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**College Fair**

Parents and students can find out more about going to college at the annual Wayne-Westland Community Schools' annual College Fair Wednesday, May 9.

The fair will be open noon to 2:30 p.m. and 3:30-7:30 p.m. in the media center of Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., at Glenwood, Wayne.

Seventy colleges, universities and organizations will be represented, and financial institutions and companies hiring student summer employment will also be present. Michael Oliver, director of student athlete support services at Schoolcraft College, will speak on "Academics and Athletics: A Winning Formula," and evening breakout sessions will include a parent panel of parents who currently have children in college.

The fair is geared to all ages, with prizes and give aways, free food for those who attend, face painting and balloons.

For more information, call the high school at (734) 419-2200.

**Baby Shower**

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and Warm Hearts is sponsoring the eighth annual Baby Shower and Mom's Workshop 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday May 18, at the Salvation Army Community Center, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

Registration and continental breakfast will be 9:15-9:45 a.m. (must be on time), followed by guest speakers and workshops from 10 a.m. to noon. Workshop topics include a child's self-esteem/positive discipline, family budgeting, nutrition and baby safety.

The lunch and baby shower with gifts and prizes for all participants will be at noon.

The shower is for moms only, and preregistration is required. It can be completed by calling (734) 722-3660, Ext. 107.

**Westland may use recreation center as temporary city hall**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

With a June 30 closing proposed, the Bailey Recreation Center may be pressed into service as a temporary Westland City Hall.

At a council study session Tuesday to discuss the agreement that would merge the Westland and Wayne parks and recreation departments, Mayor William Wild offered the new proposal. It was spurred in part by a \$46,000 estimate to abate asbestos in City Hall.

"Based on this, the water issues and other issues (in City Hall), perhaps we should look at moving City Hall into the Bailey Center," said Wild. "If we move into the Bailey Center with the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne, it gives us a chance to see what to do about City Hall."

That would slow down a proposal to build a new city hall behind the William P. Faust Library. The current City Hall has a laundry list of problems that include long-standing water issues that have

*"If we move into the Bailey Center with the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne, it gives us a chance to see what to do about City Hall."*

WILLIAM WILD, mayor

resulted in a sink hole along the foundation and cracking pillars.

The Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne would have the cities share a director and have Wayne supervise field usage in both communities. Although not spelled out in the agreement, the proposal includes clos-

ing the Bailey Center and outdoor pool with Westland residents able to use the Wayne Community Center facilities at resident rates.

"We can also see if residents accept the Wayne Community Center or if there is something that they're missing," said Wild.

**Asbestos issue**

The asbestos abatement is being required to resolve a Michigan Industrial Occupational Safety and Health Administration citation.

The shift to the Bailey Center would also require some work to keep the building operational.

"We know we would have to fix the boiler (at the Bailey Center) so we have heat," said Wild.

Council members had delayed a vote on the recreation merger agreement

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**Relay for Life family affair extends to three generations, three teams**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

Raising money for the American Cancer Society at Westland's Relay for Life is a family affair for many people.

For Westland residents Beth Patton, daughter Jill Toth and granddaughter Bailey Crouson, it's three generations participating in three separate teams.

"We all started on Alyssa's Angels and then split into sister teams," said Patton, who has remained a member of the Angels.

It was through a connection with relatives of Alyssa Temple, who died of cancer more than five years ago, that Patton got involved in Relay for Life in 2007.

Patton owns Adventures in Learning day care center where Toth is director, and Bailey, 9, along with younger sister Kamryn, come each day after school. Alyssa's cousins had previously attended day care at the center.

"My husband Derek had oral cancer surgery, I had never even heard of Relay for Life," said Pat-



Westland's Relay for Life is a three generation family affair for Kamryn Toth (left), her grandmother Beth Patton, her mom Jill Toth and sister Bailey Crouson.

ton. "My former clients were involved with Relay for Life, their niece had died of cancer. They said we should come check it out."

By 2009, Patton was team captain for Alyssa's Angels — Alyssa's mother, Rhonda Temple, is event chair for the second time this year.

"Just listening to people's stories, it's so heartwarming and heart breaking," said Patton. "It's a great tribute to everyone — survivors or

those who have passed." Toth decided to branch out with friends forming the Sole Sisters team.

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**Parent program looks at trendy drugs, paraphernalia**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Observer Staff Writer

It takes the effort for parents and other adults to stay on top on substance abuse by teens — it seems like there is always a new drug available, such as K2, the synthetic marijuana.

Westland Youth Assistance is hosting a free drug education exhibit open to all adults 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Westland Friendship Center.

"We're hearing stories about (K2 users) being hospitalized suffering from psychosis or developing heart problems, it makes them aggressive," said Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz. "We've got to educate residents and put a stop to this as soon as possible."

The program, titled Trendy Drugs and Paraphernalia, will be

presented by retired police Officer Ken Krygel, a Macomb County Community College criminal justice training instructor and drug expert.

It's an adult-only program. Motz is extending an invitation to parents, guardians, health professionals — any adults who want to learn more about what drugs are currently trendy with young people.

The presentation includes a large display of drugs and drug paraphernalia. Attendees will receive free information packets regarding warning signs of drug use, including K2, which has been receiving a lot of attention recently.

Media accounts reported that Tucker Cipriano, charged with the recent beating death of his

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**Furlough day lengthens W-W's Memorial Day break**

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will have an day off added to their Memorial Day weekend, thanks to a mild winter.

For years, the district has closed schools the Friday before the Memorial Day holiday, giving students and staff a four-day break. However, this year the break will be extended with all buildings remain closed for Tuesday, May 29, to accommodate one of two employee furlough days planned for this budget year.

The furlough days were negotiated as part of concessionary contracts with the district's eight bargaining units as well as district Superintendent Greg

Baracy and his Cabinet.

Under the agreements, ratified in June and July 2011, employees agreed to two furlough days in the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years and an additional two furlough days in the 2013-14 school year, if the district's general fund equity is less than 5 percent of expenditure.

"We negotiated with employees that if we had two act of God days when school would be closed, those would become furlough days, we didn't so we reach an agreement on other options," said Baracy.

In a letter to parents, Baracy said the this school year's furlough days preserved "\$1 million for student programs."

However, due to the mild winter,

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Monty Allen, 9, (left) and Tamara Turner, both from Canton, tried the rides at the annual Westland Firefighters Carnival.



Westland residents Austin Bommarito (left) and Ryan Cecale, both 9, take a ride at the Westland Firefighters Carnival.



Cool, rainy weather has kept attendance at the Westland Firefighters Carnival down some days.

## Catching a ride at the carnival



Montez Allen, 14, from Canton tries to balance on the ladder at the Westland Firefighters Carnival.

The carnival is in Westland through Sunday at Wayne and Warren roads.

There are rides, midway games and food at the carnival, which is sponsored by Westland firefighters as a fundraiser for their charity fund.

The firefighters carnival has been held annually since the 1990s, but missed last year when there was a problem with the carnival provider. The event usually raised \$15,000-\$20,000 for the charity fund which purchased a fire safety trailer, supported a smoke detector program and other local causes.

The carnival will be open 4-11 p.m. weekdays, from noon to midnight Saturday and from noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.

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to allow further discussion at the study session. The Wayne council had already reached a consensus to move ahead with the agreement and has slated to vote on it later this month.

"I'm not against the merger of parks and recreation. I like what Bill (Wild) said about the Bailey Center. That will give us some time," said Councilman Bill Johnson.

While Councilwoman Christine Bryant was opposed to closing the Bailey Center, she said she totally agreed that the merger was needed.

Bryant and Councilman Michael Kehrer both were concerned about Westland, particularly the council, continuing to have input on recreation and parks.

"Our five-year recreation plan and Wayne's are both coming up," said Wild. "The rest is programming. That is figured

out on an annual basis." Wayne City Manager Robert English said that there was no problem getting council input on programs annually.

### No Wayne gym

Unlike the Bailey Center, the Wayne Community Center doesn't have a gym. The Westland Youth Athletic Association is the biggest user of the Bailey Center gym for basketball and volleyball.

The council was provided with a list of 27 Wayne-Westland Schools

gym available for use. A letter from school officials regarding the gym rentals had been provided earlier.

"People in the north end of the city tell they won't go to Wayne. They don't come to the Bailey Center now but would, if it was upgraded," said Bryant, who asked if the city could look into a similar agreement with Livonia.

Resident Mark Rodriguez agreed that the Wayne Community Center is an excellent facility but questioned the

merger.

"I find it unbelievable that Wayne with a population of 18,000 would support Westland with over 80,000," he said.

While school gym use is free weekdays, Rodriguez said many games are played on weekends when WYAA would be charged time and half or double time for hours worked by custodians who are required to be present.

"We're not going to get any more ball fields with this. Wayne uses

the fields. I don't want to drive to Wayne for home games," said Rodriguez. "People will shop and dine in Wayne when they are there for games. This will hurt Westland."

Rodriguez added he hoped this would be short term and that both the community center and City Hall would be rebuilt on the same site.

The council is expected to vote the merger agreement Monday.

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Bailey formed her own team, Little Angels of Hope. Many of the Sole Sisters are moms of youngsters participating with Little Angels of Hope.

"It's just fun. I have six

kids on my team," said Bailey, whose fundraisers have included selling cookie dough, Yankee Candles and a recent bowling event. Although they have some adult help, the oldest official team member is 13.

"I'm proud of Bailey, very proud, she's taken the bull by the horns. We just helped," said Toth.

Held at Jaycee Park, this year Westland's Relay for Life runs from 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12, through 10 a.m. Sunday, May 13. Teams commit to having someone walking for the full 24 hours since cancer never sleeps and many camp at their sites. "When I was on my mom's team, I'd sleep," said Bailey, a fourth-

grader at Cleveland Elementary School in Livonia and the event's youngest team captain.

The 2012 relay theme is holidays and each team will decorate their site for their chosen holiday.

"I picked St. Patrick's Day — I figured no one else would pick that and I can do what I want with it," said Bailey, whose

site will look like a miniature Irish tavern. "We're going to sell nachos."

Having raised \$1 million over the first 10 years of the Westland Relay for Life, the goal this year is \$70,000.

"People get busy, so it's easier to fundraise year-round. That way you're not so pressed at the event," said Patton.

"We try to do something every month. It really depends on everyone's schedule."

There are currently 19 teams registered for the Westland Relay for Life with three additional teams making verbal commitments.

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father in Farmington Hills, had been using K2 and broke into the family home to steal for drug money.

The synthetic marijuana, sold legally under

names like K2 or Spice, is particular issue for Motz. It is typically herbs or spices treated with chemicals that provide the high when smoked.

"I'm angry and disgusted by this, people know it's misused and they sell it anyway," said Motz. "It's just to make money, no matter how much damage

it causes. It's very scary. We have no idea about long-term affects. They keep changing the ingredients and call it something else."

Whether it's K2 or another drug, Motz said addiction and relating problems don't happen overnight.

"It starts with small

stuff and we need to clamp down on that. They need to know it's not acceptable behavior," said Motz.

Those attending the program are asked to reserve a spot by calling the Westland Youth Assistance office, (734) 467-7904.

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"there was no opportunity to cancel school in order to save those dollars."

The four furlough days are projected to save the district \$9 million over the two years.

For some employees,

like the teachers, the district will add a day to their sick bank in lieu of pay. They're already off on Friday, May 25, as a compensatory day. Administrators will take May 25 and 29 as their furlough days as will 52-week employees like Baracy, his cabinet, secretaries, custodians and members of the Brother-

hood of Specialized Skills and 44-week employees like paraprofessionals. Transportation and food service workers will be off May 29 and get another day added to their sick bank.

"Our goal and focus is to provide exemplary learning opportunities for all our students," Baracy said. "In an effort to con-

tinue to provide excellent learning opportunities for our community's children without making any cuts to the classroom, the district will execute an alternative furlough day. As it stands, the entire district will be shut down on Tuesday, May 29."

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# Moving Up: Two Garden City firefighters get promotions

By Sue Buck  
Observer Staff Writer

Garden City firefighters Michael Terch and Darren Candela were promoted to engineers Tuesday with family and co-workers present.

Garden City Clerk/Treasure Allyson Bettis delivered the oath to the men which was followed by the pinning on of their badges.

Wife Shannon Terch's hands were full as she held Addison, their 2 1/2-year-old daughter, while pinning on her husband's badge.

Father Vince Candela pinned on his son's badge.

Terch has 14 years of service with the department, and Candela has nine years seniority.

"This position is critical to our department and holds a great deal of responsibility and accountability," said Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman.

"Engineers literally hold the lives of firefighters who are engaged in interior fire attack in their hands. Engineers are also a second set of eyes for the incident commander on the fire ground, monitoring changing fire conditions. This is done while simultaneously maintaining the water supply, pump pressure and providing additional equipment to the interior attack team."

She said that engineers are also responsible for the apparatus and equipment.

"Fire engines and aeri- als can run well over a



Garden City Clerk Allyson Bettis administers the oath to Garden City firefighter Michael Terch, who was promoted to engineer May 1, as his wife, Shannon, looks on.



Garden City firefighter Darren Candela takes an oath as he is promoted to the rank of engineer.

\$1 million," Harman said. "Keeping them operational for immediate response is imperative. Each shift has an engineer. The three engineers coordinate maintenance, repairs and communicate progress to each other. They report directly to their shift commander and the apparatus officer."

Continuing education and evolutions are essential in keeping firefighters current and ready to perform tasks essential in mitigating any emergency response, she added.

"Engine operations are often a focal point of our

training program," Harman said. "I am proud of them both. They have patiently waited for their promotions and I am confident they will do a great job."

Family support is very important, she said.

"The families of both Mike and Darren are here and I would like to acknowledge them for the support they provide and the sacrifices they make," Harman said. "There are many holidays, birthdays and family events Mike and Darren can't attend as a result of our schedule. Your support and understanding are needed and

greatly appreciated." "I am very proud to have received this promotion, and I am happy to come to work everyday," Candela said.

He attended the ceremony with parents Vince and Nancy Candela, wife Danielle and daughter Rosa, 20 months, and his mother-in-law, Phyllis Diprima.

The promotions were on hold while contract negotiations were ongoing.

"The city manager promised that when the contract was signed, he would go through with the promotions," Harman said.

The firefighters are a 24-hour shift except for Harman. They are all firefighter paramedics, certified in confined space and four are members of special teams.

"At any given time, firefighters, lieutenants and engineers rotate out of various positions," Harman said. "Everybody is on the street."

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## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Golf outing

Cougars 4 Sports is holding a golf outing on Saturday, May 12, at the Fellow Creek Golf Course in Canton. It's a four-person scramble with registration at 9 a.m. and the shot gun start at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$320 per foursome, but if you register by April 20, the cost will be \$300. It includes a cart, lunch on the turn and dinner banquet. There also will be prizes and raffles and a shot to win a car for a hole in one, sponsored by North Brothers Ford, a Skins contest and a Putting contest.

Organizers are looking for golfers, hole sponsors and businesses to donate. Anyone wanting more information can call (734) 516-3652 or contact Cougars4sports@comcast.net.

### Trivia Night

The Plymouth-Canton Branch of the AAUW, which provides annual live children's theater at Garden City High School, is holding its second annual Trivia Night Friday, May 11. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m.

The event is being held at The Barn at Colony Farms on Colony Farms Drive in Plymouth. The cost is \$20 per person or \$100 for a table of five. Cash prizes for first- and second-place teams. Cost includes snacks. There will be a donation jar for liquid refreshment.

Have fun with friends and family, put your knowledge of facts and factoids to good use. All proceeds benefit the AAUW's scholarship fund.

For more information, call Sharon at (734) 453-5009.

### 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.

### Community Chat

Join your host Kerry Partin along with Kelly and her real estate tips and tricks, Doppler Tom's weather, Derek with sports and much more every Thursday night at 9 p.m. This is an internet talk show recorded live where the residents and surrounding communities are welcome to participate. Share your events, promotions or comments with your fellow residents and the communities.

Listeners can call in live at (724)444-7444 and enter the call ID 82757, or go to the chat room at <http://talkshoe.com/tc82757>.

GC Community Chat will celebrate its 100th show on Thursday, May 17, at The Commons at Ford Road and Middlebelt. From 6-7 p.m., there will be free refreshments - hot dogs, chips and pop - and entertainment provided by Gerry Brooks. Then from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the GC Community Chart crew will record their 100th show live.

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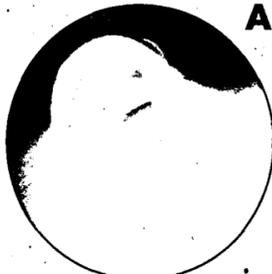
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## Ohio man charged with theft of stamps

### Larceny

An Ohio man was arrested April 28 on charges of stealing stamps valued at nearly \$30,000 during the

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Plymouth Stamp Show held at

the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

Howard Carlisle, 57, of Tiffin, Ohio, is charged with three misdemeanor counts of larceny. He was ticketed and released to return for arraignment on Friday, May 11, in 18th District Court.

One dealer told police that a man was looking through his stamps when he noticed several expensive stamps were missing. Believing the Ohio man was responsible, the dealer told police he grabbed the man's folder.

Inside the folder, the dealer said he found 25 of



Carlisle

his stamps which were valued at approximately \$20,000. The dealer called security who detained the Ohio man and took him to the center office to wait for police.

The officer reported the Ohio man initially denied stealing the stamps. Two other dealers then approached the officer to report expensive stamps were missing after the Ohio man had been looking through their collections earlier.

One of those dealers identified his missing stamps as those found in the Ohio man's computer bag. Stamps belonging to the third dealer weren't found in the bag, so the officer said he asked the

Ohio man where those stamps were located.

The Ohio man then told the officer other stamps were in the trunk of his vehicle. The officer located those stamps along with additional stamps missing from the other dealer.

In all, the officers recovered 11 stamps valued at \$3,400 belonging to one dealer and 56 stamps valued at \$6,518 that had been stolen from the third dealer.

### Sexual assault

A Westland man, 20, is being held in lieu of \$100,000 on charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, kidnapping and assault with intent to do great bodily harm after an incident involving his 16-year-old girlfriend.

The 16-year-old, also a Westland resident, was

brought to the police department by her mother shortly after midnight April 26. She told police she had been beaten and sexually assaulted by the Westland man while visiting his residence at the Country Club Apartments, 34675 Stacy.

She initially told police she was visiting a friend at the apartment and had only met the man on a couple of occasions. As police investigated, it became clear that the 16-year-old had been dating the man and had been staying with the man at the apartment until recently moving back in with her mother.

The officer noted the 16-year-old had a large amount of blood on her face and in her hair along with a large cut on the side of her head and several bruises on her face.

She also had blood on her jacket, shirt and slacks, the officer said.

The 16-year-old told officers she and the man had argued about cell phone messages that indicated she had been sexually involved with others.

After punching a hole in the wall and throwing the phone, the man pushed the woman, punched her repeatedly and hit her with a dumbbell, according to versions of the altercation offered by both to police. Treated at an area hospital, police said the woman required seven staples to close the wound to her head.

During this altercation, the woman said she was also sexually assaulted after being stunned by blows to the head and being knocked to the floor.

The woman told police that she managed to break

free and fled the apartment in her panties and shirt. Once the man left the apartment, she said she returned to gather her slacks and belongings.

Witnesses reported hearing the woman screaming and coming outside the apartment.

The victim didn't know the address of the apartment but identified it when taken to the area by officers. Police noted the main door to the unit was open with blood on the ground outside and just inside the apartment.

There was also a broken flat screen television visible. No one answered the door, so officers went inside to check for other injured people. The officers found more blood, including blood on a dumbbell which was confiscated.

By LeAnne Rogers

## Shouts scare off suspect breaking into garage

### Stolen vehicle

The owner of a 1998 Ford Taurus discovered it missing when she returned from a trip to Germany April 30.

The woman who lives in the 28000 block of Marquette

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left the vehicle parked in the street when she left on March 15.

Family members told her that they didn't use the car. The woman said that she may have left the key in the ignition or on the front seat.

When Garden City police investigated the theft, they discovered the car was impounded

in Detroit after someone crashed the Taurus into a parked car. Detroit police didn't record the car as stolen.

### Attempted break-in

A resident in the 32000 block of Rosslyn looked out of his kitchen window about midnight April 30 and saw an unknown man trying to get in the side door of his garage by using his shoulder to break in. The resident began to knock on the window and yell loudly, causing the man to flee.

The police officers searched the surrounding area but couldn't find him. The suspect is

described as a man about 5-foot-8 and wearing a black hooded sweat shirt.

### Break-in

Police investigated the break-in of a garage reported about 6 a.m. April 30 in the 320000 block of Cherry Hill.

The police believed the suspect used his shoulder to force the side garage door open. Once inside, the thief stole a mountain bike valued at \$150.

The police found no marks or shoe prints.

### Stolen property

The police believe that someone pried open a door handle of a car parked in the parking lot

of 6701 Harrison sometime before 7 p.m. April 26.

Once inside, the thief stole a stereo, CD and flat screen from the dashboard. Garden City Hospital security said that this was the second such vehicle to be tampered with in the lot. The previous car was also the same make and model and the thief stole the same items.

In an incident in another hospital lot at 6245 N. Inkster, a hospital employee reported that her factory-installed GPS unit was stolen sometime before 3:15 p.m. April 26. The police could find no evidence and there was no damage to the lock.

### Car theft

A resident in the 6300 block of Helen reported that someone stole his 2001 Ford Focus sometime before April 27. He last saw the vehicle parked in his driveway. He said that a suitcase inside the car contained a turntable and mixer.

### Theft

A Garden City woman reported April 27 that someone removed several items from her purse following a visit to Rockstarz, 33729 Ford, the night before.

She noticed the items were missing the next morning when she looked inside her purse. She told police that she spent

several hours at the bar and used her passport to prove her age and identity at the door. She said that her coat covered her purse which was on the table near her the entire time.

She described the missing items as her passport, H & R Block refund card, a credit card and a gift card.

The owner of a vehicle parked in the parking lot in the 31000 block of Block reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle April 28 and stole a bag of his prescription drugs. Stolen were Lorcet, Alprazolam, Lisinopril and Exchalam.

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# Reaching his goal

## Biggest Loser's Shuh says getting health back was his prize

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

When Buddy Shuh and brother Ben walked into the Gardner White store last year, he had no idea how much his life would change. The two brothers were auditioning for NBC's *The Biggest Loser*. Standing behind them were a brother and sister, Jeremy and Conda Britt, from Rockford, who remarked that wouldn't it be odd if the foursome ended up on the show.

Shuh called it "statistically impossible." He should have said statistically possible because they were all chosen for season 13 of the popular weight loss reality show. And this week two of them stood on the stage as finalists for the \$250,000 prize.

It wasn't Ben Shuh who asked to be voted off the first week to return home to his family in Howell. And it wasn't Buddy Shuh who walked off the show in week 16. He sat in the audience Tuesday evening for the finale. His money was on Jeremy Britt to win, and he did, losing 199 pounds to beat out his sister Conda and Kim Nielsen for the \$250,000 prize.

Shuh has no regrets about leaving the show. "I never went on the show thinking I'm competing for the \$250,000, my goal was to come home living healthier," said the Wayne resident. "I competed to win my health back and I won. I have my health and a lot of new friends."

### Twist of fate

Surprisingly, Jeremy Britt's opportunity to compete for the prize money was at the heart of Shuh's leaving. He was eliminated the same week Shuh and contestant Mark Cornelison left, but brought back the next week to compete with other eliminated contestants in a series of challenges to determine a third finalist.

The connections pastor at Journey Community Church in Westland, Shuh posted on his Facebook page, an interview with the producer in which he "acknowledged that they should have informed us sooner what was going to transpire."

"I can't win the money, but I'm still thankful for



A pair of shorts he wore before his six months on NBC's "The Biggest Loser" almost covers Buddy Shuh, his daughters Savanna and Janna, infant son Levi, wife Shelby and son Isaac.

*"Life is full of obstacles. They can shape the way that you get to your destination. They only become excuses when you let them dictate whether or not you get there, rather than how you get there."*

Buddy Shuh

the change in my life," said Shuh. "I'm thankful for having been on the show. I didn't quit on me, I didn't quit on my family and I didn't quit on my community."

Shuh lost 143 pounds while on the show and has continued his weight loss at home. He exercises two hours a day six days a week at three locations - Lifetime Fitness in Canton and Planet Fitness in Westland and his main place, the Wayne Recreation Center. He's puts his total weight loss at 165 pounds and said he's within 10-15 pounds of his life goal of weighing 225 pounds.

### Hard to do

He admits going on the show was the hardest thing he's done in his life; his support system - his family and his church - were taken away.

"You have no contact with home, you feel iso-

lated and trapped with 18 people you don't know," he said.

Shuh did come home twice, once in November for the birth of his son Levi and at Christmas, although to look at that show, you couldn't tell, he said. There were challenges that allowed the winner to contact their family by Skype and to make a phone call home. The last three weeks before he left, Shuh was allowed a five-minute

phone call on Saturdays.

Shuh quips that "it takes a village to raise Buddy Shuh" in talking about the help his family received from friends and his church while he was gone. There was help getting the children to school, help with the housework and one young man even took the kids to McDonald's so they could play and his wife Shelby could get some rest.

As for income, Shuh received compensation from *The Biggest Loser*, which paid him \$100 a day and his room and board at the ranch.

Shuh's life was out there for everyone to see. His biography talked about his being captain of his football and wrestling teams and being voted "most athletic" his senior year and about his weight gain after college, including the 100 pounds he gained after the death of his infant daughter.

*The Biggest Loser* fans shared in birth of his son

Levi last November and the family's visit to the White House when they meet First Lady Michelle Obama.

"It was an incredible moment," Shuh said of meeting the First Lady. "It got quiet when she was about to walk in. You just knew it was a special moment, especially for her to set aside the time to meet us and to meet our families."

### Wedding bells

Shuh also did something else. On April 14, he performed a *Biggest Loser* wedding in Goudy Park in Wayne. The groom was fellow contestant Joe Messina who



Buddy Shuh weighed 403 pounds when he was photographed for the start of "The Biggest Loser."

walked off the show the third week. The ceremony was filled with former contestants. A prayer was said by Cornelison, his son Chism sang and played the guitar, Cassandra Sturos read a message she wrote to the bride and groom, and Gail Lee did the flowers. Shuh officiated the ceremony.

In all, 12 of this season's contestants were in Wayne. They went to the Wayne rec center to work out before heading over to the park for the service. Nine of them stayed on to hear Cornelison preach at Journey Community Church the next day. Word-of-mouth tripled Sunday attendance.

"When *TMZ* and *People* magazine find out, I'll be in the news again," said Shuh.

He continues to follow

the lifestyle he developed at the ranch. He rarely eats the "three whites" - flour, sugar and salt. He eats plenty of vegetables, substituting them for carbs found in food like noodles and rice.

"I do eat bread and rice and noodles," he said. "I do whole grain, and I don't eat them in as large of quantities."

*The Biggest Loser* also has done more than made him healthy. He has become the national spokesman for the Tears Foundation which helps parents who have lost a small child. He is working on weight-related classes at the Wayne Community Center, and is becoming a motivational speaker. With Michigan the second fattest state in America, he wants to get the word out people can get healthy, if they're willing to work at it.

After appearing on *The Biggest Loser* live finale Tuesday, he'll be speaking to the staff of the Joel Olsteen Ministries in Texas.

"When I went there, I went as a person who didn't have portions in control. Six months later, I could never have fathomed the help I got and the help I can give," Shuh said. "I can use what I learned in speaking engagements and help people see things differently. I can give them hope."

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# Glenn dance team prepares for spring recital

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Fantastic. That's the word Makayla Hines uses to describe the John Glenn High School Dance Team.

She also uses another word — fun — when she talks about being a member of the team.

"It's a fun activity," said Hines, a freshman at Glenn. "When I became a freshman, I saw them perform and they looked great, they looked fantastic."

Hines and other team members were working with coach Carey Christian Monday to prepare for the spring recital on Friday evening. Eleven girls will perform in a show that will feature 26 solo, duet and group dances.

"It's going to be a really good show," said Christian, who has been coach since starting the team six years ago. "I have a lot who have never danced before who are getting their feet wet. I think they love it."

The team has been working on the dance program since the third week in January. Chris-



Zaria Murray (from left), Ainea Faison and Rachel Shollack rehearse a routine for the John Glenn dance team's spring recital Friday.

tian choreographed the dance routines, getting help from a student teacher and two team alumnae, seniors Maria Idunate and Rebecca Tanner. Also serving as assistant to the director is Chelsea Hare.

Christian brings moves to the routines that she has seen performed elsewhere. Many times the students think she's crazy when she shows them something.

"I just tell them to do it and when they do they say 'wow,'" she said. "I want to have my dancers say that 'Wow, this is cool.'"

"It's up to them now, I

show them how it will be and it's up to them to execute," she added. "I feel bad, though, They practice so hard and only perform once."

Christian always names the show after the finale. This recital the team will perform to "Glad You Came" by The Wanted. The recital will include six solos and two special performance solos by Idunate and Tanner. For the first time in several years, Christian has decided to take a break and not to perform with the team.

For Christian, the show is bittersweet because it means she will lose her



Members of the John Glenn dance team include Leah Humback (front row, from left) Selena Gonzales, Sharnea Cox and Venessa Gocaj, Essence Darby (center row, from left), Lindsey Abney, Makayla Hines, Chelsea Hare (back row, from left), the assistant to the coach, Rachel Shollack, Coach Carey Christian, Captain Ainea Faison and Zaria Woodson.

captains. Filling that role this year is senior Ainea Faison.

"She came as a sophomore with no dance experience, she's amazing, she's a dancer," said Christian. "She's the first captain and the first senior I've had who's not plagued by seniori-

tis. She's so driven and so focused."

Christian admits that she may be more nervous than the parents who sit in the audience. They get nervous when their daughter performs, she's backstage and is nervous for all of the dancers, she said.

"I have a really good group," said Christian. "I teach them to love dance, I don't train them to dance. You can't do that in six hours a week. That takes hours and hours of dancing."

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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.

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.

### Armed Forces Day

See and talk to reenactors from five different

wars in American History at the fifth annual Armed Forces Day Celebration 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the Westland Historic Village Park on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

There will be presentations on the lives of American soldiers and a live weapons demonstration. New this year, the 5th Michigan Regimental Band, a Civil War era group, will perform.

Donations are welcome but admission is free and refreshments will be sold on site. The Westland Historical Commission and Historical Society are hosting the event.

### Derby Celebration

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day, May 5, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne.

The cost is \$20 per person including a tailgate-style dinner catered by Chef Tony of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

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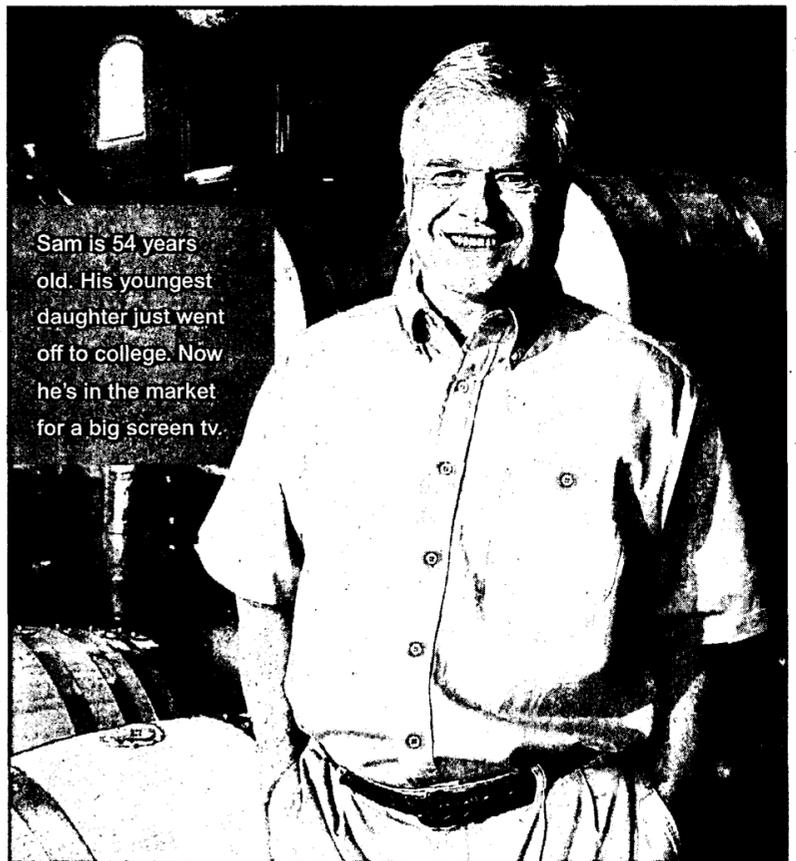
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# Career expo touts hundreds of new jobs

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Aiming to recruit hundreds of workers, national and local companies plan to converge on Canton Tuesday for a career fair hosted by the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology.

More than 80 firms representing the aviation, energy, automotive, technical, transportation, manufacturing and government fields, among others, are expected to attend the seventh MIAT Career Expo on the 750-student campus at 2955 S. Haggerty, north of Michigan Avenue.

"It's all different types of companies," Amy Kienast Linderman, MIAT's national director of business relations,

said. "It really runs the gamut from flight attendants to engineers to mechanics to dispatchers."

Linderman estimated that 70 percent of the companies are looking to fill positions, though some educational and resource organizations also are set to attend. She said one firm, Indianapolis-based AAR Corp., a global provider of products and services to commercial aviation and government defense industries, is looking to hire as many as 600 workers.

The public is invited to attend the career expo, which is free for job-seekers, and MIAT has spread the word to its current and former students and to more than 5,000 U.S. armed forces



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Much like last year's career expo, the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology is expecting a large crowd next Tuesday for job-seekers and companies looking to fill hundreds of positions.

veterans. MIAT President Chuck Hawes said the event is intended to link employ-

"Right now, certain industries are experiencing rapid shifts in staffing requirements," Hawes said. "This career expo is an efficient way for employers to meet and interview well-qualified candidates for certain positions."

Job-seekers attending the career expo are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes, dress professionally and be prepared for possible on-site interviews.

Employers from across Michigan and around the United States are set to recruit workers. According to a MIAT statement, companies in hiring mode include Duncan Aviation, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Columbia Helicopters, U.S. Foods, Aggreko, L&W

Engineering, DZ Atlantic, Howden North America, Ventower, England Logistics and Defense Support Services, among others.

Educational institutions are scheduled to share information about degrees and training opportunities, and a hospitality area for veterans is to include access to a variety of service organizations.

Linderman said job-seekers may simply show up for the expo without registering. For more information, call (800) 447-1310.

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# Roth IRA conversion may make sense for you

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**F**or the great majority of us, tax time has come and gone. Our 2011 tax returns have been filed and most of us won't think about taxes again until next year. And for man, that may be a mistake. Now is the time to consider a Roth IRA conversion.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

At the end of this year, the Bush-era tax cuts are set to expire. What that means is that next year, many people will be in a higher tax bracket. Because of that, it may be a good idea to do a Roth conversion this year, when you can take advantage of the lower tax brackets. To be taxed at this year's rates, the conversion doesn't have to be done until the end of the year. However, the advantage of doing the Roth conversion now is that you will have more time for the money to grow, tax free.

Who should consider a Roth conversion? Since Roth conversions have been allowed, I use three rules to determine whether it makes sense.

- You must have the money to pay the tax on the conversion without touching the money you're converting. Remember, when you convert from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, the amount that you convert is subject to ordinary income taxes. If

you convert \$10,000 and you are in a 28 percent tax bracket you would have to pay \$2,800 in taxes (\$10,000 x .28). In addition, don't forget that under Michigan's new tax law, many of you may also have to pay Michigan taxes. To make converting worthwhile, you must have the money to pay in taxes, without touching the money that you are converting.

- Make sure that converting the money won't throw you into a higher tax bracket. That is why using last year's return as a guide is a great way to determine how much you can convert without putting yourself into another tax bracket.

- You must be a long-term investor. You have to be able to leave the money within the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years. If you're going to need the money within a few years, a Roth conversion just doesn't make sense.

If you meet these three requirements, then doing a Roth conversion makes sense for you. Keep in mind that if later in the year you determine that you made a mistake and you converted too much, there are ways to reverse the transaction.

When it comes to Roth conversions, many people believe that if you're over 70½, you either can't or shouldn't do a Roth conversion. That's not true. If you are over 70½, the only thing not eligible to be converted is your minimum required distribution. Other than that, you can convert as much as you like. Remember, life doesn't end at 70½.

Many may ask, what is the benefit of converting

into a Roth IRA? There are many. Probably the most significant benefit is that once you convert money, it grows tax free, not tax deferred.

When money in a traditional IRA is withdrawn, it will always be subject to income tax. When you withdraw money from a Roth IRA, it is withdrawn tax free.

Another benefit is that money in a Roth IRA is not subject to required minimum distribution rules at age 70½. Therefore, money grows tax free for as long as you choose. So if you don't use your Roth IRA and it eventually goes to your beneficiaries, they also can withdraw the money tax free. That is not the case with a traditional IRA.

Who knows where tax laws will be next year? With the partisanship in Washington, it's anyone's guess. You and I can't afford to play the speculation game; we have to make decisions based upon current law.

Based on all these facts, converting money into a Roth IRA this year, is something most people should consider. Spend a few minutes to determine whether you should convert money into a Roth IRA. It may cost some money in the short run, but over the long run it may put more money in your pocket, exactly where it belongs. Good luck!

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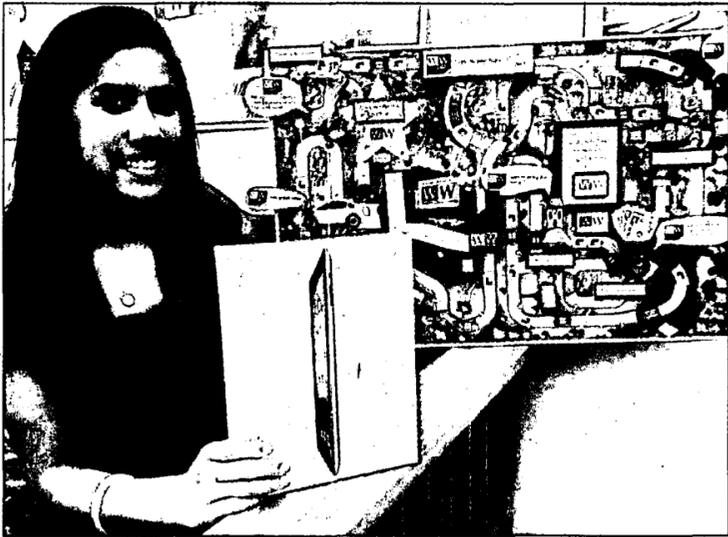
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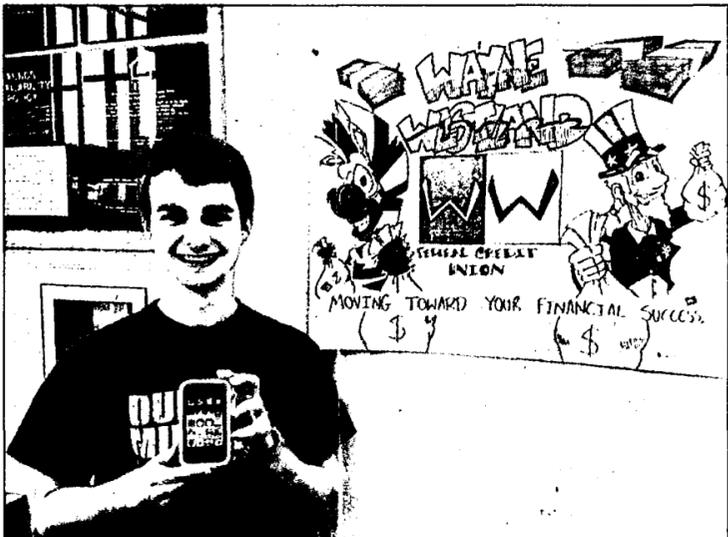
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## Best Poster

Emma O'Connell of Wayne Memorial High School shows off the iPad she received after her poster was selected as the winner of the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union's "Create and We'll Compensate" poster contest. Students at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial were eligible for the contest. All they needed to do was a create a poster promoting the credit union.



Andrew Laitinen of Wayne Memorial High School won Second Place in Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union's "Create and We'll Compensate" poster contest. Laitinen won an iPod touch.

## Testing the new iPad

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Even if you watch very little TV, you've likely seen dozens of Apple commercials boasting the new retina display and capabilities of the new iPad with 4G networking speeds.

Earlier this month, I tested the third-generation Apple product courtesy of Verizon Wireless which is selling the iPad 4G in stores and online.

After spending more than a week with the new iPad, I can say, the multitude of commercials don't do the HD screen on the new iPad justice. Whether you are streaming Netflix movies, tweeting or playing online games, the screen provided a picture as good as any I have seen before.

Even more impressive was the iPad's battery life and after streaming episode after episode of TV shows there was still plenty of juice left. The iPad can surf the web or stream music for up to 10 hours on a full charge. However, the tablet takes

a lot longer to charge than a cell phone — and as charging is concerned — is similar to a laptop.

With the 4G network connection provided by Verizon there was no lag either. Not once did I have to wait for streaming content to buffer or for pages to load.

The only drawbacks to the unit were small ones. Like other Apple products the new iPad does not support flash. So when I used the Domino's app to order one of those new artisan pizzas (fancy, I know), I couldn't experience the entire app because it was flash-based. (I have the same problem on my iPhone).

I found myself mostly using the iPhone for personal use because the setup is too difficult to type work documents efficiently. For those using the iPad for work I recommend buying a case with a stand so your iPad can sit upright as you type. Keyboard accessories are also available for all generations of the iPad, however, they are a bit smaller than a traditional keyboard and may take some getting used to.

A variety of iPad accessories can be purchased at ABC Warehouse.

As I used the test iPad more and more, I noticed it began replacing other electronics I already owned. For example, if I

was streaming Netflix on my TV or if I was gaming it was instead of doing so on my iPhone or PS3.

Because I already have a functioning laptop and am constantly connected to my iPhone I don't know that I needed a third device to use each day. However, if I needed a new computer I could see the iPad filling that void. It is fast, functional, fun and has a nice camera, video camera capabilities, and of course being wire free doesn't hurt — especially when streaming video or using Skype.

The Apple iPad 4G features a 9.7 inch screen, retails from \$499 (16GB) and can be purchased in black or white. A 32GB version can be purchased for \$599 and a 64GB version can also be purchased for \$699.

Each model comes with a power adapter, USB cable and limited warranty but additional warranties can be purchased through Apple Care which I highly recommend.

The unit comes in at a sleek 1.46 pounds, supports multiple languages and is bluetooth enabled.

For more information on the new iPad, visit Apple.com.

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Block Party

The Avenue in Downtown Wayne is back with the second annual Block Party on Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20.

The event, a signature of the Downtown Wayne area, will welcome a variety of live country music acts, hosted by Justine Blazer, who will perform a three-hour set on Sunday, May 20. Also performing during will be Detroit favorites Annabelle Road, Paulina Jayne, Yankee-ville, Longneck Strangler, Laura Wilkie, The Matt Ryan Band, Great Lakes Confederates, Stephen Clark and the Trending Topics, Jennifer Westwood and Hillneck Red-billies.

Party-goers also will be able to shop, eat and drink with the many vendors and sponsors. Thebestof-detroit.com photo staff will be on hand to catch the weekend fun.

The party returns with sponsors including Embarco, Jack Demmer Ford, Rightway Auto, Real Detroit Weekly, Red Bull, Budweiser, Platinum Tanning, Motor City Mad Men, Huge Clothing Brand, Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Ripple Effect, Wayne Dispatch, LovetheBeaver.com, Parhia, Inc. and more.

For more information on the free, all ages event call (734) 895-7300. Sponsorship and vendor info is available by e-mailing Mike Londeau at mikelondeau@embarcoevents@gmail.com.

### Hope bracelet

Women's specialty apparel retailer dressbarn has announced its ninth year as a member of the American

Cancer Society Relay For Life National Team. As part of the company's awareness to help raise awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society's ongoing research initiatives, outreach and support programs, dressbarn stores nationwide,

including in Farmington and Livonia, are featuring the 2012 version of their signature Hope Bracelet.

Sales of the bracelet support ACS's mission to help researchers and health care professionals save more lives and individuals celebrate more birthdays. The 2012 Hope bracelet sells for \$10, while supplies last. dressbarn will contribute the entire net sales of \$5 to the American Cancer Society. Added to the contribution will be the dollars raised through dressbarn's associate and community involvement in Relay For Life events - the largest global cancer-fighting fundraising movement.

In 2011, more than 300 dressbarn and sister-company maurices teams, comprised of customers, executives and associates, participated in Relay For Life events in their communities and raised in excess of \$1 million through team fundraising, in-store promotions and the dressbarn Foundation donation. To date, dressbarn and maurices have given more than \$8.5 million dollars to the American Cancer Society to support local and national cancer initiatives.

"It is a privilege to celebrate our ninth year of helping to support the goals of the American Cancer Society," said Jeff Gerstel, president of dressbarn. "Each year we strive to surpass the fundraising success of the previous year in both community member support and money raised through the sales of our Hope Bracelet and other activities. We look forward to a partnership with the Society that continues to prosper and grow for many years to come."

For more information on dressbarn or its collaboration with the American Cancer Society, visit dressbarn.com. Local dressbarn stores are at 33025 Grand River in Farmington and at 37217 Six Mile Road in Livonia.

## WESTLAND CHAMBER CHAT

Don't miss out one of the chamber's signature events, the 2012 annual Golf Classic. This year, we will be again joining forces with the Westland Community Foundation to bring you a great golf outing.

We'll tee off on June 12 at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon. We're already off to a great start with several returning sponsors. Garden City Hospital is the co-sponsor along with WCA Assessing. There are still sponsorships available, if you would like to get the word out about your business.

More information and the registration form can be found in the May newsletter. If you have any questions, contact the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

This month's Coffee Connection will be hosted by Biggy Coffee on Wednesday, May 30. Biggy Coffee is located at 37644 Ford, south of Newburgh, in Westland. We will be meeting 8-9 a.m. Stop in for coffee and get some networking done before you have to go to work.

No need to RSVP, just stop in when you can.

Also circle June 14 on your calendar. That's when the Westland Chamber will partner with the Livonia Chamber of Commerce to sponsor Lunch with Mayor Dave Bing.

The two chambers will again bring you Detroit's own mayor, Dave Bing. We will meet 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster, Livonia. Table sponsors are needed. There are only two available at \$700 each. Tickets will cost \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members.

For more information, call the chamber. The newsletter can be viewed at www.westlandchamber.com.

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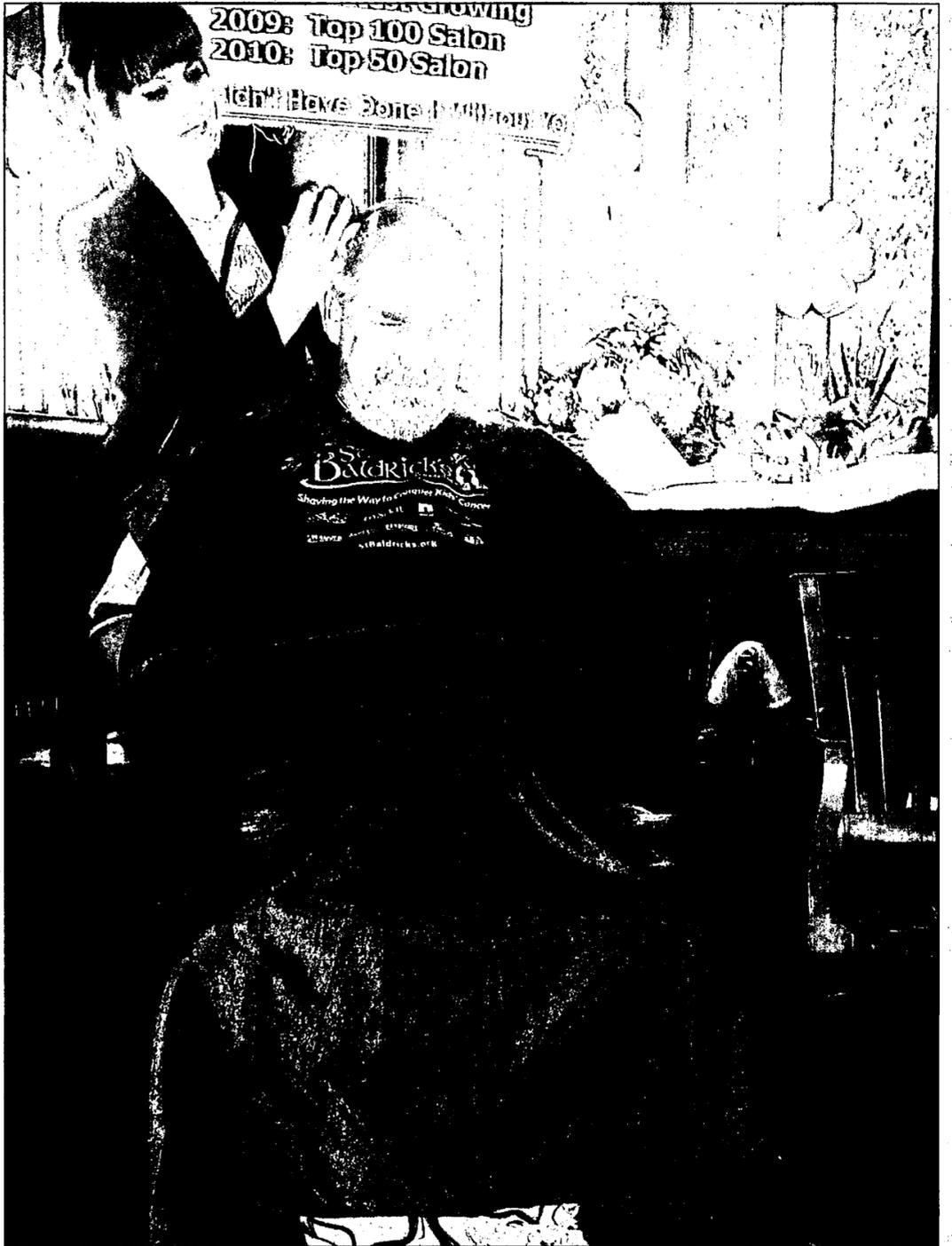
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# Follicle frenzy



Abby Stonerook of Plymouth (right) was one of just a couple of women who volunteered to be shaved for the cause. She was also the event's top individual fundraiser. That's last year's top fundraiser, Ron Sears, doing the honors.



Brad Kadrich, editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers, gets his head shorn by Fantastic Sams stylist Megan Hepp of Northville. Kadrich was one of some 30 shavees who helped raise money for the event.

## Hair-shaving fundraiser aims to stamp out children's cancer

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Anton Furman thinks one of the saddest sights in the world is a child with cancer. That's why Furman, a Plymouth resident, was at the Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia Sunday, taking part for the second straight year in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser to benefit childhood cancer research.

Organized by Eric Bacyinski, the Plymouth Township deputy clerk who has been involved with the foundation for four years, the fundraiser — for which volunteers raised pledges as they agreed to have their heads shaved — raised nearly \$26,000. "I think it's a great cause," Furman said. "Kids with cancer ... you're not going to find anything much sadder than that. That's the biggest reason I agreed to this."

In addition to the shavees, the event included a variety of raffle items, donated by The Detroit Lions, Renewal By Anderson, The Detroit Red Wings, The Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Best Buy, A&E Jewelry of Canton, The Plymouth Whalers, Ford Motor Company, Dean Sadler Hair & Make-up Studio, Bikram Yoga of Northville, Claddagh Irish Pub, Sideways, Mary Kay, Fantastic Sams of Plymouth and Jeff Glover & Associates Realtors.

Dramatic Dimensions Entertainment of Garden City provided the music, while Fantastic Sams of Plymouth donated the

hair stylists.

But the focus was on more than 30 shavees, all of whom agreed to give up varying amounts of hair for the cause.

One of them was Abdul Shukairy of Farmington Hills.

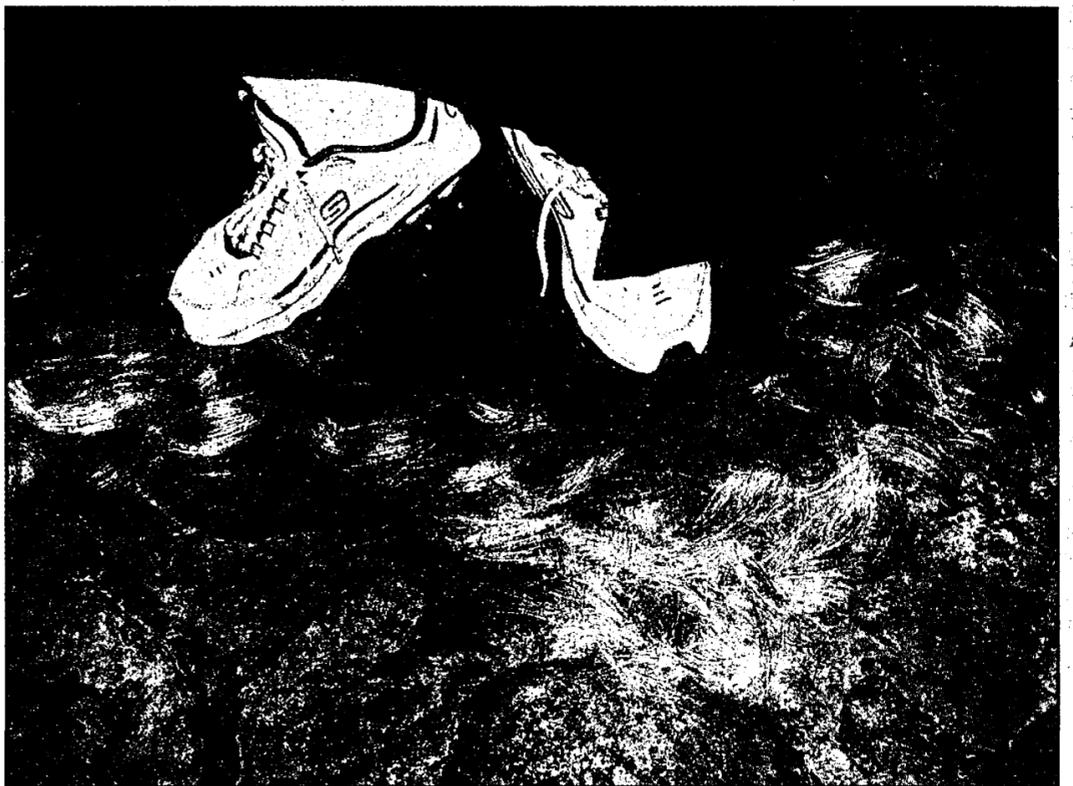
"My fraternity brother introduced me to (Bacyinski), and he talked me into it," Shukairy said. "I thought, 'What the heck? It's only hair.'"

That attitude helped the fundraiser more than double its original \$10,000 goal. Bacyinski said the event, which drew more than 200 people Sunday, blew past that total quickly, and then flew past the re-established \$15,000 goal. He figures to have raised some \$26,000 by the time all the donations are collected.

The totals were helped by a \$100 donation by the Plymouth Kiwanis - Evening Club, a fundraiser at downtown Plymouth's Dairy King, an early April fundraiser sponsored by the Plymouth Whalers and other events from The Penn Grill and Sun & Snow Sports of Plymouth.

"I've been extremely happy with the event's success," said Bacyinski, who has been in the event for four years and organized the last two. "By all accounts it was a huge success. I want everyone to know that none of this would be possible without the generosity of the many local businesses and donors who stepped up to help out."

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The floor at Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia was covered in hair shaved from some 30 shavees in the annual St. Baldrick's fundraiser for children's cancer research.



Joe Stamper and Joe Kerr of Dramatic Dimensions Entertainment of Garden City provided the entertainment.



Fantastic Sams stylist Irina Snell gets to work on Abdul Shukairy of Farmington Hills at the St. Baldrick's fundraiser for children's cancer research Sunday at Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia.

# Walkers put best foot forward for premature babies

By Julie Brown  
Observer Staff Writer

Theresa Williams of Westland and her family had plans this past Saturday morning.

"We are walking for our twins," she said of Lea Marie and Hana Elizabeth, who were born and died July 22, 2004. The family, including dad Pat and kids Ashton, 11, and Liliana, 5, came to the Hines Park March of Dimes March for Babies.

"They're in heaven waiting for us," Theresa Williams said of the twins. Her family walked "to raise awareness and funds for these babies and their families."

The Williamses got emotional support as well as practical help from people they know. "We have a very close family so we kind of supported each other," she said of the twins, born at 21 weeks. "That's our goal for other babies to thrive."

Niece Ashley Effner of Livonia joined the family. She's about to earn an associate's degree in science from Schoolcraft College and proceed to Central Michigan University to enter a medical field.

The day's walkers gathered in the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park, prior to walking the six-mile loop along Hines just past Newburgh, in Westland and Livonia. Among those introduced to the cheering crowd was Rolland Walt of Farmington Hills, who's been in the walk for 39 years.

### Proud tradition

He recalled his dad collecting dimes when the organization started in the administration of President Franklin D.



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Walkers progress along the six-mile route to raise money and awareness for the March of Dimes Saturday, April 28, in Hines Park. March for Babies walks are held at a number of locations.

Roosevelt. Walt walks "to help babies," he said as the crowd gathered at the starting line.

Daughter Judy Perry and her husband, Benn, were also there, with her brothers and their families traveling from Chicago and Boston for the March for Babies. "The whole family's here," Perry said with a smile.

"My dad's been marching 39 years. That's who he is," she said. "He's always been a community giver." Rolland is still active at 87 with the local Commission on Aging and the Service Corps of Retired Executives.

The Hines Park march had a goal of \$530,000, with some \$1.5 million the goal for metro Detroit and \$3 million for Michigan. Helping to reach that goal was Maria Anwar, 16, of Canton, a Canton High School junior.



"Because I like babies," said Anwar, who walked with friends. "I just like

walking for babies. This is my first time." Ken and Lori Smith of

Rolland Walt, 87, of Farmington Hills did his 39th March of Dimes walk Saturday, April 28, in Hines Park.

Livonia were walking for Delaney Smith, her great-niece and a "miracle" child. Delaney's parents, Warren and Michelle of Garden City, were on the team of 25-27 people.

Delaney was born at 25 weeks, her great-aunt said. She's almost 2 and healthy: "Fantastic. Sassy as ever." She agreed the March of Dimes does a great job. "I think it's a wonderful organization," Lori Smith said.

Their group walked last year in downtown Detroit. "We through we'd go for the six miles," Ken said of this year.

### Work friends

Pat Snelling of South Lyon was walking with her friends from United Airlines. She's a retiree there and also walks for her niece's twins, who died after birth.

Her niece, from Tecumseh, was walking in the Sunday event in Dexter. The couple also has twin girls.

"Healthy and big and bouncy," their aunt said. She walked with friend and colleague Donna Saganeck of Plymouth Township.

Saganeck noted United Airlines has had bake sales and raffles for the March of Dimes. The local United goal's been surpassed, they added with pride.

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# Deadline nears in POAM drive

The Police Officers Association of Michigan announced its annual donation drive to benefit soldiers recovering at the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

Spurred by the generosity of local communities and companies like ABC Warehouse/Sony and Anchor Bay Entertainment last year, POAM is attempting to outdo their efforts this year in delivering a wide array of products to recovering

soldiers.

The donation drive runs through May 4, with all items being delivered to Water Reed during National Police Week in Washington, D.C., on May 11.

"This year's visit will allow us to see the new Walter Reed Military Medical Center, which has been built on the grounds of the former Bethesda Naval Hospital," said POAM president James Tignarelli. "Even as our number of

troops overseas reduces, we know the dangers they are confronted with continue to exist. Our last visit allowed us to bring a great variety of essentials and gifts to our wounded members of the armed services and I'm confident we will surpass our expectations."

The POAM is hoping to fill more than 30 recently donated Bristol Motor Speedway backpacks with items to give to the soldiers in May. Items that can be donated

include the following:

- DVDs and DVD players
- Blu-Rays and Blu-Ray players
- MP3 Players (iPods, Touch and Shuffle)
- iPads
- Nintendo / PSP Portable Game players and games
- Books; Netbook, Kindle, hardcover and paperback
- Gift cards (Amazon, iTunes, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Target)
- Electric heated blankets

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- T-shirts L, XL, XXL
  - Sweat outfits L, XL, XXL
  - Boxer shorts L, XL, XXL
  - Baseball hats
  - Workout gloves
  - Headphones
  - Wireless shavers
  - Small toys (for soldiers' children visiting them in the hospital)
  - Cash or check donation (please make out to Jim Tignarelli)
- POAM encourages churches, schools, colleg-

es, businesses, VFW halls and local municipalities to arrange mini donation drives to bolster the total collective volume of items POAM can deliver to Walter Reed.

Individual donations can be sent to or dropped off by May 5 at POAM, 27056 Joy Road in Redford or at TM Productions, 309 B S. Main, Royal Oak.

For more information, visit [www.poam.net/](http://www.poam.net/) donate or call (313) 937-9000.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at [smason@hometownlife.com](mailto:smason@hometownlife.com). They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

### Upcoming Events

#### INDOOR SALE CLOTHING SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5

**Location:** in the South Lobby of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, Livonia

**Details:** The Michigan Bariatric Institute at is hosting a Plus-Size Clothing Sale for the community. Many post-operative bariatric patients will be selling their gently used, plus-sized clothing. There will be a variety of reasonably priced choices of clothing for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL). The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers three options for Bariatric weight loss surgery, performed at St. Mary Mercy Hospital by board certified surgeons, including laparoscopic gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy and adjustable gastric banding. The institute is located at 14555 Levan Road, Suite 311, Marian Professional Building, Livonia

**Contact:** For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at 877-WHY-WEIGHT (1-877-949-9344).

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12

**Location:** VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland

**Details:** Need to clean out the garage, basement or attic of things you've collected over the years and no longer need? Why not make some money at the same time. The VFW Post 3323 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting an indoor garage sale. The table rental is \$20 per table and set up begins at 8 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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

#### RUMMAGE SALE

**Time:** Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12

**Location:** The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, across from the



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### Comic Book Day

Dennis Barger Jr. and his "advisory staff" - Alex and Kimberly - are all set for Free Comic Book Day, Saturday, May 5. The trio will be giving away thousands of special edition comic books at their store, WonderWorld Comics in Taylor. Every comic book store in the area, including A to Z Cards Comics in Garden City and Back to the Past Comics Pop Culture in Redford, will have special events in their stores to make it an even more enjoyable and interesting event for kids of all ages.

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**Details:** The church is holding its spring rummage sale Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12. Thursday and Friday hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday is also bag day with \$2 for a grocery bag and \$5 and plastic lawn bag. Homemade bake goods and refreshments also will be available. The building is handicap accessible.

**Contact:** For more information, call the church at (734) 721-4801.

#### SINGLES GROUP

**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. Saturday, June 9

**Location:** US-12 Bar and Grill, 34824 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne

**Details:** Single men and women age 55 and over are invited to gather at US-12 for good conversation and good food. There also will be music and dancing with light refreshments. There's a \$5 cover charge to help pay for DJ. Dress is casual.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 560-6905.

#### CRAFTERS WANTED

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29

**Location:** St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

**Details:** St. Mel's Women's Club is looking for crafters for its craft fair. More than 50 eight-foot tables available. They cost \$25 each. A table with electricity is \$30. Helpers provided.

**Contact:** Call St. Mel's Church at (313) 274-0684 or send an e-mail to [stmels-craffair@yahoo.com](mailto:stmels-craffair@yahoo.com) for applications.

#### FLEA MARKET

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19

**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland

**Details:** Do you have things you're looking to clear out of your house? Do you have craft items you would like to sell? Do you have antiques you don't want anymore? Do you have a business such as Tupperware, Party Lite or Creative Memories that you would like to promote? This is a great opportunity to cleanup, clear out, and promote your small business. It's an outdoor event, rain or shine. Cost is \$20, non-refundable, to secure you a parking space. Food concessions will be available.

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

#### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month

**Location:** Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan Breake Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

**Details:** Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free

monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns.

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

#### Education

##### WILLOW CREEK

**Location:** 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

**Details:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

**Contact:** (734) 326-0078

##### ST. DAMIAN

**Location:** 29891 Joy, Westland

**Details:** St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

**Contact:** (734) 427-1680, [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

##### YWCA PRESCHOOL

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

**Contact:** (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

##### OPEN ENROLLMENT

**Location:** St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne

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**Contact:** For more information, call the school office at (734) 721-1240.

### Organizations

#### FRIENDS OF ELOISE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November

**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

**Contact:** Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at [pibbotso@aol.com](mailto:pibbotso@aol.com) or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

#### WESTLAND ROTARY

**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

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

**Details:** Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check [www.westlandrotary.com](http://www.westlandrotary.com) for more information about meetings, programs and events.

**Contact:** Jeff at (734) 261-5010

#### FAMILY CAREGIVERS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. first Monday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

#### CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth Dis-

trict Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

#### CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

**Location:** American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

**Details:** For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.

**Contact:** Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

#### AMERICAN LEGION

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

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

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

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

#### LIONS CLUB

**Time/Date:** 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month

**Location:** Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

**Details:** The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

**Contact:** For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

#### WRITING GROUP

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month

**Location:** Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

**Details:** The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

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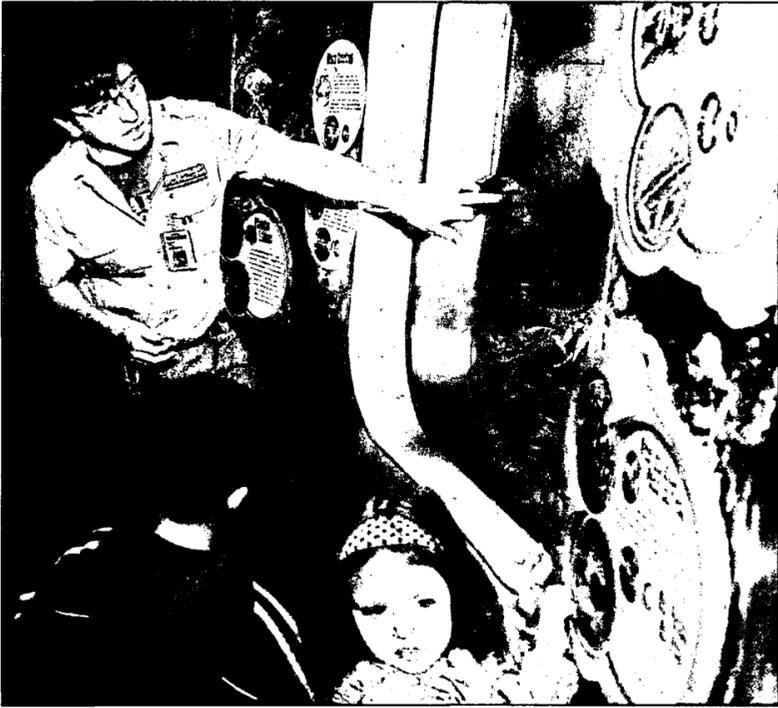
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Detroit Zoo employee Kevin Pratt in the National Amphibian Conservation Center explains the exhibit.

## Chilly temps fail to cool visitors to zoo

**ROYAL OAK** - The bitter wind and chilly temperatures may have been good for the Arctic Ring of Life at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, but visitors at the Earth Day celebration recently found themselves more suited to bundling up as they visited special exhibits and enjoyed hands on children's activities.

Nevertheless, it was easy being green at the zoo, according to staff. The zoo-wide event was dedicated to celebrating wildlife and educating visitors about environmental conservation.

Visitors enjoyed earth-friendly crafts, an endangered species scavenger hunt, a 30-foot rock climbing wall, family yoga classes, animal enrichment and zookeeper talks. Live entertainment included a hands-on drumming performance and children's music.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic habitats, the Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. It's open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through



Scouts from Troop 75029 from Oak Ridge Elementary, Royal Oak, including Kaylah Snell (left), 6, and Kori Hutchins played with the Agama Drummers during a visit to the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak during the Earth Day celebration.

Labor Day (with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August). Admission is \$14 for adults 15 to 61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children 2 to 14 (children under 2 are free).

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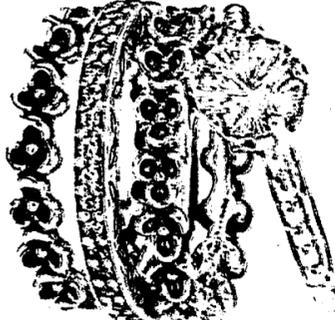
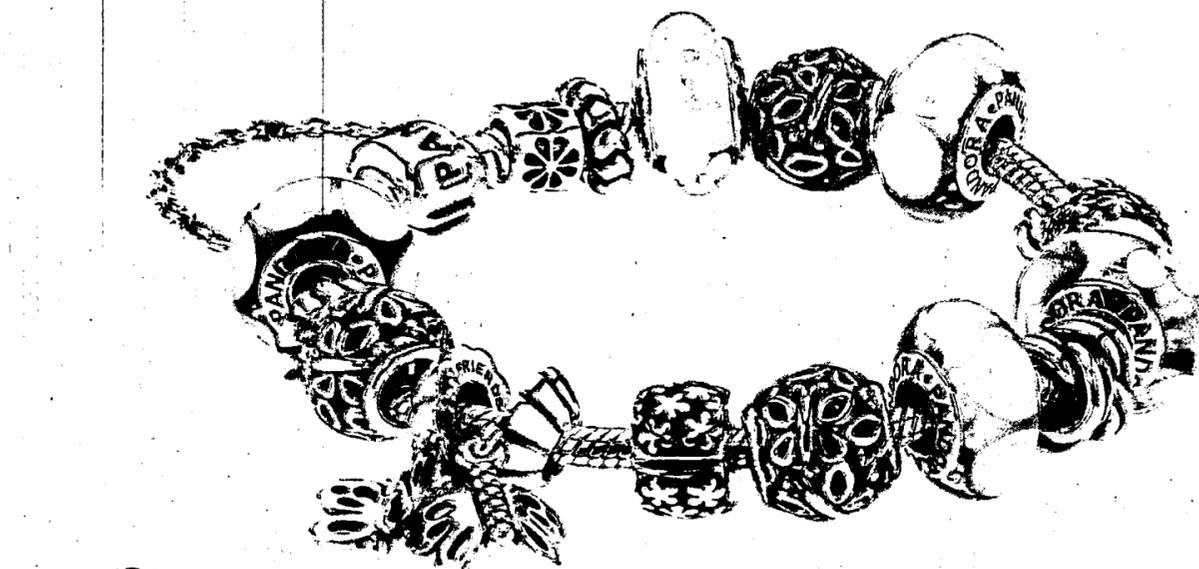
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## OUR VIEWS

# Relay for Life

## Help participants reach fundraising goals

Nineteen teams and 248 individuals have made a commitment. They're going to relay. They're going to give up 24 hours of their time to walk so that someone somewhere will win their battle with cancer.

Westland's 11th annual Relay for Life will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 13, at Jaycee Park. The goal is to raise \$70,000 for the American Cancer Society. Last year, the Westland Relay for Life raised that amount and over the previous five years, the event raised nearly \$500,000.

The Relay for Life is a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived. It is a time for people who have shared the same experience to comfort and console one another. The money raised helps the ACS work toward a future where cancer doesn't take the lives of friends and family.

John Diamond, a British broadcaster and journalist who passed away from throat cancer in March 2001 once said, "Cancer is a word, not a sentence." The statement is indicative of what Relay for Life participants are doing. More than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with communities in 20 other countries who are walking this year to raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer.

Throughout the spring, the teams have been holding fund-raisers and gathering donations, with it all leading up to next weekend's relay. But they don't want to walk alone. They want the community to come out and be a part of the event, and we agree.

We urge residents to stop by the park, sometime during the 24 hours. Cheer on the survivors as they walk their victory lap or pause to remember those who have lost their fight at a luminaria ceremony. Better yet, come and enjoy the food and activities the teams will be offering to continue to raise money.

Each and every one of us has been touched by cancer, whether it is a family member, relative or friend who is battling the disease, has had and is a survivor or has succumbed to it. Think about them and think about what you can do to help find a cure.

As of Monday, the teams had raised \$16,289. They have a ways to go to reach \$70,000. We say now is as good a time as any to get out and get involved. Learn what it's all about and help the Westland Relay for Life reach its goal.

# Honor those who fight for our freedom

Saturday, the Westland Historical Society will hold its annual Armed Forces Day at the Westland Historic Village Park. It's not by chance that the commission selects a Saturday in May to hold the event. May has been designated by Congress as National Military Appreciation Month to provide a time to reflect on the history of our armed services.

The daylong event offers residents the opportunity to learn from re-enactors about life as a soldier during five American wars — the French and Indian War, the War of 1812, the Civil War and World Wars I and II. This year's celebration will focus on the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 with special lectures and demonstrations. There also will be live historic music by the Civil War-era 5th Michigan Regiment Band.

The historical society has held Armed Forces Day for several years and attendance has increased each year. We see that as a good sign, since we believe that to know where we are going, we need to know where we have been. The wars that have been fought in our 236-year history have shaped who we are and what we believe in as Americans. Each one has strengthened our commitment to our democratic ways.

We applaud the efforts of the Westland Historical Society to bring history alive with Armed Forces Day and urge residents to stop by the Westland Historic Village Park between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday to learn more about American history.

We also encourage residents to take time this month to remember, recognize and appreciate our military personnel who have given their lives in defense of our freedoms we all enjoy today. Let's celebrate them just as we celebrate the other important entities that make up this great country.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# How does the job market look for your field of study? What does the future look like for you in your field?

We asked this question of students at Schoolcraft College.



"I'm going into education. It's not good, with everything going on with the state, the funding and the cuts in benefits for teachers."

**Miranda Robisch**  
Dearborn Heights



"Nursing. There are lots of jobs and demand for nurses. I work in dialysis at my job right now. Once I'm in the nursing program, I'll figure out what field of nursing I'll be in."

**Aneesh Thomas**  
Westland



"I'm going into culinary arts. There's just so much out there with restaurant management, hotel management or being a pastry chef, which is what I'd like to do. I'd like to work in Europe."

**Emily Saffiedine**  
Dearborn Heights



"I'm going into information technology. Right now, I was lucky as I am working in my field. I'm hoping that I'm able to find good prospects that will open up."

**Isaac Butler**  
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## LETTERS

### City hall in Bailey Center

Here's a thought: Since Westland is closing the Bailey Center and the city hall is going down hill, why not put city hall people into the Bailey Center instead of another vacant building which the city doesn't need or deserve, or can't afford.

Also, since the pool (outdoor) is costing so much, fill it in, and use the space for another sport. Why waste money Westland doesn't have?

I believe it's the best idea going around. We have no money. I would love a new home, but I have no money and so does the city for building a new city hall. We have too many vacant buildings as it is in Westland.

I could name a few, but why try? Just wasting money.

**Mari Squire**  
Westland

### Nurses are special

We don't often think about nurses ... if you ask a nurse why he or she went into nursing, they will most likely tell you they wanted to help others. Year after year, nursing is rated the most trusted profession.

When you think about it, nurses enter into patients' lives when they are most vulnerable. Nurses are privileged to share in patients' personal lives, helping them do tasks they may have never needed help doing before. These moments include helping with personal hygiene; coaching a new mom during delivery or helping her breast feed her newborn; providing encouragement before going into surgery; helping a patient cope with news they weren't expecting to hear, and sometimes, to hold a patient's hand as they take their last breath. Patients can be scared, nervous, anxious, elated and sometimes devastated.

Nurses help support patients through all stages of their lives. Often, it is not a glamorous job. It takes dedication, commitment, caring, and wanting to help others. It takes a special person to be a nurse.

In recognition of National Nurse's Week, celebrated each year May 6 (National Nurse's Day) through May 12 (Florence Nightingale's birthday), I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all nurses, especially those at Garden City Hospital.

**Bette Fitz**  
chief nursing officer  
Garden City Hospital

### Vets benefit from 1449

The American Military Society (AMS) urges Congress to pass the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right To Repair Act (HR 1449) on behalf of its membership which includes active, reserve, National Guard, retired and veterans of the uniformed services, their families and

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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survivors.

Right To Repair levels the competitive playing field for motoring consumers and between new car dealerships and independent repair shops by requiring that car companies provide full, fair access at a reasonable cost to all nonproprietary service information, tools and safety-related bulletins needed to repair today's high-tech motor vehicles.

When local repair shops are denied access to nonproprietary repair information from the car companies, competition is limited. All consumers benefit from competition, but those serving our country and their families at home derive particular benefit from being able to obtain affordable, effective and convenient repairs for their vehicles.

As cars become more complicated with more computer systems, the problem becomes more acute. Military personnel and their families are often stationed in remote locations far from any dealerships, relying on independent repair shops to service their vehicles. Most do not have the time to find the nearest dealership, drive all the way there and wait for their sole source of transportation to be repaired. If critical repairs go unperformed, then safety may be compromised.

The American Military Society encourages all service members, their families and all Americans to visit www.righttorepair.org to send a letter to each of their Senators and their Representatives, urging them to support this legislation.

**Charles C. Partridge**  
colonel, U.S.A. (ret.)  
American Military Society

### Shocking hypocrisy

The recent flap over the "Buffett" bill again revealed the abject hypocrisy of the Republican Party. The Repubs whined that the bill, a step toward fairness in the tax code, would not eliminate the deficit although no one ever said

that it would.

Point is, estimates are that the rule, affecting slightly more than 200,000 taxpayers and a minuscule number of small businesses, would generate some \$4.7 billion annually, an amount categorized as a pittance by Republican politicians and pundits alike.

Does anyone recall the so-called Solyndra "nontroversy" where the staggering sum of \$500 million was lost when the solar panel producer went bankrupt after obtaining a federal loan guarantee and the howling that commenced in its wake?

Republicans thought this to be such a travesty that a congressional commission was convened to investigate. According to my math, the added revenue from the Buffett bill, had it been passed, would have been nine times greater than the amount lost with Solyndra in year one. Problem is, 10 years down the road, the bill for Solyndra will still be half a billion and the benefit accrued from the Buffett bill would have totaled \$47 billion.

Seems as if those really concerned with cutting the deficit rather than helping the 1 percent or scoring political points would be a little more selective in their rage, but we are talking Republican here.

**Mitch Smith**  
Canton

### Failed leadership?

During a recent appearance with conservative talk show host Laura Ingraham, Mitt Romney charged the recent scandal involving the Secret Service and Colombian prostitutes, as a failure of leadership. This seems to be a recurring theme in Romney's campaign, but this specific incident begs the question, whose failed leadership?

Is it Mark Sullivan, director of the Secret Service, who was appointed by former President Bush who failed? Romney expresses full confidence in the director.

Perhaps Romney is implying President Obama's lack of leadership caused the alleged peccadillos in Colombia. Really? The Secret Service is a calling. All agents have sworn an oath to protect any president. The Secret Service is likely the most nonpartisan agency in Washington, D.C. The Secret Service will take a bullet for any president any time. It is beyond our comprehension that Romney would conclude that the Secret Service failings are the responsibility of President Obama. Have not three Secret Service officers left the service?

Perhaps the Secret Service alleged failings are Romney's own fault? He has received Secret Service protection in recent months but only now is griping about lack of leadership. Is this not Romney's leadership failures?

**Gerald Maxey**  
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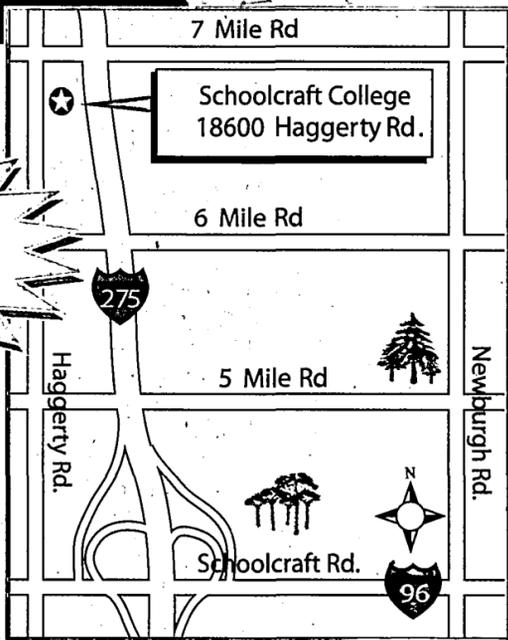
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# Bookstock patron wins Al Kaline baseball for grandma

Sarah Flathers of Garden City won a baseball autographed by Detroit Tigers Hall of Famer Al Kaline at Bookstock held April 22-29 at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia.

Flathers entered the raffle for her grandmother, Alice Miller of Garden City, who is a huge Tigers fan. Her grandmother has debilitating arthritis and cannot easily travel away from home.

The raffle was open to anyone who spent \$25 or more at Bookstock's Bookbuster events held 3-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, and Thursday, April 26. During the Bookbuster events, book lovers could buy three books and get the fourth free.

Flathers was given the baseball during a presentation Sunday, the last day of Bookstock.

Bookstock is Metro Detroit's largest used

book and media sale, where all proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit. It is sponsored by the Oakland Literacy Council, Detroit Jewish News, Hour Detroit Magazine, Schostak Brothers and Company, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and a consortium of Jewish communal non-profit organizations that support education and literacy proj-

ects throughout metro Detroit.

Bookstock experienced more than a 20 percent increase in sales this year, said Beverly K. Phillips, assistant director, public relations, for the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Over the past nine years, Bookstock has generated more than \$655,000 for literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit.



Bookstock Co-Chair Janet Berman (left) presents an Al Kaline-autographed baseball to Sarah Flathers (right), as Flathers' mother, Dayna Miller, looks on.



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## Observerland teams chase Shamrocks

### 42nd Relays at Churchill

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

It's the 42nd renewal of the Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays, which happens to coincide with the 138th running of the Kentucky Derby.

And the question begs: Is it going to be a one-horse race again under the lights Saturday night at Livonia Churchill?

Novi Detroit Catholic Central is gunning for its fourth straight team title after running away with it a year ago when the Shamrocks scored 114 points.

Farmington (61), Canton (57) and Livonia Stevenson (52) were the next three finishers, but well off of CC's pace.

The Shamrocks remains the favorite, but could this year's field appears tougher to handicap.

"We're struggling because we lost those sprinters and distance kids from last year, plus our good miler, Jonathan Malone, is going to a graduation for his sister out west," CC coach Tony Magni said. "He won't be there and he's a 4:25 miler. He'd run four events, so we'll lose a lot of points there. Without him we're struggling to put relays together."

"I really don't know who's good in the Observerland area. What's going to help us is our field events — shot put, discus, high jump and long jump."

Even without Malone, who

#### OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK RELAYS

**What:** 42nd annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays.

**When:** Saturday, May 5. Field events begin at 2 p.m.. Prelims for the 100-meter dash and 110 hurdles start at 6:30 p.m. Finals start at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail).

**Competing schools:** Livonia Churchill (host), Franklin, Stevenson, Clarenceville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Northville, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (defending champion).

**Individual events:** 110 hurdles, 1,600 run, 100 dash.

**Relay events:** shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, pole vault, 6,400 relay (4 x 1,600), distance medley, 800, 3,200, sprint medley, shuttle hurdles, 400, 1,600.

**Admission:** \$5 per person.

was the Observerland individual 1,600 champion as a sophomore CC remains formidable.

Please see RELAYS, B4



Franklin's Tom Brokaw captured the 110-meter hurdles in last Thursday's Livonia City boys track meet and will be one of the contenders in this year's 42nd annual Observerland Relays Saturday at Churchill.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## MU baseball splits finale

The Madonna University baseball team wound up in third place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference after splitting a Senior Day double-header Saturday at Ilitch Ballpark against Northwestern Ohio.

MU (34-18, 18-9) took the opener, 9-5, as Steve Pelletier went 3-for-5 with four RBI and Dan Harder 3-for-5 with two RBI. Aaron Saarela (4-5), who pitched four innings in middle relief, got the victory.

In Game Two, Cesar Loiz went 3-for-3 and Fabrian Placencia went 2-for-4 with two RBI as the Racers (31-21, 15-13) earned a 9-7 victory. Spencer Sarel paced MU with three hits, while Randall Stempek (1-2) took the loss in relief.

MU honored its five seniors included Billy Hardin III (Livonia), Garrett Reban (Plymouth), Drew Adamiec, Andy Omilian and Harder.

Pitcher Jeremy Gooding (Livonia) was also named WHAC Pitcher of the Week after notching his school-record 24th career win in a 7-0 shut-out April 21 vs. Indiana Tech.

MU opened the WHAC playoffs Wednesday at Siena Heights against Davenport.

## WHAC champs

### Crusaders sweep to claim title share

The Madonna University women's softball team sent its 2012 senior class out in style Sunday.

The Crusaders, who honored Hallie Minch (Garden City) and Kiley Thornton (Ida), swept Indiana Tech at home by identical 8-0 scores to clinch a share of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season championship for the fourth time in the last five years.

MU improved to 29-12 overall and 11-3 in the WHAC to tie Davenport for the title.

Minch and Thornton were honored for their contributions and dedication to the program during a ceremony between games of the double-header at University Field.

#### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

In the opener, Jackie Barley belted a two-run double and Minch clubbed a three-run homer — her first of the season — in the five-inning mercy.

Minch finished with four RBI, while Erin Mayes also went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Minch (12-9) also earned the victory on the mound, allowing just four hits, one walk and striking out seven in five innings. She was also named WHAC Player of the Week.

Sam Berrios (14-16) suffered the loss for the Warriors.

In the second game, freshman Angie Pavlanis threw a complete game, scattering

four hits and striking out four and not allowing a walk in improving her season record to 15-3.

Nine different Crusaders collected hits with Kristen Drabek, Caitlyn Keuvelaar and Amber Rafko each homering during the victory.

Tiffany Vance (2-2) suffered the loss for Tech, giving up seven runs in her three innings of work. Jessica Cotton led the Warriors (24-32, 6-8) with two hits in the finale.

The Crusaders will be opening the WHAC playoffs 3 p.m. Thursday against Siena Heights University at Battle Creek's Bailey Park with a berth to the NAIA Nationals at stake in the double-elimination tourney.

## Round 1: Blazers deadlock Marian

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

It appears Livonia Ladywood and Birmingham Marian will be inner twined for much of the 2012 girls soccer season.

The first out of a possible four matches

**GIRLS SOCCER** between the second- and third-ranked teams in Division 2 ended in a 1-1 draw Saturday night at Marian.

Ladywood stands 12-0-2 overall and 6-0-1 in the Catholic League, while Marian is 8-1-1 and 6-0-1 as well.

Ladywood's lone goal came with 9:06 left in the first half when senior Paige Brennan launched a low-grounder off a corner kick onto the await-

ing foot of junior Shelby Walsh, who made no mistake.

It was Brennan's 18th assist of the year and Walsh's second goal of the season.

Marian junior Catherine Anger answered with 26:17 left in the match when she launched a laser shot off a direct free kick off a right angle from 30 yards out.

Ladywood, however, hit two crossbars during the opening half and Marian goalkeeper Makenzie Larson made two point-blank saves on Ladywood senior forward Kelly Capoccia in each half to preserve the deadlock.

"It's two really good

Please see SOCCER, B4

## MSU track athletes star

Four former Observerland standouts enjoyed a highly productive weekend for the Michigan State women's and men's track and field squads.

Sophomore Sara Kroll (Livonia Churchill) placed second in the College Women's 5,000-meter championship Thursday at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia by smashing her previous career best of 16:40.38 with a clocking of 16:16.52.

MSU senior Robyn Whalen (Livonia Franklin) captured the discus event with a throw of 44.82 meters (147 feet) Saturday at the Lyle Bennett Open hosted by Central Michigan University.

At the Hillsdale College Gina Relays on Friday, MSU junior Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) set a personal best in the 1,500 run (4:30.0) en route to a fourth-place finish.

MSU's Derik Peterman placed third at the Bennett Open in men's pole vault by clearing 16-1.25.

## Texans strike oil with Glenn grad Martin

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Keshawn Martin may have to get accustomed to wearing cowboy boots or a 10-gallon hat, but the Westland John Glenn High grad hopes to become a great fit in a Houston Texans uniform.

The 5-foot-11, 188-pound receiver and kicker returner from Michigan State got the call early Saturday afternoon as the 121st pick overall during the fourth round of the NFL Draft.

Martin, an honorable mention All-Big Ten selection last season, ran a 4.45 40-yard dash and had a 39.5-inch vertical jump at the NFL Scouting Combine.

"I really can't remember, but I don't think that I talked to the Texans at all," Martin told HoustonTexans.com. "I don't think I talked to them at the Combine, and I haven't talked to them at all. It's such a sur-



Westland John Glenn grad and Michigan State wide receiver Keshawn Martin was taken in the fourth round (121st overall) in the NFL Draft Saturday by the Houston Texans.

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prise that the team that I haven't really talked to just picked me up like

that. I'm just so happy, I'm lost for words right now."

The speedy Martin, a converted high school quarterback at John

Glenn who caught the eye of NCAA Division I college coaches midway through his senior year, capped a highly productive four-year career at MSU with 66 catches and 776 receiving yards in 2011, including 445 yards after the catch.

"He's an outstanding player with the ball in his arms," Texans wide receivers coach Larry Kirksey told HoustonTexans.com. "We like the way that he plays the game. He has route-running skills where he can escape the line of scrimmage and elude defenders, and I like his playing strength. He's a dynamic player that we think will come in and compete and hopefully run after the catch, which has been down in the last couple of years, and improve that and make us a better football team."

Martin's versatility made him attractive to

Please see MARTIN, B4

## St. Gen ace hurls 'no-no'

Evan "Bull" Bradford, a fourth-grader at Livonia's Hoover Elementary, struck out 14 of the 19 batters he faced Sunday en route to a no-hitter as the St. Genevieve boys JV II defeated rival St. Michael's, 10-0, in a Catholic Youth Organization baseball game at Rotary Park.

Bradford did not allow a ball out of the infield and threw a total of 62 pitches, including 19 first-pitch strikes. He walked five.

Bradford helped his own cause by hitting a pair of 3-run homers as St. Genevieve improved to 4-2 in the CYO.

On the season, Bradford (3-0) has pitched 14 innings with 40 strikeouts. He also catches and plays first base.

# Franklin hockey hires new coach

## Alum Gagnon takes reins

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Dennis Gagnon is the new man to try and turn around Livonia Franklin's fortunes in boys hockey.

The 49-year-old Gagnon, a 1981 Franklin grad and prep teammate of former Michigan State standout and former NHL player Mike Donnelly, was named the Patriots' new varsity coach last week by athletic director Ron Hammye.

"I'm honored and excited for the privilege to coach high school athletics again," said Gagnon, who spent eight years (1998-2004) as an assistant under (Franklin grad) Dan Phelps at Novi. "I'm looking forward to instilling my desire to compete, my will to win and my love of the game to my players. I can't ask to be put in a better position at this point in my life."

Gagnon replaces Scott Wirgau, who resigned following the 2011-12

season after going 7-17-1. Wirgau, also a Franklin grad, posted an overall record of 26-82-9 during his five seasons with the Patriots.

"I'm hoping we'll be competitive," said Gagnon, who coached most recently with the Junior A Michigan Ice Dogs (2007-09). "I know the program has been down for awhile and hasn't seen much success on the ice, although off the ice, the kids have done very well."

"But I'm excited to hopefully get some success on the ice. We have a good group of return-

ing players. There's some players who haven't played high school for a few years that might be coming back to play. There's a lot of excitement in the school and amongst the kids."

"Again, I'm just honored to be a part of it. I'd like to thank coach Wirgau and coach (Ryan) Tracy for their dedication to the program. They do have some processes in place to lead to the long term success of our hockey program."

Gagnon, who owns Utility Research, Inc., in Westland, was one of four finalists Hammye inter-

viewed for the job.

"It was his experience working with high school level kids and his passion for the game," the Franklin A.D. said. "I think having his roots at Franklin High School, he wants to see the program continue to move forward and see what he can do to help develop kids. He talked about not just being a hockey coach, but being a life coach."

Gagnon, who played under Jerry Shields at Franklin, remains an active hockey player in the adult leagues.

The new coach plans incorporate a number of

different wrinkles as far as playing style with the Patriots.

"We'll be aggressive," Gagnon said. "I run a couple of different fore-checks, maybe three different sets on the power play. I like to block shots, finish checks. I like my guys to play with heart and toughness. I like them to stay out of the box and not retaliate. I got a big thing against retaliation penalties. To me that's a lack of toughness and something I don't like to see."

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# Pats, Churchill draw, 1-1

Livonia Franklin girls soccer coach Dean Kowalski had plenty to be pleased about

despite settling for a 1-1 draw Monday night at home against rival Livonia Churchill.

The Patriots took a 1-0 lead into the final two minutes before Churchill's Kelsey Parinello tallied the equalizer off an assist from freshman Erin Emmanuel, who was a standout in the midfield the entire game for the Chargers.

Franklin had taken a 1-0 advantage with 30 minutes remaining on Jane Modes' goal from Michelle Tuyo.

"I'm happy with the effort," said Kowalski, whose team is 2-4-3 overall and 0-2-2 in the KLAAs' South Division. "The last four games we've stressed being

organized and playing with toughness and we finally brought it. We hope to keep it going."

Franklin goalkeeper Alexis Smith made nine saves for the Patriots, while Alexis

Tzfarfarglou went all the way in goal for the Chargers (2-3-4, 2-1-2).

"They (Franklin) played hard and worked hard centrally," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "They played organized and they were aggressive winning 50-50 balls."

"We didn't show up. It was a little bit of a let-down. It was a case again of Jekyll and Hyde."

**CVILLE 4, HARPER WOODS 0:** Junior Ashley Murphy's hat trick carried Livonia Clarenceville (2-7-2) to a victory Tuesday over the host Pioneers (3-3-1).

Alessia Giammarco also scored a goal for the Trojans, who led 2-0 at halftime. Sadie Zachos chipped in with two assists.

Goalkeepers Rachel Kirschweg and Jillian Bunker combined on the shutout with solid defensive help from Megan Strachan and Summer Reddick.

**LADYWOOD 3, REGINA 0:** Livonia Ladywood (13-0-2, 7-0-1) remained tied for first place in the Catholic League's Central Division with a win Tuesday at Warren Regina (0-9-1, 0-8).

Erin Cronyn notched her 11th goal of the season in the 23rd minute from Abby Pelon and Emily Huddleston added her sixth at the 60-minute mark with Paige Brennan collecting her 19th assist. Pelon capped the scoring 11 minutes later with her third of the year from Carlee Faber.

"We have never had much luck on that field," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "I think we have tied four years in a row at their place. So for us to come out and get three on them tonight was great." Ladywood goalkeepers Sara Even and Whitney Bauriedl combined for four saves and the shutout.

"Catherine Garber was very

solid for us," Shingledecker said. "She did a nice job anchoring our back line again tonight."

Taylor Marchin made seven stops for the Saddledlites. **ST. MARY CC 4, C'VILLE 1:** Kala Peto's hat trick propelled Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central (4-3-2) to a victory Monday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (1-7-2).

The Kestrels, who also got a goal from Maddie LaPrad, took a 2-0 halftime lead. Ashley Murphy's unassisted second-half goal averted the shutout for the Trojans, who welcomed back center-midfielder Brianna Terri-Cesarz after she was cleared to play following brain surgery.

Goalkeeper Rachel Kirschweg made nine saves in the setback.

**ATHENS 4, STEVENSON 2:** Liz Abro opened the scoring and headed home the game-winner enabling Troy Athens (4-3) to earn a non-conference win Saturday at Livonia Stevenson (5-3).

Abby Urso scored for the Spartans during the opening half, while Carlin O'Malley added a goal in the 52nd minute to put Stevenson on top, 2-1, before the Redhaws answered with three straight goals.

# Patriots' No. 1 player nets crown

Sophomore Carolyn McCullen came away with the No. 1 singles title as Livonia Franklin

**GIRLS TENNIS** placed third in Saturday's four-school South Lyon East girls tennis tournament.

Walled Lake Northern took the team title with 18 points followed by host East (15), Franklin (11) and South Lyon (10).

McCullen ran her record to 13-1 overall with wins over players from South Lyon (7-6, 6-1), East (7-5, 6-3) and Northern (6-0, 6-0).

Franklin's No. 1 doubles team of Anna Mozota and Morgan Witherspoon took runner-up honors winning two-of-three matches including victories over South Lyon (6-0, 6-0) and East (6-2, 6-0).

Jennifer Pagador (No. 2), Natalie Mays (No. 3) and Kelsey Sitarski (No. 4) each garnered points in singles.

Doubles teams Sarah Godsinski and Laura Corp (No. 3), Naomi Hedeem and Madison Eisenhower (No. 4), and Allison Karczynski and Amanda Lyon (No. 5) also added points.

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 7 WALLED LAKE NORTH 2 May 1 at Stevenson**  
**No. 1 singles:** Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Cori Leon-

ard, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Caroline Hay (LS) def. Maddie Morton, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Lexie Haase, 6-1, 7-6; **No. 4:** Taylor Tingham (LS) def. Katie Mishanec, 6-1, 6-3.

**No. 1 doubles:** Lexie Ranski-Laura Shureb (LS) def. Ali Kazanowski-Alexis Carlson, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 2:** Batool Hussain-Shelby Seay (LS) def. Elena Herrerias-Macy Abel, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Tori Ewald-Morgan Greenberg (WLN) def. Josie Abdulbaki-Maddie Chimento, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 4:** Sam DiGiovanni-Sarah Morse (LS) def. Karlie Fahlanm-Bree Recker, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 5:** Emily Crawford-Julie Clyma (WLN) def. Arryn Dochenetz-Lauren Schaffer, 7-5, 6-0.

**Dual match records:** Stevenson, 5-2 overall; Northern, 3-4 overall.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 9 SOUTH LYON 0 April 26 at South Lyon**

**No. 1 singles:** Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Caroline Harding, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Caroline Hay (LS) def. Jenny Quag, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 3:** Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Nicole Gergusson, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 4:** Taylor Tingham (LS) def. Sophie Welch, 6-1, 6-0.

**No. 1 doubles:** Lexie Ranski-Laura Shureb (LS) def. Amanda Montrief-Sami Leonardo, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Batool Hussain-Shelby Seay (LS) def. Kaitlyn Richter-H. Muzenberger, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 3:** Josie Abdulbaki-Jenny Cami (LS) def. Katelyn Osterdale-Kesley Combs, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Sam DiGiovanni-Sarah Morse (LS) def. Madeline Herzog-Lauren Majetic, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 5:** Lauren Schaffer-Arryn Dochenetz (LS) def. Ashley Pogue-Ashley Osterdale, 6-1, 6-1.

**Dual match records:** Stevenson 4-2 overall, 3-2 KLAAs Central Division; South Lyon, 0-5 overall, 0-5 KLAAs Central.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Pitch, Hit, Run

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its 2012 Pitch, Hit & Run competition from 8-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5 at Ford Field (Diamond No. 2).

There is no fee for boys and girls who will compete separately in the following age divisions: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Age-group winners have the opportunity to advance to competition later this summer at Comerica Park.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410; or e-mail Barb Gamber

at BGamber@ci.livonia.mi.us.

### Pats golf outing

The 11th annual Franklin Patriot Golf Outing will be Sunday, May 20 at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

The 18-hole scramble features a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$110 per person (includes 18 holes, cart, dinner and door prize).

Corporate hold sponsorships are also available for \$125 (includes sign and recognition in event pro-

gram). Reservations must be received in the Franklin athletic office by Monday, May 14.

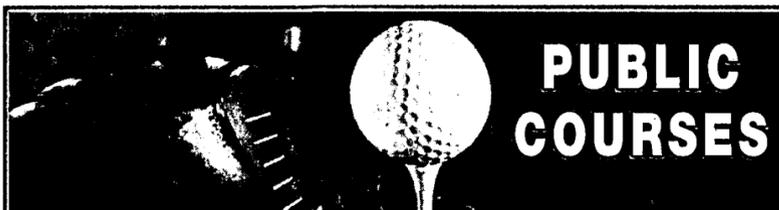
For more information, call Franklin A.D. Ron Hammye at (734) 744-2655, Ext. 47117.

### Football clinic

The Livonia Stevenson Youth Football Clinic for students currently in grades 2-6 will be from 9 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 26 at the high school's turf field or fieldhouse (in case of inclement weather).

The camp, stressing fundamentals, is free with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. in Stevenson's north cafeteria. Clinic T-shirts are available for \$8 and must be received by May 16.

For more information, e-mail Stevenson varsity football coach Matt Fieldner at mfielder@livoniapublicschools.org.



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# Harvey's slam propels Stevenson past Canton

Travis Harvey came ready to hit Tuesday when Livonia Stevenson's KLAA Kensington Conference baseball game resumed after play was suspended from Monday in the top of the third inning at Canton.

The junior took the first pitch and cleared the left field fence for a grand slam and a 5-0 lead as the Spartans went on to post an impressive 8-0 victory.

Senior right-hander Chris McDonald, facing just 23 batters, threw a two-hit shutout as he struck out nine and walked only one in seven innings of work.

Harvey went 2-for-4 with five RBI, while Mike Vomastek and Nick Lagerstrom each added two hits and an RBI as the state-ranked Spartans improved to 13-2 overall and 7-0 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Canton starter Michael

## KLAA BASEBALL

Stafford was charged with four runs on two hits and two walks in 2.1 innings.

Ryan Bazner went 2-for-2 as the Chiefs dropped to 9-5 overall and 3-4 in the KLAA's South Division.

**WAYNE 10, S.L. EAST 2:** Zach Lankton pitched a gem for five innings Monday as visiting Wayne Memorial (9-6, 2-2) downed South Lyon East (4-5, 2-3) in a rain-abbreviated Kensington Conference crossover.

Lankton, a senior left-hander, got credit for a no-hitter as he struck out seven and walked only one.

East scored its lone two runs in the second off Lankton on a Wayne throwing error followed by a sacrifice fly.

Tyler Harnos, Tyler McCurry, Jacob Lefler, Chris Briggs and Josh Lowry each collected two hits and one RBI apiece for Wayne, which scored three times in the first, one in the second and three more each in the third and fourth innings.

Andrew Weaver, who gave up 10 runs over 3.1 innings, suffered the loss for the

Cougars.

In Saturday's New Boston Huron Invitational, Garden City downed the Zebras, 12-7.

**GLENN 1, SOUTH LYON 0:** Brandon Smeltzer threw a three-hitter over five innings Monday as host Westland John Glenn (4-10, 1-5) nipped the Lions (2-10, 2-5) in a rain-shortened game.

Smeltzer struck out four and did not allow a walk.

Glenn tallied its lone run when Daniel Ammons and Smeltzer each singled before Ammons came home on a fielders choice by Jake Fox while South Lyon was turning a double play.

**NOVI 10, FRANKLIN 3:** Tyler Schwanz went 4-for-5 with two RBI to pace a 17-hit attack Monday as the host Wildcats (6-6, 1-4) routed Livonia Franklin (7-5, 2-3) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Logan Regnier also went 2-for-4 with two RBI to help support the three-hit pitching of Ryan Davis, who struck out three and walked three in the five-inning mercy.

Franklin starter Joe Barczuk, who also went five innings, took the loss.

Kevin Nisun, Barczuk and Alex DeYonker collected the lone Patriot hits.

# Son of a Gibson

## South stings Spartans in tournament

A no-hitter – although it was the abbreviated version – highlighted Livonia Stevenson's 2-1 showing in Saturday's Grosse Pointe South Invitational baseball tournament.

The ninth-ranked Spartans, 12-2 overall, bounced back from an opening-round 7-1 loss to the host Blue Devils to beat St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, 5-2, and Warren Woods Tower, 15-0, as pitcher Jason Rakowicz struck out four and walked five in four innings.

South (11-5) got a four-hitter from Matt Temrowski to beat Stevenson in the first game. He struck out five and walked two.

Cam Gibson, headed to Michigan State and son of former Tiger and current Arizona Diamondbacks manager Kirk Gibson, had a double homer and three RBI to lead the Blue Devils.

Carmen Benedetti also went 2-for-2 with a homer and two runs as Stevenson starter Nick Lagerstrom took the loss.

Mike Vomastek went 2-for-3 and Mike Kanitra drove the Spartans' lone run.

In Stevenson's win over

Lake Shore (8-4), Josh DeYonker went 3-for-3 with two runs scored and Travis Harvey added a double, triple and three RBI.

Other top Stevenson hitters included Matt Hunt (2-for-2, two runs) and Vomastek (two RBI).

Cody Coleman, who pitched 2.2 innings of scoreless relief of starter Justin Small, got the victory.

Lake Shores' John Brown, who took the loss, went 2-for-3.

Harvey went 3-for-3 with a double and three RBI in the mercy rule win over Woods Tower (10-7).

Other top hitters for the Spartans included Alex Anderson (2-for-2, three RBI); Lagerstrom (2-for-3, RBI); Rodney Bies (2-for-3); Mike Barill and Chris McDonald (two RBI each).

**CVILLE 11-0, THURSTON 1-1:** On Saturday, host Livonia Clarenceville (6-6) and Redford Thurston (3-12) divided a twinbill.

Damien Sanchez pitched a five-hitter and Damien Quarles went 3-for-3 with an RBI as Clarenceville won the opener in six innings, 11-0.

Sanchez struck out nine and walked three, while Thurston starter Seth Pawloski took the loss.

Other top hitters for the Trojans included Tyler Weed (2-for-4, three RBI); Ben Gehan

(2-for-4, RBI); and Mikey Weiss (two hits).

Robert Shelton and David Dudenas each collected two hits for the Eagles, who committed nine errors.

In the nightcap, Thurston's Zach Kniffen blanked Clarenceville on six hits in an 11-0 five-inning mercy.

Kniffen struck out five and walks only two.

Zach Pawloski went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI to paced Thurston's eight-hit attack. Kniffen also went 2-for-2 with three RBI.

Weed, the Clarenceville starter, was roughed up for eight earned runs on six hits and five walks in 2.1 innings. The Trojans committed seven errors.

Zach Devon, Tyler Howard and Evan Gregg each had two hits in a losing cause. Devon also pitched 2.2 innings of scoreless relief striking out five and allowing no hits.

**CHURCHILL 6, W.L. CENTRAL 5:** Livonia Churchill (9-2) scored twice in the bottom of the eighth inning Saturday to topple visiting Walled Lake Central (9-5).

Derek Jakubowski, who went 2-for-4, walked with the bases loaded to force home the tying run and Mike Rybinski (2-for-4, RBI) scored the winning run on a wild pitch.

Alex Tsakos went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI to pace Churchill's 11-hit attack.

John Szymanski, in relief of starter Blake Burnette, pitched the final 2.2 innings to pick up the victory. Szymanski allowed one earned run on four hits.

Central's Brandon Cichocki took the loss and K.J. Schultz went 2-for-2 with two runs scored for the Vikings.

# Hawks soar to 11-1 softball win

The Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls softball team continues to make waves in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The Hawks got no-hitter from freshman pitcher Julie St. John, while twin sister Anne went 3-for-3 with three runs scored in an 11-1 Red Division victory Tuesday at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

Julie St. John faced just 16 batters while striking out six and walking only one as the Hawks improved to 9-4 overall and 4-0 in the MIAC Red.

Senior Meghan Kubinski and freshman Bethany Schaffer each went 2-for-4 with four RBI apiece in the five-inning mercy.

"Our bats started strong

tonight and made some good contact with the ball," Huron Valley coach Eric Ruth said. "We had some errors (three) on defense that we need to clean up. However, I was pleased with some of our head-up plays on defense, especially turning two double plays."

The loss drops Oakland Christian to 2-2 in the MIAC Red.

**FRANKLIN 10, NOVI 0:** Mackenzie Lukas went 2-for-3 with a 2-run homer and double Monday as host Livonia Franklin (5-3, 5-2) cruised to a five-inning mercy rule victory over the Wildcats (0-5, 0-4).

Other top hitters for the Patriots, who doubled five consecutive times in the opening inning to score four runs, included Morgan Larkin (two doubles); Katelynn Devers (two RBI); Caitlin Milican (triple); Becky Giacobbi (double, run);

and Nicole Williamson (RBI single).

Winning pitcher Tiffany Lamble (5-2) allowed just two hits, struck out three and walked one in going all five innings.

Novi starter Natalie Tarrant gave up 10 runs on nine hits and three walks in five innings.

**JOHN GLENN 9, DEARBORN 8:** Brittany McGrath singled home Nicole Quaine with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh last Friday to give host Westland John Glenn (7-7) a non-conference win over the Pioneers (4-6).

Cassandra Huren went 3-for-4 with a double, while Katelyn Barker and Danielle Saunders each drove in three runs for the victorious Rockets.

Quaine also reached base five times and scored twice.

Winning pitcher Alexis Lester struck out 10 and walked only two in going the distance.

Dearborn starter Kaitlyn Krawczyk, who walked nine and struck out four, took the loss.

## BOYS GOLF RESULTS

**BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM INVITATIONAL BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT April 30 at Orchard Lake Country Club**

**TEAM STANDINGS (28 schools):** 1. Plymouth, 305 strokes; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice, 307; 3. Novi Detroit Catholic Central (Blue), 311; 4. Pinckney, 312; 5. Jackson Lumen Christi, 312; 6. North Farmington, 312; 7. Lake Ori-

on, 316; 8. Rochester Adams, 316; 9. Hanover Horton, 318; 10. White Lake Lakeland, 319; 11. Livonia Churchill, 325.

**Individual medalist:** Francesco Ruffin (Brother Rice), 71.

**Churchill scores:** 10. Ben Proben, 76; 51. Nick Proben, 81; 80. (tie) Eric Hill, Doug Simpson, Andrew Ioanou, 80 each.

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 148 NORTHVILLE 149**

**April 30 at Fox Creek G.C. Stevenson scorers:** Nick Marsh and Austin Harris, 36 each; Dante Cicchelli, 37; Eric Attard, 39.

**Northville scorers:** Andrew Sarokin, 33 (medalist); Matt Evasin, 36; Todd Goebel and Matt Trumbore, 40 each.

**Dual match records:** Stevenson, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Northville, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central.

## BOYS TRACK RESULTS

**DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA FRANKLIN 85 WESTLAND GLENN 52**

**May 1 at Franklin**

**Shot put:** 1. Asa (LF), 41 feet; 2. Tony Vella (LF), 38-10; 3. Brandon Odgen (WJG), 38-9.

**Discus:** 1. Ogden (WJG), 117-7; 2. Bello (LF), 112-5; 3. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 105-5.

**High jump:** 1. Michael Sollars (WJG), 5-3; 2. Thomas Carter (WJG), 5-3; 3. Airren Watkins (WJG), 5-3.

**Long jump:** 1. Brett Gutowski (LF), 19-5; 2. Jordan Bickham (LF), 18-11.5; 3. Carter (WJG), 18-10.5.

**Pole vault:** 1. Jimmy Bagazinski (LF), 11-6; 2. Jewell Jones (WJG), 10-0; 3. Tom Brokaw (LF), 9-0.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Brokaw (LF), 15-15; 2. Miltin Rickett (WJG), 17-63; 3. Kaly Massenburg (WJG), 17-97.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Andrew Crechiolo (LF), 41-89; 2. Brokaw (LF), 44-4; 3. Massenburg (WJG), 45-98.

**100 dash:** 1. Alex Perelli (LF), 10-8; 2. Jaron Flournoy (WJG), 11-2; 3. Joe McRobb (LF), 11-31.

**200:** 1. Gutowski (LF), 23-56; 2. Crechiolo (LF), 23-62; 3. Bickham (LF), 24-6.

**400:** 1. Gutowski (LF), 53-28; 2. Bickham (LF), 53-66; 3. Sollars (WJG), 53-94.

**800:** 1. Jones (WJG), 2:07.0; 2. Kimari Johnson (WJG), 2:10.0; 3. Cope (LF), 2:21.0.

**1,600:** 1. Keenan Jones (LF), 4:34.0; 2. Ruben Maya (WJG), 4:43.0; 3. Johnson (WJG), 5:02.0.

**3,200:** 1. R. Maya (WJG), 10:40.0; 2. Gorman (LF), 11:17.0; 3. Ed Maya (WJG), 11:22.0.

**400 relay:** 1. Franklin, 44.72; 2. John Glenn, 46.78; **800 relay:** 1. Franklin, 1:33.71; 2. John Glenn, 1:40.6; **1,600 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Jones, Sollars, Derek Mershman, Anthony Dunn), 3:45.0; 2. Franklin, 3:52.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Franklin, 8:57.0; 2. John Glenn, 9:10.0.

**Dual meet records:** Franklin, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA South.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 77 PLYMOUTH 60**

**May 1 at Churchill**

**Shot put:** 1. Bryan Bartig (LC), 41 feet, 7 inches; 2. Michael Harper (LC), 40-5.5; 3. Jake Staff (LC), 40-4.

**Discus:** 1. Bartig (LC), 127-7; 2. Staff (LC), 112-0.

**High jump:** 1. Chad Evans (LC), 5-10.

**Long jump:** 1. Jahmon Maton (LC), 18-2; 3. Zach Zoltowski (LC), 17-4.

**Pole vault:** 1. Jacob Hage (LC), 11-6; 2. Stephen Fedak (LC), 11-0.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 16:0; 3. Zoltowski (LC), 16-6.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Zoltowski (LC), 42:7; 3. Johnny Shatter (LC), 44-9.

**100 dash:** 1. Rogers (P), 11-6; 2. Hunter Rimatzki (LC), 11-8; 3. Darius Lambert (LC), 11-9.

**200:** 1. Rimatzki (LC), 23-4; 3. Stephen Bank (LC), 24-0.

**400:** 1. Bunting (P), 51-4.

**800:** 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 2:01.0; 3. Robert Howard (LC), 2:05.5.

**1,600:** 1. Gieralowski (P), 4:29.3; 2. Wise (LC), 4:31.9.

**3,200:** 1. Gieralowski (P), 10:01-4.

**400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Rimatzki, Malik Johnson, Bank, Lambert), 45-9; 2. Plymouth, 46-5; **800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Lambert, Michael Wallace, Jefferson, Bank), 1:35-3; 2. Plymouth, 1:35-7; **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 3:36-5; 2. Churchill, 3:46-5; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 8:11-3; 2. Churchill, 8:51-2.

**Dual meet records:** Churchill, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA South.

**CANTON 107 WAYNE MEMORIAL 30**

**May 1 at Wayne**

**Shot put:** 1. Dimitrus Renfroe (WM), 42 feet; 2. Nick Williams (WM), 38-0; 3. Shane Rambaldo (WM), 37-0; **discus:** 1. Sandhu (C), 113-0; 3. Jacob Turner (WM), 102-0; **high jump:** 1. Schacht (C) and Dixon (C), 5-11 each; **long jump:** 1. Dixon (C), 19-6; 3. Devontae Cooper (WM), 17-9; **pole vault:** 1. Nickert (C), 11-9; 3. Tyler Mulligan (WM), 9-0; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Pepper (C), 17-02; **300 hurdles:** 1. Krolicki (C), 43-94; **100 dash:** 1. Jones (C), 11-0; 3. Elroy Bell (WM), 11-62; **200:** 1. Morris (C), 23-0; 3. Martin Ballah (WM), 24-36; **400:** 1. Quinton Davis (WM), 53-5; **800:** 1. Lytle (C), 2:09.0; 3. Daniel Malcolm (WM), 2:12-6; **1,600:** 1. D. Malcolm (WM), 4:49-0; **3,200:** 1. Dunklee (C), 10:35-0; 2. D. Malcolm (WM), 11:01-0; **400 relay:** 1. Canton, 45-0; 2. Wayne, 47-06; **800 relay:** 1. Canton, 1:39-0; 2. Wayne, 1:40-0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Canton, 3:43-35; 2. Wayne, 3:43-5; **3,200 relay:** 1. Canton, 9:04-0; 2. Wayne, 9:25-0.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-4 overall, 0-4 KLAA South.

**MIAC JAMBOREE**

**May 1 at Lutheran Westland TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Lutheran High Westland, 226 points; 2. Plymouth Christian Academy, 106; 3. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 63; 4. Birmingham Roeper, 50; 5. Newport Lutheran South, 31; 6. Westland Huron

Valley Lutheran, 6.

**Shot put:** 1. Dawson Davenport (LW), 44 feet, 4.5 inches; 3. Thomas Krueger (LW), 36-2; **discus:** 1. Davenport (LW), 118-7; **high jump:** 1. Noel (PCA), 5-8; 2. Jake Fairbairn (LW), 5-4; **long jump:** 1. Caleb Kempf (LW), 19-5.5; 3. Dan Roberts (LW), 17-8.25; **pole vault:** 1. Newman Harper (LW), 8-6; 2. Josh Kuhn (LW), 7-6; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Fairbairn (LW), 16-8; 3. Austin Olson (LW), 17-9; **300 hurdles:** 1. Fairbairn (LW), 42-0; 3. Olson (LW), 45-9; **100 dash:** 1. Salese (BR), 11-0; 3. Roberts (LW), 12-1; **200:** 1. Roberts (LW), 25-0; 3. Harper (LW), 25-2; **400:** 1. Robke (LS), 54-9; 3. Kempf (LW), 56-5; **800:** 1. Bailey (PCA), 2:12-4; 2. Zach Foor (LW), 2:21-8; 3. Eric Smith (LW), 2:18-4; **1,600:** 1. Baloga (PCA), 4:58-0; 3. Seth Whitehouse (LW), 5:03-5; **3,200:** 1. Axelby (OC), 11:08-1; 2. Whitehouse (LW), 11:27-5; **400 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Zach Arthur, Conner Even, Olson, Mitch Boehm), 50-1; **800 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Kempf, Jacob Davenport, Boehm, Roberts), 1:40-6; **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth Christian, 3:43-7; 2. Lutheran Westland, 3:44-5; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth Christian, 9:15-9; 2. Lutheran Westland, 9:21-7.

Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 10-1 overall, 5-0 MIAC.

**CHARGER INVITATIONAL April 28 at D.H. Crestwood BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (17 schools):** 1. Dearborn, 84.5 points; 9. Lutheran High Westland, 30.

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 1. Jake Fairbairn, 300-meter hurdles (41-52); 3. Dawson Davenport, shot put (45 feet, 5 inches); 4. Davenport, discus (121-4); 5. Kyle Kempf, long jump (19-0.5); 6. Fairbairn, 110 hurdles (16.87).

**OXFORD INVITATIONAL April 28 at Oxford BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (23 schools):** 1. Lake Orion, 107 points; 2. Davison, 60; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 52; 4. Utica, 48; 5. (tie) Walled Lake Central and Auburn Hills Avondale, 44 each; 7. Oak Park, 41; 8. Waterford Mott, 40; 9. Waterford Kettering, 29; 10. Birmingham Groves, 27; 17. Livonia Stevenson, 14.

**Stevenson finishers:** 5. Stephen Fenech, 3,200 (9:54.34); 6. 800 relay (Nick Podulka, Tony Wilson, Adam Wheeler, Zaid Shareef), 1:33-76; 400 relay (Joey DeMarco, Dylan Dunn, Wilson, Podulka), 45-49; 7. Shareef, 800 (2:01-01); 8. Mike Farner, pole vault (10-6); Jacob Colley, 1,600 (4:35-43).

## GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

**DUAL MEET RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 76 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 61**

**May 1 at Franklin**

**Shot put:** 1. Chanelle Wright (WJG), 30 feet, 7.5 inches; 2. Alexis Mikonczyk (WJG), 29-3; 3. Jamie Mondella (LF), 28-4.

**Discus:** 1. Wright (WJG), 88-1; 2. Mikonczyk (WJG), 85-5; 3. Kierra Jordan (WJG), 74-0.

**High jump:** 1. Joslyn Massey (WJG), 5-0; 2. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 5-0; 3. Sheila McKinley (LF), 4-8.

**Long jump:** 1. Kayla Jones (WJG), 16-9; 2. Massey (WJG), 16-6; 3. Natalie Modes (LF), 14-5.25.

**Pole vault:** 1. Mallory Dorton (LF), 8-0; 2. McKinley (LF), 8-0; 3. Caroline Mahalak (WJG), 7-6.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Kirsten Smith (WJG), 15-1; 2. O'Brien (LF), 15-5; 3. Taelour Phillips (WJG), 16-8.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Smith (WJG), 46-7 (school record); 2. Phillips (WJG), 52-1; 3. Maddie Osborn (LF), 54-3.

**100 dash:** 1. Jones (WJG), 12-5.2; 2. Bryah White (LF), 12-5 (ties school record); 3. Shekinah Johnson (WJG), 12-6.

**200:** 1. Jones (WJG), 27-1; 2. Massey (WJG), 27-7; 3. Madison Agnew (LF), 27-8.

**400:** 1. Jordan (WJG), 1:04-3; 2. O'Brien (LF), 1:04-5; 3. Johnson (WJG), 1:05-1.

**800:** 1. Mandy Pokryfky (LF), 2:38-7; 2. Kaitlyn Kovach (LF), 2:43-3; 3. Barb Messics (WJG), 2:46-4.

**1,600:** 1. Pokryfky (LF), 5:57-8; 2. Tiffany Lamble (LF), 6:05-8; 3. Anna Snider (LF), 6:08-0.

**3,200:** 1. Lamble (LF), 13:11-0; 2. Snider (LF), 13:19-0; 3. Tina Oltter (LF), 13:54-0.

**400 relay:** 1. Franklin (White, Jessica Thomas, Modes, Agnew), 51-7; 2. John Glenn, 52-5; **800 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Kaira Barnes, Rheana Allen, Johnson, Massey), 1:49-3; 2. Franklin, 1:51-0; **1,600 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Phillips, Kayla Hall, Breyln Mecks, Jordan), 4:35-8; 2. Franklin,

4:58-6; **3,200 relay:** 1. Franklin (Kovach, CC Shoemaker, Modes, Pokryfky), 10:53-0; 2. John Glenn, 11:05-0.

**Dual meet records:** John Glenn, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA South.

**CANTON 106 WAYNE MEMORIAL 31**

**Shot put:** 1. Bailey Hart (WM), 32 feet, 11 inches; 2. Quay Nichols (WM), 32-0; **discus:** 1. Lobb (C), 80-0; 2. Hart (WM), 77-5.5; **high jump:** 1. Carmody (C), no mark; 3. Kim Foster (WM), 4-6; **long jump:** 1. Simon (C), no mark; **pole vault:** 1. Ling (C), 9-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Ta'Nia Lewis (WM), 16-73; **300 hurdles:** 1. Milad (C), 15-04.5; 3. Lewis (WM), 56-02; **100 dash:** 1. Honia Williams (WM), 12-21; **200:** 1. Williams (WM), 27-14; **400:** 1. Alaniva (C), 1:04-0; 2. Danielle Robbins (WM), 1:04-82; **800:** 1. Siegler (C), 2:37-6; **1,600:** 1. Muir (C), 5:40-0; **3,200:** 1. Spitz (C), 13:33-0; **400 relay:** 1. Canton, 53-0; **800 relay:** 1. Canton, 1:52-0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Canton, 4:36-7; **3,200 relay:** 1. Canton, 10:49-0.

**Dual meet records:** Canton, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-4 overall, 0-4 KLAA South.

**MIAC JAMBOREE**

**May 1 at Lutheran Westland TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Lutheran Westland, 146 points; 2. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 145; 3. Plymouth Christian Academy, 67; 4. Birmingham Roeper, 64; 5. Newport Lutheran South, 32; 6. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 3.

**Shot put:** 1. Ratchford (BR), 35 feet, 2 inches; **discus:** 1. Leah Refenes (LW), 89-2; **high jump:** 1. (tie) Erickson (OC) and Snyder (OC), 4-2 each; **long jump:** 1. Haggard (OC), 14-3-75; **pole vault:** 1. Alissa Flury (LW), 8-0; 2. Elizabeth Matthews (LW), 5-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Ratchford (BR), 16-2; 2. Flury (LW),

18-5; **300 hurdles:** 1. Ratchford (BR), 51-4; 2. Flury (LW), 52-1; **100 dash:** 1. Haggard (OC), 13-9; **200:** 1. Haggard (OC), 29-4; **400:** 1. Smith (PCA), 1:06-4; 3. Chelsea Kovacs (LW), 1:08-7; **800:** 1. Windle (PCA), 2:38-0; 2. Jess Rice (LW), 2:40-0; **1,600:** 1. Erin Hardin (LW), 5:36-2; **3,200:** 1. Hardin (LW), 12:02-4; **400 relay:** 1. Oakland Christian, 55-9; 2. Lutheran Westland, 57-8; **800 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Matthews, Allison Johnson, Lis Ivey, Kovacs), 2:02-8; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Johnson, Kovacs, Matthews, Flury), 4:43-1; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth Christian, 11:14-0; Lutheran Westland, 13:04-4.

**Lutheran Westland's dual meet record:** 11-0 overall, 5-0 MIAC.

**OXFORD INVITATIONAL April 28 at Oxford GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (21 schools):** 1. Ortonville-Brandon, 81; 2. Rochester Adams, 73; 3. Walled Lake Central, 60; 4. Waterford Mott, 57; 5. Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 50; 6. Macomb Dakota, 46; 7. West Bloomfield, 41-5; 8. Oxford, 39-5; 9. Rochester, 29; 10. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Lake Orion, 25 each.

**Stevenson finishers:** 1. Alex Kitz, pole vault (10 feet, 6 inches); 3. Briana Jed, long jump (16-2); 6. Chelsea Billingsley, shot put (31-6.5); 3,200 relay (Karlie Gallagher, Julia Capeneka, Jackie Deacon, Brenna Gabrielson), 10:25-93;

**CHARGER INVITATIONAL April 28 at D.H. Crestwood GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (17 schools):** 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 132.5 points; 9. Lutheran High Westland, 31.5.

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 1. Erin Hardin, 3,200-meter run (12:22-39); 2. Hardin, 1,600 (5:41-58); 5. Alissa Flury, pole vault (7 feet, 6 inches); 6. Amanda Terranella, 100 hurdles (18-46); Flury, 300 hurdles (53-56).

# Blazers pull off lacrosse upset

Livonia Ladywood earned a signature girls lacrosse victory last Friday night with a 13-12 double-overtime victory over previously unbeaten Detroit Country Day in an indoor match played in Beverly Hills.

Sophomore Megan Leon's sudden victory goal with 1:46 left in the second 6-minute OT proved to be the difference as the Blazers improved to 8-3 overall.

"We were in an overtime situation against Okemos a week ago so we knew what was ahead of us," Ladywood coach Kris Sand-

ers said. "The girls played with tremendous heart and determination as they wanted this win very badly."

"DCD is a great team and this was their first loss."

Seniors Emma Ellswood and Alyssa Daly tallied five and three goals, respectively, for the Blazers.

"With the injury to Kylie Birney last Monday, the players are learning to play together and are stepping up to fill her shoes," Sanders said. "I couldn't have scripted a better ending to the game. It definitely was exciting for all."

Country Day (7-1) got six goals from Carly Beitman and four from Shelby Gilyard.

Ladywood junior goalie Stephanie Mackley made 10 saves, while Anneke Seeger had four for the Yellowjackets.

**LADYWOOD 21, REGINA 5:** Senior Emma Ellswood tallied five goals Monday to lift host Livonia Ladywood (9-3, 6-0) to a Catholic League victory over winless Warren Regina.

Senior Mary Maslak added three goals and two assists for the victorious Blazers.

Goalie Stephanie Mackley, a junior, made four saves for Ladywood.

Angeline Fisher had seven saves for the Saddlelites.

## RELAYS

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The Shamrocks are 2-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division and took third only behind state powers East Kentwood and Saline in Ypsilanti April Showers meet and fourth behind the same two teams, along with Grand Blanc, at the Jackson Invitational.

"It's going to be one of those things where we'll have to rely on some young kids — freshmen and sophomore — to come through," Magni said. "We have to depend on them to get better."

Farmington, last year's runner-up, won its ninth straight city championship and place third in Friday's 15-team North Farmington Raider Relays where a mere two points separated Milford, Birmingham Brother Rice and he Falcons.

"I was surprised we got second last year, because we had a meet a couple days after that and we limited the kids to one, no more than two events," coach Charles Bridges said. "This year they won't have the same limits as they had last year."

While still a quality team, the Falcons don't have the depth they've had in recent years, Bridges added.

The throwing and distance events have been areas of strength for Farmington. It won the discus at the Raider Relays and was fourth in the shot put (after Churchill, Rice and Salem). The Falcons were second only to Royal Oak in the 6,400-meter relay.

"We do have some good throwers (led by senior Connor Ferguson)," Bridges said. "It will probably be tough to stack up against Catholic Central. It'll be nice to see how we stack up compared to the other (17) schools there. It will be a strong event for us and a good test for the boys."

Another team to watch is Canton, which is off to a 4-0 dual meet start in the KLA's South Division. The Chiefs are led by sprinter Ryan Jones.

"I think we'll do quite well," Chiefs coach Bob Richardson said. "We've got a nice, solid lineup as long as we have everybody there. I know there are some other good teams in the area."

"If Catholic Central's there we know how tough

Tony Magni's team is. And Churchill has a good, solid team, we barely beat them in our dual meet. Livonia Stevenson won the city meet for them, they're a tough team. And then there's a few other teams I'm not really sure of that are a little further away that I don't really follow. But I think we can end up in the top five somewhere."

Stevenson, meanwhile, is 4-0 in the KLA's South Division and captured last week's closely contested Livonia City Meet where only 28 points separated Churchill, Clarenceville and Franklin.

"Like I always say it always comes down to where people have depth," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "I think we can compete in a few events and hopefully we'll be alright. It depends how you can spread things team-wide and score points in just about everything. We won't be able to do as much as maybe what we've done in the past, but I think we can do well in a few events."

Despite the absence of Malone, CC still enters the starting gate with a talented cast.

"Catholic Central again

is the barometer for the rest of us (in the distance runs)," Bridges said. "Our distance crew is solid, but we haven't had any of those guys develop as a frontrunner. I think this will be about their toughest test. We don't have that guy who can go out and run 4:20 or something like that, but we have four or five solid guys. I think we can score some points."

"Our sprinters are getting better. Competing against Harrison, Catholic Central and a couple other teams, we'll have to see what we can do in those areas."

Field events start at 3:30 p.m. followed by the prelims for the individual 100 and 110 hurdles at 6:30 p.m. The finals are slated to start at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person.

"We've had a lot of success through the years at the Observerland, and it's one of my favorite meets," Richardson said. "You get to see everybody in the local area and that's good because we don't have dual meets against a lot of those teams."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Thursday, May 3**  
Salem at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
L. W'sld at SF Christ., 4:30 p.m.  
Baptist Pk. at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 4**  
Churchill at Novi, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at South Lyon, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 5**  
Schwyn Inv. at Adrian, 10 a.m.  
Mason Invitational, TBA.  
Farmington Inv., TBA.  
**(Luth. W'sld/HVL Tourney)**  
Macomb at Luth. W'sld, 1 p.m.  
C'ville at Huron Valley, 1 p.m.  
Consolation and finals, 3 p.m.  
**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**Thursday, May 3**  
Ladywood at Regina (2), 4 p.m.  
Franklin at N'ville (2), 4 p.m.  
Liggett at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.  
Macomb at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 4**  
Churchill at Novi, 4 p.m.  
Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at South Lyon, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 5**  
Mich. Stars Classic, TBA.  
Salem Invitational, TBA.  
River Rat Invitational, TBA.  
**(Luth. W'sld/HVL Tourney)**  
Macomb at Luth. W'sld, 1 p.m.  
C'ville at Huron Valley, 1 p.m.  
Consolation and finals, 3 p.m.  
**Sunday, May 6**  
Mich. Stars Classic, TBA.  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Thursday, May 3**  
L. W'sld at L. South, 4:30 p.m.  
Mercy at Ladywood, 6 p.m.  
South Lyon at Stevenson, 6 p.m.

Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, May 4**  
C'ville at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 5**  
Stevenson at Skyline, 1 p.m.  
Churchill at L'wood, 2:30 p.m.  
**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK**  
**Thursday, May 3**  
C'ville Tri-Meet, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 4**  
Lady Rocket Relays at John Glenn, 3:45 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 5**  
Stevenson Girls Inv., 9 a.m.  
Observerland Boys Relays at Churchill H.S., 3:30 & 6 p.m.  
**GIRLS LACROSSE**  
**Saturday, May 5**  
Ladywood Tourney, 9 a.m.  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Thursday, May 3**  
Lakeland at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
W.L. Cent. at Franklin, 4 p.m.  
Kettering at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
Mott at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Stevenson at Hartland, 4 p.m.  
Marian vs. Ladywood at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, May 4**  
Glenn at Cass Tech, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 5**  
Woodhaven Inv., 8:30 a.m.  
Howell Inv., 8:30 a.m.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
**Thursday, May 3**  
Stevenson vs. S.L. East at Links of Novi, 3 p.m.  
Huron Valley vs. Inter-City at Wyon. Shores, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 5**  
MIAC Meet at Heather Highlands, 1 p.m.  
TBA — time to be announced

## SOCCER

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teams, and I think a little bit of it was feeling each other out," Marian coach Barry Brodsky said. "I think in the second half it opened up a little bit."

Ladywood had the edge in shots attempted, 17-13.

Larson made eight saves, while Ladywood's Sara Even had four.

"They're very good," Brodsky said of the third-ranked Blazers.

"They have a lot of good players. I thought we had some very good chances and they had some very good chances. It depends on who finishes. They finished one and we finished one."

Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker was pleased with his team's play throughout the match.

"We did exactly what

we do, which is press you for 80 minutes, but we've been finishing those chances all season long," Shingledecker said of the missed opportunities. "It just didn't happen today. It's just round one with this team (Marian). It is what it is. It's a result on the road, in the conference, against No. 2 team in the state."

The first meeting proved to be somewhat of a cat-and-mouse affair.

"I think we both bring something to the game," Shingledecker said. "I think neither team has seen something as far as what they bring to the attack. They (Marian) struggled a little bit out of the gate as far as what we brought. They're a championship team that comes back and pressed us a little bit in the second half. In the second half we looked a little tired and they (Marian) played well."

"We're probably going to see them a few times

With less than a minute left, Marian's Hanna Beck Sawyer streaked down the left side and slid what appeared to be the game-winning shot just inches wide from the right inside post.

"We kept that girl under control the entire game until 30 seconds left," Shingledecker said of Sawyer. "She's got a big-time left foot. She got in once, but I thought Sara (Even) did a great job to close it down. That was a little test for Sara. She's stepped up and done a nice job for us. Really, I thought, our whole backline played excellent today."

The Blazers' defense — made up of juniors Liz Danger and Catherine Garber, along with sophomores Lauren Wandzell and Marissa Ozog — held its own against Marian's potent attack.

"We're probably going to see them a few times

this year," Brodsky said. "It should be good game — two good teams."

The next meeting is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Ladywood. And the way things are going, they could end up playing each other again Saturday, May 19, in the Catholic League finals.

"Up until this point we've been able to do that job of putting the ball in the goal, and today wasn't the day, but we just move on," Shingledecker said. "Again, we could play this team four times this year. It's just round one. We learned a lot about ourselves today. I think we've been waiting 13 games to figure out if we're the team we thought we were — and we are. Next time, we probably won't hit two or three crossbars."

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## State champ

Ashlinn Nightingale, a fifth-grader at Livonia's Riley Upper Elementary School, captured a pair of gold medals last weekend in the 10-and-under USA Gymnastics Michigan Trampoline and Tumbling meet hosted by the Kids Trampoline and Gymnastics Center in Grand Rapids. Nightingale garnered firsts in both double-mini and trampoline.

## MARTIN

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NFL scouts after demonstrating at MSU that he could play both the slot and wide receiver position, as well as return kicks and punts.

He ranks second in Michigan State history in punt return yards (659), eighth in kick return yards (1,100) and 10th in all-purpose yards (4,013).

He added 64 carries for 540 rushing yards (8.4 average) and scored a touchdown rushing, receiving, passing and as a punt returner and kick returner.

"I'm just a fast, quick type of receiver, also

can do punt and kick returns," Martin told the Texans web site. "I feel like I got good route-running ability. When I was in college, I liked to compare myself to a Percy Harvin-type of player that could make those big plays for the team and really help the team out."

Martin will also get the chance to perform along side one of the NFL's premier receivers in Andre Johnson.

"It'll be great just playing with a guy of his caliber, just going in there and learning from him and being hopeful that one day, I'll get my chance to be the type of player that he is," Martin said.

Martin, who figured to

go somewhere between the third to fifth rounds, was among six MSU players drafted including Jerel Worthy (Green Bay), Kirk Cousins (Redskins), B.J. Cunningham (Dolphins), Trenton Robinson (49ers) and Edwin Baker (Chargers).

"The first thing I feel I've got to work is just getting used to the system, playbook, everything like that, and just getting my hands, not looking up the field too early, just really concentrating and focusing on the ball," Martin said. "Then, once I get the ball in my hands, I'll feel like I'll already have the ability to play in the NFL."

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### YMCA pickleball

The Livonia YMCA is offering Pickleball, which combines both tennis and racquetball, at its upper fitness studio from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call Pat Woloszyk at (734) 261-2161.

### Glenn-Wayne golf

The Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High golf teams are teaming up to host a three-person scramble event beginning with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

For more information,

call Glenn coach Steve Pilon at (734) 634-4622.

### Women's golf

The 10-week, 18-hole Livonia Women's Golf League will begin at 8 a.m. Thursdays starting June 21 at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Non-residents are encouraged to join. For more information, call Beth Nemes at (248) 473-9068; or e-mail tbw4boys@aol.com.

### Tim Shaw 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.

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### May

#### BARBERSHOP CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 9

**Location:** Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** HarmonyTown Chorus, the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, will entertain with four-part harmony barbershop-style music. Dessert will be served at 7 p.m. with the music to begin at 7:30 p.m.. Free will offering, but call to reserve a spot

**Contact:** Call Beth at (734) 421-7249, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday

#### BLOOD DRIVE

**Time/Date:** 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15

**Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Most healthy individuals over 17 are eligible to donate. Participants should bring a driver's license or two other forms of identification to the blood drive. Bringing a list of medications they take also may be helpful. Walk-ins will be accepted until 6 p.m. or telephone in advance to make an appointment

**Contact:** (248) 474-0584

#### CINCO DE MAYO

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Saturday, May 5

**Location:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The dance is aimed at adults with developmental disabilities, special needs and their caretakers. Admission is free and snacks and refreshments will be served.

**Contact:** For reservations call (248) 442-8822

#### CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

**Details:** "Free" clothing and shoes to anyone in need

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

#### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6

**Location:** Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 Fort, Detroit

**Details:** The Fort Street Chorale performs Dvorak's "Stabat Mater." Tickets are \$20

**Contact:** (313) 961-4533; www.fortstreet.org

#### DINNER DANCE

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. buffet dinner, Sunday, May 20

**Location:** Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100

**Merriman, Livonia**

**Details:** Annual "Spring Fling" dinner dance to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows will include music by the Offbeats and entertainment for children. Tickets, including dinner and refreshments, is \$40 per person, with children, 12 and under, admitted without charge

**Contact:** Mihaela Charlier at (313) 595-7640 or e-mail to mihaelacharlier@sbcglobal.net; or Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@sbcglobal.net

#### EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**Time/Date:** Register from 6-7 p.m.; play begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 12

**Location:** St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Walk-ins are welcome but registration is encouraged. Cost is \$15 per player and all skill levels are welcome. Must be 18 and over to play. Partners

will be randomly assigned for each round. Food and snacks are provided and players may bring their own choice of beverage. All proceeds will benefit the eighth grade class trip

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

#### GARAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

**Details:** "Great Expectations Church Wide Garage Sale," will include such items as clothing, furniture, electronics, and more. The sale will be held in the church parking lot

**Contact:** (734) 404-2480; www.cantoncf.org

#### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. May 8, 15, 22 and 23

**Location:** Holy Family Parish, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi

**Details:** Grieving with Great Hope, a four-week grief support series for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include The Rev. Bob La Croix as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization. Register by calling the church or visiting Good Mourning Ministry's Web site. Started May 1

**Contact:** (248) 349-8847; www.holyfamilynovi.org

#### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays for six weeks; began May 1

**Location:** Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

**Details:** No charge, non-sectarian community service of SPACE for Changing Families, National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, is aimed at those who have lost a spouse or partner. Registration required

**Contact:** (248) 355-9936 or e-mail Space@ncjwgds.org

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**HILBERT, DALE DANIEL**

Age 88, died Sunday, April 29, 2012 in Westland, Michigan. He was born April 30, 1923 in Defiance, Ohio. Dale enlisted in the Air Force in 1942 and as a Technical Sergeant on the crew of the B-24 Liberator 'Back to the Sack' flew 30 heavy bombardment sorties over enemy occupied Europe, earning five Bronze Stars and the Air Medal with four Gold Leaf Clusters. After his honorable discharge in 1945, he went to work with General Electric in Fort Wayne, Indiana until joining Morton Salt Company in 1948. He married Marclyn Dafforn in 1951, and they remained lifelong partners until her death in 2008. In 1969 he was appointed Agricultural Sales Manager of the North Central Region and moved with his family to Plymouth, Michigan. He retired from the company after 38 years in 1986 when he and Marclyn moved to North Twin Lake in Howe, Indiana. He later resided in Westland, Michigan with his daughter Debra and her family. Dale and Marclyn raised four loving children: Dan of Haslett, Michigan, Debra (Dean) Gherardini of Westland, Michigan, David (deceased 1998) (Mary Simkow) of Brighton, Michigan and Denna (Mike) Emehiser of Woodburn, Indiana. He is also survived by his sister Sally (Jack) Besavitch of Valrico, Florida, his nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A lifelong 'collector' he also enjoyed fishing, tinkering, and spending time with his loving family. His patience and unique good humor were exceeded only by the generosity of his spirit. Dale will be missed by every life he touched in his 88 years. Funeral arrangements by Elzey-Patterson-Rodak in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



**KISS, LILLIAN GRACE (NEE MUTH)**

Of Farmington Hills, age 90, April 26, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Stephen Kytka (d. '96). Dear sister of and preceded in death by Maxwill (Genevieve), Karl (Harriett) and Louise. Loving Aunt of Mike, John, Albert, and Liesel Muth; and Linda Thorburn and many great nieces and nephews. Very dear friend of Barbara Yokom. During 40 years of marriage, she and Stephen traveled the world on their own or with the Nomads. After 37 years with Ford Motor Co., she retired, then volunteered for cancer organizations, American Red Cross and was a PEO sister. Memorial service Friday 11:30am Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills 48336. Interment next to her husband in Pennsylvania. In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the charity or church of choice. mccabefuneralhome.com

#### ROYE, JESSE ERNEST

Of San Angelo, age 85, died Monday, April 30, 2012. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.



**SCHNARR, DELORES**

A long time resident of Brighton and former resident of Westland, died at her home in the care of her family on April 29, 2012, at the age of 73. She is survived by Paul A. Schnarr, Sr., her beloved husband of over fifty-three years; sons, Paul Jr. (Dawn), Stephen (Zenaída), Jeffrey (Michelle); daughters, Theresa (Mark) Newman, Bethann (Kevin) Keska, Belinda (Mark) Wisniewski, Michele (Eric) Bergsrud; her fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren; brothers, Robert (Janis) Conklin and James Conklin; sister, Patty (Andy) Merkowski and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Schnarr. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at St. Patrick Parish, 711 Rickett Road, Brighton, on Friday, May 4, at 11:30AM with The Rev. Fr. Mark Rutherford officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Milford. Friends may visit on Wednesday 4-8PM, and on Thursday 2-8PM, with a Rosary Thursday evening. Memorials may be made in her name to the church. For further information please phone 810-229-2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



**VOSS, CHARLES T. "CHUCK"**

Age 41 of Berkley, April 27, 2012. Beloved son of Ray and Ellen. Loving brother and close friend of Ray (Julie). Proud uncle of Shelby and Renna Voss. Loved by many aunts, uncles and a multitude of devoted friends, professional colleagues and classmates. Chuck was a survivor of major open heart surgery in December 2011 but passed away at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak from a massive heart attack. Interment was May 2 at North Farmington Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Samels Family Heritage Society, 250 E. Front St., Ste. 310, Traverse City, MI 49684 or charity of choice. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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## Catholics pray living rosary

Members of St. Michael the Archangel Parish will pray a "living rosary" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, in the church, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia.

Area Catholics may join in the candlelit service that will commemorate May as the month of "Our Lady," and

will follow a day of Eucharistic Adoration at the church. In the service, each person will represent a rosary bead and lead the prayer it represents.

For more information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

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**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit  
**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

**Exhibits:** Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 29; Once Upon a Time: Prints and Drawings that Tell Stories, through May 13; Plant (3D), a three-dimensional investigation of the abandoned Packard auto plant in Detroit, runs through April 29

**In Farmington Hills:** The DIA and City of Farmington Hills present two free drop-in lectures at 1 p.m. May 3 and 23. The May 3 lecture will take place at the Farmington Library, 32737 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. The May 23 lecture will be at the Farmington branch library, 23500 Liberty, Farmington. The topic of discussion will be the seven masterpiece reproductions placed in various locations around Farmington Hills. A trained docent from the DIA will cover the history, details, and artistic significance of each artwork.

**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, 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  
**Details:** 13th annual student art show

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org

Comedy

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**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays  
**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale  
**Details:** Improv most



"Seascape: Sunset 1861" by Martin Johnson Heade is among several art works that will be discussed at a free lecture 1 p.m. May 3 at the Farmington Hills Library.



Harpeth Rising performs May 11 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. The group of classically-trained musicians play violin, banjo, cello, and percussion. Their sound is influenced by folk, bluegrass, and Celtic music.

nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

**JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY**

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

**JOEY'S COMEDY**

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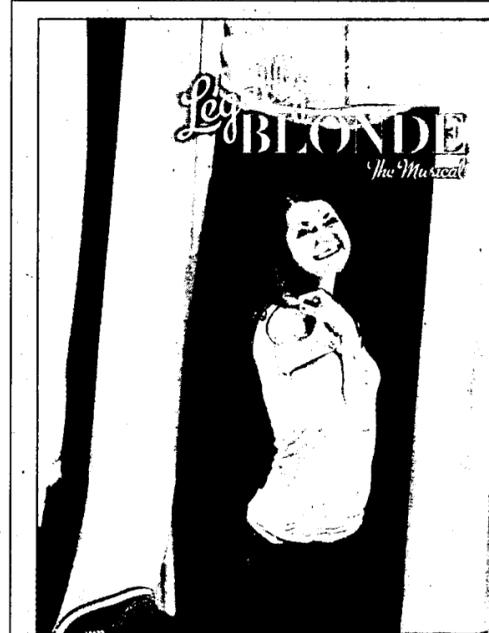
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Vince Morris, May 2-5, Kyle Grooms, May 16-19; Kevin Zeoli, May 23-26; Danny Browning, May 30-June 2

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**

**Time/Date:** Kevin Mcpeek, May 3; Norm Macdonald,



On stage

See Livonia resident, Kamryn Zorn, in the Detroit Actor's Theatre Company production of "Legally Blonde: The Musical," 8 p.m. May 3-5 and 10-12, in the iLounge at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac. Zorn plays the role of Kate and is a member of the Greek Chorus. General admission is \$20; student and senior tickets are \$15. Buy tickets through www.ticketmaster.com or www.thedatc.org. Call (248) 333-0649 to avoid the Ticketmaster fee. Secure parking is available for \$10 per car.

May 4-5; Kathleen Madigan, May 10-12; Jim Short, May 17-19; Bill Hildebrandt, May 24-26; Dave Waite, May 31-June 2

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

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

**Details:** Complexions Contemporary Ballet dances to pop, jazz, gospel and blues music. Tickets are \$30, \$40, and \$50, available at the music hall box office or at www.ticketmaster.com

**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

**Contact:** American Legion at (248) 478-9174

**FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB**

**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 an couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refreshments

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

**MOON DUSTERS**

**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

**Details:** Admission is \$15 and includes beer, wine and pop. Food will be available for purchase. Music by The Hank Haller Ensemble from Eastlake, Ohio.

**Contact:** Terry at (734) 422-1901 or Joanna at (313) 561-8389

Film

**PENN THEATRE**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 6

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

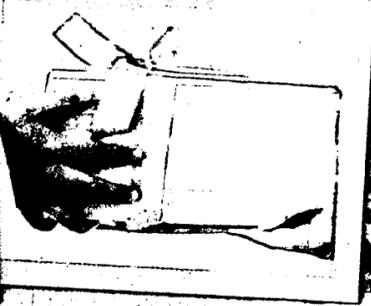
**Details:** "Albert Nobbs," \$3  
**Coming up:** "Safe House," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 11-12 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 13

**Thursday classics:** "Pillow Talk," May 3; "Lover Come Back," May 10; "Harvey," May 17; "The Man Who Knew Too Much," May 24; all shows start at 7 p.m. and tickets cost \$3

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

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Three sisters, Mallory Magno (left) and Mae Saccalan, both of Warren, and Melissa Mosley of Livonia, have fun baking vegan cupcakes. They turned their passion for tasty vegan foods into a company, Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes.

## Sample vegan cupcakes at Green Street Fair

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Mae Saccalan and her sisters, Melissa Mosley and Mallory Magno are on a mission to change the world "one sweet step at a time."

Since launching Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes, they've gained a loyal following for their made-from-scratch, organic, "cholesterol free, cruelty free and oober yummy" treats.

"We just did a show at the Suburban Collection — VegFest. We sold out of all the double chocolate. People were trying to buy our display cupcakes," said Saccalan, who describes their most popular cupcake flavor, double chocolate as "decadent and moist."

"People can't believe it's vegan." They'll have plenty of double chocolate, double vanilla and other flavored cupcakes on hand when they celebrate their first anniversary this weekend at the Green Street Fair in Plymouth.

Look for samples of their red velvet-flavored cupcakes on Friday, May 4, green tea and straw-

berry shake cupcakes on Saturday, May 5, and peanut butter banana cupcakes on Sunday, May 6. Chocolate and vanilla will be available all weekend.

They went public with their no-dairy, no-soy treats last year at the fair. It was the first time they had anyone other than work colleagues, friends or family test their vegan cupcakes.

"We kept bringing them to work. Our co-workers said 'you guys need to sell these. They taste better than regular cupcakes. Why not sign up for the Green Street Fair,'" Saccalan recalled. "It was a hit. Ever since then we've been getting orders online."

The trio bake mostly out of Mosley's Livonia home. Mosley, the middle sister, works in purchasing at Macprofessionals in Novi, where oldest sister, Saccalan of Warren, is employed in human resources. Magno, their younger sister, lives in Warren and works as an anesthesia aide at St. John Hospital.

### Going vegan

Mosley was the first of the three to try a non-

dairy, no-animal product diet. She'd offer some of her vegan lunch to Saccalan, who began experimenting with vegan cooking and baking at home. Before long, all three sisters were not only eating a vegan diet, but baking cupcakes together as well.

"It's a lot of fun and it's nice to do something together, with the three of us. We come from a tight family," Saccalan said, adding that their parents run a catering business.

Their father has learned to adjust his Filipino cooking to include a vegan dish or two when the family gathers together.

"We have a noodle dish that is made with chicken and different types of pork sausage. He'll substitute bean curd or tofu and vegetables."

### No dairy, soy

Saccalan suspects an increasing number of consumers, like her parents, have become familiar with the vegan diet. They understand that a vegan cupcake means it contains no animal products.

"Occasionally you get a few people who say, what's that? Are there vegetables in it? But a lot of people get it."

Their cupcakes contain no soy and no dairy ingredients. They also bake gluten-free cupcakes on request.

Visit [www.sweetmagnoliascupcakes.com](http://www.sweetmagnoliascupcakes.com) for ordering information. Stop by the Sweet Magnolias Vegan Cupcakes booth at Main and Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

The Green Street Fair runs noon-7 p.m. Friday, May 4; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 5; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Check out these other food vendors at the fair: Almonds 'R Nuts, Crushed Smoothie Bar, Door to Door Organics, Mercurio Foods, Mediterranean Foods, D's & C's Barbecue, Vitamix Corp., Pop-2-It, Naturally Nutty Foods, Inc., Aunt Nee's Fresh Foods, The Healthy Gourmet, Stu's Classic Foods, Murrell's Mex-Italian Gourmet Salsa, Willowbrook Farm, Starlite Concessions and Give & Grow Mushrooms.

## Treat mom to brunch on her special day

With Mother's Day less than two weeks away, it's time to make brunch reservations. Seatings at popular locations are filling up fast.

Here's a sampling of local restaurants with Mother's Day brunch on May 13:

• **Sive 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 sauteed 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, Butter-milk 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 \$33 for adults, \$27 for seniors, \$17 for kids, 4-12 and free for kids 3 and under. It will include 734 425 0714), 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 \$15. 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, omelet 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.

• **The Plymouth Crossing**, 340 N. Main, Plymouth: Buffet runs 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and includes a complimentary mimosa for mom. Menu includes carving station with prime rib and ham; breakfast items, chicken, rigatoni with Italian sausage, pork loin, red skin potatoes, garlic mashed potatoes, crab mac'n cheese, fresh vegetables, salads, pastries, bagels and cream cheese, smoked salmon platter, desserts. Cost is \$22.95 for adults, \$10.99 for children; and free for kids, 5 and under. Call (734) 455-3700 for reservations.

• **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.

—Compiled by Sharon Dargay

## CITY BITES

### Grill fest

**SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN** — Get ready for the summer grilling season with a tasting event 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 and 11-12 at GFS Marketplace stores. Visitors can sample items like hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken breast, side salads, and enter a drawing to win a Weber Charcoal Grill and Grilling Starter Kit. They also can enroll in the Fun Funds program to support Gleaners Community Food Bank. Fun Funds is a free fundraising program that gives a portion of every sale through the program to a local non-profit organization.

Local stores include 5727 Lotz North, Canton; 39047 Grand River Ave., at Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; 29150 Six Mile, Livonia.

### Saluting the military

**NOVI** — Buffalo Wild Wings restaurants will support the VFW Foundation's Return the Favor campaign for the second year in row by donating 10 percent of total food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases this month for

guests who present a military ID, VFW membership card or Return the Favor card. The restaurant's "Salute the Troops" program also thanks restaurant guests for participating. Donors will receive a yellow wristband. Wearing the wristband into Buffalo Wild Wings anytime in May will allow them to donate again. Wearing it in June entitles guests to 10 percent off of their food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases. One wristband per check, while supplies last.

More than 7,500 local VFW posts nationwide will be promoting this donation drive, encouraging their 450,000+ organization members to dine in their local Buffalo Wild Wings restaurants. The Novi Buffalo Wild Wings is participating in the program. It's located at 44375 12 Mile; (248) 344-4019.

### Eating vegan

**ROYAL OAK** — Watch the movie *Forks Over Knives* and sample vegan foods Thursday, May 3 at the Landmark Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main, at 11 Mile. The food tasting runs from 6-7 p.m. and the movie and Q&A run from 7:10-

9:30 p.m. Dr. Joel Kahn, a Detroit Medical Center cardiologist, MD, chef/author George Vutetakis, a woman who cured her cancer by going vegan, and raw chef/nutritionist/Heal Yourself Institute founder Andrea McNinch, will be on hand for the Q&A. The film chronicles the journeys of Dr. T. Colin Campbell, a nutritional scientist from Cornell University, and Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, Jr., a former surgeon at the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic. Long before they met, both men conducted groundbreaking studies and their research led them to the same profound conclusion: Degenerative diseases such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and even several forms of cancer could almost always be prevented, and in many cases reversed, by eating a whole-food, plant-based diet. Tickets are \$15 for the food tasting and movie, or \$5 for the movie only. To buy tickets for the tasting, visit [regenerationraw.com](http://regenerationraw.com). Individual movie tickets are on sale at the Main Art Theatre box office and website, [landmarktheatres.com/market/detroit/mainarttheatre](http://landmarktheatres.com/market/detroit/mainarttheatre).

## Exterior upgrades go a long way in boosting home values

By Julie Brown  
O&E Staff Writer

Tony Schippa, Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth Realtor, agrees with a recent National Association of Realtors report.

Schippa is president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors and has 12 years in the business. The NAR report found in remodeling, exterior replacement projects have routinely rewarded homeowners with more bang for their buck.

"I believe they do pay off," Schippa said. He tells his clients to look at numbers, with the highest, the kitchen, at 76 percent.

"It does help," he said, noting even landscaping makes a difference in curb appeal.

"You get a good company that comes in, they'll take what you have and dress it up." He took down an evergreen at his family home.

"It just opened up the look of the house" in downtown Plymouth.

With warm weather this spring, his neighbors have been out sprucing up their yards. "I think a lot of people just like being outside. When one starts, it just spreads like wildfire."

### Friendly feel

That's the draw of towns like Plymouth, Schippa said, with people who like to know their neighbors.

For a remodeling project, do your homework, he recommended. "They don't really go into the full depth of what it takes," on HGTV. You should shop for all materials and factor in costs.

"You always want to over-budget. I think that's a lot of stuff people don't really think of. Always best to overbudget instead of underbudget. And pick out what you're going to like."

Some people don't care for granite in a kitchen, as it's hard to maintain whereas some older traditional styles don't have those issues. Concrete can be good and durable for countertops, he said. "Make sure you pick out what you like."

Big ticket items help in resale value. "The kitchen is always the highest return," he said. "Any agent has access to that information to assist their client."



According to the NAR report, Realtors recently rated many exterior improvements as among the most valuable home investment projects as part of the 2011-12 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report.

"This year's Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report shows the value of putting your home's best façade forward, so to speak," said National Association of Realtors President Moe Veisi in a statement. "Inexpensive exterior replacement projects are not only crucial to a home's regular upkeep, but are also expected to recoup close to 70 percent of costs. Specific exterior projects such as siding, window and door replacements are part of regular home maintenance, so many homeowners are already undertaking them. These projects also do not require expensive materials and they have the added bonus of instantly adding curb appeal."

HouseLogic.com, NAR's consumer website, includes dozens of remodeling projects, from kitchens and baths to siding replacements, which indicate the recouped value of the project based on a national average. According to the Cost

vs. Value, seven of the top 10 most cost-effective projects nationally in terms of value recouped are exterior replacement projects. Realtors judged an upscale fiber-cement siding replacement as the project expected to return the most money, with an estimated 78 percent of costs recouped upon resale.

### More winners

Two additional siding replacement projects were in the top 10, including foam-backed vinyl siding, expected to return 69.6 percent of costs, and upscale vinyl siding, expected to recoup 69.5 percent of costs. Three door replacements were also among the top exterior replacement projects. The steel entry door replacement is the least expensive project in the report, costing little more than \$1,200 on average and expected to recoup 73 percent of costs.

The upscale garage door replacement jumped seven spots to No. 6 this year, primarily due to the average cost of the project declining more than 15 percent nationally. The upscale and midrange garage door replacement projects

are expected to return more than 71 percent of costs. One window replacement project — upscale vinyl — rounded out the last exterior replacement project in the top 10, expected to recoup 69.1 percent of costs.

The 2011-12 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report compares construction costs with resale values for 35 midrange and upscale remodeling projects comprising additions, remodels and replacements in 80 markets across the country. Data are grouped in nine U.S. regions, following the divisions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the 14th consecutive year that the report, which is produced by Remodeling magazine publisher Hanley Wood, LLC, was completed in cooperation with NAR. Realtors provided their insight

into local markets and buyer home preferences within those markets. Overall, Realtors estimated that homeowners would recoup an average of 57.7 percent of their investment in 35 different improvement projects, down from an average of 60 percent last year. Due to a weak economy, high unemployment in the construction industry and the increasing cost of materials, the price of remodeling projects has risen, leaving many homeowners hesitant to tackle projects or encouraging them to scale back on their plans.

Three interior remodeling projects are also considered worthwhile investments. A mid-range attic bedroom is expected to return 72.5 percent of costs upon resale; of all the projects in the report, it is the least expensive way to add

a bedroom and bathroom within a home's existing footprint.

A minor kitchen remodel, expected to return 72.1 percent of costs, is fourth overall, ranking two places higher than last year. Nationally, the average cost for the project is just under \$20,000 and is the least expensive way to give an existing kitchen a complete facelift. A wood deck addition, landing at number seven overall, is expected to recoup 70.1 percent of costs. Improvement projects that are expected to return the least are a sunroom addition and a home office remodel, both estimated to recoup less than 46 percent of costs.

### 'Good time to buy'

Plymouth's Schippa sees the local market turning around. "It's a good time to buy. We've got a shortage of inventory, especially in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area. Interest rates are at a historic low."

If you're renting for \$1,000 or more a month, it pays to buy. "You're investing in yourself rather than your landlord," Schippa said.

Results of the report are summarized on HouseLogic.com. The website includes a wide variety of ideas and projects

to help homeowners maintain, enhance and improve the value of their homes. To read the full project descriptions and access national and regional project data, visit [www.costsvsvalue.com](http://www.costsvsvalue.com). "Cost vs. Value" is a registered trademark of Hanley Wood, LLC.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

## Review contracts, heed attorney's advice

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: We had a condominium management company that we think inflated the bills that we received from a contractor who turned out to be unlicensed. When we confronted the management company about the bills and the unlicensed contractor, the management company quit. What do you recommend?

A: I recommend that you consult an attorney about suing the management company and the contractor. It would appear that the management company may well have gotten kickbacks, or, at the very least, was not operating in the best

interests of the association.

I would also ensure in the future that any contract be reviewed by the Board of

Directors in detail with competitive bids and that the association's attorney be completely independent of the management company.



Robert Meisner

Q: The condominium management company has told our board that they have a lawyer that we can use to handle our association affairs. Their lawyer, we now find out, happens to be the lawyer that they always push on condominium associations and we have no fee agreement with him. He merely bills us, apparently, whenever we need legal advice. He also reviewed the management contract that we have with the management company. Some of the board members are concerned about this arrangement. What do you think?

A: There is a practice among certain management companies to push attorneys on associations with whom they have a "special relationship." They tell the somewhat naïve board that they have an attorney that can assist their association, presumably, at less of a cost. In reality, the association itself should retain an attorney who is totally independent of the management company and is not financially beholden to it. The association should have a written fee agreement with the attorney and should be in a position to be assured that if there is a dispute between the association and the management company, the attorney will assist the association in any dispute including litigation. My recommendation would be to fire the management company and the attorney that, apparently, are in bed with each other.

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## 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	
1427 Aberdeen St	\$133,000
2459 Barkhill Rd	\$135,000
6866 Bunkerhill Ln	\$145,000
1283 E Crystal Cir	\$205,000
7492 Embassy Dr	\$215,000
46059 Graystone Ln	\$168,000
48672 Greenwich Cir	\$290,000
41474 Greenwood Dr	\$168,000
45169 Horseshoe Cir	\$113,000
43597 Lancelot Dr	\$175,000
45720 Larchmont Dr	\$235,000
42279 Metaline Dr	\$180,000
43446 Proctor Rd	\$137,000
5986 Runnymede Dr	\$168,000
388 Sheffield Ct	\$139,000
41090 Southwind Dr	\$50,000
8182 Trafford Ct	\$83,000
44021 Vassar St	\$160,000

47550 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$263,000
GARDEN CITY	
33532 Alvin St	\$74,000
28430 Beechwood St	\$36,000
401 E Rose Ave	\$75,000
29487 Florence St	\$25,000
529 Helen St	\$57,000
5710 Helen St	\$62,000
31330 Hennepin St	\$50,000
32672 James St	\$43,000
32135 Leona St	\$137,000
32907 Pardo St	\$60,000
32919 Pardo St	\$22,000
LIVONIA	
20160 Angling St	\$47,000
36022 Ann Arbor Trl	\$50,000
11012 Arden St	\$149,000
14130 Arden St	\$140,000
9941 Bassett St	\$108,000
14029 Brentwood St	\$97,000
31720 Bretton St	\$100,000
30956 Greenland St	\$90,000
16648 Harrison St	\$185,000
36033 Leon St	\$189,000
17920 Loveland St	\$230,000
38126 N Vista Dr	\$160,000
39110 Orangelawn St	\$132,000
28951 Pickford St	\$129,000

16774 Ronnie Ln	\$210,000
28185 S Clements Cir	\$80,000
36309 St Andrews Dr	\$30,000
9605 Westmore St	\$66,000
NORTHVILLE	
17639 Cranbrook Dr	\$550,000
19578 Crystal Lake Dr	\$61,000
512 Eaton Dr	\$125,000
17156 Fairfield Ct	\$370,000
15714 Merion Ct	\$675,000
18833 Oak Leaf Ln	\$795,000
413 Randolph St	\$639,000
42261 Scenic Ln	\$108,000
39466 Springwater Dr	\$120,000
18036 Winchester Dr	\$319,000
16562 Yellowstone Dr	\$299,000
16574 Yellowstone Dr	\$338,000
PLYMOUTH	
399 Ann St	\$300,000
48559 Beaver Creek Dr	\$240,000
46771 Danbridge St	\$250,000
9033 Elmhurst Ave	\$128,000
879 Forest Ave	\$111,000
14593 Huntington Dr	\$115,000
40148 Newport Dr	\$50,000
40819 Newport Dr	\$70,000
11789 Sycamore Dr	\$58,000
12650 Wendover Ct	\$238,000

REDFORD	
17441 Beech Daly Rd	\$20,000
9655 Columbia	\$57,000
25822 Dover	\$63,000
9623 Hemingway	\$60,000
19189 Kinloch	\$25,000
15522 Leona Dr	\$8,000
24715 Lyndon	\$63,000
26242 W Chicago	\$39,000
9046 Winston	\$55,000
12115 Wormer	\$185,000
WESTLAND	
8142 Beatrice	\$60,000
8626 Beatrice	\$90,000
33495 Birchlawn	\$135,000
8622 Cavell St	\$65,000
7394 Central St	\$14,000
673 Ethan Dr	\$146,000
31175 Hivley St	\$78,000
8237 Huntington St	\$11,000
35069 June Dr	\$38,000
29164 Manchester St	\$24,000
37807 Marquette St	\$70,000
1519 S Dowling St	\$78,000
755 S Hubbard St	\$108,000
1362 Sharon St	\$75,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 9-13, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
15526 Birwood Ave	\$125,000
31237 Foxboro Way	\$309,000
19 Riverbank Dr	\$505,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1045 Fairfax St	\$445,000
1587 Mansfield Rd	\$198,000
1798 Mansfield Rd	\$155,000
871 N Glenhurst Dr	\$150,000
515 Oakland Ave	\$230,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	

244 E Berkshire Rd	\$100,000
4315 Sawgrass Dr	\$145,000
43 Boulder Ln	\$420,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3672 Bloomfield Club Dr	\$245,000
856 Foxhall Rd	\$265,000
2852 S Woodward Ave #s1-2	\$61,000
663 Sedgefield Dr	\$159,000
115 Vorn Ln	\$520,000
130 Waddington St	\$281,000
5166 Woodlands Ln	\$138,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2901 Colt Ct	\$315,000
717 Farr St	\$37,000
2235 Palmetto	\$40,000
5953 Strawberry Cir	\$307,000
5979 Strawberry Cir	\$278,000
FARMINGTON	
23040 Gill Rd	\$188,000
34024 Oakland St	\$375,000
23578 Wesley Dr	\$105,000

FARMINGTON HILLS	
22378 Diamond Ct	\$78,000
30194 Kimberly Ct	\$30,000
33849 Longwood Dr	\$150,000
21526 Middlebelt Rd	\$63,000
32475 W 11 Mile Rd	\$175,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
27260 Evergreen Rd	\$28,000
18414 Roseland Blvd	\$86,000
MILFORD	
316 E Liberty St	\$190,000
1053 Rowe Rd	\$290,000
401 W Washington St	\$96,000
NOVI	
22640 Arden Glen Ct	\$425,000
41915 Canterbury Dr	\$115,000
41925 Cherry Hill Rd	\$185,000
23615 Dunston Rd	\$341,000
40597 Lenox Park Dr	\$237,000
40601 Lenox Park Dr	\$256,000
45270 Sedra Ct	\$368,000

31058 Seneca Ln	\$200,000
46040 White Pines Dr	\$490,000
SOUTH LYON	
213 Columbia Dr	\$235,000
883 Norchester St	\$110,000
52636 Trailwood Dr	\$2,000
59600 Woodfarm	\$230,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30601 Balewood St	\$110,000
18646 Greenwald Dr	\$75,000
24662 Lafayette Cir	\$81,000
26575 Senator Blvd	\$178,000
29429 Somerset Dr	\$70,000
29284 Wellington Rd W	\$71,000
17389 Winora Ave	\$75,000
WHITE LAKE	
10188 Lakeside Dr	\$149,000
850 Lakeview Dr	\$34,000
1440 Midwood Dr	\$94,000
699 W Oxhill Dr	\$81,000

# Challenging fun for ALL ages

# Thursday

## PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- 1 Jungle crusher
- 4 Cornstarch brand
- 8 Bon mot
- 12 Dilapidated
- 13 Deimos orbits it
- 14 Mountains or river
- 15 Not year-round
- 17 Counting-out word
- 18 Promising rookie
- 19 Hunks' assets
- 21 Pasture
- 23 Additional
- 27 Rattle
- 30 By —!
- 33 Road show org.
- 34 Tiant or Aparicio
- 35 Gladiator's hello
- 36 Wearing something
- 37 Son of Val and Aleta

- 38 Fiber source
- 39 Herr's dwelling
- 40 Hobby knife (hyph.)
- 42 Japanese — ceremony
- 44 Maj. Hoopoe's word
- 47 Ross or Rigg
- 51 Deep cut
- 54 Grasslands
- 56 Geodesic —
- 57 Catch a wave
- 58 Some, to Pierre
- 59 Veer off-course
- 60 Tube trophy
- 61 Landscape or portrait

**DOWN**

- 1 Juicy pear
- 2 Fridge stick
- 3 Bede or Ant
- 4 Love in a gondola
- 5 Made tracks
- 6 Clutch
- 7 Fjord port

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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## SUDOKU

		1				8	4	9		
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9	8					2				
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### Word Search — Lawn Care

R	X	E	C	B	N	M	Q	A	C	H	S	B	E	
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- Aeration
- Bluegrass
- Compost
- Fescue
- Mower
- Alkaline
- Broadcast
- Desiccation
- Germinate
- Rhizome
- Bermuda
- Climate
- Fertilizer
- Lawn
- Seed

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**Sudoku**

2	3	7	8	5	4	6	1	9
8	6	4	9	3	1	5	2	7
1	9	5	7	6	2	8	4	3
4	7	6	3	9	8	1	5	2
3	8	1	2	4	7	9	6	5
9	1	2	7	1	4	3	8	6
2	7	2	3	4	1	6	5	8
5	9	1	6	8	9	3	4	7
6	4	8	5	2	2	3	7	1

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**Word Search**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Pre-Sale Thurs. May 3rd, 5-8pm (Adults \$2). Free Admission. Fri. May 4th, 9am-1pm & Sat. May 5th, 9am-noon (1/2 off sale). Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia.

### RUMMAGE SALE

St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym at 201 Elm Street, downtown Northville, behind Hiller's. Thurs. May 10th, 9am-4pm. Fri. May 11th, 9am-1pm.

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CANTON: Huge yard sale! Misc household items, dog cages, clothes, toys, tools, etc. 5/3-5/6, 9-5pm. 4975 E Annapolis, btwn Van Borne & Michigan Ave off Haggerty, in Academy Point.

CANTON: Windsor Park Subside Garage Sale 9-5 Thurs. May 3-Sat., May 5 E. of Sheldon to Emerson N. of Warren to Arlington www.windsorparkcanton.org

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LIVONIA-MOVING! Furniture, misc household, everything must go! 11400 Ingram St., S of Plymouth, W. of Merriman. May 3-4, 10-6pm.

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NEW HUDSON: Antiques, tools, furniture, household items. May 4 & 5th, 9-4pm. 30714 Martindale, just off Grand River & Kent Lk Rd

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WEST BLOOMFIELD ESTATE SALE May 3-4-5, 10am-4pm; Sat. 9am-12 noon. 6339 Cedarhurst, W of Farmington, N of Maple.

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