Jones (WJG), 16-0; pole vault: 1. Laing (C), 9-7; 2. Courtney MacQuarrie (WJG), 7-1; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 14.9; 3. Taelor Phillips (WJG), 17.2; 300 hurdles: 1. Smith (WJG), 48-7; 3. Phillips (WJG), 55-2; 100 dash: 1. Jones (WJG), 12-8; 2. Shekinah Johnson (WJG), 12-8; 200: 1. Jones (WJG), 27-4; 2. Massey (WJG), 27-5; 3. Johnson (WJG), 28-1; 400: 1. Johnson (WJG), 1:06.8; 2. Stephany Brown

(WJG), 1:07.4; 800: 1. Grimes (C), 2:33.5; 1,600: 1. Muir (C), 5:52.1; 3,200: 1. Siegler (C), 13:40.1; 400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Kaira Barnes, Johnson, Breyon Crawford, Jones), 53-3; 2. Canton, 54-2; 800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Smith, Tyra Watts, Brown, Massey), 1:53.1; 2. Canton, 1:53.7; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:22.3; 2. John Glenn, 4:27.6; 3,200 relay: 1. Canton, 11:34.1; 2. John Glenn, 12:21.7. Dual meet records: John Glenn, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAASouth Division; Canton, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAASouth. LIVONIA STEVENSON 73 SOUTH LYON 64 April 24 at Stevenson Shot put: 1. Oly Nwanko (LS), 32 feet, 8.25 inches; 2. Chelsea Billingsley (LS), 30-8.5; 3. Amanda Bremer (LS), 27-2; discus: 1. Kayla Branton (LS), 99-1; high jump: 1. Bridget Koessler (LS), 4-9; 3. Rachel Collins (LS), 4-5; long jump: 1. Alex Kitz (LS), 15-7.5; 3. Brianna Jed (LS), 14-4; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Brady Covert (SL), 18.5; 2. Marissa Boren (LS), 18-9; 3. Erica Burgess (LS), 19-02; 300 hurdles: 1. Covert (SL), 53-69; 2. Burgess (LS), 54-55; 3. Boren (LS), 57-22; 100 dash: 1. Abby Sigler (SL), 13-28; 3. Jed (LS), 13-56; 200: 1. Sigler (SL), 28-18; 3. Jed (LS), 29-22; 400: 1. Madison Swiatkowski (SL), 1:04.14; 2. Allison Timberlake (LS), 1:04-22; 3. Emily Brewer (LF), 1:05-43; 800: 1. Karlie Gallagher (LS), 2:33-69; 2. Julia Capeneka (LS), 2:36-23; 1,600: 1. Gallagher (LS), 5:41-02;

3. Barbara Scupholm (LS), 5:57-38; 3,200: 1. Brooke Kuchka (LS), 12:28-71; 2. Jackie Deacon (LS), 13:07-95; 3. Brooke Hitchcock (LS), 13:10-27; 400 relay: 1. South Lyon, 54-06; 2. Stevenson, 56-51; 800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Amy Freed, Jed, Brewer, Timberlake), 1:53-63; 2. South Lyon, 1:54-29; 1,600 relay: 1. South Lyon, 4:30-98; 2. Stevenson, 4:47-34; 3,200 relay: 1. South Lyon, 10:25-92; 2. Stevenson, 10:27-13. Dual meet records: Stevenson, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAACentral Division; South Lyon, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAACentral. PLYMOUTH 102 WAYNE MEMORIAL 25 April 24 at Wayne Shot put: 1. Quay Nichols (WM), 33 feet, 3 inches; 3. Bailey Hart (WM), 31-1; discus: 1. Johnson (P), no mark; high jump: 1. (tie) Kim Foster (WM) and Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-6 each; long jump: 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), no mark; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Puckett (P), 16-82; 2. Ta'Nia Lewis (WM), 17-13; 300 hurdles: 1. Puckett (P), 52-5; 2. Lewis (WM), 57-2; 100 dash: 1. Tate (P), 12-88; 2. Honia Williams (WM), 12-96; 200: 1. Williams (WM), 27-6; 3. Carlita Jones (WM), 29-2; 400: 1. DeBiasi (P), 1:07-0; 800: 1. Shaver (P), 2:46-0; 1,600: 1. DeBiasi (P), 5:57-0; 3,200: 1. Nicole Traitres (P), 12:26-0; 400 relay: 1. Plymouth, 54-82; 800 relay: 1. Plymouth, 1:57-0; 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth, 4:42-0; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth, 11:00-0. Dual meet records: Plymouth,

3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAASouth Division; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAASouth. QUAD MEET RESULTS April 24 at Lutheran High Westland TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 77 points; 2. (tie) Livonia Clarenceville and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 72 each; 4. Harper Woods, 19. Shot put: 1. Alexis Johnson (Cville), 28 feet, 11 inches; 2. Aleijh Mollenhauer (LV), 26-7; 3. Leandra O'Neal (Cville), 25-0.5; discus: 1. Janine Erickson (LV), 80-11; 2. Emily Jasmer (Cville), 77-1; 3. Staneisha Chambers (Cville), 65-11; high jump: 1. Amanda Terranella (LV), 4-6; long jump: 1. Micah Willingham (Cville), 14-9; 3. Lis Ivy (LV), 12-8; pole vault: 1. Alissa Flury (LV), 7-6; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Terranella (LV), 18-3; 2. Willingham (Cville), 18-6; 3. Flury (LV), 19-6; 300 hurdles: 1. Willingham (Cville), 51-1; 2. Flury (LV), 53-1; 100 dash: 1. Blake (BHC), 12-9; 200: 1. Blake (BHC), 26-1; 2. Ayanna Buckley (Cville), 26-9; 400: 1. Blake (BHC), 1:01-0; 2. Buckley (Cville), 1:05-0; 3. Kovacs (LV), 1:10-0; 800: 1. Ford (BHC), 2:38-0; 2. Jess Rice (LV), 2:44-5; 1,600: 1. Ford (BHC), 5:45-3; 3. Erin Hardin (LV), 6:04-3; 3,200: 1. Hardin (LV), 12:19-5; 400 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Kayla Dumas, Kamaria Sanders, Tangela Dooley, Mya Banks), 53-9; 3. Lutheran Westland, 1:06-0; 800 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Willingham, Sanders, Dumas, Buckley), 1:54-2; 2. Lutheran

Westland, 2:02-0; 1,600 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Willingham, Sanders, Dooley, Buckley), 4:34-6; 2. Lutheran Westland, 4:42-9; 3,200 relay: 1. Cranbrook, 11:21-0; 2. Clarenceville, 13:13-3; 3. Lutheran Westland, 13:16-1. Dual meet records: Lutheran Westland, 6-0 overall; Clarenceville, 5-2-1 overall. APRIL SHOWERS RELAYS April 21 at Ypsilanti TEAM STANDINGS: 1. East Kentwood, 76 points; 2. Saline, 74; 3. Dearborn Divine Child, 71; 4. (tie) Ann Arbor Huron and Macomb Dakota, 59 each; 6. Brighton, 30; 7. Ypsilanti, 28; 8. Livonia Franklin, 15; 9. Monroe, 14; 10. (tie) Oak Park and Romulus, 10 each; 11. Brownstown Woodhaven, 8; 12. Livonia Ladywood, 5; 13. Ferndale, 14. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 1. Franklin finishers: 3. pole vault (Sheila McKinley, Mallory Dorton, Helen Moore), 15-6; 4. 400 relay, 52-59; 5. high jump (Kelly O'Brien, Maddie Osborne, McKinley), 9-2; 6. shuttle hurdles, 1:16-02; sprint medley, 2:04-07. Ladywood finishers: 4. shot put (Lewandowski, Kitinski, Parisot), 62-1.5. MONROE-JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL TRACK MEET April 21 at Monroe-Jeff. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Monroe-Jefferson, 114 points; 11. Lutheran High Westland, 16.5. Lutheran Westland finishers: 3. Amanda Terranella, 300-meter hurdles (53.9); 6. Erin Hardin, 1,600 (55:19).

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA FRANKLIN 70.66 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 66.33 April 24 at Churchill Shot put: 1. Bryan Bartig (LC), 48 feet, 2 inches; 2. Jake Staff (LC), 41-1.5; 3. Harper (LC), 40-3. Discus: 1. Bartig (LC), 139-8; 2. Tony Vella (LF), 125-1; 3. Staff (LC), 119-1. High jump: 1. Chad Evans (LC), 5-6; 2. Tom Brokaw (LF), 5-3; 3. (tie) Charlie Roth (LF), Hunter Sterling (LF) and Lamont Johnson (LC), 5-0. Long jump: 1. Brett Gutowski (LF), 19-3; 2. Jordan Bickham (LF), 19-0; 3. Jahmon Maton (LC), 18-3.5. Pole vault: 1. Jacob Hage (LC), 12-3; 2. Alex Ryktarsyk (LC), 12-0; 3. Jimmy Bagazinski (LF), no mark available. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Brokaw (LF), 15-01; 2. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 15-2; 3. Zach Zoltowski (LC), 15-4. 300 hurdles: 1. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 42-24; 2. Brokaw (LF), 42-5; 3. Zoltowski (LC), 43-9. 100 dash: 1. Alex Perelli (LF), 11-0; 2. Andrew McGaughey (LF), 11-6; 3. Darius Lambert (LC), 11-8. 200: 1. Perelli (LF), 22-86; 2. Mc-

Gaughey (LF), 23-03; 3. Lambert (LC), 23-5. 400: 1. Gutowski (LF), 54-28; 2. Bickham (LF), 54-4; 3. Michael Wallace (LC), 55-7. 800: 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 2:04-2; 2. Robert Howard (LC), 2:10-9; 3. Joe Hage (LC), 2:11-3. 1,600: 1. Wise (LC), 4:41-0; 2. Keenan Jones (LF), 4:45-0; 3. Ben Yates (LC), 4:46-0. 3,200: 1. Jones (LF), 10:36-59; 2. Yates (LC), 10:37-2; 3. Robert Malik (LC), 10:42-5. 400 relay: 1. Franklin (McGaughey, Perelli, Jake Pinard, Bagazinski), 45-8; 2. Churchill, 46-3; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Bickham, Perelli, McGaughey, Pinard), 1:35-6; 2. Churchill, 1:40-5; 1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Howard, Wallace, Zoltowski, Wise), 3:46-9; 2. Franklin, 3:50-0; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Howard, George Bowles, Yates, Wise), 8:50-8; 2. Franklin, 9:08-25. Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAASouth Division; Churchill, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAASouth. LIVONIA STEVENSON 100 SOUTH LYON 37 April 24 at Stevenson Shot put: 1. Trevor VanAsselt

(SL), 43 feet, 10.25 inches; 2. Danny Pocalujka (LS), 38-10-5; 3. Ben Tabor (LS), 38-2-5; discus: 1. VanAsselt (SL), 147-8; 2. Pocalujka (LS), 129-3; 3. Joe Murray (LS), 112-10; high jump: 1. Devin Kelly (LS), 5-5; 3. Nathan Falzon (LS), 5-3; long jump: 1. Nick Podulka (LS), 20-10; 2. Tony Wilson (LS), 19-5-5; pole vault: 1. Spencer Ruggiero (SL), 11-7; 2. Michael Farmer (LS), 10-0; 3. Matt Boris (LS), 10-0; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Falzon (LS), 17-46; 300 hurdles: 1. Falzon (LS), 44-95; 100 dash: 1. Podulka (LS), 11-57; 3. Joey DeMarco (LS), 12-03; 200: 1. Kyle Schopa (SL), 23-14; 2. Zaid Shareef (LS), 23-44; 3. Adam Wheeler (LS), 23-44; 400: 1. Shareef (LS), 51-94; 2. Craig Wilkinson (LS), 53-69; 3. Mike Sopko (LS), 56-75; 800: 1. Matt Garon (LS), 2:13-1; 3. Jake Adams (LS), 2:14-85; 1,600: 1. Stephen Fenech (LS), 4:44-97; 2. Jacob Colley (LS), 4:47-28; 3. Ben Lambert (LS), 4:56-0; 3,200: 1. Craig Rizzolo (LS), 10:51-72; 2. Peter Walkuski (LS), 10:53-19; 3. Ryan Paulus (LS), 10:59-74; 400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Podulka, Dylan Dunn, Wilson, DeMarco), 45-91; 2. South Lyon, 46-76; 800 relay:

1. Stevenson (Podulka, Shareef, Wheeler, Wilson), 1:34-24; 2. South Lyon, 1:36-34; 1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Wilkinson, Wheeler, Wilson, Colley), 3:48-93; 2. South Lyon, 4:10-69; 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Paulus, Sopko, Kevin Callow, Dan Macias), 9:03-96; 2. South Lyon, 9:07-97. Dual meet records: Stevenson, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAACentral Division; South Lyon, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAACentral. CANTON 102 WESTLAND GLENN 35 April 24 at Canton Shot put: 1. Lowagbein (C), 40 feet, 9 inches; 3. Brandon Ogden (WJG), 38-2-75; discus: 1. Ogden (WJG), 117-0; 3. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 118-6; high jump: 1. Dixon (C), 5-7; long jump: 1. Thomas Carter (WJG), 18-8; pole vault: 1. Nickert (C), 11-1; 3. Jewell Jones (WJG), 10-7; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Pepper (C), 16-3; 2. Mitlin Rickett (WJG), 17-9; 300 hurdles: 1. Pepper (C), 44-8; 100 dash: 1. Jones (C), 11-0; 3. Jaron Flourmoy (WJG), 11-3; 200: 1. Darish (C), 24-0; 2. Jaylen Peete (WJG), 24-8; 400: 1. Schacht (C), 53-1; 800: 1. Felton (C), 2:08-2; 2. J. Jones (WJG), 2:10-5; 3. Kimari Johnson (WJG), 2:21-2; 1,600: 1. Felton (C), 4:46-8; 2. Ruben Maya (WJG), 4:49-3; 3,200: 1. Conley (C), 10:48-9; 2. Maya (WJG), 10:53-0; 400 relay: 1. John Glenn (James Williams, Flourmoy, Marcus Beemon, DaMario Jones), 46-01; 2. Canton, 46-05; 800 relay: 1. Canton, 1:36-3; 2. John Glenn, 1:39-3; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:44-0; 2. John Glenn, 3:45-0; 3,200 relay: 1. Canton, 9:25-4; 2. John Glenn, 9:25-5. Dual meet records: Canton, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAASouth Division; John Glenn, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAASouth. PLYMOUTH 85.5 WAYNE MEMORIAL 41.5 April 24 at Wayne Shot put: 1. Dimitrus Renfro (WM), 41 feet, 10 inches; 2. W. Harrington (WM), 39-3-5; discus: 1. Renfro (WM), 107-9; 2. Jacob Turner (WM), 105-7; high jump: (tie) 1. Dauwn Walker (WM) and N. Harris (P), 5-6 each; 3. (tie) D. Martin (WM), 5-6; long jump: 1. E. Bell (WM), 17-5-5; 2. Devontae

Cooper (WM), 17-2; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Edgerton (P), 16-0; 3. Mulligan (WM), 22-52; 300 hurdles: 1. Hacker (P), 45-6; 100 dash: 1. Rogers (P), 10-88; 2. Willard Harris (WM), 23-96; 200: 1. Rogers (P), 23-3; Quinton Davis (WM), 24-4; 400: 1. Bunting (P), 53-03; 3. Davis (WM), 54-0; 800: 1. Gielarowski (P), 2:03-0; 1,600: 1. Dalton (P), 4:50-0; 3,200: 1. Berlianger (P), 10:41-0; 400 relay: 1. Wayne (Michael Cooper, D. Cooper, Joe Gatton, Martin Balah), 47-6; 800 relay: 1. Wayne (M. Cooper, D. Cooper, Gaton, Davis), 1:38-0; 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth, 3:42-0; 2. Wayne, 4:01-0; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth, 9:06-0; 2. Wayne, 9:44-0. Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAASouth Division; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAASouth. QUAD MEET RESULTS April 24 at Lutheran High Westland TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Clarenceville, 112 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 83; 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 30; 4. Harper Woods, 23. Shot put: 1. Austin Davenport (LV), 44 feet, 2.5 inches; 2. Shawn Cummings (Cville), 39-5; 3. Deavon Wilson (Cville), 38-7. Discus: 1. Cummings (Cville), 122-6; 2. Davenport (Cville), 121-3; 3. Wilson (Cville), 101-11. High jump: 1. Austin Douglass (Cville), 5-10; 3. Mitch Boehm (LV), 5-6. Long jump: 1. Mike Demmons (Cville), 20-11; 2. Caleb Kempf (LV), 19-6-5; 3. Dan Roberts (LV), 19-0. Pole vault: 1. Newman Harper (LV), 8-0; 2. Josh Kuhn (LV), 7-6. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Ma Sambou Jatta (Cville), 16-6; 2. Jake Fairbairn (LV), 16-6; 3. Austin Olsen (LV), 18-7. 300 hurdles: 1. Fairbairn (LV), 41-2; 2. Sam Brown (Cville), 41-9; 3. Jatta (Cville), 43-7. 100 dash: 1. Kassius Kelly (Cville), 11-3; 3. Jalen Bryant (Cville), 12-0. 200: 1. Kelly (Cville), 23-5; 3. Bryant (Cville), 24-3. 400: 1. Kareem Stewart (Cville), 56-4; 2. Kempf (LV), 56-8; 3. Harper (LV), 57-8.

800: 1. Malanowski (BHC), 2:09-4; 2. Alec Jones (Cville), 2:13-2; 3. Zach Foor (LV), 2:16-2. 1,600: 1. Jones (Cville), 4:56-2; 3. Seth Whitehouse (LV), 5:08-7. 3,200: 1. Joey Walker (Cville), 11:18-7; 3. Whitehouse (LV), 11:37-2. 400 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Bryant, Demmons, Brown, Kelly), 44-9; 2. Lutheran Westland, 50-6; 800 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Bryant, Demmons, Brown, Kelly), 1:38-1; 2. Lutheran Westland, 1:40-8; 1,600 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Stewart, Brown, Jones, Jatta), 3:49-1; 2. Lutheran Westland, 3:50-6; 3,200 relay: 1. Cranbrook, 9:16-0; 2. Clarenceville, 9:19-6; 3. Lutheran Westland, 9:20-3. Dual meet records: Clarenceville, 7-1 overall; Lutheran Westland, 5-1 overall. APRIL SHOWERS RELAYS April 21 at Ypsilanti TEAM STANDINGS: 1. East Kentwood, 105 points; 2. Saline, 81; 3. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 68; 4. Brighton, 39; 5. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 31; 6. Livonia Franklin, 27; 7. Detroit Renaissance, 26; 8. Ypsilanti, 22; 9. Monroe, 19; 10. Macomb Dakota, 11 (18 schools). Franklin finishers: 1. 900-meter hurdle relay (Andrew Crechiolo, Tom Brokaw, Richie Wiecezorek), 2:09-6; 3. 800-meter relay (Jordan Bickham, Alex Perelli, Jake Pinard, Andrew McGaughey), 45-05-6. long jump (Bickham, Jon Girvan, Evan Scott), 35-11-75; 3,200-meter relay (Danny Koponen, Keenan Jones, Ross Cecil, Crechiolo), 8:45-56; 3,200 medley (Jones, Crechiolo, Koponen, Cecil), 9:02-53. MONROE-JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL TRACK MEET April 21 at Monroe-Jeff. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Brownstown-Woodhaven, 104 points; 12. Lutheran High Westland, 22.5. Lutheran Westland finishers: 1. Jake Fairbairn, 110-meter hurdles (41.61); 3. Dawson Davenport, shot put (44 feet); 5. Caleb Kempf, long jump (18-9).

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# Bench play lifts Ladywood

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Erin Cronyn is proving to be a valuable "12th woman" for the Livonia Ladywood soccer team.

The senior notched a hat trick Monday as the Blazers rolled to a 5-0 Catholic League victory at Dearborn Divine Child.

"Erin Cronyn was fantastic tonight," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team is 11-0-1 overall and 5-0 in the league. "She scored one goal all of last year and has come back as a senior and already scored nine goals in the first 12 games. She is a game changer off the bench for us. Her energy and work rate are important to our overall success."

DeYana Walker got the scoring started for the Blazers, who led 4-0 at intermission, at the 5-minute mark off an assist from Emily Huddleston.

Cronyn then tallied the next three — all within a span of five minutes — from Dominique Sarnecky (34th minute), Jen-

na Urso (36th minute) and Huddleston (39th).

Huddleston then capped the scoring with a goal in the 61st minute from Urso.

Sara Even and Whitney Bauriedl combined on the shutout for the Blazers, who outshot Divine Child 26-4.

Sam Camino and Jessica Shymanski combined for nine saves in goal for the Falcons, who slipped to 2-6 overall and 1-5 in the league.

## Ladywood ties

In Saturday's Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern Tournament, the host Huskies (ranked No. 4 in Division 2) and Livonia Ladywood (No. 3 in Division 2) battled to a 1-1 draw.

Ladywood's Kelly Capoccia scored in the second minute from Paige Brennan and Ashlee Moran countered for the Huskies at the 36th minute.

Sara Even had to make just one save to post the shutout as Ladywood outshot the Northmen, 14-6.

Ladywood opened with a 3-0 victory over Fr-

er (5-2) as Capoccia had a goal and assist, while Sam Riga and Erin Cronyn also found the back of the net. Brennan added two assists.

Goalkeeper Sara Even made five saves to post the shutout.

The Blazers also defeated Petoskey, 3-2, on goals by Capoccia (from Huddleston), Dominique Sarnecky (from Capoccia) and Sarnecky (from Brennan).

Morgan Jons and Riki Colston scored for the Northmen (4-3), who were outshot 25-3.

Whitney Bauriedl made five saves for the Blazers, who outshot Petoskey 25-3.

"Overall we were extremely pleased with our effort," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We played five teams this week that were undefeated and came out with four wins and a draw."

"Paige (Brennan), Kelly (Capoccia), and Dom (Sarnecky) were fantastic during all three games, and we received quality efforts from a couple of injured and sick players. We're excited about this team right now."

# Spartans win 3-0; Churchill, Pats roll

Livonia Stevenson took advantage of an opportunistic first-half goal and parlayed it into a 3-0 girls soccer victory Tuesday night at South Lyon East.

The Spartans, who improved to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAAs Central Division, got what proved to be the game-winner from Shannon Black at the 26-minute mark when she picked off a clearance attempt by the East goalie and chipped a shot into the net.

Dayna Stevens then scored twice in the second half at the 45- and 46-minute marks to give Stevenson a three-goal cushion. Her free kick sailed around the wall for her first tally followed by a cross that snuck inside that got caught in a swirling wind.

Goalkeepers Rylee Jayson, who played the first 50 minutes, and Kristen

Trybus, who finished up, combined for two saves and the shutout.

The loss drops the Cougars to 2-3-1 overall and 1-2 in the KLAAs Central Division.

**CHURCHILL 6, JOHN GLENN 0:** Kelsey Parrinello scored four goals Tuesday as Livonia Churchill (2-3-2, 2-1) rolled past host Westland John Glenn (1-4-1, 1-2) in a KLAAs South Division match.

Alexa Vakratsis and Karly Munroe also scored goals for the victorious Chargers, who led 3-0 at halftime. Rachel Blackney chipped in with two assists, while Karly Munroe added one.

Alexis Tzifargolou played the first 60 minutes in goal before giving way to Ashley Elliott, who finished up.

**FRANKLIN 6, WAYNE 1:** Livonia Franklin (2-4-1, 1-2) snapped a four-game losing skid Tuesday with a KLAAs South Division victory at Wayne Memorial (1-5, 0-3).

Shannon Murphy scored the Patriots' first goal from Alexis Smith before Wayne's Crystal Fletcher tied it at 1-1. Franklin then tallied five unanswered goals — one each by Lauren Zentz, Natalie Desautel, Jessica Maurer, Smith and Raven Travis.

Back-up goalkeeper Andrea Schweitzer made seven saves for the Patriots, who were coming off KLAAs South losses last week to Plymouth (8-0) and Canton (7-0).

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5, PARKWAY 0:** Freshman Sadie Schultz and senior Taylor Wiemer each tallied a pair of goals Tuesday to propel Lutheran High Westland (3-1-2, 2-0-1) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Wiemer also chipped in with a pair of assists for the Warriors, who led 4-0 at halftime. Michelle Greening also scored on a cross from freshman Sabrina Morrison.

Sophomore Angela Morrison recorded the shutout in goal for the Warriors.

**LATHRUP 3, C'VILLE 0:** On Monday, first-half goals by Katie Bounds, Matea Smith and Karstin Hoosana carried host Southfield-Lathrup to a victory over Livonia Clarenceville (1-6-2).

Freshman Jillian Bunker played the first 55 minutes on goal for the Trojans before giving way to Rachel Kirschwing. The two combined for nine saves.

Junior Ashley Murphy was Clarenceville's top offensive threat.

# Churchill takes DH from Wildcats

Senior right-hander Tyler Keeter pitched a complete game seven-hitter Tuesday as Livonia Churchill completed its sweep of a suspended baseball double-header Tuesday at Plymouth, 7-2.

The Chargers, who improved to 6-1 overall and 4-0 in the KLAAs South Division, broke the game open with a 3-run fourth inning after the two teams were tied at 2-all after three innings on Friday.

Dan Cameron finished with three RBI, including a key 2-run double in the top of the fourth.

Riley Brown and Derek Jakubowski each added two hits and scored two runs apiece.

Keeter went all seven innings, striking out three and walking only two.

Matt Janke, in relief of starter Austin Ebeling, took the loss for the Wildcats (7-4, 1-2).

Jamarl Eiland went 3-for-3 and scored a run to pace Plymouth's offense.

**STEVENSON 11, WAYNE 1:** Josh DeYonker went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI Monday as host Livonia Stevenson (8-1, 3-0) beat Wayne Memorial (6-5, 0-2) in a five-inning mercy.

Brandon Jurczyszyn added two hits and two RBI, while Austin Stevens also knocked in three runs for the Spartans.

Other RBI went to winning pitcher Chris McDonald, Mike Vomastek and Travis Harvey.

McDonald allowed one run on five hits and a pair of walks while fanning four.

Losing pitcher Zach Lankton gave up seven runs on four hits, walked six and hit a batter.

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lone Wayne run with a single after Lankton had doubled.

**CHURCHILL 5, SOUTH LYON 0:** Livonia Churchill senior right-hander James Targus had the opposing hitters beating balls into the dirt Monday as he tossed a one-hitter to lead visiting Chargers (5-1, 3-0) to a Kensington Conference baseball crossover win over the Lions (3-8, 1-3).

"He got behind in the count a few times, but he threw a lot of strikes and had only 89 pitches," said Churchill coach Ron Targosz, whose team improved to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Jon Tittle's lead-off single in the second inning was only hit given up by Targus, who walked four and struck out one in throwing the complete game shutout.

Derek Jakubowski doubled twice and Connor Dwyer delivered an RBI single as the Chargers scored three times in the fourth inning.

**S.L. EAST 4, JOHN GLENN 2:** Kyle Meyer's RBI triple highlighted a 3-run fourth inning Monday as host South Lyon East (2-3, 1-1) earned the Kensington Conference victory over Westland John Glenn (2-9, 0-4).

East starter Dustin Chum, who gave up two runs on three hits and one walk, pitched five innings to pick up the win. Andrew Weaver worked the final two innings to pick up the save.

Glenn took a 1-0 lead in the third when Devon Spalding scored from third on a double-steal. Glenn got its other run on an East error.

Losing pitcher Zach Quinn pitched all six innings for the Rockets, allowing eight hits and a walk while fanning five.

**STEVENSON 5-11, SOUTH LYON 1-1:** In a make-up double-header Saturday, Livonia Stevenson (7-1, 3-0) captured both ends of a KLAAs Central Division against the host Lions (3-7, 1-2).

Winning pitcher Jake Semak went 3-for-4 to lead the Spar-

tans' offensive attack in the opener, while Travis Henry and Josh DeYonker collected two hits apiece and each drove in a run for the victorious Spartans.

Austin Stevens also delivered a timely 2-run single in the fifth inning to put the Spartans ahead 4-0.

Semak worked 4.1 innings, allowing one run on two hits and four walks while fanning seven. Nick Lagerstrom pitched two scoreless innings, striking out four and allowing just one hit, to pick up the save.

In the nightcap, winning pitcher Mike Kanitra scattered six hits and two walks while fanning six over six innings.

The Spartans had a total of nine hits led by Harvey (2-for-3, four RBI); Chris McDonald (2-for-3, three RBI); Mike Vomastek (2-for-4, two runs); and DeYonker (2-for-5, run).

Kyle Garcia and Eathan Perry each went 2-for-3 for the Lions.

**WAYNE 10-7, C'VILLE 0-0:** In a Saturday twinbill, host Wayne Memorial (6-4) swept a pair from Livonia Clarenceville (3-5).

Jacob Lefler pitched a five-hit shutout in the opener as the Zebros rolled to a 10-0 five-inning mercy rule win over the Trojans. Lefler struck out five and walked only two with the lone hit coming off the bat of Clarenceville's Kyle Kissandi.

Lefler also went 3-for-3 at the plate with three RBI, while Josh Lowry, Jordan Lowry and Tyler McCurry each added two hits.

Clarenceville starter Damien Quarles took the loss.

In the nightcap, Jordan and Josh Lowry combined on a four-hitter in a 7-0 Wayne victory.

Jordan, who got the victory, worked the first five innings allowing just three hits on no walks while striking out seven. Josh Lowry pitched the final two giving up one hit while fanning three.

Clarenceville starter Tyler Weed took the loss.

Zack Lankton and Joe Chapman each drove in a run for Wayne.

# MARTIN

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Georgia. Martin ranks second in MSU history in punt return yards (659) and finished with 127 career catches for 1,714 yards, not to mention his 8-for-9 passing and 540 total yards rushing in four seasons.

Martin's game-breaking ability and versatility make him a valued commodity among NFL teams.

"He's so dynamic in punt returns, and he'll be one of the top slot receivers in this year's draft," said Martin's agent, Chase Callahan of Rep1 Sports Group based out of Irvine, Calif. "He's one of the few receivers in this year's draft who can play both the slot and on the outside. His versatility helps him out even though the kickoff has been take out of play already by moving the kickoffs up."

Callahan had nine of his clients perform at the Combine in Indianapolis back in February.

Rep1 also represents Ben Roethlisberger (Steelers), Nate Davis (Cowboys), Scott Wells (Packers), and the left side of the 49ers offensive line in Michael Iupati and Joe Staley.

Rep1 also represents former MSU running back Javon Ringer (now with the Titans) and helps their clients prepare for the Combine and Draft.

"The process has gone great," Callahan said. "Keshawn's worked hard. He's put himself in a position to have success in

draft by performing well at the Combine, having good game film and interviewing well at the Combine, then excelling at his pro day (at MSU)."

"I could see him going anywhere from late 'three' to the fifth round."

## Wide receiver

Martin is ranked by the ESPN experts as the 101st best player available in the Draft and the 13th best wide receiver.

"The problem is that this is one of the deepest receiving classes in the history of the NFL," Callahan said. "I read in *Sports Illustrated*, an article by Tony Pauline, that there's 44 receivers with draftable grades, and on average, there's only 31 receivers that go in the NFL Draft."

But Callahan believes Martin's name will be called sooner than later, especially after working with him during his time in Irvine. And that's because Martin brings a lot of intangibles to the table in addition to his God-given athletic gifts.

"He's very intelligent, he's very respectful," Callahan said. "He's been very responsible with being on time to his meetings. He's great. We've had zero issues."

"He's worked hard. He's accountable. Those are all the things that Javon Ringer and Blair White (formerly of MSU and most recently the Colts) had told me about prior to working with him."

The Combine gave Martin a taste of what to expect when it comes to the NFL life.

"It was a good experience, a new experi-

ence, kind of unexpected some of the things we did," Martin said. "I didn't expect to take that many tests before we actually got on the field to do things. There were so many interviews you did once you got there. That was probably the craziest — the tests we had to do. But most of the questions were basic stuff."

Martin, who also excelled in basketball and ran track at Glenn, clocked a 4.45 in the 40-yard dash and also put up impressive numbers in the 20-yard shuttle (4.13) and vertical jump (39.5 inches).

"I wouldn't say I exceeded my expectations because I was expecting to do well," Martin said. "It really wasn't a surprise there for me."

NFL scouts love Martin's separation skills and his big play ability, but may have reservations about his height and his durability. He hears all the evaluations, but shrugs them off.

"I really don't get that much into the media stuff," Martin said. "I don't even really see what they say about me."

Martin will play the waiting game, and once he's selected, he has one goal in mind.

"I just want to prove I can be a consistent receiver basically," Martin said.

Keshawn admits some family members may be more excited about the Draft than he is, particularly his No. 1 fan.

"She's excited, but just being low key about it," Martin said of his mother.

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# TENNIS

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Snyder (No. 2); and Erin Strayhorn and Claire Rose (No. 3).

Stevenson's Aimee Moccia dominated in capturing the No. 1 singles title. The sophomore yielded just three games in four sets, including a 6-0, 6-2 win over runner-up Caro-

lyn McCullen of Franklin. Stevenson's Laura Shureb and Lexie Ranski took the No. 1 doubles crown, while teammates Josie Abdulbaki and Jenny Cami took the No. 3 flight.

The Spartans also had runner-up finishes at No. 2 singles (Caroline Hay), No. 3 singles (Kathryn Malkowski) and No. 4 singles (Taylor Tinham).

There was a three-way tie for second at No. 2 dou-

bles between Churchill (Patil and Snyder), Stevenson (Shelby Seay and Batool Hussain) and Franklin (Morgan Witherpoon and Anna Mozota).

The Spartans also took second at No. 4 doubles (Sam DiGiovanni and Sarah Morse) and No. 5 doubles (Lauren Shaffer and Arryn Dochenetz).

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# C'ville hurlers stymie RU, 3-2

Livonia Clarenceville's baseball squad improved to 4-5 on the season with a 3-2 win Tuesday at home against Redford Union.

Mike Weiss came off the bench to deliver a pinch-hit double and Zac Rosen brought him home with the game-winning single in the bottom of the fifth inning to break a 2-2 tie and give Clarenceville the win.

Tyler Weed also went 3-for-3 to pace the Trojans' 10-hit attack.

Winning pitcher Ben Gehan worked the first

five innings, allowing just three hits while walking two and striking out nine. Damien Sanchez pitched two scoreless innings to pick up the save as he did not allow a hit and fanned three.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 1-9 overall.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 6-14, ROMULUS 1-3:** Taurrek Fikes and Nick Andrzejewski each collected hits on the day as Lutheran High Westland (4-2) swept a double-header Saturday against the host Eagles (2-6).

Fikes went 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored, while Andrzejewski went 2-

for-4 with an RBI as the Warriors took the opener, 6-1. Winning pitcher Aaron Rosin went all seven innings, allowing one earned run on six hits and three walks. He struck out six.

The Warriors won the second game in a five-inning mercy, 14-3, as Nick Flaney went 3-for-4 with two RBI and three runs scored.

Andrzejewski went 2-for-3 with three runs and two RBI, while Fikes, the winning pitcher, went 2-for-4 with three runs and two RBI. Tom Winterstein also knocked in a pair of runs.

Fikes allowed two earned runs on seven hits and a walk. He struck out six.

# Pats' Lamble blanks Rocks, 8-0

Livonia Franklin girls softball coach Linda Jimenez had nothing but praise for pitcher Tiffany Lamble's outing on the mound Monday.

The senior twirled a four-hit shutout as the Patriots rolled to an 8-0 Kensington Conference crossover victory over host Salem.

Lamble struck out six and did not allow a walk in seven innings to stymie the Rocks' hitting attack.

"Once again Tiffany mixed up her pitches and hit her spots," said Jimenez, whose team improved to 4-1 overall and 4-0 in the KLAAs South Division. "She was fantastic."

Lamble got plenty of hitting and run support led by Nicole Williamson and Becky Giacobbi who each went 3-for-5 and combined for three runs and two RBI.

Maggie Leins added two hits, including a key double to clear the bases in fifth inning. Katelynn Devers

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also contributed two hits and two RBI.

And the Patriots also excelled with the glove work turning a 5-3 double play in the fourth and an 8-6 twin killing in the sixth.

Salem starter Emily Marcero gave up 13 hits, walked two and struck out two. She also went 2-for-3 at the plate.

The Rocks (0-4, 0-4) committed three errors to Franklin's one.

**SOUTH LYON 5, CHURCHILL 3:** On Monday, the host Lions (7-3, 1-1) sent nine batters to the plate and scored all five of their runs to beat Livonia Churchill (2-3, 0-3) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Jessica Mehr's 3-run homer keyed the uprising and pitcher Britney Linse threw a complete game while scattering five hits and two walks over seven innings.

Churchill starter Missy Sidor took the loss. Reliever Abby Jewell held the Lions scoreless over the final seven innings allowing just two hits while fanning six.

Gabby Williams collected two of South Lyon's eight hits.

Julia Twigg went 3-for-3 with a triple, double and RBI. She scored a pair of runs.

Nicole Salloum and Jackie Tolles also knocked in runs for the Chargers.

**JOHN GLENN 18-4, A.A. HURON 6-1:** Westland John Glenn (4-6) got its offense untracked Saturday in a double-header sweep of host Ann Arbor Huron.

The Rockets collected 13 hits en route to an 18-6 victory in the opener as Arika Agnew led the way going 3-for-5 with an RBI.

Other top Glenn hitters included Danielle Saunders (two hits, two RBI, two runs); Kaley Vowles (two doubles, three RBI, three runs); and Nicole Quaine (double, triple, two RBI, three runs).

Winning pitcher Alexis Lester gave up two earned runs on five hits and three walks while fanning four.

Lester also won the second game, 4-1, giving up just three hits, and a pair of walks while striking out four. She kept the River Rats off balance with 12 ground outs.

Up just 1-0 in the top of the sixth, Glenn's Katelyn Keast put the game away with a 3-run homer.

"Lexi grew as a pitcher today," Glenn coach Patrick McGrath said. "She was hitting her spots and kept her head up when she missed."

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**BROWN, LYNETTE RALYA**

April 22, 2012, age 85, of Bloomfield Twp. She was born December 15, 1926 in Beloit, Wisconsin. Mrs. Brown was the daughter of the late Lynn and Ethel (nee Meeker) Rayla. She was a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University, receiving two Master's degrees and an undergraduate degree. She was the president and a longtime member of the Oakland Branch of the American Association of University Women. She was also on the Board at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame. Lynette was also a member of Northbrook Presbyterian Church in Beverly Hills. She was the beloved wife of the late Donald A. Brown. Dear mother of Trip (Morag Christie), Alison Heimsath (Robert) and Julie Brown (Mark Rembacki). She is also survived by three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Predeceased by her two brothers. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday, April 26th, 2:00-9:00pm. Funeral service Friday 11:00am at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W. Fourteen Mile Rd., Beverly Hills. Visitation at church begins 10:00am. Memorial tributes to the American Association of University Women, the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame or the charity of donor's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

**BUCKNER, ISABEL SUE**

Beloved wife of the late Noel Buchner. Dear mother of Noel (Robin Maisel) Buckner, Kevin (Melissa) Buckner, Elizabeth (the late Patrick Herbert) Buckner and Alexandra (Bruce Guile) Buckner. Dearest sister of Nancy Bäuer. Also survived by six loving grandchildren and many other family members and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012 AT 11:30AM AT THE BUCKNER RESIDENCE, 2633 COVE LN., WEST BLOOMFIELD, MI 48323. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE DORFMAN CHAPEL, (248) 406-6000 or visit www.thedorfmanchapel.com

**DEXTER, REV. MARGO BYERS**

Peacefully passed with her family surrounding her on April 22, 2012 at the age of 55. Loving mother of Justin, Ashleigh (Matt) Schifftman, Charles Jr., and Brent. Beloved daughter of Thomas and the late Alice Byers. Dear sister of Jason (Patty) and Lori Byers. Memorial Service will be held on Thursday April 26, 2012, 11 am at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, with a luncheon to follow. Memorial Visitation will be Wednesday April 25, 2012 1-4pm and 5-9pm also at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Orchard UMC Rev. Margo Dexter Memorial. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

**HERRICK, VERN D.**

Age 88, April 22, 2012. Beloved husband of Jean. Dear father of Dick (Georgia), Bob (Muriel), Judy (Jeff) Jones and Don (Peggy). Loving Grandfather of 6. Beloved great grandfather of 7. Funeral services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Garden City. Memorials suggested to First United Methodist Church (Endowment Fund). Arrangements by Santeiu & Son. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

**HOLET, JOHN A.**

Age 52, dear father of John and Shana Holet. Son of Nancy Guthrie and the late Hassan Holet. Brother of Marion Holet, Susan Otter, Greg Holet and Holly Dreher. Funeral services were held at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials suggested to the family. santeiufuneralhome.com

**KELLEY, PHYLLIS F.**

84 of DeKalb, IL; passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Pine Acres in DeKalb. She was born on Jan. 10, 1928 in Long Branch, NJ to William A. and May E. (Presley) Finlay. Phyllis married Walter A. Kelley on June 15, 1946 in Long Branch, NJ and he preceded her on Oct. 6, 2003. She had been a secretary for Ducks Unlimited in Long Grove, IL. Memberships include Rochelle United Methodist Church, Orchid and African Violet Society. Phyllis was a Master Gardner in both Illinois and Arkansas and also helped build the Donald W. Reynolds Library in Mountain Home, AR. Survivors include son: William (Tanya) Kelley of Ashmore, IL; 3 daughters: Susan (William) Paulin of Rochelle, IL, Patricia (Robert) Brewer of Yorkville, IL and Elizabeth (Martin) Kerstens of Plymouth, MI; sister: Shirley May Finlay of Warsaw, IN; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Rochelle United Methodist Church in Rochelle on Wed. April 25, 2012 with Rev. Cindy Marino at 11:00 AM. Inurnment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers: Memorials to the Donald W. Reynolds Library in Mountain Home, AR or the Plymouth Historical Museum in Plymouth, MI. Online guest book at www.ungerhorner.com.

**HOPP MCKINLEY, DOROTHY MAE**

Age 88, of South Lyon, formerly of Livonia. April 22, 2012. Dorothy was born February 12, 1924 in Detroit, to James and Alma (nee Evans) Brocklehurst. Beloved wife of the late Gerald H. Hopp I and Wm. B. McKinley. Loving mother of Gerald H. Hopp II (Susan), Jamie Hopp Gindele (Gary), Janette Hopp (Wayne Poe), Jean Hopp Jones (Gary) and Jane Hopp Rathbun (Bob). Loving grandmother of Patrick Jones, Brian Jones, Allison Gindele Ashcraft, Corey Hopp, Christopher Gindele, Alex Rathbun, Emily Rathbun, 17 additional grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. Also survived by step-children Wm. M. McKinley, Pam McKinley Letzring (Kurt), T.C. McKinley (Kris), and Cheryl McKinley Drucktennis (John). Also mourning her loss are two brothers, a sister, three sisters-in-law, several cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many friends. Visitation was held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral services were at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. Interment Redford Cemetery. Charitable donations may be made to the Redford Cemetery Association or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation-Cincinnati Chapter. Dorothy led a full and productive life for 88 years. She lived for many years with her family in Livonia and then in South Lyon. She was an active member at Rosedale Gardens Church where she served in a number of capacities, Livonia Arts & Letters and many other Civic and Women's groups. Dorothy succumbed to complications from a heart condition. She believed the best things in life were her Family, Faith, Friends, and the Future. She was a friendly, caring neighbor who was always ready to share a batch of cookies, a wonderful pie or her special banana bread. Service to others was central to her life and she represented the best of each of the communities where she resided for over 60 years. She was loving and well loved and will be greatly missed.

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**Time/Date:** After all Masses, April 28-29  
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**Details:** View large LEGO displays and browse a Catholic bookstore display during this free event titled Celebrating Families: Building Blocks of Society  
**Contact:** (734) 425-5950

**CLOTHING BANK**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 28  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton  
**Details:** Free clothing to anyone in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

**CLOTHING DRIVE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 30-May 16  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

**Details:** The clothing bank is the Western Wayne drop off center for the Everyone a Chance to Hear clothing drive. Donate "like new" clothing on hangers in these categories: men, women, boys, girls, infants. Shoes also are needed. The clothing will be given away at the Lovin the D Resource Fair May 19 near Wayne State University  
**Contact:** (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28  
**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** A choral celebration of love and springtime featuring motets, madrigals, sacred choral classics, and love songs. Donations accepted at the door  
**Contact:** (248) 349-8175

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29  
**Location:** St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, at Chester in Birmingham  
**Details:** The St. James Choir, soloists and Michigan Sinfonietta present Part One

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**GRIEF SUPPORT**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. April 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. The series began April 16  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0326; olgcparrish.net

**PARENTING SERIES**

**Time/Date:** Dinner, 5:30 p.m., followed by the series, 7 p.m., Wednesdays through May 23  
**Location:** First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville  
**Details:** "Have a New Kid by Friday!" is the new parenting series by Kevin Leman. Cost for dinner is \$5. The series began April 18  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 27 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 28  
**Location:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile between Newburgh and Haggerty, in Livonia  
**Details:** \$2 bag sale on Saturday  
**Contact:** (734) 464.0211

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 26-27  
**Location:** Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City  
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**VIRTUAL DEMENTIA TOUR**

**Time/Date:** 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28  
**Location:** Riverside Park Church of God & Adult Day Ministry, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Audra Fyre, marketing director of Arden Courts of Livonia presents the tour, which is an effective way to put yourself in the shoes of a person suffering with dementia. No charge, although donations may be made to Adult Day Ministry. RSVP by April 13  
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## Two toe-tapping folk concerts raise money for arts center

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) will pull out all the stops this weekend for its annual fundraiser.

"We only have one big weekend a year. It's not minor fundraisers here and there," said Jeff Burda of Livonia, the Council's executive director. "This year I wanted to focus on the collective arts and with art and music we have, it gives a 360 view of what we do here."

A printmaking demonstration, artist reception and unique art auction kick off the benefit Friday, April 27 at the Council, 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth. Two concerts, one on Friday and the other, Saturday, April 28, are ticketed events and will help bring the PCAC closer to its \$25,000 fundraising goal.

Hors d'oeuvres, wine, cheese, sweets, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be served both nights.

"P.F. Chang's is coming this year," Burda said. "And we have some hometown favorites for food coming in."

In the past, the PCAC has held silent auctions or teamed with local venues for its annual fundraiser.

"This is the same type of gathering, but this time you can experience a concert and you may get to go home with a piece of art."



Singer-songwriter Kathy Nieman will perform at the Hootenanny Friday, April 28, at Plymouth Community Arts Council.



Craig Porter will play traditional, folk and blues music at the Hootenanny.



Pairadocs Trio — Dr. Tom Ditkoff (left), an orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Jeff London, a child psychiatrist, and artist and musician, Mike Mullen, founder and president of the Baseline Folk Society — will play Friday, April 27, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council fundraiser.

Mike Mullen, president of the Baseline Folk Society, a group that presents monthly concerts at PCAC, suggested bringing music to this year's fundraiser, Burda said.

"When other groups found out, everyone wanted to join. You're

getting a collection of everything. There is such diversity. Everyone coming on Saturday night comes with their own (musical) ideas."

### Hootenanny

Some of the performers are Baseline Folk Soci-

ety board members, such as Cathy Fitzpatrick, John Delle-Monache and Scott Ludwig, collectively known as The Folk Laureates. They'll perform at the Hootenanny on Saturday, along with Kathy Nieman & Friends, Alex and Maggie Zakem, and

Marty Kohn and Craig Porter.

Nieman, a Kentucky native, sings traditional folk tunes and also writes original songs. The Zakems play a mix of old and new songs from American and Irish traditional music, including bluegrass. Kohn, a retired *Detroit Free Press* reporter, and Porter, a photojournalist and photo editor, team up to play traditional, folk and blues music.

The Hootenanny will run from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Tickets are \$25.

### Visual art

Mullen and his fellow Pairadocs Trio members — Tom Ditkoff, an orthopaedic surgeon, and Jeff London, a child psychiatrist — will play from 8-10 p.m. Friday, April 27. Tickets are \$25.

Before the concert, Mullen will unveil the

original linocut print he created — and printed on an antique letter press — for the fundraiser.

The PCAC has accepted sealed bids the past few weeks for the first five of the 100 signed and numbered prints. Burda said bids will be accepted for about 45 minutes after the piece is made public on Friday.

Prints purchased by the top five bidders will be framed. The other 95 unframed prints will be sold for \$100 each.

"The exciting part is you'll get a print strictly made for this event," Burda said. "No one has seen the work yet. It's a secret that only Mike and I know."

Concert tickets are available at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon. Or call (734) 416-4278.

Visit [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com) to view the PCAC's many programs, including summer art camps for children and adults, drop-in art classes, music instruction, youth theater, monthly exhibits and more.

Burda expects 500 children will participate in one of the PCAC's 46 camp selections this year. The organization has added several new camp titles, including vehicle design and jewelry-making.

"This is our biggest (camp) year to date," he said, adding that a recent spring break camp also drew a record number of participants. "It's a good time to be here."

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# Drink in the sounds of Sousa, Vivaldi at Livonia concert



David Ormai is soloist at the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's "Water Music" concert, Saturday, April 28, at Clarenceville High School.

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra and its audience will be awash in great music Saturday, April 28.

From classical works about the Danube and Moldau rivers to songs about swans and frogs, the Symphony's upcoming concert is all about water.

"We do five concerts a year and we try to arrange it so that each has a theme. That's how this one came about," said Ron Laing, a Livonia Symphony board member who is active on its music selection committee. "They've got the *Blue Danube Waltz*. They're doing *Winter* from *The Four Seasons* — snow is a form of water. There's *The Moldau* and



Volodymyr Shesiuk will conduct the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Sunday, April 29, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

*Hands Across the Sea*. It all has something to do with water."

"Water Music" is set for 4 p.m. at the Louis Schmidt Auditorium in Clarenceville High

School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, 60 and over, and \$5 for students of all ages.

Volodymyr Shesiuk, Livonia Symphony music director, will conduct the concert that will include a solo by David Ormai, violinist. The Livonia Civic Chorus will join the group for one song, *Froggy*.

"That was something that was composed by someone the conductor knew," said Laing, adding that the tune is similar to *Froggy went a Courtin'*, an old folk song. "Other than the water connection, most of the music tends to be classical or semi-classical, except for the Sousa march and *Froggy*."

The program also will include *Fingal's Cave* from *The Hebrides* by

Mendelssohn and *The Swan* from *Carnival of the Animals* by Saint-Saens.

Tickets are available at the door or can be ordered through [www.livoniasymphony.org](http://www.livoniasymphony.org). For more information call the Symphony's music hotline at (734) 421-1111. Groups of 10 or more get a \$5 discount off the adult price. Call (313) 538-2536.

Mark your calendar for the Symphony's annual Garden Party Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$30 per person and include the lunch and a garden themed silent auction. Reserve tickets at [www.livoniasymphony.org](http://www.livoniasymphony.org).

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runs through April 29  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** May 4-12, with a reception from 6-9 p.m. May 4; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

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#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 20

**Location:** University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor

**Details:** "Fluxus and the Essential Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free

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**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

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### Dance

#### BALLET

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6

**Location:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

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**Contact:** (313) 887-8500

#### CONTRA DANCE

**Time/Date:** Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, May 6

**Location:** American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington

**Details:** Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity. No partner is necessary. Dancers should bring clean, smooth-soled shoes for dancing — no street shoes. Glen Morningstar, Jr. is the caller, with music by Stout Hearted String Band

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**Time/Date:** 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to live bands on a hard-wood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

**Contact:** Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

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**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

#### POLKA BOOSTERS

**Time/Date:** Doors open at 1 p.m.; dancing from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, May 20

**Location:** Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling, Dearborn Heights

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## Her special day Make reservations now for Mother's Day brunch

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Here's a sampling:

• **Five Restaurant at The Inn at St. John**, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth: Plated brunch, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. includes trio of appetizers, choice of two entree items, desserts. Adults, \$40; kids, 6-12, \$12; kids, 5 and under, free. Select from a limited a la carte menu from 4-9 p.m. Make reservations at (734) 357-5700; e-mail to [Sive@stjohnsgc.com](mailto:Sive@stjohnsgc.com)

• **Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**, 17400 Haggerty, Livonia: Brunch costs \$34.95 for adults and \$16.95 for children, 12 and under. Adults get a choice of appetizer, one of five entrees served with Potatoes O'Brien and sautéed green beans, and a choice of dessert. Entrees include prime rib, Filet Mignon Benedict and Steakhouse Filet Mignon Cobb, Fleming's Frittata, and New Orleans-Style French Toast. Children can choose Chicken Strips and Fries, Steak and Fries, Cheddar Cheese Omelet or Classic French Toast. They also receive a fruit salad and choice of dessert. Reserve online at [flemingssteakhouse.com](http://flemingssteakhouse.com) or call (734) 542-9463.

• **Fox Hills Golf Course and Banquet Center**, 8768 North Territorial Road, Plymouth: Choose from two brunches. Dine at the Fox Classic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 for adults and \$10.95 for children, 3-12. The buffet includes a breakfast station; seafood items; soup, salads; side dishes; a carving station with roasted turkey, ham and prime rib; an entree station with Potato and Panko Crusted Chicken Croquettes, Buttermilk Chicken, Mama's Meatloaf, Braised Pork Shanks, Pan Fried Whitefish and Lobster and Shrimp Mac n' Cheese; omelet and waffle stations; and desserts.

A buffet also runs 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Golden Fox. Cost is \$34.95 for adults and \$12.95 for children, 3-12. Buffet stations are similar to those at the Fox Classic. The Golden Fox also offers oysters on a half shell and additional entrees. For reservations for either brunch, call (734) 453-7272 or visit online at [www.foxhills.com](http://www.foxhills.com).

• **Hellenic Cultural Center**, 23275 Joy Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland: The buffet runs noon-4 p.m. and costs \$17 for adults and \$9 for kids, 3-10. The buffet includes roast beef, ham, chicken, fish, Polish sausage, potatoes, pasta, salads, desserts, beverages, rolls and more. Breakfast bar is offered noon-2 p.m. Call (734) 525-3550 for reservations.

• **Laurel Manor**, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia: Buffet brunch with seatings at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. costs \$32 for adults, \$27 for seniors, \$17 for kids, 4-12 and free for kids 3 and under. It will include appetizers, carving station, salads, hot breakfast items, entrees, pastries and desserts, and beverages. Specialty cocktails will be available for purchase. A photographer will be on hand for photos. Cost is \$10. Make brunch reservations at (734) 462-0770.

• **Longacre House**, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills: Buffet brunch starts at 1 p.m. and offers hot breakfast items, such as eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, a carving station, chicken, fish, pastas, sides, salads, desserts, juices, coffee and a cash bar. \$30, adults; \$20, kids 12 and under; free for kids, 3 and under. Call (248) 477-8404 for reservations.

• **1 Under Bar & Grill**, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia: Seatings are at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The buffet includes

prime rib, fried chicken, pork tenderloin, ham, vegetable risotto, penne pasta with meat sauce, cheesy potatoes, mashed sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, glazed carrots, salads, steamed mussels and oysters, bmelet and waffle station, fresh fruit, desserts, pop, coffee and tea. Cost is \$21.99 for adults; \$15.99 for seniors; \$7.99 for kids, 10-7; and free for kids, 6 and under. Call (734) 464-5555 for reservations.

• **Panache 447**, 447 Forest, Plymouth: Plated brunch served 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. with entrees ranging from \$8 to \$13. Menu features such items as stuffed French toast, frittata, Crab Benedict and more. Walk-ins and reservations accepted. Call (734) 386-8447.

• **Sean O'Callaghan's**, 821 Penniman, Plymouth: Brunch runs 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and features prime rib, salmon, Eggs Benedict, bacon, sausage, hash browns, salads, omelette and waffle station, chocolate fountain, desserts and more. Adults, \$18.99; kids, 12 and under, \$8.99. Call (734) 459-6666.

• **Sweet Lorraine's**, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia: Brunch runs 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and includes choice of soup; carving station with prime rib and ham; omelet station; waffle station; sides and salads such as Norwegian smoked salmon platter and Tropical Breeze fruit display; several entrees including Laurel Park London Broil, Chicken Milano and Farmhouse Quiche; and desserts. A mini buffet for children will include items such as corn dogs, chicken fingers, and mac & cheese. \$32.95, adults; \$9.95, children, 12 and under; free for kids, 5 and under. Call (734) 953-7480 for reservations.

### Destination dining with mom

If you're looking for a Mother's Day meal with built-in entertainment — and you don't mind driving a few additional miles — consider taking Mom to one of these locations:

• **The Detroit Zoo**, located on Ten Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak: Breakfast runs 8-10 a.m. in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$25 for children, 14 and under. Youngsters will get a chance to make a special gift for mom and the brunch cost includes Zoo admission. The menu includes waffles with assorted fruit toppings and syrups, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, quiche, hashbrowns, mini desserts and more. For reservations call (248) 541-5717 and press 9.

• **Edsel & Eleanor Ford House**, 1100 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores: Brunch runs 10 a.m.-noon and includes turkey, beef tenderloin, sweet potatoes, bacon, sausage, French toast casserole, cheeses, fresh fruit, pastries, desserts and more. Cost is \$34 for adults and \$19 for children, 5-12. It includes a guided tour of the house. Brunch only cost is \$26 for adults and \$14 for children. Make reservations at (313) 884-4222.

• **The Detroit Institute of Arts**, 5200 Woodward, Detroit: The DIA's monthly Sunday "Brunch with Bach" will feature music by The Mack Sisters, a piano duo. Seatings begin at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Kresge Court. Concerts are at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The earlier concert and a continental breakfast cost \$20. The afternoon concert includes a hot entrée, fresh fruit, breakfast breads, coffee, tea, and juice. Concert-only tickets are \$15. All Brunch with Bach tickets include admission to the art institute, excluding ticketed exhibitions.

## A virtual coffee university Website is a sweet place to learn

By Dan Dean  
Staff Columnist

It only takes one cup to become a believer. At least that is the way it was for me. The coffee was sweet, clean and as it cooled had a pronounced taste of lemon. It was fabulous. Pretty much from that day on, I have avoided coffee made anywhere but at home where I can purchase my own beans and craft my own cup.



Coffee Preacher  
Dan Dean

Maybe you are ready to ditch the calorie laden, dairy filled, sugary cup of daily caffeine but just do not know the next step to take.

Let me suggest the blog of Tom Owen.

Actually the blog is just one educational aspect of online retailer Sweet Maria's, which contains one of the most vast libraries of everything coffee you can find online. Tom Owen is the principal contributor/owner along with his wife and company namesake, Maria Troy.

By today's website design standards, you might classify the site as basic, on the other hand by the sheer amount of information available you might think it is a huge corporate run operation with a ton of employees named Tom. But the simple truth is that it is quite, well simple. Simple — if the man running the operation really likes what he does and who seems to journal just about everything related to coffee and posts it in an easy to navigate and well organized manner.

Asked to describe her husband's fascination with coffee, Maria politely said Tom has "worked in coffee for about 25 years in different capacities." Nice, but that is not the whole story — no way. I would have loved to talk to Tom myself to find out what drives him, but he was too busy — cupping coffee.

According to one of Tom's online posts Sweet Maria's came about in 1997 after he went to purchase some green coffee to roast at home and ran into a not-so-helpful local roaster near the couples' home in Ohio. That led to the opening of a small shop and an eventual move to California in 2002. Today Sweet Maria's is run from a 7,500-square-foot warehouse with 15 employees in Oakland, Calif. just five blocks from the port of Oakland, which is the port for Specialty Coffee in the United States.

The retailer's main business is selling green coffee for the home coffee roaster. But whether you are a home roaster, a seasoned artisan master roaster, a talented barista or a coffee newbie just checking things out — Sweet Maria's has something of interest for you. And you literally can spend hours lost in an online sea of informative articles, tutorials, tips, videos and photographs all related to coffee.

From the site's main page you can, with a couple clicks, tackle such subjects as the science of coffee, roasting coffee, brewing coffee, tasting coffee, buying coffee and my favorite link titled "oddness" with such subjects as Coffee and Chickens, Oddball Coffee Sounds and Muzics and 32 other topics related to coffee that do not fit into the above mentioned categories.

Ever wonder how to plant a coffee tree? Yep, there is a post on Tom's blog, plus a video that is a home movie of sorts in which a single coffee tree growing in Tom and Maria's yard is processed with the help of a young, pajama-wearing coffee prodigy. And each Friday at noon Pacific time, Tom also hosts a live broadcast on USTREAM touching on a variety of coffee-related subjects.

Humor is a big part of what you will find keeping the information in perspective. For example, this post talks about pictures Tom has taken over the years of chickens on various coffee farms he has visited. "Each year we do our charity calendar 'Dogs of Coffee.' But while perusing all my dog photos, I realize there are significant numbers of chicken pics. What's with that? Here is a tribute to all the feathered kind I have encountered on coffee farms," writes Tom under an entry 2011 Chickens of Coffee.



The Sweet Maria's home page. Nothing fancy but chock full of information about coffee.

### WWW.SWEETMARIAS.COM

"We are more than just another online shopping cart, we are a virtual coffee university. Simply put, we really like what we do ..." and that is evident by the volume of information available. Here is just a rough sampling of what you will find.

• **78 travelogues.** From a trip to Guatemala in 2001 to Tom's latest trip that is a mere 202 verified 5 star images, paired down from the 1250 shot on the trip.

• **31 videos.** Everything from roasting basics to a Direct Trade adventure to growing coffee in West Oakland, Calif.

• **65 green coffee** selections each with a full review and one coffee in a category labeled "thumbs down" described as "a textbook case of processing taint" selling for \$2.80 lb.

• Coffee merchandise including four categories of home roasters plus accessories, 15 different grinders, seven categories of brewers, bags and a category for all the rest.

• **271 entries** — give or take under the heading Coffee Library. The library is broken up into eight categories plus the photo and video categories listed above.

• **A small selection** of roasted coffee.



SWEET MARIAS

Sweet Maria's owner Tom Owen had his picture taken during a recent visit to Sumatra in this photo titled: Troll in the Onan Ganjang coffee tree.

And this post explaining an annual calendar produced by Sweet Maria's: "Instead of a calendar of cute dogs photos, this year we decided to do something very different. Out of an excess of spleen, we have created The 2012 Mondo Coffee Calendar, filled with oddness, sarcasm, inside jokes and some jabs at our own specialty coffee industry. Why? Because humor keeps us going, and IMO, we are hilarious!"

He noted that all proceeds from the calendar will go to the charity, Doctors without Borders.

But while the humor makes light reading, make no mistake, Sweet Maria's is serious about coffee. "For us, we think it is important to understand how coffee is grown and processed around the world. That helps explain why different coffees taste so different," stated Maria in a recent e-mail. "We try to connect with coffee producers in Central America, South America, Africa and Indonesia each year. Tom has a number of travelogues of his photos posted in our Coffee Library," she added.

And by connecting with coffee producers Sweet Maria's is also connecting with its customer base through what seems like a thousand employees named Tom.

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TOM OWEN | SWEET MARIAS

Sweet Maria's owner Tom Owen writes this entry for one of 202 photos in a Travelogue from a trip to Sumatra in February: Typical tarp on the road, and of course typical cigarette in the mouth. Smoking and coffee just go together. This coffee has the skin pulped off it, and will dry a few hours before being sold to a collector. Moisture will be 40-50 percent when sold. This coffee is called "Gabah" at this stage. Aceh, Sumatra

## Report: Smoking-related fire deaths drop sharply

According to a recent report released by the National Fire Protection Association, 610 civilian deaths in the United States were attributed to smoking material fires in 2010, a number at or near the all-time-low and well down from the 1980 levels. During 2010 there were an estimated 90,800 smoking material fires resulting in \$663 million in direct property damage.

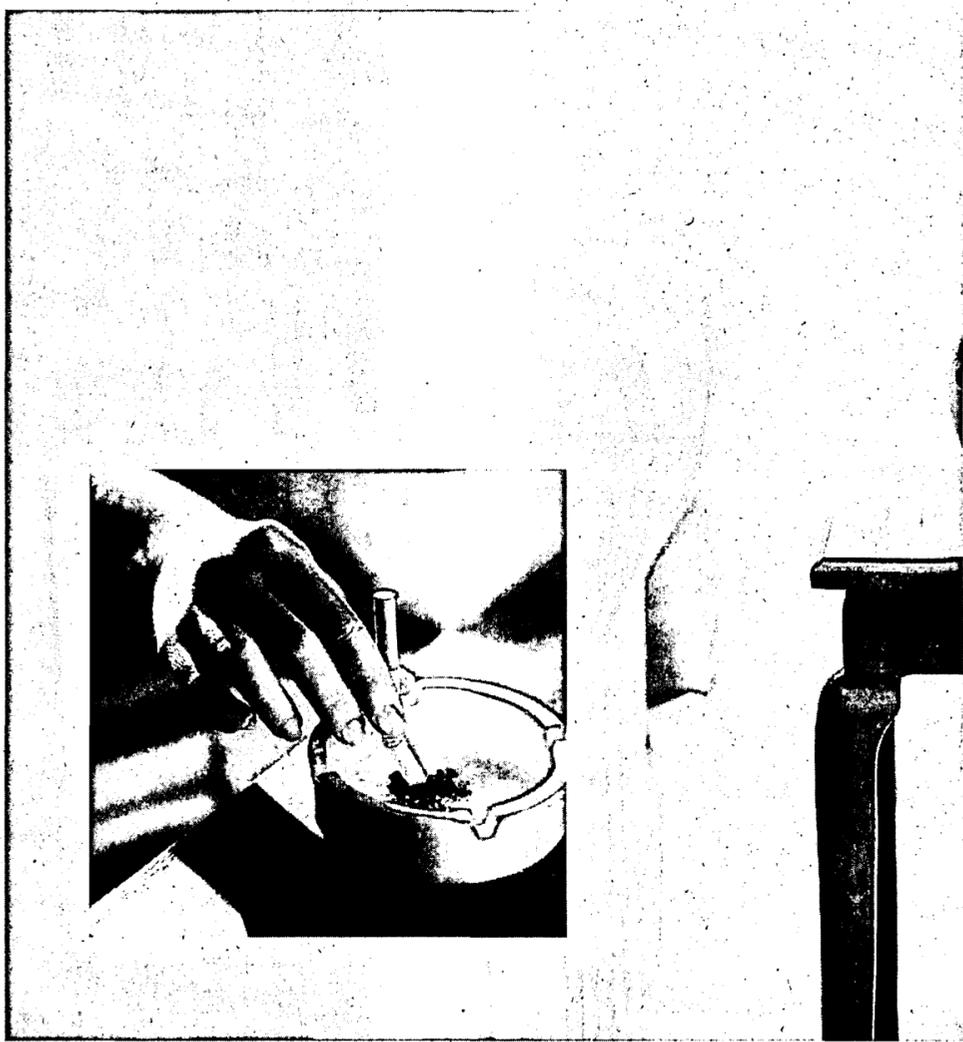
Several factors, including a decline in smoking and stricter fire resistant standards on mattresses and upholstered furniture have been credited with the decrease in smoking material fire deaths over the last 30 years. The most recent drops in fatalities and injuries, though, owe much to the "fire-safe" cigarette legislation.

Local firefighters agree with the national report. "The advent of fire-safe cigarettes has done a great job in helping to bring down the number of fire deaths due to smokers," said Tom Kiurski of Livonia Fire & Rescue. "The cigarettes are designed to self-extinguish when not being inhaled regularly. This can bring down the incidents of cigarettes igniting furniture and beds when the smoker has fallen asleep or forgotten about the cigarette."

"Our greatest loss of life from fire is smoking materials, so any effort to reduce the ignition sequence and its effects has helped the fire service," Kiurski added in an e-mail.

In 2003, U.S. states began requiring that all cigarettes sold must be "fire-safe," that is, have sharply reduced ignition strength (ability to start fires), as determined by ASTM Standards. By 2010, fire-safe cigarette legislation was in effect in 47 states. From 2003 to 2010, the number of civilian deaths in smoking-material fires fell by an average of 21 percent.

The year 2012 is the first year all 50 state laws are effective, and all inventories of pre-standard cigarettes should have sold out. A projection linking the percentage decline in fire deaths to the percentage of smokers covered suggests that when smoking material fire death numbers are analyzed for the year 2012, the reduction in civilian



deaths will reach roughly 30 percent.

According to Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Communications, "The adoption of fire-safe cigarette legislation is proving to be a giant step forward in reducing the leading cause of home fire deaths."

"NFPA is very encouraged by these numbers, which show the requirements are having the intended consequences," said Carli. "It is clear that our efforts have already made an impact on public safety and will continue to provide further progress in the years to come."

Other key findings in this report show:

- Older adults are at the highest risk of death or injury from home smoking-material fires, even though they are less likely to smoke than younger adults.

- One fatal victim in four (24 percent) of home smoking-material fires was not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.

- Sleeping is the primary human factor contributing to ignition cited for one-third (32 percent) of home smoking-material fire deaths.

As with virtually all types of fires, there are many steps that people can take to prevent smoking-material fires. NFPA has developed the following safety tips focusing on safe storage and disposal of cigarettes:

- Whenever you smoke, use deep, wide, sturdy ashtrays.
- Ashtrays should be set on

something sturdy and hard to ignite, like an end table.

- Before you throw out butts and ashes, make sure they are out. Dowsing them in water or sand is the best way to do this.

- Check under furniture cushions and other places people smoke for cigarette butts that may have fallen out of sight.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

Livonia Fire & Rescue contributed to this report.

## Buenos Aires land: pricey, thriving

By Robert Meisner  
 Guest Columnist

Q: I understand that there are many new developments along the river in Buenos Aires which is ripe for commercial development. Do you have any information?

A: Buenos Aires has been able to develop its riverfront with a series of shops, restaurants and hotels on both sides of the river. Obviously, the prices per lot involved are substantial as compared to other parts of the city

because of their location. There is an additional degree of benefit since rapid transit abuts

these areas, but you are best advised to joint venture with a local company or real estate group so that you maximize your opportunities for investment with local expertise and political connections.

Q: What common fair housing problems arise from community restrictions or rules?

A: In general, community restrictions or rules trigger fair housing problems in one of two ways, either the rules are enforced unfairly or the rules themselves are unfair. For example, a Condominium Association faces potential liability if members of a protected class are singled out for strict enforcement of the rules by enforcement against others is lax. An example is that it would be unlawful to come down hard on African American residents for breaking the rules while ignoring similar infractions by white residents.

The second relates to the fairness of the rules. For example, communities have legitimate reasons to govern resident behavior in common areas, such as hallways, parking lots and outside spaces, but rules that unreasonably target children or limit their behavior in common areas could lead to a complaint of discrimination based on familial status. Of course, rules that have no reasonable relationship to the operation of the condominium would similarly be suspect. The Federal Housing Act bans discrimination in housing because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability. Check with your attorney regarding the nature and extent of your rules.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 16-20, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds Office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
7280 Almaden Ct	\$189,000
7212 Camelia Ct	\$110,000
7737 Embassy Dr	\$180,000
2235 Hendrie	\$265,000
2383 Hogan Way	\$187,000
1349 Longfellow Dr	\$115,000
550 Manhattan Ct	\$399,000
45236 Middlebury Ln	\$266,000
7436 Pointe Dr	\$138,000
49092 Poppleton Ct	\$315,000
6266 Porteridge Ln	\$165,000
1835 Preserve Blvd	\$88,000
342 Princess Dr	\$149,000
41812 Princess Dr	\$207,000
386 Princeton St	\$173,000
641 Roosevelt St	\$342,000

5950 Runnymede Dr	\$147,000
658 Shana St	\$119,000
43726 Simsbury St	\$125,000
41366 Southwind Dr	\$39,000
4194 Strathmore Ln	\$151,000
42334 Trent Dr	\$210,000
GARDEN CITY	
973 Arcola St	\$42,000
28611 Beechwood St	\$37,000
29804 Bridge St	\$67,000
31406 Ford Rd	\$325,000
28620 Rosslyn Ave	\$72,000
32439 Warren Rd	\$32,000
LIVONIA	
11034 Arden St	\$170,000
16072 Fairlane Dr	\$204,000
18544 Filmore St	\$79,000
31346 Hillbrook St	\$182,000
19738 Ingram St	\$118,000
14036 Lyons St	\$95,000
11327 Mayfield St	\$117,000
18472 Mayfield St	\$252,000
39270 Meeting House Ln	\$165,000
31609 Middleboro St	\$86,000
32907 Middleboro St	\$170,000
35463 Northgate Dr	\$197,000

27473 Oakley St	\$160,000
19176 Renssler St	\$60,000
9360 Stonehouse Ave	\$255,000
31158 W Chicago St	\$110,000
NORTHVILLE	
15879 Augusta Ct	\$434,000
44499 Broadmoor Blvd	\$335,000
18584 Clairmont Cir W	\$792,000
40834 Coachwood Cir	\$300,000
16284 Country Knoll Dr	\$210,000
16827 Country Knoll Dr	\$210,000
16859 Dover Dr	\$102,000
16760 Lyonhurst Cir	\$240,000
15917 Morningside	\$118,000
19202 Northridge Dr	\$38,000
16145 Oakwood Ct	\$430,000
PLYMOUTH	
13077 Andover Dr	\$285,000
570 Byron St	\$140,000
831 Deer Ct	\$120,000
1350 Hartsough St	\$134,000
1142 N Holbrook St	\$275,000
1113 Penniman Ave	\$820,000
49485 Pointe Xing	\$145,000
REDFORD	
9567 Brady	\$15,000

25679 Deborah	\$29,000
26640 Dover	\$55,000
13120 Hemingway	\$39,000
11378 Leverne	\$55,000
20411 Poinciana	\$4,000
26805 W Chicago	\$67,000
20419 Wakenden	\$17,000
9623 Wormer	\$80,000
WESTLAND	
32027 Avondale St	\$89,000
38528 Avondale St	\$72,000
1502 Barchester St	\$53,000
37263 Booth St	\$69,000
2809 Cadmus Ct	\$22,000
35567 Dove Trl	\$65,000
35858 Florane St	\$84,000
33135 Lancashire St	\$88,000
37499 Lang Ct	\$90,000
6072 N Carlson St	\$40,000
7395 N Hix Rd	\$65,000
800 N Linville St	\$22,000
723 Rahn St	\$59,000
1254 Selma St	\$113,000
1176 Shoemaker Dr	\$45,000
627 Van Sull St	\$75,000
7953 Whispering Willow	\$82,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 3-6, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
17117 Dunblaine Ave	\$205,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
32300 Bingham Rd	\$390,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1556 Emmons Ave	\$115,000
838 Hidden Ravines Dr	\$475,000
1043 N Old Woodward Ave	\$118,000
1596 Northlawn Blvd	\$426,000
381 W Brown St	\$265,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
510 Wilshire Dr	\$155,000
2235 Cameo Lake Ct	\$225,000
2041 Eagle Pointe	\$120,000
494 Fox Hills Dr N # 3	\$35,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	

7340 Chula Vista Ln	\$155,000
3392 Dogwood Ct	\$260,000
3234 E Bradford Dr	\$360,000
168 Hillboro Dr	\$450,000
1050 Top View Rd	\$288,000
2756 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$335,000
6370 Westmoor Rd	\$255,000
185 Woodedge Dr	\$265,000
5199 Woodlands Dr	\$115,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
6039 Amadore St	\$83,000
1761 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000
3337 Benstein Rd	\$63,000
5308 Kristi Ln	\$183,000
8145 Locklin Ln	\$365,000
555 Sherbrooke St	\$160,000
9532 Volga Dr	\$175,000
2406 Yasmin Dr	\$220,000
FARMINGTON	
33825 Glenview Dr	\$116,000
23255 Prospect Ave	\$158,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28892 Bannockburn St	\$162,000
25883 Chapelweigh Dr	\$140,000
32305 Chesterbrook St	\$127,000

30116 Club House Ln	\$163,000
31243 Folsom Rd	\$57,000
20961 Indian Creek Dr	\$25,000
35184 Knollwood Ln	\$154,000
21526 Oxford Ave	\$113,000
29432 Regents Pointe	\$87,000
21732 Roosevelt Ave	\$21,000
FRANKLIN	
32920 Brandingham Rd	\$145,000
30800 Inkster Rd	\$760,000
31050 Oakleaf Ln	\$300,000
MILFORD	
18778 Honeysuckle Ln	\$47,000
189 Noble St	\$92,000
2476 Our Land Acres	\$265,000
3180 Pine Cone Ct	\$292,000
678 Summit Ridge Dr	\$134,000
NOVI	
45186 Bartlett Dr	\$105,000
51109 Mayfair Ter	\$258,000
27931 Middleton Dr	\$152,000
22120 Perth Ct	\$417,000
21943 Picadilly Cir	\$430,000
44882 Revere Dr	\$260,000
39895 Squire Rd	\$142,000

39627 Village Wood Ln	\$36,000
SOUTH LYON	
58698 Castle Ct	\$40,000
1141 Colt Dr	\$193,000
1361 Drury Ln	\$300,000
54888 Grenelefe Cir W	\$345,000
835 Westbrooke Dr	\$198,000
SOUTHFIELD	
15588 Addison St	\$57,000
30516 Brentwood St	\$21,000
24135 Evergreen Rd	\$30,000
26388 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$39,000
17151 Goldwin Dr	\$130,000
15905 Harden Cir	\$66,000
19752 Hilton Dr	\$27,000
23505 Lee Baker Dr	\$87,000
23745 Lee Baker Dr	\$37,000
28675 Lowell Ct N	\$35,000
15801 Providence Dr	\$50,000
28174 Sutherland St	\$72,000
WHITE LAKE	
8115 Bennington Blvd	\$275,000
9162 Redwood St	\$91,000
8797 River Run Dr	\$274,000
9277 Steepollow Dr	\$237,000

# Challenging fun for ALL ages

# Thursday

## PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- 1 Walked over
- 5 Cold — — icicle
- 9 Shock
- 12 Become frayed
- 13 Runner's unit
- 14 — — tree
- 15 Tavern sign (2 wds.)
- 17 Was equal to
- 19 Good conductor
- 21 Strains, as an engine
- 22 Help with the dishes
- 25 Computer fodder
- 28 Really went for
- 30 Microscopic animal
- 34 Thus far
- 35 Sz. option
- 36 Not FedEx
- 37 Lighting by-product
- 38 Kermit's street

**DOWN**

- 40 In error
- 42 Test, as ore
- 44 Zeus' spouse
- 45 Get poison ivy
- 48 Legendary ox
- 50 Raised
- 53 Kind of vinegar
- 57 Oz. or tsp.
- 58 Tater
- 60 Four-star review
- 61 — Wallace-Stone
- 62 Moolah
- 63 Trawler's haul
- 1 Low card
- 2 Cartoon
- 3 Chihuahua
- 4 Mare's morsel
- 5 Before noon
- 6 Femme fatale
- 7 Boxing great
- 8 Carson City loc.
- 9 Z in phonetic alphabet

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